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Dear Mr. Peeples -

My letter to the Archivist in Stuttgart
paid off, and I got specific place
names to which to write and have
now located "Nicholäskirche," the
Lutheran church in ^{Pfunds} ~~Nagold-Emmingen~~
where Christina Kentz and Jacob Platz
were married and most of their
children baptized. Two ladies from
Nagold-Emmingen have offered to
show me around, and I'll be there
three days. I'll send pictures
when I return home. Would you
say that this Nicholäus-Kirche is
the mother church of St. Nicholas?
It was built in 1728.

I wrote to the other towns and have had no response, but now have several names of people interested in immigration who can probably help me find more about The Freyer mitch & Vetterlin families.

The Rantz ancestor came to Germany "three or four hundred years ago," my correspondent tells me, from Italy, with a circus. "When the circus left, he stayed here [Emminger] and he should be the ancestor of all the Rantz living here."

I've enclosed an obit that struck my eye. When did these folks drop their "s"?

Thanks for all the information you sent in February. You are

truly a goldmine, and since I'm far too lazy to ever do the sort of research you do, I'm delighted to have discovered you.

Regards,

Rou-Marie