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E-mails from Eileen Vitola to Ann Arnold Hennings and Robert Stoy regarding the family of her grandmother, Marian Irene Stoy Pollock, dated January and February 2004. Includes photocopy of images of Viola Mary Stoy.

Robert Stoy 10 December 2020.

**From:** TiamoOC@aol.com  
**To:** henings@american.edu  
**cc:** ristoy@cox.net

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 11:19AM  
**Subject:** Re: Stoy's of NJ, Stoy's Landing

Hi Ann,

I am so glad to hear from you this morning. I believe my grandmother, Marian Stoy, may be your great grandfather, Charles Stoy's sister, one of James and Margaret's seven. I have been told that Marian Stoy's mother's name was Margaret, nee, Gert, and that Margaret Gert was originally from Germantown, and her family owned a bakery. Marian Stoy, I was told climbed out her bedroom window to elope with an employee of her father's, named Frank Pollick. Her father supposedly disowned her for this. She and Frank lived on Ridgeway St. in Gloucester City, NJ where she died, six weeks after giving birth to her third child, Madeline Pollick, my mother. Marian's second child, Lillian Pollick had recently died of meningitis and Marian had also recently lost her mother, Margaret Gert Stoy who did visit Marian, despite the fact her father disowned her. There is sadness surrounding this Marian Stoy. My mother never knew her mother, Marian Stoy. Marian left behind her 6 week old daughter, my mother, and a son, Frank, Jr., about 5 years old. My mother was raised by her paternal aunts as their own, never knowing her Stoy roots or that her brother, Frank was her brother. Marian's family sadly had no contact with Marian's two children. My mother was told the truth only before she married in 1947. The only brief encounter my mother ever had with any Stoy's took place around 1948 when two Stoy sisters to Marian came to the McCann's Funeral Home in Gloucester City to view Marian's son, Frank Pollick, Jr. my mother's brother. Marian's son, Frank Pollick, Jr. served in the army through the entire WWII. When the war ended, Frank reenlisted and was stationed in Japan. He died in Japan under mysterious circumstances. In his wallet he carried the only photograph of his mother Marian. My mother never saw her mother's photo. When Frank's body was sent home to McCann's Funeral Home the only item missing from his processions was the one and only picture of his beloved mother, Marion Stoy Pollick. Remember, he was 5 years when his mother, Marian died. He witnessed a tragedy. He never spoke of it and my mother thought he was her cousin because after Marian's death, he remained with his father, Frank Pollick, Sr for a period. When Frank was brought into my mother's childhood home it was under the pretense that he was a cousin, not her brother, all the while my mother believed her paternal aunt & uncle were her parents, that her biological father, Frank Pollick was her uncle. All of this oral information has been passed on to me by my mother Madeline whose two paternal aunts passed it on to her before her own marriage. I don't know how accurate it is. But we love a woman we never knew. We think about Marian often. I would love for my 79 year old mother to see a photograph of her mother or perhaps any of the Stoy family. We were told Marian was buried in a cemetery in Germantown, with Margaret Gert Stoy or the Gert family.

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Hope this fills in some gaps and I would appreciate any info you could share, perhaps even photos, if possible.

Thanks and take care.

Eileen

*Look for newspaper article about suicide of Marian 1925*

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**From:** TiamoOC@aol.com  
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**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 12:44AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Ann and Bob,

Thanks for sending the information on Frank Pollick, my uncle, Marian Stoy's son. When I opened the mail, I got chills. I have not formally done much research on my family history. I have photos of Frank, his uniform, trunk and dog tags, but reading his death notice was emotional. Once in a while I have searched for information. Unfortunately, I have not had much time to committ. Interestingly, on the 21st of January, I mentioned to my husband Carl that I didn't know why I felt compelled that morning to research Marian on the interent, although, I have in the past done so. Coincidentally, it was on the 21st of January, 1948 the Courier Post printed the notice that Frank had died.

I didn't know he was born in Westmont, NJ. That is where we were told Marian was from. He was not born in 1924. His sister, my mother was born November 24, 1924. Marian died six weeks later. Frank Jr., was about 5 years old when she died. That would place Marian's first child's birth around 1919. One has to wonder, if the Marian M. Pierce could be my grandmother. (b between 1900-01 in PA) But the Pierce and Taylor don't fit. Marian's mother was supposedly from Germantown, PA. That could logically explain her being born in PA. I would imagine she was about 18 years old or younger when she eloped with Frank Pollick. She couldn't have had been married more than once. However, again, based on the oral story, James J. Stoy (ca 1850/51 d 1938) could have been her father. Was he the Stoy the Street and school were named for?

You are right in thinking Marian is not Charles's sister. I agree she was probably born around 1898/1900. Or maybe she could have been the daughter of Maurice Stoy.

Madeline Pollick Andrews and her sister Mary Blake, (sisters to Frank Pollick, Sr. Marian's husband) along with Madeline's husband John Andrews who raised Marian's children, told us Marian was from Westmont, NJ. Frank Pollick Sr., worked for the Stoys in that area. That is how he meant Marian. Marian, we were told, was the daughter of the Stoy who the school and street were named for. But, maybe she was not the daughter, but the granddaughter. Marian's connection was definitely to the Stoys from the Westmont-Haddonfield area, based on the oral word.

As far as law suits are concerned we know nothing. Were there law suits? Over what?

We also don't know the names of the aunts that went to Frank's viewing. My mother remembers them looking at her and saying, "there she is". That was the extent of the interaction. They did not express their condolences to any of Marian's in-laws. But there had been no contact in all those years. Yet those aunts must have felt something to have come to see their nephew. I will try to find out if my mother has the sign in book from the viewing.

We were told Marian was about 5' 4", light hair, fair, beautiful and Swedish.

Marian died in January 1925 in Gloucester City, NJ. Should there be death certificate and an obituary? A marriage license?

I live about 10 miles from Haddonfield and Gloucester City. Any advice on where I could go for information? Birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates?

Thanks again. It is nice corresponding with you both.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip to Denver.

Eileen

**From:** TiamoOC@aol.com  
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**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2004 01:56AM  
**Subject:** Re: Located Marian from Eileen

Dear Ann:

So glad to hear from you. I understand how busy you must be. I can't believe how busy my husband Carl and I are at this point in our lives. We had more free time years ago. I keep asking myself, am I moving slower or what??? I just don't have the stamina that I used to have. Our parents need us more now, as well. Carl is a family physician and I manage his office.

My mother went through her records, but had no documentation of the names of Marian's sisters who came to Frank Pollick Jr.'s funeral. Mom thinks Viola sounds familiar. Mom said she believes Marian's mother's maiden name was (Margariete) Gurt. After finding out Marian lived on Crystal Lake Ave. with her husband Frank Pollick, next door to her grandmother Mary and next door to her father Harry, it shed light on why her two sisters went to Frank Jr.'s funeral. The sisters may have had a relationship with little Frank while they lived on Crystal Lake Ave. My question remains why did the Stoys not stay in touch with Marian's children after her death? My version was that the Stoys disowned Marian for marrying Frank. But in my opinion that could not have been so in light of the fact that Marian and Frank were living between Marian's grandmother and father on Crystal Lake Ave. How they wound up on Ridgeway St. in Gloucester City, NJ is a mystery. Marian's mom, Margarite, supposedly visited Marian in Gloucester, but not Harry. Harry must have had a falling out. My mother's aunt, Madeline Andrews (Frank Pollick, Sr's sister) who raised Frank Jr. and my mother never legally changed my mother's name, thinking the Stoys would contact her. It never happened.

Family history has benefitted me. I have a similar situation within my immediate family. I am the aunt to two children who were estranged to us. I kept in touch, sent gifts equal to what all the other nieces and nephews received, etc. My motivation, my great aunts that did not keep in touch with my mother and Frank, Jr. Those two kids are grown now and are part of our life, as well as their mother, my brother's former wife. Because of my nature, I probably would have kept connected to those kids anyway, but wishing those aunts had connected with Marian's kids motivated me even more.

I have no idea how to obtain information on Marian's death notice or how to find out where she is buried. We were told she was buried in Pennsylvania where her mother's people were from, (the Gurt family). I can explain how she died, as it was told to my mother. Marian committed suicide six weeks after giving birth to my mother. It was attributed to post partum depression. Frank Jr. was about five. He was in the room where Marian died. Lillian, Marian's second child had recently died of meningitis. It was interesting to see Marian had a sister named Lillian. We do not know where Lillian is buried, as well. Little Frank Jr. witnessed it all. Marian's mother had recently died, also, which may have contributed to Marian's suicide.

When Frank, Jr died in Japan in 1948, his body was shipped back to the states in a coffin sealed with a glass lid. His cause of death was unknown. It has bothered my mother all these years why the glass lid and unknown cause of death. He survived the loss of his mother and sister, WWII, and was a nice boy, shy, carrying the memories of his mother's death, etc... According to my aunts he had the only photo of Marian in his wallet, which did not return home from Japan with his remains. The missing photo of Marian sparked a glimmer of hope in my mother that maybe Frank was still alive... It has hurt her all these years that she grew up being told he was her cousin.

If you and Bob are coming to New Jersey, Carl and I would love to have you, Bob and your families as our guest for dinner. It would be so nice and just fun. Please contact us. We are only ten miles from Haddonfield.

We have had no time for genealogy, I really do not know the protocol, but we are extremely family

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oriented. I am willing to pay fees and expenses for manuscripts, etc. But mostly, it is nice just to have a relationship with family. It is just so nice to be connected. I am fascinated by the very fact that I have been motivated to seek my Stoy roots. Silly as it sounds, I am haunted by the fact that I do not know them. My mother and aunts inadvertently made me love people that were dead before I was born. And I truly love them. What amazes me is that I believe it may be a unique Stoy trait.

Again, please keep in touch and let me know when you are in the area. We would love to get together for dinner and to meet you.

Please keep in touch.

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