

Subj: **Peregu news& monument project**
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Dear Roberta and Joe,

I was wednesday and thursday to Peregu as I said and I can say it was a succseful trip as long there are some news for you.

First I have seen the place where it suppose that the victims of the fire are and I have learned and heard new things. I have been thursday with Hermine in Arad at the archive and seeked for news about fire and some of the Leisz family.

But first I have also talked with an old lady from the villagge who seemed to know from stories about the fire and about where victims were barryed.

After the tragic fire seemed that 3days after all the victims (amoung whom 2 childrens)where barryed in a big funeral service all togheter one near other. Almost all the vilagge was present to this service as long many families had a victim there. Almost all of them were catolics (except 1 czech who was reformed) so they were put in the catolic part of the cemetery near the small church from inside so they can be near GOD as long they had such tragic, painfull and unexpected death. The crosses dissapeared in time as long they didn't make a monument there and each death had his own small wood cross. In the mean time the villagge went trough changes one farmers revolt in 1907 and 2 world wars

In the period of 1870-1900 aproximately ,the villagge was stroken by different lethall illneses for that time (I don't know the name in engklsh for this but: malaria,dizenetry,scaralatin etc) and many people died from these especially children. Leisz family was affected as well and for your book and since I was at the archive I took out the names of the victims in that period from Leisz family. But this at the end of email.

The relation between the SUPPERITZ and LEISZ is that they were mixed together trough marriage in that period and before.

The service that Hermine did when we were in the summer in Peregu was that she puted that new "ROZALIU" an object as a jewels neckless bigger tho and which was brought from Jerusalem. THis Rozaliu is an boject that represents the sins(trough each part a different sin) and they pray at it in the church.

I have took the pictures with the location of the monument and there is a lot of place for the monument as it was in the first form the large one.

I have talked with a priest in the church and he said there is no problem to put it there as long I had the deal with the local authorites first time when I was in Peregu.

I have also talked with the firm in Arad for the monument and made a project for the stone as will look and the monument as well.Unfortunately the scanner doesn't work here now and I hope I will be able to send it to you monday when I get a scanner at a net cafe so I can put the pictures and the draw on the net.

The total cost of the monument is arround 1500\$-1600\$ depending by the \$ fluctuation here comparing with romanian money. The stone is top quality I got made from 1 piece and I liked it very much the quality of it. Is shiny and smooth + very strong one.

And the major thing I forgot to say: HERE IS THE NAME OF THE LEISZ THAT DIED IN THE FIRE:

LEISZ LIPOT - 58 YRS OLD

death on 13- feb-1893

Funeral service at 16-feb-1893 by the priest called
Nemeth Sandor

Married with SCHMIDT ANNA MARIA

borned in Schonnau

he lived in Peregu at no. 10

From what I could have see most of the Leisz family emigrated in Peregu arround 1855-1860.

Here is the list with the Leisz's that lived and died in Peregu:

0:

LEISZ MARIA _ 13 nov-1869 - 7 mounths old

daughter of LEISZ ANTAL & OTT MARIA

1:

LEISZ MIHAEL - died in 12-Feb 1873 - 18 mounths old
son of Leisz Lipot & Schmidt Anna Maria

2:

LEISZ ANTAL - died in 1873 -- 8 yrs old
son of LEISZ ANTAL & OTT MARIA

3:

LEISZ TEREZ - died 1874 - 3 yrs old
daughter of LEISZ LIPOT & SCHMIDT ANNA MARIA

4:

LEISZ FLORIAN - died 26-jan-1879 -- 9 mounth old
son of LEISZ LIPOT & SCHMIDT ANNA MARIA

5:

LEISZ ANDRAS- died 24-feb-1887-- 66 yrs old
husband of KRASZINI ELEONORA

6:

LEISZ JANOS -died 13-apr-1887 --4 mounths old
son of LEISZ JANOS & SCHUSTER AGNES

7:

LEISZ JANOS --died 14-Mar-1893 -- 15mounths old
son of LEISZ LIPOT & SZUPPARITS ANNA

8:

LEISZ ANTAL (former policeman) 14-mar-1894 -- 74 yrs
husband of OTT ANNA -borned in Schonnau

9:

LEISZ JOSEPH -- died 3 -apr-1894 -8 mounths old
Son of LEISZ LIPOT & SZUPPARITS ANNA + 3 other person death by illness.

10:

UNKNOWN NAME --18-dec-1897 -3 yrs old
child of LIPOT & ANNA

11:

LEISZ JULIA --13-jun-1898 -- 5yrs &half
daughter of LIPOT & ANNA

These are the names I was able to take out from the books in the archive. Unfortunately these extractions take a lot of time as long there are missing informations and also lot to work at. Anyway is not available the book starting from 1900 in Arad to be searched so these are the names me and Hermine took out. I hope will help you!

Another important thing is that when I get your aprouvall for the monument I have to go there give the exact informations about the writing on the stone and an acconto. (this won't be charged by me as long I intent to stay if possibille only 1 day) The stone takes about 3 weeks to be done as long is a big piece and there is a lot to work on it. Also the bottom of the monument should be made 3 weeks ago so the cement to get strong when put the monument). I saw how they work there and is also art but hard job to make that stone cutted fine and make it so smooth. So the time will be done the monument is early - midd April.
This year is a big differnce (more than 1 mounth) between the ortodox and Catolic easter. After the Ortodox Easter there are many religious holidays and people usually not work so is good I can make it before the Easter(ortodox one)

I have been looking for a map in the anticariats in Arad (map from 1850-1900) but couldn't find. I will still look for it as long you are interested in this.

And my fee is bigger with this new trip with 200\$ which represents 100\$ gas +100\$ 2 days. I didn't expense else since I was quest at Hermine and Sziegfried.

That should be all for now Roberta. I hope Monday I will be able to send you the pictures and I am waiting for your decision soon so things start in time .

Hoping I have brought you good news,

Love and greetings from

Gigi

P.S.

I made a calculation for you regarding the monuments expenses as a finall price. It will come like this in case you want to know them all now when ecverything is arranged in the shape we agreed:

1.100\$- my fee (4 trips in Peregu (2 done -2 more to do))- 3 charge= expenses: phones ,tax in Peregu, trip

expenses, my fee.

1.550\$ monuments total price

200\$- Hermine's "fee" for taking care of monument + help

TOTAL: 2.850 \$

P.P.S.

I am waiting for questions and ideas if you have. I will make 2 more trips in Peregu and maybe I can get more info's for you since I will go there.

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