

Sept. 5, 1996

Dear Lorraine

I was just made aware you are publishing or have published a 3 Volume set of the Grantz Families - I have Grantzs back in my lineage. Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 for a set of these books.

Sincerely

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Dear "cousin" Lawrence and Clara,

FIRST: It breaks my heart to return your check!! I wish I could deposit the check and mail you a set of the Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. Please see enclosed "flyer" regarding the books. However, \$100.00 was the prepublication price. The books were published and distributed in May.

SECOND: An explanation. I do not have money for a large printing project. Therefore, I have no "inventory" of books. I had copies printed for the folks that sent money months ahead of publication. By having over 65 copies printed at one time, I received a price-break. Now, however, when I receive a request I have to take my "camera ready" pages back to my local Kinko's and have a set printed -- and no price consideration. Actually, I haven't had to take my "camera ready" pages back to Kinko's because nobody wants to pay the price!

THIRD: I'm working on alternative ways for folks to see and use Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. I delivered a set to the Salt Lake City, Utah, Family History Library -- for filming. You can go to your local L.D.S. F.H.L. and order the film on a short-term for \$2.75, and about \$7.00 to keep it in the library permanently. The film number is 1307695. I'm in the process of having the books filmed for microfiche and will be for sale within a few weeks. The microfiche will take about the same space as a Reader's Digest. If folks have a microfiche-reader or want to go to a library with a microfiche-reader, this is an inexpensive way to obtain "the books." (I don't know the cost yet but ought to be about \$50.00.) Finally, after microfiche are done, I will have the pages "read" and the information transferred to CD-ROM for those that have CD-ROM on their computers. That won't be ready for a few weeks and I don't know the cost yet but ought to be about \$50.00 also.

COMMENT: Folks that aren't involved with "printing" may not realize how expensive it is to print to paper. Also, it is expensive to mail 21 pounds across the United States. I'm not "making money" on the books. I only recover my costs. (I "lost money" at \$100.)

Having said all that, Lawrence and Clara, I want to THANK YOU for writing and expressing an interest in "the books." If you haven't already seen them, I suggest that you visit with Alva and Pauline Landes. They have a set. Also, Lela Landes Shoup said she would be glad to show you her set. (I talked to her on the phone last night and lamented that I couldn't send you a set for \$100.)

The books are easy to separate so if Alva, or Lela, gave permission, you could take the pages you wanted to your local copy shop and have copies made. The Crist family is well-documented in Volume Two. You and I are fifth cousins; Jacob Crist and Margarette Hoh are our common ancestors.

Last night I made a printout from my computer genealogy software program of the information that I have on your immediate family. I fear that it is woefully lacking.... Would you be so kind as to bring this information up-to-date? I want birth-dates and location; death dates and location; marriage dates and location. I follow female lines right down to the present (that's why my database is so large). I like to know the names of the parents of a son-in-law or daughter-in-law. All is very important to a well-documented family history. I'm sending the printout and a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Were you folks at Annual Meeting in Modesto? I was there, and I had a copy of the book on display in the baggage room. If all goes well, I plan to be at A.M. next year. Rosa and Chester Brovont will be my host and hostess. Maybe I'll display the books again but that's too far away to make a decision. (I was at A.M. in 1991 and Lela and Marvin Shoup were my host & hostess.)

In closing, please don't feel any obligation to order the books for \$160.00. I completely understand that the price is outrageous!! I don't expect any orders! I'm making the several arrangements so Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin can be viewed -- or obtained -- at a reasonable price. (Film #1307695 at your local L.D.S. (Mormon) F.H. Library.)

Very best wishes to you, and yours.

Sincerely,

"cousin" Lorraine

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