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Dear Wilma Jean,

We corresponded a year ago. Remember? At that time I was involved with some other branch of the Frantz tree. A few days ago I unexpectedly found myself doing descendants of Michael Frantz of Botetourt County, VA, and Muhlenberg Co., KY.

In these preceeding months, have you gathered any new Frantz info? New info --or old-- would be greatly appreciated!!

Wilma, I'm involved in a gigantic project right now and you may be able to help. I'm preparing a thesis to submit to D.A.R. and Daughters of American Colonists disputing info of a member. A woman listed the wrong Elizabeth as wife of Martin Wenger (for D.A.R.) and then submitted her paperwork to Salt Lake for an unimaginable number of people to copy wrong info! She is not a descendant of Michael Frantz II so not entitled to Daughters of American Colonists.

To establish the correct Elizabeth (daughter of David Frantz, granddaughter of Michael II vs. Elizabeth, daughter of Michael, son of Christian Frantz III) I'm trying to build a "preponderance of evidence" for each line. Part of the confusion is over the two Michaels: One is son of Christian III and one is son of Michael II. It is necessary to search info from collateral families. (I'm ordering dozens of film from Salt Lake F.H.C.)

At this time it appears that I'm spending a lot and time and energy (and money) on this woman's membership(s)... but the information is vital for the future Frantz book that I plan to publish.

I'm so tired of reading the same old errors, over and over. Because it annoys me so much, I'm self-appointed to build a "Perry Mason winning case." Can you help??

I'm going to be redundant here: Many stories, articles, and family histories use the same hackney information. For several years, I've been upset with Elizabeth Miller Lane for her article in Fellowship of Brethren Genealogist Newsletter re: "The 'Lost' Michael Frantz III." He wasn't Michael III and he wasn't "lost"!! I had him in my computer database all the time!!!!!!

Did you ever correspond with a lady named Pauline Walters? I did, and lots of others. She would not accept the fact that she was down the Christian line and not Michael line. She refused to accept evidence.... She helped perpetuate the "Michael III" myth that now has several women in D.A.R. Another person that would not believe that he wasn't a Michael Frantz descendant was Otho Wenger, President (for 30 years) of Manchester College. I have copies of his correspondence with Mr. Dore M. Frantz (in the 1940's) and Dore says (in his manuscript) that Otho went to his grave believing he was a Michael Frantz descendant.

See what I'm up against? Floyd and Kathryn (Garst) Mason have the wrong info in pages (draft pages) of their future Frantz book. Some Wenger genealogy books have wrong info. There are several more Wenger books that I need to find and research so I won't "tar and feather" all Wenger publications.

I am so-o-o grateful for the research that Arthur Shanks did for his book The Shanks Family of Peaque Creek. I've been able to build from his original research. Furthermore, I'm so thankful that s-o-o-o many people have shared the material with me over the years. The pieces are all fitting together in the great big jigsaw puzzle. I now have almost 17,000 Frantz and collateral lines in my computer database. I'm so appreciative of the computer!!! I couldn't handle this many families, and this much information without a computer.

Several months ago I purchased a rubber stamp that says "So Many Ancestors, So Little Time." Sometimes I feel like I'm drowning in ancestors! But I'm not complaining; I'm praising God for so many Christian ancestors and for such a great hobby (genealogy).

Well, enough of this.... I hope this letter finds you, and yours, healthy and happy. I hope none of this horrible rainy weather, and flooding, has touched your family.

I look forward to hearing from you again. Enclosed find SASE. If you have a large amount of info to share, I'll gladly reimburse you for photocopy costs, and for postage.

Warmest regards,

Lorraine

"cousin" Lorraine

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I'M A FAMILY TREE CLIMBER!

June 9, 1992

Dear Lorraine,

I am Jean Rees,
a genealogy friend of Gloria
Sparger. She suggested I
send to you my Franty
connection. (oh dear, no per in-
tended) This material is
proven. I am happy to send
this. Thank you.

Sincerely

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P.S. Our daughter is named Marcia Lorraine

Parents	Grandparents	Great Grandparents	2-Great Grandparents
✓ <u>Forrest Glenn Dossett</u> b. 25 Sept. 1902 Gibson Co., IN d. 25 Nov. 1960 Vincennes, IN m. 29 March 1920	✓ <u>Thomas Jefferson Dossett</u> b. 22 April 1876 Gibson Co., IN d. 2 Dec. 1943 Princeton, IN m. 25 Dec. 1901	✓ <u>William Harrison Dossett</u> b. ca 1840 Gibson Co., IN d. 24 May 1906 Gibson Co., IN m. 26 Sept. 1866	<u>Thomas Dossett Jr.</u> b. ca 1802 Kentucky d. ? m. 1 July 1824
✓ <u>Hawkins, Frances E.</u>	✓ <u>Grubb, Katherine</u>	✓ <u>Hicks, Rosella</u>	<u>Shank, Sarah "Sally"</u>
children:	children:	children:	children:
✓ Wilma Jean 1925 Janice Louise 1932 Donna Rose 1935 Nina Maxine Jones 1921 (daughter of William and Bessie Lewis Jones; was reared as the elder Dossett family daughter)	✓ <u>Forrest Glenn 1902</u> Gladys Lucille 1904 Oleva Pearl 1907 Thomas Jonathon 1910 David Harold 1914	Eliza Lydia 1867 America 1870 Mary 1873 ✓ <u>Thomas Jefferson 1876</u> Ruth 1878	Elizabeth 1825 Susannah 1827 Henry 1829 Catherine 1830 Eliza 1832 John 1834 ✓ <u>William Harrison 1840</u> Andrew Jackson 1843 Nancy Ann 1845 Sarah 1848 Martha Jane 1850

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3-Great
Grandparents

Adam Shank

b. ca 1772

d. ?
m. 12 Sept. 1797

4-Great
Grandparents

Michael Frantz Jr.

b. ca 1754

d. Will prob. May term 1817
m. Elizabeth

5-Great
Grandparents

Michael Frantz II

b. ca 1725

Switzerland
d. Botetourt Co. Va. 1810
m. 12 June 1748

6-Great
Grandparents

Michael Frantz I

b. 1 Sept. 1687

Switzerland
d. Dec. 1748
Lancaster co Pa.
m.

Frantz, Elizabeth "Betsy"

Zug, Magdalena

children:

Michael 1798
John 1799
Jacob 1801
Sarah "Sally" 1804
Chatherine
Mary 1815

children:

Michael
Elizabeth "Betsy"
Catherine
Polly

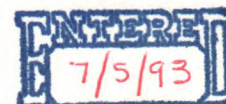
children:

John 1749
Michael, Jr. 1754
Abraham
Christian 1762
Jacob
Daniel I. 1763
Peter
David I. 1766
daughter

children:

Michael II

Check'd



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Dear Wilma,

What a thrill to receive your letter and the graph showing your lineage. WHAT A THRILL TO SEE "MY" FORMAT ON THE GRAPH!! Several years ago, I wanted a way to show siblings and a pedigree chart and ahnentafel only show direct ancestors. Thank you for adopting that form.

It is delightful to make contact with a descendant of Michael Frantz Jr family. I'm hoping that you can provide lots of data on that lineage because I'm anxious for any and all information to support my research on the "real" identity of Michael II's son Michael.

Are you aware that lots of MISinformation has been published regarding "Michael III"?? Before I publish a book on the Frantz family, I want to have a strong case for the correct family -- and you are obviously of that lineage. (The other Michael was the son of Christian III. Christian I was reportedly the brother of Michael I. I have nothing from Europe to substantiate that Michael I, Christian I and Baltzar were brothers -- but that is the tradition.)

I am using an IBM-compatible computer with the Roots3 genealogy software program. I have almost 12,000 Frantz and collateral lines in one database. (I have several smaller databases on other families.) By necessity, I have had to collect all the Frantz names because they may "fit" later. I have a file folder crammed full of "have not yet made the connection." Ruth Frantz Reinhart and Clif Frantz are down another branch of the "tree." Their "John" is often listed as a son of Michael II but that has not been proved. The computer makes it much easier to keep track of everyone!

One reason that I went to the Roots3 genealogy software program: I can footnote where every bit of information came from. If I get a birthdate from one source, death date from another, and marriage from yet another, each source is listed. Later, someone sends me different dates but I can list the second birth and/or death dates with their source. No more searching the file cabinet -- or many books and newsletters -- trying to figure out "where did I get that date?" (ever have that experience?). I tell you this because any information that you share with me will note that I received from you. Everyone -- every source -- will

be recognized in "the book." I'm not compiling information to publish a book in my name. The authors will be listed as Dore M. Frantz Sr., Lowell H. Beachler, Elvin & Rachel (Hamm) Frantz, Hazel Frantz Turner, Ruth Frantz Reinhart, et al; edited by Lorraine Frantz Edwards. I must confess, I have done very little "research." I have had so much material come to me in the mail; it keeps me busy just putting the information into the computer! Others have done the research; I'm the data-entry person. I welcome any and all material that you care to share.

Your cousin John phoned me a couple of days after I received your form. I guess you wrote to him about the same time. I hope to visit with him, in Cypress, one of these days. He lives about 90 or 100 miles south of me.

Oh yes, back to sources: You said your information is "proved." Will you share your sources with me? particularly the sources of the early Frantz families?

Tell me a little about yourself. Have you been doing genealogy very long? (I've only been "doing" for about six years.)

Do you subscribe to Mennonite Family History? Have you read any of my stories? I'm enclosing one that will appear in the Oct. issue. This is for you only; please don't share with your local genealogical society newsletter, etc, etc. The July issue will have a story -- and pictures -- of Immigrant Michael Frantz's chest. You might be interested in that story, too. I'd send it but think you ought to get the "full effect" with the pictures.

Well, I've rambled on-and-on. I'm sitting at my typewriter, at work, putting my thoughts on paper (between phone calls). I look forward to retirement so I can do my hobby "full time." I plan to have an RV and travel to the areas where my ancestors lived and continue to do research in their communities. If all goes well, I'll be on-the-road in three years.

Very best wishes to you, and yours. Thank you for writing -- and please write again soon. I look forward to your correspondence.

Warmest regards,

Lorraine

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