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Dear Mr Williamson,

I was given your name and address by the people who keep the village shop at Bridge. I believe that you are interested in the history of the village. I did call upon you while visiting today, but unfortunately you were out.

My Gt. Grandparents George and Susannah MANN were the village school teachers at Bridge National School between Jan 1853 and May 1858. My Gt. Aunt, Annie Fletcher MANN was born at the schoolhouse in Nov: 1856. However, sadly I was unable to locate either the old National School (built in 1849), or the schoolhouse where they lived with their six other children, including my Grandfather, then a boy of 4 or 5 years old. I

visited the present day school further along Conyngham lane and I am wondering if you know if the old National School and nearby school house, were knocked down, when the new school was built please? Or was the National School near the Church, as many National schools were?

I later went to the Canterbury Record Office and although they held considerable amounts of correspondence about the school, there were no school log-books either for that period or later. I wonder if you know of the whereabouts of any school log-books for 1850/60's? I have recently retired from teaching myself and sadly I find that the present day schools, still hold these precious items. I hope you will be interested in my research and perhaps be able to help me. I enclose a s.a.c.

Yours Sincerely
 Nancy H. Day (nee MANN)