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Subject: I May Not be Much, But I Married Up

All,

I had so much fun with this that I thought I'd share it with you...even though it involves my wife's family (i.e., not the Stewarts):

I have discovered (over my vacation last week) that I really "married up" when I married Susan. I was tracing Susan's family roots and I found this person on-line that had a member in her family tree that matched Susan's (actually Susan's Mother, who is a Scott). This person entered "gobs" of ancestors, and I started following. I followed back to the 1600's, and thought that was pretty good, then saw that the list continued. It was like the Energizer Bunny, kept going and going. I ended up with some dude named Gottfried, King Gottfried that is, the 1st Prince of Denmark, and his wife Gisella of Loraine. I thought that was pretty neat, and then I saw a footnote that this Gisella was a descendant of Charlemagne. Yeah, "THE" Charlemagne, King of the Franks, Patriarch of all the rulers in Europe, etc, etc. So I found another list of the descendants of Charlemagne and linked Gisella with all the other folks.

We're talking 0700 AD! It turns out that Charlemagne was Susan's ~35th Great-grandfather! I'm talking a direct descendant, not a 3rd cousin, twice removed or some such relation. Pretty cool, huh?

With my family being of the "peasant" variety of Stewarts in Scotland, I really married up! Erin (age 9), upon hearing this, immediately ran upstairs and donned a "princess" hat, one of those cone-shaped jobs with the wispy veil attached. Not sure if she wore it to school or not. But I don't think this new-found royal blood will change us any.

However, I think I deserve some sort of "Finder's Fee", maybe a small percentage of all the royal treasuries in Europe, as well as America, since America's wealth obviously came from European royalty. Maybe a small Principality. I think I'll talk to Susan's mother tonight and suggest it. Maybe I could develop a title for myself, Like "Lord of White Settlement", or "Grand Duke of Vista West".

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