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Dear Rosemary

I have this strong desire to communicate pre-holiday greetings. I really don't have an awful lot to say but I want to wish you, and your loved ones, a blessed holiday season. The Lord God--my Heavenly Father--has been very gracious to me and I wish the same for you, and yours.

My address changed again this year when I purchased and moved into a mobile home. To (hopefully) eliminate further disruption of my mail, I took a Post Office Box.

For over two years my hobby has been computer/genealogy. I have corresponded with hundreds of people and my name and address is in several publications. I'm certain that mail addressed to my former residences have been "returned to sender." I eagerly check the mailbox for letters that may contain new data regarding my ancestors and I "scour" the printed pages of publications for clues or details about my ancestors.

The mobile home that I purchased is old but has a large room attached (house-type construction, well-built, insulated...). "The room" was just what I needed for my tables, computer, printer, files and notebooks full of genealogy. Never mind that the mobile was dirty and had been stripped of stove, refrigerator and drapes. (Over the months I have acquired a stove, curtains and drapes from Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries stores--and yard sales). I'm still in the process of unpacking and I plan (eventually) to stain and varnish abused woodwork.

The computer, and genealogy is at the top of my priority list (woodwork can wait!). My spare time is spent in sundry ways: researching, compiling, attending seminars, visiting "cousins," and as a student at the local Community College. I'm taking computer and computer-related classes (of course!).

I have been affirmed dozens (hundreds ?) of times this year. Although I've been writing stories since I was a teenager (and hid them away in a trunk), this was the first year that my articles found their way into print. The topics relate to my hobby. One story touts the merit of the genealogy software program that I use with my computer. To date, I have given away about 100 copies. It makes me feel so good when I receive letters expressing delight and appreciation for the program. Another story prompted a phone call from a cousin that I had never met and, subsequently, we have visited face-to-face and shared family information. Another "cousin" and I met recently (prearranged) at a seminar in Hemet. Two months prior we didn't even know the other one existed.







Through correspondence, I have found "cousins" all over the nation. If I didn't have to work for a living (ha!), I would travel to the east coast to research (and visit) and view the areas where my ancestors lived. I'd take tours to see grist mills and Mennonite Meeting Houses, etc, etc. We're ready to go: my portable computer--my camping trailer--and me. I'm just waiting to win the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes or Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes!

It would be "heaven" if I could travel to Michigan and spend some time with my daughter and family. I really enjoyed my first trip to the Upper Peninsula, in October 1987.

My sons are well and involved with their occupations and families. They were able to gather for a celebration of my mother's 82nd birthday.

This year, in the spirit of antiquity, my wardrobe was expanded with pioneer dresses and sunbonnets. It's fun to attend seminars "in costume." I went one step further and located some covered wagons for a semi-authentic photo setting.

Classes...  
Computing...  
Correspondence...  
Research...  
Stories...  
Work...

People ask me how I keep up my extremely busy schedule. I, first, praise God for good health and, second, tell them about a health product that I discovered several months ago. I am faithfully taking the liquid botanical marketed as "Km." I have a tremendous amount of energy and, without dieting, have lost twenty pounds! I know people who were diagnosed with the major diseases leukemia, cancer, diabetes...and their disease is in remission. The product was discovered/formulated over sixty years ago by an agrobiologist in Vienna Austria; it has a proven record. Please contact me for further details.

Despite the statement, early in the letter, that I didn't have an awful lot to say, I managed to fill two pages with "conversation." This newsletter is an attempt to share a little bit of me and to thank you for touching my life.

Looking beyond Thanksgiving...I want to be one of the first to wish you a HAPPY CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY. He is the reason for the season!

Happy holidays, & warmest regards!  
Lorraine

P.S. Did you get a computer? How are you doing? any new Frantz info?