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The purpose of this report is to summarize the data and goals for your project. Please review the information in this report carefully and report if any additional information is known at project start or if any of the information should be changed or corrected.

Subjects of Focus: Identities & Direct Ancestors of George R. Ludwig & Lizzette Louise Pauline Heilmann

Client has a desire to verify and prove the known direct ancestors of George Richter Ludwig and Lizzette Louise Pauline Heilmann with an emphasis to establish and prove specific places of Germanic origin for any immigrant direct ancestors. Ancestry member account was shared with genealogist and contains copies of all the original and secondary documentation that has been discovered up to this point on the direct ancestors of George R. Ludwig and Lizzette Louise Pauline Heilmann. An obstacle to determining their specific places of origin in Germany is that our migrant subjects arrived during a time when the United States did not keep detailed records of where many immigrants were coming from.

George Richter Ludwig was described to have been born at an unspecified location in present-day Germany, married Lizzette L.P. Heilmann during 1892, and died during 1948 in Buffalo, Erie County, New York. A combination of Federal population census records from 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 were submitted on the identity of George R. Ludwig throughout his lifetime in the U.S. The 1870 Federal population census revealed he and his immediate family arrived at the U.S. before 1870, but after his birth in 1866.

A ship passenger list from the S.S. Reichstag that arrived at the Port of New York in 1867 was linked to the identity of Fredericka and it seems to be accurate because she traveled with two young sons Ernest and Georg. The man they traveled with was listed as being C.F.A., but that may have been typo since none of those initials indicate his name begin with a 'W' like Wilhelm. An issue presented by this ship passenger list is the fact that their specific place of origin prior to arrival was not noted. It was noted that they left from the port of Hamburg. No death records were have been obtained yet on Wilhelm Ludwig and his wife Frederika Richter who likely died in the U.S. It seems like that Wilhelm Ludwig died at one point after 1880, but before 1910, because his wife Frederika was a widow by the time the 1910 census was taken.

Lizzette L.P. Heilmann was described to have been born in Erie County, Pennsylvania on the 10th of August 1865 to German-born Berhard Heilmann and Louisiana-born Julia Trautmann. Federal population census records were submitted from 1860 and 1870 on



the household of Bernhard Heilmann. Census records submitted on the household of his wife Julia from 1880 and 1900 help to prove Bernhard died before the 1880 census was taken. Federal population and State census records were submitted on the identity of Lizzette L.P. Heilmann from the years 1900, 1910, 1920, 1925 and 1930. Specific places of origin in Germany and the State of Louisiana were not reported yet, nor were specific dates and place of marriage and death for Bernhard Heilmann and Julia Trautmann.

Summary of Research Recommendations:

Genealogist recommends applying up to one hour and forty-five minutes of research time completing a digital collections survey on the direct ancestors of George R. Ludwig and Lizzette Louise Pauline Heilmann. Goals of this survey will be to establish and prove specific places origin as well as to establish the identities of the parents to the earliest known direct ancestors.

Digital Collections Survey is a term we use to describe a research survey that exhausts all available collections of documents that are published online including but not limited to Ancestry.com and other premium information service databases. Copies of original documentation may include census, vital, military, probate, land and church records; secondary documentation may include copies of record transcriptions, record index entries and published genealogies.

Itemized List of Research Recommendations:

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