Lorraine Frantz Edwards PO Box 2076 Lancaster, CA 93539-2076 July 15, 1993

Kentucky Genealogical Society PO Box 153 Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Corresponding Secretary and Society Members,

I saw your ad in an old Genealogical Research Directory (1991) and, on an impulse, decided to write -- and join. I'm enclosing \$15. for an individual membership (the book says \$10. but you may have increased your dues since then).

Just recently, I started trying to trace part of my family that emigrated to Muhlenberg County in the early 1800's. I'm a long-time FRANTZ family researcher but just learned that some of the Frantz family left Botetourt County, Virginia, and they were reportedly FRANCE in Kentucky. I'd like to follow those families down to 1993 in a FRANTZ FAMILIES - KITH AND KIN book that I'm preparing for publication.

I'm using a 486-IBM-compatible, Roots3 genealogy software, and Word for Windows to prepare a book on the descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz (from Switzerland via the Palatinate). I have over 17,000 (yes, seventeen thousand) Frantz, and collateral lines, in my computer database.

Two questions: Does Muhlenberg County have a genealogical Society? Do you know of individuals that are reseaching GISH, FRANCE/FRANTZ, STOVER, SHANKS (Pennsylvania German families)?

I live in Lancaster, California — about 25 miles from Edwards Air Force Base (where the shuttle often lands). I'm about 65 miles north of Los Angeles; I'm within driving distance but trips to genealogy libraries have to be "planned." I've become an expert at "armchair research" (ha!). I utilize the local Family History Center and inter-library loans.

It is a very hot July day, over 100 degrees, as I type this. Our desert area could sure use some of that rain that is causing so much damage in the Mississippi River area. I hope your area did not suffer from the flooding.

Best wishes from a California researcher to Kentucky family historians.

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Lorraine Frantz Edwards P.O. Box 2076 Lancaster, CA 93539-2076 (805) 949-6236 Friday, July 16, 1993

West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association P.O. Box 1932 Owensboro, KY 42302

Greetings from sunny Southern California,

I just saw your advertisement in <u>Genealogical & Local History Books in Print</u>. (I'm an advertiser, too.) Two weeks ago, I would not have given Kentucky a second thought. However, all of a sudden I'm interested in tracing families that emigrated from Botetourt County, Virginia, to Muhlenberg County, KY.

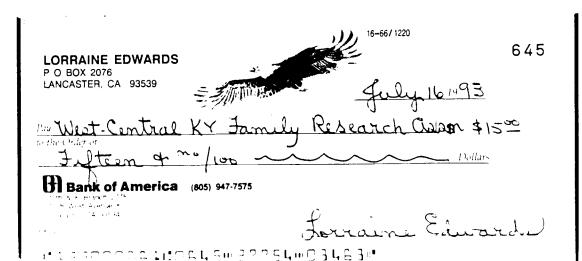
I live about sixty-five miles north of Los Angeles. There are some excellent genealogy libraries in Southern California but they are all a considerable distance. I have to "plan" my research trips.... By necessity, I have become an expert at "armchair research." I rely heavily on the L.D.S. Family History Center, and inter-library loans.

Perhaps your research association will be able to help me with Frantz/France, Gish/Kish, Stover and other early Pennsylvania German pioneers that removed to Virginia, and later to Kentucky. If I connect with even one family historian (with one of my families) it will be worth the membership.

Enclosed find a check for \$15. for one year's membership. Thanking you in advance, and looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society Central City Public Library Broad St. Central City, KY 42330

Dear Fellow Family-historians,

I am a Frantz-family researcher. I have over 17,000 Frantz, and collateral lines, in my major computer database. I will eventually publish several volumes on Frantz Framily -- Kith and Kin.

Reportedly one Michael Frantz emigrated from Botetourt Co., Virginia to Muhlenberg Co., Kentucky, prior to 1810. I believe the name began to appear in the public records as "France."

Are you aware of anyone doing France-family research? I would like to correspond with anyone who might help with Frantz/France, Gish/Kish, Shank or Stover. The families had their roots in the Pennsylvania German communities.

I am at a disadvantage living so far away; I have to rely on "armchair research." I look forward to your reply. Enclosed find SASE.

Respectfully,

Lorraine Frantz Edwards

P.S. I found your address in <u>The Genealogists Address</u>
Book. I, for one, like to know if someone is responding to an advertisement that cost hard-earned dollars!