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Dear Lorraine,

Wow what a surprise! Your idea of a few pages and mine are very different. According to the mailing I received, I would say you could publish a Crist history with little more effort. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

According to the current information contained in your outline, I would say you and I have been corresponding with some of the same people. As far as I can tell I am the only one gathering data on our particular line (Jacob II m. Magdalene Frantz). I have mailed outlines to several people in hopes of helping or finding someone who might be researching this line or the one originating from his second marriage. No luck outside the family until you. I am overwhelmed by the amount of Crist related data you have.

I have found evidence of people researching from the "second" line, but I have yet to make contact. There is either no response or my letters are returned, as the address is outdated. I find few from that line have been able to connect Jacob in to his father. In reviewing the World Family Tree CD I see someone not only skipped Jacob I, but tried to claim John Martin Crist as Jacob II's father. What a leap ! There is no way to correspond with the person submitting the information which only adds to the frustration. Considering John Martin's apparent tie to Alexander Mack and the early arrival of the church, I can see how someone might want to make that tie, but without supporting data, it can't be done.

Sorry about the error regarding Sarah Brubaker. Denglinger was her mother's maiden name. (Susannah Denglinger)

The middle name of Patricia Crist (page 98 of outline and 137 of index is Dorice. She was named after a neighbor lady, Dorice Johnson.

I can't help with the Betty Root vs. Betty Brammel for wife of Henry Francis Crist. Both could be correct. She is his second wife and was married before. One could be the maiden name and the other her married name. The information was submitted to Yates Publishing by Carol Brouse reported gr-gr-granddaughter. I dropped her a line, but received no response.

Flood Raymond Crist's wife is Margeann M. Wolfe. See enclosed group sheets. I tease her about the possible connection her fathers early family might have had to the church or the Crist family. Her father was born in Pa. I see or talk to them frequently as they live just outside of town.

The majority of my information on the Crist family (and others) comes via Alva Charles Crist.

Uncle Alva and I have been corresponding on the topic of family roots since 1993. He and his wife took quite an interest in the family's history, both hers and his. His information comes from the family bibles and various German Baptist/ Brethren history books. He lives in Ohio. I certainly wish we were closer or I was retired so we could visit. He has a wealth of information about the various families as well as the Old Order of the Brethren.(It would appear that until recent years, separating the two would have been difficult.) Due to health problems his letters are sometimes slow in coming.

Beverly Crist Rich of Port Townsend Washington thought my Jacob I might be the brother of her Andrew I. No luck in making the connection though. It is clear our families were close though and married into many of the some families, no doubt because of the Brethren ties and of course early geographic closeness. What do you know of the Adam Crist I and II you mentioned? Were they members of the early church? Would Brother Adam be the husband of Anna Frantz ?

I see Click and Glick coming from the same family. Beverly mentioned that too. She still corresponds with members of that family living in Virginia.

I am interested in Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Newsletter. Much family history is contained in the individual district church history books ie., The Donnels Creek District in Clark County, Ohio by Lela Shoup. I have tried to locate similar books regarding the early districts of Virginia. I was also interested in the history of the Cedar Creek District, but found it was still in the hands and head of Alva Riffey (page 104 of outline and 181 of index). He reports he has pages of " hand written record or sort of history" by William P. Heck. He states he has added to the history and has thought of getting it typed, but----- . Hurts my soul to think of all that history just sitting there.

I will be sending your flyer to my friend in Port Orchard Washington. She is on the board of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and volunteers in their library.

I found the name Beesmyer (page 30 of outline and 123 of index) of interest. My maternal grandfather's mother was a Biese-meier. Both would be pronounced the same, but the former would have a simpler American spelling. Several distant cousins are researching this line. Half of the family came to America mid 1800's and the rest stayed in Germany.

By the way, in addition to the Crist family I am also interested in the following surnames: Buente, Biese-meier, Fahr-meyer, Pemberton, Lynn, Lowe, Overton, Miles, Duncan, Judd, Miller, and Connor (O'Connor). The underlined names are of primary active interest at this time.

I hope I helped correct the errors or questions. It will take some to digest all that you sent. Uncle Alva and Uncle Floyd will be thrilled. Enclosed please find token which I hope will help with cost of recent mailing. Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,



Descendants of Jacob Crist

1 Jacob Crist 1765 - 1805
.. +Margaret Hob 1767 - 1840
..... 2 Elizabeth Crist 1792 - 1823
..... +Michael Frantz 1791 - 1860
..... 3 Elizabeth Frantz 1821 -
..... +Joseph Arnold
..... 2 Barbara Crist 1797 - 1860
..... +Jonathon Brubaker
..... 2 Catherine Crist 1799 - 1866
..... +Nicholas Frantz 1797 - 1874
..... 3 Catherine (Katy) Frantz 1822 - 1860
..... +John L. Frantz 1820 -
..... 4 Lydia Frantz 1858 - 1888
..... +Eli S. Wagoner 1858 - 1949
..... 5 Elizabeth Roset Wagoner 1887 -
..... 3 Elizabeth Frantz 1824 - 1875
..... +Jacob Cripe 1817 - 1900
..... 4 Catharine Cripe 1845 - 1871
..... +Andrew S. Metzger
..... 4 Anna Cripe 1846 - 1911
..... +John F. Metzger
..... 4 Elizabeth "Betty" Cripe 1863 - 1952
..... +Riley Graybill
..... 2 Jacob Crist II 1801 - 1849
..... +Magdalene Frantz Abt 1800 - 1825
..... 3 Joel Crist
..... +Eleanor Kinney
..... 3 Magdalene Crist 1823 - 1902
..... +Henry H. Arnold
..... 4 Henry C. Arnold - 1949
..... 3 Jacob Crist III 1824 - 1882
..... +Elizabeth Frantz 1824 - 1906
..... 4 Nicolas Crist 1854 - 1932
..... +Sarah Brubaker 1857 -
..... 5 Elsie S. Crist 1881 -
..... +David Wolf
..... 5 John B. Crist 1884 -
..... 5 Lizzie M. Crist 1885 -
..... 4 Anna Crist 1855 - 1934
..... +John Hochman
..... 4 Ezra Crist 1860 - 1905
..... +Susannah Hirt 1864 - 1964
..... 5 Alpha Irvin Crist 1884 - 1885
..... 5 Mary Elizabeth Crist 1884 - 1983
..... +John Arthur Davison
..... 5 Anna Sophia Crist 1886 - 1886
..... 5 Charles Henry Crist 1887 - 1971
..... +Anna Elizabeth Fridley 1886 - 1969
..... 6 Alva Charles Crist 1909 -
..... +Martha Pearl Flory 1908 - 1992
..... 7 Lawrence Alva Crist 1931 -
..... +Clara Alice Bowman 1934 -
..... 8 Linda Sue Crist 1952 -
..... 8 Karen Lee Crist 1954 -
..... +Robert Louis Robbins 1952 -
..... 9 Angela Lou Robbins 1974 -
..... 9 Greg Louis Robbins 1976 -
..... 9 Evan Lawrence Robbins 1980 -
..... 8 Ronald Alva Crist 1957 -
..... +Gail Irene Reed 1960 -
..... 9 Kirby Ray Crist 1978 -
..... 9 Kidron Lee Crist 1980 -
..... 9 Jana Lyn Crist 1983 -
..... 9 Jenae Lou Crist 1986 -
..... 8 Darlene Kay Crist 1959 -
..... +Randall Edward Coning 1957 -
..... 9 Ryan Andrew Coning 1977 -
..... 9 Amber Dawn Coning 1980 -
..... 9 Landon Marc Coning 1982 -
..... 9 Logan Randall Coning 1994 -
..... 6 Floyd Raymond Crist 1910 -
..... +Margeann M. Wolfe 1920 -
..... 7 John Raymond Crist 1937 -
..... +Diana Sue Hill 1943 -
..... 8 John Raymond Crist II 1963 -
..... 8 Jeanine Renee Crist 1964 -
..... *2nd Wife of John Raymond Crist:

..... +Margaret Delene Peterson 1939 -
..... 8 Deborah Michele Crist 1974 -
..... 8 Leslie Anne Crist 1976 -
..... 8 Melinda Lorraine Crist 1978 -
..... 7 Thomas Martin Crist 1938 -
..... +Ellen Elizabeth Milan 1937 -
..... 8 Diana Lynn Crist 1958 -
..... 8 Denise Lucile Crist 1960 -
..... 8 John Robert Crist 1963 -
..... 7 Robert Alex Crist 1939 -
..... +Mary O'Linda Coulter 1940 - 1989
..... 8 Floyd Edward Crist 1963 -
..... 8 Suzanne Marie Crist 1965 -
..... *2nd Wife of Robert Alex Crist:
..... +Rhoda May Good-March 1935 -
..... 6 Ralph Andrew Crist 1916 -
..... +Edna Murl Miles 1925 -
..... 7 Ralph Raymond Crist 1942 -
..... +Diane Gail Yarborough 1943 -
..... 8 Raymond Andrew Crist 1964 -
..... 8 Brenda Gail Crist 1967 -
..... +Steve Sanchez
..... *Partner of Ralph Raymond Crist: 1942 -
..... +Doris Lawrence
..... 8 Jack Duane Crist 1977 -
..... *2nd Wife of Ralph Raymond Crist:
..... +Carol Jean 1953 -
..... 8 Rebecca Jean Crist 1989 -
..... 7 Robert Lee Crist 1943 -
..... +June Woods 1942 - 1986
..... 8 Robert Lee Crist II 1971 -
..... +Cindy Hampton
..... 9 Ashley Marie June Crist 1991 -
..... 9 Lauren Anna Marie Crist 1994 -
..... 7 Dorothy Ann Crist 1945 -
..... 7 Patricia Dorice Crist 1946 -
..... 7 Richard Eugene Crist 1948 -
..... +Gloria Louise Pemelton 1945 -
..... 8 Jason Dion Crist 1970 -
..... 7 Ronald Andrew Crist 1950 -
..... 6 Wayne Ezra Crist 1922 - 1983
..... +Vivian Virginia Diehl 1925 -
..... 7 Marion Virginia Crist 1945 -
..... +Alfred Thomas Johnson 1943 -
..... 7 Jacqueline Kay Crist 1947 -
..... +Steven Allen Lohr 1943 -
..... 8 Gerald E. Lohr 1973 -
..... 8 Jeffery A. Lohr 1974 -
..... 8 Jessica Bream Lohr 1977 -
..... 7 Duane Edward Crist 1949 -
..... +Victoria Ann Fox
..... 8 Melinda A. Crist 1968 -
..... +Don Webb
..... 9 Lauren Webb 1990 -
..... 9 Colby Webb 1993 -
..... 8 Michelle R. Crist 1970 -
..... 9 Kayle Crist 1994 -
..... *2nd Wife of Duane Edward Crist:
..... +Maria Adella Perez 1956 -
..... 8 Sarah E. Crist 1982 -
..... 8 William E. Crist 1983 -
..... 8 Ryan A. Crist 1986 -
..... 7 Dean Everett Crist 1950 -
..... +Virginia Harwood 1944 -
..... 7 Jane Elizabeth Crist 1953 -
..... +Fredrick Linden 1952 -
..... 8 Laura Josephine Linden 1985 -
..... 8 Megan Elizabeth Linden 1989 - 1989
..... 8 Christopher Fredrick Linden 1990 -
..... 6 Everett Ray Crist 1922 -
..... +Esther M. Burns 1927 -
..... 7 Everett Scott Crist 1949 -
..... +Susan Kay Brooks 1949 -
..... 8 Lynn Everett Crist 1971 -
..... +Kelley Ann Ludlow
..... 8 Amy Sue Crist 1973 - 1990
..... 8 Ann Marie Crist 1975 -
..... 7 Ronald Wayne Crist 1952 -
..... +Deborah K. Preston 1951 -

..... 8 Jason Richard Crist 1974 -
..... 8 Angela Renee Crist 1977 -
..... 8 Kelly Nicole Crist 1980 -
..... 7 Gerald Lynn Crist 1954 -
..... +Debra Lee Baker 1954 -
..... 8 Dawn Renee Crist 1975 -
..... 8 Shawn Allen Crist 1977 -
..... 8 Shannon Lee Crist 1979 -
..... 5 Jesse Jacob Crist 1890 - 1891
..... 5 Ida May Crist 1892 - 1986
..... +Walter Raleigh Grover
..... 5 Orva Edward Crist 1895 - 1914
..... 5 Clarence Earl Crist 1897 - 1992
..... +Adah Elizabeth Beckner
..... 5 Delbert Roy Crist 1900 - 1994
..... +Estella Ilena Beckner
..... *2nd Wife of Delbert Roy Crist:
..... +Florence E. Edgecomb
..... 5 Bessie Leah Crist 1902 -
..... +Homer Alva Filbrun
..... 4 Jonathon Crist 1863 -
..... +Emma Barnhart
..... 4 Elizabeth Crist 1866 - 1951
..... +Ezra Hirt
..... *2nd Wife of Jacob Crist II:
..... +Catherine Ohmart 1808 - 1899
..... 3 Polly Crist
..... 3 Adam Crist
..... 3 Christopher Crist
..... 3 Barbara Crist
..... 3 Margarette Crist
..... 3 Samuel Crist
..... 3 Catherine Crist
..... 3 Aaron Crist
..... 3 John Crist 1829 - 1871
..... +Salome Frantz 1830 - 1914
..... 4 Isack Crist
..... 4 John E. Crist
..... 5 Keil Crist
..... 4 Henry Francis Crist 1862 - 1939
..... +Catherine Garst 1864 - 1914
..... 5 Lillie M. Crist 1884 -
..... +John Brammel
..... 5 Harvey E. Crist 1886 -
..... +Pearl Musselman
..... 5 Bertha E. Crist 1888 -
..... +Alva Meyers
..... 5 Frank L. Crist 1891 -
..... 5 Ernest R. Crist 1894 -
..... +Oneta Philips
..... 5 Della Crist 1896 - 1983
..... +George Carter
..... 5 Ralph E. Crist 1900 -
..... +Mary H. Hooker
..... *2nd Wife of Henry Francis Crist:
..... +Betty Brammel
..... 4 Daniel Albert Crist 1866 -
..... +Mary Ellen Roesch 1873 -
..... 2 Susanna Crist 1803 - 1892
..... +David Funderburg - 1869
..... *2nd Husband of Susanna Crist:
..... +Michael Click 1796 - 1838

Husband: Floyd Raymond Crist

Born: September 16, 1910 in: Westphalia, Anderson Co. Kansas
 Married: November 10, 1944 in: Reno, Washoe Co., Nevada
 Father: Charles Henry Crist
 Mother: Anna Elizabeth Fridley

Wife: Margeann M. Wolfe

Born: March 20, 1920 in: San Diego, San Diego Co. California
 Father: Thomas Jesse Wolfe
 Mother: Margaret Retta

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: John Raymond Crist Born: April 29, 1937 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California Married: December 21, 1973 Spouses: Diana Sue Hill, Margaret Delene Peterson
2 M	Name: Thomas Martin Crist Born: March 17, 1938 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California Married: August 01, 1959 Spouse: Ellen Elizabeth Milan
3 M	Name: Robert Alex Crist Born: May 27, 1939 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California Married: July 22, 1961 in: Fairfield, Solano County, California Spouses: Mary O'Linda Coulter, Rhoda May Good-March

Husband: John Raymond Crist

Born: April 29, 1937 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California
Married: December 21, 1973 in:
Died: in:
Father: Floyd Raymond Crist
Mother: Margeann M. Wolfe
Other Spouses: Diana Sue Hill

Wife: Margaret Delene Peterson

Born: November 07, 1939 in:
Died: in:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Deborah Michele Crist	
	Born: September 25, 1974	in:
F	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

2	Name: Leslie Anne Crist	
	Born: April 09, 1976	in:
F	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

3	Name: Melinda Lorraine Crist	
	Born: January 19, 1978	in:
F	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

4	Name:	
	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

5	Name:	
	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

6	Name:	
	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

7	Name:	
	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

8	Name:	
	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

Husband: Thomas Martin Crist

Born: March 17, 1938 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California
Married: August 01, 1959
Father: Floyd Raymond Crist
Mother: Margeann M. Wolfe

Wife: Ellen Elizabeth Milan

Born: July 01, 1937

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Diana Lynn Crist Born: January 31, 1958
2 F	Name: Denise Lucile Crist Born: May 03, 1960
3 M	Name: John Robert Crist Born: December 18, 1963

Husband: Robert Alex Crist

Born: May 27, 1939 in: Vallejo, Solano Co., California
 Married: July 22, 1961 in: Fairfield, Solano County, California
 Father: Floyd Raymond Crist
 Mother: Margeann M. Wolfe
 Other Spouses: Rhoda May Good-March

Wife: Mary O'Linda Coulter

Born: June 11, 1940 in: Metcalf, Edgar County, Illinois
 Died: May 28, 1989 in: Pottstown, Montgomery County Pennsylvania

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: Floyd Edward Crist Born: January 25, 1963	in: Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington
2 F	Name: Suzanne Marie Crist Born: July 29, 1965	in: Fairfield, Solano County, California

Husband: Lawrence Alva Crist

Born: June 03, 1931 in: Ohio
 Married: July 15, 1951
 Father: Alva Charles Crist
 Mother: Martha Pearl Flory

Wife: Clara Alice Bowman

Born: January 01, 1934

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Linda Sue Crist Born: November 02, 1952
2 F	Name: Karen Lee Crist Born: August 10, 1954 Married: July 20, 1973 Spouse: Robert Louis Robbins
3 M	Name: Ronald Alva Crist Born: October 04, 1957 in: Ohio Married: October 08, 1977 Spouse: Gail Irene Reed
4 F	Name: Darlene Kay Crist Born: September 03, 1959 in: Ohio Married: December 04, 1976 Spouse: Randall Edward Coning

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Robert Louis Robbins

Born: April 07, 1952
Married: July 20, 1973

Wife: Karen Lee Crist

Born: August 10, 1954
Father: Lawrence Alva Crist
Mother: Clara Alice Bowman

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Angela Lou Robbins Born: January 28, 1974
2 M	Name: Greg Louis Robbins Born: January 26, 1976
3 M	Name: Evan Lawrence Robbins Born: October 13, 1980

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Randall Edward Coning

Born: September 12, 1957

Married: December 04, 1976

Wife: Darlene Kay Crist

Born: September 03, 1959

in: Ohio

Father: Lawrence Alva Crist

Mother: Clara Alice Bowman

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: Ryan Andrew Coning Born: October 20, 1977
2 F	Name: Amber Dawn Coning Born: March 06, 1980
3 M	Name: Landon Marc Coning Born: September 14, 1982
4 M	Name: Logan Randall Coning Born: July 27, 1994

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Dear Gloria,

Thanks for the \$s. That is very thoughtful of you. I really don't mind sharing and didn't expect reimbursement. Folks have been so-o-o-o generous with me though the years so I, in turn, want to share what I have received.

I didn't keep a copy of what I sent you. I can't reference the page numbers and index numbers that you listed. However, I can search my database and get to the individuals. I'll make corrections, as needed.

Your opening paragraph says "I would say you could publish a Crist history with little more effort." Well, I have printed a Crist history. I had completely forgotten!! It was printed on February 11, 1995, and is 602 pages long. I printed it for my record and for two or three "cousins" that supplied lots of information. It is in "genealogy format" (like page one of enclosed) and has the sources listed, index, etc. I work on a project, complete a project, file a project -- and move on to another surname. Your comment prompted me to check a stack of boxes with printouts. (I use empty file folder boxes, and empty clear plastic pages boxes, to store printouts of various sizes.)

Gloria, I could probably print a family history Crist Families -- Kith & Kin and Neher Families -- Kith & Kin, and half a dozen others. You're right because a database of 36,000 Frantz and collateral lines lends itself to publication of many surnames. If I ever publish those... I guess I should make it a series with names like my Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. HOWEVER, after my recent experience, I don't feel inspired to print other books! The amount of work is enormous; the expense is beyond my means; the number of purchasers are limited. I only had sixty-two families that made the pre-publication commitment. I needed a lot more orders to keep the price reasonable. Now, I expect very few orders.

I'm leaving tomorrow (Saturday) for Salt Lake and Provo. I'm attending a four day conference that may teach me research skills -- and give resources -- for tracing immigrant Michael Frantz in Germany and/or Switzerland. Conference: July 30th thru August 2nd.)

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I'm taking a set of Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin for the Acquisitions Dept. of the Family History Center. I've already talked to them on the phone and they are expecting me on Monday. This set of books is so important to me -- and the appearance of the microfilm -- that I'm taking approximately 3,500 pages, single sided. Have you ever read microfilm where the print "bled through" from the back side? Well, by taking "single sided" pages every page will be shape and clean. They won't have a struggle with "tight binding" etc., etc. (another problem I've seen on some microfilm).

By talking to the personnel in the Acquisitions Dept. "face to face" I will get back the earlier books and films. This new material is so much more complete -- and accurate -- so I don't want folks ordering the earlier microfilm. I'm told that they will pull the earlier books off the shelf, too. They are having a "space problem" at the Family History Center and they prefer to have the books on film. I'm taking Volume One of Frantz Families Kith & Kin for their shelf but I've added the indexes for Volume Two and Volume Three. I'm requesting that the Acquisitions Dept. list the film number on the title page so researchers -- in Salt Lake -- will access the film. However they will be able to check Volume One and know whether the surnames, or individuals, are on the film.

Lord willing, in future correspondence, I can tell folks that write to me about Frantz, and Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin, that they can go to their local L.D.S. F.H.C. and order the film for a very reasonable fee. I'll hopefully be able to give them the film number because it might be two years before it is listed on the library index (CD-ROM) in the computer at the local F.H.C.'s. This is my way of compensating for the outrageously high price of a printed-on-paper set of books (\$160.00).

I'll do some research in Provo and Salt Lake. I'm expecting this to be a very exciting and productive trip! I'll be staying with a "Showalter cousin" in Provo and she will introduce me to a friend of hers that is (reportedly) an expert on German research. Then I'll spend some time with a lady that I've corresponded with and she'll be my guide through the "maze" at the Salt Lake library. She researches there three days a week, rain or shine, year around.

Well that brings ^{you} up up-to-date on my plans -- which do not include publishing a Crist book for public circulation (ha!) Thanks for the information that you sent, Gloria, and thanks for the "ten." I'll use it for photocopies at Salt Lake.

Best wishes,

Jorraine