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Here is what I have found out so far. Here is Laszlo's link:
http://www.sote.hu/aok/int/biofiz/user/smelas/slt_home.htm

Additionally, I have found a Bruce R. Smeller, a Margaret Monroe Smeller, a Kathleen Smeller, a Ken Smeller, a Ronald Smeller, and a Steven Smeller by searching the internet. More later.

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>Dear Curt,
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>It is nice to hear that there are other persons with the name same as
>mine, around the world.
>I personally do not know too much about the history of my family. I
>can go back to my grandfather who I never met, he was really a farmer
>in a small willage ca. 150km (90 miles) from Budapest. As far as I
>know our family name was always written like my name is writen today,
>there were no transfomations.
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>> What we do know is that LLoyd Smeller was a farmer from outside of
>> Budapest. He began migratory work in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio
in
>> the late 1890's and early 1900's. He would work 6 months in the US and
>> then return to Budapest to be with his wife. Her maiden name was Ethyl
>> Berdi. Lloyd fathered my grandfather and several other children after
>> finally emigrating permanently to the US around 1911.
>LLoyd is not a typical Hungarian name, so I guess it should be his
>name used in the States, but I would expect his original name to be
>something different.
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>> Several question remain regarding our history. We do not know that our
>> last name was originally spelled "Smeller". There is conjecture that
is
>> was changed to "Smeller" at Ellis Island when Lloyd emigrated. There
is
>> speculation that the original spelling of the name in Hungary was

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either
>> "Schmeller" or "Smaela".
>None of the above sounds more "Hungarian like" than Smeller.
>>It is believed that our family originated in what
>> is now Austria and that we were originally German speaking people.
>"Schneller (N instead M) has meaning in German. But names do not
>necessary have a meaning. By the way, that time (1890-1911) Hungary
>was part of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy, which can make the
>distinciton betwwen the two countries uncertain is some cases.
>>It is
>> believed that the family migrated to the Budapest area in the early
1800's
>> and adopted the Hungarian language. However, Lloyd spoke no English.
He
>> was fluent in both Hungarian and German as was my grandfather (Lloyd's
3rd
>> son, i believe). My grandfather learned very little from Lloyd about
his
>> family roots. Aparently, Lloyd would not talk about the old country.
>This could explain that he probably changed his name from ??? to
>LLoyd, which as far as I know typical english, with no equivalent in
>the Hungarian language.
>> It
>> is believed that there was some sort of excommunication from the family
>> that caused Lloyd's emigration to the US. None of his brothers or
sisters
>> came to the US. My grandfather was not even sure if he had brothers or
>> sisters.
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>> The Smeller name is quite unique in the United States.
>It is the same in Hungary.
>> Until recently, we
>> believed that we were the only such Smeller family in the United
States and

>> possibly the world. Wherever any of us Smellers travel, we look for
our
>> name and find nothing. Recently, we found a Donald Smeller in Hawaii.
He
>> is unrelated to our family tree. Upon conversation and visitation with
>> Donald, it has been discovered that he also has absolutely no
knowledge of
>> his geneology. But alas, he has the same last name. He believes his
>> grandfather emigrated from Hungary at a similar point in time as my
>> great-grandfather. That is all. If Donald is somehow related to our
>> family, then there are approximately 60 people in the United States
that
>> bear the Smeller name.
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>> The question then becomes; are you related to us? How can we determine
>> such a conclusion. After all, we have the same last name.
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>> Is your geneology traceable through the generations back to the
mid-1800's.
>> If so, is there any information pertaining to a Lloyd Smeller. Is
your

young man around 1900 ... identified, who should be

>> Smeller name consistent through the generations? If not, what was the
>> original spelling of the name?
>Part of these questions are answered at the beginning of this e-mail,
>an the rest I do not know answers to. However your mail made me
>interested in the hystory of my family, and I will certainly ask my
>parents, who live at the coutryside, next time when I will visit
>them.
>I suppose that my grand-grandfather can be identified, who should be
>a young man around 1900.
>I will let you know if I can learn new information from them.
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