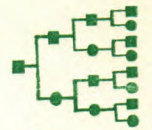


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Miss Rosemary Frantz
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Dear Miss Frantz:

My great⁵-grandfather, Sebastian Frantz, was born 4 Oct 1732 in Wurttemberg, Germany according to his family Bible, on display at the Old Stone Fort Museum, Schoharie, NY.

I would like to find out more about his parentage, if possible, and have been referred to you. My mother is Marian Andrews; her mother was Alice France; Alice's father was Cyrus Henry France; Cyrus' father was John W. France; I think John's father was H.D. and H.D.'s father was David. I know David France's father was Sebastian Frantz. The theoretical linkage is suggested by federal census data from Cherry Valley (Otsego Co.), NY.

Could you provide assistance in obtaining more information concerning (1) David, his children and grandchildren, or (2) Sebastian and his wife Anna Fritz? Anna was born in 1733 in Wurttemberg. Both Sebastian and Anna died in Seward (Schoharie Co.), NY, he in 1805 and she in 1816. Enclosed is a SASE for your use in reply. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald P. Koch

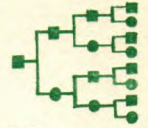
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FRANCE - ZELLER - ANDREWS - KOCH

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Sebastian France Fvantz
1732-1805

1 Schoharie Co NY

Wife — settled short time
at Schoharie Co NY

then to Oswego Co NY

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Dear Rosemary,

It's been such a long time since we've seen you. We haven't made it to the last couple Jan. - Am meetings.

While going through papers, we ran across this article from Koch. He had responded to our query on "Zellers". Since he also included your family name, I thought I would send it to you.

We haven't been to the library for so long or done any research either. Too busy with the family. Then Jim has had some trouble and will have surgery on Feb. 13th. We will be so glad when it's over.

We wonder also how Mrs Harsh is. I suppose her son is with her.

How is Barbara Becker coming with the "Zellers" book? I have lost her address. Perhaps you can send it to me. She

once mentioned that Eliza Zellers Hopp is buried in Ohio. I failed to find out where in Ohio. Could you find out for me? We hope to get back to "searching" again this summer.

Hope this finds you well and busy! please write.

Sincerely
Ada & Jim May

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