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These 2 letters regarding
Margaret Davidson belongs
to Father & Mother.

Her parents must both
have died in 1857.

Father first & 4 months later
Mother.

Edin 27 Sept 1850

My dear Sister

My letter of the 20th instant would no doubt alarm and distress you, but even then when I wrote, whatever were my fears, I could not believe we were so soon to be deprived of our dear Mother, but it is even so. Instead of improving, she rapidly became weaker and could not receive the nourishment ordered for her, and to our great grief and sorrow expired at 3 o'clock P.M. on Saturday the 21st instant in the arms of her three daughters. We feel the stroke severely here, but can easily conceive how much more grievous it must be to you who are at such a distance. Jane, Marian and Jessie were constantly ministering to Mother's relief and assistance and watched the progress

of the fatal disease from beginning to end. There was one alleviating circumstance in Mother's case that she was not racked with pain, and although she suffered considerable oppression in her chest and was restless and uneasy at times from the great weakness, she was always conscious, and while she did not speak much, what she did utter was highly satisfactory in regard to her faith in the finished work of Jesus and her lively hope of resurrection life and glory through Him.

On one occasion when she awoke out of a sleep she said to Lizzie who was at her bedside "I have had a glorious view of the first resurrection" and throughout her illness whenever she spoke of her hope she bore testimony to the views she has long cherished in regard to the second coming of the Lord, thus proving that with her it was no

empty speculation, but truth most
surely believed and what she could
confidently rest upon in the hour
of death. May it be our happy
privilege to hold fast the faith and hope
to the end and be "followers of them
who through faith and patience do in-
herit the promise;"

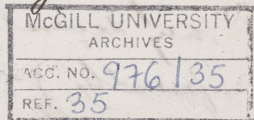
The funeral of our dear Mother
took place on Wednesday the 25th at
3 P.M. when her remains were fol-
-lowed to the grave by a large number of
-sorrowing friends besides the immediate
relatives. Mother is laid side by
side with Father in the inclosed piece
of ground left by Mrs Young, and the
spot is now filled up, the vacant space
having been a very short time untenanted.

The whole time between the decease of
our two revered parents being only 4
months and 2 days.

Your Sisters will feel the blank
very severely, - that have, the place of
friendly gathering to consult with

Mother regarding any of their can-
cers will no longer be known to
them, and long and many a day will
they feel the want of Mother's ever
ready and judicious advice and counsel.

But why should I enlarge, - it
has pleased God in his adorable pro-
-vidence to remove our dear Mother
Parents, and blessed be His name we
are not called to sorrow "as those
who have no hope, for if we believe
that Jesus died and rose again even
so them also who sleep in Jesus will
God bring with him" It may well
be said of both they fell asleep in
Jesus for in both cases they slept
away without a struggle, but in
Mother's case particularly, - she had lain
quiet for some hours, breathing very
softly, when she was heard to say "Oh
dear!" and the spirit was gone.



It is right I should now tell
you something of how Father and
Mother have left their property.

Father by his will dated May last
(in which Mother concurred) has left
you £500. and Mother by her will
dated in October 1849 has left you
£100 - half of which sum being from
her house in Beechcroft Place and the
other half from the House in Brunswick
Place.

In Father's will
Mother was bequeathed in all his
property, but the Furniture in the
House Brunswick Place was expressly
given to Mother absolutely as her own,
and we have heard from Mother's
lips frequently of late when she was
in health that seeing she had out-
lived Father she intended to make
a new will conveying all the House

Furniture to Jane, Marion and Lizzie
(with the exception of the Silver articles
which Father by his Settlement had
already bequeathed among your three
Sisters when Mother should be done
with them) but as Mother has not
lived to accomplish this, and there
is no conveyance of the Household
Furniture at all (with the exceptions
above named), you will receive
a fourth share of the proceeds as
valued now by Mr Darrell for the
Stamp Office, amounting in all
to £138. 15. 6. Besides, there are
a few things your sisters intend
to send out to you including the
two pictures which you painted your-
self.
Under Father's Settle-
ment, Walter, David Cleghorn

Leop. Prunerow and myself
are appointed trustees for carry-
ing his wishes into effect. The
legacies are payable at the first
term of Martinmas (Autumn) after
the decease of the longest liver of
the two, with interest thereon till
paid.

I cannot enlarge
further now, more particulars
will be given afterwards, but
the above are what respects your
self.

Write soon and let us know
how you are and what you are
about

I remain
My dear Sister

Yours very affectionately

Peter Bell

our united kind regards to Mr. Dawson,