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Dear Hilli!

I hope you don't mind my familiarity, but we are obviously related! At present I am in Grünberg - Germany with my daughter and son in law where we arrived a week ago from South Africa. I'm Katherine Elizabeth Langi (nee Marneweche) and my daughter Melba is married to Hermann Schwarz. We all live permanently in Australia and have just spent a couple of months visiting relations in South Africa, ie Pretoria, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Springs, Krugersdorp, Bloemfontein etc. There has been a rumour for years in the Marneweche and Boetjee families about an unclaimed inheritance from Germany sometime in the last century, so to put matters finally at rest we decided to try and find out once and for all if there is any validity in the story! Hermann comes from Hamburg - Germany and he and Melba are spending 6 months here on a business/holiday and I'm here for only 3 weeks before returning to Australia, so we've decided to "check out" the Marnewechs in Grünberg first before moving onto the Messer side. While here we met a Mr Bremer who told us that you had just left after also enquiring about the family history. He gave us your address. We will be getting copies of the appropriate documents from him as soon as they come to hand from Darmstadt. We will also be seeing a Mr Stika who obviously has more information on the early emigrants from Grünberg to S/Africa including the Marneweches.

We would be interested to know whether you came here purely out of interest in your ancestry, or have you also heard something about a supposed inheritance?

If you are interested in exchanging information please write to Melba and Hermann in Hamburg as I'll be leaving shortly for Australia, but they'll still be here and

can go further into the matter. I wrote to my sister
Mary Fitzpatrick (nee Marnewicke) 4 Meteor Rd Valhalla
and Betty and Dietmar Steen, 574 Keeshond at Garsfontein
of Pretoria giving them your address, perhaps by now
one of them may have contacted you. For your information
my father was —

Adam Marnewicke married Catherine Elizabeth Mommer
son of
George Cornelius Marnewicke " Johanna Hendrina Barnard
son of
Johannes Marnewicke " Carolina Amelia Messer
son of
Johan Boenraad Marnewick " Ingela Elizabeth Otto
son of
Johann Melchior Marnewick " Anna Margaretha Schmidt
both of Grünberg.

I suppose this letter has taken you by surprise just as much as
your visit to this beautiful town of Grünberg took us!

I'm 80 yrs old and have still 1 brother and 4 sisters living,
the eldest being Mary 85 in Pretoria. Hoping to hear from
you. best wishes and regards

Katie Lanzi

Melba & Hermann Schwarz (nee Marnewicke).

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