

Subject: Re: Genealogy**Date:** Mon, 28 Oct 1996 15:06:34 -0800 (PST)**From:** Michael Frantz <frantzm@ULVACS.ULAVERNE.EDU>**To:** Lorraine Edwards <ledwards@QNET.COM>**CC:** frantzm <frantzm@ULVACS.ULAVERNE.EDU>

On Sun, 27 Oct 1996, Lorraine Edwards wrote:

> Hello Michael

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> Are you aware that there is a book titled *FRANTZ FAMILIES -- KITH & KIN*
> that documents the descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz (1687-1748)?

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> I've done a lot of research in the LaVerne Library (old library - Muir
> room). I'm a friend of Louise Larick and acquainted with Marlin
> Heckman. Louise and I published a book re: the LaVerne Evergreen
> Cemetery.

Marlin advised me quite some time ago when this new book came in to the library about the Frantz's, and when I indicated to him that there were actually three Frantz brothers that came over somewhere around 1727 and that it would only be useful to me if it was the correct one (Michael Frantz), he said that he thought that it followed the lineage of all three of them... so I have been anxious to get over and look at it, but just have not done so yet. Let me tell you what I know, about my Dad's side, anyway...

Kenneth Frantz (1923 -) is my dad, who was born in Beatrice, Nebraska son of

1384 O.C. (Oscar Calvin) Frantz (1885 - 1970), who was the son of John L. Frantz (1851 in New Carlisle, Ohio - 1892), who was the son of Jacob (1828 - 1865 in Virden, Ohio), who was the son of John (1802 - 1866), who was the son of Daniel (1763 - 1843), who was the son of Michael (II), who arrived in ?Pennsylvania area? around 1727, I believe, from Basel, Switzerland.

My dad's brothers and sisters include Dean Frantz of North Manchester and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Neva (Frantz) Dailey (now deceased) of Ft. Wayne, and Louise (Frantz) Flowers, of various places.

Let me know if you see any connections, and I would be happy for any such related information you could send me.

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Sent him an abstract of the 1 pg printout
of the book manuscript + gave him 1/2 of it.

Subject: Genealogy**Date:** Mon, 28 Oct 1996 19:00:16 -0800**From:** Lorraine Edwards <ledwards@QNET.COM>**Organization:** FRANTZUGARST**To:** frantzm@ulvacvcs.ulaverne.edu**CC:** ledwards@QNET.COM

Hello Michael

I have you, Michael, born 5 Nov 1955 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL; married 21 Jul 1984, Susanne Fisher Elcral. I don't have any children for you.

Because of the intermarriages, your direct line is in FRANTZ FAMILIES -- KITH & KIN, Vol. 3, Descendants of David Frantz, p. 167. You have both Daniel and David Frantz as ancestors (sons of Michael Frantz II). I have both Daniel and David as my ancestor. You and I are half fourth cousins because we have Michael Frantz (1791-1860) in common (son of David, son of Michael Frantz II). I'm from his first marriage to Elizabeth Crist; you are from Michael and his second wife Susanna Neher. These families are all very well documented in the three volume set.

If you have children, and your brother David has children, I need that data for my computer database. I'll mail you some family group sheets -- or drop them off on Nov. 7th because I think I'll be in LaVerne for an open house at the library.

My contacts with an expert on Swiss/German/Mennonite immigrants (Annette Kunselman Burgert) indicate that Baltzar Frantz WAS NOT A BROTHER to Christian Frantz and Michael Frantz. There isn't any proof that the three were brothers! It is more likely that immigrant Christian Frantz and immigrant Michael Frantz are brothers because of religion, location, intermarriage... but still NO PROOF. I hope to eventually research and document those two in Germany and Switzerland. Well, actually, I am researching but I'm like hundreds of others (I guess) who haven't established the link across the ocean.

Yesterday (Sunday), I used a feature on Netscape Navigator Gold that I haven't used before. I clicked on "people" and it opened an area where I could search for people and their e-mail address. I typed FRANTZ and it gave me over one hundred. I was able to access the first 100 and it told me to use first names to narrow the search.

I've had quite a few responses to a little message I typed. The message read: "Hi _____ Are you interested in family history? I've been researching FRANTZ families for years. I'm always looking for 'lost cousins.' Do you have information that you care to share?"

When I came to your name, I typed a different message because you could go to the library and look at the books -- or talk to Marlin, or Louise Larick.

I mention the search and messages because I'm not content with publication of the books. I want to continue to enhance the information and add individuals that I was unaware of a few months ago.

For several years folks would ask "Are you on the Internet?" I'd always answer "No, I have to finish the books first." With the books published and distributed, I signed up for access to the World Wide Web. I sent and received my first messages on Labor Day. Since then I have been

very successful!! I've "met" three individuals who have provided info on "bare branches." Three "cousin" contacts (so far) from the messages that I sent yesterday. I KNOW I'm going to enjoy surfing the Internet!!

Greetings from Lorraine

Interesting information!
Labor Day 1996 was Lorraine's
experience on the Internet.
Since then ... hours using
WiFi and Google.

LFE
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Michael Frantz, 04:08 PM 10/31/96, Re: Genealogy

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That's Suzanne Fisher Elcrat, with a t. Now Suzanne Frantz, of
course.
Children Jennifer Elcrat, Megan Elcrat, Melissa Elcrat, Christopher
Frantz.

David and Dena Frantz have an adopted son, Bryan Frantz.

Thanks SO much for all the info you sent me! Makes me itch to get
over
there and see those volumes in the library! Thank you!

Michael