

In the lower right corner, the first tier of names--Henry Foster etc.--were ranches or homesteads, some still with those names, on the back road into the village of Ringling from Sixteen. The tier below that--Jim Stewart etc.--are still-extant ranches on Faulkner Creek or Battle Creek.

[illegible]

Cornie Campbell daughter of a highland
farmer near Colindaleough; worked as
a maid in homes of some wealthy Irish
as a girl.

Dear Dean & Casale;

July 19

I am still trying to get last Christmas's mail answered.

As you can see by my address I am no longer a resident of S. P. St. Mr. May Jim came from Oregon & rescued me from a disastrous situation. Igle was in the hospital 3 times in 7 weeks last time I told him Ix something had to be done my strength was gone. I was near collapse after 2 1/2 yrs of 24 hr a day care of a very sick man a walking left skeleton. 130 lbs.

We got him into a Nursing Home & Jim brought me back to Neb where I am 15 miles from Jo Ann. I have a lovely apt in a Senior Citizen Hi Rise on the 10th floor the view from my balcony is gorgeous. I see Jo Ann 3 or 4 times a week & she is a great help to me & I can help her a lot too. She is a very busy Secretary at Mammoth Bible Camp I haven't driven a car for a number of years & she is my transportation we have had some great shopping sprees to get some new pieces of furniture & stock my apt with necessities.

Egle didn't tell me of his many illnesses before we were married. I realized what a mistake I had made. The night of our wedding when he went into a diabetic black out. I was terrified I had never seen anyone black out & go into Comatose & coma. The Lord must have told me what to do I brought him out of it. He also has bladder cancer emphysema, bad back, nearly deaf & the worst temper & negative attitude toward the whole world & the worst vocabulary of swear words I've ever heard. It was a $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs of pure Hades & I'm not out of the woods yet I'm still tied to him & my name on all his property but thru the grape vine I hear he is starting divorce proceedings.

Jim & I hope this is true otherwise after 6 months Jim & our lawyer will file in my behalf I won't have to appear.

I don't think I'll ever return to Mont again. I couldn't go anywhere much & didn't see much of my relatives there. I weighed 120 lbs when I got here from 150 now I'm back to 129 & feeling much better away from the stress & strain & I hear

Lyle is doing as well as can be expected physically but slipping mentally which he has been for a long time. I am afraid his mind will go completely before his strong heart gives out no one knows how long one can live thru a 974 blood sugar count as his was when I called the Ambulance to take him to the Hosp in April. He was so confused & violent in the Hosp after 6 days they sent him back to me. The next morning he doubled up his fist & threatened to knock me flat. I thought that was the last straw. Life is too short on this earth to give up my life for a man who lied to me to get me out there to take care of him.

Yesterday was the 49th Anniversary of Joe & my marriage thru good times & bad we made it for 44 yrs. Lacking 20 ~~days~~ he has been gone 5 years now & 3 more in 5 years is a bit much I hope I never have to move again.

My 2 young people are such a blessing to me I wish you could know your Beeter cousins. Jim is near Redmond Oregon now but plans to go to Calif

this winter his marriage didn't work out either he is a gypsy lives in a trailer house & home is wherever he parks it. He will be back there here this fall to see me. He says Mom I'm only 24 hrs from you no matter what part of the country I'm in if you need me just call & I'll be there.

It has been beastly hot upper 90s to 100 every day now for 2 weeks did get a little rain last nite after 2 weeks of dry hot weather need lots more.

I hear crops are good in Montana as they are in Sterling area where we lived for 35 years. I shall have a chance to see some of my old Sterling friends this fall when Jo gets her vacation she plans to go to Kansas City & Olathe Kansas to visit friends from her teaching days there & will drop me off in Sterling. We were in Sterling one day when we went to get my furniture out of storage saw several friends that made what should have been a 2 day trip in 1 so didn't have much visiting time. Take time to write to Auntie Anna.

We went to a Dr in Lincoln
yesterday for a complete check up
to see if every thing was being done
that could be & this Dr said my
knee was taking good care of me
& to stay with him - so this made
us feel better. I do feel much better
just don't have as good control of
my hands as I would like.

We were down to Elsie a few weeks
ago & she has a lot of good pictures
of the reunion as well as a lot
taken in Scotland.

I was disappointed in the Task magazine
again. The Librarian got a copy of it
I didn't think it was worth buying
for all they put in about the Reunion.
Joe Mack was one of my old boy
friends before he met Eleanor.

Thanks again for the book &
I shall treasure it, even if some of
the language is a bit salty, but I
know you were telling it just like
it was on the ranches.

Mack Lane

Anna & Joe

Dear Joan & Carol:

Nov 7-

Received my copy of your book this morning. Thank you so much. I am happy to have it for my bookshelf. I have already read it however - I had several of the reviews from Life - Great Falls Tribune & Wenatchee Post. & I let our Librarian read them & she thought it was a book she would like to place in the library - so as soon as she got it she called me. Joe enjoyed reading it too. Elsie ordered one from her book store. The book brought back many memories & told me much about your growing up years I never knew. We lived so far apart seldom saw you & you had didn't write except at Christmas.

Your mother was the letter writer for the family.

I hope you will excuse my writing my like thinks my shaking hands problem could be the starting of Parkinsons disease.

Ivan -

I am sending on the
information that Mom sent
about Ray Daig

Also, I thought you might
appreciate reading the letter
I received yesterday in
from Auntie Anna.

After due consideration
my parents have decided
to attend the Memorial Service
in Sterling, Feb 12.

B Daig

Obituaries

Mon Jan 27-1992

RAY DOIG

Townsend — Ray Doig, 65, died in a car crash Jan. 23 on Highway 12 north of Townsend.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1927 in Townsend to Walter and Villa Leach Doig. He went to school in Townsend. Except for three years out of state he never left the county of Broadwater.

He met and married Darleen J. Tintinger on October 5, 1946 in Townsend. They had been married for 45 years.

He was a past member of the Rod and Gun Club, Rotary Club, United Methodist Church in Townsend, former member Townsend High School Board and former county commissioner. He was involved with the Broadwater Rodeo and Fair, Stream and Lake Development, All School Reunion, Townsend Chamber of Commerce and 1989 Montana Centennial Cattle Drive.

He was a recipient of the Jefferson Award in 1981. He received a fitness award from the Jaycees. Doig was a city councilman, a city foreman with the street department and was a volunteer fireman with the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department. In 1984 he received the Broadwater County Appreciation Service Award.

Survivors include wife, Darleen, of Townsend; two daughters, Donna Harper of Warrensburg, Missouri and Dorothy Jones of Centerville, Utah; one son, Kenneth Doig of Townsend; one brother, David L. Doig of Dutch Harbor, Alaska; two sisters, Margy Tarabochia of Gig Harbor, Wash. and Emma Baldi of Townsend; and five grandchildren.

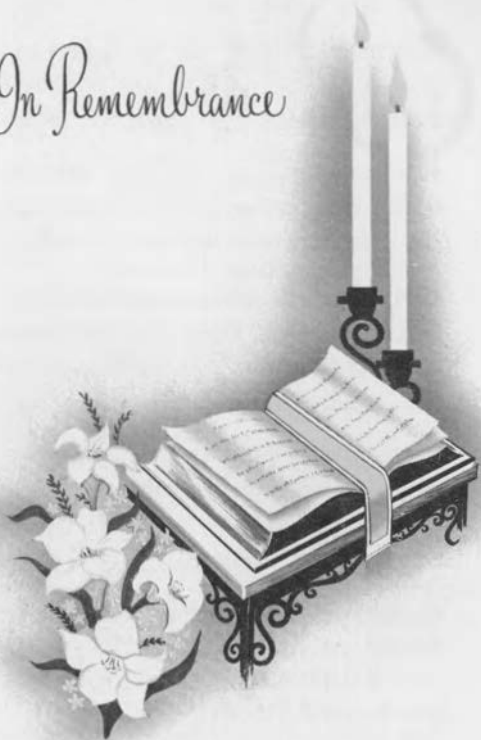
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend. The Rev. Joseph Easton will officiate the services. Interment will be in Deep Creek Cemetery in Townsend.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials to be made to either Stream and Lake Development, Larry Robertson, P.O., Box 147, Townsend, MT 59644 or The Methodist Church furnace fund,

Mrs. Sperry, P.O. Box 183, Townsend, MT 59644.

Connors Funeral Home arranged the services

In Remembrance



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. 

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. 

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. 

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WALTER RAY DOIG

Born

January 16, 1927
Townsend, Montana

Passed Away
January 23, 1992
Townsend, Montana

Funeral Services

2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 28, 1992

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Townsend, Montana

Officiant: Rev. Joseph Easton

Organist: Ann Kirksey

Soloist: Jack Sautter

Music Selections

God's Cathedral, Wandrin Star

Pallbearers

Don Lewis

Hardy Edmundson

Bill Higgins

Bob Masolo

Bob Graveley

Bob Davis

Honorary Pallbearers

Jim Tew

Jim Girdler

Earl Fred

Pete Cartwright

Interment

Deep Creek Cemetery
Townsend, Montana

A service of Connors Funeral Home, Townsend, Montana

If they had rage on their mind
must have got scared. Herent found
out who it was her mother thinks
is her ^{old} man friend & we think it
was out on his school boys. She has
had to have counseling I think they
are going to move to Adams where her
grandparents can look after her the
mother is driving to Lincoln to College
& Crystal is alone here & on the streets
too much. Maybe this will be a good
warning. She has reached the boy
crazy stage too tall & developed for
12 wants to be with hi's & they don't
want her so she's pretty much alone.
I feel so sorry for her. Her mother
has been divorced twice.

Must get lunch. I spent the whole
morning pushing pens & have some
checks & stuff to get written, bills
never take a holiday do they?

Attilia helped me put up my colorful
new drapes & washed all 3 of my windows
inside & vacuumed last week so I feel
refreshed. Am looking forward to 2 trips this

always so great to have one of the
kids come home I always have so
many things for them to help me with.
Jim won't get here again until the
work is all done this fall he is
very busy burning the candle at both
ends he will surely get caught up on
I was messed up back work before
long. He is happy say this is where
he feels he belongs. I am so glad to
have him out of those Southern
states floods tornadoes earthquakes
crime etc. but Sterling has its share
of crime, we have a pretty 12 yr old
here looks & acts 16. Some one hopped
out of a car put a paper sack over
her head loaded in this car & drove
around awhile then took her back
where they picked her up & dumped
her in the ditch she was walking
the 3 blocks from school alone after
a ball game at 7 o'clock at nite the
poor kid was terrified but unharmed

Dear Beverly:

I have made corrections on these pages & I have sent Wayne, Volga, Blanche, Wendene Roy wife ~~Ed's~~ family to fill in & am going to ask Arnold to give us the complete run down on Ed & Christine & his mother's family plus Ethel but I can get that from Sandy. Wendell should already have done this but hasn't said anything to me yet. I can ask Mary Davis Watson Jay's Rainsville for their family history that I don't have complete. I think this will make more sense than the hit & miss we now have & Corrine Higgins could fill in Bob Campbell's history for us & maybe we can get the complete story easier than the way we have now. I've asked Wendene to fill in on Alex's family too. do you want me to delve into the others of Uncle Daves family. I don't know just where

the main ones are but could track
most of them down.

It gets time consuming doesn't it
but I am glad to help wherever
I can with what you want just
tell me how far to go back.
like Berneta's family, her brother
Wallace Ringer married Walters
Emma & is ^{she} now married again she
had 6 by her 1st husband & I don't
know anything about Alex's kids
or any of the 3rd generation
or most of the cousins etc.

I have finally found 2 good Drs.
Stacy Goodrich Medical & went
to Edward Carhart Chiropractic in
Beatrice Tues & got the best treatment
I've had in years will probably have
to go every week for awhile. Jo Ann will
be here for 4 days next week and will
take me next Fri then on to Lincoln
for some necessary shopping it is

Dear Joan & Casale: Jan 1, 1971

Thank you for the pictures
& Congratulations on your 23rd.
Do you know this is the first
picture I have seen of Casale
you picked a good looking girl.

My daughter had major surgery
a week before Christmas. She
got along fine (no cancer) thank
the lord! She is allowed to drive
her car now & can work part time
for the next month.

My brother Claude was in Hospital
in Nov for 11 days - bad spell with
Erythremia

I haven't been well for over a
year. Knees, high Cholesterol plus
a bad whiplash.

Ed will be 95 - Feb 10 Ethel 87
& Anna 80 Feb 14. Getting old is
so fun when our pants start
falling apart.

Chris family met in Fort Collins
Colo all but Maxilgn she had
been in Hosp with her terrible
headaches.

I must get a few more cards
answered I can never write
long till my hand shakes

Love

Anna Jo Ann & Jim

Benealy hinted these people
up when she was at Palo Alto
& found them to be great people
& quite wealthy

Great - great grandfather
Doig -
had a brother named
William - His descendants
own "Home Gardens Nursery"
in Palo Alto, Calif. I

Dear Carol & Jan:

Love me

Enjoyed your letter & article you wrote
you will probably be in N. S.S. before
you get this. I'm so far behind with
my Christmas greetings but I'm going
to write notes if it takes me the rest
of the year. Have been so busy sewing
I'm at least 3 weeks behind schedule &
due to the fact I spent 15 days papering
& painting for Jim's boss's wife before
thanksgiving - started out to do 2 rooms &
wound up doing 8, so not much got done
at home all this time. Am trying to get
all my sewing done before Jan 1. If I didn't
get so involved I would it always be in
a mess. I've made coats for Jo & myself
& one for a 7 yr old. then I got smart &
thought I'd try a jacket for Jim so made a
Corduroy one & it turned out so well decided
to make him a cable knit sweater style
& it has turned out beautifully its all done
but ^{the} gaffers. I made him a monsoon
one too but he wasn't too happy about it so
I said it. will finish it tomorrow. have
2 dresses for Jo & a shirt for Joe done
plus a dress for me. made mother & daughter
long dresses for a friend & lots lots more
Have done a lot of painting & papering
this past year. Its so good to be able

at work again after being ill most
of the year before.

Aunt Elsie has been ill for over a
year with a bad heart condition
can't do too much work, has another
book coming out very soon.

Jo Finishes College Friday has been
student teaching this semester. Won't be
looking for a job for a month or so. She
is scheduled for surgery Jan 2. We will
be spending a few days in Lincoln at her
apartment while she is in the Hosp.

Jim still in the trucking game as
dispatcher for 16 to 20 trucks. This
trucking dispute is some thing else
all these trucks are parked at home
base till this thing is settled. A real
mess. the whole country is in a sickness.

Joe has been busy hauling rock & doing
all sorts of odd jobs.

I think a story about the Waigos would
be great & I'll give you all the back
ground I can. Ed would probably be able
to help with dates better than I.

It was fun visiting the old home place
but not much recognizable about it
old house still standing stark & empty
when I think of the activity of 8 people
lived there makes me sad.

My father Peter Scott Waig & my mother
Annie Campbell met once in Scotland
at a Taylor's ball I think in Dundee.

My Uncle David Waig had come to America
first then my Uncle came over & joined
him homesteading the ranch where we
lived. They all came by boat.

My uncle Donald Campbell had come over
& homesteaded south of Ringling then
my Uncle's sister Jeanne Waig came & married
him. then my aunt Margaret Campbell
dying with ~~Consumption~~ Consumption wanted
to come to the states in hopes she could
regain her health she brought my
mother with her. Margaret taught
school in the Ringling area a year &
Mother cooked at the Foster ranch then
Margaret knew she couldn't live & returned
to Scotland to die. She is buried at Pentlands
with 3 other sisters & my Grandmother
my mother met & married my father
I don't know the dates of any of this.

My father died Sept 10, 1910 from a
heart attack. I was born Feb 14 - 1911.

Mother stayed on the Ranch until
1937 when we sold it & she & I
moved to Gallatin Co where I married
Joe.

The summer we spent in Arizona
we left Montana in Nov. The year
you were 5. Joe drove your dad
for most of the way, your mother
was very ill a few times on the trip
at William Arizona we almost lost
her she was terribly ill that night. It
was like a miracle how she regained
strength as we dropped down the mountain
we arrived in Phoenix Thanksgiving
eve. We found living quarters at
Algonia Park ^{the plants housing area} about 4 miles from
Phoenix & Joe & Charlie went to work
in the Airplane factory making parts
for planes. Aluminums Co of America
of Phoenix was the name of the plant.
we stayed there until March. Joe & I
came ~~to~~ Sterling in Jan. Joe's dad
had died, we had to go back to Phoenix
to finish his contract. I was working
as a Cottage Coast. 7th of March
we left you home by bus leaving
your folks there, then they left Phoenix
& came back north to a small town of
Wickenburg where Charlie went to the
Hospital & had his appendix removed
they arrived back in Montana in time

for cash, bought a band of sheep
& went up into the mountains by
Menard where you lost your mother
on your 6th birthday a sad sad
time for all.

The day of your Mother's funeral I
had the confirmation that I was
expecting Jim our long awaited
happy day, we had been married 8 yrs.
To go back to the Basin, it was mostly
inhabited by Scotch people & all
relatives except the Mitchells &
Lawrences.

There was my folks: Wane Waig
(Andy Christiesons, Stanley Gordon
(Dakes son in law) another son in law)
Young Wane Waig: all homesteaded in
sort of a square block of land. On
the outskirts was Jake Mitchell, Rachel
Smith & Lawrence. & further south
at the head of Paddy's Run was
another Smith place. & at the mouth
of ~~Haw~~ ^{Suber} ~~Suber~~ was the ~~Stewart~~ ^{Stewart} &
Thompson Ranches & the Longa Station
If there is any thing more I can help
you with let me know

Ed seems to be enjoying Tiningsston
& young Elders doing great in
his blading stone there.

The blading brothers at Ringling had a
very good year & London's horse phone
service to the Ranch, \$4000.

Volga seems to be doing fine.

Claude has moved to Minnesota, he
flew to Alaska to visit Kathleen
& family this summer.

Haven't heard from Blanche yet. I'm
sure you knew your Uncle Red died
Jan 3rd last winter.

Aren't you glad it was last winter
you spent in the Isles, things are
as messed up over there as the
States from what I hear.

Hope to hear from you before
next Christmas.

Love

Anna & Joe

Hope some of this information helps
& I want a copy of the story

A list of Uncle Klaves family
(Klaved) buried in Scotland
(Moss)

Harold B. Klav
Mary Christison (Andy)
James White (Erenett)

Also -

Winnie Jersey (Art)
Maggie London (Stanley)

Walter

Kellie Skanks, (Tyson)

Donald died about 1919 of
Pneumonia.

He & your dad had been seen
hunting & bath got pneumonia
we thought your dad would
die too. but the night Donald
died your dad temp broke &
he got well - (he was delicious
for boys.)

Dear Dean:

April 28

I have some pictures ready to mail will try get them off tomorrow. have been waiting for some material Claude promised to send. it hasn't come so will send what I have & maybe will hear from him later. He called a couple weeks ago & we talked for an hour. Cleared up a lot of names of people & places I was in some doubt about. I will make a map for you now that I have all the names & places straight.

Claude is getting married again May 6 - & will be going to Wisconsin to live in his wife's home this summer. Plans to spend winters in Florida. Claude Jr & his wife are divorced & but Claude has been taking care of 8 yr old Stetly this past winter. Claude Jr plans to go back to school so he can teach. he seems to have a hard time finding himself & his vocation. Ed & his new wife sound very happy they said they would probably spend next winter in California.

I have been paying every thing I can
out of my family I have quite a lot of
material to start writing my memoirs.
Thank you for the pictures I can't
remember ever seeing either one I
wonder who might have taken the one
of us all on the woodpile. I'm sure
the one cut in half is Jim. Maybe Ed
took it ^{on} one of his infrequent visits home
the one at Moss Gate I can't remember
at all I must have taken it on someone
else's camera. I must have been there that
is my boy friend Tyle Essex sitting at the
end of the porch. He was the one man in
my life at that time but when I found
I was just one of many girls in his life
I ended the romance with a broken heart.
(but got over it) Did you know any of the
Essex boys - I don't know if they were still
around Pt. 55 when you lived there?.

I can't imagine what Charlie & Cingers
were dressed up for but kinda looked like
they might have been helping your mother
with the dishes. They were always goofing
off. wonder where Claude & Cingers's girls were

seldom seen we went anywhere that
we didn't all have our girl & boy friends.
I'm not sure what the occasion was
but probably was your Mother's birthday.
your Grandmother was great at entertain-
ing. Claude & Angus were probably
going with Geraldine & Katherine ~~of~~ Curry
at the time. Ned used to go with Isabel &
but that is Blanche with him in the future.

Check over this general material from
Rosebud & Doris not much new in
it. You can send it back to me when
you are thru with it - (no hurry)
Does tell where Aunt Margaret was in
India. Keep in mind this letter was written
about 20 years ago.

Thank you for the magazine Elsie had
already sent me your articles. we enjoyed
them much - In the picture you look like
a typical Scotchman with the cap.

I'm so sorry the picture of my folks got
cracked some how I thought they could
take it out on the reprint but didn't, anyway
the best came out good. I think my head

was a very handsome fellow. How I wish I could have known him.

I can't imagine any body was very happy at the prospect of a 7th child in mid-winter in Montana hills.

I finished spring cleaning this big old house today 14 rooms including 4 porches - much too big for me. But the kids have such a lot of stuff here yet. If weather cooperates we plan to go to Grand Island this weekend to give Jim a hand spring cleaning his house then must find time to shampoo carpets in Jo's apartment. She has developed allergies & one of the worst is house dust & I can't imagine a worse offender than shag carpets. I'm sure she will be moving sometime early summer. Her house mate is going back to school she is an R.N. but has to get a further degree. Jo can't afford the apt by herself. She will have to try find one that doesn't have shag carpet all over the place.

It has been very rainy & cool for weeks. Joe has quite a bit of garden up but can't get the rest in. It set out some fruit trees & roses that look good.

Told up on some of the first
information I sent you about Mother
& had till we hear from Claude
he disagrees with me on some
of the things I told you. he said
he would send his findings to me
first so I could check it out
He says Mother cooked in a restaurant
in Martinsdale I had never heard Mother
even mention this. So we will see
what Claude comes up with & maybe
check some of it out with Ed. Ed does
get things mixed up some times

Love

Anna & Joe

These pictures are all yours to
keep. If Ann has negatives some
can get more made if I need them.
Thanks again for those pictures they
are great.

My next door neighbor works for a
news paper in Lincoln - I showed her
your stories she said she liked your

style. She is very critical of people's
writings so I thought this was a
nice compliment. We enjoyed the
articles.

There is some information Elcie sent me.

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Peter Waig is of the Waig Clan (not a powerful Clan) lived near the edge of the Highlands. His father a landscaper & caretaker for the Earl of Walskousie Panmure Castle near Dundee.

Today the Waigs in Scotland who are directly related live near Dundee as farmers. Some are closely related to blacksmiths.

My grandmother Waigs name was Scath an accomplished soldier from Edinburgh. ^{upple} William was a poet. He settled in Idaho. James was a soldier to India. I don't think he ever returned.

Aunt Janice Waig & Donald Campbell were married in Scotland. left from Glasgow & sailed on a boat called Castaghian to Quebec. Took a train to Townsend Montana. Most exciting thing to them was the ride on a stage coach to White Sulphur Springs. They homesteaded in the Middle fork of Sixteen Mile Canyon.

They have raised their hands they
have lifted in the same way as the

of London in Catholicism.

Margaret Day was educated in England.

sent out from the ~~British~~ Protestant

Church of England as Missionary to India

where she spent her life teaching & preaching.

1925
which was also enchanted by her & her

service of India. She held a preaching

service at Brighton & was in the 19th

a married woman & in my childhood

memory. She was on a trip around

the world. I cannot remember exactly

where or what day. I only recall that

she was a long time. She wanted to take me

with her in the rest of her life & put me

in a house in England. Of course

my mother would not hear of

such a thing & was a very

firm & child & would not

myself. What a marriage

opportunity this would have been

and of course I would have been

the most beautiful child & from

my mother.



I think it was about 1938 she made
another trip around the world & again
stopped to see us. ~~Joe~~ ^{Joe} were married
& working on the Meadowsbrook Ranch
near Manhattan. I had a picture of
Aunt Margaret, Aunt Jennie, Mary Kinzie
& Base Daig & I sent it to Walter so he could
have one made off & he has never returned
it to me. I'm sure it is the only one in
existence & I do want it back. I shall
write to him again. Before I mail this
I shall get a map of India & see if I can
recall the part of India where she is buried.
she died before Jennie (about 15 years ago,
Jennie said the people of India worshiped
this dear person as ~~the~~ ^{the} God. She gave her
life in service to them.

Jed Daig was never married. Lived with
Wase. died in young manhood. - Uncle
& ^{Uncle} Mary were married in Scotland & buried
2 children there. I think they had 2 or 3 children
when they came to the States. I think ^{Uncle} ~~they~~ &
Mary both died in Scotland. I have no
idea in what sequence the family came
to the States. I have a little clearer picture

of Mother's family. I think Ronald was first
to had his homestead established when
Mother & Margaret came. Margaret had
been teaching school in the ^{last year} hills &
became ill with what they called consumption
(now known as tuberculosis). She thought the
dryer air in the hills of Montana would
help her so she decided to join Ronald
but she was so ill she didn't want to
go alone so begged her mother to let
Annie go with her. They came over
on a cattle boat which I believe
landed at Quebec. - anyway they got to
Pingling where Margaret taught a country
school. I don't know where but probably
in Coatsie Basin. Mother worked on the
Foster Ranch. ~~and~~ after my grandmother
Campbell died in Scotland my Grandfather
John & youngest daughter Eliza
& Jack came over & settled
in Idaho near Kuba's a
small town of Boise. Eliza
married Charles Schaller
& they had 4 daughters. They
farmed - Jack's wife's name was Jessie
Charles Campbell lived in Salt Lake



Aunt Margaret Campbell mentioned to her
homeland after a few years in
Montana. the climate didn't
help - she grew steadily weaker
& wanted to die at home. She
met Charles Duane on the
boat & he fell in love & wanted
to marry her but she was to ill
& wouldn't marry him. Later he
returned to the States & married Jake
Mitchell's sister Eliza - you may have
known Jake Mitchell & Johnny Duane
his nephew.

I found the Globe with India but I still
can't be sure ~~Welli~~ Welli is the only home
that rings a bell. I'll write to Rosebud
Watson maybe she can give us some
information. I'm getting so excited
about your project. am so happy I can
have a small part in it

Will relay any further information
I gather

Copy of letter from Bexley before we
went to Scotland.

We are of Whommond of Pentk Clan &
the Ancient Campbells of Pentk.

In Dundee we found our name was
originally Wog. We found 65 Waigs in
the phone book. We went to the

Monument of Panmure. In the Library

in Dundee we found Thomas Waigs
signature on the oldest charter 1475

He was a weaver by trade. In 1553

Captain James Wog led a band of inhabitants
of Dundee against the English troops
who landed from the Sea. Later he was

Provost. The Wogwell was established
(Doxenot)

by Alexander Waig in 1747 near the
town hall - was later torn down.

I'm sure I have given most of this
information before. But you can
search thru these pages & see if I
have given you anything you didn't
have.

the Womers family

David Jackson Waig Born in Scotland 1865
Homesteaded 320 acres & ~~lived~~ to Helena 1891
& bought railroad & ~~lived~~ died 1939
and totaling 5000 acres
wife I think Walter is wrong
Mary Ditchie about this I can't figure
where he could possibly have
had this much land (check this out)

Children
David Barklow wife Pearl Burton son David
Janner husband Everett White } Everett Jr (Mickey)
} Laverne
} Jettie
} Jim
} Bob
} Mary

Mary died 1972.
children { Andy Christianson
died July 26 - 1965
Jannette Christianson
Leslie (wife) Viola
Archie (wife) Roberta
Ricky (husband) Lawton

Donald died Dec 1918.
born May 23 - 1915
Mayme (Ant Jesse) Arthur Jr & Billie
married 1917
Ant passed away March 23 - 55
Mayme " " Ant 20 1962

Margaret (Maggie) husband Stanley Gordon sons
Burnett & James Ed.

Alex - 1st wife Cula Burton { Betty Lee
2nd wife Maggie Young { Marion Louise
3rd " Gladys { Johnny

Alex died Aug 25 1962

Walter Little	{	Walter Ray
Villa Leach		Mary Landre
		Emma Lucille
		David Larson

Nellie
 Myron Skanks } 2 boys } she lives at
 } 3 girls } Petaluma Calif.

This is a corrected history of Zende Ross
 familytree. Walter returned it to me

My Aunt Janice Campbell died Aug 4-1962

Sun aft.

Dear Canale & Dan:



So glad to hear from you
& glad you had a nice
Christmas vacation. I
too didn't get all my mail
out before the 13th stamps
became a reality. I was
making out the city water
bills & hurried to get them mailed before
the raise. Our young people were
home for Christmas dinner & gift exchange
Jim was here about 6 hours. He is about
a 3 hr drive from us at Grand Island
If Jo was here 2 1/2 days of her 4 day weekend
but as usual we were so busy every
minute she is home, working, sewing,
fitting clothes etc. She was home again
yesterday & she brought her 2 weeks laundry
to run thru our new washer that
we got to replace the old one that couldn't
seem to be fixed so it wouldn't shake all
over the laundry room. Saves her
the price of the gas to come home
so makes it worth while & Linoleum had

the youngest wash sales. She is still with the Electric System.

Jim called Thursday nite & said his new \$3000. Peterbilt truck had been wrecked in Nevada when it hit a patch of ice & went out of control into the ditch. Made us kinda sick - but we are so thankful his business wasn't killed - didn't even get a broken bone. Just bruises - he was hospitalized

Prayed & healed. The trailer loaded with popcorn for Japan was a total wreck but the Insurance Co thinks the truck can be fixed. Jim would like to total it tho. He hasn't had this one very long - less than 6 months. He was trying to sell it before Christmas but didn't get the job done. He will auction it off now as soon as it is repaired.

Says he isn't going to worry about losing his own rig on the road when it isn't making him much money over & above the drivers wages & its own payments etc. He still has his job in the office as dispatcher & he has 2 roomers

in his trailer home that just about
make his monthly
payments on it. so he
isn't suffering.



Excuse this silly paper
some of Jo's left over from
his school, I should have
bought paper when we were
shopping Friday but forgot it. We have
had some very cold below zero days since
Christmas & Joe came down with a
bad cold before the Holidays & is just
now getting over it. Jo Ann had it last
week but she seems to be over hers
already. Contac pills have kept me
from getting down.

Sherril wrote at Christmas that she &
Dandon & the boys were going to Alaska
after Christmas & Kathleen & family were
going from Alaska ^{Charles daughter} too wouldn't it be great
if they had been there at the same time
& got to know each other. I think it is
the saddest thing. So many beautiful
young people in our family & so few of
them would know each other if they

would meet. I'll bet Angus's boys are
the only ones you know of all your
cousins or did you know Red's kids?

I will rack my brain & give you
all the information I can remember.
I'm so bad at remembering dates.

You could write to the Courthouse
in Townsend & I'm sure you ^{could} get dates
across out of the home place. I know
they bought an additional 80's I think
they bought 2 - 80's. How I wish I had
kept Mother's records & business papers.
I don't know if any of the boys kept
any of them. It would have been Angus
if any one had them & I'm sure Volga
wouldn't have any of them now.

I'm going to give you Claude's address
he has a pretty good memory & he may
be able to come up with some worth
while dates for you. Box 146. Mt Hope
Minnesota 55751 is his address.

Also write to Elsie she is also compiling
information for a Volga family book.

Mrs Elsie Townsend - 3141 Santa Fe Truce
Independence Missouri 60540

you should have a faint recollection
of us stopping to visit them as we went
thru Salt Lake on our way to Arizona.
you were only 5. Anyway we stopped at
a phone booth & Joe looked for Charles
Campbell & he said there was boys in the
phone book. put his finger on one & listed
a said "line you the Charles Campbell who
has a niece Anna living in Montana & he
said yes I have a niece ^{Anna} in Montana. they
lived not far from where we stopped so
we found their duplex & had a nice visit
& the Aunt Julia Belle took us on a little
tour of Salt Lake. (Charles had just one
son Charles Jr.)

My Uncle Jones started for Alaska in the
gold rush days & was never heard from
History could turn up some tales of this
period. Jessie Christina & Isabella all
died young in Scotland. Jessie in child
birth, Christina with pneumonia I think.
After visiting Scotland I thought my folks
reason for settling in Montana must
have been the closest thing to their own
rough, rugged beautiful hills of home

My mother never quite got over her homesickness & longing for Scotland. She never had the opportunity to return to her beloved hills & heather. I don't recall just how or where my parents met in the States but must have been in the Ringling area at Donald Campello - Aunt Fannie being Dad's sister to me this is logical. At some time my mother visited her father, brother & sister in Idaho. Dad must have gone there too because they were married in Butte, on the way back from Idaho. They traveled by covered wagon to the homestead in Tierney Basin or Hall Ranch ~~Basin~~ as we now call it. Mother said it looked like the end of the world to her so far from town or friends. She said, the wolves & coyotes howling terrified her as did the thunder & lightning. She never got over her fear of either of them.

My neighbour is reading a history book Rauasvada & Revelation - by Will Ariel Durant. she says the name Peggy Blair came out of the pages of this book - she just came



over to tell me about it.

Yes your Uncle Ed is a very happy married
he & Ethel were married in Sept & went on
a 4000 mile honeymoon trip to Oregon
Wash & Calif. It sounds very happy & his
wife looks like a great lady, very rich
but I'm sure he didn't need her money. She
had a nice home so he sold most of his
furniture & moved into her home. I think
it is great. He will be 80 in Feb. They go to
all the Senior Citizen things - dance &
everything. She is about 75. Young Ed
is doing great in his drug store in
Livingston.

Jay & Gordon had a good year on the
ranch. Olga went to Calif to Luane's
for Christmas - she usually spends a month
or 2 there every winter.

Hope you can get some thing
worth while from my
ramblings. Let me know how
you come out with your
book. Elsie is ready to publish
her 4th. Have you read.

"Always the Frontier" & "If you
Should Learn To Teach". I'm sure you
would enjoy them. If you can't find



them there else can get them for you.
40% off at the book store close by,
Good luck & Bless you both & the
best of everything in 76.

Love

Anna & Joe



You could be about right about when my Dad
came from Scotland. He must have been born
in 1876 - he was 36 when he died Sept 20 - 1910
I was born Feb 14 - 1911.

As I remember things mother told me thru
out my growing up years, she & Dad had
met once in Dundee, Scotland at a Taylors
Bath, before they came to America. Dad
worked for ~~some one~~ in a Taylors shop. I
think he was born at Monckee not far from
Dundee, one of the youngest of ~~over~~ 10 children.

The reason for leaving Scotland is vague
in my memory, but I would think it was
because Scotland was becoming over populated
& America was the land of great opportunity,
with homesteads opening up.

I'm not sure which one came to the U.S. first
but I do know for sure Dad came & homesteaded
on Spring Creek. He sent for my Dad Peter to come
& join him. I believe Dad worked for awhile before
he homesteaded the 160 mining claim on the West.
I can't remember where he worked but my Mother
worked as a cook on the Derry Foster ranch
west of Pingling (now part of the Waig brothers
ranch). Dad ~~probably~~ worked there too.

They were married in Butte. I have their
wedding picture, the only picture of my father I have.
Perhaps I could have one made off if you would like.
You & Elsie seem to be the only ones interested in.

our family history. I think it will be just
great if you can write a book from this
disjointed information.

Of course you know there were 7 children
born - most of them on the ranch - with
only a neighbor as midwife. Mother said I
was born before the neighbor got there & she
had bathed & dressed me herself. The strength
of our Pioneer parents is almost beyond our
comprehension. Mother had a miscarriage between
your Dad & Jim - they are about the only ones 3 years
apart

I'll see if I can recall all their birthdays

Edwin Charles	Feb 10 1896 ⁵	I have forgotten these dates for sure but this is close. (is this right for your Dad)
Vernick John	Sept 23 1898	
Charles Campbell	April 3 1900	
James Stuart	March 23 1908	
Angus McKinnon	July 9 1906	
Claude Spencer	June 20 1908	
Anna Ellen Eliza	Feb 14 - 1911	

Did your Dad tell you anything about my father's
death at such a young age. He died at home of a
heart disease & Edwin 15 rode to Uncle Donald's
ranch for help. It was 3 days from his death
till the body was removed to White Sulphur for burial.
I learned from Ed after we had visited the Cemetery
on our last trip to N.S. that Dad is buried with Uncle
Dane & Jack & not near my Mother. Have you ever seen
your Grandfather's grave. Next time you are in Montana

may be you can check on this information.

Monday 29th March

This from Mary Maxine Watson Jay
& Rosebud - written by Aunt Jeannette
Dear Ann and Joe, (Campbell)

Forgive the long delay in getting the
info you requested to you. Your letter
came here, Mother was still in Helena
so I sent the unopened letter to her
there. After she flew down here in
late Feb. she told me of your
request. This letter from Aunt
Jeannette was mailed to me while I
was at the Univ of Montana in 1955.
I hope it will be of some help -
This is about all we know. I
don't know if Nellie has any
more info or not.

Mother fell in our b. room on the
carpet last wk & really hurt her
left arm - so it is hard for her
to get in & out of bed - I get up
to help her - some nites I feel like
a yo yo. She naps a lot during

the day so sometimes is restless at nite. I'll have to start napping during the day, too! She is always cheerful & never complains.

We are well & busy. Janette is practicing a dance for the school talent show this Thurs eve. Had to sew some fringe on her leotard.

Janne is trying to decide what to take for her soph. year in hi school. She thinks she'd like to learn some French - has had 2 yrs of Spanish. Both are good students.

I am learning to be a lecturer for Weight Watchers - if there is an opening. I may have a part time job.?! Have to keep my wt. down!

Hoping all is well with you & yours. How is Elsie & family?

Love, Davis, Rosebud etc.etc.

my Great Grandfather I never
saw. my Grandfather lived on a
small farm, at Gildy Monikie. Scotland
his name David Doig & Mary.
Three boys & three girls.
my Father David Doig.
William - James Doig.
Aunt Mary - Martha - Mea.

Father David Doig was gardener
for the Earl of Dalhousie
He was born at Monikie 111 years
was married by Rev. Reed. at
Monikie Panmure Monument,
don't know what year.

His Brother William Doig was two
years younger. lived in Dundee
after he was married.
finally was manager of one of the
Linen Factories.
He was Barbara Kido's Dad.

Uncle Jim lived in Dundee also
was a Tailor - two girls & boy.

~~Uncle Harry lived in London had~~
~~a store~~

Sisters Mary - Martha & Mea.
Mary's name Ogilvie - two boys
Martha Batchelor. girl & boy
Mea never married.

Uncle William had - one boy & four
girls & George - Barbara Mary.
your Uncle Wills wife
Martha Ann.

my mother's name was
Mary. Pratt.

She just had one sister
named Jean.

Her Dad was a captain on
a ship & was lost at sea.
Just remember Granny she
lived with us after he died.
I think I was ten years old
when she died.

I should write this over hub.

Maybe you can read it
nph much information
anyway.

I just don't remember dates
thanks for Jane & Sandy's
picture would you like to
have it back, he is a nice
looking chap. may see him
someday.

Thanks for writing Davies it
is nice of you to remember
an old lady, tell everyone
for me. The 7 div is here
come over & see it, plenty muddy
love Jeannie

My Father's family unlike of us
David James Maier Jeannie
William. Peter (Vahick). Jack
Margaret (Peggy) Beatrie -

D.L.
David married Mary Gilgrist
James went to India & died of
Enteric ^{fever} was a soldier -
Mary married David went
your Dad, at Panama Scotland
then come over to America
Jeannie married Doug Campbell,
He came out to America
William married Rose Rogerson
& lived in Boise Idaho,

Peter married Annie Campbell,
lived at Wall Mountain, fifteen
miles -

Jack never married lived with
D.L.

Margaret Peggy lived 30 years in
Rahimpour India - close to the
Himalayas - Mountains - she died
there

Beatrie only lived to be nine
months old. Died with
whooping cough,

Mrs J. L. Beeton
Stealing
68443 Nebraska U.S.A



Mrs & Mr David Craig
c/o Poste Restante
Edinburgh
Scotland U.K.

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could find no Craig on the phone so many names
were seen only as the name was there but I thought
a mailing label to the address they had the way but
the minute I saw it there they were, in the
library I have on library there are records that
I sent to 1400 when our name was spelled D.O.G.
There is a monument of Thomas that my grandfather
was the caretaker for years, if you are being lost
go to him but still standing standing. It is a record
years since our people came to America & there is a record
relative to be found. Lots of things in the phone book would
be you to find some of them up me that I know
Additional message area

① Fold first at notches

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Back three holes
I love to see you get a great deal of your love
now I look forward to it so beautiful

Feb. 24. 1900. The weather was very warm and sunny. I saw
many beautiful people near the canal. March 24.

Was excited when I got your letter from the United Kingdom. I was sure you were back in the states long ago. What a grand experience to spend 6 months in the Isles especially this winter which has been the worst in years & still continues rainy & disagreeable ground so sodden no hope of getting in the fields for weeks yet & so much of last years crops still rot in the fields. What is the name of your book? Aunt Elsie has 2 at the printers at present. Elsie has been down with a venous heart condition for 11 weeks. For 8 weeks she was kept almost unconscious to alleviate the pain. Finally 3 weeks ago she went to a heart specialist & he took her off tranquilizers & put her on different medicine & it is miraculous the change in her, she has a will to live since he assured her within a year she could make an almost complete recovery. Joe & I went to Independence Sat afternoon in pouring rain came back Wed. while there we done a lot of the heaviest spring cleaning, some baking, made her a long dress for a speaking engagement & Joe firmed the fruit trees & a lot of yard work. This gave them all a great lift, Nanjie & Dan will be home for a few days at Easter & do the rest of the spring cleaning, Maxilyn stays in for a week end occasionally. Neal most lost her & she has too much to offer the world yet to let her go easily even tho she has had to retire from teaching. Now here is the information I have on our ancestors Mathe's Daig came from Pentk her fathers name was John Campbell & her mother Isabella Stewart. My father came from a little place called Monckton about 9 miles from Blundee there is a [church there & a cemetery where my grandparents are buried] but

Dear Jean:

not one

Was so glad to get your letter yesterday & today one from Walt & Villa with a bundle of pictures & clippings. I will try get the clippings & send it for you. I am took a bundle of pictures to get copies made & when we get these back I'll be sending you a bundle these I'm including in this letter are probably some you already have. if there are any you don't have keep them & return the rest to me. I would love to have the 2 you mentioned. I can't recall ever seeing us on the woodpile. Its a wonder Claude & I weren't throwing sticks at each other, we usually did when we had to carry wood in to fill the huge box in the kitchen & a huge pile of chunks on the porch for heaters. when we were sent to the cellar for potatoes we usually had a potato fight. We fought over every chore we had to do - but it didn't pay for anyone to interfere in our scraps. we would fight for each other quick as a wink - We were great friends we 2 youngest -

I would really like to have a picture of you & Carol I always thought you looked so much like your mother except hair etc. I saw many pictures of you & Carol at your grandmothers & yours. I'll be sending you pictures of me if taken Christmas Day. I'm having some

reprints made for us.

I don't recall the story of Johnny Burns' wads death - his mother Eliza Mitchell killed herself when he was quite young - he was raised by his Grandmother & Uncle Jake Mitchell. He grew up with my brothers.

JJ agrees with you that I should write the story of my life. maybe I'll try one of these days like Elsie is cheering me on & Jim too.

I think you should fly down to spend a few days with us next spring. I could tell you lots of episodes in the life of the boys. You could fly into Lincoln & we would meet you. Give it some thought - we would ^{love} have you both. Can't you imagine 16 young boys growing up on adjoining ranches.

My father's homestead was 320 acres according to Walter & Jim since they bought an 80 or 90. Walter says my dad came from Scotland in 1893.

I came across a bunch of my brother's diplomas from the Vello Macintyre School & I am sending your wads to you with a copy of my father's Brand registration. my neighbor works in a newspaper office in Lincoln & she gave me 3 copies for me.

I'll send one to Claude & 1 to the boy in Ringling just a keep sake. I thought it had my dad's signature but at a closer look decided it wasn't his signature.

yes I know Emma - when we were in
Montana in 1972. We met her & her fine
family. I thought they were the greatest
bunch of kids. We stopped at the ^{Point} Cafe in
Townsend for supper there was such a good
looking girl at the cash register. I couldn't
keep my eyes off her. I said to Joe & Jo I'll bet
that girl belongs to some one I know. when
we paid our bill we asked her if she knew
where Walter Waig lived - she said I should
his my grandfather - it was Debbie - He had
our pictures & slides from our England & Scotland
trip with us, asked if they would like to see
them. Bay told me they said "wait till we
call the kids they will want to see them
too so. ~~we~~ had quite an audience. Any
way they wanted us to stay all night so
we stayed with Walt & Villa & Emma & the
kids took plans with them & she had a great
time with the young people. a few days later
we had a family gathering at Joe's home in
~~Lincoln~~ Ringling. Walter, Emma's ~~Ray~~ ^{Ray}
Ed was so sorry he was sick & couldn't go
there were 25 of us. After ^{picnic} lunch we piled in
Walt's ^{Elmore} campers 2 on 3 cars & headed for the
home ranches. got as far as Walter's old
place left the cars there & piled the campers
full & a bunch of the young people kicked

over the hill to our homestead. The
road wasn't too good, the site of the
old home so dilapidated & most of the other
buildings gone made me a bit heart sick
we all picked up horse shoes for souvenirs
& the beautiful mountain south of
the ranch so stripped of trees really hurt.
the saw mill at Mandlow cut the timber.
I wanted to see where I was raised
She really enjoyed meeting all these cousins
Feb 16 -

Finally got the clippings duplicated. haven't
got the ^{old} pictures back yet but will send
these that I have.

I have sketched a rough map of the Basin
& Sixteen area locating all the ranches one
or two names I'm a little uncertain about
have written to Ed & Walter for help, then I'll
send you a copy. I don't know how well
acquainted you are with the Basin area
or past residents. Many things are coming
back to me I haven't thought of for years.

1918 when our cousin Donald died game
had nearly died they both got pneumonia hunting
deer.

I am going to make a copy of our family tree
may have to get some help with weddings & birth
dates

Blairlands lived at the South end of
Paddy's run about 12 miles from our
ranch & we considered them neighbors
the boys came to our ranch lots of times
& we stopped at their place when taking
cattle from the home ranch to the
valley where they wintered.

The Wado name was

Bill Brainard
wife Laura

Sons

Danny

Lester

Clifford (Bud)

Walter

Bill Dean

Girls

Laura Belle (Verne Blenkinship)

Bessie } ^{Paul} Rhinehart

one I can't remember

Edlean

Edinburgh
April 12, '73

Dear Anna

Arrived back in Edinburgh yesterday from the Highlands, and found your letter amid our waiting pile of mail. Thanks so much for the family information. We had lunch in Perth as we drove north to the Highlands. Don't know if we'll make it to Dundee or not, as we have to meet Carol's folks in London in a few days. Anyway, it's nice to have that much information about the Doigs, and I appreciate your writing.

We had a good jaunt through the Highlands, despite spring weather much like Montana's. Lots of cold squalls, and snow on higher ground. We went from Edinburgh to Inverness, then northwest to the fishing town of Ullapool. Weather reports of snow to the north turned us south, and we wandered out to the Isle of Skye. Spent three terrific days there. Skye had a fine variety of scenery, from whitewashed farmhouses to mountains which looked very imposing with a fresh layer of snow. Met a lot of interesting people on our travels. In fact, at the Culloden battle site we met an old Scotsman who told us Doig is a Dundee name, and your letter confirms he knew what he was talking about.

Sorry to hear about Elsie's health problems, as I know she has always been so vigorous. Glad to hear she has more books underway, as I enjoyed her first one. You wondered about the title of ours. It's called News: A Consumer's Guide, and sells mostly for use as a journalism textbook. I can't exactly recommend it for light reading, I'm afraid, but it was fun to do it.

We have the next few days to spend in Edinburgh, and even though the weather continues overcast and chilly, we like the city tremendously. Even though we spent about a week here before driving north, there's still plenty to see and do.

So, our sabbatical trip is coming to an end, and we'll be back in the US within a month. It has been a grand experience. Thanks for the invitation to visit; our route isn't set yet, and we'll let you know if we do get to your area. So long for now; all our best to you and the family.

15004 Linden Ave. N.
Seattle, Wash. 98133
December 8, 1973

Dear Anna

Christmas has really come with a rush this year. It seems Carol and I arrived home and banged the house into order only a few weeks ago, when actually it was several months ago. I think when I last wrote you we still were somewhere in the United Kingdom. To catch you up quickly on our doings since then: Carol's parents joined us in late April and early May for two weeks in Britain and one in The Netherlands. We all came back to the U.S. together, then Carol and I headed back to Seattle, so that I could get started on a book I was under contract to write. I spent the summer on that. It will be a social studies text; I wrote one section of it and edited the articles for the rest of it, and it'll be published sometime late in '74. Carol again taught at Shoreline Community College this fall. I've been writing -- mostly on yet another book idea; I did only one magazine article this fall, on the world's fair which Spokane is going to hold next summer. Now we're awaiting the arrival of Carol's parents in a few days. They'll be here for about ten days, then Carol and I will fly to Montana to spend Christmas with my grandmother. So it'll be a busy holiday season.

Among the writing ideas I've had recently is the notion that perhaps I would try write something about the Doig family back there in the Basin. I never have written much about Montana. About the only article which comes to mind is the enclosed one I wrote a few years ago, and it really is about the northern area of Montana where we lived when I was in high school. I can never remember who I've sent copies of articles too, so please excuse if you've seen this one before. Anyway, I would like to gather some information to see what might be done with it, and as was the case with the family roots in Scotland there are a lot of things Dad simply never passed along to me. If you have time to jot answers to these few questions, it would provide a lot of help to me:

--Do you know how and when your father and mother came to this country, and whether they met and married here or in Scotland?

--Did one or both of them homestead the Doig ranch in the Basin?

--I know your father was a young man when he died in 1910; can you tell me what he died of, to die so young?

--I'm too young to remember that wartime trip to Arizona, though you likely have eternal memories of me then as a bratty kid. Did you and Joe and my folks drive down there and back together, and if so, when? Where did we all live? I seem to remember Dad and Joe worked in a war plant: I wonder what the name of the plant was, and where it was?

Well, that's a great plenty to be asking you. I have some hopes that maybe I can visit with Clifford Shearer in White Sulphur this Christmas and ask him about growing up down in the Sixteen country. By the way, did anyone ever tell you there was a history of Meagher County published a few years ago? It's not too good, and is fairly sparse about Sixteen, but there is a picture of the Sixteen baseball team of about 1917 which includes Dad. I don't know whether you'd have any interest in the book, because I know you've been away from Montana a long time, or even if any copies still are in print, but if you ever do have any interest, I could have somebody in White Sulphur see about getting you one.

Onward to more Christmas cards. Please give our regards to Joe and the kids.

C
O
P
Y

March 4, '76

Dear Anna

A very quick letter of thanks -- the roll of materials you sent came in the mail yesterday. I'm delighted to have Dad's school diploma. I'll frame it and put it up on a display wall here in my office.

I have most of the pictures you sent, but didn't have the full identifications you wrote on the back, so that was very helpful. I'll check through my albums and have copies made of the photos I lack. Will also make copies of the few I mentioned to you, and send them along.

Had a nice letter from Elsie, quite helpful.

And thanks for the invitation to visit you all. Can't do it any time soon because of business, but I'll keep it in mind. I hadn't realized you're so handy to Lincoln and its airport.

All for now -- will write at more length when I send you copies of pictures. Thanks hugely for sending all you have.

best

John

17021 10th Ave. NW
Seattle, Wash. 98177
January 7, 1976

Dear Anna

If I don't put the last of my Christmas cards in the mail, they're pretty soon going to be Easter cards. Carol and I are just back from a three-week trip to California where we spent the holidays with her folks, and with all the traveling and holidaying, not much else got done.

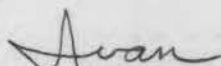
I've been tinkering a bit with my writing about my dad and the Doig family recently -- it goes at a snail's pace because I can only do it between other writing projects -- and have come up against some questions you might have the answers for. For example: I sent off to the National Archives to get copies of the ~~paperwork~~ paperwork for the homestead claim your father took up back there in the Basin. That claim was for 160 acres -- according to a handmade map in the paperwork, a quarter section just a little north of the southwest fork of Spring Creek. Do you know if that was all the larger the ranch ever was? Someone, maybe Clifford Shearer, had told me he thought it was 320 acres or so.

Also, some of the paperwork says that your father arrived in this country from Scotland about April 1, 1893, when he would have been 19 years old. Do you know what he worked at in Scotland before coming here? And did you ever hear why he and the other Doigs left Scotland? That is, what made them leave an area they had lived in for generations and head for the hills of Montana, I wonder?

When I talked with Walt Doig during a trip to Montana a year or so ago, he mentioned that he could remember Margaret Doig, the aunt who was a missionary or teacher in India. Do you know anything at all about her -- just what kind of work she did in India, where she was in that country, and about when she died? Walt seemed to remember that she'd made a couple of trips to visit in Montana, and that she wore wooden shoes and long black dresses -- does any of that ring a bell with you?

I think Ed told me that your father and mother were working on a ranch when they got married -- do you know if that's right, and what ranch it was? Am I right that your mother worked on ranches -- as a cook, I suppose? -- for a few years before they were married?

That's more than enough questions for the moment. I hope all is well with you and all the family. We're prospering. Heard from Blanche this Christmas, but not Ed; I think I owe him a line, and besides, I'm told he's a newly-wed. All the best.


Ivan Doig

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April 16, 1976

Dear Anna:

I'm finally getting around to sending back the pictures you sent, and to provide you with copies of a couple I have. I wondered about the one at Moss Agate: were you there that day? In fact, did you take the picture, since you seem to be the only one not in it? Do you have any idea what the occasion was, and why Dad and Angus were in those outfits?

I don't remember if I told you how pleased I am to have the school certificate you sent. I will have a frame made, and put it up on my office wall. The one thing you have mentioned which never has arrived is the picture of your father. I would very much like to have that, because no one else in the family seems to have one. Can you find out what it would cost to have a copy made, so I could send you the money to do so?

I am continuing to peck away at the book as time allows. There is still a very long way to go. Sometime this spring I'll take some time and carefully go through everything you have sent me so far, and then maybe I will have some more questions for you. It may be, too, that I can manage a trip sometime to see you and maybe Claude. The summer already is filling up with jobs, however, I will simply have to wait and see what I can arrange.

I think I promised you a copy of the enclosed magazine some time ago. The picture of me with the fish story isn't the greatest, but it is the most recent.

Best regards,

17021 10th Ave. NW
Seattle, Wash. 98177
January 20, 1976

Dear Anna

You did yourself proud in searching your memory for me. Your last letter provides quite a lot of information I haven't been able to get anywhere else. I appreciate all the trouble and effort you went to.

Some of the points you wrote were extremely interesting even if I never manage to fit them into a book. The story of Johnny Gruar's father fascinated me. I met Johnny when he came to my grandmother Ringer's funeral. He came up to me and told me I am the spitting image of Peter Doig (I have a short red beard now, which seems to be the main resemblance). I have no idea how right he is about that, although Walter Doig later told me the same thing. Anyway, I later had a chance to talk with Johnny in Townsend, and got him to tell stories into my tape recorder. He has a very good memory (this was more than a year ago), and could tell me a lot about the families that lived in the Basin. I liked him very much, and I thought his own family story, of how his father died before he was born, was quite a tragedy.

You might be interested that over the past few years I've managed to tape record a few other people who knew the early days of the Basin or the Ringling country -- Walter Doig, Clifford Shearer, Kathryn Donovan (my mother's teacher at Moss Agate), Jim Bill Keith. And of course I did some tape recording of my dad and my grandmother several years ago, though a person never does a full enough job of that. You have a good idea in suggesting that I write to Elsie and to Claude, too; I think I'll also write to Bob Campbell's daughter Corinne and see if she has access to any family background.

At any rate, I'll simply accumulate what I can, and see what comes of it. You mentioned the various cousins. Carol and I had a fine evening with Jay and Gordon and their wives the last time we were in Montana, now more than a year ago. We intend to keep in touch with them. Gordon is very impressive, smart in much the way Angus was, apparently widely liked and respected. Jay is much quieter, more under the surface -- reminds me a bit of Red. Speaking of Red, I hear from Blanche every Christmas, and she somehow goes right along through life, somehow overcoming her health and pace of work. She said she intends to visit her son Marvin in East Berlin. Carol and I saw Marvin during our honeymoon in Washington, D.C., almost eleven years ago; you likely know that he's long been in various posts overseas with a government agency. The other member of the family I'm in touch with is one you may or may not know -- Walt Doig's daughter Emma, who now is married to Wally Ringer (excuse me if I'm telling you a lot you already know). Emma is a super person, and we're very happy for her and Wally.

I'd like very much to have a copy of your parents' wedding picture, if you would be willing to have one made at a local photographer's and send me the bill. I might have a few photos you would want a copy of, although you may already have them. I have the photo albums which belonged to my mother, dad, and Grandma Ringer, and offhand I can think of at least two interesting pictures. One shows several of you Doig kids standing on a big woodpile -- Angus, Dad, I think Red, Claude, and you. You and Claude look to be not quite teenagers. Another picture I have, a really remarkable piece of luck, was taken at Moss Agate, and shows all of my mother's family and all of the Doig brothers except Ed. So if you'd like either of these, I'll be glad to have a copy made.

At the moment, I don't have any more family history questions for you -- I'll digest what you've sent so far. I intend to take a look at some old census records, and will try send off to Scotland for some census information from there too. That and some other looking into records likely will produce into asking you other things later on.

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