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First, as to John Frantz, son of Michael Frantz, and my own grandfather. He was born at New Carlisle, Ohio, and from there he moved to vicinity of Rossville, Indiana. There he was a farmer, and also he operated a thrashing-machine, apparently serving many of his neighbors. If I am not mistaken, I sent to you some time ago a diary kept by John Frantz over a period of a year. John Frantz moved from Indiana in 1857, and settled in Piatt County, Illinois. The old Frantz house, four miles from Cerro Gordo, is said to have had "1858" cut in the gable. (The diary referred to above is for year 1855.)

John Frantz married Magdalena Saltzman, whose family came from Butler County, Ohio. You have the list of their children with some dates. When widowed, Magdalena Saltzman Frantz re-married Peter S. Myers of Lewiston, Pa., and sometime in the '90s of the last century they moved to California, settling first I believe at Lordsburg in the orange country, where there was a Brethren Church congregation, and later moving to Los Angeles. The daughters of John and Magdalena Frantz died in Illinois, I believe, except Susan Frantz. She married Rodney Humphrey, and they had a fine orange grove at Lordsburg, California, at the time of her death. They had son Earl, a veterinarian, who lives at Oxnard, California.

Now as to my father, John S. Frantz, he was born near Cerro Gordo, Illinois, January 5, 1860. In early life he became a salesman of wagons and farm implements, traveling widely in Middle Western, Eastern, and even Southern states. He was partner in a buggy and farm machinery store at Cerro Gordo before he moved to California. In Los Angeles, he engaged in electrical machinery, and heavy construction and installation work. He supervised installation of heavy machinery, as ice-plants, elevators, dynamos, etc., in many of the so-called Harvey Houses along the Santa Fe Railway system. He had three sons, John Carlton, Harry Warner, and Paul Carver, all born in Illinois, by his first wife Ada Carver.

Upon death of Ada Carver Frantz at Los Angeles, January 5, 1904, John S. Frantz several years later married Mrs. Lelia Hurlbert and in 1913 this couple moved to a farm in Stanislaus County, California. They remained there until Mr. Frantz reached advanced age, and then moved to Bell, California. John S. Frantz died at Bell on November 19, 1942.

Now as to the brothers of John S. Frantz.

Michael D. Frantz, born July 17, 1861, still lives, in Los Angeles, California. After moving from Illinois, he farmed for a time in North Dakota, then in Southern California, and later lived in the apple orchard country at Wenatchee, Washington. He had children Grace, Eva, both still living, and Roy, deceased. He has been life-long member of Brethren Church, and has usually been successful in his agricultural and business undertakings.

(Note- After writing above paragraph, I find that Michael D. Frantz married Martha Jane Wyatt Frantz, and that their children were Nellie, Roy, Ethel, Walter, and Eva. Girls are all living. Ethel married man named Metzger. They lived in Columbia River Valley in Washington and had large family, but I do not have names.)

Jacob B. Frantz, born August 15, 1871, moved from Illinois to California in latter part of the '90s. He was rancher, also an excellent horseman and for long time managed a livery stable in Pomona, California -- before automobile days. Jacob married Minnie Buck. They had one, maybe two, children: son Oscar lives in Southern California, and is a machinist. He was a skilled worker with acetylene torch during the last war. I think that Oscar is married: may have children.

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