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Dear Dr Raraty,

By this time you must be thinking that I am the rudest and most **ungrateful** woman on earth. You would be right and I do not blame you. Oh yes, I have so many good and legitimate excuses, but do feel very bad having allowed the time to slip away before writing to thank you for the hard work and kindness in your research into the LOTTs in Bridge.

I found it all so interesting, for nothing, by my family, is, or was known about them. Merely sketchy things. Both Scots grandaater Thomas and 'Dover' granny Charlotte died when I was very young. My memory of both is very clear. Granny **appeared** to be an invalid, for the greater part of the years I knew her, but so gentle, sweet kindly and full of fun ready to respond to my imagination and games. Once when dressed in a new little ballet tutu I was told to go into the garden of their home. Granny was brought to sit in a chair and look out of the window, she declared that, there, was a fairy. I felt wonderful. Uncle Claud took a photograph, and I still have it. Granddaddy too was most loving and kind, and it was he who taught me to know the difference between right & left! A great reader, his lovely presents or books were a joy. The first "Flower Fairy" ones **treasured**. Sadly my daughter tore the one I liked best to pieces, others were lost in the war.

Both grandparents were very well known and much loved in Dover. Apart from the Bridge Church clock story, the skipping over tree log bridges to school, ~~my~~ my aunt's mention of a favourite aunt buried in Bridge churchyard, I know nothing else of the family or it's members and am **certain** neither did my mother. All names a total mystery.

I know my brother will be interested, as I am, and let me thank you once again for taking so much trouble. Apologies again for the long delay in writing. I have already been interrupted four times this morning by telephone calls,

I skipped church today because John has gone on a short P&O cruise for a few days , enabling me to catch up on neglected ~~cor~~ correspondence!

I am racing through.

Trust I will see you at our next Federation meeting. Please remember me to your wife . John and I both enjoyed your visit and hope we can repeat it in the not too distant future.

I should love to show you pictures of the Dover grandparents.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Arrindell.