

*Cousin Jay Mould shared this story about his discovery of the possibility of some remarkable finds while researching his family tree. Enjoy and be inspired to do a little climbing up your own tree branches.*

While I was residing up in Oneonta at the Nador Towers, since retirement, I remembered something my Grandmother (Blanche) Mould had stated to me and two other cousins in our youth. These were two other cousins visiting from Wisconsin. We were all dressed in our Sunday best. What she said was "You're my little princes." After one of the other cousins made an inquiry there, she stated "That's because my grandma was special." And that was all she said. I long forgot about that event, until a couple of years ago when she just up and stated. "My Grandma was appointed A Lady In Waiting in Queen Victoria's Court." I had heard that mentioned by someone sometime before, but I forgot when it was.

She said just a few months before she passed away in 1993. Now, that kind of a job is not a walk in job. It usually is a family appointment.

I am not sure when the film called "Her Majesty Mrs. Brown" came out, but I saw it and it made me to think again about what Grandma had stated.

After emailing a cousin up in Wisconsin where she was born and grew up, the first line in his E-Mail stated, "We have all heard that Grandma Christine Herrmann Spoehr was a cousin to Queen Victoria."

He sent along some genealogy records regarding a "Duke Francis Frederick of Saxe-Coburg & Saalfeld, and said the connection could be there, but did not give the specific relationships. There was supposed to be some paperwork in the house over in Westford to prove this, but it seemed to have disappeared. So I thought I would start digging on my own.

She may have been in the household of the Queen's mother, The Duchess of Kent. I did contact the archivist at Windsor Castle and was able to get links to lists of household staff.

I never did find any connection at that level, but what a find I made recently via the Bull Records of Mary Kerr Thomas Bull's wife.

I used Ancestry.com and familysearch.org . It got very interesting when I came across a person who I thought his last name was Earl. After I moved the large cursor off the indication (8th) I realized it was a title, not a name. This was David Lindsay, 8th Earl of Crawford in Scotland. Seems the first Earl became an Earl because he married the king's daughter. Her father was Robert II of Scotland a Stewart, my 20th Great Grandfather. Robert II's mother was the daughter of Robert the First also known as Robert The Bruce.

Robert II successor was John Robert III and all the King James I to VI of Scotland The Scotch Stewart's and The other Stuart's going into the Hanover's, the Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (Wettin) to the Windsor's.

My 15th Cousin 6Xremoved , Victoria had nine children who married throughout Europe, as did the next generation or two. What finds I have made. mostly 19th and 20th cousins and a couple of 21st cousins Current Kings and Queen Consorts, another Queen (Denmark) in her own right. Former Kings (Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia) future crown princes and princesses the occasional pretenders. Yes indeed quite a find.

That's my story.

Regards,

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