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Der Mr. Marnewick,
thank you for your post-card and your
letter. Last week I got the church-record books
back and so I started writing out the plot.
I will give some explanations to it.

1st) Johannes M married a daughter from
Lennheim, a small village nearby belonging
to the parsonry of Grünberg. It is unknown,
where he came from and it is the first time
that this name shows up in the records.
There is no note about any children.
That could mean that Johannes M. had
a travelling trade (e.g. sheep-herd,
tinker, merchant....)

2nd) It is unknown, if Johannes M., having
married in 1699 is the same person as Joh.
M., marrying ~~in~~ before 1720. It is possible,
but maybe the other Johannes M. is a son
of the first. The other possibility is that Joh.
M. married a second time and settled
at Grünberg. Four children are recorded,
but there may have been more. Place and
date of the <second> marriage is unknown,

you can only derive it from the notes that the grandfather Johann Caspar Fostmann was grandfather to the child Joh. Caspar Fostmann.

3rd) Joh. Caspar M. may have followed his father in his trade, because he disappears from Grinberg.

4th) Johann Meldior M. becomes a taylor, when he dies in 1810 he is named: taylor and churchwarden (member of the presbyterium)

5th) The children of Joh. Meldior M:

The first died as a baby (two years old)

The second seemed to marry (in an unknown place)

The third & went to South-Africa

The fourth died with one year.

The fifth became a taylor and died not being married in 1833.

The sixth died as a baby.

That means: Connections to other people in Germany having the name Marnebeck can go only through Johann Caspar M., or through children, who's names we do not know.

So far with the explanations to the plot of the ancestors.

The spelling of the name Marnebeck differs: Morneweg - Mornebeck - Marnekek
Marnekek - Marnekek !

It is strange that the connection between the suburbs (?) of Pretoria goes over Grünkberg. When you will visit Germany later this year you are kindly invited to come to Grünkberg. Maybe there is a chance that other people have already done some searching on the name Marneweck in Germany and you might rely on their results.

With my kindest regards.

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To

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Dear Mr. Marneweck,

I had given the notes from the church records to Mr. H.P. Ott at Mainz. After a few days I got his answer, and I send his letter to you. Mr. Ott does a big research of all the church books at Maulbach, Dannenrod and the surrounding villages.

I want to comment Mr. Ott's letter:

The first mentioned Morneweg does not belong to the line of your ancestors, though he very probably is a relativ to the second one.

For the second mentioned M. Mr. Ott suggests that he may be the man beeing born at Dannenrod about 1692 and having the confirmation in 1706. Or he comes from Schweinsberg, a village near by Dannenrod.

I have not yet succeeded getting in contact with the minister at Schweinsberg, I called him several times, but I got nobody. Maybe the minister has retired and another pastor from another village fills in for that time. But I'll try it again.

There is one strange thing: If the (second) M. comes from Dannenrod, he had no contacts with his family. All the godfathers of his children come from Grünberg. Did he leave Dannenrod in trouble with his family? Just some words to the abbreviations: Because the Church records (KB = Kirchenbuch) start (after a fire) in 1706, all dates prior to this are counted back from one firm date. (err. = errechnet).

Kindest regards to you and your family

*at Dannenrod
and Maulbach.

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Dear Professor Bremer,

I have received your letter dated 22.2.85, together with the enclosed letter of Mr. Ott, for which I wish to thank you ever so much.

It is interesting to note that Herr Ott is related to Morneweg! His letter, which I read with great interest, shows that he has gone into a lot of effort to answer your questions on my behalf. If you find the opportunity to thank him on my behalf I would be most pleased. However I am writing a short letter to him myself, hoping that he understands a little bit of English. As a matter of interest, I have also received another letter from

Mrs Katie Langi² of Australia. She is definitely related to me; through Joh's M., son of Johann Conrad M. Even though she is 80 years old, she is also intensely interested in the Marnewecks and has asked me to send her any information that I find. This I will of course do. Returning to the letter of Herr Ott. I agree that it seems possible that the 2nd M mentioned may be the relation we are looking for, judging from the date of birth, etc. I do not know how important the matter of godfathers were in those days, especially in the case where a person left his village and perhaps travelled and then married in another village? I take it that there is definitely no reference in the Grimberg records as to where he came from? (Since this is the first source of information ^{to} you, I assume that I am asking the most obvious) Something that still puzzles me is the different spellings of M. Is it possible to assume that they are all related, and that the reason for

the different spellings can be associated to the state of literacy of those times? If my assumption is correct it means that a particular spelling of M does not serve as a clue to the relationship (or not) of another person with at a different/same spelling. Just as a matter of interest; are the M's I & II of Günberg spelled the same way? What I also do not understand from Herr Ott's letter is his reference to "Praetorius". Is this a kind of publication?

Once again, thank you for your continued interest in this matter. I hope to hear from you some further information, but do not wish to impose on your time unduly. My best wishes to you and your family (especially Cornelia).

Wilhelm Marnett

Grünberg 27.10.

Dear Mr. Marwardt,
Thank you for your letter and all the
wishes for our little daughter.

She is a content little one, always
hungry.

It's true, your visit at Grünberg
was at a moment, when all of
us were busy. If you didn't
mind that we had not so much
time for you, we could manage
it.

Now to your research. I'll send
the copies of Grünberg to Mr. Ott
at Mainz, he puts up a register
of the church-books of Mainz
and Danneroth. If there is
a connection from Grünberg
to Danneroth, I'm sure, he'll
find it out. I'll give you notice
of any result.

If you will be on a business / or
private trip to Europe, you are
invited to come round at
our house. Remember: On
Tuesdays we all are in a hurry.

With our kind regards.

Yours Joachim Heem