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Dear Carol,

Happy New Year! Hope all is well with you and family. We are doing O.K.

I found this letter from your Grandmother (I believe) in my mother's music stand. It was written a few months before she died. I thought it was really neat to hear history (family) in first hand. My mom talked about Cousin Peg a lot - wish I had paid more attention to what she said. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Love,
Lucille

(1)

Jan 11th 1981

Dear Marion

In answer to your questions, I'm afraid that I will not be able to give you much data on the Ballantine family. I was seven years old when Grandad died, I remember him clearly, as he visited our home daily, he had a milk cow, and he kept it in our Barn, and he would come to milk the cow, and the animal grazed along with ours, then one day he did not come, and my mother told us Grandad had died.

My grandmother continued to live in the cottage at the top of the village, the cottage belonged to the Beltrion Estate, when I was eight years old I stopped every afternoon when school let out, my job was go to Grandmas cottage and ask if she was feeling well and if she wanted any errands done, this went on for a year or so, then she was ill and died, you say Grandma had a large family. But I think that could not be true. There were no Robinsons in that area, and in the time that I remember there never was anyone who ever came to see her - and when my Dad and Mother spoke of her they always said she had no one, aside from us and Aunt Eliza Dobbin's family.

In Newtown Stewart six miles or so from Gortin there was a large family of Robinsons but they were no relation of Grandmas.

Then too there are two families of Ballantines who are not related to my grandparents. My sister Marie and I visited at their home and had

afternoon tea with them. ⁽²⁾ Ballantine is quite a common name in that area, Grandfather had two brothers their names were James and William

My mes had three sons - two of them were at the top of the police force in the city of Dublin and the other one William emigrated to Canada. He came back later and had a small farm quite close to our home. He was a Bachelor and had an elderly lady to keep house for him, the two who were policemen did not marry either so there was no issue from them. Granddads Brother William came to United States he settled in the State of Washington, he had ^a large farm immense apple orchards, He sent for Aunt Eliza's oldest son to come and work for him, But he was such a grouch that the Boy Henry just could not live with him, Henry left him and went to work in a logging camp. Now I will stop here and give you the data ~~of~~ on our grandfathers direct decendents. The Frazer family comes I'm not too familiar with but you can fill that part in yourself.

Your grandmother Fraser's Brother (3)

Granddads son George

was a police man in a place in England called
(Barrow in Furness) he was married and had two children
Mary) who was called (Minnie) and George.

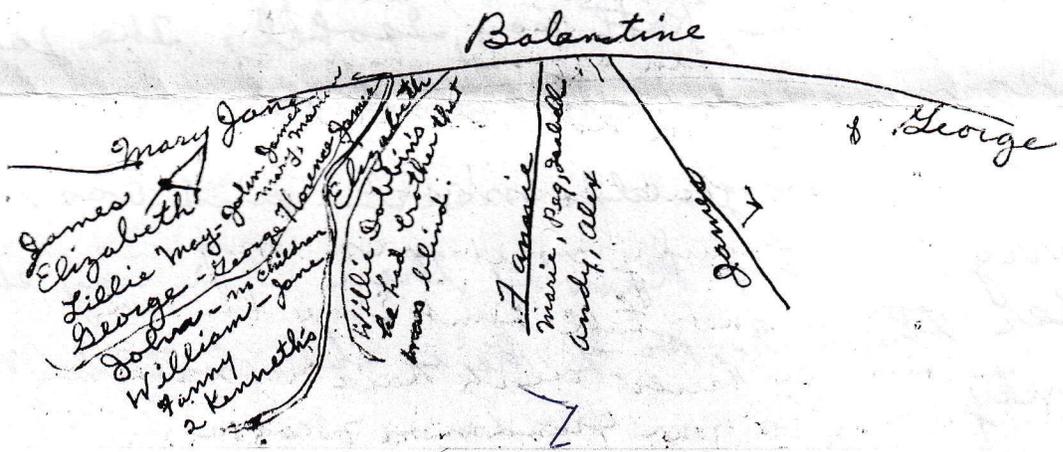
Uncle George while on duty out in a cold rain
got a heavy cold. got pneumonia and died, his wife
came to Belfast and was staying with a family that
she knew. she went out one morning and never came
back just deserted the children. The people kept
Minnie and raised her until she was old enough
to go to work, but the boy George was made a ward
of our church. he was raised by different families
who had boys of their own, in the course of time

Minnie met and married a very nice man they lived
just outside of Belfast in a place called Dunmurry
Both have passed away, their children are Elizabeth,
Georgine, Marguerite, Kathleen, Isobel, The family
name is Irvine, (two of the girls are married),

Minnie's brother George also married and was living
in Dunmurry I do not know if there were any children
he was older than I. so if he is still alive he must
be over ninety

My Father Alex Harkness
 and my mother Fanny Ballantine
 were born in 1854. They were married in 1879
 My oldest Brother William George was born in 1880
 My sister Mary Elizabeth, (Marie) Born 1882
 Brother Alex. in 1884 lived in Canada from age 18
 Fanny 1886 - married & separated in Australia ^{since} 1912
 James 1888 married in Canada killed in 1st world war
 Margaret 1890 - I am now 90. only one left of our
 Isabel C. 1896 Family
 Andrew J. 1897

Ellie May's
 Mother's Grandmother was Elizabeth Robinson
 before she was married (called Big Liz.)?
 The Robinsons were 13 sisters and one brother?



Aunt Eliza Ballantine
and Henry Dobbin married 1879

Fanny - Mrs John R. McMullen
Henry George emigrated - Canada
Isabella - Mrs John Patterson

James - married was killed by I.R.A.
his wife 8 months pregnant went into shock she and
the baby died - one little girl was raised by James
wifes parents

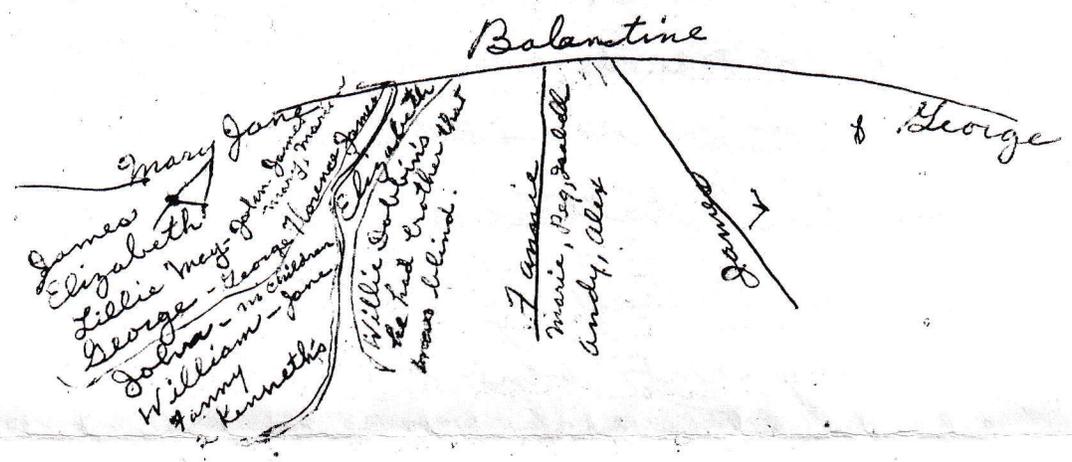
Joseph Dobbin emigrated to Canada he was
working in copper mines. he was blinded when
they were blasting to open the mine further
he was brought home, and that is when he
designed the house where the Pattersons live Joe
willed the house to Patterson in return for the
care given to him

Robert Dobbin emigrated to the U.S.A. (when he heard
that Joe was blinded he decided to come home
he dropped dead of a heart attack as he was
boarding the Boat,

Willie Dobbin you met when you were on Tour

ⁱⁿ In between Henry and Isabella there was a little
two year old girl (Mary) she was burned to death
when she fell into the open hearth fire

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Jimmy Haskness
Chris (wife)
Mt. Laurel

Uncle Willy (Tom)
(Omagh, Co. Tyrone
& Twin Loops, dhr.)

Uncle Andy

Francis - Fanny -
Ireland
to Australia

Frances & Alexander
Ballantine ✓

2nd cousins -

Cousin Wm. Harkness

March - 1916

Nanis - bro - Alexander

Jean (Wheeler) + Agnes
Margaret

Isabel Englehart
Ontario

Uncle James - Jimmy

+ Frances (3 now)

John - William

Port Whitley

Ontario

a. Peg - Billy - Mildred

Fred 1916

a. Isabel + Bill (1st cousins

Jimmy + Lois) - Jimmy
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