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Dear Donna:

I sincerely hope that you don't mind my writing to you. Lee John Stradley shared your letters with the FulkrodResearch Group,—and they have been extremely helpful as well as enjoyable to read.

Lee John probably told you a little bit about me. I am the so-called founder and hostess to the online FulkrodResearch Group,—which I started to assist some cousins who were descendants of my Welty line and had difficulty locating information on the Fulkrod family. That is, Jean Meutzel and Kathy Tang who are descendants of Sophia Fulkrod, d/o Philip & Barbara (Page) Foulkrod and Philip John Welty, s/o Jacob & Barbara (-----) Welty. It was Philip John's cousin, Mary Jane, d/o Frederich & Mary Ann (Miller) Welty, who married Sophia's brother, Jacob Fulkrod. And then there was my Grandmother, Iva Leona (Welty) Cummings who married 2nd Franklin D. Fulkrod. So, as you can see, there were a sufficient number of connections between the Fulkrod and Welty family for me to agree to help out. Little did I know that I would end up with what appears to be a lifelong commitment to a genealogy website dedicated to a single surname!

I too work for lawyers,—actually I am a computer systems analyst for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the Office of Chief Counsel. Although all CSA's were reclassified by the Governor's Office of Administration in January as IT Generalists. What I actually do is design, implement and administer a wide area network (WAN) in seven offices throughout the State (two in Harrisburg, Meadville, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Williamsport, and Wilkes-Barre). Right now I have eight servers and 158 client workstations,—my users are composed of attorneys and clerical staff all with high-handed attitudes, poor judgment, and no sense of humor. So reading your letters to Lee John was definitely a breath of fresh air.

Okay, this is the part where I send you information in an attempt to bait the hook and get some answers that I'm hoping you have. I can tell that you have done a great deal of work in researching the Fulkrod line,—I've stumbled across your correspondence in different historical societies throughout Pennsylvania. But you did mention to Lee John that you either didn't know about Philip & Barbara (Page) Foulkrod's son, Christian Fulkrod, or that you didn't have any information on him. There is an area where I can actually help you. Just a short while ago, I discovered a book entitled "Braus-Brouse Family History" and was very fortunate to also discover its author, Betty Brungard who is a volunteer at the Northumberland County Historical Society. I have enclosed excerpts from Mrs. Brungard's book that relate to Christian & Elizabeth (Brouse) Fulkrod,—and since the material is fairly complete I'll just let it speak for itself.

You also mentioned to Lee John, LeRoy Fulkrod's book entitled "Fulkrod, Fulkrod" of which I have a copy. Unfortunately, by the time I caught up with LeRoy in June to inquire about his source information,—I learned that LeRoy had died in February. Fortunately, I was able to connect with LeRoy's stepson, Joseph Bell, Carol Sautter's oldest son by her first marriage. Joe has been putting forth great effort to sort through boxes of notes and scraps to locate LeRoy's sources of information for the data he

put in "Foulkrod, Fulkrod." As you may imagine, this is particularly difficult since Joe was previously unfamiliar with any Foulkrod information and has had to try to "come up to speed" very quickly. Joe did send a copy of LeRoy's obituary,--which I thought you'd like to have as well:

***The Evening Times, February 11, 1999***

***LeRoy Foulkrod, 63***

*LeRoy Foulkrod, 63, of Wildwood Trailer Court, RD 1, Sayre died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999 at home after an extended illness.*

*He was born July 8, 1835 in Sayre, the son of the late Hilton and Helen Blakeman Foulkrod.*

*Mr. Foulkrod was a retired employee with Kennedy Valve Corp., Elmira; a former employee of Sears Roebuck and Co., Big Flats; a member of the Ridgebury Sportsman's Club and a former member of the Elmira Moose.*

*He is survived by his wife, Carol M. Foulkrod; sons, LeRoy and Beverly Foulkrod of Texas and Jeremy and Darcey Foulkrod of Elmira; stepchildren, Joseph and June Bell of Pennsylvania; Katherine Bell of West Virginia; Brenda and Richard Ernest of West Virginia; Patricia and Albert Northrup of Pennsylvania; Milo and Norma Bell of West Virginia; Mary Short of Elmira; and Stephen and Patricia Bell of Pennsylvania; a sister, Jeannette and Louis Smith of North Carolina; brothers, Francis and Sherrie Foulkrod of Ohio; William and Nancy Foulkrod of North Carolina and David and Janet Foulkrod of New York; an aunt, Mildred Foulkrod of RD 3 Sayre; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.*

*Friends may call at Roberts Funeral Home, Inc., Wellsburg, N.Y., Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Funeral and committal services will be held there immediately following at 8:30 p.m. with the Rev. Roland Romig of the First Baptist Church, Sayre, officiating. Interment will be in Ashland Cemetery, Wellsburg, at the convenience of the family.*

Is there any particular source information from LeRoy's book, "Foulkrod, Fulkrod" that you would be interested in,--assuming that Joe manages to locate it?

Well, that pretty much finishes up my ability to bait a hook so here we are at the point where I ask you questions, I'll try and keep it as uncomplicated as possible. Basically, I have two questions:

- How did you manage to connect Philip Foulkrod's wife, Barbara Page to Michael & Catherine (Leiter) Page?
- How did you manage to connect Philip & Barbara (Page) Foulkrod's son, John Fulkrod who married Elizabeth Page?

Starting with the Barge/Bertsch/Page family,--you know through Lee John that we already have information from "The Legacy of Life" and Pierson's "Pennsylvania Roots and Spreading Branches." I also located the 1820 U.S. Census record for Michael Page in Lycoming County, Muncy Township. In addition, I managed to find this excerpt in the "History of Lycoming County," by Col. Thomas W. Lloyd in Chapter 17 (Townships, Continued) under Hepburn Township:

*Blooming Grove was settled by Germans. In 1804 Wendle Harman came to this country and purchased a tract of land in Hepburn Township, which had just been erected. His idea was to*

*found a colony of his countrymen, and in this he was successful. John Heim, Leonard Ulmer, Gottlieb Heim, **Michael Bertsch**, Leonard Staiger, Ferdinand Frederick Scheel, John George Waltz and George Kiess, Sr., followed him to the new settlement and began the development of the country. Many of these men had suffered persecution in Germany and came to the United States to secure freedom. The religious belief of the colonists was Dunkard, and one of the first things they did after they had erected log cabins for themselves was to build a church, which is still standing and used as a place of worship. Their first crops proved so successful and bloomed so exuberantly that the colonists gave to the place the name of Blooming Grove, and by this name the settlement is still known. One of the prominent men of the colony at an early day was Rev. Gustavus Schultze, a Lutheran minister of the gospel, who had served as a mere boy under Napoleon Bonaparte. He left a lasting influence on the community, which he served for many years. Many of the descendants of the original families still live in the township.*

(Emphasis added.)

But I have never managed to find any evidence which identifies the names of Michael Page's children,—nor have we been able to locate a death or burial record for his daughter, Barbara, or a marriage record which could link Barbara (Page) Foulkrod to Michael Page.

Therefore, my first question is do you know the names of Michael & Catherine (Leiter) Page's children and how were you able to identify them?

The next question I have relates to the John Fulkrod who married Elizabeth Page. I have all of the census records for this family group starting in Liverpool, Perry County which would be just across the Dauphin County line where Barge/Bertsch/Page family had their plantation, Reformation. And I understand the relationship between Elizabeth Page and Barbara Page (from "Pennsylvania Roots and Spreading Branches") being that of cousins. But I have never found any evidence to prove that John Fulkrod was the son of Philip & Barbara (Page) Foulkrod.

At least at the time that LeRoy Foulkrod published his "Foulkrod, Fulkrod" he had not made this connection because he errs by stating that Samuel Foulkrod who married Barbara Rice was the son of Philip & Barbara,—when the census records show that Samuel was, in fact, the son of John & Elizabeth (Page) Fulkrod.

So my second question is, how were you able to determine that John Fulkrod who married Elizabeth Page, was the son of Philip & Barbara (Page) Foulkrod?

I know that you have no way of determining what information I have,—but if there is anything you can think of, please feel free to ask, and if I do have it I will be more than happy to send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

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