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Dear MR Williamson

Reading an
article, regarding bridge in
a local paper, I notice that
you are the village's un-
official historian. This has
prompted me to write to
you, regarding a member of
my husband's family -
John Dunford - who died
in Bridge - see enclosed death

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Certificate, which you can
keep.

I have been trying to
discover the truth about
a story - that he had a
riding accident, & died through
this - I suppose this could
be correct - perhaps he dam-
aged his liver through
the fall & died 2 months
later.!! Dr Seaward
signed the death cert - I
am wondering if John

ended his days at Bridge
Union - have you got access
to the records of the Union -
perhaps he was admitted, be-
tween March & June 13th 1877
an entry, might just show
the reason for his admittance,
also, where he lived in bridge
which would have been since
the summer of 1876 - before
then he was a farmer at
Court Farm, Barfrey Stone - I
think he farmed there for

about 10 years

We do wonder if John
lived at Lynton Place, Bridge
because, his son John - was
interested in buying a house
in that area, ^{after WW1,} it could be, be-
cause that was where his
father lived - am only guess
ing.

John was buried at
Bargrey Stone - with a son,
who died in 1871.

Mary Ann his wife -
went to Canterbury - she

was certainly living in the
city in 1881, she was running
a lodging house in Whitstable
Rd.

I know that Walter De Cent
& his wife are buried in Bridge
Churchyard, they had a
grocers shop in the village -
I believe a daughter Miss
M. De Cent, ran the business
later, can you tell me, when
she died & where she is
buried - also, did Walter
have anymore children &

are there any ^b DeCent's in
the district now please. ? I
am enquiring for an associate
of mine, who believes this
family are connected to him.

I would like to hear from
you, when time will allow,
please find enclosed a
stamped addressed en-
velope for your reply - by
the way - are there any
histories, on the village
or the church, which are
available for purchase please?
Thanking you yours sincerely
Sybil Dun Godd (MRS)