

Subject: Re: Hermanski
From: Cathy Barlow (utahisc@yahoo.com)
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Date: Thursday, November 24, 2016 9:55 AM

Thanks for getting back to me. My client has had me do a little more research in the Germany-Poland area that the Gatz and Hermanski people came from this week. She asked that I email you. I will give her your email and she can contact you directly from here.

I found the exact locality of Johan Jacob Hermanski's birth. Finally deciphered his town of birth as Deutsch Okonin. It was in Schwerz, Germany which is/was also Slwice, Poland. It listed his parents. However, as you know there are crazy stories about his last name, etc. and his Czernowski sisters were born 15 years after him, and the mother's were not the same....any way I am giving this email to my client next week. I am sure she will contact you as she asked me to email and see if you descended from Johan...Have a nice Thanksgiving
Cathy

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Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:53 PM
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Hello Cathy:

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We are most surely related as Johan Jacob Hermanski was the father of my great grandfather Bernard Bartholomew Hermanski. My GGF Ben was a farmer near Kremlin (north of Enid, OK). I remember him best sitting in a rocking chair with a spittoon on the floor visiting with our family when I was 5 – 8 years old. Ben died in 1964 and his wife, Emma Fancher Hermanski came to live with her daughter/my grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Hermanski Collier. My grandmother Mary was a legal secretary who married my grandfather Eddie S Collier and moved to Taloga, Dewey County, Oklahoma. They had three children, the oldest was Shirley Lucille Collier (1932-1990), my mom, Roberta Pauline Collier Fahle (1935-living) and my uncle, Robert William Collier (1938-living). I have done AncestryDNA testing and my GEDMatch kit is A542154. My Christmas present to myself this year is additional testing of my living uncle and mother – the first test kit was received by Ancestry on Monday this week.

We have a public tree “ODAYFAHLE” and our Ancestry user name is ODAYFAHLE. We welcome all friends and family and we’d love to see your family tree to add lost generations. My grandmother (Mary Elizabeth Hermanski Collier) spent a lot of time in the Enid area and my mom was best friends with her cousins children of Bernard Leroy Hermanski (grandson of Johan Jacob Hermanski) and wife Katherine. Bernard and Katherine lived less than ½ mile down the road from my GGPs. They too were farmers and their son Jimmy Hermanski continues to farm on the original homestead.

Are you searching on behalf of Chris Hermanski who shows up as a 3rd – 4th cousin?

My wife started the family genealogy project years ago to find where her ancestor’s lived in Ireland (Thomas O’Day 1835-1894). Her family continues to farm in the same area as their ancestors in western Iowa (residents since 1870). I can find Thomas O’Day and his wife, Margaret in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania and in the 14th cavalry of the PA infantry during the civil war. I just can’t determine which of a dozen Thomas O’Day’s in the famine ship records might be the right one.

DNA testing has identified several IRE and AU relatives at 5 – 6 generations back; but, no luck so far tracking this line (one of seven Irish GGP lines). I’ll say a prayer and hope that the next person who tests links us without doubt to someone.

I haven’t dug deeply into the Hermanski family search – everything on my tree is from family bibles and family history. If I’ve learned anything during the past year, I know that family “stories” are often misinformation and the facts simply don’t support the “story”. Additional digging may help complete the family story – including buying another soldier’s identity to leave Germany before one of the Franco-Prussian wars (if the stories are right)..

I pray for good health and happiness over this holiday season; please pass our best wishes to those searching for their ancestors.

Best regards,

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My client, who I do Hermanski research for, found your posting Sept 12.

They descend from Johan (John) Jacob Hermanski who died in Enid, Oklahoma.

He was born in 1849 in Poland/Germany and married Eva Gatz. They had many children who all resided in Oklahoma.

My client would like to know if we can figure out if you are related.

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