

FRANTZ, William Henry

Born: 18 July 1860, Wabash Township, Tippecanoe Co., IN;

Married: 27 Sept. 1882, Julia Alice ROYAL (b. ca. 15 Sept. 1859, near Dayton, IN, d. 19 Nov. 1940, near Dayton, IN), dau of William ROYAL and Eunice Emeline WITHROW;

Died: 14 May 1953, near Dayton, IN.;

Parents: Eli[as] Frantz (1817-1888) and Lavina Edris (1823-1906);

Siblings: John Peter, Melinda, and Emma Leina;

Children: Kathryn Royal Frantz and Helen Louise Frantz;

Occupation: farmer;

Other information: Eli and Lavina Edris Frantz moved from Berks Co, PA, to Wabash Township, Tippecanoe County, IN, in 1852, then to Sheffield Township in 1862. Their families were Pennsylvania Dutch of German and Swiss descent. Eli was killed in a farming accident: when the team bolted, he was thrown and run over by the heavy farm wagon he was driving. William Henry Frantz was a successful farmer and was Clerk of Session of Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, IN, for 55 years. Julia Alice Royal Frantz attended Dayton Academy at Dayton, Indiana, and the Ford School, Lafayette, IN. She was a member of the Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church and was active in the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society of the church. She was a charter member of the Wednesday Afternoon Club.

Sources: Wedding announcements, Julia Royal and Will Frantz, Dayton, IN Square Dealer and Lafayette, IN Morning Journal; hand-written obituary of Julia Alice Royal Frantz, written by William H. Frantz; obituary of Eli Frantz, Lafayette, IN Weekly Courier, 11 Sept. 1888; obituary of Lavina Edris (incorrectly spelled Lavinda), unidentified newspaper clipping belonging to William Henry Frantz; Bible records of Lavina Edris Frantz; Dayton, IN, cemetery, tombstone inscriptions; family letters; Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, Chicago: Lewis, 1888; Federal census records, Berks County, PA, and Tippecanoe County, IN; Batdorf, Virginia F., The Batdorf Family History, Pottstown, PA: Charles R. Batdorf, 1990; Walborn, Herman W., Walborn (Walburn) Genealogical History of America: Descendants from the Settlement of 1710, St. Paris, OH: Walborn, 1975; Frantz, E. H., King, R. F., and Frantz, L., Genealogy of the Matthias Frantz Family of Berks Co., PA, Lebanon, PA: Boyer, 1972; records of the Edris family by Walter Perry Edris and Edward Edris, unpublished manuscript (one page).

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