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Dear Arthur and Eleanor,

The enclosed printout is a by-product of a new project that I'm involved in right now.

A woman entered D.A.R. and Daughters of American Colonists on Martin Wenger married to Elizabeth Frantz. She uses Elizabeth, daughter of David, granddaughter of Michael II as wife of Martin Wenger. Actually, Elizabeth (married to Martin Wenger) is daug. of Michael, son of Christian III. (Elizabeth, daug. of David, granddaug. of Michael II married Henry Houtz.)

I've been diligently collecting info for a "preponderance of evidence." I will submit my material to D.A.R. and D.A.C. in hopes that others will not "get in" on the same erroneous info. Your research, re: the two Michaels, has been so helpful to me! I'm using your info in my thesis -- properly identified, of course.

It has been necessary to research many collateral lines. I think I have an impressive amount of info; time will tell whether D.A.R. and D.A.C. act on it.

x babies
In the process of this project, I was reading your book again, Arthur -- page by page. I noticed that lots of your family members do not have "locations" listed. I'm hoping that you have "locations" in your personal family history files and will supply that info to me. Also, there may have been some marriages and ~~sales~~ (and deaths?) since you published your book so I would like that info too. Write the "additions and corrections" on the second copy and return to me. The "original" copy is for you to keep. As you read over my printout, keep in mind that I really want "additions and corrections." I don't want any mistakes to get into print!!

Another request Arthur: Do you have the name(s) and addresses of Genealogical Societies in Muhlenberg and surrounding counties? I'd like to write to them and see if I can connect with other Frantz/France family historians. Maybe you can even suggest the names of individuals to write to. I want to fill out the descendants of Michael Frantz/France, and Elizabeth Frantz & Adam Shank of ~~Muh~~_uhlenberg County, KY.

Confession: I still feel like I'm two years from publication of the Frantz book! There are still a number of wrinkles that I want to "iron out" before I print. Also: I don't have the money to publish now, anyway, so I might as well continue to "polish and perfect" the information.

I have almost 17,000 Frantz and collateral lines in my computer database now. Yes, seventeen thousand! The information will probably have to be divided in volumes -- and I think (at this time) it will be three volumes. I think I might have descendants of Daniel (son of Michael II) in one volume with a brother that has less info. Another volume will be descendants of David (son of Michael II) with another brother with a lot less info. The third volume would be the other four children of Michael II -- plus descendants of Christian I, II, III (an incomplete record). Each book would have the identical information regarding Michael I and II as chapter 1. Without any money to publish (ha!), there is a lot of time to make my decision regarding the format.

I had a great weekend BUT I'M EXHAUSTED! One son, his wife and two daughters (3 & 6) came to visit and swim in the pool at my mobilehome park. The girls didn't stop; perpetual motion! Normally, my most strenuous exercise is at the typewriter or computer keyboard. (Well, that's a little exaggeration but you get the point.)

It's hot here; over 100 degrees during the day. I enjoy a swim in the pool most evenings after I get off work. I don't leave the air-conditioner running while I'm gone so I go home to a very hot mobilehome. However, my residence cools down nicely during the 30 or 40 minutes that I'm at the pool. I return to fix supper and sit down to my computer and Frantz-family genealogy.

Now, back to the subject of genealogy: Several weeks ago I ordered eleven rolls of microfilm from Salt Lake. The other day I order twelve rolls of microfilm, three subjects on microfiche, plus a request for three books to be filmed. I am so encouraged about the amount of information that IS available for an "arm-chair researcher." Of course, the computer at the LDS Family History Center(s) is a gold mine of info, too.

Well, in closing, I want to wish you both a very, very happy wedding anniversary. It is wonderful to know that there are families that stay together "for the long haul" and aren't a divorce statistic. (I'm a "statistic": The father of my boys left me with three sons to raise alone -- and the baby was only eleven days old.) HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ARTHUR AND ELEANOR!!

At your leisure, Arthur, would you add as many "locations" as you can to the second copy (printout) and return to me? Any "additions and corrections" will be very welcome.

Very best wishes to you both, and your loved ones,

Lorraine

"cousin" Lorraine

*w/SASE lg manilla
& lovely anniversary card*

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Re Adam Shanks:- Page 36 Shanks genealogy.

When Adam sold his farm in Virginia in 1807 he moved to Hawkins County, Tenn where he bought 108 acres from Pleasant Johnson for \$500. On November 1, 1810 he sold the land back to Johnson and then moved on into Kentucky

Dear Lorraine —
Thanks so much for your letter
& good wishes on our anniversary!
Sorry I can not contribute
anything much on the Shanks
line — Best of luck to you
Arthur

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Arthur, please note any additions
and corrections on this copy
and return to me.

Thanks!

cousin Lorraine

FIRST GENERATION

1. Michael¹ Frantz Jr.¹, son of Michael Frantz II and Magdalena Zug. Born, circa 1753 (?), in Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., PA². Died, circa 1817 (?), in Botetourt Co., VA³. Prob of Est: May 1817, in Botetourt Co., VA⁴.

"There were several men named Michael Frantz in Botetourt County, Virginia during the period of the late 1700's through the middle 1800's. There is confusion and disagreement among Frantz researchers as to the parents of the two men named Michael Frantz who were listed in 1810 as living in Botetourt County. I [J. Arthur Shanks] made two visits to Fincastle, the county seat, to do my own research on the matter. The first visit was to research our ancestor Adam Shank. The second visit was to establish which Michael Frantz was our ancestor and the father-in-law of Adam Shank who married his daughter, Elizabeth.

"Michael II died about 1808, so the Virginia Census of 1810 shows that there were only two men named Michael Frantz living in Botetourt County at that time. One was listed in the census as 'Michael Frantz, Jr.' The other was listed as 'Michael Frantz, the younger.' Michael, 'the younger' was listed with several teen-age children at home. Michael 'Jr.' was shown with himself and wife (both in the 'over 45' bracket; one male in the 26 to 44 bracket and one male 'under 10'). Michael 'Jr.' was obviously much older than Michael 'the younger.' Other research shows Michael Jr. had only four children, all married by 1810. When he made his will in 1816, he named all four children, one of whom he designated as 'Elizabeth, wife of Adam Shank of Kentucky.' There is another document, a deed, apparently overlooked by earlier researchers, but which proves, conclusively, the parentage of 'Michael Frantz, the younger.' The deed was made by Christian and Anne Frantz on October 13, 1800 and is recorded in Deed Book No. 7, at page 352. It conveys, quoting from the deed, 'To our son, Michael, a tract of 193 acres on Craven Creek.' This Michael sold part of the 193 acre tract on March 1, 1825. It is recorded in Deed Book No. 15, page 310 and he cites his title, word for word, from the 1800 deed of his parents. He could not have been the son of Michael and Magdalena Frantz whose son Michael Jr. died in 1817. The confusion over the two Michaels seems to stem from erroneous research recorded in a Garst Family genealogy in 1950 and taken as 'gospel' since that time. [Bold emphasis by the compiler, L.F.E.]

"Michael Frantz, father-in-law of Adam Shank, was identified as Michael Frantz Jr. in a deed dated September 11, 1792 and recorded in DB No. 4, page 387. The deed was for 268 acres located on Calvin Creek and just west of present day Roanoke, Virginia. On April 8, 1800 he acquired an adjoining 24 acres from his brother Daniel -- this land being 'on the north branches of the