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BACK STORY TO DREAMS AND REALITIES

In the early 1990s, shortly before his death, my father handed me a large bunch of files, which included an original copy of a family tree, his uncle, Capt A H Trapman *aka Toto* had created and passed on to his son, Adrian Trapman.

The notes, records and research '**Toto**' had accumulated contained among other information, records of a still outstanding loan made to the American Revolutionary cause between 1776 and 1779 by his forebear. This gift became, on the orders of **President George Washington**, a loan repayable at 6% compound until repaid – it is still outstanding. For Toto it became the key to unlock his very own Yellow Brick Road to success.

During his research, while acting as foreign war correspondent for the London Telegraph in New York – a position appointed by **Viscount Burnham**, a life long family friend - having completed an iconic book, *The Dog, Man's Best Friend* that subsequently became the UK Kennel Club's bible up until 1953, Capt Trapman uncovered behind this '*treasure hunt*' strands of a mystery that would lead him to confront and challenge shadowy, well hidden elements of power intent on a course of action threatening world order, economic and financial stability.

My father asked me, as the family wordsmith to tell Toto's story.

Little did I realise the journey and commitment I had agreed to undertake. Through a circuitous route including the creation of what would become **The Freedom Cycle**, an ongoing heptalogy (seven book) series, I set forth. My own journalistic skills were called up.

The first book in this series was almost complete in 2001, when the events of 9/11 occurred. Having decided the book (now the second in the series, *Angel of Redemption*) would have to be put on hold for a rewrite, in spite of having its own 9/11 scenario within it, a fallow period followed.

It was due to a fortuitous conversation with **Christopher Little**, the then literary agent to **JK Rowling**, where he encouraged me to make and start with the story of Toto that is now **Dreams and Realities**, the first opener in **The Freedom Cycle**. A foolish arrogance of ego prevented me from awakening to this golden nugget of advice for a good two years.

When the penny finally dropped it was obvious Little's advice was seen to be so

brilliant. It also ushered into print the story that is, Dreams and Realities.

The discovery of the richness that lay behind my family and Toto's research not only opened up amazing avenues of how personal ancestry can directly impact present incumbents of life but also lead to rich pastures of appreciation for one's own genetic inheritance.