***Photograph Index and Descriptions***

These photos are from Sharon Edmunds-Rankin, Joan Graham-Brent, and Bob Graham, and Sue Wrightstone-Witters

If there was anything written anywhere on the front or back of the photo, it will be recorded in the photo descriptions described below. Photo dates are estimates (c-circa) based on a number of factors; knowing a person and estimating their age in the photos, clothing styles, photographic techniques, etc.

Tobias and his first wife Alice B. Sollenberger had the following children: Albert, Laura who married Joseph Smith, and Gertrude (Gertie) who married Harry Burgard

Tobias and his second wife Anna Mary Sollenberger had the following children: Nettie who married Roy Firestone; and Margaret Bentz who married Samuel Sweigart

Many Photos are in an un-compressed scanned format (TIFF), and many duplicates are in a compressed format (JPEG)

***Tobias Bentz (TB) and Anna (Annie) Mary Sollenberger Photos***

Tobias Bentz and Alice B. Sollenberger had five children.

1. Berta A. Bentz was born 1875 and died in 1878. [[1]](#endnote-1)
2. Albert Earl Bentz (1878-1941)
3. Gertrude V. Bentz was born March 1881. She married Harry Jacob Burgard on June 25th 1903.
4. Laura V. Bentz was born October 1879. She married Joseph H. Smith April 19th 1898.
5. William Michael Bentz was born and died June 2nd 1887.

Alice died and Tobias Bentz married Annie Sollenberger, and they had two children.

1. Nettie A. Bentz was born September 4th 1890. She married Roy Henry Firestone on March 29th 1908.
2. Margaret L. Bentz was born on August 15th 1905. [[2]](#endnote-2) She married Samuel Henry Sweigert Jr. August 30th 1929.

TB (01) Written on the back of the photo, Grandpa Bentz: Tobias Bentz

TB (02) Written on the back of the photo, Grandma Bentz: Anna Sollenberger-Bentz

TB (03) Tobias Bentz Family taken at George and Nancy Bentz’s home c. 1905: Front Row Left to Right: Tobias and Anna’s first daughter Nettie; Tobias and Anna Bentz; Back Row Left to Right: Tobias and his first wife’s children: Gertrude (Gertie); Albert; and Laura

TB (03BB) Tobias Bentz

TB (03BBB) Anna Sollenberger-Bentz

TB (03C) The hand written note by Irene Wrightstone-Klinger, which was attached to the photo.

TB (04) Written on the back of the photo, Uncle Albert Bentz: Tobias’s first born; Albert Bentz

TB (04B) Albert Bentz when he lived in Homestead Allegany County Pennsylvania. He may be in a uniform of the Knights of Columbus.

TB (06) Written on the back of the photo, Gertie Burguard: Tobias’s second born; Gertrude Bentz-Burguard

TB (06B) Hand written on a piece of paper taped to the back of the photo was written: Evelyn Burgard Myers. I’m not sure about Myers, but the photo is of Gertie Bentz-Burgurad’s daughter, Evelyn M. Burguard. See TB\_(13A) and TB\_(07B)

TB (07B) The photo shows Harry, Evelyn M. and Clare B., and Gertie Bentz-Burguard. TB (07C) is the back of the photo post card sent from Harry Burguard on October 1908 from Siddonsburg to his father in-law, Tobias Bentz in Wellsville Post Office area, Warrington Township; Harry married Tobias’s daughter Gertrude.

TB (07D) This is Evelyn and Robert Burgard; the children of Gertrude Bentz-Burgard, Hattie’s Step Sister; the photo was most likely taken about 1920 at the Burgard home in Monaghan Township York County. TB (07E) is a hand written note by Irene Wrightstone: My friend, Evelyn, with Robert Lee and Buster-the-Pony;

TB (08A) The Burgard Home: Gertie Bentz’s husband’s, Harry’s, parent’s home on Mountain Road Monaghan Township York County

TB (09A) Hand written on a piece of paper taped to the back of the photo was written, Nettie Bentz Firestone: Nettie Bentz, the daughter of Anna Sollenberger and Tobias Bentz, who married Roy H. Firestone

TB (10A) Margaret Bentz is the second daughter of Tobias and Anna Bentz. Margaret was born 1906. Photo TB (11) is a different pose, and written on the back was the name, Margaret.

TB (12) Margaret Bentz

TB (12A) Left is Irene Wrightstone and right is Margaret Bentz; Irene’s mother Hattie, is Margaret’s half sister; known as uterine siblings; sharing the same mother. Irene and Margaret both share a relationship to Hattie’s mother Anna Sollenberger-Bentz, and her parents Jacob and Mary Sollenberger. This makes Irene a first cousin once removed of Margaret Bentz. Their closeness makes them plain old cousins.

 TB (12B) Same photo as TB (12A), but with another girl who is a girlfriend or relative.

TB (13) This photo was taken about 1920 maybe 1921, with cousins. The mountains in the background appear to be the same contours as the ones in the Sollenberger reunion, which was held off Mountain Road Dillsburg PA. TB (13A) has names imposed on the photo.

Evelyn Burgard is the daughter of Gertie Bentz-Burgard; Evelyn would be 15 years old in 1920. Gertie is Hattie Wrightstone’s step sister. I also suspect that Gertie’s son Clare is also in the photo, who would be 13 years old. Given this lead, then the other children could be Nettie Bentz-Firestone’s daughter Gertrude. Nettie is Hattie’s half sister. Margaret Bentz is Hattie’s other half sister. The four older boys could be related to the Sollenberger familes.

TB (14A) Written on the back of the photo: 2 women and man that Grandpa Bentz brought over to Eberley farm to visit. TB (14B) is a close up of the people.

The Eberley farm was located in Hampton Township, which Edwin and Hattie would have been at from the early 1920’s to the late 1930’s. I don’t know who wrote on the picture, but the guy resembles a young Ed Klinger

TB (15) February 26th 1932 Newspaper Article on Albert Bentz’s son, Clair Bentz Auto Accident.

TB (16) This is a photo of the Barrens Salem Union Cemetery located at 242 Kralltown Road, Dillsburg, York County Pennsylvania. It was taken from the Bentz Gravesite.   Tobias

TB (16A) Tobias Bentz and his fist wife Alice, and their son William, with his second wife Anna Sollenberger-Bentz were laid to rest at the Barren Salem Union Cemetery.

TB (16D) 1934 Newspaper articles on the death of Tobias Bentz

TB (16E) Albert Bentz Family Cemetery Record

TB (16F) Albert’s son, Clair Bentz’s, headstone at the Jefferson Memorial Park at 401 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills, Allegheny County Pennsylvania

TB (16G) Albert’s headstone, and TB (16H) is his wife Hettie’s headstone, at the Jefferson Memorial Park at 401 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills, Allegheny County Pennsylvania

TB (19) Tobias and Anna Bentz’s oldest daughter, Nettie Bentz-Firestone’s Memorial Pamphlet

TB (22) Tobias and Anna Bentz’s youngest daughter, Margaret Bentz-Swiegert’s husband’s Memorial Pamphlet

TB (22A) Margret Bentz-Sweigert and her half brother, Clyde Wrightstone

TB (22B) Margaret Bentz

1. Bertha A. Bentz Birth and Death: This information came from the Tobias Bentz family headstone located at the Barrens Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Margaret Bentz Birth: The information came from the birth Records (1893-1906) Book 05, Page 009, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)