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## Larry Keaton Interview

We met Larry Keaton on June 12, 2021. He is a house painter by trade. He was attending a First Life celebration that we had been invited to. It was being held on Leesville Lake in Ohio. I asked Larry if I could talk to him about his Stavrosian family history. The following is an account of that interview.

Larry told us about how his father finally told him about their Stavrosian background. Larry, "Dad had always been very secretive about his family. He would say things like, when your old enough. My sister and I sat down with our Dad and then put it to him. We want to know who we are and our place in this world. We know nothing about our grandparents or where they were from. We're old enough now to be told. Well, Dad must have thought we were ready to know. He may have been wrong.

My sister didn't believe him at first. She got scared, then real nervous. Finally, she just started to cry a lot. She asked him with tears in her eyes, "You mean I'm not like the other people, I'm different? My Dad said very calmly, "You are a special young lady that may have a few special skills that others won't have. You're not so different, but you are special."

She pulled herself together, it took several years of self-discovery with many First Life celebrations attendances to come to terms. Both my sister and I now understand who and what we are. You know, it feels great to be special. Dad died in 2012 at age 98. All my relatives live to be in their 90's. I'm 76 years old and I feel great. My sister is 73 she works every day. She is a nurse in a Cleveland clinic hospital, Summit County. As for me I'm still painting houses in the Akron area.

We are very comfortable with our Stavrosian ancestry. If you ask me what I am, I'll tell you I'm an American with some way-out family.

Our interview ended with dinner, dancing and hugs goodbye. Larry has been practicing his Stavrosian communication skills. He told us that he and his sister think to each other often."

He noted that his toes are in fact webbed much like his fathers were.

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