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Dear Eugene.

This is my first letter of the new year. I wish you many more healthy and happy new years.

I am still interested in our genealogy and recently I started to look in to the Darmstadter side again.

I called Henry Darmstadter in Philadephia. He told me that his father Kark died July 1984 and his mother died a month later. He was 92.

You Told me 10 years ago that you helped uncle Max Friend bring the Darmstadter family to the U.S. in 1939. Could you elaborate on that story? Henry does not remember that. He says that a retired army offecer in Washington was instrumental in their getting here. His name was Louis Nathan.

You also said that aunt Julia testified at uncle Max's probate hearing about the name of Ephraim's second wife. Do you know the date and place of that court hearing? When did Max die. I would like to look up those records.

In all those antique photos that you have, would you happen to have any of: 1. the Ashley's; 2. the sisters of Hanna Hambujer; 3. The sister or brothers of Ephraim; 4. the descendants of any of the above 5. Aaron Mandelbaum, the father of Jacob. Bernice probably could identify one of Aaron. I am most eager to see a photo of my great grandfather Aaron and it seems strange that no one in the family has one.

Have you found any clues to Virginia Hampton? I need her married name, address, phone number; somebody might have the memntos she got from her stepfather Sam who go t them from Ephraim. I keep notes on all that you say about our heritage; your information is extremely valuable.

I hope you still have the Mason pin of Ephraim you said you would send me. I would treasure it and pass it down the generations.

I look forward to your reply.

Best wishes
Dick Grayson