

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
JOHN S. DEMKO)
DECEASED)
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Investigator's
Report of Findings

ASSIGNMENT: Identify and provide current addresses for Decedent's statutory heirs in order that Client may proceed with determination of heirship necessary to complete estate administration. Client is George J. Pettrone, Esquire.

Beginning with information provided by the Client, the Investigator and others operating in cooperation with the Investigator conducted searches of available records as well as interviews and employed other investigative methods as indicated. An account of findings follows our summary.

SUMMARY: No evidence has been found that the Decedent had been married or was survived by issue. The Decedent's parents predeceased. The Decedent's siblings predeceased without issue. The Decedent's maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts and uncles all predeceased. One surviving first cousin has been found and no post-deceased first cousin. The Investigator believes the descent and distribution statute applicable in this case provides for a conclusion that surviving descendants of cousins would not be eligible under Pennsylvania law. Therefore, it is the Investigator's belief that the sole heir-at-law is surviving paternal first cousin, Irene C. Demko Soltesz, who resides at [TRUNCATED].

The Investigator awaits Client's advise with respect to the need for any further research or documentation in order to satisfy the due diligence requirement for the purposes of this proceeding.

FINDINGS: The Decedent was born 7 January 1922 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and died 9 April 2007 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. No evidence has been found that the Decedent had ever married or had issue.

The Decedent's parents were John/Janos Demko and Elizabeth Matus. The parents married 27 April 1918 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The father was age 23 born Austria and no prior marriages. His father was John born in Austria and residing in Austria. His mother was Mary Oros born in Austria and residing in Austria. The mother was age 22 born Austria and no prior marriages. Elizabeth Matus' father was Stephan/Stephen Matus born in Austria and residing in Austria. Her mother was Mary Kesa/Kasa born in Austria and residing in Austria.

A passenger's manifest was found for the Decedent's father, Janos Demko. He is reflected as age 25 years and single. Vessel: Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. Departed Hamburg and arrived in New York on 24 April 1912. Sailing from Hermadriese, Hungary and going to friend Palsvico Miklor in Windber, Pennsylvania (note: uncertain).

A Petition for Naturalization was found for the Decedent's father, John Demko, who was residing at 3 Gatelodge Alley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was born 7 September 1895 in

Hernadvecae (sic Hernadvecse), Hungary. He departed from Hamburg, Germany on or about 16 April 1912 and arrived in New York on or about 26 April 1912 onboard the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. Wife, Elizabeth was born 16 October 1895 in Hidvey Ardo (sic Hidvegado), Hungary. Children: Joseph born 22 February 1919 in Pittsburgh, John Jr. born 7 January 1922 in Pittsburgh, Elizabeth born 27 March 1923 in Pittsburgh. Declaration signed 17 July 1924. (copy attached)

The Decedent's family was found in the 1920 United States Federal Census and the 1930 United States Federal Census; they were residing in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. (copies attached)

The decedent's father died 29 April 1963 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. His obituary states that he was the husband of Elizabeth Matusz Demko and father of Joseph G. and John S. Demko (Note: No mention of the Decedent's sister Elizabeth).

The Decedent's mother predeceased the Decedent on 15 April 1976 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Her last will left all to her two sons (the Decedent and brother Joseph) and the Decedent's father. Note: the mother's and father's obituaries state her maiden name is "Matusz"- spelling differs from marriage record above.

An exact date of death for the decedent's sister Elizabeth has not been determined: Allegheny County marriage indices (1935-1993), Allegheny County death records (1925-present), and Pennsylvania death records (for the past 25 years) were checked without success. A presumption that she predeceased both parents at a young age and without issue is based upon the facts that she is not mentioned in either parents' obituary or the mother's will.

The Decedent's brother Joseph predeceased the Decedent on 9 December 1993. His obituary mentions only his wife Zelma. He was a member of St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church.

No evidence has been found to suggest that either of the Decedent's siblings were survived by issue.

Further research failed to establish a connection between the Decedent's family and any other families in the Pittsburgh area bearing either the Demko or Matusz surnames.

At this point in our investigation the Investigator enlisted the assistance of a research correspondent in Hungary. Our associate conducted research as reflected in the account of findings to follow.

MATERNAL MOIETY

The Decedent's mother was born Erzsebet Matusz on 16 October 1895 in Hidvegado, Hungary. The maternal grandparents were Istvan Matusz and Maria Kiss who had three (3) issue: Erzsebet (the Decedent's mother), Terez, and Maria.

1. Maternal uncle Terez Matusz was born circa 1900 and died circa 1920 without issue.

2. **Maternal aunt Maria Matusz whose exact date of birth has not been determined is known to have married a Mr. Peter. Maria Matusz Peter died circa 1941 with issue as follows: Terez Peter (per interviews conducted with other family members).**

Issue of Maria Matusz Peter

- A. **Maternal cousin Terez Peter predeceased the Decedent (per interviews conducted with other family members).**

PATERNAL MOIETY

The Decedent's father Janos/John Demko was born 7 September 1895 in Hernadvecse (note: uncertain of spelling) Hungary. The paternal grandparents were Janos Demko and Maria Orosz who married on 2 May 1877 in Garadna, Hungary. The paternal grandfather was born circa 1852 and died post 1911. The paternal grandmother was born circa 1858 and died 26 May 1909 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. The paternal grandparents had the following issue: Jozsef (b. 1878), Maria (b. 1880), Agnes (b. 1882), Maria (b. 1891), Janos (b. 1895, the Decedent's father).

Paternal uncle Jozsef A. Demko was born 25 March 1878 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and married Barbara Javiczky. They were located in the 1910 United States Federal Census; they were found residing in Stonega, Wise County, Georgia. In the house were their issue: Joseph, age 5 years; Andrew, age 3 years and Agnes, age 1 year and 1 month (copy attached).

The family was again found in the 1920 United States Federal Census; they were residing in Cooper, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. In addition to Joseph, Andrew and Agnes, issue John, age 4 years and 8 months and Irene age 7 months were also in the house (copy attached).

The family was located in the 1930 United States Federal Census; they were residing in Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey. In the house were paternal uncle Joseph; wife, Bessie [sic]; Agnes; John; Irene; Joseph; daughter-in-law Anna and grandson, Joseph (copy attached).

1. **Paternal uncle Jozsef A. Demko died after 1930 and prior to 2004 with issue as follows: Joseph A., Andrew J., Agnes, John S., and Irene C.**

Issue of Jozsef Demko

- A. **Paternal cousin Joseph Demko was born 1 November 1904 in Virginia and died 9 August 1996 in New Jersey (per Social Security Death Index).**
- B. **Paternal cousin Andrew Demko was born 8 November 1906 in Virginia and died May 1980 in New Jersey (per Social Security Death Index).**

- C. Paternal cousin Agnes Demko married a Mr. DeJoseph and died prior to 2004 (per John S. Demko's obituary).
 - D. Paternal cousin John S. Demko was born 6 April 1915 in Stonega, Virginia and died 18 October 2004 in Trenton, New Jersey.
 - E. HEIR - Paternal cousin Irene C. Demko was born May/June 1919 and married Stephen J. Soltesz. Irene C. Demko Soltesz survives the Decedent and resides at [TRUNCATED]. No telephone number has been found and Ms. Soltesz has not responded to correspondence. During interviews conducted with the family of paternal cousin John S. Demko it was learned that Ms. Soltesz had received the Investigator's correspondence; the Investigator was advised that her failure to respond is typical for her. The family also advised that Ms. Soltesz was predeceased by her spouse and has no issue. The family members interviewed advised that she still manages her own affairs.
- 2. Paternal aunt Maria Demko born 17 January 1880 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and died 20 September 1880 in Hernadvecse, Hungary.
 - 3. Paternal aunt Agnes Demko was born 23 January 1882 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. She married Janos Gyurica on 12 September 1905 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. Agnes Demko Gyurica died 12 August 1908 in Hernadvecse, Hungary predeceased by issue as follows: Imre.

Issue of Agnes Demko Gyurica

- A. Paternal cousin Imre Gyurica was born 31 October 1906 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and died 16 May 1908 in Hernadvecse, Hungary.
- 4. Paternal aunt Maria Demko was born 14 June 1891 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. She married Pal Szabo on 25 September 1911 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. Maria Demko Szabo died circa 1921 in Hernadvecse, Hungary with issue as follows: Jozsef, Pal, Janos, Istvan.

Issue of Maria Demko Szabo

- A. Paternal cousin Jozsef Szabo was born 14 March 1912 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and died circa 1930.
- B. Paternal cousin Pal Szabo was born 29 June 1914 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and married Erzebet Szotak. Pal Szabo died in 2002 (exact date unknown).
- C. Paternal cousin Janos Szabo was born 10 October 1917 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and died in 1982 (exact date unknown).
- D. Paternal cousin Istvan Szabo was born 9 February 1920 in Hernadvecse, Hungary and died 21 February 2001 in Hernadvecse, Hungary. Note: Family members

advised that Istvan was adopted by a Mr. & Mrs. Simon; Istvan's marriage record and children bear the Simon name.

The foregoing recites the pertinent findings in this case. Findings as a result of additional research may have been omitted from this report in order to limit the Investigator's statements to those facts that were determined to be relative to the purpose of this investigation.

In most cases, information found in informal records (i.e. Family Bible entries, family histories or trees, manuscripts, personal correspondence, etc.) or obtained as a result of interviews with persons who claim to possess knowledge of facts deemed pertinent to the purpose for this investigation may be verified through further research. In those cases where it may be impossible, impractical, or unnecessary to obtain certified copies of documentation relating to a particular event or available information supports a reasonable presumption that the event occurred (i.e. a presumption of death based on known facts), an exhibit package containing documentary evidence compiled from primary sources may not accompany this report. The facts and findings as well as the standard of proof imposed in each case may differ. In every case, VON LANGEN LLC will endeavor to comply with any reasonable request for additional research or documentation as may be required in order to establish proper due diligence.

The Investigator reports with a reasonable degree of certainty those findings ascertained through accepted investigation and research methodology consistent with professional standards. All statements are true to the best knowledge and belief of the Investigator.

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