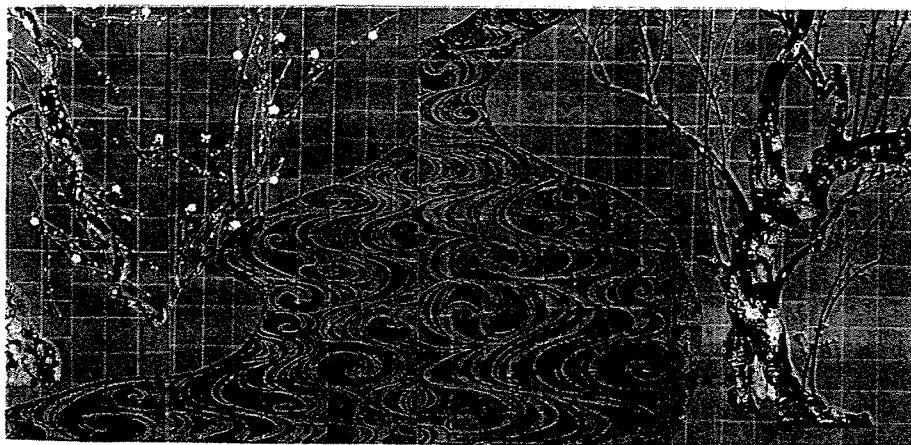


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To an Ephron granddaughter: what about the Ephrons? I am one of them; you are one of them; my father, your great grandfather was born in Namdu a town in Grodno Province in Russia as was his father, your great-great grandfather on your father's side. The Namdur Ephrons wore beards because they were very devout Jews. For some reason they called it V'ändür, but why, I couldn't tell you. My father's father, your great-great grandfather's family, the Ephrons, have been traced back to about 1815, and they were grain merchants - purchasing grain from Russian peasant farmers. My father's name was Chaiyim Chaikel, though on his "Citizen Papers" he was called "Heyman". He died in 1911 and is buried in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.



My father was named after an uncl who was a famous Rabbi and a great biblical and Hebrew Scholar.

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My grandfather's name was Mordecai and he had about eight children, and my father was his first born. Most of them are gone now, some of them died in Hitler's Holocaust. But my grandfather died in Jerusalem. That was supposed to be a very great religious blessing. Some of our Ephrons who escaped Hitler are now living in Israel. I met one of them here last year - a building materials manufacturer. He's married to a French girl. I keep in touch with the Ephrons in this country, whenever I find them. There are a number of them in Poughkeepsie (wow!), New York. One of the Poughkeepsie Ephrons was Mayor once, another was a member of the Board of Education there. At one time the Kingston, the New York and the Poughkeepsie Ephrons used to have Annual family picnics there. Some were in the Oil business, one had an enormous turkey farm.

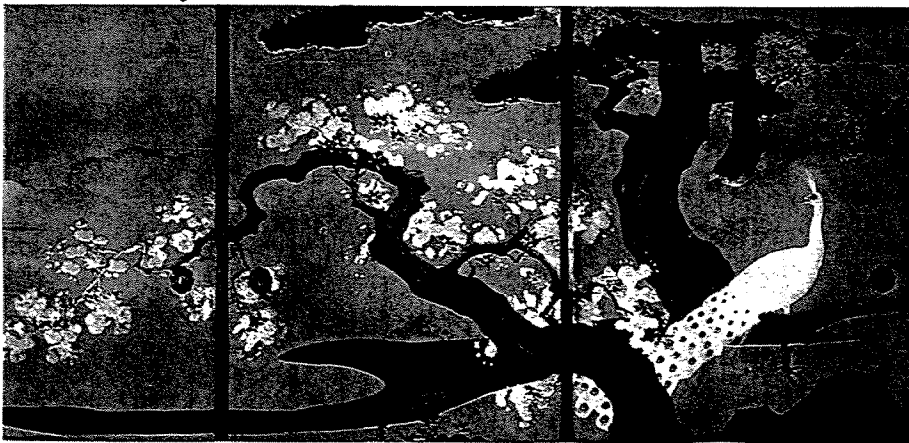


Plum Blossoms and Birds

National Treasure 17C. By Sansetsu Kano.

This latter one used to love fishing. His big brother ran a motorcycle business in Newburg, N.Y. Now we have doctors, lawyers, professors

Several of them are Princeton ³ graduates. The smartest one is me, then your father, and the loveliest ones are you, your sister and your Aunt Ethel in St. Louis. And I, married a Carrington who is a lecturer in Princeton University (and whose mother was a famous radio soap opera writer - Elaine Carrington, who used to write "When a girl marries", "Pepper Young's family", and "Rosemary".) I know very little about your mother's family. Your father's mother was born in Russia. Their family was quite good-looking. I knew Judith's father. He was a dear; a very gentle person. Judith was a terrific looker also, when she was young she could run like greased lightning. Judith could be quite temperamental but was a wonderful person. You probably know more about your father's aunt Rose than I do.



Birds and Flowers National Treasure 17C. By Hidenobu Kano.

The only enigma in our family is your father, a tall doctor, very bright, kind, good-looking, but who could ^{to forget (ignore) his 86 year old mother.}

So darling, whenever the spirit moves me, I'll fill you in on bits of family history. My Ephron cousin, Clara Glasser, in Miami Beach, a High School English teacher, knows a lot about family history. She's promised to tell me all she knows, so I'll have lots to tell you. Your Aunt Ethel in St. Louis and Peter (your cousin) often ask me for family background. They are interested. Some day I shall maybe have energy to tell you about your father's early boating days (for example how he once went out in a canoe alone in a storm, when he was eight-years old, and how his uncle Jack had to wade out to bring the boat to shore.)

Pat and I are still not 100% well, but we are greatly improved.

I love your letters - they show me your growth, and it's exciting. We love you dearly -

your
Grandpa
Patricia



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