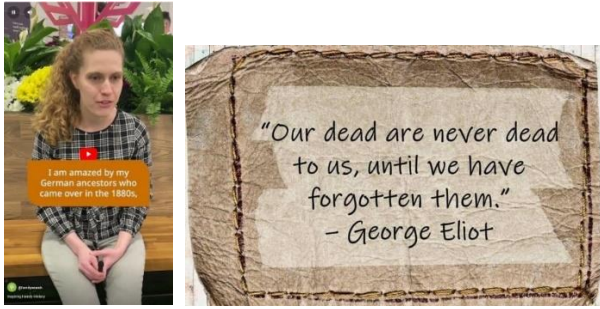


So Proud of Once's Ancestors Because of . . .

Regardless of one's ancestry's, we all need to acknowledge their contributions to our lives in many way. Here's a neat family history video clip highlighting inspirational thoughts about one's ancestral roots at <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/-KQaywt3bZQ>, 28 seconds duration.

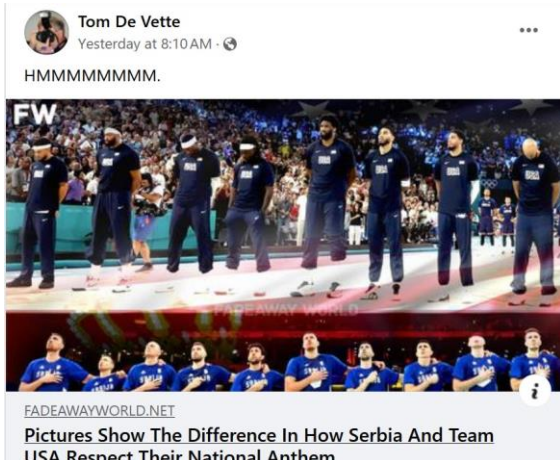


This video clip focuses on her German ancestors who sacrificed much just to immigrate in the 1880's. In my family history, my maternal grandmother immigrated to America at the age of 14 by herself from southern Poland because males usually had a high preference to inherit their parents' homestead especially when they parents were poor. Which meant she would probably never become a landowner in and unsettled political climate in Europe in 1905. Still don't know if she traveled with friends but obviously, she had no English language skills with no education, no monies and/or professional skills when immigrating. My paternal grandparents immigrated separately from Poland before meeting in Passaic, New Jersey and got married in 1898 far from their family roots in Galicia, Poland. My maternal great-grandfather immigrated from Slovenia, formerly part of Yugoslavia in 1890 and was the step-father of my maternal grandfather who eventually married my maternal Polish grandmother in Passaic, New Jersey in 1910. Passaic New Jersey was a historic immigration city at the turn of the century in the early 1900's with textile mills as their chief commerce for immigrants. To learn more about the history of Passaic, go to:

<https://www.fumeroism.com/single-post/2019/09/29/the-history-of-passaic-nj>

Immigration was abundant from Eastern Europe between 1890 to World Ward I.

At the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, I was impressed to how well my Eastern Europe countries did in wining Olympic medals. Ukraine which has been in war with Russia since 2014 actually fields a team that actually ranked with 42 medals earned. Slovenia ranked 34th, Poland earned 42nd, Slovakia earned 82 and Serbia ranked 27th out of 86 countries earning medals at the Paris Olympics. The United States and China were tied for the most Gold Medals with 40 each. However, what got my attention was the way the Serbian men's basketball teams celebrated their playing of their national anthem for a Bronze medal when compared to the USA's Men's Basketball team national anthem. Oddly enough, Steph Curry was about the only player lip singing during our national anthem while the Serbian team were in ultra military ceremonial pursuit of their celebrations. To me, my European ancestral roots shined and made me proud to have these genealogical roots. Having traveled to Eastern Europe five times in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2009 and 2012 with my family. And my daughter and her entire family visited our relatives in Krempachy, Poland this past June to better reestablish our common heritage bonds together for future generations. Their enthusiasm and spirit help make me very proud of my genealogical heritage.



Serbia was leading the USA team at half by 17 points and 10 points in the four quarter. But Steph Curry hit four 3-point shots in the last three minutes to seal the game. That's LeBron James in the bottom photo not very happy about the Serbian team's basketball playing. So Serbia had to beat Germany for the Bronze medal which they did: 93 - 83. Then let the celebrations begin as shared below in the video clip which they certainly did on their bus ride after beating Germany! Wow: are they not excited and their ethnicity shows very well with their ensemble singing with no alcoholic beverages needed!!! See them celebrate with much vigor at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dGKzjFNtho>, 32 seconds



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The team wasted little time getting the festivities underway after securing their place on the podium