

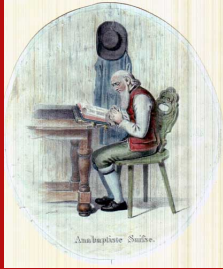
OUR METZ FAMILY HERITAGE

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AMISH MENNONITES ALSACIENS,
vers 1815.

The image features a map of Europe with several red circles highlighting specific locations: Amsterdam in the Netherlands, Metz in Belgium, Marburg in Germany, and Bern in Switzerland. A yellow rectangular box is drawn around the Metz region, and a blue arrow points from Metz towards Marburg. To the right of the map is a historical black and white illustration of a man and a woman in traditional Amish attire, with the caption 'AMISH MENNONITES ALSACIENS, vers 1815.' below it. The title 'OUR METZ FAMILY HERITAGE' is written in red, serif font. Below the title, the names 'Peg Huffman' and 'Julia Olsen (PhD)' are listed. The entire graphic is set against a background of a stone wall.

Thank you, welcomes, etc etc



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- Here we are...

Our presentation (and our upcoming book) are in 4 basic parts...



Europe is the great mystery at this time, as far as Lodowick and his immediate family are concerned.

LODOWICK IN EUROPE



Our ancestor Lodowick Metz is said to have been born near Metz, France* and his father is said to have been Peter van/von Metz.

This is a woodcut of the city of Metz in the early 1800s showing where the Moselle and the Seille rivers come together.

Dutch Merchant Ships at Anchor or under Easy Sail in a Moderate Breeze



Dutch Merchant Ships at Anchor or under Easy Sail in a Moderate Breeze
Willem van de Velde I Dutch
ca. 1658
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Großvater Lodowick Ludwig Metz

Der Großvater Lodowick Ludwig Metz, war in der nahe Metz,
Deutschland, zu Peter Van Metz, im Jahre 1705 geboren. Er war von
Bahnbrecher Natur, mutig in seine feste Überzeugung und unruhig und
abenteuerlich in seine Eigenschaft. Wie er zur elt gekommen ist, ist er nach
der Schweiz gewandert. Von dort ist er nach Amsterdam gekommen wo er
Hilfskretzer nach Amerika gekommen ist. Nach drei lange Wochen auf
dem Hochese hat er seine Füße auf das Traumland , spät in Oktober, 1726,
geschritten.

Grandfather Lodowick Ludwig Metz³ was born in the year 1705⁶ near Metz⁷, Germany⁸, to Peter Van Metz⁹. He was a trailblazer and courageous in his firm conviction, and restless and adventurous in his nature. When he turned eleven¹⁰ he migrated to Switzerland. From there, he came to Amsterdam from where he came to America on an auxiliary cruiser. ¹¹After three long weeks on the high seas, he set foot in the dreamland, late in October 1726¹².

³Ludwig is the German spelling, and Lodowick is the English spelling. ⁴This date lines up with supporting historical records.

⁵Family lore says that Lodowick's father was French. If East Close (1994) provides one example. Metz, Moselle, France has a long, interesting history. It was first a crossroads in Gaul. In the Roman Empire. In 843 Metz became the capital of Lorraine. During the Middle Ages it became a free city within the Holy Roman Empire and grew prosperous. Metz was ceded to France by the Peace of Westphalia at the end of the Thirty Years' War in 1648. During WWII the Germans briefly captured Metz but the city was returned to France after the war. During WWII the city was again occupied by the Germans but in 1944 was liberated after a long battle. <https://www.history.com/topics/france/metz> and <https://www.britannica.com/place/history-of-metz>

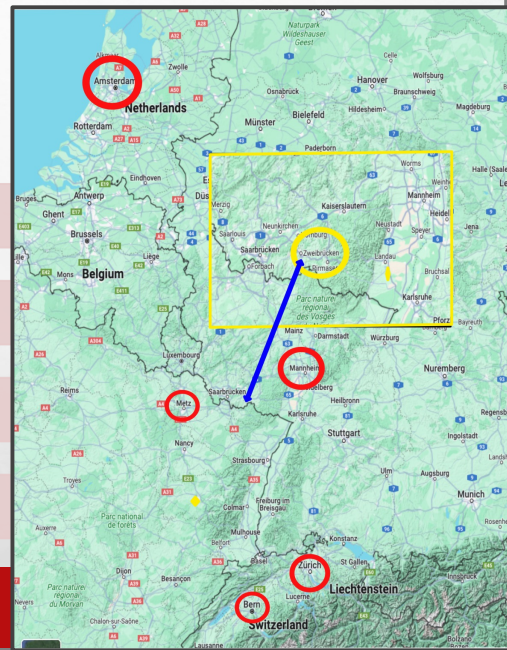
⁶The "van" suggests a connection to the Netherlands, since the German word would usually be "von". As the German typed letter cannot be compared to the original handwritten letter, we cannot verify the spelling. There was a close connection between the Dutch Mennonite community and those in France, Germany, and Switzerland at that time. (Lundin, Ira D, 1960).

⁷The original German looks like "Wie er zur elt gekommen ist, ist er nach" but there is no German word at all so this is translated as "elf", which means eleven.

⁸An auxiliary cruiser would be a government authorized merchant raiding ship and equipped with guns (Christine M Brown translation), so the passage was undoubtedly much shorter than those known for non-military ships.

⁹Ervin Beck reports voyages lasted from a minimum of 44 days to a maximum of 280 days. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/459336>

LODOWICK IN EUROPE



We know little about Lodowick between the time he was born ca 1705, the time he went to Switzerland as a child (ca 1716) , and when he arrived in Philadelphia. Understanding the context helps understand why Lodowick and so many other Mennonites fled Europe in the late 1600's and early 1700's.

Without a doubt he was a Mennonite based on association and marriages. We are still working to locate his parents, siblings, etc

During the 1600s and 1700s, wars ravaged Germany. Marching armies trampled down fields of grain, stole cattle, and burned down farmsteads. In their wake, famines spread over the land. Taxes, levied to pay for the war, added to the people's plight. Religious disputes also drove people to leave their homes. In Europe the rulers chose what church they wanted in their lands. Many pious Germans of strong convictions found this hard to bear. North America, especially Pennsylvania, offered them religious freedom. Many Mennonites emigrated from Bern and went to **Alsace and the Palatinate**. Metz at that time was in Alsace.

The (Swiss) jails at this time (ca 1710) were filled with religious prisoners and

due to the famine in Alsace, many former exiles were returning to Switzerland. The disposition of these Mennonites taxed the wits of the Bern authorities. So they decided to send them to America.

"Beginning with 1726, and owing partly to renewed oppression on the part of the Palatine government, and partly to a new war scare, the Mennonites of the Palatine again became uneasy and desirous of emigration to a more secure land."****

PART 02

Emigration

LODOWICK EMIGRATES TO AMERICA



Maritime Scene with a View of Amsterdam (1701)
Ludolf Bakhuizen (Dutch, 1631–1708)

“ Switzerland
to
Mannheim

“ Mannheim
to
Amsterdam

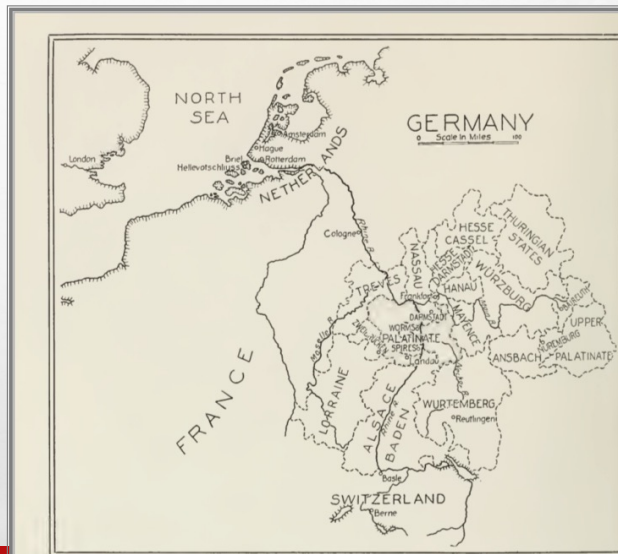
“ Amsterdam
to
Pennsylvania

We understand Lodowick emigrated to America in 1726 – there were no ships records kept. Circumstantial evidence abounds, but there is hope that someday our unanswered questions will remain as such no more.

- He is said to have sailed from Amsterdam
- We understand he came to America on an auxiliary cruiser - an armed merchant ship. He likely worked for his passage. No records have been located

MIGRATION

- Switzerland to Mannheim to Rotterdam was a standard migration path.
- Mannheim to Amsterdam via the Rhine River
- Philadelphia to Mannheim, British Colonial America



MAP OF RHINELAND, Germany, showing the sources of the Palatine Emigration.
The borders of the Rhenish Palatinate are slightly shaded.
Drawn by A. Cefala.

Switzerland to Mannheim to Rotterdam was a standard migration path. For a long time Mannheim was a center of the congregations in the [Palatinate](#) "from 1650 on, Mennonite families from the [Palatinate](#) and new ones from Switzerland moved into the depopulated city and in inconspicuous quiet formed a small congregation led by their elder; their life and civic industry was by no means a deterrent to the reviving city". However by 1706 city authorities said Mennonites now living in Mannheim should be gradually put out of the city, since they were not to be tolerated in the province. A letter of 30 March 1710 relates that 56 Swiss Mennonite prisoners had arrived at Mannheim from Switzerland on 28 March, many of whom remained there because of sickness when the rest moved on

PART 03

The New World



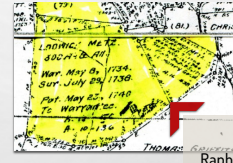
THE NEW WORLD



Port of
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania



Went to Manheim
"to be with
relatives"



Rapho Township

1. Philadelphia

- William Penn received his [charter for Pennsylvania](#) from Charles II (1630-85), the English King, in March 1681 and proposed a model society founded on principles of peace and [religious liberty](#). He made specific plans to build a great city named Philadelphia, in a grid pattern with large lots on the Delaware River, to serve as the focal point for surrounding townships.

2. Manheim, PA

- At the time Lodowick emigrated, Manheim was a sparsely populated area. We understand he went there to be near relatives. But we have no records of any Metz Mennonites, anywhere. **Why not??**

3. Lodowick METZ in Rapho TWP

- Was here before we became the United States of America.
- Bought 3 pieces of land from 1734-1748 totaling over 450 acres from WILLIAM PENN..... We know exactly where all his land is, but not where his homesite was built
- Lodowick METZ lived 51 years and was married twice. His second

wife Barbara LONG is our direct ancestor and we know they married in 1743 They had 5 living children. We know where he was buried, but the cemetery stones have been destroyed.



PART 04

The Families

1. Lodowick METZ & Barbara LONG

2. Abraham METZ & Esther BUCKWALTER CASSEL

3. Christian METZ & Barbara MARTIN

4. David Martin METZ & Mary Matilda WILLOW

5. Samuel Clinton METZ & Pearl May BARKER

6. Arthur Frederick METZ & Christina Elizabeth ENGEL

OUR METZ ANCESTORS

i. Agnes Elizabeth May METZ & Loren Russell OLIVER

ii. Vernard Arthur METZ & Harriet INCH

iii. George Franklin METZ & Kauai CHONG

iv. Christine Violet Kenneth John COOK

v. Donald Henry METZ & Wynona Geraldine Van Pelt

vi. Katherine Marie METZ & Elmer Julian Olson

vii. Arthur Frederick METZ Jr

viii. Dorothy Elizabeth METZ

ix. Virginia Rose METZ & David Benjamin BRINKMAN

x. Joseph Alex METZ & Mary Ann WRIGHT

xi. Ernest Austin METZ & Helen HOAG

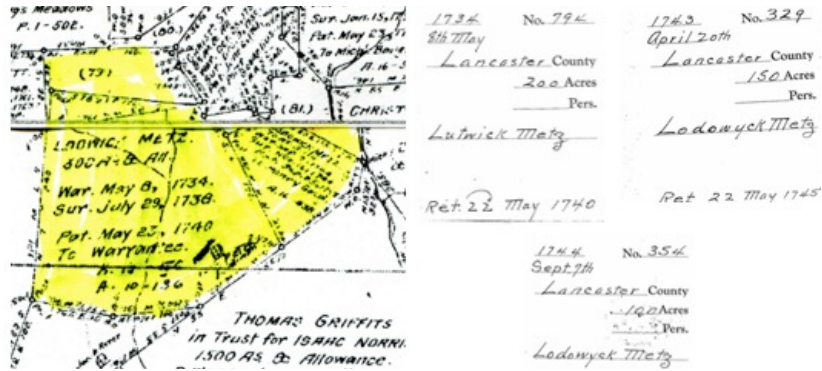
xii. Laurence Lee METZ & Elsie Joyce Mae BLAALID

2. After 34 years, Pegs work on the METZ line goes back 7 generations



**LODOWICK METZ – FATHER OF
ABRAHAM METZ**

An arial view of Lodowick Metz's land marking the locations of the homes of his sons Ludwig Metz Jr and Abraham Metz, approximately ½ mile apart.



LODOWICK METZ – FATHER OF ABRAHAM METZ

Lodowick Metz Land

Lodowick was here when Pennsylvania was part of British Colonial America, and subject to the King of England.

The address today is the town of Manheim, Rapha Township, Lancaster Co Pennsylvania

Land patents from 1734-1748 total over 450 acres

We know exactly where all his land is, but not where his homesite was built.

We know where sons Ludwig Jr and Abraham homesites were.

We believe Christian lived on Abraham's homesite but it has not yet been proven.



Photo by Donald Kantz.

Picture of Metz/ Dillinger / Sporting Hill Mill

Abraham METZ

- Built the grist mill in 1814 on Dillinger Run Creek at 130 Fairview Road, Manheim PA
- Was a Private in the American Revolution under Captain Hayes in the 8th Company 7th Battalion Pennsylvania Militia



**ABRAHAM METZ - FATHER OF
CHRISTIAN METZ**

Abraham's home was built over Dillinger Run Creek so they could get water during Indian raids without going outside.

This home has also been restored.



Abraham and 2nd wife Esther are buried on a knoll at the highest point on their farm, Metz Graveyard / Sporting Hill Cemetery.

The graveyard was destroyed after 1935, as the farmers needed all land for planting crops after the great depression. This was very common during the depression era.

CHRISTIAN METZ – FATHER OF DAVID MARTIN METZ

, AUGUST 28, 1834.

To the heirs & legal representatives of CHRISTIAN METZ, late of Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Dec'd.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of said county, I will hold an Inquest for the partition or appraisement of the said estate of said deceased, consisting of a

PLANTATION AND TRACT OF LAND

in said township, adjoining lands of Abraham Metz, Abraham Hershey and others, containing about two hundred and thirty acres, on Friday, the 12th of September, 1834, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the mansion house of the dec'd. on the said plantation now occupied by Jacob Burns.

DAVID MILLER.
Sheriff of Lancaster County.
20-td.

August 21, 1834.

Grand Father Christian Metz Died 1827. 7. 25
" " " " Born 1769. 2. 27
" " " " Age 67. 4. 28
Grand Mother Mary Backman Metz died 1839. 5. 31
" " " " Born 1762. 4. 21
" " " " Age 77. 1. 18
Father Christian Metz died 1856. 8. 11
" " " " Born 1792. 2. 22
" " " " Age 68. 3. 19
Mother Barbara Hauffman Metz 1844. 7. 17
" " " " Born 1796. 8. 7
" " " " Age 67. 11. 10

Delias Metz Died June 21, 1848 Age 10. 10. 12
Henry " " Jan 19, 1851 " 27. 8. 4
Daniel " " " 29. 1852 " 18. 7. 29
John " " Sept 4, 1855 Born Jan 10, 1816, 49 " 5. 24
Christian " " May 9, 1865 " Jan 10, 1817, 48 " 3. 29
Emanuel " " Died April 26, 1877 Born Feb 28, 1831
Marion Metz Frick " " 1878 Born Feb 7, 1822



Christian METZ and brother John METZ married sisters Barbara and Elizabeth MARTIN.

The document above was found in the attic of Christian's brother John METZ, when his family was going thru the home prior to demolition.

Christian bought his father Abraham's mill in 1821. He sold the land in 1830s, but we are not sure where he lived next.

Christian moved to Wooster, Wayne Co OH to be with daughter Martha Metz Shaeffer and family after his wife passed.

He is buried in Maize Cemetery, Wooster, Wayne Co OH

*David M. Metz & Mary Willow licensed to marry March 27, 1851
Henry Hobbs, Clerk
State of Ohio I do hereby certify that on the third day of April A.D. 1851 I
Seneca County, Ohio joined in matrimony David M. Metz & Mary Willow-*



**DAVID MARTIN METZ – FATHER OF SAMUEL
CLINTON METZ**

David Metz was born in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1826, and moved with family, as a child, to Seneca County, Ohio. There he met and married Mary Matilda Willow in 1851.

By 1880 David and his family moved to Bell Creek, Burt County, Nebraska.

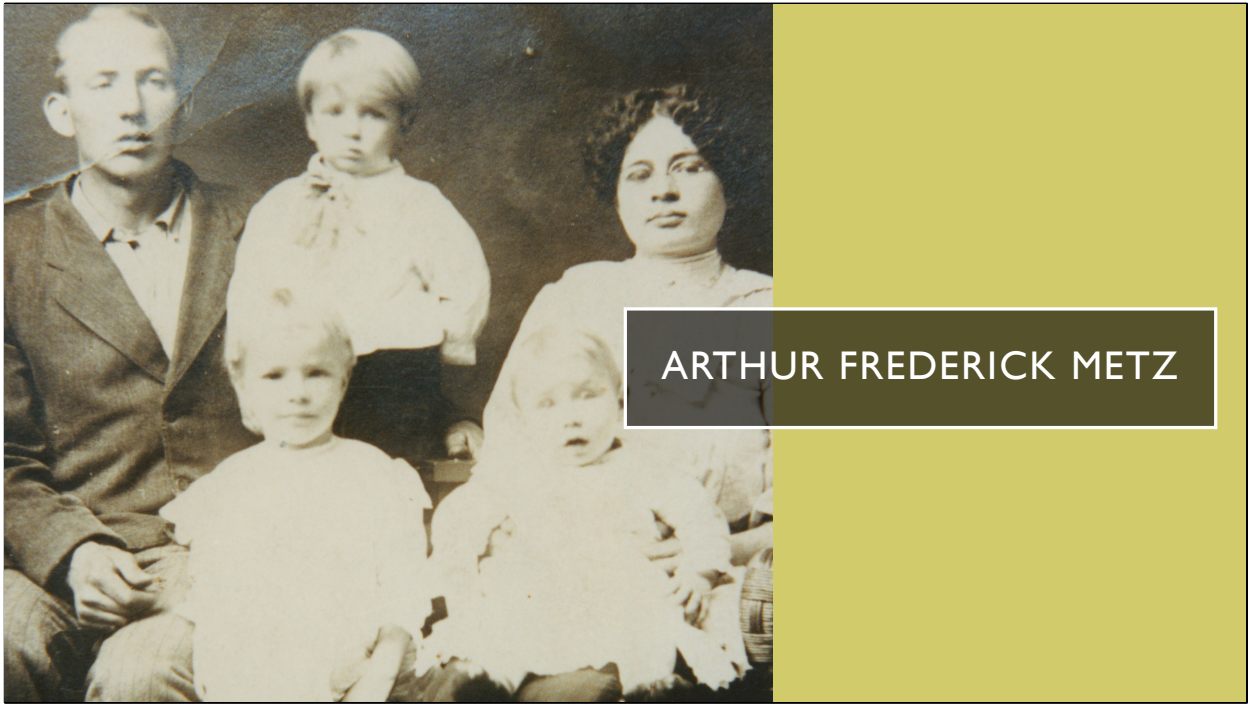
David and Mary moved to Sioux City Iowa prior to 1900, David passed away November 1910, and Mary died in 1916 in Dallas, Tripp County, South Dakota. They are both buried in the Craig Cemetery, Burt County, Nebraska. Their headstones are spelled with an s – METS – due to the hatred of Germans during the World Wars.



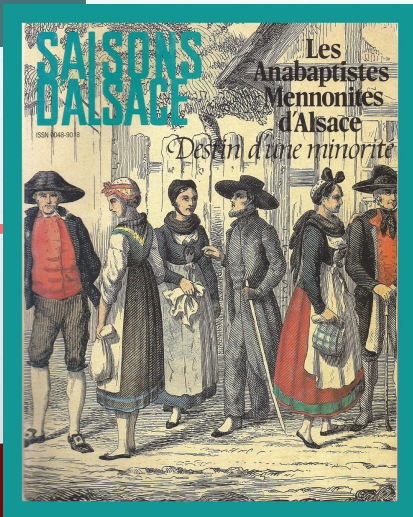
Samuel Clinton METZ was married 4 times

- Pearl May BARKER in Dec 1890 in Tekamah NE and had 1 son - Arthur Frederick METZ in 1888
- Mary A KNEELAND in 1897 in Gordon, Sheridan Co NE
 - Samuel Clinton homesteaded land in 1891 in Sioux County NE
 - They had 3 children - Lottie in 1898, Nellie in 1900 and George W in January 1906
 - Feb 5 1906 1 month old son George died
 - Mar 1 1906 wife Mary and both daughters died in a blizzard on the way home from school
- Marrabell COLLONS Mar 1907 in Harrison, NE. Divorced Jan 1910
- Eva Amelia SMALLEY

He moved to Fort Morgan, Colorado with brother Granville METS. Both brothers are buried at Fort Morgan Cemetery.



Arthur Frederick METZ and Christina Elizabeth ENGEL had 12 children and 27 grandchildren. They eloped December 24, 1908 along with Christina's sister to the Wayne County Courthouse and were each other's witnesses.



THANK YOU

<https://metzfamilytree.net>

The Descendants of Lodwick Metz, Sr 1705-1756

Celebrating 300 Years in America
1726-2026

[OUR FAMILY TREE](#)



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