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Dear "cousin" Derald

Sincere thanks for the Jeremiah Wolf/Susanna Frantz descendants information that you sent recently. You have extended several lines for me and added at least one more generation. THANKS!

*But where
are you
on
the tree*

Do you have more information on Jonathan Wolf married to Kattie Heck?? and Susan Heck?? I've very much interested in this info too. Also, descendants of John Edward Wolf married to Hester Heltzel. (You have a lot of duplicates entered for that branch of the tree.)

Question: Can you do printouts that include more information?? The problem with "descendants charts" is lack of information although it takes less paper to send info to someone.

*Or send
on 3.5"
diskette
or CD.*

You'll notice that my printouts are very thorough. I'm a "fanatic" about documenting "sources." I always want names, birth & death dates, birth & death locations, marriage date and location, obituaries, biographic sketches. Please note that I have a marriage date of "1917" for Abraham Wolf and Rebecca Hannon. You have her as first wife.

The first set of printouts re: descendants of Jeremiah Wolf. The second set of printouts are ancestors of Susanna Frantz. You have the names of the ancestors and their children. It gives you the names of siblings and their spouses. The sources are all listed following NOTES AND REFERENCES so you can "follow up" if you have questions and want to double-check. I hope the ancestor info is helpful to you if you don't have or know the ancestors. As I said on the little "post-it" note: If I printed downward from immigrant Michael Frantz it would have been thousands of pages!! (filling three volumes in the books with the title Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin.)

Now to comment on your paragraph about creating CD's. It is my desire to have a scanner and CD-write as soon as possible. I want to be able to write information to a CD for distribution. I'll add photos -- and lots of copies of original stuff -- to "jazz" up the material. I actually look forward to doing the project.

I also intend to scan and write to CD all the information that I've been receiving for years. I'll systematically go through the files in the two file cabinets, and later the pages in notebooks, and save to CD. I'll probably be surprised by information that I forgot I had. I want the information "searchable" so that may help me connect trees and branches.

Example: I have Jonathan Wolf standing alone in my database (with whatever descendants info) because I didn't know who his parents were. Now I can build a family with father, mother and sons. I KNOW I have lots of "leaves" that are not attached to branches and trees. I KNOW from their surname that they belong but I don't know their ancestry. This is a reference to (example) a Frantz female married to Flora, Flory, Heck, Brubaker, Neher, etc., and I have his name, birth & death dates, etc., but I don't have his parents. Slowly, book by book, correspondent by correspondent, I'm able to attach that leaf to a branch and later to a tree.

I don't know what you had in mind when you suggested you might make a couple of CDs for me.

A couple of years ago I spread the word that I would eventually have Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin on CD. I was working with a local company for duplication to microfiche, and CD was the next step. They did the microfiche for me which is very convenient because doesn't take much space. Well, they had dozens of roadblocks (for me) when it came to CDs. Something about licensing!? \$50. each. Well, folks weren't going to buy a CD for (example) \$75. each. It was 20¢ per page to scan so upwards to \$700. plus other costs before I sold a single CD. Besides, I've only had about five or six people who even showed interest in having FF-KK on CD. I'd have to sell a dozen CDs before I recovered my initial investment.

I checked with some companies that advertized on the Internet. They wanted even more. I think \$2000. or \$3000. before I received a "master." Obviously, I have concluded that there won't be any CDs until I have the equipment because my time is "free" (ha).

I think the technology is getting better every day. If I'm correct, my Microsoft Word documents should be fully "searchable" if written to CD. Right?

Will close now. I've probably given you an "overload" of information. In closing, I want to say again that I look forward to all information that you can supply to round out descendants of immigrant Michael Frantz. It makes for BIG files but I trace females lines right down to the present!!

Best wishes; happy researching.

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*Enc: 73 pages of printouts
1 flyer*