

Subject: Frantz books, fiche & CD

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Organization: FRANTZUGARST

To: Floyd Mason <masonf3150@rica.net>

Floyd Mason wrote:

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> Thanks for your chistmas message. I ,too, am caught with the high cost of
> publishing large books. I am interested in what you know about the cost
> and the proceedure for using CD-ROM.
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> Since I have most of what I want in my computer and since we have your
> books at the College Library, I doubt if I get the books. However, if you
> furnish a CD-Rom I might want one.
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> You did a tremendous job with the Frantz Books. Congratulations.
>
> Wonder where Joe Garst is in his big Garst project.
>
> Best wishes and hope you can share what you learn.
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> Sincerely,
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> Floyd R. Mason
>
> See our Home Page.. <<http://home.rica.net/masonf3150/>>
> Our families. Miller, Mason, Ziegler, Shank, Wampler, Garber, Bowman,
> Garst, and many others
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Hi Floyd & Kathy

Be honest. Are the Frantz books really great? You've published a lot of books so I'd like your honest-to-goodness evaluation. If you've seen them in the Bridgewater Library -- and you are so inclined -- would you write a book review and send it to the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Newsletter Editor?? A review with your name on it would give it a lot of "clout."

I have microfiche ready of Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. "The books" are copied on 35 fiche. I've added over 300 pages of new information on four additional fiche. The additional have copies of wills, land patents, Michael Frantz's writings -- and translations. Also newspaper stories about the trial of Albert Frantz convicted for the murder of Bessie Little, and the first man to be executed in Ohio. Much, much more. I just couldn't include all of that in "the books" although it would have been valuable data on a page that the reader could hold on their lap. The fiche are \$50.00 postpaid.

I'm working on the CD-ROM's but they aren't ready yet. The CD will have all the pages of "the books" plus info added to the fiche plus a lot more info (an undetermined number of pages). I'm planning to sell them for \$50.00, also.

If you are serious about putting your book -- or books -- on CD, perhaps I can help you. Perhaps the shop that is doing my work will do yours. As I understand it, a CD will hold about 12,000 pages. You could put all of your books on one CD. (I'm going to put the LaVerne Cemetery book on my CD with Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin.)

The process used at the shop: physically scanning the paper pages into the computer. At first all the pages are in a file on the hard drive of the computer. When the job is done, the information is "burned" on the master CD. From the master, we can have as many copies made as we want. I believe they are going to charge me ten cents a page to scan plus a "set-up" fee. I am expecting the "master" will cost me about \$500.

I think the copies are about \$10 each. I'll have to sell twelve CDs before I recover my initial expense. After that I'll begin to make a little money on the project. It will be very nice to see the project break into the "black." (You know what I mean, don't you?)

Having said all that (about CDs) I'll explain the problem I'm having. The shop has to find a program to use that can be duplicated without a \$50. charge for "licensing." That fee may be OK for Lockheed but obviously I can't sell any CDs if each has to be licensed. Golier's Encyclopedia, etc, etc, may be able to spend thousands of dollars on a volume of CDs but I'm just that little guy that doesn't have the money to have lots of books and/or CDs printed for a reasonable price!!

I'm hoping we/they can find a software program that will make the info on my books as readily accessible as entering a good wordprocessing program, like WordPerfect or Word for Windows, and doing a word search. I'd like the indexed name to (somehow) go right to that person on the page in the book -- with a single click. I don't know whether we'll find that at a reasonable price. The good software programs are \$7,000. and more!! Yes, seven thousand dollars, and more!! Then there's the fee for the "license."

Well, I've given you a little to think about. I haven't visited your home page yet. I just started answering your message as soon as I read it. I'm in the process of building my home page and will have it up and running soon.

Thanks for your message and your kind words. Have a blessed Christ's Birthday if we aren't in touch in the next two weeks. But don't be a stranger. Keep in touch.

Lorraine Frantz Edwards

P.S. I think Joe Garst is going "great guns" on the Garst book. He sent me a lot and it is very good. I put a lot in Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin because he is a descendant of Jacob Garst and Sally Frantz. It is in Volume One, pages 425-442. It is an addendum because it arrived too late to put in the front of the book.

P.S.S. The details about price are between you and me. Please don't post this message on a network. Some people may think that I should sell the CDs for \$12 if they cost me \$10.

Subject: Frantz Books

Date: Fri, 13 Dec 1996 18:14:35 -0800

From: Lorraine Edwards <ledwards@QNET.COM>

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To: masonf3150@rica.net

Dear Floyd & Kathy

Glad I could send you something new. There are several "card shops" on the Internet so easy to send birthday cards, etc. etc.

I am very, VERY disappointed with Bridgewater College. Very, very disappointed!!!! And you can tell them. I sent them the pages (without three holes), "shrink wrapped," and requested that they send the pages to the bindery to be hard-bound. I'm sure they have money in their budget to bind other books that they receive. Genealogy libraries do it all the time -- send a years subscription of newsletters; spiral-bind books, etc., etc. (I see it ALL the time in genealogy libraries.)

If I had known they would put in 3-hole binders I would have sent their check back!!! Or sent them my soft-bind. I'm so upset by this bit of news!!!

Re: putting a book on CD-ROM. Of course, you can put just one book on a CD-ROM. I mentioned that it has the capacity for 12,000 pages but you don't have to fill up a CD any more than you have to fill up all the space on a 3.5 inch computer diskette.

I only know the name of one company converting pages of info to CD-ROM. They are a local company named Micro-Data -- in Palmdale. I'm sure there are lots of other companies but I won't try to find their names and addresses. I plan to use the services of the small family-owned local business.

After my books are actually on CD-ROM -- and I have an idea of price -- I'll let you know so you can evaluate whether it is something you want to do. It is a step I must take because people can't afford to buy the books printed on paper.

I told you, didn't I, that I'm only passing my cost along to the buyer. I actually went in debt on the project!

Again I say, I'm so upset with Bridgewater College. This is going to bother me for days to come.

Glad you found the Miller/Frantz info. Perhaps you have more Miller descendants than I have?!?! I haven't checked your Miller book.

Well, I'm going to bury myself in another project this evening and attempt to put Bridgewater College out of my mind.

By the way, I don't know how you and/or Kathy are related to the Frantz family. Because you were planning to do a Frantz book, I've assumed that one of you two is a Frantz descendant. You sent me some family history several years ago but only first four generations (as I recall). You sent on computer disk and I printed out about 100 pages (as I recall).

Have a happy weekend.

Lorraine Frantz Edwards