

FOR YOUR INFORMATION & guide to peculiarities of this book

This book was prepared on an IBM-compatible computer (486-DX, 50-MHz, 8MB RAM, 240 MB hard drive). Over 35,000 names are preserved in the Roots III®¹ genealogy software program. The majority of this printed material is from Roots III® but Microsoft Word®² was used exclusively for format and printing.

The Roots III® genealogy software has the sophisticated ability to identify the common ancestor. The editor puts two names together and asks for "kinship." See the examples of relationship between the editor and the co-authors of this book. Note that there is no known relationship between Keith Ross and Lorraine Frantz but his wife, Helen Eikenberry, is a fourth cousin one time removed. I underline known because there might be a relationship but the editor does not have the individuals in the database. The editor may have substantial ancestor information, and recent generations data, but lack one or two names to link the families.

As noted, the cousin relationship between individuals can be established. Then, knowing the common ancestor of the requested couple, the editor can trace back through the generations and list parents, grandparents, great-grand-parents, etc. (Illustration, next page.)

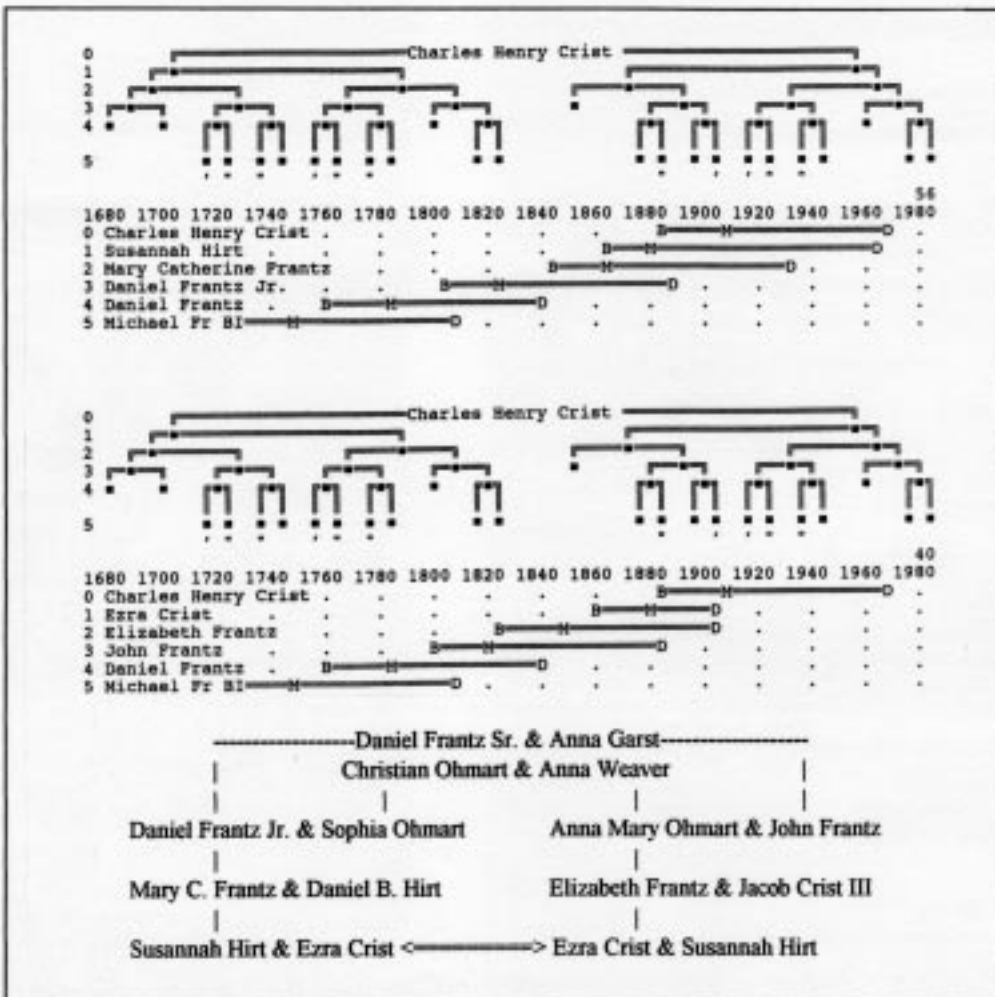
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| <p style="text-align: center;">COMMON ANCESTORS</p> <p>■ Michael Frantz II ■ Magdalena Zug</p> <p>Key: Dore Sanford Frantz was the 3rd cousin 3 times removed of Trgt: Lorraine Evon Frantz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMON ANCESTORS</p> <p>■ Daniel Frantz ■ Anna Garst</p> <p>Key: Lowell H. Beachler is the 4th cousin 1 time removed of Trgt: Lorraine Evon Frantz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMON ANCESTORS</p> <p>■ David Frantz ■ Sarah Neck</p> <p>Key: Hazel Mae Frantz is the 2nd cousin 1 time removed of Trgt: Lorraine Evon Frantz</p> <p>Key: Keith E. Ross Trgt: Lorraine Evon Frantz</p> <p>No relationship within generation span.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMON ANCESTORS</p> <p>■ Daniel Frantz ■ Anna Garst</p> <p>Key: Helen Marie Eikenberry is the 4th cousin 1 time removed of Trgt: Lorraine Evon Frantz</p> |
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Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin

Sprinkled throughout the book are rather crudely designed "cousin charts." This compiler/editor is attempting to illustrate (through "cousin charts") that the descendants of Michael Frantz (and descendants of other early ancestors, collateral lines) have been a close-knit community. You've heard the saying: "The family that prays together, stays together." The Brethren have prayed together, farmed adjoining properties, emigrated in groups, ... and intermarried. I rely on the computer to analyze and determine... but their relationship is often so complicated that it is difficult to ascertain the closest cousin number. Lacking details on many Brethren surnames, I may have illustrated a 5th cousin marriage when, in fact, they may be 3rd cousins. Conversely, I'm certain there are many more cousin marriages between individuals listed herein but editor needs additional information.



On the following page, find a consanguinity chart. The reader, too, can calculate relationships.

Several Old German Baptist Brethren have indicated that the cousin marriages have actually strengthened the individuals -- and the brotherhood. It is my desire to illustrate the positive nature of the relationships and not to embarrass families and/or descendants. (Through research, I discovered that my own parents were sixth cousins. I'm a 7th cousin to myself!)

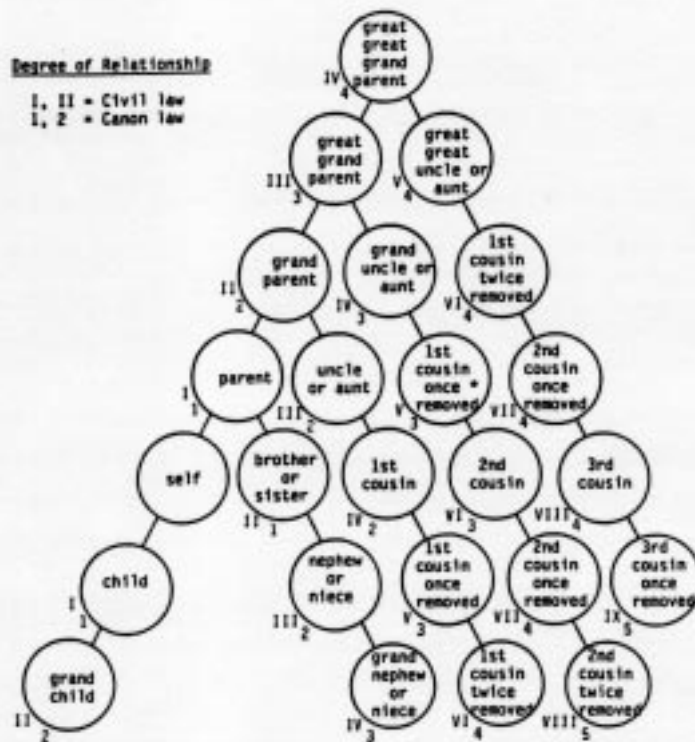
"Consanguineous Marriages

Genealogists often find ancestors who married cousins. In such cases, the family health historian should document the union and the relationship, and inquire whether there were excessive time lapses between known children or whether any of those children had particular health problems. However, one should not latch onto the intrafamily marriage as the explanation of problems in much-later generations.

The increased risk of genetic problems from cousin marriages applies to the children of that particular couple, but not to the grandchildren or later descendants. Why? Because the risk lies in inheriting the same recessive gene through both parents, thus causing the child to exhibit that problem. If a child of a consanguineous union did not inherit two copies of the disease gene, then his or her descendants are at no greater risk for that problem than is the average person." How to Be a Family Health Historian, by Anita A. Lustenberger, C.G., National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Special Issue, Vol. 82, No. 2, June 1994, page 88.

"Consanguinity: A condition existing when there is a mating between (and progeny produced by) blood relatives. Consanguinity increases the probability of the appearance of recessive traits." National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Special Issue, Vol. 82, No. 2, June 1994, page 141.

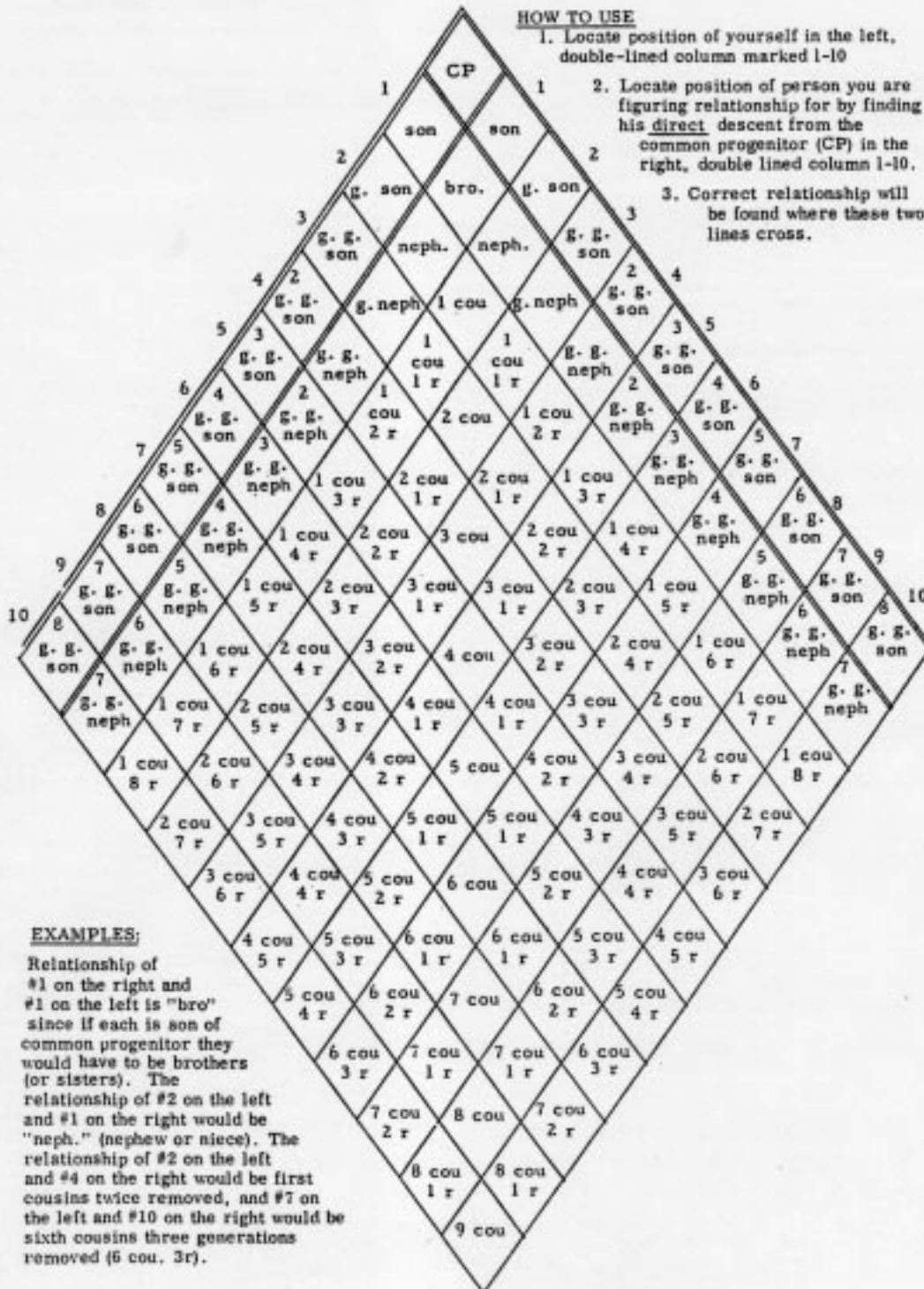
CONSANGUINITY CHART



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HOW TO USE

1. Locate position of yourself in the left, double-lined column marked 1-10
2. Locate position of person you are figuring relationship for by finding his direct descent from the common progenitor (CP) in the right, double lined column 1-10.
3. Correct relationship will be found where these two lines cross.



Guide to Peculiarities of this Book
(continued)

One of my "pet peeves": Reading a genealogy book and discovering that female lines are dropped when she marries! True, the surname changes but her descendants are equally important for the symmetrical family tree. When details are available, I have compiled progeny right down to the present. Equally distressing: To find (example) Elizabeth Frantz married to a fine upstanding Brethren farmer but no indication of her parents names. (Almost every family had a daughter named Elizabeth!)

As sophisticated as the Roots III genealogy software is, there are a few inconveniences. One that annoys me: The "back reference" doesn't appear for the child if the descendant parent was a woman. Please keep that fact in mind when you read higher number generations. A good way to find the parents: **Check the index!** The Index will indicate the page number(s) where individual first appears *with their parents*. In volume one *only*, section one, Descendants of Immigrant Christian Frantz & Immigrant Michael Frantz, editor manually prepared "back reference" so reader can quickly identify descendants of immigrant Christian Frantz.

Names with slash (/) are an indication that compiler/editor found more than one name, or more than one spelling for that person. (Example: Foust/Foutz; Gerlach/Gerlock; Hartsaw/Hartsaugh; Lehman/Layman; Lichty/Leighty.)

The reader may be confused by individuals with birth (1), birth (2), death (1), death (2), marriage (1) and marriage (2). The second birth, death, or marriage date was found during compilation of data and is included for evaluation. In this publication, birth (1), death (1) and marriage (1) is considered the probable date but, conceivably, several sources may have used the same erroneous date. Birth (2), death (2), or marriage (2) may be the accurate date. When original sources are available, the date will appear in **bold print**. A question mark (?) appears after a date that is uncertain, and two question marks (??) for a very unlikely date.

Why does the editor include a variety of dates? If she arbitrarily selected one date (for birth, death or marriage) and the reader found a different date, in another source, the accuracy of this material would be questioned. The source for each date can be found by noting the superscript number (example:⁹⁶) followed by a check of that number in Notes and References.

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| Descendants of Immigrant Christian Frantz & Immigrant Michael Frantz ... | 245 |
| Descendants of Immigrant Theobald Gerst..... | 327 |
| Descendants of Christian Gish | 359 |
| Descendants of Immigrant Philip Lorentz Hautz | 387 |
| Descendants of Immigrant Ulrich Zug..... | 411 |
| Descendants of Daniel Frantz -- Son of Michael Frantz II | 567 |
| Descendants of Peter Frantz -- Son of Michael Frantz II..... | 1025 |
| Descendants of David Frantz -- Son of Michael Frantz II..... | 323 |
| Descendants of Christian Frantz -- Son of Michael Frantz II..... | 811 |

Regarding Notes and References: The first time a source appears, it is listed in its entirety with author, publication, and repository. Thereafter, it will appear with an abbreviation, or *Ibid.*, and page number. There are some instances where the reader will not find a source listed. There have been several occasions where compiler/editor experienced problems with the computer and lost some data.

For readers with access to Old German Baptist Brethren Obituary Summaries from The Vindicator, Rosa Yoder Brovont has printed revised editions so page numbers may vary from those listed in Notes and References.

Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin

Those of us who "do" genealogy know what the various abbreviations mean but one of our children, or grandchildren, may leaf through these pages and wonder what "p." and "pp." stands for. A single p. is followed by a page number; a double pp. refers to two or more page numbers. "Ibid." is defined in the dictionary "In the same place: Used in referring again to the book, page, etc. cited just before."

b = born d = died m = married wid/o = widow of (MNU) = maiden name unk

The editor has used the two letter United States Post Office abbreviations for the states (CA = California, CO = Colorado, etc). If the city or county is unknown, the state is spelled out. The exceptions are to be found in quotations which editor did not alter.

Family history is often found in unique forms *and that's OK*. Thankfully someone took the initiative to preserve their lineage. This editor has used the "Register" format, in the Roots III genealogy software program, to print Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin. The Register format is recommended by the National Genealogical Society, 4527 - 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

Perhaps the reader is impressed with the method used to bind the pages of the books. (Library copies are the exception.) The editor appreciates the simplicity and deliberately chose it over more traditional bindings. You are encouraged to separate the pages, make photocopies, and share with your loved ones. Bear in mind that the three volume set of books is copyrighted so I request that you reproduce the title page and copyright page when you distribute the information.

The cost of these books would have been considerably more if they contained hundreds of photographs (like Descendants of Jacob & Eve (Boone) Funderburgh by Alvin K. Funderburg, or The Neher Family History by Jimmy E. Neher and Raymond E. Neher). Insert your photographs. Large copy centers (like Kinko's in Southern California) can reproduce photographs on their laser copiers. The pictures of the Dore Frantz family, Lowell Beachler family and Lorraine Frantz Edwards are examples of laser photocopies and cost \$1.49 each page (May 1996). Include copies of birth and death certificates; add new material to your copy of Frantz Families -- Kith & Kin as you gather more facts.

As previously stated, this is "an incomplete encyclopedia of information regarding immigrant Michael Frantz, his descendants, and allied families." Sharing this data enhances the probability that "all the pieces of the puzzle" will eventually be located. The editor welcomes your "additions and corrections."

For your information... the computer indicates over 24,000 names are documented herein. Frankly, I haven't counted the index entries to confirm this.





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