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Winterhaven, California
October 10, 1949
Box 313

My Dear Mr. Frey:

Sometime ago I came into possession of Vol.1 No. 5 of The Pennsylvania Dutchman which had been originally mailed to one of your subscribers J. Preston Lau of York Pennsylvania. I was born and raised in York County and altho I have been away from Pennsylvania for many years I have never forgotten Pennsylvania Dutch as she was spoken around our house and neighborhood when I was a young lad. I'm proud of the fact that I came from Pennsylvania Dutch parents and after bucking the tide in Hollywood and other big cities for almost forty years and meeting the type of person who makes up these great melting pots we call cities I'm sure this whole country would be a better place to live if we had millions more of the grass roots type with which to associate.

I read your "ALL" item on page two and your invitation to send in additional ALL contributions so I'll relate an incident that occurred about two years ago in a Hollywood restaurant. I walked into this place for the first time and ordered a sandwich and a milk shake. The waitress took my order and soon returned with the sandwich. I had just about consumed all of the sandwich when the waitress belatedly showed up with the milk shake. Apologetically she remarked "here I am when your sandwich is ALL." I looked at her and said; what part of Pennsylvania are you from. She said, Allentown but how do you know I'm from Pennsylvania. I paid my check and walked out. That girl is still wondering how I knew she was from the old home state. Wish I could meet more ALL people out here.

Hope your efforts to keep the Pennsylvania Dutch clan as closely knitted as it used to be will be successful.

Respectfully yours,

Irwin J. Landis