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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- Extend the ancestry of David Steinman (client's paternal ancestry).
- Extend the ancestry of Sarah Simon (client's maternal ancestry).

RESULTS

- Completed census survey for David Steinman/Steiman.
- Spent time identifying useful vital records for his family in New York.
- Found his immigration record and identified his hometown in Russia.
- Completed census survey for Sarah Simon with her parents.
- Acquired vital records, passenger list and military records pertinent to this family.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Obtain naturalization papers for Harry/Henry Simon, circa 1902 (Definitely between 1900 and 1910).
2. If these papers do not contain the name of the Simon hometown, continue to search for U.S. records that might provide this information.
3. Determine the location and Jewish/civil record availability of the Steiman/Staman hometown— Nowo Alexandrowsk, Russia.
4. If the records are available in the United States, begin to research the family there.
5. The prospects for continuing this research appear to be excellent.

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RESEARCH REPORT

The purpose of this research session was to extend two of the client's ancestral lines—the Steinman line of the paternal ancestry and the Simon line of the maternal ancestry. Both of these families were Jewish and they were believed to have originated in Eastern Europe.

Steinman Ancestry

David Steinman and Fannie Davidson were the client's paternal grandparents. David was believed to have been born in either Russia or Lithuania in the early 1880s. His arrival in the United States might have been under the last name spelling of Steiman or Shteiman. Since there was very little genealogical information known about this family, this research began with a census survey. The family was first identified in the 1940 U.S. Federal Census.¹

Locality		1940, Bronx, Bronx County, New York						
ED, Sheet No.		ED 3-1261, Sheet 4A						
Date		26 July 1940						
Location								
House	Family	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Birth Place	Residence on 1 April 1935	Occupation
4020	76	David Steinman	Head	M	59	Russia	Same	Cutter [clothing]
		Fannie Steinman	Wife	F	47	NY	Same	
		Herbert Steinman	Son	M	21	NY	Same	Naval architect
		Gloria Steinman	Daughter	F	15	NY	Same	
		David Davidson	Father-in- law	M	80	Russia	Same	

¹ 1940 U.S. Federal Census for Bronx, Bronx County, New York, ED 3-1261, Sheet 4A, David Steinman household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 1.

In addition to the information provided above, this census also indicated that David Steinman and David Davidson were both naturalized citizens of the United States. Their respective naturalization papers could reveal the names of their respective hometowns in Russia.

The family was next observed in the 1930 census.² Here the spelling of the surname was “Steiman”, which was one of the spelling variations the client indicated as an earlier (or perhaps misspelled) version of the name.

Locality		1930, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York								
ED, Sheet No.		ED 586, Sheet 9B								
Date		6 July 1930								
Location		Description						Birth Place		
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth	
46	179	David Steiman	M	42	Head	Cutter [clothing]	Lithuania	Lithuania	Lithuania	
		Fannie Steiman	F	37	Wife		NY	Ukrania	Ukrania	
		Harriet Steiman	F	14	Daughter					
		Selma Steiman	F	12	Daughter					
		Herbert Steiman	M	11	Son					
		Gloria Steiman	F	5	Daughter					

This census indicated that the family spoke Yiddish, which confirmed that they were Jewish. Additionally, it stated that David immigrated to the United States in 1906, which was much later than the 1890s immigration date the family had in its records. The census record also stated that David was already naturalized by 1930. Narrowing down his naturalization date would allow for the acquisition of this record if it becomes necessary. It would also be beneficial to find the passenger list that includes his name so that, at the very least, the arrival date could be confirmed.

² 1930 U.S. Federal Census for Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, ED 586, Sheet 9B, David Steiman household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 2.

It was much more difficult to find David and Fannie in the 1920 census. When they were finally found, the surname was incorrectly indexed as “Stuman”, although the actual census record had the correct spelling “Steiman”.³

Locality		1920, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York							
ED, Sheet No.		ED 995, Sheet 16A							
Date		3 January 1920							
Location		Description			Birth Place				
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth
310	310	David Steiman	M	35	Head	Cutter [clothing]	Russia	Russia	Russia
		Fannie Steiman	F	27	Wife		NY	Russia	Russia
		Harriet Steiman	F	4 1/12	Daughter		NY	Russia	NY
		Selma Steiman	F	2 ½	Daughter		NY	Russia	NY
		Herbert Steiman	M	10/12	Son		NY	Russia	NY

Interestingly, in addition to stating that David became naturalized in 1912, this census provided a third immigration date—1901. It appeared from this census that David and Fannie were probably married around 1915. That meant that in 1910 he would have been living alone, possibly in a boarding house, and that she was probably at home with her parents. Although David was sought in the 1910 census, the search was fruitless. This was not an uncommon problem when a “family” consisted of only one person, the census taker might have simply missed him.

Since the client wanted to focus on the Steinman/Steiman surname, the 1910 census was not searched for Fannie and her parents. However, this line can be pursued in a subsequent research session. Instead, the focus shifted to other records that would fill in missing information about David Steinman/Steiman. The next record to be found and analyzed was his World War I draft registration card.⁴ It included the following information:

³ 1920 U.S. Federal Census for Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, ED 995, Sheet 16A, David Steiman household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 3.

⁴ “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918,” *Ancestry.com* (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), Dave Steiman, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, born 15 October 1886, <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 4.

Dave Steiman, 30y
Residence: 1678 St Johns Pl, Brooklyn, Kings, NY
Birth: 15 Oct 1886, Novoarlacksondrok, Russia
Naturalized citizen
Clothing cutter
Married, white, wife and child dependent
Description: short, medium build, brown eyes, black hair
Signed *Dave Steiman* on 6/5/1917

This record provided an idea of David's family situation, it gave a physical description, and it included his original signature. The most important genealogical aspect of the record was that it included his self-reported birth date and birth place. It was interesting to note how much David's reported age fluctuated between the various censuses and this draft registration card. His age in the three later censuses suggested a birth date of 1881, 1885 and 1888. However, here he indicated that he was born on 15 October 1886 in "Novoarlacksondrok", Russia. This information would be critical in identifying his correct hometown and finding family records there.

In the hope of finding more information about David's past, and about his birth family, a search was done in the New York passenger arrival records. He was found arriving in 1906 with his surname spelled "Staman".⁵

David Staman, 22y, male, single, barber, Russian, Hebrew
Traveling to NY, to brother: Solomon Staman (43 Henry St, New York, NY)
Born: Nowo Alexandrowsk, Russia
Arrival Date: 29 Sep 1906
Port of Departure: Southampton, England
Port of Arrival: New York, New York
Ship Name: Philadelphia

This passenger list indicated that David was in England prior to his departure to the United States. This appeared to corroborate the client's belief that he lived in England for some period of time after leaving Eastern Europe. A brother, Solomon, was already living in the United

⁵ "New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," *Ancestry.com* (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), David Staman, S.S. *Philadelphia*, Arrival 29 September 1906, <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 5.

States. Interestingly, David was listed as a barber in this record, while his career in the United States was reported as a cloth cutter. This discrepancy might infer that these were two separate individuals. However, his birth place was reported here as “Nowo Alexandrowsk”, Russia, which matched (with some spelling variation) the information provided on his draft registration card. This confirmed that David Staman was the ancestor.

Now that the name of the Steiman/Staman hometown was found and confirmed, one last record was sought before turning to the Simon ancestral research. The index on www.ItalianGen.org for New York City vital records was searched for David and Fannie’s marriage record. It was located in 1915 in Brooklyn and included the following information:⁶

Marriage: 22 Mar 1915 at 1851 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY
Groom: David Steinman, 28y, white, single, cloth cutter, b. Russia
Groom’s Residence: 911 Blek Ave.
Groom’s Parents: Israel S. & Hene Gordon
Bride: Fenne Davidson, 22y, white, single, b. Brooklyn, NY
Bride’s Residence: 1851 Park Place
Bride’s Parents: Davod D. & Sara Krinuk

This record was very useful because it gave the names of both of their parents, including their mothers’ maiden names. From the addresses given it was deduced that the marriage took place at the bride’s home. Also, the back of the certificate included the signatures of the bride and groom. The spelling of their names was different from what was written on the front of the certificate by the minister: David *Steiman* and *Fannie* Davidson. It is clear that, clerical errors aside, David used the Steiman spelling.

One additional generation had now been identified. This would allow the research to move forward with an assurance that when David and Fannie’s birth records were identified, the connection would be clear because the parents’ names were now known.

⁶ Brooklyn (New York) Board of Health, New York, *Brooklyn, marriage certificates, 1866-1937* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988-1990), David Steinman and Fannie Davidson, 22 March 1915, Certificate #3077, FHL 1613737. DOCUMENTS 6A-6B.

Simon Ancestry

The client's maternal grandparents were Samuel Amols and Sarah Simon. Sarah's parents were believed to have been Heri Simon and Libby Barret. In order to work from the known to the unknown, and to be sure that this connection was correct, Sarah and her husband were sought and found in the 1920 census record.⁷

Locality		1920, Bronx, Bronx County, New York							
ED, Sheet No.		ED 125, Sheet 20A							
Date		6 January 1920							
Location		Description			Birth Place				
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth
	200	Samuel Amols	M	39	Head	Clerk	NY	Russia	Russia
		Sadie Amols	F	31	Wife		NY	Russia	Russia
		Lucille Amols	F	2 10/12	Daughter		NY	NY	NY

In this census year Sarah was going by the nickname *Sadie*, and her age suggested that she was born around 1889. Also, the age of their child suggested that they might have been married around 1917. Upon searching the vital records index on ItalianGen.org, the marriage of Samuel Amols and *Sadie* Simon was found in 1916 in Manhattan.⁸ It included the following information:

Marriage: 27 June 1916 in Manhattan, NY

Groom: Samuel Amols, 25y, white, single, builder, b. NYC, 1st marriage

Groom's residence: 1015 S Bowles St.

Groom's parents: David Amolsky and Lena Shapiro

Bride: Sadie Simon, 27y, white, single, b. NYC, 1st marriage

Bride's residence: 1064 Findley Ave.

Bride's parents: Henryk S. & Lebbie Baret

⁷ 1920 U.S. Federal Census for Bronx, Bronx County, New York, ED 125, Sheet 20A, Samuel Amols household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 7.

⁸ New York Department of Health Division of Vital Statistics, *Manhattan (New York City) marriage records, 1866-1937; index to all boroughs, 1866-1937* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988-1989), Samuel Amols and Sadie Simon, 27 June 1916, Certificate #15446, FHL Microfilm 1614506. DOCUMENTS 8A-8B.

This record included the names of the parents of both the bride and the groom. It was interesting to find that Samuel had changed his surname, and it was acknowledged in this record.

Additionally, Sadie reported her father's name as "Henryk" rather than "Heri". This was not of serious concern because it was quite common for Jewish immigrants named Henry or Harry to use these names interchangeably. Everything else appeared to generally match the client's information.

Although the 1910 census was searched, the Simon family was not found in that year. Instead, the census in which they were finally discovered was the 1900 census.⁹

Locality		1900, Manhattan, New York County, New York									
ED, Sheet No.		ED 32, Sheet 16A									
Date		4 April 1900									
Location					Birth			Birth Place			
House	Family	Name	Sex	Relationship	Month	Year	Age	Self	Fath	Moth	Occupation
29	298	Harry Simon	M	Head	Oct	1851	48	Russia	Russia	Russia	Peddler
		Liebe Simon	F	Wife	Mar	1857	43	Russia	Russia	Russia	
		Rachael Simon	F	Daughter	Apr	1878	22	Russia	Russia	Russia	Seamstress
		Dorah Simon	F	Daughter	Mar	1879	21	Russia	Russia	Russia	Seamstress
		Sarah Simon	F	Daughter	Nov	1887	12	NY	Russia	Russia	
		Fannie Simon	F	Daughter	Jul	1890	9	NY	Russia	Russia	
		Samuel Simon	M	Son	Apr	1881	21	Russia	Russia	Russia	Clothing cutter
		Morris Simon	M	Son	Feb	1882	18	Russia	Russia	Russia	Clothing cutter
		William Simon	M	Son	Nov	1883	16	Russia	Russia	Russia	Office boy

It was interesting to find that Libby was listed here as "Liebe", the German word for love (it was incorrectly indexed as "Liek"). This could have been the name she was known by before coming to the United States. If this was the case, she would probably appear under that version of the name in other records. It would be important to keep this possibility in mind for that reason.

⁹ 1900 U.S. Federal Census for Manhattan, New York County, New York, ED 32, Sheet 16A, Harry Simon household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENTS 9A-9B.

Additionally, this census indicated that Harry and Liebe had been married for 28 years, which suggested a marriage date around 1872. Liebe indicated that while she had seven living children, she had given birth to a total of eight children. Harry's immigration date was given as 1884 and he was listed as an alien in 1900. Interestingly, Liebe and the five older children indicated an 1885 immigration date. This suggested that while the couple was married before coming to the United States, Harry traveled first, probably working in the United States to earn the money for his family's passage the following year.

Based on the birth date given for Sarah "Sadie" Simon in this census, the www.ItalianGen.org index was searched for a record of her birth. An entry was found that appeared to be hers. It was an entry for: Sarah Simon, born 15 November 1887 in Manhattan. The certificate number was 35122 S. While most of these records are available at the Family History Library, the "S" in the certificate number indicated that it was a *Special* certificate.¹⁰ All certificates with numbers that included a letter are only available through the Municipal Archive in New York City. Since this certificate was unlikely to be useful for identifying the Russian hometown, it was not sent for at this time. However, knowing the correct birth date and place of birth for the client's grandmother is important for genealogical accuracy. The certificate should be ordered in the future to confirm this information.

Using the immigration information from the 1900 census, a search was conducted for the Simon family in the New York passenger arrival records. The mother (spelled Liebe here as well), along with her five children, was found arriving in 1885.¹¹

Immigrant: Liebe [indexed as Leibe] Simon, wife, 33y, female, Russia
Children: Rode (11), Dwore (9), Sabuje (8), Moses (7), Josef (2)
Arrival: 14 Nov 1885, New York
Port of Departure: Bremen, Germany
Ship Name: Main

¹⁰ "S" denotes *Special* and "D" means *Delayed*.

¹¹ "New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," *Ancestry.com* (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), Liebe [indexed as Leibe] Simon and children, *S.S. Main*, arrival 14 November 1885, <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 10.

Although the ages were different from what the 1900 census entry suggested, it was apparent that Rode was Rachael, Dwore was Dorah, Sabuje was Samuel, and Moses was Morris. Josef might have been William, or he might have been the child that died. Even though this was unclear, it was certain that this was the correct family.

At this point, with a more complete knowledge of the family situation, they were finally located in the 1910 census.¹² The name Libby had been indexed as Lilly, which was the reason the family was not previously found in the 1910 record.

Locality		1910, Manhattan, New York County, New York							
ED, Sheet No.		ED 575, Sheet 3B							
Date		7 August 1910							
Location		Description				Birth Place			
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth
8	65	Harry Simon	M	54	Head	None	Russia	Russia	Russia
		Libby Simon	F	51	Wife		Russia	Russia	Russia
		Ray Simon	F	30	Daughter	Dress maker	Russia	Russia	Russia
		Dora Simon	F	28	Daughter	Dress maker	Russia	Russia	Russia
		Morris Simon	M	26	Son	Store keeper	Russia	Russia	Russia
		William Simon	M	24	Son	Traffic manager	Russia	Russia	Russia
		Sadie Simon	F	21	Daughter	Stenographer	NY	Russia	Russia
		Frances Simon	F	19	Daughter		NY	Russia	Russia

This census stated that Harry and Libby had been married for 34 years, indicating an 1876 marriage date, and that neither of them had been married previously. It also showed that Harry was now a naturalized citizen of the United States. This meant that he went through the process of naturalization sometime between 1900 and 1910 in Manhattan, New York. This information could prove useful if it becomes necessary to obtain his naturalization papers in order to find the name of his hometown in Russia.

¹² 1910 U.S. Federal Census for Manhattan, New York County, New York, ED 575, Sheet 3B, Harry Simon household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 11.

Neither Harry nor Liebe/Libby could be found in the 1920 census. This might indicate that one or both of them died before 1920, or it might stem from another indexing problem. Although Harry and Liebe/Libby were not found in this record; while searching for their older children, their son, Samuel, was found with his family.¹³ The intent in researching records for the children born in Russia was to find a record that included the name of the family's hometown.

Locality		1920, Manhattan, New York County, New York								
ED, Sheet No.		ED 1192, Sheet 12A								
Date		5 April 1920								
Location		Description						Birth Place		
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth	
23	210	Samuel Simon	M	39	Head	Clothing cutter	Russia	Russia	Russia	
		Anna Simon	F	36	Wife		Russia	Russia	Russia	
		Abraham Simon	M	13	Son		NY	Russia	Russia	
		Sidney Simon	M	9	Son		NY	Russia	Russia	

Samuel's naturalization date was given in this census as 1902. This was probably the year that Harry was naturalized, which allowed his wife and children to automatically be naturalized through him. This record also suggested that Samuel and Anna were probably married sometime around 1907.

Military records were searched for Samuel, Morris/Moses and William, and a record for Samuel's World War I draft registration was found.¹⁴ It indicated that he was born on 16 November 1881, but it did not provide his birth place. His father was listed as *Harris* Simon on this record.

¹³ 1920 U.S. Federal Census for Manhattan, New York County, New York, ED 1192, Sheet 12A, Samuel Simon household, .jpg image (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 12.

¹⁴ "U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," *Ancestry.com* (Online: Ancestry.com, Inc., 2012), Samuel Simon, Manhattan, New York, born 16 November 1881, <<http://www.ancestry.com>>, subscription database, accessed August 2012. DOCUMENT 13.

Utilizing additional information found in the 1920 census, the www.ItalianGen.org vital records indexes were searched again. Samuel's marriage record was found, along with a possible death certificate for his mother, Libby, which ultimately proved to be hers.^{15,16}

Marriage of Samuel Simon & Anne Aarons

Marriage: 1 January 1906 in Manhattan, NY

Groom: Samuel Simon, 25y, white, single, cutter, b. Russia, 1st marriage

Groom's Residence: 2 W. 117th St.

Groom's parents: Harris Simon and Lena Abolonsky

Bride: Anne Aarons, 22y, white, single, b. Russia

Bride's Residence: 212 Clinton St.

Bride's parents: Julius Aarons & Rose Shimiansky

This record did not provide a specific birth place for Samuel, but it did make known Libby's maiden name, and it suggested that her given name might have been Lena. However, it is possible that he said Liebe (pronounced LEE-ba) and the officiator heard Lena (LEE-na). Even though the record did not give the place name that was hoped for, it still provided a new piece of information for the family tree.

Death Certificate of Libby Simon

Death: 12 January 1914 in Manhattan, NY

Burial: 14 January 1914 at Union Field, Manhattan, NY

Decedent: Libby Simon, female, white, married, 61y, housewife, b. Russia

Father: Sam. Hlibansky, b. Russia

Mother: _illa _arrie_ [difficult to read], b. Russia

This certificate provided the names of Libby's parents and confirmed the general pronunciation of her maiden name. Sadly, it did not include her exact place of birth.

At this point, our research time had been expended. However, the next research session should start with acquiring Harry's naturalization record from about 1902, which will hopefully include the name of his hometown.

¹⁵ New York Department of Health Division of Vital Statistics, *Manhattan (New York City) marriage records, 1866-1937; index to all boroughs, 1866-1937* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988-1989), Samuel Simon and Anne Aarons, 1 January 1906, Certificate #269, FHL Microfilm 1558469. DOCUMENTS 15A-15B.

¹⁶ New York (New York) Department of Health, *Manhattan death certificates, 1866-1919; index, 1868-1890: Works Projects Administration, project no. 265-1-97-28; Work project no. 1* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983-1987), Libby Simon, 12 January 1914, Certificate #1504, FHL Microfilm 1323349. DOCUMENT 14.

This research session has been very productive. Several new names and vital pieces of information have been added to the family tree, and the Steiman hometown was found. Good progress was made in finding the Simon hometown. There is every expectation that this research should continue smoothly. We remain available to assist you in the future.

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