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Dear Dick:

Received the newest episode about our grandfather's life and thanks. I read it all thru and will read it again to make a few corrections. I realize you get information from many sources and some contradicts others. Sherman did not take a photo of the Darmstadt home when he was in Germany during WWII. The picture that I have of that house was taken many years before that and was handed down thru some one in the family. To my knowledge Sherman never was in Darmstadt and that was misinformation. My mother used to tell us that her uncle was the first mayor of Darmstadt and that it was named after him. This picture I have shows a woman hanging up clothes on a line, in a yard in front of the house and two small children playing in the foreground. My mother corresponded with Miriam Berger and Walter Sholey families all thru the years until her death. Walter Ashley had five children and he used to write and ask my mother to send him some money as they were very poor (he said) and she would send him money occasionally. Morris and Lewis Hamburger were the two sons of Ephraim and his ~~second~~^{first} wife. All the rest of the children were from the second wife. No children from the third and fourth wife. My mother always insisted that her father was married only four times. Eugene Hamburg insisted that our grandfather was married five times but there is no proof of that. Morris Hamburg was never a comedian and always took dramatic parts on the stage. He was an actor all his life. We all loved his wife Jennie. She would come to our house about once a week and she was always full of laughter and

a happy disposition. We visited her when they lived on Briar Place near Lake Shore Drive many times in Chicago. She died from an operation. Thru her thrift they accumulated two pieces of property and left two two-flat houses and an estate of \$43,000 to their children Anne and Eugene Hamburg, which was a lot of money in those days. They lived well in their large apartment on Briar Place and it was one of the richer neighborhoods on the north side in Chicago. Eugene and Sophie Hamburg had no children and Sophie was only married once. She never had a child. Eugene never had a child either. Uncle Max Friend inherited his father's liquor business. When prohibition came to the U. S. our government bought all his bonded liquor for \$40,000 and uncle Max invested it in the mortgage business from which he accumulated a large fortune, but lost some of it in the great depression of the 30's. I remember aunt Rose's first husband Ben Brill. Theres and I were at their little apartment back of the tailor shop across from the stock yards, the night he got sick and was taken to the hospital from which he never recovered. Aunt Rose married uncle Max a few years later. He owned a large building with five stories and 16 flats on the corner of ^{37th} ~~42nd~~ St. and Indiana Ave. in Chicago. She had been very poor until then and had a very good life after she married uncle Max and they lived well and traveled a great deal. Samuel Salkey died at age 21 yrs in ~~San Diego~~ ^{San Diego} California where he went on doctor's orders for his health in ~~1917~~ ^{about 1917}. He used to get pneumonia every winter in Chicago. I remember it was a cold day with ~~the~~ ^{deep} snow on the ground the day they left

for Calif. and my mother and I and a boy friend of mine went down to the train depot to see them leave. It was the middle of winter in Chicago that day. The "Family Tree" book that I have of our grandfather has nothing in it but the titles at the top of each page but no geneology of any one. The pages are blank.

There are too many mistatements to correct which are controver-
sal because no one knows for sure which are right and which are wrong
so we will let it go as you have written it. You have done an amaz-
ing job of getting all the information in all of the episodes that you
have compiled of the geneology of our family and it leaves all of us
in awe too. Our grandfather did not have much education but he was a
brilliant man and accomplished a great deal during his life time and one
wonders how or where he became so prefficient in so many things. He
had the intelligence of a genius, and the stature of a very great man,
if when there is no other in comparison.

I will put this latest episode of our geneology with all the
others that I keep and thank you for sending this to me. Some day
when I can afford it, I will send you some money to help defray the
expenses that you have gone to to get all the information that you
have gotten so far and for all your trips to the various places you
went to get the information.

Love from your

Aunt Ann