Stefan,

Over the last five years I have contacted about 15 genealogists in Europe and the USA. I have hired ten, including yourself. I have been pleased with the results from almost all of the ten. However, there are two that have differentiated themselves from the others - - Vladimir Bohinc of Slovenia and you.

Vladimir turned upside down what my mother had been told about her grandfather. Vladimir showed he was not from Czechoslovakia, but from a small island off the Dalmatian coast of Croatia! Then Vladimir connected me with a relative who lives there who is a delight and remembered stories about Mom's grandfather and mysterious aunt. Lastly, Vladimir found a recent Croatian book with my grandfather's family tree back to the 1700s. Magnificent.

You have found obscure sources of information about my Klemfuss ancestors that firmly establish Brandenburg as their ancestral home. You have found microfilms of birth records from the 1700s that have established Oscar Klemfuss ancestors. You have worked with me to unravel the unfortunate fates of Carl Jaehner and Heinrich Klemfuss. You have been amazingly responsive to my many questions and requests for translations. I feel your teamwork with me has been the best of all the excellent genealogists that I have had the pleasure of working with.

I have not yet been satisfied with the Polish genealogist you recommended for trying to learn what prison Heinrich Klemfuss went to and where he died. I have had to remind them to respond to my request. We'll see.

Again, thanks.

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