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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 researching 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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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 Family -- 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,

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