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## Jessie

I interviewed Jessie on January 16, 2021 nine days before he died. I drove four hours to Kokomo Indiana. To sit at Jessie's bed side as he told me what he had never told anyone not even his wife and children. Jessie had a secret told to him by his mother in 1976. His father died in WWII, but had told his wife the story of his father Davis. Their story and their journey has had many a twist and turn. The bottom line is that Jessie took his Stavrosian secret to the grave. He told me that he was afraid for his children to ever have to deal with the secret or what could happen to them if anyone found out. He instead chose not to let the secret be known. .

Jessie kept a simple life. He worked as a steel worker and was a member of the United Steel Workers Union. He loved the outdoors spending many great hours in the fields. His grandfather had last registered the family in 1940. Jessie however refused to do so in hopes to protect his children. He had been contacted by the S.G.L. trying to get him to reregister. Yet Jessie stood firm on the old ways of anonymity. Throughout his life he kept well the secret, as well as his Stavrosian identity.

Jessie asked that his family not ever be told or pursued by the S.G.L.. His last request will be honored. I will not approach his children nor will anyone from the S.G.L.. I tell his story in hopes that others will read and maybe understand. For us, it is important for all of us to know of each other. It is also important to respect each other's wishes. Jessie's request will guard his family even though they will never know it's being done from the grave.

Jessie died from cancer, the disease that will cut off a Stavrosian lifespan. I had the chance to meet many of his family as well as his children. We only spoke of his love of the outdoors. The urge to ask questions or talk about their Stavrosian connection was quite difficult to hold back.

With respect to Jessie, I will close the book on his family. The file is marked, "Deceased No Further Action."

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