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Thompson

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To: dvmcnam@gmail.com

Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 5:40 PM

Good Evening David,

I am the president of the Thompson Historical Advisory Committed. I am a sixth generation, born and raised in Thompson. I would love to talk with you and I am sure I can provide you with articles on Thompson that would be of interest to you.

I am out of town until Friday, but if you would send me some contact information, I will get back with you to talk.

With warm regards!

Laurie Jasmin

David McNamee <dvmcnam@gmail.com>
To: Laurie Jasmin <laurel0295@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 9:06 AM

Good Morning Laurie,

Well this is a nice surprise! We can chat either by phone or Zoom on Monday or Wednesday next week if you'd like. Just not Tuesday. I can send a Zoom link later.

I'm an amateur genealogist working on my third family history. This book will be about my maternal great grandfather's journey from Finland to the UP in 1890. According to an obituary clipped from the Escanaba Daily Press (dated 1946), Matthew Mattson Winberg traveled to Michigan in 1890, "coming directly to Thompson. For a few years he was employed in woods and mill-work at both Manistique and Thompson" before returning to Finland in 1893 to find and marry a wife. He eventually came back to Munising in 1895 and homesteaded some 80 acres in Chatham in 1904.

Since I have few direct artifacts about Matt, I thought it would help the book if I could find news articles from that period that mention Matt or any of his relatives (he had a relative--either an uncle or cousin--who sponsored his trip to America) or would describe the kind of life he might have had during that first three-year-period.

Thanks for reaching out. I appreciate it. I'm on east coast time (Asheville, North Carolina).

Respectfully,
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Laurie Jasmin <laurel0295@gmail.com>
To: David McNamee <dvmcnam@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 2:19 PM

Hi David,

I can search through our records for your grandfathers name but unless he lived here for a long period of time, he might not be in our records. We do have some census records but, off the top of my head, I'm not sure what year.

I can send you photos of the mill and village along with articles that would certainly give you a good idea of what Thompson was like. My great-grandfather worked at the mill and is in a group photograph.

Have you heard of the Christmas Tree Ship? If not, google it! Thompson was the last port of call for the schooner. I have a movie/doc Umentary that I would love to share with you. I don't know if your grandfather worked at the docks during this period but it is a great story.

Looking forward to talking with you on Monday. I have a historical meeting at 10am but can talk in the afternoon if that works for you.

Laurie

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David McNamee <dvmcnam@gmail.com>
To: Laurie Jasmin <laurel0295@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 12:28 PM

Hi Laurie,

Sorry we missed each other yesterday. We were on the road most of the day. A home in a community we've had our eye on suddenly came available and we needed to go check it out and then get our paperwork together to make an offer. I didn't get home until nearly 8 p.m. last night.

Is there another time available?

David McNamee

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Laurie Jasmin <laurel0295@gmail.com>
To: David McNamee <dvmcnam@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 1:06 PM

Hi David,

I have a meeting this afternoon but perhaps this evening? If that would work for you, let me know a good time and I will give you a call.

Laurie

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