

These 2 letters are from Nephew
Willie Burrand

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other letters were, so I kept them

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in Belfast & believe in her intention to
sell the place & come in to them again
November. My Sister Lizzy with her husband
& family are all gone out to Vancouver B.C.
having just arrived there just a few weeks
ago & her sister of her husband
resides. My own wife & family are all
well and doing things along first class
in business. I hope Sam & Maggie & their
family are all well. I have not been in
your. I might pay you a surprise
visit some day. I had long ago that
when I could afford I would take a run over
now that I can. the difficulty is to find
time for I am always kept very busy.
And now closing with kindest regards
from all to all. & hoping to hear
soon from you.

I remain

Yours affly Nephew
William Lunn

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Donegal Park.
Belfast

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Dear Uncle.

I seem almost unfriendly to
only write you when I have had
news. but I can assure you I often
think of you all and wish
sincerely for your prosperity &
happiness and think what a
pity neither you nor any of
your family think of paying
us a visit and you would
be certain of a hearty welcome.

I hope Aunt Emma & yourself
are both enjoying good health
also all my Cousins.

and with his wife and family
I have the deepest sympathy, for
it is they who will miss him

I am quite sure financially he
will have left them alright

My Aunt Eliza girls have been to
our house several times since
I received your letter I told them
of it also that you would be
very glad to hear from ~~your~~^{their}
mother the last time I saw
her she was looking splendid
and I believe intends selling the
farm & coming into the City
My Father enjoys splendid
health he is now living with us
& it is such a nice place.

Situate on the Antwerp Road 3
miles out of City over looking the
Coast and at foot of Cam Hill
so that we have both Sea & Mountain
Air

I would surely like to pay
you a visit if only a short
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be having my business properly
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you do that you will get a right
Royal welcome & you will be
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of my Cousins; it would give them
a chance of seeing the beauties of
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don't know any place to beat
it. My wife & family gave me in
sanding to you self, Aunt &
Cousins our very best wishes
for all yours good health & prosperity
Believe me to be Sincerely

Your Nephew
Walter Curran

Lismallard, Donegal Park,
Belfast Feb 24th 1912.

Dear Uncle.

I can assure you it was
a great pleasure to hear from
you once more. as it was also
with feeling of sincere regret
to hear of Sam's death, although
it was so seldom I heard from
him, yet in my thoughts
he held a very warm place.
a kind hearted, upright and
industrious fellow whom it
was a pleasure to rank
amongst ones friends
and his Country is the poorer.

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you that Uncle James Blair
died on Monday last at Whitepark
after a very short illness of
Pneumonia he was in his usual
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the fields in his usual good
spirits but on coming in complained
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He has now practically retired from the
business which is carried on by my next
brother Tom; and Father gave up his own
house & is now living with my wife & I.
Aunt Eliza I saw when out at funeral
& she looks very well indeed.

Letter to Andrew Blair (139 South Tenth St., Newark, NJ), from nephew Willie Curran, Lismallard, Donegall Park, Belfast, 9 Sep. 1911:

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I am quite sure financially he will have left them alright. My Aunt Eliza's girls have been to our house several times since I received your letter. I told them of it also that you would be very glad to hear from their mother. The last time I saw her she was looking splendid and I believe intends selling the farm and coming into the city.

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