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Friday, June 7, 1991

Harlan J. Brooks
& Mrs. Margaret Huston
300 W. Vernon Ct.
Sterling, VA 22170

Dear Mr. Brooks,

Enclosed is a partial printout from my database. I have over 7000 Frantz and collateral lines in my computer and a recent printout -- in book form -- was 715 pages. I'm serious about my Frantz family research!!

When I printed the enclosed, I forgot I had instructed the printer to print "facing pages" for the book. If you put these printouts in "page protectors" they will look better than 3-hole punched with irregular margins.

I find that I failed to complete a paragraph (or paragraphs) about Michael Frantz I (one). I'll have to look for that. It will be several years before I complete the book so I have time to catch my "goofs."

It was nice to visit with you last Sunday, June 2nd. It's a small world, isn't it, when we have a mutual acquaintance? Yes, we were talking about the same Allen Parker. I called his widow right after our conversation.

Please keep me in mind with Frantz genealogy AND I'm sure Allen Parker's widow (a retired India missionary) would love to read your autobiography. Let me know how much your book costs and I'll get it for her.

It would have been nice to meet with you at Church of the Brethren Annual Meeting but I've exhausted my vacation 'til next year. Did I tell you I had just returned from "Old Order" (Old German Baptist Brethren) Annual Meeting? So many of immigrant Michael Frantz's descendants are still in that branch of the church. Lots in the Church of the Brethren, too, but more accordingly (I think) in OGBB.

Very best wishes to you, and yours,

Sincerely,

Lorraine

w/ photocopy of
pp. 14, 15 of
Matthias Frantz book
and 17 pages print-
out from the computer.

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2 ~~IV~~ - Martha Brooks is not dead, but alive at 95.
Her husband, Russel Pearce died about 1962.

IV - Ruth Eliza Forney Brooks died Feb. 11, 1989.
Ruth was not Harlan's second cousin.
But Ruth's cousin, Helen Forney married
her ~~first~~ ^{first} cousin, Ross Forney. Ross died and
Helen married Floyd Denlinger.

Aug. 8, '91

Lorraine Frantz Edwards,
Lancaster, Ca.

Dear Lorraine, Kindly excuse this
informality, but I call your attention
to the comments on the top of this page.

Thank you, belatedly very
much for your pages of research on
the Frantz family. I too, am proud
to be in that illustrious line!

As you requested, I mailed,
Book Post, my book "Call to India"
yesterday. I would like to see a photo
of yourself and, also, of Mrs. Parker. What
period did she serve in India? My book
will have shown you photos of my family.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Harlan Brooks
c/o Margaret Brooks Austin.
300 W. Vernon St.
Sterling, Va. 22170

Here is the book you requested.
We hope you enjoy reading it.
The cost to you is \$6.95 plus
whatever postage is on the package.
Thanks for your interest!

Mail to, Harlan Brooks
300 W. Vernon Ct.
Sterling VA 22170

August 16, 1991

Dear Harlan Brooks,

Thanks for sending the book. I've only had time to glance through it but will spend more time with it this weekend. I really wanted the book for Dorothy Parker and I'll be giving it to her next month when she returns from vacation.

Dorothy (Dragon) Parker must have been in India at the same time you were. Remember what you told me on the phone? Your daughter(s) were in the missionary school with Allen Parker, her husband. Dorothy was the second wife but she was in India -- and knew the first family -- before Irene died. I'm giving details as I remember hearing them. I'm a friend of the family -- not a relative (Allen Parker was my step-daughter's grandfather.)

Dorothy Parker lives in Westminster Gardens, Duarte, California -- a retirement home for Presbyterian missionaries. She is very active and good about letter writing. I expect that she will correspond with you after she reads your book and share details about her experiences in India.

I only have a couple of pictures of Dorothy -- at family gatherings -- and I hate to part with one. (You asked for a picture of Dorothy.) Enclosed is a picture of me at my computer. (A "publicity" picture for my cemetery book, and stories. Of course, I seldom look that good!)

Did I tell you that I spent a year "reading" the tombstone inscriptions in the LaVerne Cemetery and published a book on the subject?

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The book is almost 300 pages long and is titled LaVerne Evergreen Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions. An awful lot of the individuals buried there were Ch. of the Brethren.

It is quite an experience to publish a book! If your book publishing experience is anything like mine, you are 100's of dollars "out-of-pocket". I'm sending a couple of extra \$'s to help with the expense.

In the future, if you come across books and/or information about the Frantz families, I would appreciate all the data that you can supply. I'll "do" a Frantz genealogy book in two or three years. (Only the Lord knows how I will pay for publication! Meanwhile, I'll continue to perfect the information.) Warmest regards,

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One Plus God is a Majority



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Dorothy Parker after I
entered the genealogical
data in my computer.
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