

The Archive

"Hello, I recently purchased old vintage photographs of yours. I was wondering if I could ask where you got them from and what, if anything, do you know about them or their history?"

It is completely fine if you don't know anything about them or their history, but it is interesting to find out how people come into possession of old photographs.

***Many thanks,
Kind regards.
Chantelle "***



Hi Chantelle.

Some of the photographs you purchased from me are of a lady called Ruth. She was born in Germany in the early 20's.

She came to England in the late 40's or early 50's and met a gentleman called Peter who was a Ukrainian man. Ruth passed away approximately 12 years ago in Derby in her late 80s. I cared for her husband Peter till he got cancer. He passed away approximately three years ago.

The other photographs I have for sale are members of Ruth's family but I really don't know who they are. Ruth was an only child and grew up in Berlin. Peter and Ruth never had any children and when Peter was diagnosed with his cancer, he decided he wanted to go home to the Ukraine to live with his niece. By the time he made his decision, he was too sick to travel. A friend and I drove him in a hired car to his family in Ukraine that was in March 2014. I do still write to his niece. When I write to her in a couple of weeks, I'm happy to ask his niece just how much she knows about Peter's wife.

I do know Peter's wife Ruth was never known as Ruth, as she didn't like the name and was known to every body as Maria. It was only her legal documents that were in the name of Ruth. Maria was her first name. I do still have various photos of both Maria/Ruth and of Peter. I even have photographs of Peter when he was in the Displaced Persons camp just after the war. If you would care to expand Ruth's story, I'm happy to list a few of the photographs that I have of Peter and possibly more of Ruth.

How I came about these is quite simple. After taking Peter across Europe, home to Ukraine, I cleared out his little flat of the few belongings that he had left there. I wrote to him and asked him did he want the photographs and I was told to bin them. I found this impossible to do, hence selling them on eBay. I felt somebody who wanted them would buy them. It's unfortunate that you have bought the photographs of Ruth who I didn't know that much about. It was Peter I would be able to tell you from his birth about.

Peter came over to England after the war having been in a prisoner of war hospital with my father. So I have known Peter for many years. Ruth was a very private person, so I actually know very little about her.

Please let me know if you want any more information, and I will try and ask his niece if she knows anything else about Ruth.

Hopefully, something of what I have told you already is of some use.

Kind Regards,

Irina.



Many thanks for your message and buying the items in the first place. I can't tell you much on the photographs as I came across the photos within a joblot at Ashford Market two or three weeks ago.

But on seeing the photos in the joblot, it was a shame to just place them in the bin, as you may see on looking at the photos, this was someone's happy wedding day.

I'm glad you are making use of the photos.

With many thanks again.

Anthony.



Hi, I got them from an elderly lady who lived in Cumbria. She was having a clear out and was going to throw them out, but I thought they were too interesting to put in the bin.

The lady is still alive and is 94 years old this year.

I found out that the lady lived in Carlisle, on Gardinlea Street. She used to be an artist and was a friend of an artist called Robert Forster. If you want to look him up.

The lady's name is Sheila Martin and she still has some painting that Robert Forster gave her.

And I have one that Sheila painted, as she was very good.

Sheila was adopted as a child and brought up on a farm in the Carlisle area.

I think she moved to Nottinghamshire in the 1950's, where she still lives in Mansfield.

I hope this sheds a bit more light on the pics ad helps your studies. I'm glad you like them.

**Regards,
Tony.**



**Hi, I'm sorry to say I don't know anything about them.
All of my photographs come from house clearances or
auction lots.**

Best Wishes,

Dawn.

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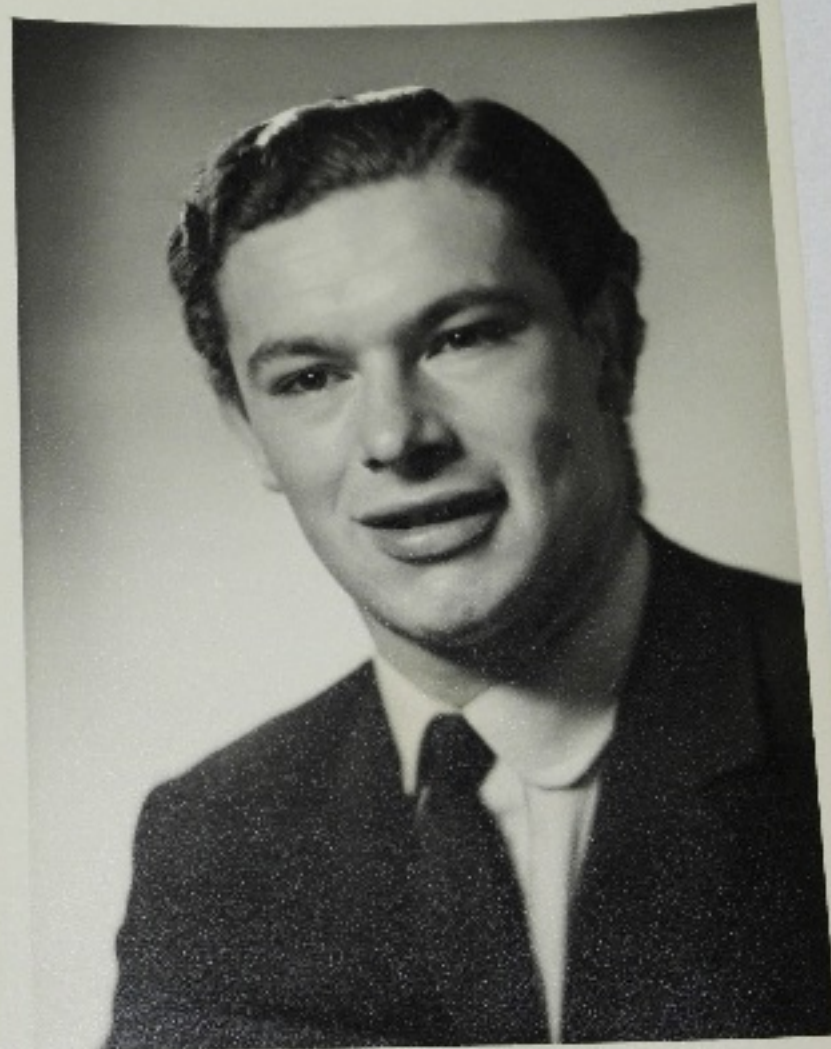
This photo came in a large box of photos from a house clearance.

I don't know anything about it, but I thought they might be of interest to someone.

Chris.



I'm really sorry, I do not have any details.



Unfortunately I cannot help.

I tend to buy job lots or albums and just list, as you can see from my selection.

All the best,

Clive.



I got the photos from a job lot of photos, so I know very little about them.

Kind Regards.



**These came from an album purchased at a postcard fair
in Durham.**

Cheers,

Clive.

