

THE LANG FAMILY HISTORY

There are numerous theories as to the origin of the Lang Family and claims are made they the family is French, Swiss, Scotch, Irish and even Italian. After carefully investigating—so wrote one author—we are convinced that the original family came from Switzerland where our ancestors were Teutonic Descent. But by migration almost any family can claim to be of any nationality.

But about 2000 BC and even 8000 BC there are information about the Lake Dwellers or what is now Switzerland—in that they were really emigrants from the East—the regions surrounding the Black Sea and the shores of the Mediterranean and then up the Danube into the tributaries of the Danube and to the Swiss Lakes where their subsequent history is shrouded in mystery.

In the next stage of history for this area is that the land was owned by the Celts, then came the Roman and the Frank and then the rise of the German Empire.

The Swiss Confederation is a result of freemen, bondmen from ecclesiastical institutions and by bondmen of secular nobles. So our ancestors were Pagan by nature. Christianity was not introduced until the 7th Century by an Irish Missionary, Columban.

Lang research in Switzerland takes you to Bern, Basel and to Rath-Mutlenz, Sissach and to others. Then came the immigration to the Palatinate in Germany—they located in Langen Hesse and Zweibrücken, Bavaria and then on to America.

An Early Lang History was written by William Gabriel Long of Pottsville, Pa. It was published in 1930 in Huntington, West Virginia because members of the family owned the press.

In Germany the name is Lang;-In France it is Lange or DeLong-In England Long, Longe or Laing, In Italy Luongo and in Greece it is Langis. And even after the family arrived in America the name Lang or Langen continued until the Civil War and now the name is Long.

Christian Lang according to family tradition was born in the Palatinate, near Lange, Hesse, Germany in the community of Province. His wife's name is not known but the family believes that he met a German Girl aboard ship and they landed in Philadelphia, Pa. and were married there. The ship arrived in 1683 or 1684. Conflict and war drove young Christian to bid farewell to family and friends.

The family did not tarry in Germantown, what we now call Philadelphia but moved on to Hickorytown, now called Lancaster, Pa.

On 15 March 1706 we find that Christian Lang were one of 150 Germans who petitioned the Court at Philadelphia-reminding them of their allegiance that they had sworn to King William and Queen Mary.

Feeling adventurous, and believing greater possibilities for the future in the Frontier they sought a home in Lancaster County, Pa. He is recorded as a resident in 1718-1719 by Rupp's 30,000 Palantine Settlers. page 438. His children that are listed are Christian, Herman, Urbanus and John and Michael.

Christian Lang II secured a warrant dated April 1738 on land situated on Mill Creek, Earl Township, Lancaster Co. Pa. from Thomas and Richard Penn which contained 143 acres of land. Pa. Archives Series 3, Vol 24 page 458 reads-To Christian Lang, April 12, 1738, 50 acres, Lancaster County. He married Ann Margaret Bashore. He died in 1762. They were to have a daughter, Maria Julianna Lang who married Abraham Rosenberger.