

Chapter 22.1.11.2

Howard Quanz

By Billey (Quanz) Force

Note: This is from a letter written by Billey (Quanz) Force to Martin Quanz of Wayland, New York on September 12, 1986.

This is a little history on my Great-grandfather. My brother is the John Quanz on Harmony Road, Bellingham and his son is John Quanz Jr. John, Jr. now lives in the Seattle area. Also the G. L. Quanz of Fort Worth is my first cousin. His dad, Wes Quanz, and my father, Howard, were brothers. G. L. (Gail) is very interested in the Quanz name and would enjoy hearing from you.

Have you ever been to Germany to check on the family tree? My husband, Al, was stationed in Germany from 1953 - 1956 but we never met until 1957 and he was out of the Army by then. Should have met him sooner and he could have looked up some of my family's history.

After your wife retires, will your travels include a visit to our state? We love to travel, but have only been to 15 states, two Canadian provinces and Tijuana, Mexico, since our marriage 28 years ago. Al has been to a lot more states due to his Army travels.

Two of my sisters and I flew to Denver, then on to Kansas by rental car where we visited relatives for 15 great days. We checked out several cemeteries for information and pictures. Also attended a family reunion on my mother's side.

Our immediate family has three children:

Dave is 24, not married and sells cars,

Tom is 21, not married and was employed by Frontier Airlines until recently. Moved back home here from Salt Lake City until a new reservations agent job became available.

Jennifer was 14 last Wednesday and is a typical teenager.

Al works at the local paper mill; has for 26 years now. I worked in a bank for five years, but haven't worked out since Dave was born. I enjoy volunteer work, PTA, room mother, and making quilts.

Hopefully, we can somehow figure out how we might be related. Maybe we're all cousins! Our backgrounds all sound similar.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

Al & Billey (Quanz) Force and family

Family History on Adam Quanz

Johan "Adam" Quanz (my great-grandfather) and his older brother John came to America in 1847 from Buchanau (Buchenau?) in KurHessen, Germany. One brother, Adam, kept the German spelling of his last name. The other accepted the American version (John Quantz or Quince). They left their homeland because of religious issues and settled in New Jersey.

Adam was 15 years old when he immigrated to America. His passport reads, "Johan Adam Quanz, 31st of ????????, 1847. Age 15. Height: 4', 11". Blonde hair. Nose: 3/4". Moustache showing. Some scars.

Adam and his brother John were the only ones in their family to come to America. It is told their mother watched them leave and waved to them as long as she could see them, but that was her last sight of them, as they never ever returned to the land of their birth.

In New Jersey, Adam met and married Elizabeth Kincaid at Vernon, Sussex, E. G. on March 22, 1852. Four children were born in New Jersey:

Anna,
Charles,
Maria, and
Margaret.

They moved to Ohio where eight more children were born:

Ellemory,
Harriett,
Albert and Alfred - twins,
Edward,
Emory,
John Adam (my Grandfather), and
Robert.

In 1881, the family moved to Marvin, Kansas. Adam's wife, Elizabeth, died January 20, 1898. In 1906, Adam moved to Syracuse, Kansas to live with his son John Adam and wife Emma. He died September 28, 1906 and is buried beside his wife in the Marvin Cemetery in Glade, Kansas.

Billey Quanz Force

Interesting Note:

"My Grandfather, John Quanz, and his brother, Edward, formed a partnership in threshing grain. Began with "horse-power" threshing machines and among the first to advance to the steam engine. They threshed the wheat with which J.K. Edwards won First Prize at the first World Fair in Chicago in 1893."

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