

To JammyJames4Eva@Epicmail.com from Ancestryismegacool.com

Dear James Ziegler, I am following up on your request to find out about your ancestry. You suggested that me and my company search mainly German records as you do have a German name. However, you are actually largely Italian! In fact, AIMC have traced your family history way back to 476 AD, the year the Roman Empire fell. Interestingly the empire fell because of one man alone, called Julius Zephyrinus who punished his army by killing all of them. That man is the earliest ancestor of yours we have detected. So... How do you feel?

Regards, AIMC.

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I'm not feeling too good, to be honest with you. However, I am also highly suspicious. How can you possibly know for sure he's one of my relatives? I'd love to hear this!

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Hello, again. Julius's DNA was famously very well preserved as when he died, he got thrown in a bog. Judging by his DNA that has been archived for many years, the odds of him not being directly related to you are one in ten billion. I understand how this is a difficult situation for you. I suggest you buy a large quantity of alcohol and tissues. :(

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Ha. Good one.

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You seem to think I was joking. Maybe the following website will soften the blow?
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Who else am I related to, then? Maybe someone REALLY crazy?

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If you really want to know, Julius's surviving family members fled to Germany. They mostly kept themselves out of trouble, until they blagged their way to high ranking military positions and consequently lost battles to the Franks. Being the sneaky people they were, your ancestors then fled to France. And of course, they blagged their way to high ranking military positions and soon lost battles to the Germans. Your ancestors then moved back to Germany but learnt their lessons and stayed out of the military for good from that point on.

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Please don't tell anyone.

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I'm sorry, but it really is in the public interest for people to know of ancient and indeed modern history.

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Oh, great. I'm never going to hear the last of this, Ben and especially Dan will be laughing at me constantly! You must have some dirt on them?

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Dirt on Ben Toogood? Do you know where he got his name? He got it for being too good...

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NO! Ok, what about Dan, this'll be good...

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He comes from a nice family. They have always frequently given to charity...

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Pointless charities?

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What's a pointless charity?

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Save the pigeons is pretty stupid...

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Look, the military isn't for you and your family members, but you know what? They damn well gave it their best shot. They were just misguided, that's all, and people will understand that. So what do you say? How about you own up to your descendants being single handedly responsible for the demise of the Roman empire, and embrace that fact. You know who hates Italians? The French! Way back in 2006, France lost the football world cup to Italy, and they're still mad as hell. There really is nothing to be afraid of.

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Were there any Zieglers that were successful in the more traditional sense?

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One of them visited Australia!

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Can I ask why?

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He was sent there as a criminal. He stole a loaf of bread...

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To feed his starving family?

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No. :)

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He was the most successful of my family members?

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The others claimed to have had groundbreaking ideas, but they weren't taken seriously. Stuff like 'burn 10% of your crops to be successful', 'throw away 10% of your possessions to be happy', stuff like that. Your decimating Roman ancestor clearly has had a lasting effect, just in a really bad way.

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Oh I don't have to put up with this anymore. Fine tell everyone about Julius Zephyr or whatever his name was, see if I care. Bye!