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1301 Bradford Road  
Oreland, PA 19075  
23 February 1997

#9086

Lorene Jones  
9009 N.E. 82nd Ave.  
Vancouver, WA 98662

Dear Lorene,

I am writing to you in reference to your line of descent in the Plattenberger/Blattenberger family. Tom Plattenberger of Anchorage, Alaska sent me copies of several letters that you had written to Bill and Shirley in 1993. I believe Tom also wrote to you recently to let you know that I would be sending you a letter to confirm your connection to the family and ask for further information.

At the 1993 reunion in Lancaster, PA I took on the job of genealogist for the Plattenberger/Blattenberger family and, since that time, have compiled a computer database of all our currently known information about family descendants. As you can imagine, since the family is now 250 years old in America, the number of descendants has grown considerably and there are still many lines that we know little about.

My Plattenberger ancestor was Augusta Elizabeth Plattenberger (1834-1906), daughter of William Henry and Sarah (aka. Sally) (Herzel/Hartzell) Plattenberger of Schoeneck in Upper Nazareth Township, Northampton Co., PA. Augusta married James Rader of Bushkill Twp. They were my Great-Great Grandparents on my father's side. Tom Plattenberger's ancestor, Jacob Plattenberger, is believed to be a son of this William Henry and Sarah, and brother to my Augusta.

William Henry and Sara (Herzel) Plattenberger also had a daughter named Louesey (or Lucinda Louise) Plattenberger, sister to my Augusta. She is listed as eight years old in the 1850 census as "Louesey". Around 1859 "Louesey" married Joseph Beck. According to the records of the Moravian Church at Nazareth, PA, they had a daughter, Emma Caroline Beck, born on 17 August 1860. Shortly thereafter, the Beck family seems to have disappeared from the Northampton Co. area. I have not been able to find them in the 1870 or later census reports.

#425

Based on the letters that you sent to Bill and Shirley, it now appears that Emma Caroline Beck married a man by the name of "Geeting" and they were your ancestors. However, I don't have any of the details about their family, grandchildren, etc. If I'm right about your Emma Caroline Beck, then you I and Tom all are descended from William Henry Plattenberger and your ancestry would be:

Emma Caroline Beck

Joseph Beck and "Louesey" (Lucinda Louisa) Plattenberger

William Henry Plattenberger and Sarah Herzel

Philip Plattenberger and Susanna Steiner

Christian Plattenberger and Salome Mueller

Johannes Ludwig Blattenberger and Barbara Palmer (the immigrants)

Georg Blattenburger Jr. and Elizabeth Wagenlechner

Georg Blattenburger Sr. and Anna Mayrhofer

Christophorus Blattenburger and Barbara Eder

Johannes Blattenburger and Elisabeth

Enclosed is a family sheet for William Henry and Sarah Plattenberger and for Joseph and Lucinda Louisa (Plattenberger) Beck and some blank sheets. Will you please fill in as much of the information as possible and return the sheets to me so I can add your data to the family file. Also notice that I don't know if Joseph Beck and Louesey had any other children, who would have been brothers and sisters to your Emma Caroline. Also, I don't have birth or death dates for Joseph Beck or a date of death for Emma or know where they are buried, etc.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If the information above about your Plattenberger ancestry is correct, I can send you additional family sheets for each family in your direct line. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Berger  
215 836 - 4727  
Email: [daleb@voicenet.com](mailto:daleb@voicenet.com)



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Lorene Maudie Jones (1919-1998) was dau of  
Adolph Krohn + Ella May Geeting. She was a  
granddaughter of Walter W. Scott Geeting +  
Emma Caroline Beck.

October 1, 1993

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# 2468

# 2103

Dear Shirley and Bill,

I have taken on a project--long overdue--to sort pictures  
and label for Judy and Duane. What info I have on  
genealogy is being put together in a somewhat orderly form.

But pictures are a problem--so many of them I can't  
identify the people. I'm sending along to you what I have  
in pictures of the Plattenbergers, and you may keep or  
toss.

I'm still a little vague about our relationship, (which is  
of secondary importance when you have been such good  
friends.) If your grandfather and my grandmother were first  
cousins, then you and I are third. But I have never  
established in writing--by birth, marriage or death  
certificates--how we came to be related. My great  
grandfather's death certificate indicates his wife was L.L.  
Plattenberger, and I do know that she predeceased him by a  
number of years. Mother always said that her mother's  
mother died when her mother was very young. Her mother was  
Emma Beck Geeting, whom you told me you remembered as Aunt  
Emma.

# 325

Louinda Louisa

Some of the cards in this pkg from Jake Plattenberger to  
Emma Beck Geeting are addressed to her as his niece. That  
could mean he had a sister, L.L. Plattenberger. Or am I  
skipping a generation? I'd like a note from you telling me  
what you remember.

# 326

Hope all is going well for you.

Sincerely,

Lorene Jones

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November 13, 1993

Dear Bill and Shirley,

Thanks so much for your good letter which my neighbors brought to me while I was confined in a skilled care facility. *Hip replacement.*

Have been home now for a couple of weeks and getting along fine, but doing things like dressing, etc. are awkward and slow. But getting easier. A couple of friends shop for me and sometimes even bring prepared food. There was a ton of mail that had to be attended to and I am just now getting to the correspondence I enjoy.

I still can't believe that we would all have let my mother and your father <sup>Charles</sup> out of the picture without documenting this relationship.

I've read and reread your letter and think I will keep it with the genealogy things.

Now for my family history. My grandmother Geeting, whom you refer to as Aunt Emma, had six children, and only six natural grandchildren. Two of those six are no longer living. Mother's eldest brother Mark had two sons, the elder of whom I keep in touch with sporadically. *# 9011*

His name is Baxter Geeting *# 9055* and he was one of the early faculty members of Sacramento State University--it was founded during the days of Governor Earl Warren. I have written him for anything he might have records of. His father was born in Iowa--worked in a bank there--and my grandparents lived there until they homesteaded in 1911. Mason City was where the family lived in the years before homesteading.

Baxter's wife had some interest in family history but she is now in a nursing home, unable to walk and does very little talking. He says they have no hope of recovery. He lives in a retirement home near (all in Thousand Oaks, CA) so he can see her often.

What I think ties our families together, however, is my grandmother's birthplace--Nazareth, PA. When I first began working on records for DAR I did some corresponding with a Moravian library in PA. They said many of the records were in German and would have to be translated --for which there would be a fee. Her maiden name was Beck and the DAR library in Washington, D.C. had a book of cemetery records in that area. There were many Becks but their markers did not indicate service in the Revolution.

*This was  
Emma Caroline  
Beck, d/o  
Jos. + Louisa  
(pe.) Beck  
(A 5426)  
#425*



No L.L.'s  
Jacob are  
born in

Bill said he  
did not  
know.

↓ yes

~~Jacob (Jacob)~~

Oct 31  
1841

Would the father of L.L. Plattenberger be a brother of Jacob Plattenberger? My grandmother was born in 1860, so her mother's birth date would probably be 1835 or 1840. Why did Uncle Jake and Aunt Ada call my grandmother "niece" on the cards that they sent--I think I enclosed one in the package of photos. Census records might tell something.

This looks like an eternal mystery but I'm feeling some desire to solve it, and when I'm able to drive, etc., I'll do some more work on it.

I think I gave up on establishing DAR membership on this side of the family and went through my mother's father--someone already had done the work and I only had to prove about three generations.

? → Judy's children are 11 and 12 and the family will be here for Thanksgiving. Joey likes sports and both play soccer. Judy says Jami isn't very good at it but as long as she wants to play, she encourages her. Judy is still with Clorox in the computer service department. Likes her work and is very happy with her supervisors. But she has finally come to realize that promotion isn't going to come without that degree so she is starting back to school--one course each quarter. John is very cooperative. Fortunately she did get an associate degree in MN so she went into school in CA with junior status.

All for now. I appreciate your friendship.

Love always,

Larone

P.S. I can't recall corresponding with anyone from Mt Carroll. It must have been a long time ago - or maybe someone else is marking on this line.

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
COUNTY OF PIERCE. (SS

A F F I D A V I T -

PAF #2101

→ FRANK J. PLATTENBERGER, being first duly sworn on  
oath, deposes and says:

That he is 76 years of age and that he resides at No.  
1215 Third Avenue N. W., Puyallup, Pierce County, Washington.

That affiant is the father of Charles Henry Platten- #2102  
berger who was born at Aurora, Iowa on September 19, 1896 and  
now resides at Savanna, in the State of Illinois.

F. J. Plattenberger

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 1950.

W. H. J. J. J.  
Notary Public in and for the State of  
Washington, residing at Puyallup.

FORM C--AFFIDAVIT OF PARENT FOR A DELAYED REGISTRATION OF THE  
BIRTH OF CHARLES H. PLATTENBERGER ON SEPTEMBER 19 1896  
AT AURORA, BUCHANAN, IOWA, XXXXXXX  
Name Month Day Year  
City and County 1896

STATE OF  
COUNTY OF

Chm 6a PAF # 2102  
PAF # 2101

I, FRANK J. PLATTENBERGER, of lawful age, being  
duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

THAT I am the FATHER of the person named above and that this child was  
Father, Mother  
born on SEPT. 19 1896 at ON FARM 1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF  
Month Day Year Street address or general location in the community  
in AURORA, BUCHANAN County, XXXXXX  
City, village, township or road district; IOWA

AND FURTHER THAT the personal particulars of the child's parents are as follows:

Father's full name is FRANK J. PLATTENBERGER his color or race is WHITE, the year of his  
birth was 1874, and his birthplace was COLO STORY IOWA  
City or county and state or country

Mother's MAIDEN name is MAE PARR PLATTENBERGER her color or race is WHITE, the year of her  
birth was 1872, and her birthplace was ON FARM, TAZWELL ILLINOIS  
City or county and state or country

AND FURTHER THAT this was a SINGLE birth and that this child was the FIRST  
Single, twin, triplet 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.

child born alive to this mother and that the following children were born to her on or  
before the birthdate of this child at the places and dates stated:

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year)	BIRTHPLACE (city or county & state or country)
1) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	
2) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	
3) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	
4) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	
5) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	
6) _____	was male, born	_____ at _____	

Signed F. J. Plattenberger  
F. J. Plattenberger  
Address: 1215 3 AVE. N. W.  
PYALLUP, WASH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June 1907  
at Pyallup, Wash.  
(SEAL)  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington  
Address: 109 2nd Ave SW  
Pyallup



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# 2461

son of  
Jacob

Plattenberger "notes"

Plattenbergers were "Moravians"

born Aug. 15, 1892

Irvin Plattenberger died Sept. 27, 1957

Veteran W. W. I U. S. Navy

on stone it says "LMI U S Navy"

# 2458

Cemetery, Savannah, Ga. Rose A. Plattenberger

1849 - 1899

1st wife of Jacob

Thema said perhaps wife # 3 is buried in Milled.

# 2462  
son of  
Jacob

Sav. Cemetery Grant Plattenberger

1885 - 1959 son of Jacob

son of Savannah, Ga. Cemetery  
Jacob # 2460 Bert Plattenberger 1879 - 1945  
# 2595 (wife) Anna 1888 - 1941

son of  
Jacob

Savannah, Ga. Cemetery

# 2459

James H. Plattenberger Jan. 8, 1872

not sure of month → Jan. 28, 1946

# 2596

(wife) Eva M. Plattenberger Mar. 27, 1879

# 2597

Apr. 28, 1937

their son: Philip H. Oct. 25, 1900  
Aug. 16, 1966

↕  
their grandsons: