

MARNEWECK FAMILIE GESKIEDENISARGIEF

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Briewe van Pfarrer Joachim Bremer

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BRIEF 1: Handgeskrewe brief, 13 Junie 1984

Afsender en Ontvanger

Aan:	Herrn Willie Marneweck, Acorn Weg 414, Lynn Wood, Pretoria 0081, SAR
Van:	Joachim Bremer, An der Stadtkirche 9, D-631 Grunberg. Tel: 06401-6373
Datum:	13. Juni 1984
Taal:	Engels (handgeskrewe)

Inhoud (volledige transkripsie)

Dear Mr. Marneweck,

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 parsonage of Grunberg. 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. shepherd, tinker, merchant....)

2nd) It is unknown, if Johannes M., having married in 1699 is the same person as Joh. M., marrying 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 Grunberg. 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 note that the grandfather Johann Caspar Hofmann was godfather to the child Joh. Caspar Hofmann.

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

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

5th) The children of Joh. Melchior M.:

The first died as a baby (two years old).

The second seemed to marry (in a unknown place).

The third went to South Africa.

The fourth died within 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 Marneweck 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 Marneweck differs: Morneweg – Mornebeck – Marnewek – Marneuek – Marnewek!

It is strange that the connection between the suburbs (?) of Pretoria goes over Grunberg. When you will visit Germany later this year you are kindly invited to come to Grunberg. 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,

Joachim Bremer, Pf.

BRIEF 2: Getikte brief, 22 Februarie 1985

Briefhoof: Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Grunberg – Lutherbezirk – Kirchplatz 9, 631 Grunberg, Hessen

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Van:	Joachim Bremer, Pf., Ev. Kirchengemeinde Grunberg, 631 Grunberg, Kirchplatz 9
Datum:	GRUNBERG/HESSEN, 22.2.1985
Taal:	Engels (getikte brief op amptelike briefhoof)

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 relative to the second one.

For the second mentioned M. Mr. Ott suggests that he may be the man being 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 Grunberg. 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).

* at Dannenrod and Maulbach.

Kindest regards to you and your family,

Joachim Bremer, P.

BRIEF 3: Handgeskrewe nota, 27 Oktober (jaar onbekend)

Geskryf op geel notapapier

Aan:	Mr. Marneweck
Van:	Joachim Bremer
Datum:	Grunberg 27.10. (jaar onbekend, moontlik 1984/85)

Dear Mr. Marneweck,

thank you for your letter and all the wishes for our little daughter. She is a constant little one, always hungry.

It's true, your visit at Grunberg 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 Grunberg to Mr. Ott at Mainz, he puts up a register of the church-books of Maulbach and Dannenrod. If there is a connection from Grunberg to Dannenrod, I'm sure, he'll find it out. I'll give you notice of any result.

If you will be on a business/on 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 Bremer

ANTWOORD BRIEF: Willi Marneweck aan Pfarrer Bremer, 17 Maart 1985

Aan:	Pfarrer Bremer, Grunberg
Van:	Willi Marneweck, 414 Acorn weg, Lynnwood, Pretoria 0081, South Africa
Datum:	17/3/85 (17 Maart 1985)

Dear Pfarrer 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 Mornewegk! 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 Hangi 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 Grunberg records as to where he came from? (Since this is the first source of information for 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 ascribed 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 a different/same spelling. Just as a matter of interest; are the M's I & II of Grunberg spelt the same way?

What I also do not understand from Herr Ott's letter is his reference to 'Praetonius'. 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).

Willie Marneweck