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Hello Harvey!

What a thrill to discover you had been in touch with Sandy as I have been trying to track you down for over 10 years! I suspected you were in Germany and so tried to see if I could perhaps trace Peter Nimmo, your Uncle Andrew's son. I have a feeling he had a sister called Jenny, but I never met her and maybe I recall that name because your wife is named Jenny. I also tried to find your Auntie Joyce, although she may have passed away by now.

I remember your mum , dad , Alison, Isobel and yourself well. All visits to Musselburgh from Taunton included a visit to Dunbar and usually a swim in the North Sea featured in those visits . Brrr! Alice and Jean Patrick normally joined these trips en famille . I was particularly thrilled one time to meet Monika Pruter, your mum's young sister. She and I had been pen friends when I was studying German at school and I was astounded to discover she couldn't remember anything about this. It shows what an impact I must have made! Am I wrong in thinking that like myself she became a teacher? I have to say I always thought your mum was such a lovely kind lady and your dad showed great affection for his Uncle Bill and Aunt Jean. Having said that , your grandad and my dad were very close as brothers and extremely family orientated.

As far as family goes, the older I get, (born 1943) the more fascinated I have become with family history. I have traced the Nimmo Family Tree back to around 1670 but have been stuck at that for some time now. If you have managed to get back earlier than this I would be delighted to hear about it. It goes without saying that you are more than welcome to share any of my research if you have gaps.

I managed to track down an Emsley Nimmo who is the Dean of Aberdeen and Orkney. He was called Emsley after Agnes Emsley, your great -great -grandmother ! He has had a special Nimmo family crest designed which incorporates the Emsley family crest and only the direct descendants of Agnes Emsley and your great-great grandfather William Nimmo are entitled to use it. I can get my husband to send it to you if you are interested.

John (Macdonald )attended Dunbar Grammar School with me and became a newspaper editor, working on Readers Digest, The Times, Sunday Telegraph and other publications before we returned to Scotland to retire in Nairn, near Inverness. Our only daughter, Fiona and two grand- daughters aged 12 & 13 also live in Nairn. Fiona is a teacher, but sadly is divorced from the girls' dad. They are all very keen on anything equestrian and currently own four horses!

Harvey, I could go on and on but feel I have bombarded you enough. I have identified the people in the photographs for starters and although you will be able to contact me by email, after Sep 7th I will not have the Family Tree Files to hand as we have a small holiday bolt-hole in Spain and are flying off for a couple of months to catch up on our Vitamin D ! First of all in the old photos the little girl is Alice and I am pretty sure the baby is Mary Johnston (May) Nimmo. She is the oldest of the Dunbar Nimmos. She was born in October 1920, so if your dad was born before this then it could be him. May was a nurse and lived in Shetland .She died in 2003. Jessie Harvey Nimmo was born in September 1923 and one of her greatgrandchildren is called Harvey. I did a bit of basic research on the Harveys for this wee chap so that he would know the history of his name! Jessie lived in New Zealand and died in 2011. Alexander Nimmo ((Sandy) was born in December 1934 and of course his grandparents both died in 1935 so he never knew them. Sandy and his wife Ella celebrated their Diamond Wedding this month and received a card from the Queen! Jean Kirkwood Nimmo was born in October1943 and she and John celebrated their Golden.Wedding last month! Coloured pic 1 Jean and daughter , Fiona with her ex- husband. Pic 2 Front row L to R May, Sandy, Jean Back row L to R Mac (May's husband), Jessie (who had returned to Scotland for a visit after her husband, Jim, died), Ella (Sandy's wife) Pic 3 Sandy with May, Jean and Jessie Pic4 Jessie and Jean These coloured pics must have been sent to Alice. Alice was Dunbar Sandy's godmother. What I am desperate for is a photo of Agnes Nimmo (nee Emsley) I have a paper photo copy of her husband William Nimmo and I keep hoping she will also turn up some day. She actually died in Church St in 1912 when she was visiting your greatgrandparents. They are both buried in Muiravonside Cemetery, Stirlingshire , as are numerous other Nimmos who are our ancestors. The earliest gravestone marks the resting place of Alexander Nimmo , born 1697 along with his wife, Christian Buchan. I really must stop now , Harvey, before I bore you to tears ! I am truly delighted to be able to communicate with you and look forward to hearing more about you and your family. Love to you all, "Wee Jean"

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