

## **Chapter 5.0**

### **History of the Quanz Family of Wallace Township, Ontario**

## **Adam Echardt Quanz Family**

**Adam Echardt Quanz** was born, according to information from the marriage registry for Perth County, in Schlotzau, Kur Hessen Darmstadt, Germany in 1840. Son of Adam and Barbara Quanz.



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**Rear L to R:** John, Sarah Miller

**Middle L to R:** Adam Echardt, Adam, Mary Ann Riehl (Adam Echardt's wife)

**Front:** Elizabeth

**Note:** Henry is not in this picture because he died at age 6.

Our ancestors have lived in Schlotzau since the 1600's. Schlotzau is a small town located about 200 km east of Frankfurt. Many of the homes there are very old although beautifully and regularly maintained. The home that Adam Echardt was raised in is the oldest Quanz residence in Schlotzau. Quanz's live there to this day.

The town church is a Lutheran Church built in 1601. In the 1600's and 1700's the church served as a safehouse for the residents of Schlotzau. The walls surrounding the church grounds used to be very high to afford protection to those inside. The church bell serves the community today as it has for decades. Everyday at noon the bells are rung to tell all the community that it is time for the midday meal. At six the bells are rung again to call the farm workers from the fields and signal the end of the day. It would be in this church where Adam Echardt Quanz and his brothers and sisters would have been christened.

## ***Adam Echardt Quanz***

Adam Echardt Quanz, father of Adam Quanz, was born in Schlotzau, Hessen, Germany on September 17, 1838. He was a son of Adam and Barbara Quanz. Adam was married on March 6, 1864 at Wartburg Lutheran Church, Ontario to Mary Anne Riehl who was born in Ellice Township. Rev. J. Reba officiated at the marriage. Mary Anne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Riehl, came from the Hamburg area of Germany. Mary Anne was born on July 22, 1846 at the Riehl homestead on Lot 15, Concession 9 of Ellice Township, Perth County.

They traveled north to Carrick Township, which was only then opening up to settlers. Word spread fast that Carrick Township was good farmland. The majority of settlers were German. Adam and Mary Anne bought Lot 18, Concession 13 (east half, 50 acres) on March 9, 1866 from John Hogg. John Hogg had purchased the land from the Crown on January 17, 1866.

Adam and Mary Anne settled in Carrick Township, South Bruce County on a farm on Lot 18, Concession 13 in 1866, and four children, John, Sarah, Henry, and Adam Jr., were born here. Mary Anne was converted and united with the Evangelical Church on the 10th of Carrick Township where the family worshipped for many years. In 1874 they sold the farm and purchased Lot 22, Concession 14, where another daughter Elisabeth was born.

The Quanz's were hard working people. Mary Anne would churn butter one day. The next morning after a hearty breakfast for the family, she would pack the blocks of butter and some eggs and walk to Mildmay to sell her products. Perhaps this was a way of trading merchandise, and she would be able to get baking supplies. She would retrace her footsteps home in time to cook dinner. The 14th Concession is the road to Carlsruhe, and a distance from Mildmay, so this was quite a hike.

On July 9, 1874 they sold that property to Johann Miller and purchased Lot 22, Concession 14. This is where Elizabeth was born. As John and Adam Jr. became old enough to farm, Adam Sr. bought a second farm, Lot 20, Concession 14. Adam Jr. and

Mary farmed on Lot 22 while Lot 20 was the farm John and Caroline moved to when they were married in 1894.

Adam died April 26, 1896 at age 57 years, 7 months and 9 days. His son Adam and Mary Anne continued to live and work on the farm. Adam Senior's son John was already married and living on Lot 20. When Adam Junior was married, he and his wife Mary continued to live with Mary Anne on the farm. Mary Anne in turn helped with the housework and cared for the three children. Later on in the late 1920's or early 1930's Mary Anne moved to Mildmay to live with her daughter Sarah Miller.

Adam Sr. died Apr. 26, 1896. Mary Anne died Jul. 25, 1941. Both are buried in Mildmay United Cemetery.

Their children:

1. John
2. Sarah
3. Henry
4. Adam
5. Elizabeth

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