

The Real Story of the von Trapp Family

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I first saw the movie The Sound of Music as a young child, probably in the late _____ Noun - Plural _____. I liked the _____ Noun _____, and Maria was so _____ Adjective _____ and kind! As I grew older, more aware of world history, and saturated by viewing the movie at least once _____ Adverb _____, I was struck and annoyed by the somewhat sanitized story of the von Trapp family it told, as well as the bad _____ Number _____ Noun - Plural _____ and costumes. "It's not historically accurate!" I'd protest, a small archivist in the making. In the early _____ Noun - _____ Plural _____ I saw Maria von Trapp herself on Dinah Shore's television show, and _____ Noun _____, was she not like the _____ Proper Noun _____ Proper Noun _____ version of Maria! She didn't look like Julie, and she came across as a true force of nature. In thinking about the fictionalized movie version of Maria von Trapp as compared to this very real Maria von Trapp, I came to realize that the story of the von Trapp family was probably something closer to _____ Adjective _____, and therefore much more interesting, than the movie led me to believe.

Part of the story of the real von Trapp family can be found in the records of the National Archives. When they fled the Nazi regime in Austria, the von Trapps traveled to _____ Proper Noun _____. Their entry into the _____ Proper Noun _____ Proper Noun - Plural _____ and their subsequent applications for citizenship are _____ Verb - Past Participle _____ in the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration.

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Maria von Trapp's certificate of arrival into Niagara Falls, NY, on December 30, 1942, authenticated that she arrived legally in the United States. (Records of District Courts of the United States, RG 21)

Fact from Fiction

While *The Sound of Music* was generally based on the first section of Maria's book *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (published in 1949), there were many alterations and omissions.