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Assignment 2

The Stitt family history can be furthest traced back to Scotland, England and Ireland. The name has several variations of spelling from Studde to Sted. Since surnames were based off a characteristic of a family, the Stitt family was thought to be owners of a stud far ("Internet Surname Database"). 35 percent of my early ancestry were farmers ("Stitt Coat of Arms and Name History"). The very first recorded spelling of the surname occurred in 1066 as Stud. I think it is interesting to see where my family originated to develop my perspective of where my family came from.

The earliest person recorded with a variation of the name Stitt was Alnod Stud. This signature was recorded in the Domesday Book of England. There is a recording in 1719 of William and Hare Stitt, who had a daughter names Margaret. Some of the first settlers were Francis Stott and Henry Stott, who settled in Virginia in the mid 1600’s ("Stitt Family History").

I find these recording very interesting, because I do not know much of my family history at all. The only elders I had as a kid were my grandmother and great grandmother who was approaching 100 years of age at the time. I don’t believe my great grandmother could talk very well, and I was too young to know what questions to ask. My grandmother never spoke of my grandfather, to this day no one has ever mentioned his name. My grandmother never told me about her parents as well, and she recently passed away. I have done some research on my own which allowed me to find my grandfather’s name, but still no picture of him.

Since my family history is fairly short in my memory, the only important person I personally know of is my grandmother who lived in Colorado. I am not sure when they moved there. I left the area where all of my immediate family lived to live with my mother. I still have not seen my family since I left 10 years ago, but I plan on taking vacation sometime this year to see them. Because of this, there are no traditions that I am aware of that helped us remember our ancestors. When I go to visit my family, I am really interested in knowing about my grandfather. It really surprises me that no ever mentioned his name. David, is his name. My uncle David was named after him. I found that information after being curious of what my last name meant.

Throughout writing this entire paper, I almost forgot that my last name isn’t just what defines what my family history is. My mother, Daisy Lim, is originally from the Philippines and immigrated to the United States 20 years ago. She has not been back to the Philippines since and it is my first goal to save enough money for my family to go. I have learned a lot about my Filipino family, because my mother kept in touch with them over Skype. I have actually spoken to my Filipino grandmother who is nearing 80 years of age. My grandfather was Chinese but he has passed away and I have never spoke to him or seen a picture of him. My mother is the only one in her family to immigrate to the United States.

Researching this assignment has made me even more curious of my recent family history. I plan on talking to my aunt and uncle in Colorado, who may have more information of who my grandfather was. I believe that knowing where my family originates and how they lived will help me find insight into who I am.

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