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3rd Cousin?



csny56

Mar 03, 2018



Hi Steve-

If your mother is not May Lillian LaBarge Goddar Simon and you have no uncles Howard, Louis or Peter and if you have no Aunt Nettie and if your brother Charles is not married to Virginia and the Max Simon I describe in my previous message could not be your father and your grandfather is not Charles Simon, then the rest is moot and I hesitate to share any more information.

I apologize for wasting your time. I have clearly lost the trail or made a mistake somewhere along the line.

Thank you for your time, courtesy and patience.

Regards,
Claude

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Steven Simon

Mar 03, 2018



Hi Claude,

Key information about my father is incorrect. I also don't think

the timeline matches my family history very well. Did your great grandfather fight on the the side of the Union or Confederacy during the Civil War? Also, from the pension record, what was the city of his residence at the time he entered military service? Are you aware of any religious affiliation? Those might give some other clues about whether you are on the right track. At this point I don't think the evidence supports that. Best.

Steve



csny56

Mar 02, 2018



Dear Steve,

I don't know how far you'd like me to go by way of explanation. It's been about four years now that I've been working on my paternal grandfather's family. Forgive me if I go too far.

My grandfather who died before I was born never told my father or his siblings anything at all about anyone in his family except that one time as a child he and his father got on a streetcar in NYC and ran into his uncle and another relative. One of them was the conductor on the streetcar. I think I know who that was but let me back up.

It starts with my great grandfather's consolidated military service record. He was in the Civil War. He earned a pension. The pension file has an affidavit from his daughter who mentions an aunt, "Mrs. Simons", living at an address in Brooklyn. I found the name in directories at that address for several consecutive years. That was Max (or Marks) Simons (with an 's'). His wife's name was Lizzie. I ordered their marriage certificate and verified that his parents were the same names as my great grandfather. I located and ordered Max and Lizzie's death certificate, among other documents.

Census records show Max and Lizzie had children; Charles and Freda. Freda married someone with a very common surname

and I lose the trail. Charles married Sophie and according to census records they had children; Howard, Nettie, Peter, Louis and Max.

You mentioned that your father's name was Max which led me to a theory that your father and Charles and Sophie's son Max were one and the same. I knew that Charles and Sophie's son Max was born around 1918 and I found only 2 Max Simon's born in New York City close to 1918. One passed in 1997 but was shown living with his wife in 1940 U.S. Census. He could not be Charles and Sophie's Max Simon because he was still living with his parents in 1940 according to the U.S. Census.

Charles and Sophie's Max Simon passed away in 1985. His grave in Albany, New York shows his wife May Simon. May had a daughter Mary from a previous marriage who's obituary mentions her brother, Charles Simon married to Virginia. You mentioned your brother's name was Charles.

Maybe your brother was named after his grandfather, Charles, who was listed in a U.S. Census as a "conductor" and is the same person my father met on a streetcar in New York City as a child. Maybe that Charles is your grandfather.

I'm hoping some or all of this rings true to you but I'm certainly alerted to the fact that you simply may not know.

You may have tried to find my family tree work on ancestry.com but I do not believe I have the authority to publicize information about my family so I don't. I keep my records on a private family tree on a secure private server. When I pass, the records will be taken over by my cousin who shares my privacy concerns.

Regards,
Claude

**Steven Simon**

Feb 26, 2018



Hi Claude,

From your last correspondence that doesn't seem to fit. Let me know how you came up with this. I thought the basic info from the DNA analysis was interesting, but I haven't attempted to go any further with it. Best.

Steve

**csny56**

Feb 26, 2018



Hi Steve-

Thanks for your quick response.

I have a Max Simon in my tree born 1918 with siblings Howard, Nettie, Peter and Louis. Their parents were Charles Simon and Sophie (Kalinsky) Simon. Ring a bell?

Regards,

Claude

**Steven Simon**

Feb 25, 2018



Hi Claude,

My father was Max Simon, but I don't know of any history from Germany or Pittsburgh in his family. Max's son (my brother) is Charles but beyond that I don't recognize any of the names. My family, father's and mother's, were from New York when I was born. Thanks for making contact, but it doesn't look to me like there's any relation.

Steve



csny56

Feb 25, 2018



Hi Steven-

I was very surprised to see that we are possibly 3-4th cousins according to DNA matches.

I've done extensive research on my father's side (Simon) and have found no surviving lineage except for my grandfather and a great uncle James who changed his name to Simmons.

My great grandfather had a brother Max. Are you descended from Max Simons? He had a son Charles and a daughter Mildred.

I had a great uncle, William but never found any record of his marriage, children or death.

There was also a great uncle Joseph who married but I never found any children or record of death.

Where are you from?

All of the Simons that I know of were from Germany and immigrated to New York. Some came to New York by way of Pittsburgh and worked in the coal mines there.

Please let me know about this.

Sincerely,
Claude Simon

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