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her husband Barbara
Clegg's cousin

35 Hollie Lucas Rd.
Kings Heath,
Birmingham. 13.
28th July, 1945.

Dear Mr & Mrs Turnbull,

I feel so ashamed for not answering your very nice letter long before this. The days & weeks seem to fly past so quickly, especially as I've been away twice since I heard from you, & the time I have spent at home has been filled with trying to catch up with the gardening.

I do think it was kind of you to write to me, & I am so sorry that you didn't manage to come to B'ham. Margaret hadn't written to tell me anything about your visit, so I hadn't been expecting you, but if you had managed to come I should, of course, have been delighted to see you.

You probably know that I have never met Margaret, & neither had my husband, who was her cousin, but I almost feel that I have known her very well for a very long time by receiving such friendly letters from her for so many years. I've always thought how very kind she has been to write to us, & especially so since my husband died & she has always carried on just the same time.

I really think that we both feel that if we met we should be very good friends.

I'm so pleased that you enjoyed your visit to England, but I'm sorry to hear that Mrs. Turnbull wasn't too well for some of the time, & do hope that she is now much better. I'm sure it must have been very tiring travelling about so much, & it must have been a great relief to be able to relax towards the end with your friends at Sandhurst.

I do think that we have a lovely country here, spoilt, alas, these days, by some of the people in it. So many people have become so greedy & selfish these last few years that I'm sorry to say the country is not what it was. Whether it will ever get back to how it used to be I very much doubt, for things seem to get worse from day to day. At the rate things are going I dread to think what kind of a mess we shall end up in. I very often feel glad I'm at this end of my life & not the other — & most people of my age feel the same.

If ever you are over here again please do come to see me if you can. In the meantime I send my best wishes to you both, & thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Roma Horton.

NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL

Kitty Spence

15 Heriot Row
Edinburgh.
12-10-47.

My dear Norman.

Cousin Jessie has asked me to send you the Programme of the Festival we had in Edinburgh as she thought it might interest you. The Festival was a great success. Unfortunately I did not manage to go to many things. At the time when I should have been buying tickets we were in the throes of wondering whether we should move or not, you will see from the address that we have moved! It took Cousin Jessie a long time to make the final decision. A friend who was converting her house offered to let the bottom half to us. & as Abercromby Place was becoming unworkable with Cousin Jessie in her rather feeble state, our old maid rapidly becoming quite unfit for work, & our antiquated kitchen arrangements I could not face another winter as we were so rather brought pressure to bear to accept the offer. It was so marvellous not having to buy which would have been rather foolish at Cousin Jessie's age. 86 this month! She went into a Nursing for the move, but we were only in here for two days when back she came plus a nurse. She really hated the Home I think. I was afraid she would, as she has always done her own way, and did not realise, she would have to do things when & how the Nurses wanted. She does hate being dependant on other people poor old thing, and it would be so much easier for everyone herself included, if only she would realise that she is not able to cope with things as she used to & therefore some one else must do it instead. We are hoping to get a Nurse Attendant for her as she does not really require a trained Nurse. We have got a very good one in many ways, & she naturally insists upon carrying out certain rules & regulations, which I am afraid irritate Cousin Jessie, who says she is being treated like a baby & not allowed to walk or do anything by herself. I daresay a lot of it is true, but I pointed out to her that she was the Nurse's and that in turn is due to old age, so very little can be done about it: The giddiness naturally makes her nervous about walking, and her back muscles are rather weak. also due to old age. She gets massage and that helps her for a little, at least she thinks it does, but the masseuse says there is not much she can do. Before we moved She went out for a motor run once a week. and enjoyed it very much. and I hope she will feel fit enough to have a few more runs before our winter really sets in. I hope all your family are well. How many years is it since we saw each other, perhaps we had better not say! I have not been to Orkney this Summer & have missed it very much. but the uncertainty about our movements made planning ahead very difficult. Cousin Jessie sends her love & her best wishes for Xmas, although rather early. She can only write very very little now, as neuritis has made her right hand & arm very powerless. I join with her in all good wishes.

Yours

Kitty Spence.

responsibility, and as such Nurse had to take precautions. The move has taken a lot out of her, but she is recovering, and I am sure it will be a benefit in the end. She has a lovely big sunny sitting room, overlooking gardens, behind that is her bedroom, then a bathroom and a bedroom for the Nurse, so that Cousin Jessie has no stairs to climb. Downstairs we have a sitting room, kitchenette, two bedrooms & bathroom & ample cupboard accomodation I would have liked something more compact if there had been any choice of houses but there are none here. One has scarcely time to die before people are on the doorstep asking about the house. Cousin Jessie looks well. She has a clear pink & white complexion, and her body is quite plump. Her appetite is excellent; no matter how bad she says she is feeling, she always is ready for her meals, and rarely if ever does she fail to finish what is sent up. Her chief complaint is giddiness which the Dr. says is due to the slowing up of her circulation

NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL

28 Grange Road
Bishops Stortford Herts

8. 12. 46. aunt Midge Bell

My dear Norman,
I did so enjoy your long letter & I was very proud to see what your Premier said of your dear lad. How pleased your Mother would have been & I am sure she knows. 10th Well, since I began this letter I have become 79!.. My birthday was the 9th & your Mother the 16th with 10 years & five boys between us. You seem to be very busy, with your political

work & your farming I wish you could have seen your way to go on being a "Minister". We have had a very disappointing summer, no sun at all hardly, & such a wet autumn In Suffolk & Norfolk acres & acres of crops were swept away by floods. We had plenty of fruit but much was spoilt by rain. Alison had the joy of having Harry back again after six years! He fell in love with his eldest daughter & she just adored him

The younger I am not so
sure of. She is a bit too like
him but still they get on
all right. He only had 3
months. I came here in
April & stayed while Harry
& Alison had a fortnight
together in Cornwall &
there I stayed on so that
they could get about
together. Maria came home
from school in July &
has now gone to Edinburgh
University, where she is
very happy. ~~Bab~~ Barbara
is as busy as ever. She
has her maid back now

so things are easier for her. Her eldest two are both at boarding school & she just has Merry (5) at home. Billy is still in Austria & a very great man! We are expecting his daughter this week-end. She is taking a secretarial training in London. His boy goes to Eton next year. Well, my dear a Happy Xmas to you all I wonder if I will ever see you again. I still have hopes of 1948! My love to Grace & this small calendar & to all the rest of you. All blessings on you, & all mine

Yours affectionately M. L. Bell.

Harriet Rowlands Christmas 1948.

Dear Norman:

I will put in a few lines to give you news of Aunt Agnes as she cannot send Christmas Greetings This year.

I am sorry to say that on November 8th she fell and broke her hip — was in the Hospital for over a month but now is home with two nurses. It is marvellous how well she has — recovered at her age (86) and one cannot help but wonder what life holds for her but she clings to it tho her mind is very vague now.

I know she would send you all her love and Best wishes for a very

Happy Christmas and New Year too
did she know I am writing you. She
always loved sending a Package
your way so sends it in Thought
This year anyway.
I hope all goes well with you and
yours.
With Love and all good wishes
to you All.

Harriet Rowlands

340 Olivier Avenue
Westmount
Montreal 6, P.Q.

Aunt Madge
Bees

Downlea Shawford. nr Winchester
Hants
7. 3. 48

My dearest Norman

What a gorgious parcel! My eyes nearly dropped out my head while I unpacked it. Everything that I wanted & needed & my larder instead of being empty will be more than full. It will give me a fine start, the fat, the cheese & the flour especially. You know we really are much better off than our neighbours in France. There only the wealthy get the food. The others may get their rations but just as likely they may not. It is much the same in Italy luxury & plenty on one hand & starvation & misery on the other. Here we certainly have no starvation. Certainly no child need starve & if they do it is the fault of their parents. Now my dear I would like to send you a "weekly" for six months after I go home. I do not know which one you would like but as I get "Time & Tide" for Robert Mannie it would be either the "Spectator" & "The New [illegible]" so please say which. I send Roberts every 3 weeks as 3 go for the price of one said she frugal as ever. I wonder if he or she has arrived yet I think you said February. Blessings on whichever it is. I had a nice long letter from William & he said he had seen you all & he & Lorna had so much enjoyed their little holiday. You cannot think how often I long to come & see you all but alas! it will not be I am afraid I am very well & vigorous but so deaf & cannot do too much racketing about now-a-days & besides the money question is another difficulty so I must just content myself, & perhaps some time in the next 10 years you may come over. I go back to St Margarets on April 23rd & am looking forward to it so very much. It will be so nice to be on my own again with all my possessions around me & pictures & books. Our statesmen seem to have got us into a pretty muddle & still go on saying silly things & being so feeble. Barbara & John Clegg have just been having a week-end in London, & they said their hotel was full of the "chosen people" They ought to be shivering in Concentration camps. They are really as much our enemies as the Germans, they & the American Jews are just as guilty of our mens' deaths as the brutes in Palestine. If all Jewish opinion were against these terrorists they would cease to be. And the lies they tell about us now. These poor boys who are there in Palestine all young & untrained & just being killed without mercy. It is making a very bitter anti-Jew feeling here & can you wonder? I really sometimes think Hitler was not so very wrong about them.

The Families are all well & doing well at their schools. Mary has a little friend staying with her this term & they are very happy together, & have great plays. Barbara has not been teaching this term but is doing whole time next term. Her good Edna is to stay on. John Clegg may be out of a job in September & I fear at his age he will not get another. Harry Pigot still goes on trying. I do wish he could get something. I heard from Agnes lately & she was looking forward

so much to having you to stay.
She says Daisy does not seem to be
very happy in Muxell.
Well my dear lad thanks you again
very very much for the parcel, you &
Grace. Please give her my love & I
do hope she is all right again
though she will have her hands
full with Leslie & the new baby.
Mama sees Frances & Jessie Chree,
pretty often & she is very happy
in Edinburgh
All my love to you all
Your loving Aunt
Margaret L. Bell.

Downlea. Shawford. Nr Winchester
Hants.

My dearest Norman

A very Happy Xmas to you all & I hope you may all be together on it. I am with Barbara this year, but I am hoping to go back to my little house in April. I heard of you last from Agnes when you were all visiting her. I was so glad to hear that Leslie was speaking all right. Agnes said she was a very handsome clever child, & so was Jessie. Barbara is out & Edna our nice help so there are only myself & Mary (asleep upstairs) the dog & the 2. cats in the house & we are all gathered round the fire. We have had our first snow to-day but it has not lain. Barbara & I had grilled whale steak for supper & very nice it was. Just like the tenderest beef. But it has to be put in vinegar first for a bit & then cooked quickly with lots of onions & some tomato sauce & Ketchup. Otherwise you get an oily taste. Well it has been a lovely summer & I have enjoyed it very much indeed. I went north in April & was a fortnight in Edinburgh to see Aunt Frances & Alison's Marna who was there at the University. She is a dear pretty thing & is so happy. Then I went for a week to Duns to see Miss Bell my sister-in-law, but I nearly died of cold. It was a bitter north east wind all these three weeks. After that I went to Peebles to see Sandy Scarth. His eldest girl is doing a nursing training the 2. boys & the other girl ~~at~~ are at school yet. There are rather gaps between them 4 years between the girls, then 3. years between Fay & Robert & 8 between Robert & Sandie. After a weeks there I journeyed up to Orkney & had a lovely crossing. I stayed 2. weeks at Binscarth & 2. weeks at Skaill, & 2 weeks with my cousins the Robertsons & then Marna & I came south together she had come up to Skaill in early June. Bob & Hester are very well & have made Binscarth so very comfortable & have got electric light in & at the steading too & an electric milker & all sorts of gadgets. I went down to South Devon for a month & my friend & I went to Cornwall & to the Lands End. It was lovely weather all the time in Orkney & in Devon it was too hot for me. I went from there to Bridgewater in ~~Sommerset~~ Somerset & then came here by motor bus, a lovely drive. Then I was ill but I am quite better now. Barbara's husband is in command at a camp for odds & ends in Cheshire, they are people who are waiting to be repatriated, Alison's man is home from India & very glad we are that he is, & not out there at present. All the sins & news of India are the fault of the British you see. When one thinks how our people struggled & fought & died to help them & when I remember the wonderful irrigation schemes carried out by the British, & the impartial justice that they received through us, well it does seem a bit ungrateful. How could the 2 religions ever be friends when they hate each other with a bitter hatred. It is at present a rather horrid world Norman. It is hard to see much hope, & there is the awful fear of Russia always hanging over us & over everything. Norway seems to me to be the one peaceful happy place in the world. They are a most prosperous & happy lot all over the islands, everyone seems well off. When they want a house they just build it taking no notice of any Government or offices of works. And they are too far from London for any one to bother about them. Well, my dear I am fearfully sleepy so I will be off to my bed. I enclose a calendar for Grace. It is not very pretty but there are very few pretty ones. Please write soon & tell me all about you all. My love to Grace & to the Family

Yours affectionately
Margaret L. Bell.

NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL

after Grace
Norman Turnbull's Trip
to Britain
1981

GRINDELAY HOUSE
ORPHIR
ORKNEY, KW17 2RD
0856 - 81 - 228

23rd July. 81

Dear Norman:

It is a long time since I put pen to paper to you. I hope you are all well? No sign of any Canadian cousins in Orkney this year so far?? Our youngest son Malcolm is an officer in the Queen's Own Highlanders, stationed in Hong Kong. He is home here with us on leave after shooting at Bisley in the Army competitions. He departs for CANADA

on the 30th July & will be
in Kingston for 4 weeks &
shooting in OTTAWA. I
will put his address at the
end of my letter. I wondered
if there are any cousins
near him that he could
visit. He said he didn't
think he would have any
time to visit you.
He was in New Zealand
on an exercise with his
Regiment & paid a visit
to Robert Smith of
[illegible] & his wife & family
Also another Smith family who
from Ernie in Oakey
they live in S. Island.
When he returns from
Canada, he is going to

Denmark for a week to
see the Rangers, as he is
shooting there next year.
He then returns to Hong
Kong until November, when
the Regiment returns to U.K.
He has finally got around
& enjoys Army life very much.
Farming here is very bad
the same prices for Cattle
as the ~~the~~ last 3 years
& everything else has
gone up. So Bobby is
very worried & may
have to sell his Cattle &
just keep sheep & I mean
Brancepeth House is
empty & that is a

drain on Finance & we
don't know what to do
with it we don't want
to sell it so will have
to try & let it on a yearly
basis. Nice to have houses
but keeping them up is no
fun. We are trying to get
over Hay, but it rains
every day. The silage is poor
also no sunshine the
grass. Why do we Farm it
is a mugs game!! How
is Ivy, I do hope able to cope
with her young boys it must
be a strain on Bob give
them our love. I hope
Our love to you both,
there are some Cousins in
OTTAWA. Toby

GRINDELAY HOUSE
ORPHIR
ORKNEY, KW17 2RD
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25th Nov. 79.

Dear Norman. Grace.

How are you? Christmas is with us again so I felt I must write you a line. The year flashes by so quickly, time is going too fast for me!

We have had two excitements this year with our sons. The eldest, Christopher got married & was just presented us with our first grand child. He is to be christened in St Magnus Cathedral on 26th Dec & his names are Charles Robert Smith.

so the war will continue.
The youngest, Malcolm was
the Sword of Honour at
Sandhurst. (Military Training
College) & is now in his
Fathers Regiment. The Queens
Own Highlanders He has
been in Northern Ireland
for 4 months which was
given us great worry too.
His commanding officer
was killed the same
day as Lord Mountbatten.
Farming has been a
disaster for the 2nd year
with endless rain, no
crops! so food has had
to be imported at vast
cost. It is very depressing
I hope all your family are well
Love ever. Toby.

LIEUT: MALCOLM SCARTH MACRAE
QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS
BRITISH ARMY RIFLE TEAM.
EXERCISE "SHARPSHOOTER 61"
c/o B.D.L.S
OTTAWA.

P.T.O

A telephone Message to the
British High Commission
80 ELGIN ST. OTTAWA
would get him I expect.

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GRINDELAY HOUSE
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ORKNEY KW17 2RD
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10 May 83

My dear Norman v Grace,

Bobby v I felt stunned when we read your letter, we just can't think of not seeing Bob again, we so hoped he v Ivy would visit Orkney once the boys were grown up v earning for the Farm.

What a terrible time you must be going through with 2 of your children so ill.

We have survived another winter with endless rain v wind, but no snow.

Lambing is in full swing just now, v the Barley v Oats are in the ground but it is very wet & cold as I sit & write.

We leave here on 16th May & are going to Oslo in Norway to stay with friends & back here at the end of the month.

We have a worry over our eldest boy Christopher with his Arthritis, he is still working in London but we don't know how much longer he will manage to keep his job. His son is 3 & growing up fast. Malcolm is now a Captain & in N. Ireland & will be there for 2 years & Bisscoath house is let to young people, so kept warm & clean. Hectors maid is still there & keeping it clean!

With our fondest love & please tell Ivy we are thinking about her today.

GRINDELAY HOUSE
ORPHIR
ORKNEY, KW17 2RD
0856-81-228

25th Aug 1983

My dear Norman & Grace.

I just do not know how to express our feelings for you all. Your letter was waiting here for us on our return from Norway & Greece with your tragic news about Bob, + yesterday I received a letter from Sheila Stewart with the news of your Grandsons death after a Motorbicycle accident. You really have had more than your fair

share of sadness in 1983.
We were so looking forward
to having Bob & Ivy back
in Orkney one day. It is
terrible hard on Ivy after
her illness. & Daisy Ronnie
The Stewarts
are to be in Orkney on
10th Sept. We are looking
forward to seeing them
We have just had Rob & Cherry
South staying, they seemed
to have fallen in love
with the Islands. They went
on to Oxford for 2 weeks to attend
a Conference, to do with his
work & left for home this week.
Our youngest son Malcolm
is getting married on 22 Oct.
to a charming girl from
Southern Ireland, protestant
I am glad to say & they both

are looking forward to
living at Binscarth &
farming there. We have
made the house over to
them, & they have plans
to do it up & improve
the domestic side of the
house, at present it is
let & being kept aired &
warm; so please tell
your family to keep in
touch with the next generation.
We had a happy day
in Orkney yesterday
with a visit by Queen
Elizabeth the Queen
Mother, she paid a visit

to the Piere Art Centre, then lunched with us have tea at Skaill House, with Kathleen Scarth, & on to the Cathedral for a short service & switched on the new lighting which is beautiful, so today we all feel a bit weary.

With our fondest love & deepest sympathies to all your family.

Toby

14th April 1977

Dear Norman & Grace.

I hope you are both well & survived another winter? You will now be looking forward to Spring & the flowers showing their heads. We are well, Bobby very busy with Council Meetings etc & the Silver Jubilee Appeal. We have a big day in Orkney on 20th June with a Royal visit we will send you copies of the Orcadian after it is over. We have been asked to the Thanksgiving Services in St Pauls Cathedral London & at Glasgow Cathedral. Farming is not so good & the cattle prices are down again this year which is very depressing. On Easter Sunday our Morning Service from St Magnus was Broadcast live on the B.B.C. the evening Hymn Singing & Programme was put on tape & is going out World Wide on Sunday 1st May. G.M.T. 6.30 p.m. or otherwise 18.30. We were told you would be able to pick it up on your wireless so I hope you can work out what time it will reach you. Do let us know. as you Canadians

I do hope the Parcel of
Books arrived which I posted
earlier in the year?
It is still very cold here with a
lot of rain & snow showers
Hester is very well.
With our love
Toby.

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

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GRINDELAY
ORPHIR.
ORKNEY
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MR & MRS H-L TURNBULL
BINSCARTH
MANITOBA,
BOX 25, R.0J. 0G0
CANADA.

Dear Norman & Grace.

I am sending this Air Mail letter with our very best wishes for Christmas & the New Year. Our Post is so poor I hope this will get through quicker than a card! Thank you very much for your long letter, photographs & Bob's very nice address to you both on the occasion of your Golden Wedding. It must have been quite a day, lovely having all the family with you.

We so enjoyed Bob & Ivy's visit & I do hope they will come back as they still have much to see.

We had a lovely summer with glorious sunshine and really hot. We suffered with water shortage so the vegetables suffered. The Harvest was successful & all in dry & in good order. Now we have had our first fall of snow & the roads were very bad. Our youngest son had a bad skid in his car & smashed the front, but he was alright & no one else was involved thank goodness.

Hester is so much better and she was in Kirkwall yesterday shopping. I don't know what our Surgeon was talking about but he rang me up the last time she was in Hospital & told me she wouldn't last the night. She was very difficult while in Hospital & walked out! Her memory is very poor so I am afraid you will not hear from her again. We have sent Bill & Ivy the new book Bobby has brought out to raise money for the Cathedral so I hope they will pass it round the family. Will you please give all the Dallases our love & Xmas wishes. I donot have their new address. Tell Terry to come & stay with us. Our love & best wishes

Toby

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Mr & Mrs N.L. Turnbull
Binscarth,
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Box 25. R.O.J.OGO
CANADA.

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

124 Brock N.
Montreal West
Quebec
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April 1st 1985.

Dear friends + relations: Today being april fool's day I can be as crazy as I like! The weather too has gone haywire, snow all night and still coming down, with flakes as large as quarters. The tulips have been poking their heads up and are getting a mouthfull of the white stuff. Fortunately it's not cold which makes the snow heavy + sticky: great for snowballs, tough to shovel! That's enough of the weather, soon we'll be complaining that it's too hot.

I am still hoping to get back out west, someday. Maybe in '86 when there is to be a genealogical conference, in Winnipeg I think. We were up in Ottawa on St Patricks Day to one in Carlton College. I wonder whether I told you that I found, in the National archives, a copy of my great grandfathers will (James Stevenson who married Janet Jessie Scarth). One of the witness (only one) was Matthew Scarth. As this was 1860-62 it couldn't have been "Uncle Matt", who, according to my records wasn't born until 1865. Can you shed some light on this puzzle? Thanks for the info on "Uncle Will's" family, I have his dates as 1863-1957. Did Uncle Matt move to the States too, or did he go to B.C? As you can see I am "riding off madly in all directions", as I am also doing my mother mother's family as a result of last autumn's search in Kent + Warwickshire.

NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL

New Years Eve 1974.

Mrs. B. M. Clegg
8 King Alfred Terrace
Winchester, Hants.
SO23 7DE.

My dear Norman -

Many thanks for your long & interesting letter. I count it a privilege to keep in touch with the Canadian & American cousins - and you on your side of the Atlantic are first-rate in writing to those of us who are still in the old Country - Don't believe all you read of Her in the papers or see on TV. - She is not going down & out yet - there is plenty of goodwill & kindness & hard work left, I assure you! I had a good letter from the Wrightsons with news of the expected baby - I expect they would like a boy this time - May & Terri have written often since their visit to us - I enjoy Terri's letters - they are so full of life & interest. I hope she enjoys her "Public Relations" course in B.C. - I'm sure she will get a lot out of it. We have 8 grand-children, ranging in age from 2 years to 15 years - all very different & greatly enjoyed by us - Yes, you may well have seen our son John Clegg on T.V. - he has done & is doing quite a bit in television. He is at present in a series about India during the last war - called - "It ain't 'alf 'ot 'ere, Mum -" (which was a current Army catch phrase at one time) He plays light comedy parts as a rule - An actor's life is a precarious one, but he enjoys it. Our elder girl Anne & her husband run a boys' preparatory boarding school in the country not far from here - under a Board of Governors - It is a lovely place - an 18th century house converted to school use. Our younger daughter Mary & her husband run a county magazine - very hard work, but so far successful. We saw the whole family over the Christmas season, I'm glad to say.

BY AIR MAIL
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To MR H.L TURNBULL
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TO OPEN SLIT HERE

John has been very ill this year - an operation, followed by complications & then pneumonia in both lungs. He is better now, but alas! very frail & breathless - You hint that you & Grace might think of taking a trip to this country - June is the best month, as a rule - when everything is at its freshest & less crowded. We would love to see you - that goes without saying - but we cannot put you up - as we have now a tiny house & no extra bedroom - But we are within easy reach of London for a day trip - No more now. All good wishes to you & Grace for 1975. from both us - Yours -

Barbara

Mrs. B. M. Clegg
8 King Alfred Terrace
Winchester, Hants.

November 12th

Dear Grace and Norman - I know this letter seems early, but I always seem to start my Christmas Letters to you folks across the Atlantic far too late in the year - or is Christmas getting earlier Many thanks, firstly, for your letter telling us of your safe arrival back home. Since when, I expect, you have been busy with the harvest. Also thank you very much for the snapshots of yourselves and of John & me - Very like you both & of John, but I look a bit of a cross-patch! My plaster cast is a thing of the past - after losing it [thankfully I had a month's physiotherapy from a 6 footer Swedish girl who was very good - & my ankle is now back to normal., & all is well. John, too, is reasonably well, but has had a lot of trouble with his eyes, & was in great pain for a week or more - now he has no pain, but cannot see well to read, & has to wait for his glasses to be changed - We had a pleasant visit from the Rannies - Bob the same dear quiet fellow that I remember well - and we both like Dorothy very much - We now have another grand daughter - our youngest daughter Mary's fifth child - All went well - & she is a good & happy baby - We shall be spending Christmas Eve to Boxing Day with our eldest Anne & her family - Anne persuaded her father to sleep out of his familiar bed for two nights! - So we are looking forward to that visit. John (son) is now rehearsing for another TV series, & then goes north to Hull to play in pantomime So we shan't see him this side until the New Year - Alison wrote that she had not been too grand but was on the mend - Elizabeth Gore-Langton [née Scarth] has blown in several times - She has recently come back from a short holiday in France with her husband, which they both much enjoyed. She is very good at coming to see us from time to time - We are ending the year with a mild + quiet autumn - I have never seen such wealth of colouring on the trees - Both Anne + John have taken us for short drives around some of the less frequented countryside, + John (husband) simply loved these little outings - to places he knew. From your letter, you both seem to have enjoyed your trip here, + you certainly got about + saw a lot of people + places - ! - We were so glad you managed to include us! - With best wishes for Christmas + the New Year + love to you both - Barbara + John.

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At present John & I are a pair of old crocks. As you know, John was very ill last year – & is now a semi-invalid [bronchitis & heart] & is also rather deaf – But he has come through the winter better than anyone (including his doctor) expected – & is in pretty good heart. I am usually very fit, but at present have done something to my left foot – the doctor thinks some sort of inflammation – "synovitis" being the blanket term. So far the wretched limb has not responded to any treatment – but we are trying something else, & live in hopes! I hope when you are here that I might be able to take you to see famous & lovely cathedral [in the library of which I worked part time until John's illness] I, too, have had little direct news of Hester for the past year, but I hear of her from Robertson & Macrae Orkcadian cousins – She has had trouble with her vision, & has some arthritis, but was pretty well last time I heard – She is not a good letter writer –! – I hope you get to Orkney – & to Aberdeen and the Leslie home. I'm afraid you will find this country now an expensive place – Since the last Budget all & everything have increased in

NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL

Answered Aug 20/21/84

Elizabeth Gore Langton

The Cottage,
Easton
near Winchester

1st July, 1984

Dearest Norman & Grace,

Do forgive my typing this - it is sure to be more legible at least!

You must have thought we were never going to surface on paper after all this long time. In fact I can hardly believe that it *is* such a long time since we saw you - going up to Orkney almost as soon as we got back seemed to distance it all so much till it was rather like a dream. Did we *really* fly to Winnipeg and get caught in a blizzard? Was the snow *really* so high at Neepawa and those thousands of geese in the field? One thing is certain - we did really love being with you both and meeting all the family and all the laughing and teasing that went on! We can't possibly thank you enough for all you did for us, and the simply mammoth distances you covered in order to carry us around wherever we needed to go. It was wonderful and we were really overcome by your kindness and thoughtfulness - thank you - thank you - thank you .... !

The next stage was rather exhausting as when we got to Silverton at 6.30 we were met by a very very old sports car - lots of room in front and enough for two entwined corkscrews in the back!! Even my most indulgent friends would not compare me to that so somehow I had to be poured into the back, overflowing a bit in places, together with miscellaneous items of luggage! We got to a ferry after an hour or so (the boat was cancelled so another took its place an hour later!) and then there was three hours driving over rough roads in the pouring rain and the dark! Not the ideal introduction to the beauties of Lake Slocan! Nevertheless it *was* beautiful and we were sad that the whole transport business had to be repeated the next day without having much time to enjoy the peace and quiet of it all. Vancouver was the next stop where we went to visit a millionaire! It was really quite funny to see the vital sparks in his eye as he waited to get his two dollars back on his beer bottles! However he kindly put us up for the night and recited Abraham Lincoln to us quite unprompted! When we got over to Vancouver Island we went off almost straight away to The Gulf Islands with our friends, the Burchetts, in their little boat. We went to some dear little Robinson Crusoe Islands, and to Friday Harbour where we had our first experience of American ice-cream in a Parlour where the young man greeted us all with "Hi! Kids!" which quite made our day. We saw eagles in snags and swallows gave on to the boat which was fun. After four days on the ocean we set forth from Port Angeles in a hired car to drive down to San Francisco. Unfortunately I had caught the most horrid cough and cold by this time, but I managed to subdue it by the time we arrived. Anna met us and took over the driving, whereupon the first thing she proceeded to do was drive up a wall (or so it seemed to me, in fact it was just a run-of-the-mill street!!). After some days with her we moved over to Tiburon with the Robert Scarths. Very kind and hospitable

They have a nice house on the edge of a 'lagoon' with a rowing boat and a canoe and Rob is the original human dynamo - very exhausting to live with I should think but full of enterprise and ideas and apparently inexhaustible energy! Marvellous, really, as he has had one of these heart operations. We were whirled up the Napa Valley to do a tour of the wineries and had a lovely sunny day (what else? Anna said she had seen rain once since Christmas!) for our picnic.

We drove back up through the Redwoods and along the Oregon coast - what quite stupendous scenery! So wild and glorious and beautiful. We left Tiburon at 5.30 a.m. and got to Sunset Head - Coos Bay - by 8.30 p.m. just in time for the sunset! Then we had supper in the most amazing little fishermen's cafe cum bar where the waiter or owner had a pigtail down his back and was called Zachariah (he wrote it out with very great care for us to send him a postcard). Grenville gave him a card and he was so sweet he said 'I'm going to keep this for ever; I never had a real business card from a real English gentleman before'!

The next day poured with rain unfortunately but we made our way to the other Silverton where we had a lovely welcome from Dorothea and little Dorothea and family. Although it was such a short visit we all got to know each other in what seemed record time and Scarth humour was much to the fore!

And so back To Victoria and an endless round of dinner parties - or so it seemed! Grenville met some cousins he didn't know and that was a great success - we couldn't prise them apart they got on so well! We went up the island to see where Grenville had lived as a child and came upon a Gore-Langton Road!! But by now the last days of our marvellous trip were upon us and after meeting dear Ena one day and Bob and Jessie the next day which was a great bonus, we had to wend our way to Vancouver airport most sadly leaving dear Canada behind.

Grerville stayed down here while Rob and I went up to Orkney for the St. Magnus Festival . We had miserable weather unfortunately, especially provoking as they had just had six weeks of unbroken sunshine! However, we did enjoy ourselves enormously and had Ted Hughes, one of the nominees for the Poet Laureate, to dinner several times which was tremendous fun.

Now Anna has arrived back full of plans ~~mf~~ to earn enough money to go round the world! The others too seem to have the same idea - could it be that we have showh them a bad/good example??

Now dear cousins I must stop and get some lunch for my dear husband. My Oregon thunder-egg ear-rings and pendant have been much admired and I am to be heard urging people to go out into the fields and see what stones they can pick up in case they have a fortune lying buried!!
We send you much love and again a thousand thousand thanks for all your kindness. Love too to Ivy and the boys and to the other members of the family when you see them.

We'll be back!
Love again Elizabeth.

Easton

New Years Day 1977

My dear Cousins Norman & Grace,

I suppose you are never going to believe me now, writing so unforgiveably late, when I say how much we really relished your letter and all the goodies it contained. It was quite one of the nicest things that has come through the letter box this (last!) year, and thank you very very much for all the trouble taken to send the photographs too and the splendid speech made by my second cousin Bob. It is real family history that and you must both be very proud indeed of your family. How wonderfully lucky you are too to have them all so close and be able to enjoy your grandchildren. I am looking forward to that - I only hope ours don't go and live too far away!

Yes, we were most awfully saddened by the deaths of Cousin Barbara and Cousin Ambrose. Cousin Barbara had been in hospital since February and had put up such a valiant fight, and for a little she made amazing progress and always showed such spirit and such optimism, but I think the long struggle was too much for her. That, and the relentless heat in the summer. It was such a blessing that Cousin Ambrose died just before because I think she felt free then to go. I miss them very much; Cousin Barbara had such a lovely mind and would tell me from time to time how silly I was (am!) a most necessary thing when one becomes a rather bossy self-opinionated 48!

Grenville was very interested to hear news of the other cousins in Victoria, B.C. as you will remember he was born there! I was sorry to hear of Uncle Will's son's death; unfortunately I was not in Orkney when he and his wife were there. Grenville and I are hoping to make a visit over your side of the ocean within the next two years perhaps, all being well. This autumn I have to have an operation on my hip for arthritis - they change the ball and socket and give you a smart new set! A few years ago they wouldn't do it unless you were 60 at least so I'm lucky these days are past! There is a really marvellous surgwon here, Charnley, who I've heard is also an engineer and a metallurgist so he should have it all at his fingertips so to speak. I see he has just been knighted in the New Year Honours.

We have had a lovely Christmas. A friend of mine, Penny, always comes over from Paris with her small daughter now 10, and now that ours are already 21, 19 and 16 it is rather fun to have a small person about the house who enjoys it all so much. We were also very lucky to have a charming girl from Reunion (?geography specialists speak up!) who came from her college in France as an au pair for 2½ weeks, and was a tremendous help. She was ½ Indian and half Chinese, a very successful mixture it would seem!

I was very sorry to hear that Cousin Grace had been going through such a rough time last year and I do hope that she is now fully recovered. It must be a really horrid thing. Perhaps what you need is another nice little trip over here to stay with your affectionate cousins???

We have a delicious new acquisition who rules with a gentle black curly paw and has established his reign quietly but effectively with black sparkly eye and jaunty step! Perhaps an Afoodle, as his papa was an Afghan and his mother a standard poodle! He is known as Muff, Mufti, the Muffineer (BOld on occasion) or Blackhearted Gow the Pirate - indeed the variations are endless! As a matter of fact we got him almost by mistake as we were looking for a small dog, but when we saw him he made us laugh so much we could not pronounce the syllable No!

Grenville was very interested in what you had to say about antiques in your family, and we shall look forward to seeing it when we come over. I do hope that any relations who come over will not HESITATE to ring up at any time and we shall be so delighted to have them to stay if they are over here.

I must away & make a turkey pie for lunch or I'll have a lot of trouble convincing them that writing letters is as important!

P.T.O.

With much love to

You both

Grenville & Elizabeth

Barbara's sister Elizabeth & Greville

My dear Cousins Grace & Norman,

I am a most repentant sinner. because I did so very much enjoy your letter so long ago. And also how much I was fascinated by the speech you sent me a copy of. In fact, I wanted to write back that minute & it has provided alas! another paving stone to hell! However, inadequately, I write now not only to wish you & all your family a very happy Christmas, no doubt often together, but to thank you most fondly for having taken the trouble to write & to send the speech & lovely photographs.

You will have been sad to hear the news of Cousins Barbara & Ambrose within a week of each other. Cousin Barbara put up such a very brave & faithful fight for so long but alas! in the end in vain.

And it was a mercy for all I think that Cousin Ambrose had a heart attack just 5 days before she died. I miss them very much.

Our family grow in strength & beauty – I speak to them on elbow level in general!! Grenville's business is ticking along which, given the state of the economy, is not bad I suppose. I am having the hip-joint replacement operation next year which will be a good thing & SOME TIME we are firmly resolved to come & see all our dear Cousins!

With love from all
to all
Grenville & Elizabeth

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May 8th

Please return at convenience Norm..

Dear Norman & Grace,

We enjoyed your Christmas letter very much - with its interesting description of your stay at St John's Cathedral School. What a wonderful training it sounds for any young person - I wonder if any boy can go or does it only take boys who are musical & have a voice - like our Choir Schools? With us, I think, the Choir Schools take boys with "voices" for very little fees but also other boys whose parents pay full fees.

I am on a visit at the moment to a friend - now a widow - who I met in Peshawar - North West frontier, about 40 years ago. Both our first

to go to Orkney. I hope if they are in Scotland they will contact Mama.

How lovely it would be to visit you all in Manitoba. Alas & alack very little chance I fear of accepting your wonderful suggestion - but it was a lovely thought.

I expect you know of Billy Scarth at Skaill in Orkney? His daughter Elizabeth has just got engaged to a widower with 3 children. We are all so glad as she is a most delightful & interesting person - a wonderful linguist. She is a contemporary of Mama's so she says its lovely to have a family "ready made". He lives quite near Winchester & the 2 boys are at the old Abbey school there where Barbara's son-in-law teaches - You may remember that Billy's only son was killed while bringing a horse - an awful tragedy.

We are hoping to go to Edinburgh in June for our yearly visit to Mama & Robin. They are all busy at school - we don't see nearly enough of the grandchildren but I think after over 30 years in the East, Harry would find winters rather long.

Hope we shall see Lesley. Love from both Alison..

borns' were born in the hospital there. This small village is just on the fringe of the New Forest & a lovely part of the world. The Forest has managed somehow to keep a large part of the County of Hampshire. Building in the forest is strictly controlled. The farmers around still have the right to keep ponies, donkeys & cows in the forest. A New Forest pony is still a distinct type & are in great demand as children's ponies. This time of year there are lots of new born foals about. The whole forest is a wonderful mixture of woods & heather moors & grass lands.

I go on to spend a night with Barbara on my way home. Winchester is on the line from here to London.

We were very interested to hear that Lesly & her husband are planning to come over here in August. I do hope they'll manage a visit to East Anglia. Unfortunately we are not on the way to anywhere. Suffolk & Norfolk being 'out on a limb' as it were. It is an interesting part of England – not quite spoilt as yet! – mainly famous for its lovely old Churches & the Broads. ie rivers running into and out of large expanses of water. Our river at Beccles connects with the other rivers. Its very flat round us. So I've put our telephone no:- We are about 2½ hrs by train from London.

We hope Janet will be home from about Aug 12 – Sept 8th but until she knows where the plane will land, we don't know when she will be with us. If she lands in Scotland she will probably stay with Mama & come South later.

I hear from Hester (Binscarth) that Will Scarth & Lorna may be over here this year. I wonder if we shall see them. I know they plan part of the country. We were quite cut off from Norfolk. Our river the Waveney broke its banks & the road connecting us with Norfolk was impassable.

On the other hand Scotland had a wonderful summer. We were lucky enough to be there in June & it was simply lovely. Marna & Robin have a house in Edinburgh but spend their holidays at their home at Fincastle & most week ends. We were up there each week and & I've never seen it look so beautiful with the rhododendrons fully in flower & the trees at their best.

Barbara & I went to London one day for B the wedding of Billy Scarth's (Skaill) daughter Elizabeth who is Marna's age. She has married a delightful widower with 3 children & they live near Winchester. It seems to be a very happy marriage & Elizabeth looked radiantly happy.

St Margarets
Priory Rd.
Beccles.

Christmas 1968.

Dear Norman & Grace

It seems odd to be writing for Christmas in Nov. but letters by sea must go by Nov: 12th.

A very happy Christmas & New Year to you all from us both.

I was so glad to get a letter from Leslie & we are hoping they will manage to come our way on a visit to the South sometime during their stay. I gave them Marnas address in Edinburgh as Leslie She said they hoped to return there on a visit.

I would like to show them East Anglia & some of our lovely old

Churches - our main exhibition! So we hope they will come in the Spring when the days are longer & weather more dependable we hope.

Wonder what they make of England - We seem to be going through a bad patch - innumerable strikes especially in the motor industry - our best hope of export - The students, & this is not confined to the U.K. - protest marching - "sit in" strikes etc. I've no patience with them I'm afraid.
The majority are there on Govt grants & they seem to expect a holiday - with no exams, work when they like & behave & do exactly what they like!

Meanwhile the ordinary citizen jogs along, very heavily taxed & prices rising. I expect that is the same almost everywhere & its always the older generations that feel the pinch as fixed incomes remain fixed & take no account of heavier taxation & rising costs.

Well, this is a gloomy sounding Christmas letter - I am sorry!

Our high light this year was Janet's visit in August. As she said she seemed to spend a lot of her time having her holiday with British railways! She covered quite a bit of the U.K. on her visit & it was lovely seeing her. She looked well & little changed. She loves the climate of California & the people & way of life. It certainly looks a beautiful State from the pictures in a book I was given. & she says its so wonderful to know that it is going to be fine when you plan a week end or tennis!

We've had the wettest summer for ~~yea~~ years & the heavy & continuous rain hasn't been known for about 150 yrs. The farmers have had a disastrous season grain crops ruined & land so sodden that bean & pea crops just couldn't be harvested in this thought to be solid enough to bear the weight of the Tower at the W end.

At one time an arm of the sea came up as far & beyond Beccles hence the cliff. The market used to be held where the cars now stand. We are about 15 to 20 mins walk from the Church.

We were sorry not to see Will Scarth & his wife but we were not on their route. They seem to have managed to see a part of Europe & parts of the U.K. – a marvellous trip it must have been. They rang us from London which was nice of them. Hester is not a good letter writer so I shall await her Christmas letter which gives us news of Orkney.

With every good wish from us both – Yrs affectionate Cousin
Alison. R got.

There are so few Scarth descendants left now – Hester (Binscarth) couldn't come – it's so very expensive to come from Orkney South – Bobbie Macrae & his wife & one son were there (his ~~gr~~ grand mother was Aunt Agnes Garson – eldest of our mother's family) He was a Colonel in the Black Watch until his retirement about 1½ yrs ago & now lives in Orkney at Aunt Agnes' house "Grindelay". He is now helping Hester by selling & farming ½ of Binscarth. Also there were Emily & Robert Scarth whose father was Sandy Scarth – Bob Scarth's youngest brother. Robert brought his fiancée, a nice girl, & they were married last month. Unfortunately they are off to New Zealand. I think Hester hoped that Robert would decide to come to Binscarth & learn to farm it as eventually I believe he will inherit it. I don't know why this didn't appeal to him but he loves New Zealand & there is more chance of making money out there than in this country. Perhaps he will make his fortune & come back to Burscough then! ~~She~~ His wife Janet will be an asset as she has been an agricultural student.

We are hoping Mama will be visiting us next week. Her family are all growing up & doing quite well at school. Freeland is 17 this December & very busy with working for his final school exams next summer & he hopes to qualify for a University. His hobby is music. - especially Scottish folk music & country dance music. His main instrument is a piano accordion & now a guitar I think. He also plays the big drum in the pipe band. David, the 2nd boy, is very academically minded but plays Rugger in 1st XV for the Junior school & also enjoys music - his special instrument is the cello. so he is quite well balanced.

There is great discussion going on in Church circles about the Anglican Church & Methodist Church uniting. The time is near now for some sort of Unity. With the Anglican Church being the Church of England & the Methodist being Non-conformists there are all sort of legal difficulties the Methodists have accepted the Episcopate I believe. but there are many other differences to solve.

I am sending you a card showing our Church - St Michaels. As you will see the tower & the bells are separate from the Church building - not very usual but when it was built in C14, the cliff on which Beccles is partly built was not

December 1975

St Margarets
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Beccles
Suffolk.

My dear Norman & Grace,

A very happy Christmas to you all. It's so nice to 'see' you now as I write. When your last letter came, Grace was to see a doctor & we both hope that all is well? Harry had a day in bed not so long ago with a slight attack of bronchitis but having been sensible, all went well & he wisely kept in the house for a day or so. We've had some very cold & fierce winds — nothing like your winters though — & if we are going to get snow it will come after Christmas. I have not been able to do much in the garden because my hands are apt to go "dead"! — most tiresome & something I've never had before. At the moment a sort of cage round my neck - really quite comfortable - & that may help - I think its all due to arthritis at the back of my neck & shoulder.

We have not done anything very exciting! We were asked to go for a night to London to stay with friends - We had to refuse & were glad we did for the Railway decided to strike on the week end we were asked for -! There still seems to be no sign of this disastrous Ireland problem coming to a halt. There have been so many bombs dropped in the centre of London & many fine people killed.

Robin was asked to give a sermon on St. Andrew's day & Advent Sunday - in the lovely old Cathedral Church in Old Aberdeen - & to our delight it was broadcast in both Scotland & England. He spoke so clearly & so well that we might have been in the Church!

Alison has had trouble again with her back - It's such bad luck - She goes once a week to have treatment which she hopes will be successful in the end. She had spent the week-end at home to get rested & also to write 3 essays - There is always so much to do at the end of term - Fortunately Durham is not too far away though quite far enough.

We had a long letter from Janet the other day - She was due for a holiday & she went with the Scaifes to Hawaii which she much enjoyed. Rob was going anyhow on a business trip so Cherry & Robin came too - Janet had rented a bungalow from a friend on one of the islands & as it was on the shore they had great fun. She works hard & has, at last, got her salary increased again - She says it makes life easier & she certainly deserves it. Her land lady is getting very old & is apt to ring her up at night to say she is sure someone is in the house & ~~to~~ Janet must ring the police. Poor old lady, she really isn't fit to be alone - but if she has to go into a home, Janet says the house will be sold she thinks. She has done so much to make it nice - her bit - & she would hate to move.

The birds continue to come in front of our kitchen window - the black bird is on the 'look out' every morning - the Robin too is coming in

Will you give our best wishes to the Deller family? How is Terri?! is she still "bossing" the men?! Also to Dennis & Leslie. Postage has almost doubled.

We hope you will all have a very happy Christmas. It was so very nice to see you both.

Love to all.

Alison & Harry

Just heard that gr strike is off so I hope you will see this in time for Xmas.

August 1976 – 22nd

My dear Grace & Norman, Thank you *so* much for sending us "The First Fifty Years". Bob certainly wrote a most interesting account of your ~~first~~ lives from 1926–1976 – He takes after you, Norman, with his ability to write in such an interesting way. Now, I am afraid I have some very sad news – both John (Legg) & Barbara died within about a week of each other. John died & was buried on Wed 18th & Barbara died as the funeral was taking place. John had not been well or himself for quite a long time – his brain was failing – hardening of the Arteries – & he became so vague & could not remember the difference of time & day – & Auntie Barbara was exhausted. She quite suddenly had to go into the Hospital for an operation on Feb. fifth – She was in great pain even after the first 'op' & had to have another. It was hoped that would be successful – However she remained very ill & was unconscious – She very slowly started to get better but her daughter Anne said she was still very ill. Janet went to see her when she was over here for 4 weeks in July. I thought one person would be enough & I would go later on. Janet said she was getting better & able to talk a little & like seeing people – She seemed to be getting better but *very* slowly. John had been living with Anne (their eldest daughter) & was gradually getting worse & sinking. Eventually Anne found a very nice place for him & the nurses were so kind – Anne & her family have been quite wonderful – John died peacefully in his sleep on 11th August, & was buried about a week later. We all thought that Barbara would gradually go on getting better – Elizabeth (née Scarth – Billy Scarth's daughter) lives quite near the hospital and went to see her every day (she told me they had some good laughs together) – as Anne & family had gone to France for a *much* needed holiday. However Anne came back for John's funeral service on 18th Aug. at 11 am, & what must have been a terrible shock to them all, they found that Barbara had died at 11.15 just after the funeral was taking place. It was a very great shock to me also as I had hoped to go & see Barbara at the end of this month

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when a friend of mine could give me a bed - + still can't believe it - my comfort is that they are together + at ~~peace~~ - Barbara is to be buried tomorrow (Monday 23rd) + it will be a joint memorial service at the Church they all went to before they went to ~~into~~ Winchester - the children were brought up there + married there - + have so many friends there

The family are heart broken but that will heal + they are comforted that all the pain has gone now + together -

With much love to you both

Alison

forgive crossing outs - Will you show this letter to the Rannies sometime -

Nov! 1st '75 St Margarets. Priory Rd. Beccles.

My dear Grace & Norman. Thank you for your welcome letter of Sept. 29th. I do hope Grace is better & that the medical check-up was satisfactory? I should have written before this but Oct: seems to have been a busy month: Thank you very much for the two photos - It's nice to hav the one of you both - & it's very nice to have the one you took of us & we sent it off to Janet. We had a long letter from her telling us of her holiday in the Carrabian which she thoroughly enjoyed. It was really lovel weather when Bob & Dorothy were here & we took them to the see the North Sea too! but not at Pakefie We showed them a bit of E. Anglia & had our tea among the heather & on the road the Romans used on their way to Dunwich - straight as a die" I hardly like to look at the Papers these days - London is having a very bad time with Irish to bombs - where the money is coming from one doesn't know as they seem to have plenty of it. To me it seems so cowardly & I think it should be "an eye for an eye" & that might stop a lot of it. We continue to have plenty of sun & the garden is full of colour. We are now on 'winter time' so one can't spend long in the garden in the afternoon - Marna & family are well - all busy. Robin was asked to preach at Crathies - near Balmoral where the Queen lives in the summer & attends the Church - He was invited to spend 2 nights at Balmoral & seems to have enjoyed it very much - He sat between the Queen & the Prince of Wales and was very impressed with him. The custom is for the Queen to drive her guests over to tea with the Queen Mother - who is so very 'natural' & full of fun - the only blight being that Mr Wilson, our Prime Minister - was there & never stopped talking about himself! What a man!

I gather Barbara's foot is still not right - but I've not heard recently - Our letter post has gone up again & so has the telephone charges so one is a bit cut off. Her youngest daughter Mary, has another daughter so now she has 5 children to cope with. & Barbara's has nine grandchildren - & is lucky to be quite near them all - I wish we were nearer ours - We hope to go to Aberdeen for a holiday next May - & stay with them. I'm so sorry you didn't meet Marna & Robin this trip - but there is always 'another time'!

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Thank you for yr enquiry about me! I am very well - but rather forgetful & find by the end of the day I can't spell! - hence the "crossing outs" Harry has had a bit of bronchitis but I hope its over - I am trying to make him gargle & not go out - however he has no temp: now I must finish now - it was so very nice to meet you both & that you were able to come over to this country once again, Norman - & Grace was able to see Orkney - the home of our forbears'

Our love to you both - & I do hope Grace is better? -

Alison & Harry.

St Margarets. Priory Rd. Beccles. Suffolk. Nov: 11th.

Dear Norman & Grace. This brings our good wishes to you all for a happy Christmas & may 1973 be a peaceful one in this world. This old country of ours seems to be changing so rapidly in its morals & way of life. Our generation often wonder whether the Trade Unions rule us - or Her Majesty's Government. Latterly we so often feel we are on the brink of disaster - possibly because of T.V, we see things happening on the screen which blows everything up to super-large size. whereas before we read about troubles - or skipped them! We often wonder what the U. Nations is for - it probably works in place in the background. It was good to hear that Canada had offered refuge to some of the Asians turned out by Amin. This over crowded country had taken in as many as had British Pass-Ports - the majority. I am afraid our out of work citizens do rather resent this especially as housing is ~~[illegible]~~ so scarce. Let's hope tension doesn't build up in the overcrowded cities. We were able to take our holiday in May-June in Aberdeen to see Mama & Robin's new house - This isn't 'new' it keep being built in C17! They seem to like Aberdeen & so did we. 'Old Aberdeen' is the University area & ~~its~~ has been very carefully considered so that the modern blocks of buildings in the University & students quarters have not marred the lovely old area. The University dates back to C16 - but of course it has expanded a lot since then. The family seem well. Freeland in his last year at Cambridge - he is 21 next month, David in his 1st year at Oxford - & Alison & Andrew still at school. Mama & Robin had 3 weeks in U.S.A. Robin is Sec: to the world wide Scholars of the New Testament. They meet in different countries for conference. This year they were in Los Angeles. After the 1st week end Mama joined Janet in S. Francisco & much enjoyed it. Then the three of them had a week in Grand Teton National Park & Yellowstone. Janet is still with A.B.Co. & has been very busy latterly with the election. We had a 2nd short holiday in Wiltshire & Dorset - visiting Harry's two brothers who now live near each other. It was quite a new area to us. After our bracing climate of East Anglia, we found the milder climate of the S.W. rather "flat" but it is very lovely with hills & valleys & rivers & trees - a 'kind' climate. I spent one night with Barbara on my way home - which was nice. Winchester the old part - is very attractive & the Cathedral lovely. They all seemed well & the grandchildren busy at school. They all seem to have good brains & ideas for the future.

I don't know if you've heard that Billy Scarth of Skaill, Orkney died in the Spring? His father was "Uncle Pillans" Scarth - who died when Billy was about 4 yr. old & he & his Mother came to live in Lowestoft so we grew up together. He was very clever & did well. He was elected as Lord Lieutenant of Orkney - the Queen's representative - after Bob Scarth of Binscarth died. Billy's only son was killed when he was about 13 or 14 so there is no direct heir to Skaill & no male Scarth left in this country - This picture was painted by one of our famous Suffolk painters - He was born near here & died in 1837.

Wishing you all, once again
a Happy Christmas.
Yrs affectionately.
Alison Pigott

It was so interesting to meet the Alderton family - I'm so glad they called. My father was their family doctor

"*The Cornfield*" *(Detail) by John Constable*
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Dear Norman

Your letter arrived today so I am writing at once to say that we hope we shall see you both ~~at the end of May or in~~ the first week June. What a surprise! Beccles is not on the way to anywhere! ie you can't get off the train on your way to anywhere else that you are likely to visit. However while you are in London or near, you can get to us by train from Liverpool St. Station which is one of the main stations in London. It takes about 2½ hrs and there is only one train that is a "through" train to Beccles which leaves at 16.50 hrs. There are other trains that take you to Ipswich where you change & take what is known as a 'Paytrain' which goes to Beccles & on to Lowestoft. I hope you can understand this! I think you folk always go by car? Are you going to hire a car over here like your daughters did? We have a small & very old car which still is "road-worthy" - could you spare us two or three nights the first week of June? That would give you time to recover & get used to London & we could show you East Anglia - if our unpredictable weather behaves.

As you may know this country is going through a very difficult time - if certain sections can't get what they want, they strike with no regard for the public - I don't know what the pound is worth as regards Canadian money? I am afraid I can't advise about hotels etc in London but no doubt you may have been given some names from your family or friends? Robert (Bobbie) Macrae will be able to tell you about Hester - she isn't really very well I gather - Bill & Lorna said they thought she was very frail but she still seems to cope - as far as I know - with living alone in the big house. She finds it difficult to remember things & none of us got a letter from her this

Christmas - Orkney has a long winter so she may improve with the summer.

Hoping all will go well with your sister-in-law so that you will get your holiday - we hope our suggested dates will fit in with your plans - I will keep those dates clear - Forgive the crossing out over leaf but I suddenly remembered we were not sure about Marna's possible visit to us in June - However the first week in June is free ~~.~~ Hoping to see you both.

Alison -

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My dear Norman & Grace -

A very happy Christmas to you all. We do
hope Grace is keeping well.? I have one of the little
gifts still on our mantlepiece with our 'robins'. I was
very interested to hear that Walter had ~~to~~ gone to Toronto
to continue with his music - he certainly is very gifted
+ I expect he will love it all - congratulations on getting
a bursary. I expect ~~Lesa~~ Terri (have I spelt her name correctly?)
is still enjoying life? - She was great fun & full of character
Life goes on here - we are fortunate to be in a peace-
ful area - nowadays people seem to take for granted
that if someone annoys, you can shoot them! We have
just had a nice visit from Marna which was
much enjoyed. From here, she went off to Oxford
to see David accept his degree & had a very nice
time as she has many friends in Oxford. She came
back to us for a few days before she went back to
Aberdeen. We are expecting a visit from David ~~here~~
tomorrow for 2 nights which will be very nice as we
see so little of him. It is not easy to find a job these
days but he has several interviews ahead. He &
Freeland worked hard at the farm in August & Sept.
Its been a very difficult time for farmers - & its difficult
to get vegetables. We always grow a few but everything
was so ~~deep~~ dry & we were not allowed to use water!
in the garden.
We seemed to spend our days filling up basins with
washing up water. However we had a wonderful
crop of runner beans - I've never had so many so I
suppose the beans enjoyed the heat!

Anne has found a nice couple who wish to buy Barbara's
house - They want to be in Winchester instead of on the
outskirts as they are getting on in age - It sounds as if
they will appreciate Barbara's roses - they were so
lovely.

Janet has been so busy with the elections etc. that
we have little news of her. She was here for a month
in July - She was very tired on arrival but was in
good form & rested when she left - She was so
glad to have seen Barbara who was making

Good progress there - but was still very ill -
Alison - our only grand-daughter is enjoying her university in Tubingen - W. ~~Gerhany~~ Germany - (I also apologise for spelling - if I'm a bit tired I find it difficult to write sense - old age creeping on!) She ~~gets~~ plays the fiddle in one orchestra, the oboe in another, & hopes to be singing in a choir. She had bought an old 'bike' & hopes to explore.
With much love from us both & a happy Christmas. Harry & Alison
to all.

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Dear Henry & Alison: Do hope that correspondence from this part of the world at this time of year won't give you conniption fits. However I'll warn you right at the outset we have an 'axe to grind.' In a recent letter from Dorothea Scarth she said that it was possible you were coming to the States, Alison. She also mentioned that there was also the possibility of Barbara & John coming over if the latter felt up to the trip. Knowing that it takes time to formulate and finalize travelling plans I thought I'd write you and see if your trip could include returning to England via Vancouver, Winnipeg, London or Preswick. Likely London eh? As far as expense goes, I believe there is very little difference. Ivan Clarke, my cousin from New Zealand came to Los Angeles, – Vancouver – Winnipeg where we met her and brought her here for several days. (It happened that her visit coincided with Leslie & Dennis' wedding). She said there was little if any difference in the fare. She returned direct to London from Winnipeg. Are you coming too Henry? We'd be overjoyed to have you both. We have plenty of room to spare for as long as you care to stay. We'll meet the plane at Winnipeg and bring you up & take you back, and the car is here to get you round. All the connections in Manitoba are fairly close round here with Sandy and Marion MacTaggart in Winnipeg. Perhaps if you get this far it will give you an idea of where we've lived most of our lives.' Ha! The only thing I cannot guarantee any longer is the howling of the wolves Alison. They are few & far between now.

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As you'll know Bob & Jessie Scorth are at Victoria B.C. Bill & Lorna have been out there also for a three month visit to see how they liked it. They return to Edmonton around March 1ST.

Janet will be thrilled to have you over I'm sure. She seems to like San Francisco very much. Dorothea wrote us from California where they are spending the winter. Am so glad Bill seems so much better in the dry desert air. We had such an enjoyable visit with Jim & Pearl last summer the time seemed all too short.

Just at present I have my hands fairly full on the farm. Bob & Ivy & the older members of the family are away out to the West Coast for a holiday. The two small lads are with Dorothy Rannie. We have 30 head of cattle, 800 hens and about sixty pigs to look after so time does not hang heavy.

Grace joins me in sending every good wish and in the hope you'll entertain the idea of taking a look at Canada from the ground. Affectionately Norman

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