

Descendants of Michael Jantzi I

Generation No. 1

1. MICHAEL¹ JANTZI I was born Abt. 1719, and died 28 Aug 1822 in Bellgrade, France. He married BARBARA GERBER.

More About MICHAEL JANTZI I:

Length of life: 103 years

Children of MICHAEL JANTZI and BARBARA GERBER are:

2. i. MICHAEL² JANTZI II, b. 1764, Bistroff, France; d. 25 Jul 1833, Hombourg Haut, France.
3. ii. CHRISTIAN JANTZI, b. 18 Oct 1766, Brandelfing, Bistroff, France; d. 15 Nov 1828, Bistroff, France.

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2. MICHAEL² JANTZI II (*MICHAEL¹*) was born 1764 in Bistroff, France, and died 25 Jul 1833 in Hombourg Haut, France. He married BARBARA NEUHAUSER, daughter of CHRISTIAN NEUHAUSER and BARBARA ZIMMERMAN. She was born Abt. 1764 in Singling, France¹, and died 17 Aug 1833 in Hombourg Haut, France.

Children of MICHAEL JANTZI and BARBARA NEUHAUSER are:

- i. MICHAEL³ JANTZI III, b. 10 Apr 1795; d. 1848; m. (1) BARBARA BELLER; m. (2) CATHERINE NAFZIGER.
- ii. CATHERINE JANTZI, b. Abt. 1797; m. NICHOLAS SCHERTZ.
- iii. JOHN JANTZI, b. 28 Jan 1803.
- iv. BARBARA JANTZI, b. 07 Oct 1804; d. Bet. 1870 - 1880; m. JOSEPH NAFZIGER.

3. CHRISTIAN² JANTZI (*MICHAEL¹*)² was born 18 Oct 1766 in Brandelfing, Bistroff, France, and died 15 Nov 1828 in Bistroff, France. He married (1) ANNE FARNY² 02 Mar 1794 in Bistroff, Lorraine, France, daughter of CHRISTIAN FARNY and ANNE HIRCHI. She was born 16 Aug 1771 in Bistroff, France, and died 26 Dec 1816 in Bistroff, France. He married (2) CATHERINE SPENLER³ 21 Jun 1817 in Bistroff, France, daughter of PETER SPENLER and MARIE LEGERE. She was born Abt. 1787 in Lorraine, France, and died 12 Sep 1861 in Wellesley, Ontario, Canada.

Notes for CHRISTIAN JANTZI:

Lived on a farm called Belgrad. It is about 20 Kilometer south of St. Avold. The town in which their family registrations took place was Bistroff. It was on the farm Belgrad that the first Michael Jantzi died at age 103 in 1822.

With three Catherines and two Christians listed in this family, we assume that the two Catherine's and one Christian died in infancy although no death records have been found.

He immigrated on 4 Jun 1834.

Notes for CATHERINE SPENLER:

She and her husband, Christian Jantzi, sailed on the ship "The Groton" arriving in New York on 04 June 1834. Many of the children and this Catherine later went to live in Ontario, Canada. She was also known as the widow (Yancey) Jantzi. The two Moser boys, John and Joseph, went to cut wood for her the first year they were here. She lived between Croghan and Belfort, in Lewis County, NY. Later she went to Ontario, Canada where some of her children lived.

More About CATHERINE SPENLER:

Immigration: 04 Jun 1834, Arrived in port of New York.

Children of CHRISTIAN JANTZI and ANNE FARNY are:

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4. i. ANNA³ JANTZI, b. Apr 1795, France; d. 18 Jan 1886, Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y..
5. ii. MARIA JANTZI, b. 04 Apr 1796, Bistroff, France; d. 08 Nov 1875.
- iii. BARBARA JANTZI, b. 09 May 1797, Bistroff, France; m. JOHN PETER SPENGLER, 09 Apr 1816.

Notes for JOHN PETER SPENGLER:

We have no record of this family.

6. iv. CATHERINE JANTZI, b. 15 Jan 1801, Bistroff, France; d. Unknown, Bistroff, France.
- v. MAGDALENA JANTZI, b. 15 Mar 1802, Bistroff, France; d. 28 Feb 1881.
7. vi. CHRISTIAN JANTZI, b. 08 Oct 1804, Bistroff, France; d. 10 Apr 1817, Bistroff, France.
- vii. JOHN JANTZI, b. 24 Mar 1806, Bistroff, France; d. 12 Dec 1881.
- viii. CATHERINE JANTZI, b. 03 Mar 1808, Bistroff, France; m. CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER.

Notes for CATHERINE JANTZI:

The Michael Jantzi family records called her Susanna.

8. ix. MICHAEL JANTZI, b. 10 Apr 1810, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; d. 29 Mar 1903.
9. x. JOSEPH JANTZI, b. 14 Dec 1812, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; d. 18 Jan 1847.
- xi. CATHERINE JANTZI, b. Abt. 1814, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; m. CHRISTIAN RISER, Abt. 1850; b. Nov 1819; d. 16 Mar 1897.

Children of CHRISTIAN JANTZI and CATHERINE SPENLER are:

- xii. CATHERINE³ JANTZI, b. 26 Mar 1818, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; d. 10 May 1877, Wellesley, Ontario, Canada; m. CHRISTIAN VIRKLER.

Notes for CATHERINE JANTZI:

Death is recorded in family records.

- xiii. CHRISTIAN JANTZI, b. 16 Mar 1820, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France.

Notes for CHRISTIAN JANTZI:

Christian came to America in 1834. He may have gone west. No other records available.

10. xiv. PETER YANCEY, b. 10 Sep 1822, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; d. 20 Mar 1904, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.
- xv. NICHOLAS YANCEY⁴, b. 11 Apr 1824, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; m. ANNA BACH⁵; b. 1810, Switzerland.

Notes for NICHOLAS YANCEY:

Nicholas and Anna (Bach) Yancey had no children according to the Jantzi, Risser, (Boshart), Ulrich Genealogy, researched by Ruth (Jantzi) Ryan and Lorraine Roth.

Notes for ANNA BACH:

On the 1880 U.S. Federal Census of Croghan Twp., Lewis County, N.Y., she is listed as being the "wife" of Nicholas and her name is listed as "Annie". She was born in Switzerland.

- xvi. ELIZABETH (FRENI) JANTZI, b. 04 Jun 1826, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France; d. 03 Feb 1828, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France.
- xvii. FRENI JANTZI, b. 15 May 1828, Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France.

Notes for FRENI JANTZI:

Freni came to America in 1834. We have no further record on her.

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4. ANNA³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born Apr 1795 in France, and died 18 Jan 1886 in Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y.. She married REV. MICHAEL J. ZEHR 09 Oct 1811 in Gros-Rederching or Bistroff, France. He was born 29 Sep 1789 in Alsace/Lorraine, France, and died 27 Feb 1880 in Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y..

Notes for REV. MICHAEL J. ZEHR:

This family sailed from Le Havre, France on the "Barque Statera" and arrived in N.Y. on 19 June, 1833. They settled in Lewis Co., N.Y.

The Amish Mennonite Church was organized in the year 1836, of which he was a member, and was ordained Bishop of the Faith in 1848 or 1849. When he died he was succeeded by Jacob Rogui, Sr., as Bishop. After his death the next one to become Bishop was Rev. Peter Lehman about the year 1876. The Bishop (in 1933) was Christian M. Nafziger, residing near Martinsburg, and who was ordained in 1895.

In the early years their meetings were held in different homes until 1912 when a church was erected near Croghan, N.Y., and in 1914 one was erected near Lowville, N.Y., and is known as the Dadville Church.

Bishop Michael Zehr and wife as well as many Zehr descendants are buried in a small cemetery, (located in 1989 on the Ira J. Zehr (a great-great grandson) farm and the pioneer Zehr homestead) which he gave or reserved only variable to be used for that purpose. No deed was given for the property. The last one buried there was Catherine Zehr Nofztiger, wife of Joseph Nofztiger. Later they established a cemetery near Kirscherville. These cemeteries, with the Evangelical Baptist church cemetery, claim many of the Zehr descendants.

Michael Zehr, has a half brother Christian Zehr, their parents are unknown and Christian died in Europe.

Children of ANNA JANTZI and MICHAEL ZEHR are:

- i. MICHAEL J.⁴ ZEHR, b. 25 Dec 1812, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; d. 03 Feb 1899, Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y.; m. BARBARA BOSHART.

Notes for MICHAEL J. ZEHR:

They lived in Canada.

11. ii. CHRISTIAN ZEHR, b. 10 Jan 1815, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; d. 17 Feb 1899, Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y..
- iii. GEORGE ZEHR, b. 18 Jan 1817, Offerding, Gros-Rederching, Belgrade, France.

Notes for GEORGE ZEHR:

On Ship list in 1833 but no further record. From July 1989 "Mennonite Family History", "The Zehr Family".

- iv. ANNA ZEHR, b. 26 Feb 1819, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; d. 01 Jun 1909, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild; m. JOHN FARNEY.
- v. JOHN ZEHR, b. 26 Feb 1821, Bischwald, Bistroff, France; d. 02 May 1906, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild; m. CATHERINE KEIFFER.
- vi. JOSEPH ZEHR, b. 14 Jun 1823, Bischwald, France; d. 15 Oct 1899, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild; m. LENA KEIFER.
- vii. HENRY ZEHR, b. 1824, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; d. Belgrade, Bistroff, France; Stepchild.

Notes for HENRY ZEHR:

Henry was drowned during his boyhood, while playing hide and seek. He was running over a plank which had been thrown across a small pond as a bridge when he slipped and fell in.

- viii. PETER ZEHR, b. 29 Mar 1825, Belgrad, Bistroff, France; d. 23 Mar 1830, Belgrade, Bistroff, France.
- ix. BARBARA ZEHR, b. 01 Nov 1828, Belgrade, Bistroff, France; d. 06 Nov 1910; Stepchild; m. JOSEPH FARNEY.
- x. CATHERINE ZEHR, b. 25 May 1830, Belgrade, Bistroff, France; d. 05 Feb 1904; Stepchild; m. JACOB VIRKLER.
- xi. SUSANNE ZEHR, b. 1832, Belgrade, Bistroff, France; d. France; Stepchild.

Notes for SUSANNE ZEHR:

It is said, she died, of severe ear ache which was probably a case of Mastoid (an infection of that bone). She is listed on the ships list, but no further record of her.

- xii. ANDREW ZEHR, b. 08 May 1834, Bischwald, Bistroff, France; d. 08 Nov 1905, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild; m. MARY MARTIN.
- xiii. JACOB ZEHR, b. 24 Feb 1838, Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y.; d. 03 Jan 1899; Stepchild; m. LENA MOSER.

5. MARIA³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born 04 Apr 1796 in Bistroff, France, and died 08 Nov 1875. She married CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER 14 May 1817 in Bistroff, France.

Notes for CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER:

This list is very tentative. It may include errors and omissions, and may not even belong into this family.

Children of MARIA JANTZI and CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER are:

- i. MAGDALENA⁴ NAFZIGER, m. JOHN GERBER.

More About MAGDALENA NAFZIGER:

Burial: On the family farm.

- ii. CATHERINE NAFZIGER, m. JOHN YOUSEY.
12. iii. MARY NAFZIGER.
- iv. JANE NAFZIGER, m. JOHN YOUSEY.
- v. JOHN NAFZIGER, m. BARBARA MARTIN.
- vi. SUSAN NAFZIGER, m. (1) PETER FARNEY II; m. (2) ANDREW STEINER, SR..
- vii. ANNA NAFZIGER, m. JOHN WIDRICK.
- viii. JOSEPH NAFZIGER, m. BARBARA HIRSCHY.
- ix. CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER, m. CATHERINE YOUSIE.

6. MAGDALENA³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born 15 Mar 1802 in Bistroff, France, and died 28 Feb 1881. She married CHRISTIAN KENNEL 12 Jun 1823 in Bistroff, France. He was born 1799, and died 12 May 1876.

Children of MAGDALENA JANTZI and CHRISTIAN KENNEL are:

- i. MAGDALENA⁴ KENNEL, b. 1820; d. 1893; m. GORDEN TURNER (TANNER).
- ii. BARBARA KENNEL, b. 1824; d. 1900; m. LEONARD STREICHER.
- iii. CATHERINE KENNEL, b. 1825; d. 1903; m. JOSEPH LEIS.
- iv. CHRISTIAN E. KENNEL, b. 1827; d. 1908; m. MAGDALENA ALBRECHT.
- v. MAGDALENA KENNEL, b. 1829.

Notes for MAGDALENA KENNEL:

No death date. On ship list only. Know she traveled with the family in the crossing.

- vi. JOHN KENNEL, b. 1830; d. 1910; m. MAGDALENA SCHWEITZER.
- vii. SUSANNA KENNEL, b. 1833; d. 1900; m. CHRISTIAN ERNST.
- viii. MICHAEL KENNEL, b. 1834; d. 1898; m. MARIA LICHTL.
- ix. ANNA KENNEL, b. 1837; d. 1910; m. (1) JACOB ALBRECHT; m. (2) JACOB CHRISTNER.
- x. MARIA KENNEL, b. 1839; d. 1906; m. (1) JOHN LICHTI; m. (2) GEORGE SCHULTZ.
- xi. JOSEPH KENNEL, b. 1842; d. 1913; m. CATHERINE SCHRAG.
- xii. VERONICA KENNEL, b. 1845; d. 1914; m. (1) CHRISTIAN SCHRAG; m. (2) GEORGE SCHULTZ.
- xiii. DANIEL KENNEL, b. 1847; d. 1912; m. BARBARA BRUNK.

7. JOHN³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born 24 Mar 1806 in Bistroff, France, and died 12 Dec 1881. He married ELIZABETH GERBER Abt. 1832 in Bistroff, France. She was born 1806 in Bistroff, France, and died 25 Jun 1890.

Children of JOHN JANTZI and ELIZABETH GERBER are:

- i. MAGDALENA⁴ JANTZI, b. 1833; d. 1904; m. JOHN L. KUEPFER.
- ii. JOSEPH G. JANTZI, b. 1835; d. 1918; m. CATHERINE SCHWARTZENTRUBER.
- iii. CHRISTIAN G. JANTZI, b. 1837; d. 1901; m. VERONICA BRENNEMAN.
- iv. KATHERINE JANTZI, b. 1838; d. 1923; m. CHRISTIAN L. KUEPFER.
- v. MICHAEL G. JANTZI, b. 1839; d. 1875; m. LYDIA BRENNEMAN.
- vi. JOHN G. JANTZI, b. 1841; d. 1926; m. KATHERINE BRENNEMAN.
- vii. PETER G. JANTZI, b. 1842; d. 1917; m. MAGDALENA BOSHART.
- viii. BARBARA JANTZI, b. 1844; d. 1916; m. JOHN BOSHART.
- ix. JACOB G. JANTZI, b. 1848; d. 1878; m. VERONICA BOSHART.
- x. ANNA JANTZI, b. 1853; d. 1925; m. MICHAEL STREICHER.

8. MICHAEL³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born 10 Apr 1810 in Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France, and died 29 Mar 1903. He married (1) MARIA BOSHART 31 Aug 1834 in Bistroff, France. She was born 09 Oct

1815, and died 01 Apr 1853. He married (2) KATHERINE SCHWEITZER 14 Jul 1853. She was born 15 Oct 1829, and died 22 Jun 1918.

Children of MICHAEL JANTZI and MARIA BOSHART are:

- i. CHRISTIAN⁴ JANTZI, b. 1835; d. 1911; m. ANNA LICHTI.
- ii. JOHN JANTZI, b. 1838; d. 1899; m. VERONICA LICHTI.
- iii. MICHAEL JANTZI, b. 1840; d. 1917; m. MAGDALENA KUEPFER.
- iv. JOSEPH B. S. JANTZI, b. 1842; d. 1925; m. MAGDALENA BOSHART.
- v. PETER JANTZI, b. 1844; d. 1916; m. MAGDALENA LEIS.
- vi. CATHERINE JANTZI, b. 1847; d. 1936; m. JOHN LITWILLER.
- vii. DANIEL JANTZI, b. 1849; d. 1932; m. (1) BARBARA RESCHLY; m. (2) MAGDALENA OESCH; b. 1855; d. 1942.

More About DANIEL JANTZI:

Burial: 1932, Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, Baden, Ontario, Canada

More About MAGDALENA OESCH:

Burial: 1942, Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, Baden Ontario, Canada

- viii. RUDOLPH JANTZI, b. 1852; d. 1935; m. CHRISTINA MILLER.

Children of MICHAEL JANTZI and KATHERINE SCHWEITZER are:

- ix. DAVID⁴ JANTZI, b. 1854; d. 1929; m. CATHERINE GASCHO.
- x. SOLOMON JANTZI, b. 1856; d. 1859.
- xi. MARIA JANTZI, b. 1858; d. 1924; m. JACOB BOSHART.
- xii. ANNA JANTZI, b. 1860; d. 1937; m. JACOB GASCHO.
- xiii. ELIZABETH JANTZI, b. 1863; d. 1942; m. JOHN JUTZI.
- xiv. JACOB JANTZI, b. 1865; d. 1938; m. ELIZABETH KUEPFER.
- xv. MENNO JANTZI, b. 1867; d. 1884.
- xvi. MOSES JANTZI, b. 1869; d. 1950; m. RACHEL GERBER.

9. JOSEPH³ JANTZI (*CHRISTIAN², MICHAEL¹*) was born 14 Dec 1812 in Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France, and died 18 Jan 1847. He married CATHERINE BOSHART 01 May 1835. She was born 22 Dec 1817 in France, and died 03 Dec 1894 in Wilmot Twp., Waterloo Co., Ontario, Canada.

Notes for CATHERINE BOSHART:

Her parents farm eventually became Joseph and Catherine's. It was located across from the St. Agatha Mennonite Church in Wilmot Township, Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada.

More About CATHERINE BOSHART:

Burial: 05 Dec 1894, Poole Mennonite Cemetery, Waterloo Co., Canada

Children of JOSEPH JANTZI and CATHERINE BOSHART are:

- i. CATHERINE⁴ JANTZI, b. 21 Feb 1836; d. 1923; m. JOSEPH B. LICHTI, 1858; d. 1881.
- ii. BARBARA JANTZI, b. 02 Jan 1838; d. 1915; m. JACOB SCHWEITZER, 1860, Wilmot Twp..
- iii. MARIA JANTZI, b. 04 Aug 1839; d. 1922; m. NICHOLAS ULRICH.
- iv. CHRISTIAN B. JANTZI, b. 18 Mar 1841; d. 1926; m. MAGDALENA ULRICH.
- v. JOHN (JOHANNES) B. JANTZI, b. 29 Jul 1842; d. 1865.
- vi. JOSEPH B. JANTZI, b. 28 May 1844; d. 1881; m. (1) ELIZABETH BOSHART; m. (2) CATHERINE JAUSI.
- vii. PETER JANTZI, b. 1846; d. 1847.

10. PETER³ YANCEY (*CHRISTIAN² JANTZI, MICHAEL¹*)⁶ was born 10 Sep 1822 in Belgrad, Alsace/Lorraine, France, and died 20 Mar 1904 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY. He married MAGDALENA ZEHR Abt. 1845 in Lewis Co., N.Y., daughter of JOSEPH FARNEY and BARBARA MOSEMAN. She was born 10 Sep 1824 in France, and died 12 May 1903 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for PETER YANCEY:

Peter came to America with his widowed mother and several younger brothers and sisters on the ship "GROTON", arriving in New York on June 04, 1834. Peter and his brother Nicholas spelled their name "Yancey". This spelling is the French spelling while the "Jantzi" is the German spelling of the same name.

Peter and Nicholas along with Michael and Anna Zehr lived in Lewis County, New York. Anna was the oldest half-sister of Peter and Nicholas.

Peter was one of the pioneer residents of Belfort. He located there, which is near Croghan, when that town was a dense wilderness, and with the assistance of his family he felled the trees, built a log cabin and cleared his land. Peter accumulated considerable property, having about 800 acres of land and one of the largest sugar orchards in the town of Croghan, having about 4,000 trees.

Peter was connected in many enterprises, conducting a general merchandise store and a grist mill. Later he sold both enterprises and moved to Glen Park and still later to Wolcott.

More About PETER YANCEY:

Burial: 23 Mar 1904, Evangelical Baptist Cemetery (Name now is Orthodoxy Christian Cemetery), New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y.

Notes for MAGDALENA ZEHR:

On her headstone in the cemetery her name is spelled "Matglena" Zehr and not "Magdalena" as she was always known. Why is her name on the headstone different? One person told me that in the olden days when a person did not know how to read and write properly names were written as they sounded by teachers in the school room. Perhaps this is how her name was spelled differently.

The name of the cemetery was changed in about 1990 when the name of the church was changed to bring it in line with the name of their other churches further west. The name of the church today is the Orthodoxy Christian Church and following that name change the cemetery is the Orthodoxy Christian Cemetery.

July 9, 2008 ~ A workman at the Cemetery gave this information to me when I was at the cemetery on that day searching for Peter and Magdalena's graves. Darla Yancey Kizer

More About MAGDALENA ZEHR:

Burial: 15 May 1903, Evangelical Baptist Cemetery, New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y.

Children of PETER YANCEY and MAGDALENA ZEHR are:

13. i. ELIZABETH⁴ YANCEY, b. 26 Jan 1847, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 11 Mar 1936, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.
- ii. JOSEPH YANCEY, b. 17 Sep 1850, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 21 Nov 1939, Wisconsin.
14. iii. PETER YANCEY, b. 07 Dec 1852, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 03 Sep 1930, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY.
15. iv. MARY YANCEY, b. 27 Apr 1854, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 12 Jun 1941, Akron, Erie Co., NY.
- v. CHRISTIAN YANCEY, b. 04 Jul 1856, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 17 Oct 1881, Ladysmith, Wisconsin.
16. vi. MICHAEL YANCEY, b. 17 Apr 1858, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 20 May 1935, Lyons, Indiana.
17. vii. DANIEL YANCEY, b. 24 May 1860, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 23 Aug 1940, Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY.
18. viii. MAGDALENA YANCEY, b. 11 Apr 1862, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 04 Sep 1933, Forest, Illinois.
19. ix. ANDREW YANCEY, b. 18 Jun 1864, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 03 Nov 1950, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.
20. x. JOHN YANCEY, b. 17 Dec 1866, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 01 Feb 1949, Seneca Falls, NY.
- xi. BENJAMIN YANCEY, b. 14 May 1869, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 19 Dec 1948, Beaver River, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for BENJAMIN YANCEY:

Benjamin was a farmer in early life, he was later a guide, living at the Beaver River Station, Lewis County, N.Y.

"Benjamin was short in stature who never married. He lived in Lewis County, but at times he'd have somebody bring him to North Rose to visit--not for a day or two, but for however long it took to get somebody to take him back home or have dad take him home. Mother would get so upset when she saw him coming. She knew he'd be there for weeks! He ate like a horse, which wasn't a thrill for Mother. I can remember his making the statement that he could easily eat a dozen pancakes for breakfast (and he did, too). He didn't come often, so I never knew him well, but I sure do remember him. (I) Think that last time I saw him, he had come by himself. He had bought a car and learned to drive it, but I'm sure he never had a license

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to drive, since he never had learned to back it up. I can remember him driivng around and around the block (dad's garage was then on Main St.) and he kep going to far ahead to pull into the garage. Guess dad finally got him to stop so he could drive it into the garage and back it out in the morning. He died before I was 14 years old, and I'm not sure that was the last time he was in North Rose. Think that time (Mother) she had told him to go to the store for her (guess she thought it was about time he spent some money on the food he had eaten over the years) and he came back with only a loaf of bread. She was livid! At that time she was still working at the bean house and/or apple packing, would come home and made lunch (for all of us when school wasn't in session), come home and fix supper and do the housework and Uncle Ben would just still there and ask if that was all she was going to have for the meal. Oh, yeah; he was some character! "
Aunt Paula (Yancey)

More About BENJAMIN YANCEY:

Burial: 23 Dec 1948, Evangelical Baptist Cemetery (now Orthodoxy Church Cemetery) near Croghan, NY

- xii. ANNA (ADOPTED) YANCEY, b. 22 May 1876; d. 22 May 1886, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for ANNA (ADOPTED) YANCEY:

Adopted and raised by Andrew Yancey family.

More About ANNA (ADOPTED) YANCEY:

Adoption: Abt. 1878

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11. CHRISTIAN⁴ ZEHR (*ANNA*³ *JANTZI*, *CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) was born 10 Jan 1815 in Belgrad, Bistroff, France, and died 17 Feb 1899 in Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y.. He married ANNA BELLER 1840 in Valmar, Alsace/Lorraine, France. She was born 1820 in Valmar, France, and died 20 Jun 1881.

Children of CHRISTIAN ZEHR and ANNA BELLER are:

21. i. MICHAEL B.⁵ ZEHR, b. 29 Sep 1842, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 23 Apr 1918, Indian River, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild.
- ii. ANNA B. ZEHR, b. 12 Feb 1844, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 15 Jul 1926.
- iii. BARBARA ZEHR, b. 06 Oct 1845, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 10 Oct 1917.
- iv. JOHN B. ZEHR, b. 22 Oct 1847, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 23 Jul 1923.
22. v. CATHERINE ZEHR, b. 10 Oct 1839, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 12 Nov 1911.
23. vi. JOSEPH BENJAMIN ZEHR, b. 20 May 1858, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 10 Jan 1933, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.
24. vii. ANDREW B. ZEHR, b. 15 Nov 1853, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 29 Sep 1934, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY; Stepchild.
25. viii. CHRISTIAN ZEHR, JR., b. 20 Oct 1851, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 27 Aug 1939; Stepchild.

12. MARY⁴ NAFZIGER (*MARIA*³ *JANTZI*, *CHRISTIAN*², *MICHAEL*¹) She married JOSEPH MOSER.

Child of MARY NAFZIGER and JOSEPH MOSER is:

26. i. MARY⁵ MOSER, b. 18 Nov 1853, Kirschnerville, Lewis Co., NY; d. 01 Mar 1918, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY.

13. ELIZABETH⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹) was born 26 Jan 1847 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 11 Mar 1936 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY. She married CHRISTIAN MARTIN.

Children of ELIZABETH YANCEY and CHRISTIAN MARTIN are:

- i. MAGDALENA⁵ MARTIN.
- ii. ANDREW MARTIN.
- iii. PETER MARTIN.
- iv. BARBARA MARTIN.
- v. MICHAEL MARTIN.
- vi. KATIE MARTIN.
- vii. ELIZABETH MARTIN.
- viii. MINNIE MARTIN.

14. PETER⁴ YANCEY (*PETER³, CHRISTIAN² JANTZI, MICHAEL¹*) was born 07 Dec 1852 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 03 Sep 1930 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY. He married (1) MARTHA MATHILDA FARNEY, daughter of CHRISTIAN FARNEY and MAGDALENA KEIFFER. She was born 11 Jan 1858 in New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y., and died 07 Aug 1900 in Glen Park, N.Y.. He married (2) MRS. NEAL DRAKE BAKER. She was born 1860 in Pennsylvania, and died 1915 in Watertown, Jefferson Co., NY.

More About PETER YANCEY:

Burial: 05 Sep 1930, Orthodox Church, New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y.

Medical Information: He was in his usual good health when he retired the previous night, but was stricken and passed away before medical aid could be summoned.

More About MARTHA MATHILDA FARNEY:

Burial: 10 Aug 1900, Orthodox Christian Church, New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y. (On Rt. 812) formerly Evangelical Baptist Church.

Child of PETER YANCEY and MARTHA FARNEY is:

27. i. CATHERINE DELIA⁵ YANCEY, b. 1877; d. 21 Jan 1909.

Children of PETER YANCEY and MRS. BAKER are:

- ii. MADELINE⁵ YANCEY.
- iii. UNKNOWN YANCEY, m. FRANK WILSON.
- iv. AUDLEY BAKER YANCEY.

15. MARY⁴ YANCEY (*PETER³, CHRISTIAN² JANTZI, MICHAEL¹*) was born 27 Apr 1854 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 12 Jun 1941 in Akron, Erie Co., NY. She married JOHN ULRICH, JR. Abt. 1872 in Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., N.Y.. He was born 16 Sep 1848 in Wellesley Twp., Perth Co., Ontario, Canada, and died 04 Nov 1924 in Imlay City, MI.

More About MARY YANCEY:

Burial: Clarence Center Mennonite Church Cemetery, Akron, Erie Co., NY

More About JOHN ULRICH, JR.:

Burial: 08 Nov 1924, Bethany Mennonite Church Cemetery, Imlay City, MI

Children of MARY YANCEY and JOHN ULRICH are:

- i. ANNA⁵ ULRICH, b. 25 Jan 1873, Belfort, Lewis Co., N.Y.; d. 17 Mar 1948; m. FREDERICK HERZIG, 11 May 1897, Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., NY; b. 06 Dec 1865; d. 28 Jun 1957, Watertown, Jefferson Co., NY.
- ii. PETER ULRICH⁷, b. 08 May 1875, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 10 Oct 1967, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY; m. ANNA HUNZIKER, 02 Jul 1901, Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., NY; b. 27 Sep 1878, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 05 Sep 1950, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for PETER ULRICH:

Besides being a butcher, cheese maker and feed mill manager at various times in his life, Peter Ulrich held the offices of town tax collector, supervisor of the Town of New Bremen and Lewis County Clerk. He held the latter position from 1919-1958 (39 years). In July, 1954, an article appeared in the local paper which told his story very well. It is reprinted here.

"Peter J. Ulrich, believed to be New York state's oldest county clerk in point of age and service, is a candidate for Republican re-nomination in the Sept. 14 primary.

The Lowville man, who will be 80 on his next birthday, is seeking his 13th. consecutive three-year term. He is now completing his 36th. year in the office.....

Mr. Ulrich, the county clerk, was born in the area known as High Falls on the Beaver River, Town of Croghan, on May 8, 1875. He is the son of the late John and Mary (Yancey) Ulrich.

When he was five years of age his father, who had operated a sawmill at High Falls, sold the enterprise and the family moved to Long Pond on the west branch of the Oswegatchie River. Here the father built another sawmill. Peter remembers the area as virgin forest.

The county clerk attended a country school located between Belfort and Long Pond until he was 12. He then

attended school at Belfort and later attended part of a term at Croghan.

He worked from the age of 17 to 23 in his father's woods, three miles from the sawmill, cutting pine logs in the winters and hauling them to the river for the drive to the sawmill in the spring. The logs were sawed in the summer and then taken to market over the frozen ground in the following winter. He operated the sawmill after his father became ill and was unable to work when Peter was 17.

At the age of 23, Mr. Ulrich went to Croghan where he operated a meat market for several years.

When he was 25 he married Anna Hunziker of Croghan at the Beaver Falls Evangelical Church, on 02 July 1901. That same year, in September, he purchased a cheese factory at Kirschnerville, Town of New Bremen, which he operated 16 years.

His political career began in 1905 when he was nominated for collector of the Town of New Bremen on the Republican ticket. He was elected. In the fall of 1917, Mr. Ulrich left politics and refused the nomination. He moved to Lowville and in 1918 was nominated for county clerk and was elected. During the years since then Mr. Ulrich has been re-elected every time. He has thus served twelve consecutive terms and is completing his 36th. year as county clerk.

Mr. Ulrich is a member of the Lowville Baptist church, Lowville Lodge 134 F. and A.M., and Lowville Elks Lodge 1605. He spends his spare time gardening, and is fond of hunting and fishing. His love for the woods he first knew as a boy has never diminished."

More About PETER ULRICH:

Burial: 14 Oct 1967, Evangelical Baptist Church Cemetery,

More About ANNA HUNZIKER:

Burial: 08 Sep 1950, Evangelical Baptist Church Cemetery,

28. iii. MATTIE ULRICH, b. 09 Jan 1879, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 16 May 1926, Pigeon and Imlay City, Huron Co., MI.
29. iv. JOHN Y. ULRICH, b. 25 Nov 1881, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 23 Feb 1971, Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., NY.
- v. BENJAMIN ULRICH, b. 05 Mar 1885; d. 11 May 1974, Imlay City, Huron Co., MI.

More About BENJAMIN ULRICH:

Burial: 15 May 1974, Imlay City, MI

- vi. MINNIE ULRICH, b. 31 Jul 1888; d. 13 Sep 1962; m. JOHN A. YOUSEY, 20 Apr 1913; b. 12 Nov 1875; d. 29 Nov 1958.
30. vii. LOUISA ULRICH, b. 24 Apr 1894; d. 29 Aug 1979.

16. MICHAEL⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹) was born 17 Apr 1858 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 20 May 1935 in Lyons, Indiana. He married MARY ANN BASCH.

Children of MICHAEL YANCEY and MARY BASCH are:

- i. LYDIA⁵ YANCEY, b. 1901, Indiana.
- ii. IRENE YANCEY, b. 1903, Indiana.
- iii. LEAN E. YANCEY, b. 1905, Indiana.

17. DANIEL⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹)⁸ was born 24 May 1860 in Belfort, Lewis Co., Ny⁹, and died 23 Aug 1940 in Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY¹⁰. He married LENA KATHERINE REYN¹¹ 29 Aug 1887 in Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., N.Y., daughter of PETER REYN and ELIZABETHA ROGGIE. She was born 02 Oct 1866 in Domfessel, Alsace/Lorraine, France¹², and died 24 Sep 1937 in Wolcott, Wayne Co., NY¹³.

Notes for DANIEL YANCEY:

On the Federal U.S. census taken on 16 January 1920, they were living in Huron Township, Wayne County, N.Y. They owned their own home with no mortgage on it and he worked in a flour mill as a "miller". He states he was born in New York State of German parents and German was the language spoke by the family.

They were married by H.A. Schneiber and their attendants were his brother and sister-in-law Peter Yancey and Martha (Farney) Yancey.

We assume that their move from the Belfort/Croghan area of Lewis County in about 1908 was to seek a better life for their younger children. Also, Lena had close family members living in the Wayne County area. At the time when they moved south their oldest son, Edward was 22, the next son, Christopher was 29 and Lena Louise was 17. Both of the sons were employed in the Lewis County area and dating girls in the Croghan area

where they lived. Lena Louise was dating and married Mason Burdick, a friend of Chris's, who lived in Croghan. The other children all dated, and married, young people in the south area. Theodore, third born son, did not marry until he was 30 years of age, and in 1920 he was boarding in Rochester, working as a Clerk in a Grocery store.

More About DANIEL YANCEY:

Burial: 25 Aug 1940, Rose Cemetery, Wayne Co., NY

Notes for LENA KATHERINE REYN:

On the 1920 Federal U.S. Census, Lena lists that she immigrated to the U.S. in 1888 and that she was naturalized in that same year which is not possible. An immigrant must first file a "Notice of Intent" for Naturalization at least 2 years before naturalization can take place. So, she must have immigrated at least 2 years prior to becoming a naturalized citizen. She would have filed that document no later than 1886. Her first born child, Edward, was born on 02 October 1885, so she must have come before that date. Edward was born after her arrival in America. Since she married Daniel in Beaver Falls, N.Y., on August 29, 1887, she could not have immigrated in 1888. An error could have occurred when the Census Taker recorded the information. Their first born son is Christian(topher) who was born on 02 August 1888.

On the census she states that she was born in Alsace/Lorraine, France and that she spoke the French language. She states that her parents were both French citizens.

More About LENA KATHERINE REYN:

Burial: 27 Sep 1937, Rose Cemetery, Wayne Co., NY

Immigration: 1885, Summer of this year with her brother's wife ~ Mary Christman Reyn.

Length of life: 24 Sep 1937, 70 yrs., 11 mos., 3 da.

Children of DANIEL YANCEY and LENA REYN are:

31. i. EDWARD E.⁵ YANCEY, b. 02 Oct 1885, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 07 Oct 1980, New Bremen, Lewis Co., NY.
32. ii. CHRISTOPHER E. YANCEY, b. 02 Aug 1888, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 10 Dec 1972, Sarasota, Sarasota Co., FL.
33. iii. THEODORE YANCEY, b. 17 Mar 1890, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 30 Dec 1944, Huron, Wayne Co., NY.
34. iv. LENA LOUISE YANCEY, b. 03 Dec 1891, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 28 Jun 1956, Belfort, Lewis Co., N.Y..
35. v. ELSIE E. YANCEY, b. 12 Aug 1896, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 22 Jan 1985, Edgewater, FL.
36. vi. BENJAMIN ALVIN YANCEY, b. 09 Sep 1898, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 15 Jul 1992, Lyons, Wayne Co., NY.
37. vii. NELSON MASON YANCEY, b. 18 Feb 1905, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 10 May 1971, Clifton Springs, Wayne Co., NY.

18. MAGDALENA⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹) was born 11 Apr 1862 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 04 Sep 1933 in Forest, Illinois. She married JOSEPH YODER.

Children of MAGDALENA YANCEY and JOSEPH YODER are:

- i. SYDNEY⁵ YODER, b. Farrbury, Illinois.
- ii. WESLEY YODER, b. Forest, Illinois.
- iii. UNKNOWN YODER, b. Forest, Illinois; m. JOSEPH GERBER.
- iv. ELLA YODER, b. Forest, Illinois.

19. ANDREW⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹)¹⁴ was born 18 Jun 1864 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 03 Nov 1950 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY. He married BARBARA LYNDAKER 13 Mar 1909, daughter of JOSEPH LYNDAKER and BARBARA ZEHR. She was born 18 Sep 1871 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY, and died 08 Feb 1935 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.

More About ANDREW YANCEY:

Burial: 06 Nov 1950, Riverside Cemetery, Lewis Co., NY

Children of ANDREW YANCEY and BARBARA LYNDAKER are:

38. i. ERWIN E.⁵ YANCEY, b. 19 Sep 1900, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 07 Sep 1981, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.

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- ii. LENA R. YANCEY, b. 29 Sep 1901, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 06 Feb 1960.
- 39. iii. ELLA MAE YANCEY, b. 18 May 1903, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 09 May 1992.
- 40. iv. HASKELL ANDREW YANCEY, SR., b. 25 Apr 1905, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 15 Oct 1994, Croghan, Lewis Co., N.Y..
- v. UNNAMED SON YANCEY, b. 07 May 1907, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 14 May 1907, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for UNNAMED SON YANCEY:

Infant is buried to the right of the graves of Peter and Magdalena (Zehr) Yancey in the cemetery. Also, to the left of Magdalena is Benjamin Yancey b. 1869 and d.1948. To the left of him is Christian Zehr, Sr., Died 17 Feb 1899 at age 84 years.

More About UNNAMED SON YANCEY:

Burial: 16 May 1907, Evangelical Baptist Church Cemetery, New Bremen, Lewis Co., N.Y. (Now known as Orthodox Christian Church)

- vi. BARBARA M. YANCEY, b. 11 Jun 1908, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 22 Oct 1918, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY.
- vii. HOWARD A. YANCEY, b. 29 Apr 1910, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 18 Aug 1935.
- viii. JOSEPH O. YANCEY, b. 22 Apr 1911, Belfort, Lewis Co., NY; d. 09 Apr 1995, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY.
- ix. HILDA L. YANCEY, b. 09 Nov 1914, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 04 Mar 2005, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY; m. MICHAEL CARLETON VIRKLER¹⁵, 02 Aug 1953; b. 03 Jan 1906.

Notes for MICHAEL CARLETON VIRKLER:

They owned and operated a fuel oil and coal business in Castorland, NY. They retired. Mike is a volunteer snow condition reporter. Once a week he piles supplies into his pickup, drives 20 miles on the back roads through Croghan and Belfort to Long Pond, transfers everything to a snowmobile and tow sled, then goes 13 miles more through wilderness trails to Buck Pond, where he takes weekly measurement of snow. The trip takes nearly four hours one way.

- x. PEARL A. YANCEY, b. 25 Oct 1916, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 26 Apr 1917, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY.
- xi. HAROLD YANCEY, b. 28 Apr 1919, Croghan, Lewis Co., NY; d. 18 Aug 1935, Lowville, Lewis Co., NY.

Notes for HAROLD YANCEY:

Obituary: Utica, NY, Daily Press, 1935, Lowville, NY

Harold Yancey, injured Friday when he fell from the rim of the dam at Elmer Falls and was carried through a log chute, died Sunday morning at Lewis County General Hospital.

Yancey was wheeling bags of sand as part of repairs, being made to the dam, which is owned by the Northern New York Utilities, Inc., when he slipped and fell off the plank through a log chute and into Beaver River. He was carried about 500 feet to the power house by the current and when rescued he was unconscious. He regained consciousness in the hospital, but it "....was ascertained that he was seriously injured".

He was born in the town of Croghan on April 28, 1919, son of Andrew and Barbara Lyndaker Yancey. Besides his father he leaves three brothers, Irwin, Haskell and Joseph and two sisters, Misses Hilda and Lena Yancey, all of Croghan and another sister, Mrs. Henry Cooney. The funeral will be held from his late home Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., and an hour later from the Evangelical Methodist Church, Beaver Falls.

More About HAROLD YANCEY:

Burial: 1935, Beaver Falls, Lewis Co., NY

20. JOHN⁴ YANCEY (*PETER*³, *CHRISTIAN*² *JANTZI*, *MICHAEL*¹) was born 17 Dec 1866 in Belfort, Lewis Co., NY, and died 01 Feb 1949 in Seneca Falls, NY. He married ELIZABETH LYNDAKER 05 May 1901, daughter of JOSEPH LYNDAKER and BARBARA ZEHR. She was born 20 Sep 1885 in Croghan, Lewis Co., NY, and died 30 Apr 1963.

Children of JOHN YANCEY and ELIZABETH LYNDAKER are:

- 41. i. CLARENCE⁵ YANCEY, b. 05 Aug 1902, Seneca Falls, NY.
- 42. ii. GARMON J. YANCEY, b. 27 Jul 1909, Seneca Falls, NY.
- iii. PEARL YANCEY, b. 01 Sep 1910, Seneca Falls, NY; d. 01 Sep 1910, Seneca Falls, NY.
- 43. iv. MEARL L. YANCEY, b. 24 Apr 1916, Seneca Falls, NY; d. 06 Aug 1992, Ontario, NY.
- v. DELMAR YANCEY, b. Stillborn, Seneca Falls, NY; d. 1920, Seneca Falls, NY.