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13 June 1987

Mrs. Lorraine E. Edwards  
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RE: Computerized Frantz Family Information.

Dear Mrs. Edwards,

I was recently talking with my distant-cousin, Tom Beardsley, and he was telling me that you courageously took it upon yourself to try to organize Frantz family genealogical information on computer. First of all let me congratulate you on this humongous project. I can't believe someone besides myself has started to do something about this mess.

Tom didn't tell me how much you charge for this service, so please let me know if I owe you anything. OK?

Now let me tell you how I came about doing my genealogy. It was back in the summer of 1981, at my uncle's funeral in Kansas, and my great-aunt, Lela Swafford, said that it was a shame that the younger generation wasn't interested in their roots. Well, I decided to prove her wrong. As a result I taken most of my lines back to the 17 or 1800's, several back to the 1600's, and even one all the way back to ca. 1366 in Switzerland. Of course I couldn't of done it without the help of people like Tom.

I thank you for all your help and consideration, and if you shouldn't have some of the information that I have, I promise to send it all along to you. Once again thanks for your help and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very Sincerely Yours,

*Jeff*  
Jeffery D. "Jeff" Swafford

*P.S.*

*If you wanted to know how old I am. I'll be  
27 on September 30, 1987*

*Reply mailed,  
w/28 pg printout,  
8/05/87.*

*RE.*



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24 February 1987

Mrs. Lorraine Edwards  
4152 West Avenue L-2  
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Dear Lorraine,

Here it is Tuesday already and I will get to getting some more material together for you.

1. Info on my sister, DOROTHY DEE BEARDSLEY, born 29 September 1922, at Dr. Alford's Hospital, Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia. She grew up in Donalsonville, Seminole County, Georgia and met a Lt in the Air Force and married him on 15 July 1944, at the Praesidio of San Francisco, Calif. They had no children and were divorced in 1956 in Donalsonville, Ga. She remained single then until 18 Sep 1964 when she married the man across the street. His name is DAVID A. HESS, born 26 May 1906. Her first husband's name was LLOYD STEPHEN MAINS, born 17 Aug 1917. Lloyd died in the Spring of 1964. David's wife (first one) also died that Spring, in April. Dorothy and David live across the Boulevard from me and Mother at 829 Seminole Blvd. She sings in Church Choir (Presbyterian) and is active in local elections and local Beautification projects. She worked for Rationing office during WWII, and then as a Dental Assistant during the time she married to first Husband. Her working years in Florida were with Peninsular Insurance Company Office in West Palm Beach. She has not worked since 1972 when her second husband retired from Pratt Whitney Aircraft.

2. Picture of KATHERINE B. (MAGINTY) FRANTZ. Original in home of Laurel Dankert (More about her later). Katherine always spelled her name with a "K". I have a copy of the settlement of David's estate with her signature and it is identical to the signature on the Infirmary Ledger. She was daughter of DAVID MAGINTY and ELIZABETH PORTMAN. Old Bible record says she was born in "KANMANGO" County, Pa. We have searched to that county and it has never existed, but there is a Conewango County, Pa., and 1790 Census shows 2 families of PORTMAN's there. She was born 12 Feb 1805 and died in Clark County, Ohio, on 20 Aug 1883. Body was released to DILTZ for burial at Lawrenceville Cemetery, on 23 Aug 1883. There is no stone, but there is one there for her husband, DAVID FRANTZ, and her son, Gustavus A. Frantz.

3. Picture of THOMAS J. BEARDSLEY (lineage traced back to EDMUND BEARDSLEY, born 1700, died 1746, ClayCross, Derbyshire, England, and BREEDA BRYTE BEARDSLEY. This was taken several years ago and we have aged a little, but not much. She will be 87 in June.

4. Incl # 3 is a bad copy of WILL OF DAVID FRANTZ I, made on 12 November 1814; gives estate to Wife unless she marries, and his Bible to his infant son, Joseph. Placed in Court in Botetourt County, VA, in April Court 1815.

5. Incl # 4 is a list of other people researching Frantz lines.

6. Incl # 5 is copy of Infirmary Record showing admittance and departure of KATHERINE B. FRANTZ, wife of David Frantz II.



7. Incl # 6 is info from old Welchans Bible giving parentage of CATHERINE MAGINTY FRANTZ, children of DAVID AND KATHERINE FRANTZ, children of KATHERINE MARIETTA FRANTZ and SMITH MARCUS DILTZ, and children of ELIZABETH FRANTZ and BYRON WELCHANS. Gustavusta should be Gustavus Adolphus.

8. Incl #7 is copy of letter from Laurel Dankert, (page 3 of next incl.) with the story of KATHERINE and her son, GUSTAVUS.

9. Incl # 8 are Family Group Records of some of the Diltz Descendants. Re. 1st page Lillian Lanore Diltz <sup>666</sup> and Albert W. Curl, they had 2 sons, Stanley Albert and William Keith. William Keith Curl lives at 3997 McKay Circle, Largo, Fla. 33540, and has been back to Virginia trying to locate Frantz Burial plots.

Re 3rd page, Laurel Elaine Diltz Campbell Dankert has visited us 3 times here in Florida since we made connection back in 1978. The last time with Mr. Dankert they decided to buy a home near Panama City, Fla for a winter home. They used it the winter of 1985 and again in Aug of 1986. Upon their return to Springfield, Ohio, they found that her son Brian Scott had a brain tumor. Brian has been operated upon twice since then and now must undergo Chemotherapy. Laurel and Herbert have decided to sell the winter home, and try to help the young family. Laurel is a magnificent woman and did not deserve this cross. Her address is LAUREL DANKERT, 633 Tanglewood Drive North, Springfield, Ohio 45502. <sup>669</sup> *Wrote to Laurel 8/07/87*

10. Incl # 9 Map of German Township drawn in 1859 by Thomas Kizer, Brother of Benjamin Kizer, husband of my grandmother, first Husband, that is. The circle showing "C & E Frantz" was the property left after most of David's land was sold to clear his debts at the time of his death. See how close it is to John Welchans, whose son, Byron, Elizabeth married that year. Then note how close to Eli Kizer's. ELI was father of Benjamin who was first husband of MARIETTA REBECCA WELCHANS. ELI's father, THOMAS KIZER, brought first library to Clark County. They were all teachers and educated people.

11. I had another page but it didn't copy well enough to send, so will just include it here.

#### BIRTHS

- <sup>166</sup> DAVID LINNIUS WELCHANS June 11, 1860
- <sup>167</sup> REBECCA M(ARIETTA) WELCHANS October 17, 1861
- <sup>169</sup> RAYMOND A. KIZER, November 13, 1881
- <sup>170</sup> LAURA E. KIZER, September 13, 1883
- <sup>172</sup> GEORGE BYRON BRYTE, January 3, 1894
- <sup>173</sup> DOROTHY DEE BRYTE, November 3, 1896
- <sup>174</sup> FREEDA ELINOR BRYTE, June 9, 1900

<sup>166</sup> David L. Welchans died 16 May 1903. He jumped in a well with his pockets loaded with rocks. He had told his children to stay in the house. His wife had a roving eye and I guess he put up with it as long as he could. I say one thing for her tho; she took ELIZABETH FRANTZ WELCHANS in after Rebecca M. died and took care of her until Elizabeth's death in 1925.

- <sup>167</sup> REBECCA M. WELCHANS BRYTE died 22 December 1919. Shenandoah, Iowa
- <sup>169</sup> RAYMOND A. KIZER, died 31 Jan 1974, Douglas, Arizona
- <sup>170</sup> LAURA E. KIZER, died 1952 in Arlington, Va.
- <sup>172</sup> GEORGE BYRON BRYTE died 24 July 1909, burst appendix.
- <sup>173</sup> DOROTHY DEE BRYTE died 5 November 1907 of Diptheria (sp?)



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12. Incl # 10 is short family history of WELCHHANS family, and was prepared by BETTY JEAN ROBERTS WELCHHANS, (she has remarried since the death of WALTER DALE WELCHHANS TO EUGENE TYNER). Address is P. O. Box 69, Farragut, Iowa 51639.

wrote 3/87  
w/printouts

Inclosures 1 thru 10 your are to keep.

25 Feb 87

13. I had forgotten about the Garst Histories or fragments that I have, so had to stop and look them up and they weren't where I thought they were. Incl # 11 is from the 3 volume set of books by Rev. Flory on the Donnels Creek Church of the Brethren in Clark County, Ohio. Incl # 12 is self-explanatory.

14. Incl's # 13 & 14 are more Frantz info that I don't think I had sent before. Incl # 15 is a page from another Frantz Genealogy written by a descendant of Christian Frantz, who arrived on the Ship Samuel.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INCLOSURES ARE YOURS TO KEEP.

THE FRANTZ FAMILY, by Bernice D. Eller and THE JEREMIAH AND SUSANNAH (FRANTZ) WOLF genealogy I would like to have back, say by June of this year.

The ADAM FRANTZ GENEALOGY I have to get put back together and send in a larger envelope later. This will keep you busy for a day or two.

Thanks again for the birthday card.

Sincerely,

Tom



From: Thomas J. Beardsley 2/1987  
To: Lorraine Frantz Edwards

INCL #7

June 25, 1978

Dear Tom,

As you indicated, you might well wonder what has happened to me. This letter must take precedence over everything else for a while. It was probably the wonderful photograph that did it. Thank you so much! It's good to know to whom you are writing. I'm puzzled, though. Is the beautiful woman your sister, wife, mother? I've heard you mention that you and your mother are planning to go to the Bryte family reunion and that you have a sister, but have not heard you mention a wife. Whoever she is, she is most aristocratic-looking, and I'm happy to have two such distinguished-appearing relatives. The small picture I am enclosing is this year's school picture. They are never too great, but this one isn't as bad as some. At least you can see that I have red hair.

How well I can understand and sympathize with your confusion about all the Katherines, Davids, Michaels, Christians, etc, etc, etc! Every time I sit down to write you or to work out another chart, I come upon all those people with the same names and feel completely bewildered. You just have to know which generation you are looking for. (I am not the most proficient typist, and my typewriter here at home is an electric, with different key placement, while the one I use at school is a manual which has special keys on it for processing books.) Referring to your most recent communication, I think I can tell you, by inference, which one of the Catherine Frantzes listed is our Katharine Frantz. By chance a few days ago I had the opportunity to go to the probate court in Clark County, Springfield, and found the following:

(1) Case No. A6213. Katherine B. Frantz

Anthion L. Diltz, the undersigned, a citizen of Clark County, Ohio, being sworn, says that he believes Katherine B. Frantz is insane; she being at large is dangerous to the safety of the community; she has a legal settlement in German Township, in this county.

These facts can be proved by James Fleming, Isaac Kindle, Dr. William Marquart and Mrs. William Xander.

This 19th day of April, 1883.

(Signed) A. L. Diltz

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day above stated

(Signed) John Miller, Probate Judge

(2) Probate Court

Medical Certificate

Alleged of Lunacy

of Katherine B. Frantz

Date: April 20, 1883

John C. Miller, P. J.

(3) Printed statement:

"We experience much trouble in obtaining correct information as to the duration before admission of the disease. It is common to state that a case is of a few days' or weeks' duration when symptoms have existed for years, the date of the disease being given as the time when some violent ~~XXXXXX~~ outburst occurs. The whole time should be included from the commencement of the disease, and not limit it to the time when it became necessary to keep the patient under observation."

Report of D. A. Morse, Superintendent Dayton Asylum, 1879

(4) Then followed a medical certificate, a form with blanks to be filled out by the physician, and it was signed by Dr. William Marquart. I am keeping the spelling exactly as it was in the statement. In the documents following that, there were several words I couldn't make out, as you will see. You can probably make sense of it anyway.



### Medical Certificate

In the matter of the alleged insanity of Katherine B. Frantz before John C. Miller Probate Judge of Clark County, Ohio.

The State of Ohio. Clark County, ss

The undersigned, a Physician, sworn and examined as the medical witness in attendance, in the matter of the alleged insanity of Katherine B. Frantz pending before said Probate Judge, do find and certify as follows, to wit:

1. Name of patient, with Christian name at length Katherine B. Frantz
2. Sex female : Age 78 years: widowed.
3. Condition of life and previous occupation Farming . Eccentric and mind run and mind run upon the Fear of Being Poisoned.
4. Religious persuasion, (so far as known) Not known
5. Previous place of abode Clark County, Ohio
6. Whether first attack No.
7. Age (if known) on first attack Not known
8. When and where previously under treatment Never had any
9. Duration of existing attack Many years
10. Supposed cause Not known
11. Whether subject to epilepsy No
12. Whether suicidal No
13. Whether dangerous to others Yes
14. Facts or symptoms indicating insanity observed by examining physician By over taxing her mind and Expense (?) of Boddy (sic) in the care of her Farm.
15. Physical causes As stated above.
16. Moral causes Not known
17. Predisposing causes Not known
18. Habits of patient Irregular
19. Habits of parents Not known
20. Hereditary or not No
21. Whether patient is free or not from any infectious diseases Free

Dated Springfield, Ohio, April 20, 1883

(Signed) Wm. Marquart, M. D.

All of this was on microfilm at the probate court. There were several other pages to this which told of a warrant being issued for Katherine's arrest, the arrest being made by the sheriff, James Foley, at the affidavit of Anthon L. Diltz, on the 20th day of April, 1883, and another order which indicated that she was taken to the Clark County Infirmary.

"State of Ohio Clark County  
Probate Court.

To James Fleming Superintendent of the County Infirmary of said county: Whereas on the 20th day of April A.D. 1883 Such proceedings were had in said County as that Katharine B. Frantz, an inhabitant of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, may by said County adjudged to be insane. And whereas for want of ? ? she cannot at present be admitted into the Asylum for the Insane at Dayton to which she is entitled to be admitted. And whereas it was further found by said court that her being at large is dangerous to herself and others. These are therefore to command you to take charge of said Katharine B. Frantz and confine her in said County Infirmary until such cause of her non-admission to said asylum be removed or she be otherwise discharged from said infirmary in due course of law. "

(Signed) John Miller, Probate Judge  
20th day of April, 1883

As you can see, it is a very sad story. At the time she was committed, Anthon was probably the only close relative living near, other than relatives of her husband, who had been dead so long. It must have been a difficult thing for him to do.



Gustavus Adolphus had died at twenty, and Elizabeth, as you have told me, had moved to Iowa. I have two or three books with Katharine's name in them which were later Anthon's property.

Speaking of Gustavus Adolphus, he, too, was ~~XXXXXX~~ adjudged insane and was sent to the asylum when he was twenty. Elizabeth was declared his executor, so I assume he died there very soon after. I haven't been able to find out any more details. As you can see, I somehow get caught up in the human interest stories behind all the bare facts.

All of this leads to the fact that I feel sure that the Catherine Frantz listed on page 2 of the 1860 census of Clark County, dwelling 52, family no. 57, after the Byron Welchans household must be our Katharine. The age is right, because she was 55 at the time of that census and was 78 when she was committed to the asylum, in 1883. Between the lines you can read that she had had a very hard life, with much sorrow, and was probably suffering from senile dementia.

Tom, you make me very much ashamed! How do you manage to get done all this work you have sent me? Today I received the great list of all the Frantzes which had been compiled by Adam Frantz. I have seen the original document at the home of Lola Frantz Seaman, a woman I graduated from high school with. I spent a long and pleasant evening with her and her husband when Rolland Flory, Jr. told me that the history was ~~XXX~~ in her possession. She is the granddaughter of Adam Frantz, descended from Christian Frantz, the brother of David Frantz I. In other words, we are all of the same generation from Michael Frantz II and his wife, Magdalena Zug. I managed to copy all the names of David and Elizabeth Garst Frantz' family, but didn't get the names of Michael and Magdalena's family. I had figured them all out but Johannes, who was left out in the Zug ~~XX~~ history which I am sending you. The person who wrote those names down listed a "Hannah". That seemed strange because I have read in several sources that Michael and Magdalena had 8 sons and one daughter. Since the Zug history listed a "daughter" Frantz, unnamed, I had to infer that the "Hannah" was probably a "Hannes", or "Johannes". And now, with the list you sent me, I find that I was right. Thank you!

I can't tell you how much time I've spent reading over and over Rev. Flory's book, trying to straighten out all the Michaels, etc., etc., etc.! I finally have made out the family charts with as many dates, places, and so on as I can find. When I get some copies made I will send you those. I do have quite a few things to send to you, but I've decided that you should have this bit and the Zug history which I had Janet copy for me without further delay. It is 1:35 A. M. and my dinner guests have just left, but I decided to stop here so that I can reciprocate at least in part, some of the efforts you have expended in my direction.

So-----I shall get this ready to mail and go off to bed because I am still working at ~~XXX~~ the library (inventory and orders sent) and morning comes too soon. But I'll write more later. Thanks so much for everything.

Sincerely,

Laurel

*P.S. Unfortunately, some of the Zug history is almost indecipherable, but most of the items necessary to us can be figured out.*

Laurel Bankert

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Springfield, OH 45502



Family Group Report  
For: Walter Dale WELCHANS (ID= 621)  
Date Prepared: 03-07-1987

Name: WELCHANS, Walter Dale  
Born: 9 Jul 1923 Where: ~~✓~~ FREMONT COUNTY (Riverton)  
Died: ~~✓~~ ~~???~~ 1984 Where: ~~✓~~ FARRAGUT, IA Address  
Remarks: ~~✓~~ 20 Nov. 1983

Spouse: ROBERTS, Betty Jean  
Born: 3 May 1924 Where: Riverton, IA  
Married: 20 Mar 1943 to: ~~???~~ 1984 20, Nov 1983  
Died: Where:  
Remarks: ~~✓~~ Married: 24 Aug. 1985 To: MARION ~~✓~~ Eugene TYNER  
b: 25 Aug. 19

M/F	Child's NAME	Birth DATE/PLACE
1. M	WELCHANS, Robert Dale	13 Oct 1946 Hamburg, Ia. <del>✓</del>
2. F	WELCHANS, Joy Lynn	17 Apr 1951 Shenandoah, IA
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6. <sup>1277</sup> COM: Rose Zehr (Maiden Name Regan)  
SONS: ERON Edward & Jacob (EARL) Adopted July  
Changed To Date

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Residence Information

From: Betty Tyner To: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 712-385-8234  
Address: ~~Box 69~~  
FARRAGUT, IA 81639



Father: WELCHANS, Martin Elmer

Born: 13 Mar 1899 Died: 26 May 1975 at age 76

Mother: McMULLEN, Rhoda Mae

Born: 30 May 1902 Died:

Father: ~~WELCHANS~~ ROBERTS, John William

Born: 5 Dec, 1886 Died: 22 May 1981

Mother:

Born: 3 May 1895 Died: 29 Feb 1976

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Death DATE/PLACE

Last MARRIED/SPOUSE

12 Feb, 1983

Zehr, Rose

30 Dec 1972

HACKETT, Dennis

25, 1983 by Robert Welchans - Lucas Robert

BORN: 29 Nov. 1983 Hamburg  
IA.

City:

State:

Z/C:

Note: on Robert Welchans Family  
Lucas Robert Welchans is the only  
child who is a direct descendant  
So I didn't give other two boys  
birth dates etc. Erson is 13-12-20  
Jacob is 10-9-18

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