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Dear Mrs. Edwards,

I would like to order a copy of your 1989 book LaVerne Evergreen Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions, if you still have any copies left. I just ran across a review of your book this week, in a 1990 issue of Mennonite Family History.

Please find enclosed a 20-dollar check, which was the price mentioned in the periodical. If the price has risen, would you please let me know with the enclosed SASE and I will remit the rest immediately.

If you have no more copies available of the book, could I talk you into sending me photocopies of the pages that have BARNHIZER or GROSSNICKLE names on them, and taking the price out of the enclosed check? However, I really do hope you can send me a whole book, as I like to donate all books I buy to the genealogy division of our Denver Public Library here.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Carol Constance Boyer

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Dear Carol,

Sincere thanks for your order of LaVerne Evergreen Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions. Yes, I still have lots of copies!! I think every genealogist ends up with boxes of books in their garage or spare bedroom. Do you have extra copies of your book Grossnickle Descendants in Maryland and Indiana and Other State? If so, you know what I mean.

I borrowed your book from the Inter-Library loan program and received from the Sutro Library in San Francisco. I was able to extract some information that I needed.

I wrote to you several years ago. Maybe the letter got lost in the mail. When I saw your name and address on the envelope I was hopeful that you were answering my correspondence. It was a nice surprise to see the request for the cemetery book.

Enclosed with the cemetery book, find a flyer for my recently completed Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. You will probably recognize a lot of the surnames that are collateral lines in the Frantz genealogy. I have Grossnickle, Younker and Boyer among hundreds of other names.

There are so-o-o-o many descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz! I have over 35,000 Frantz, and collateral lines, in my Frantz database. The material seems endless! Well, the books became three volumes and total about 3,200 pages. I have filled the advance orders only. After my experience of having money tied up in books that (almost) never sell, I did not have extra copies printed.

Have you checked printing costs lately? It is so-o-o-o-o-o expensive to publish! Paper costs have escalated over the last couple of years and pushed prices up. In the future, with all the future, additional, information I plan to "print" to a CD disk. However, the costs have not come down enough yet for me to buy that equipment.

I would really appreciate any information that you can supply re: individuals that connect with Frantz. I have Younker "cousins" and would love to know their ancestry.

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A little story, in closing. When I started reading the LaVerne Cemetery tombstones, I thought I was only related to my Frantz grandparents -- and maybe the other three Frantzes listed. Well in the last several years, working on Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin, I have identified about twenty "cousins" in the LaVerne cemetery. The Brethren families are all interrelated!

Because my computer database is so large, with Brethren families, I've been able to identify so many cousin marriages. I have over 600 identified but know from the surnames that many others are related but I don't have one or two links in the chain. Cousin charts are predominate throughout Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. (If you're interested, the book will be on microfilm or microfiche from Salt Lake later this year.)

I hope you enjoy the cemetery book. There's lots more, if you know of anyone else that might be interested.

Very best wishes to you, and yours.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Frantz Edwards