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Dear James & Rosemary,

Let me introduce myself. I'm a "cousin." I've been doing family history for many years and I've had information on your family. For two years I've been trying to get your address and finally succeeded last night!

To be honest, if I had gone through "information operator" I might have gotten your address and phone number. I did check our local library for an Illinois phone book for your area but they don't have one. I asked our cousin, Myrtle Traxler, but she never provided the address.

I'm reasonably new to the Internet and World Wide Web. I found a feature where I can search for people. I typed in your name (James Garvey) and the initial IL for Illinois. There were ten names that came back (almost immediately) and yours was at the top of the list. The middle initial "D" matched "Dale" that I had in my records so I'm guessing I've made a match.

I'm sending you a printout that I did over two years ago. I had planned to mail it then but didn't have your address. After that date I got really, really busy preparing to publish a book regarding descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz. (Flyer enclosed.) The enclosed printout represents the information that was printed in Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. I hope the names, dates, etc. are correct. If there are mistakes, I would appreciate it if you would advise me.

Very quickly, on the first page, you will see that I'm related to both of you. That is explained in the graphs. (Incidentally, there are over 500 such graphs [charts] in the 3-volume set of books.)

I'm able to make connections with folks who are doing genealogy ON THE INTERNET that I probably wouldn't "meet" any other way. I've already expanded information re: Frantz families and collateral lines. I am a computer-genealogy fanatic! I spend all my spare time at the computer.

I'm a widow; my children are grown and "doing their own thing." I seldom see my children and grandchildren. Genealogy fills the void in my life. I'm almost 62 years old. I live in an old

mobilehome, in a mobilehome park in Lancaster. I still work full-time and it will be several years before I retire. I'd like to retire NOW but wouldn't have enough income. I'm typing this letter at work because I often have spare time between phone calls. I'm what they call "Typist Clerk Intermediate" working with the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Dept. I do all the typing, filing, phones, etc. When everything is caught-up, I type letters, etc. (Last year I was "proofing" my material for mistakes prior to publication. It was NICE to be able to earn my salary and still have time for "proofing." I didn't neglect my responsibilities! I did personal stuff after everything was done -- and I was just sitting at my desk waiting for phone calls.)

I'm sending my holiday newsletter which gives you more information about my activities this year (1996). It was such a joy to complete the books and have some time for travel. More travel planned for 1997.

Before I close this letter, I want to make it clear that I'm NOT asking you to buy Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. Just want you to know about the books. It was very, very expensive to print and I don't expect people to buy them. Gratefully, it is in the Salt Lake City Family History Library -- and on microfilm -- so it will be preserved for decades. I recently had the pages copied to microfiche so folks can purchase them for \$50 and have a small packette about the size of a Reader's Digest rather than books that take nine inches of shelf space and have a shipping weight of 21 pounds. Within the next couple of months, I should have the books reproduced on CD-ROM for those folks who have a CD drive in their computer. That should sell for about \$50. too but I'm not exactly sure yet.

Perhaps 1997 will be the year that I publish Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin to the Internet. For that reason, I'm always seeking "additions and corrections" so I'm as accurate as humanly possible when I share information. Please consider the printout that I'm sending and let me know if you have more grandchildren and if Dale Jean has remarried and has children. I'm a "glutton" when it comes to family details: I want birth and death dates, birth and death locations; marriage dates and locations. I love to have biographical sketches.

In closing, very best wishes for a very blessed Christ's Birthday and a healthy, prosperous 1997.

Sincerely,

"cousin" Lorraine

P.S. If you are on the WWW check my homepage at. <http://www.av.gnet/~ledwards> ~~oops!~~

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FIRST GENERATION

1. James Dale<sup>1</sup> Garvey<sup>1</sup>, son of Mark Eller Neher and Edith Altena Crist. Born, 31 Jan 1926, in Leeton, Johnson Co., MO<sup>2</sup>. Foster son of Mark Eller Neher and Edith Altena Crist. Son of Samuel "Arthur" Garvey and Maude Elizabeth Wagner. Both his parents died of pneumonia when he was quite young.

He married Rosemary Mae Traxler, daughter of Ralph Washington Traxler and Gertrude Faye McClure, 11 Aug 1951, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>. Born, 16 Nov 1928, in Hammond, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>.

Compiler/editor [LFE] is a second cousin to Rosemary, and (irrelevant perhaps) a third cousin two times removed to Rosemary's husband's foster parents. All this to illustrate that the cousin relationships are much more numerous than the graphs sprinkled throughout the book.

David W. Traxler & Anna Alderfer	
David H. Frantz & Lydia Traxler	Franklin E. Traxler & Alice Kintner
Ivan J. Frantz & Pearl Showalter	Ralph W. Traxler & Gertrude McClure
Lorraine Frantz Edwards <----->	Rosemary Mae Traxler Garvey

Jacob Crist & Margarette Hoh	
Michael Frantz & Elizabeth Crist	Jacob Crist Jr. & Cath. Ohmart
David Frantz & Sarah Heck	John Crist & Sally Frantz
John H. Frantz & Susanna Swartz	Daniel Crist & Mary Roesch
David H. Frantz & Lydia Traxler	----> Edith Altena Crist
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Ivan J. Frantz & Pearl Showalter /	/
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Lorraine Frantz Edwards <-----	

Daniel Frantz Sr. & Anna Garst  
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FIRST GENERATION

Peter Heck & Anna Frantz	Susannah Frantz & Henry Neher
Sarah Heck & David Frantz	Daniel Neher & Catherine Miller
John H. Frantz & Susanna Swartz	Moses Neher & Virginia Eller
David H. Frantz & Lydia Traxler	----> Mark Eller Neher
	/
Ivan J. Frantz & Pearl Showalter	/
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Lorraine Frantz Edwards <-----	Children:

- i. Faye Ellen<sup>2</sup> **Garvey**. Born, 19 Jun 1952, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>. Died, 20 Jun 1952<sup>3</sup>.
- ii. Dale Jeane **Garvey**. Born, 20 Nov 1953, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>. She married Samuel S. **Baum**<sup>3</sup>, 9 Oct 1976<sup>3</sup>. Divorce, 22 Jul 1977<sup>3</sup>.
- iii. Mark Arthur **Garvey**, stillborn. Born, 26 Dec 1955, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>.
- 2 iv. Sandra Kay **Garvey**.
- 3 v. Tracy Lynne **Garvey**.
- vi. Debra Sue **Garvey**. Born, 17 Oct 1963, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>4</sup>. She married David **Van Asselt**, 14 Feb 1987, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>1</sup>.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Sandra Kay<sup>2</sup> Garvey (James Dale, 1). Born, 1 May 1958, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>.

She married George Gregory Primm, 21 Jun 1980, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>3</sup>. Born, 16 Mar 1958<sup>3</sup>. Son of George G. Primm and Penny Dunn. Children:

- i. Joshua James<sup>3</sup> Primm. Born, 27 Dec 1986<sup>3</sup>.
- ii. Joel Gregory Primm. Born, 24 Apr 1989<sup>3</sup>.

3. Tracy Lynne<sup>2</sup> Garvey (James Dale, 1). Born, 12 Jul 1961, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>4</sup>.

She married John W. McRae, 22 Nov 1980, in La Place, Piatt Co., IL<sup>1</sup>. Born, 4 Nov 1961<sup>1</sup>. Son of Carl Ross McRae and Carol Ann Wells. Children:

- i. Justin Donald<sup>3</sup> McRae. Born, 31 May 1981<sup>1</sup>.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

<sup>1</sup>Neher, Jimmy E. and Raymond E. Neher, The Neher Family History Vol. 1, A History of the Lineage of John Neher, 1771-1837 to Present Day, (Wichita, KS: Private printing, 1989), in the custody of Hazel Frantz Turner, 27105 Cypress St., Highland, CA 92346, p. 189.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 187.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 188.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., pp. 188, 189.