

Subject: Re: O. Paul and Marie Frantz were my aunt and uncle!

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Good Morning Ann (or is it afternoon as you read this?)

The first thing I will comment on: I LOVE INDIANA!!!! I was there for three weeks last May and "loved it" so much that I planned to retire and move there. I put a FOR SALE sign in the front window of my mobilehome and started sorting through my stuff. I was giving away to thrift shops, throwing away duplicate genealogy and other paper stuff that has value to me, only.

I was there specifically to attend the Old German Baptist Brethren Annual Meeting near Delphi. I flew into Indianapolis where I was met by a cousin I'd never met before (and met on the internet only a few weeks earlier). He and his wife, and I, had breakfast near the airport before I drove away in a rental car. I went to Richmond first where I stayed for several days with a "cousin" I had never met (and only became aware of a few weeks earlier). I spent time researching the COFFIN family at the Earlham College Library. I was able to tour the Levi Coffin house at Fountain City. Levi was my first cousin five times removed.

Then I drove to North Manchester where I was the guest of "cousins" at Timbercrest Retirement Home. That, too, was w-o-n-d-e-r-f-u-l-!!! I met so-o-o-o many cousins while there and did research in the Timbercrest Library and North Manchester Library. A wonderful old gentleman named Lester Binnie (recently deceased at age 90) drove me all over the area and took me to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery (and Nicholas Frantz farm and Frantz/Cripe cemetery nearby).

Then I drove to Camden where I stayed with a cousin for a week during OGGB annual meeting. I LOVE ALL MY OGGB COUSINS!! I LOVE TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING!! I'll be in Ohio this year for A.M. (with my cousins Lela & Marvin Shoup -- both are Frantz/Garst descendants). I spent a lot of time in the Delphi Library and thought I had died and gone to heaven!! There is so much valuable information in that little library.

I did not go to Fort Wayne because I made the decision that I wanted to visit face-to-face with "cousins" and not spend days in the library. I know how valuable research can be at Fort Wayne. I was there once, in 1991, when I was in Ohio for OGGB AM. (My cousin, Lela, took me there for one day.)

While in Camden, I also went to Lafayette one day to visit with another cousin (that I had never met but had corresponded with over the years). She took me to the TIPCOA Library which has lots of wonderful primary records.

Incidentally, you can see copies of Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin at the TIPCOA Library, Delphi Library, and North Manchester Library. Lots of "cousins" in Indiana and Ohio have copies of the books.

I wanted to "retire" (I'm 63) and move to Indiana so I could do research in Libraries and Court Houses. I could also drive into Ohio -- and over to Pennsylvania and Virginia. I am so handicapped in my research here in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California. However, I do not have enough retirement income to "retire" right now. Or, maybe, I don't have

enough faith to believe that my Heavenly Father will take care of me.

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> We attend a Missionary church. The Missionary denomination is
> growing in the Midwest. Which church do you attend, if you don't
> mind my asking?

I attend a church with the name Desert Winds Community Church. A wonderful pastor, a loving congregation. They are tied to the Dutch Reformed Church of American but there are absolutely no "Dutch Reformed" in our area. The pastor is very "missionary" minded. He has a burden to reach the unchurched in our area. Yesterday, and the night before, I was at a "Spiritual Gifts" Seminar -- taught by the pastor. Excellant!!

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> >Ann, where did you get the name of Elizabeth Shuey as the wife of
> >immigrant Michael Frantz??

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> I got the name from Carol Albrecht this past week. She wrote
> the following information in an e-mail to me:

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> ----- begin from Carol Albrecht -----

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> I have just gotten some Frantz information on a Neher relative...
> have to put it on my computer yet...this is what I have so far:

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> Hans Frantz
> m. unknown
> s. Matheus Frantz born 03-25-1637
> m. unknown
> s. Michael Frantz I born 09-01-1687 died 12-??-1748
> m. Elizabeth Shuey

I wonder where Carol Albrecht got the info. Which Neher?? I have little respect for the research of one of our Neher cousins. (Lots of mistakes -- and no sources!!)

> s. Michael Frantz II born 1725 died 1808
> m. Magdalena Zug on 06-24-1748 she was born 1726
> died ?

> s. Christian Frantz
> m. Mary Garst
> dau. Salome Frantz (my GGG-Grandmother)

> I am related to the Garst family also...3 lines so far we have!!!

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> My Zug information is the same as yours, except I don't have Ulrich's
> father. My Garst line goes to Theobald Gerst born 1702.

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> ---- end Carol Albrecht ----

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> My father was Everett Pottenger, Marie's brother. My middle name is after my
> aunt Marie. Dad was 49 when I was born, so all my cousins on my dad's side of
> the family were a generation older than me. I hardly know any of them, except
> that some of them still live in the North Manchester, Indiana area. North

> Manchester was loaded with Frantzes. We visited 2 of the cemeteries there last
> summer. I wrote down the names of all the Frantz, Ohmart, Pottenger, Brookins
> names I could find, until I had a chance to research further and see which ones
> were in my lineage.

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Ann, sadly I do not have any information on your father's family. I have his name, only, born 8 Jun 1911. My information came from Verle Ohmart through another cousin named Hazel Frantz Turner. I haven't corresponded directly with Verle (and I don't know if Verle is a man or woman). I will need your information about dad and mother, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, your husband, your baby, so I can bring that information up-to-date in my records. (I want to trace FRANTZ/GARST lines right down to the present. I'm tracing female lines, too, which has obviously added to the bulk of the books.)

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> You probably have all you need of information, but if you ever need pictures of
> tombstones om Northeastern Indiana, let me know. I live in Fort Wayne, so it
> would be just a hop-skip-and jump away, and fun too! You may know that Fort
> Wayne has the #2 or #3 largest genealogical collection in the states. Is there
> a good genealogical collection near you?

I know that Fort Wayne is #2 and I hope to do additional research there some day. Yes, there are some good libraries in Southern California but none "near me" because I would have to drive over sixty miles. The Los Angeles City Library has a wonderful collection but it is "closed stacks" (like Fort Wayne). There are several excellent libraries and one National Archives (in Laguna Nigal, over 100 miles away). LaVerne, California is 100 miles away and has a fairly good Brethren Library. I have copied reams of information from that library to bring home and enter into my computer. I spent one whole summer driving to LaVerne on the weekends to read every tombstone in the cemetery. I published a book on the LaVerne Cemetery in 1989 (my Grandparents are buried there).

For your information, at this point: I ****self-published**** the LaVerne Cemetery book and Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin because it is so expensive to have a professional publisher do the work. I've always looked into the cost with a professional. To keep the costs down so people will buy, you have to buy at least 500 copies (from a book publisher). What would I do with 500 copies in my mobilehome? Besides, I did not, ****do not****, have \$20,000 to \$40,000 to spend on books and wait ten years or more to receive the money back. I think I did a very professional job with the books but they receive word-of-mouth advertisement only (from cousins) and now some through e-mail and the internet. People don't want to pay \$150. plus \$10. shipping. I U-N-D-E-R-S-T-A-N-D that seems expensive but there are 3,180 pages. Have you spent ten cents in the copy machines at the genealogy libraries? (I spent over \$50. on copies at the Earlham Library last May.) Well, at that rate 3180 pages would be over \$300. -- but people don't think of it that way. They say: "Hey, what are you trying to do? Get rich!" Well, it has been a labor of love -- I haven't made a penny -- and I'm just so glad that I had the cooperation of so many cousins so I could document all the information. The information is on microfilm, in Salt Lake City Family History Library, so that researchers in later generations can access the data -- with the sources -- and continue the research.

Ann and Greg, true story: I have been greatly blessed by my Heavenly

Father!! I believe that God gave me the assignment to document the descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz because he, like Abraham (in the Bible), has descendants "like the sand of the sea." Michael played such an important part in the early Brethren church and his descendants have remained in Brethren churches and/or other Christian denominations. It is a history of generation after generation of people living out the Biblical admonition: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." What a heritage!! I have been privileged to find Frantz information that has been out-of-sight for decades; I have been "led" to correspond with one cousin who introduced me to another cousin -- and so it goes. All through the leading of my book "Producer" and friend, my Heavenly Father.

> >Did you know that Oakley "Paul" Frantz and Marie A. Pottenger were at
> >least double fourth cousins (maybe triple fourth cousins depending on
> >how you read it)??
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> Sounds curious. I don't understand all the relationships when discussing
> genealogy, so double fourth cousins means little to this ignorant person (me)!
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Are you using a genealogy software program? Some will show you the relationship if you put the two names into that feature of the software program. Of course it only works if you have all the lineage of both individuals. I have that information because both Oakley "Paul" Frantz and Marie A. Pottenger are Michael Frantz descendants. I have over 40,000 FRANTZ, and collateral lines, in my computer database. (That is my FRANTZ database. Not the COFFIN or SHOWALTER databases.) I have over 500 "cousin charts" in the books Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin because the families intermarried so much. I know from the surnames that there are other cousin marriages but I may be missing one or two links of information. For example if I have a FRANTZ and NEHER marriage, or a FRANTZ and BRUBAKER marriage, I ****know**** they are related but I may not have the name of the grandfather or grandmother. I keep digging.... You can also figure out cousin relationships from a very simple piece of paper that looks like a faceted diamond. You can find that chart in lots of books about genealogy and research. I can send you one if you like. (Two are displayed in Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin, pp. xxv-xxvi.)

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> >I've made a point of attempting to document as much as possible on
> >GARST, too, because that is my ancestral line, too. That is why I call
> >my "organization" FRANTZUGARST (Frantz Zug Garst). I am related to
> >Michael Frantz and Magdalena Zug through two of their sons, Daniel and
> >David, so I'm also related two ways to John Nicholas Garst through his
> >daughters, Anna and Marie Elizabeth.

There is a section in Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin, Volume One, about GARST. And a section on ZUG. You might want to see the books in the North Manchester or Lafayette Libraries -- or order on microfilm from your local L.D.S. F.H.C. Microfilm #1307695. (I'm not trying to sell you a set of books! I'm not trying to sell you a set of books! I'm not trying to sell you a set of books! I'm not trying to sell you a set of books!)

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> It is exciting to think of all your efforts and documentation you have put
> together over the years. I am new to this hobby, and the Bible warns against
> getting too involved with genealogies, so I am not familiar with all the various
> resources and exactly how I should document the information as it pertains to my
> lineage.

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I worried about that scripture, too. But, as I said, I think I've had confirmation from my Heavenly Father that it is OK for me.

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> That's all for now. Thanks again, Lorraine. I'll remember you in my prayers
> this morning. I hope you have a wonderful day.

Thanks for the prayers!! I need all I can get!!! Sometimes I get so depressed and want to curl up in bed. I want to interact with my children and grandchildren so much. I don't know my eleven grandchildren and they don't know me. I went to a soccer game of one of my granddaughters last October. The younger sister (age 8) said: "Oh, I thought it was Grandma Pat that was coming." Pat is the woman that stole the husband and father away from the family 34 years ago. She wasn't even a step-parent to my boys because I raised the three boys all alone. However, the father and Pat have poisoned their minds against me. (That sounds paranoid; sorry about that.)

Thanks for the wish about having a wonderful day. I will!! I'll be leaving for Church in about an hour. After Church we are having a pot-luck. It ****will**** be a wonderful day. Praise God, and Jesus my-Lord-and-Savior. Hope you've had a wonderful day, too.

Love in Christ from

"cousin" Lorraine