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Geraldine Moyer
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Dear Geraldine,

On March 17th I received an e-mail message from Barbara Held which suggested that I write to you about the FRANTZ family.

I have been on the Internet for over a year and have exchanged messages with a lot of people via e-mail. I belong to a "list group" for the surname of FRANTZ (surname lists for almost everyone).

I have been doing FRANTZ research for over a dozen years so lots of people -- all over the U.S. -- have my name and address. Furthermore, I published a book titled Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin (flyer enclosed). I receive a lot of correspondence and, more recently, e-mail re: FRANTZ, and collateral lines.

Recently, on the FRANTZ list group, I made an appeal for the name(s) of anyone researching descendants of immigrant Christian Frantz. I believe Barbara Held was acknowledging that appeal.

People write to me for information on descendants of Christian Frantz (1685-1738) but I only have limited details. I have been blessed with lots of information on descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz (1687-1748).

I own the book Genealogy of the Matthias Frantz Family of Berks Co., Pennsylvania and I receive invitations to their annual reunions. I have submitted flyers, documentation, personal (written) appeals for information year-after-year. I've wanted to "connect" with someone doing research on the descendants of immigrant Christian Frantz. Geraldine, are you the answer to my appeals?? I hope so!!

For your information: I also have MOYER in my direct lineage but not connected to the FRANTZ family. I am aware that FRANTZ and MOYER are interwoven among Christian Frantz descendants. Have you worked out all the family connections?

Geraldine, now that I think about it, Barbara might have sent me the e-mail message because I have a query on a genealogy web page called "Genealogy's Most Wanted." On that, I have asked to communicate with descendants of

Michael Frantz, son of Christian Frantz III. ~~My~~ Two daughters married two brothers, Martin and Henry Winger(t). There has been a lot of confusion over this Michael Frantz (son of Christian III) because he has been "hung" on the Michael Frantz tree as Michael Frantz IV. I've done a lot of research on the two Michaels and think I have it all resolved but I'm always looking for new evidence. Best of all, if I could correspond with someone who is a descendant of Michael Frantz and Elizabeth Moyer.

On the internet, in several places, I have queries re: Frantz, Moyer and Wenger(t)/Winger. Eventually, those queries should put me in touch with descendants.

I'm a fanatic for accuracy!! I get very upset when I see mistakes repeated over and over. One of my sources was the enormous collection of Dore M. Frantz of Springfield, Ohio. During the 1940's he was corresponding with Otho Winger and attempted to prove to Otho that he (Otho) was from Michael Frantz, son of Christian Frantz III. From things that I have read in more recent years, it appears that Otho clung to his earlier belief -- and went to his grave -- believing he was a descendant of immigrant Michael Frantz, an early elder in the Brethren Church. I'm making it my goal to thoroughly research and thoroughly document these families. Can you help me??

At a later date, I'll be glad to share my research with you. Also, I can share an ahnentafel with my ancestry documenting my MOYER lineage. I'd like to eventually add a lot more info to that but I've been very occupied with the FRANTZ surname. I'm typing this at work, between phone calls, and don't have my family history handy. FYI, several generations back, Susanna Swartz married John Henry Frantz. Susanna was the daughter of George Swartz and Mary Moyer. I've never made any connection between "that" MOYER family and the MOYERs connected to the Christian Frantz I, II, III families. I'd be delighted to eventually make that link. (Go far enough back and we're all related! Ha.)

When I get started... I never know when to stop. Bear with me (or is it "bare" with me?). If you look at the flyer, you will see all the surnames interwoven with descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz. It happens generation after generation. When I get a letter from someone and the collateral lines are Bashor (and various spellings thereof), Winger, and others, I'm almost positive that they are descendants of Christian Frantz I, II, III. I check and -- sure enough -- I don't have that lineage in my computer database (over 40,000 Frantz, and collateral lines).

Well, almost off the page so will close and get this ready to mail. I hope to hear from you soon. Enclosed find SASE.

Best wishes; happy researching!

Foraine
(a Michael Frantz I, II, descendant.)

Subject: Re: Barbara Frantz dau/o Christian III

Date: Tue, 17 Mar 1998 19:31:45 -0800

From: Lorraine Frantz Edwards <ledwards@qnet.com>

Organization: FRANTZUGARST

To: Barbara P Held <barbheld@juno.com>

Barbara P Held wrote:

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> You might want to contact Geraldine Moyer, 18 Chambers Ave, Greenville,
> PA 16125. I know she is researching Frantz and Moyer. You can tell her I
> sent you!
> I don't know if she is computing - we corresponded by snail mail.
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> Barbara Held
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Hello Barbara,

Thanks for that name and address. I'll write "snail mail" to her tomorrow. I really, really appreciate your response to my earlier e-mail message(s). THANKS!!

Warmest regards from
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