

Dear Helen: - (Please try to call on me when he comes to Florida) March 1-73
I was delighted to receive your gracious letter of Feb. 27. - I would have been very pleased had Ray and my father called upon me last November.

I know you will have a wonderful time on your trip to Europe. I suppose you know that you must have a passport.

I can not give you too much information about the background of ~~I~~ the Imhoffs. My grandfather Imhoff came from Bavaria about the year 1845. - He came from a town called Frommesbach (?) which I could not find. That name I got from my father but it is not listed on any modern German map. However an old German Priest traced our family tree down to the Eleventh Century. They originally belonged to the nobility and great grandfather had a "Von" in front of his name. However the family was apparently wiped out during the second World War. - During the Protestant Reformation, four hundred years ago, the family split: some became Lutherans, spelling the name "Imhof," while the Catholics kept the name "Imhoff." In this day and age it no longer has a meaning. - I could not find Catholic descendants; I heard there was one

any children. No
old maid about 40 years after World War II - No
doubt she is either dead now or very old. She
wanted to keep the family tree name alive but
could not find an Imhoff or Imhof to fall in
love with her. My grandmother's name (maiden) was
"Franki." - She was a Hessen and came from Hessen Darmstadt.
I went to Darmstadt in Hessen but found the large city
was full of "Frankis." - Great grandma also came over
about 1850 or sooner. - I had a coat of arms of "Imhoffs"
which I gave to "Richard Imhoff", my grandnephew. May God
ever love and bless you. Love, Uncle Freddy