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Dearest Lois

I have read & re-read your nice long letter of 29th November. I had not known you were so ill last spring & in 2 hospitals - but I do hope you are well again now & reassured about your condition - Yes, we all have to get old. How very well dear Clare managed. I was the last person to see her alive, but only just alive: she smiled at me & held my hand during the moments she knew me. It was rather the same when I went to see Owen a day or two before his death. He was so weak, but he made the effort to say very quietly "I have loved you all my life". This was true for we were so happy at Metis when I was 8 & she was 12! We did everything together & felt rather special

eventhen? After Hugh's death he came to England to ask me to marry him. I said "What should I do with my children?" & he said "I don't know". So we laughed & left it at that.

Now regarding your questions about the Crow family, - I know very little. Mr. George Crow married Jane Dawson but I do not know how she fits in with our Grandfather for he had no sister & I thought his only brother died young. Old Mr. & Mrs. Crow lived in a big house "Stoneleigh" Rock Ferry & were close friends of my English Grandparents, George & Emily Atkin. The Crows had 4 children, Maggie, Carrie, Alice, & Arthur. Only Alice married of the 3 girls. But Arthur married Mabel Beves of Hove near Brighton Sussex, & there their son Geoffrey Crow still lives. I do not know him, but my cousin Pamela Jackson does & she has given me his address in case you want to write to him. He would know how the Radlets & Verels

+ Scotts were connected with the Crows.
His address: - Geoffrey B. Crow Esq
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He has been to Canada & Pamela thinks
he would be glad to answer you.

I well remember Edith Rudolf who
married Mr. Danson: he was later
knighted, & when Silvia & I spent 3
summer holidays with them in their
big house at Garsmore, she was Lady
Francis ~~B.~~ Danson. The other family
Verel I also visited once. They had
a big house on the coast of Scotland
below Aberdeen. They had 3 girls
& 2 boys, but I have not kept in touch
& again I do not know how they
were connected with the Crows.

I never heard of the relations of the
Bell family in Edinburgh.

I have just looked out a huge photo
of 6 Crows & 6 Atkins (their courier)
taken in Geneva while they were on a
tour of Europe. They must have driven
about, 4 to a carriage with 2 horses
in 3 carriages. The courier spoke 4
languages I remember being told, &
he arranged their hotels & meals as

well as their transport. I am sorry it is not dated. My Father looks about 20 & little Aunt Blanche (Pamela's mother) looks about 7, so that wd be correct. She is holding a doll - Arthur Crow & Peter Atkin would both be 18.

Well now a few words about my miserable self!! I am afraid I am coming up to another operation, this time to have my left hip joint cut out. My right leg is not painful now, but very weak. But I have changed my old car for one with automatic gear-change, so that saves me from using my left foot - a great improvement.

I am fortunate to have a good kind Helper & I have just bought her a very nice little house fully furnished & not far away. So she will come in daily as I get worse, & do my shopping & cooking etc. At present she does this 3 mornings a week, but she lives so far away & is unhappy & cut off where she now lives. So I hope this will be successful. Goodbye dearest Lois. Do keep well, with so much love Grace.