

March 5, 1984

Dear Sam,

In response to your request for information re the Dichner family tree, I'm making an attempt to follow through. Looking at my son-in-law, Lew's chart, I find it quite mixed up. Apparently there were some slips between my ~~information~~<sup>information</sup> and his perception. We attempted some corrections but the whole thing needs fixing which will require a lot of time---which neither of us can spare, now. I spent a couple of hours now trying to work out a chart of my own and that is NOT my forte. So, let me make a stab at conveying what little I know and ask you to take it from there.

Back in 1971, when I saw my father, his memory was already fading; so I don't know how accurate his information was. I give you here what he told me:

His father's name was Yehida Labe Dichner, <sup>an innkeeper.</sup> (A question the name because I recollect that back when my brother Manny was born---I was nine---there was a question related to his naming. My father wanted the name "Baer Labe" for his father. My mother said your grandmother Lizzy told her the "Baer" was only a title like "Mr." so Manny was named for his two deceased grandfathers: ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ Hyman Manuel Lewis Dichner (in Hebrew Chaim Mendel Labe).

His father had a sister, Shifra, who married a cousin, Avram <sup>Dichner</sup>. They had a son, Isaac. He would, of course, be first cousin to your grandmother. Back in 1932, <sup>when</sup> I was staying with the Dimows at 626 Dawson Street, Isaac and his family lived in the building next door. I remember there was a daughter, Sylvia, a beautiful girl, and other children. Willie Dimow may be able to shed more light on that branch of the family. I saw them only once.

Brothers of Labe were Nacham and Haskell, travelling merchants <sup>Levi (Lew)</sup> and also Yosef Baer who was killed in the Russo-Japanese War about 1905-6.

My father told me he came from a town Isskaross in Voliner Gebernya, four hours from Kiev by train. He also gave me the town's name as Korestan. The enclosed photo-copy may be of interest.

Your great-grandmother's name was definitely Ziporrah. All of us cousins, "Sylvia" are named for her, as is the Ashkenazic custom. Your mother wrote me in April of 1982, that Ziporah's maiden name was Rutland. Check source with her.

More~~ex~~ information from my father was that his step-mother was Sarah and there were a half sister and half brother, respectively Svetla and Ussher.

Looking at the sources which Lew gave me, I see that Korosten and Iskorost are one and the same. Enclosed is copy from the Jewish Encyclopedia.

Of the Simon family, you surely have full information--re the generations of Lizzy. Following are the generations of the Jacob Lichners:

Jacob's wife (my mother) ~~is~~ Lily Cluckman. They were divorced about 1938. My father later married Esther, now deceased. My mother also re-married a Jacob Bass who is also deceased. My mother lives in Los Angeles.

Of the offspring, I am first, married to Isadore Weiss. Our children are Mona, Miriam, Deborah, and Marc. Mona's married to Jerome Theodore Gottesman and they have two children: Michael Keith and Danielle Frances.

Miriam is next, married to David Zwerin. Their sons are Alan Jeffrey and Andrew Scott.

Then there is Debby, married to Lewis ~~ME~~ Meixler. Their children are Michael Adam (Mike) and Marcia (Marci) Susan.

Our son, Marc is unmarried.

The second of Jacob's children is Benjamin Martin. Ben is married to Fay Yampolsky. Their sons are David Franklin and Mark. Mark is unmarried; David divorced. David has a son, ~~with~~ Michael Louis.

The third of Jacob's children is Gloria, married to Eugene Spierer. Their children are Steven Franklin and Diane Nancy. Steven's wife is Phyllis (don't remember her maiden name) and their baby is Joseph Robert. Another's on the way. Diane ~~is~~ is unmarried.

Jacob's fourth offspring is Fanny. With Torchy, now deceased, he had three children: Linda, Pamela, and Allan. Linda is married to James Hamby and they have two children, Dorothy (Lorie) Melinda and James Lewis. Pam and Allen are not married.

and now Alex's family: There was Sylvia, deceased, married to Milton Gabbe. They did not have children. Harold is married to Renee. Their ~~daughter is~~ Cindy Lynn, married to Steven Jennings. They have a daughter, under 10. ~~They have a son named Alex, unmarried.~~ *He and Renee*

Of my father's offspring, I'm sure you rather have more information

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than I as she has kept in better touch with the Dimows over the years.

That is about as much as I can give you. If there is anything more in which I can help, please let me know. I would appreciate, too, getting any information you have that I may not have.

I believe I gave you Lew's phone and address. If ~~XXXX~~ not, here it is:

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He will be glad to hear from you and to cooperate in your search. He's spent many hours in research over a number of years~~K~~ and loves to share his knowledge.~~xxx~~ In fact, he's talked to several groups about how to pursue this hobby.

Your business card removed,  
Sylvia