

UNIT 108

POST SCRIPT

1. EVERY ONE OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN SMITH'S LIVING GENETIC DESCENDANTS should have a copy of this research report. The genetic hearing loss can affect any of William Smith's genetic descendants. It can affect him/her personally---or it can affect that person's child or grandchild or great grandchild, etc. The hereditary hearing loss can be early onset or late onset. It could skip several generations and then suddenly reappear. A wise person knows his/her enemy. Believe me, if you ever have to deal with the Smith Family Curse, you know that it is the enemy!

2. ADDITIONAL DFNA/DFNA1 SYNDROMES POSSIBLE.—Along with the loss of hearing attributed to the Smith Family Curse, there seems to be more syndromes popping up. Several possibly related syndromes have been brought to my attention.

3. LOSS OF NATURAL SENSE OF BALANCE SYNDROME.—Our center of balance is located in the middle ear. Nearly all of the descendants of Grandpa Frank that were tested had a defective sense of balance. The challenge was to try to stand on one foot for 30 seconds with eyes open and note how many seconds before toppling. Then close both eyes and repeat the procedure. If a person topples at 30 seconds with eyes open, it stands to reason that the same person should be able to do the same thing with eyes closed. Not so with the Frank descendants! The number of seconds standing on one foot with eyes closed was divided by the number seconds standing on one foot with eyes open to obtain the percentage of remaining sense of balance. Hence a person who stood on his foot for 30 seconds with eyes open and only stood for 10 seconds with eyes closed would have a remaining balance of 33%---he has lost 66% of his natural sense of balance.

4. A REQUEST WAS SENT OUT to Grandpa Frank's descendants asking everyone to try this test and report the results. Unfortunately, very few family members responded to the request. Publication deadlines did not allow time to further pursue this possible DFNA/DFNA1 syndrome. If you try this test, please forward the results to me to be included in the permanent SFC records.

5. VERTIGO SYNDROME.—Two descendants of Grandpa Frank have reported having unusual vertigo-like symptoms. One was hospitalized and has serious recurring symptoms which are most unpleasant. The second person seems to have her symptoms under control.

6. DIZZINESS, INABILITY TO WALK, VOMITING, DEPRESSION, PANIC, AND NAUSEA are some of the symptoms of this malady. If you are a descendant of Grandpa Frank, please let us know if you have had any similar experiences.

