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Born: 1575 in O Mettmenstetten, Canton, Zurich, Switzerland

Married: Anna Nef

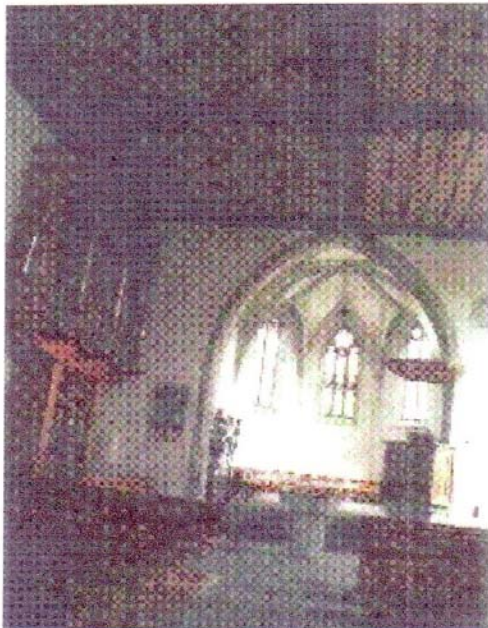
Died: 1640 Knonau, Canton, Zurich, Switzerland

Parents: Hitz Funk & Unknown

The origins of the Funk family have been well researched and articulated by Mr. Bly. This lineage is believed to have been involved in the early Anabaptist movement in late 16th century Switzerland. Specifically Jacob Funk and his wife Anna Naeff were born in [Obermettmenstetten](#) in the Knonau District of Canton Zurich about 1575. (Note: Obermettmenstetten is now part of Mettmenstetten).

In his book, Bly states that all of Jacob Funk's 14 children were baptized in the Reform Church in Mettmenstetten, before they became Anabaptist. In the picture to the left is the inside of the Mettmenstetten Church clearly visible is the original stone font for baptisms. The right picture shows the outside of the Mettmenstetten Church (next to a modern Community Center). The original church was built in the 1100s. The church was rebuilt in the 1500s. The bell tower dates from the 1700s. All in all this is a beautiful little church.

(Comments and Photos by Donald Richardson, May 1998)



Later generations moved to Germany and the region known as the Palatinate where they are well documented in Mennonite historical documents. Their movement can be seen as a result both of their persecution by authorities for their religious beliefs as well as their religious outreach activities. Heinrich Funk (abt 1662) was the first immigrant to the present USA in 1717 having left Bonfeld in Baden and settled with other family members in Strasburg Township, Pennsylvania. Later generations settled in Virginia and then Washington Co, Kentucky. The lineage of Lydia Ann Funk is as follows:

Jacob FUNK b bef 1575 m abt 1595 d aft 1640
Anna NAFF b abt 1576 d aft 1640

Heinrich (Heini) FUNK b 1613/14 m 20 Aug. 1634 d 1663-1670
Cathrina MEYLI b 1612/13 d 9 Apr 1681

Hans FUNK b 1639 m abt 1659 d aft 1685
?(Barbel (Barbara) FREY b 1639 d aft 1681)?

Heinrich FUNK b abt 1662 m abt 1687 d abt 1735 (Lancaster, PA)
? FRANEY b abt 1669

Information from online research