

David W. Walters

From: "Al Bettisch" <albett@yahoo.com>
To: "David W. Walters" <waltersd@home.com>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2001 8:24 AM
Subject: Re: Possible Family Connection

Hi Dave,

What I did not tell you about Verona was that I believe she was escorted to the US by a person I believe to be my grandfathers sister or half sister. On the passenger manifest adjacent to Verona, was a person named Anna Hauptmann who came to America in 1907 with my grandfather Stephan Bettisch. Anna's maiden name is Bettisch and she may have gone from Bloomington, IL back to Europe to escort Verona back.

There is an American-Hungarian Family Club in Bloomington that most of the people who immigrated from the Pankota area formed and belonged to. A lot of the descendants of the original immigrants still belong to that club. I used to belong to it when I lived in Bloomington, but that was almost 25 years ago; I am 54 years old now. Ironically, most all of the "Hungarians" in the club are really of German descent. (Bettisch, Pfeiffer, Hauptmann and Engelhardt, for example, are very German names) The families originally immigrated into that area of Hungary (now part of Romania) from Germany. (Check out the History link I have provided in my Bettisch site for more information)

Also, sometime you might want to try getting records from the Mormon Church. They have church records from Pankota from 1792 - 1850 on microfilm. I am currently checking them out in my spare time (which is very little). I have found several Bettischs in those records plus recall that there are several Engelhardts in there too.

More later,

Al Bettisch

-- "David W. Walters" <waltersd@home.com> wrote:

> Hi Al,

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> Yes, I had found the Ellis Island record for Verona. That was my

> Great-Great grandmother. That was all I could find. Most of my
> relatives
> are deceased from that side of the family, but my mother has been a
> good
> source of info.
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> I would appreciate any info you can pass along, and if I find out
> anything,
> I will be sure to pass it along to you. I will send you a copy of my
> tree
> for that side of the family, (what little I have), later this
> weekend. I
> have been able to find out a lot more about my Grandmother Rose's
> husbands
> side of the family. He came from Gent Belgium, and I was able to
> hook up
> with a genealogist there, that was able to research that part of the
> tree
> back to before "1776" for me. The Internet has been a great resource
> for my
> research!!
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> Thanks,
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> Dave
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Al Bettisch" <albett@yahoo.com>
> To: "David W. Walters" <waltersd@home.com>
> Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2001 10:42 AM
> Subject: Re: Possible Family Connection
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>> David,
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>> Yes, there may be a distant family connection between us.
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>> This will be brief as I am now at work:

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>> 1. A Verona Engelhardt came to the US in 1911 (check Ellis Island records). I believe she was widowed and possibly in her 50s at that time.

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>> 2. Some deceased family members used to write to some Engelhardts both

>> in the US and in Pankota Hungary - I have some of their correspondence.

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>> 3. It seems that I recall a Pfeiffer(sp) somewhere in my distant relations, but cannot recall exactly where now.

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>> 4. Unfortunately, I have not been able to establish a direct link to anyone in Pankota. I have been trying to establish such a connection

>> for quite a while but have not been successful.

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>> Keep in touch, I may be able to get more information in my records at

>> home or direct you to other resources that I have tried. Good Luck!

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>> Al Bettisch

>> Schaumburg, IL

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>> --- "David W. Walters" <waltersd@home.com> wrote:

>>> Hi Al -

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>>> My name is David Walters, and I have been doing research on my family

>>> history. My maternal great grand parents came from Pancota Hungary.

>>> While doing my research, I came across your family tree on the

>>> Genealogy.com web site. My great grandmothers maiden name was Mary

>>> ("Maria") Englehardt, and I notice your tree had a Rosalia

>>> Englehardt, so I thought there may be some connection. My great
>>> grandmother was married to Stephan ("Istvan") Pfeiffer.(or maybe
>>> spelled Pfeifer back in Hungary). I know her mothers name was
>>> Veronica ("Verona") Englehardt (Maiden name unknown). I also do
> not
>>> know what her husbands first name was. Mary and Stephan came
> over on
>>> May 29, 1907.on the Ultonia. They had four children, Frank
>>> ("Ferencz"), Stephan ("Istvan"), Rose ("Roza") (My Grandmother),
> and
>>> Teresa ("Terez"). When they came over, they also went to
> Bloomington
>>> Illinois. I believe my Great Grandfather came over before he
> brought
>>> the rest of the family, On June 6, 1906 on the Carpathia.
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>>> If you can help me out with any possible connection, or how to go
>>> about finding more information in Pankota, I would greatly
> appreciate
>>> it.
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>>> Yours Truly,
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