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Hi! I had a phone call yesterday
from (distant) Cousin Cliff
Frantz - delighted to talk with
him - first time in over a year!

I'm sending him my copy
of Ruth Frantz Richhart's
"Descendants of John and Elizabeth
Hostetter Frantz 1749-1990."

So beautifully compiled, with
lovely hard cover.

My family line is:

Father: Arthur Frantz, Geist 1897-1969
m. Helen Marie Welsh 1900-1988

(I'm an only child!)(BS-2-1921)

Grand-

Parents: Newton Jacobs Geist 1866-1958
m. Ella Susan Frantz 1872-1952

Gr. Grand-

Parents: Elam Groff Frantz 1848-1923
m. Martha Barr Funk 1845-1931
(in Waynesboro PA 10-31-1865)

Gr gr greats: Abraham Frantz
w. Martha Grost

Gr Gr Greats: Christian Frantz
w. Anna Roger Frick

I'm typing the 1865 Diary of
Mary Alice Frantz - Elan's sister,
in Waynesboro. Very interesting!
Mentions made of my Gr Grand-
parents' marriage in that year -
and where they went on their
honeymoon. They were wed at
7 AM!

The Diary weaves a story of the
family's everyday life - and
contains 100+ names - most being
identified as "Cousin" or "Sister"
or "Dr." - etc. I've shared the
list of names with some of the
Lancaster Reformed Mennonites
who remember attending ser-
vices at our family church -

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The Geist Reformed Mennonite Church -
founded in 1850 by my Gr. Gr. Grand-
father, Rev. Jacob Geist - from Lancaster
PA - the lovely little church still
stands, beautifully kept - although
services are no longer held there.

It is just 6 mi. from my home.

Rev. Jacob and family are buried
there, along with 40+ others.

The church was attended in
earlier years by all the members
of the Elam Grost Trantz family.

Please share with me the
"Project" Clif mentioned - are
you doing your family history,
or? Is there anything I can
do for you from this end?

Hope all goes well with you!
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