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*Attn:* G.F. Leibbrandt

Very interesting to receive your information about the Leibbrandt family last Friday (Dec. 7th). In Huron County Michigan we have counted 17 Leipprandt names which are derived from two brothers who came to the U S. in 1854 and 1870. The older brother Charles Fredrick Leipprandt was my grandfather, his brother (fifteen years younger) was Gottlieb Wilhelm Leipprandt. They originated from Meinsheim Germany prior to moving to the U. S. They had siblings Rosana Cliristina, Johann Friedrich, Johann Jakob, Johann Wilhelm, Eva Dorothea, Elisabeth Fredricke, Wilhelm Christian, and Elisabeth Dorothea. My grandfather was born in 1836 and the last birth in the family occurred in 1858. My grandfather died in 1914 and I was born in 1933. The reason for the wide gap in generations is that grandfather was married twice, my dad being of the second marriage and born in 1892. Grandfather was 56 when my dad was born.

According to my cousins research as of this past year Charles F. Leipprandt was listed that way as he arrived in the U.S., however all of the previous generations in Germany are listed as Leibbrand. Her lineage takes the final name back to 1705 to a Jacob Fredrich Leibbrand born in Boennigheim, Germany.

There are other Leipprandts living in Michigan, Illilois, Texas, ect. All tracing back to either C.F. or Gottlieb who came to the U. S. of course there are other blood relatives who are females and do no longer tare our name. In and around Pigeon, a population of 1200 we are quite numerous.

The Leipprandts of this are are predominately agriculturally oriented. Most of them either had farmed or still do. As for me I grew up on a farm, was CEO of a Farm Cooperative organization and retired 6 year ago. The apple orchard was and still is a hobby, although we have now sold the business to our son Jeff and wife Kim who carry on the tradition. Our son Jeff works for Pioneer Hybrids International, now a DuPont company. We have two other sons Joel a high school math teacher, 3hfl a robotics engineer, and Jill our daughter a homemaker We have 9 grandchildren, four of which will carry on the Leipprandt name. 1 have two brothers and one sister all stifi living. Among thek dilidren, four more boys to caiiy on the Leipprandt name.

In my travels I met a CEO of a Cooperative in Imperial Nebraska who spells his name Leibbrandt. His name is Martin and is perhaps a couple of years older than me. His great grandfather came to the U. S. as a growing man and brought his family along. I do not remember the date that they arrived in Nebraska however. We have visited back and forth with

Martin and it was very interesting to me that he looked very much like a brother to my brothers Charles, Bruce, and myself Also interesting is the fact that the names he chose for his boys are mostly the same names in our family such as Steve, Tim, Theodore (me) Charles, and his name Martin. I almost believe there is a connection as we trace back to our roots.

I am beginning to keep a folder of all correspondence concerning our family name connections I would welcome any additional information. By the way your previous e mail was sent to our orchard address.

My address to witch you care to respond is [tedpea@lavci.net](mailto:tedpea@lavci.net)~

Best regards; and Merry Christmas!