

15. 9. 62
Mrs M.J. Tugman, Gowan Top, The Banks, Staveley, Kendal, Westmorland

Mrs Tugman wrote in answer to our letter in the Westmorland Gazette:

Gowan Top
The Banks
Staveley
Kendal
Westmorland.

13-9-62

To J. M. Fleet

I read with interest your letter "Traditional Dancing in Westmorland" in the Gazette & have in my possession a Programme for a Juvenile Ball held in 1910 at Winstan, the dancing master being Mr. A. J. Robinson of Ambleside.

I would be very pleased to lend it to you if it would be of use to you.

I myself attended classes under the tuition of J. R. Cannon, of Underbarrow in 1915

These were held in a barn at Broadgate

I visited her on September 19th, and after a relatively short conversation, borrowed the programme. The classes at Winstan were attended by her husband, whom I did not see.

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The Nook Cottage,
Hawkshead,
via Ambleside.
9th. September, 1962.

T. M. Flett Esqr.,
Liverpool 3.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter in the "Westmorland Gazette" asking for information about Traditional Dancing in Westmorland.

I have no direct knowledge but can put you in touch with people who may, perhaps, be able to help you.

I was asked, recently, to make enquiries regarding Morris Dancing in this district by a Mr. Alan Brown of Whitley Bay (do you know him?) and in the course of that enquiry I have been informed that a likely person to approach is a Miss Fox, late Schoolteacher in Satterthwaite now living in Ulverston. Also, a Mr. F. Campbell of Dalton-in-Furness. I hope to obtain Miss Fox's correct address within a few days. If, when you are in this district, you will call at Mr. J. Wright, Grocer, Main Square, Hawkshead, he will either direct you to my home or give you a letter with any further information which I have obtained. The reason for this rigmarole is that I hope to go away about next week-end.

Regarding Jos. Robinson. Mr. Fred Coward of Red Lion Square, (sometimes called Co-op Square) was taught dancing by J.R. and he also played in a local orchestra a very long time ago. I think that he could be very useful. I have told him that you may call on him. By the way, Fred Coward is over 80 and a little deaf.

Yours faithfully,

L. Liggott

Dear Mrs Coward,

When I called on you and your husband last month in quest of information about the old dances, you mentioned to me that your father was taught by Stanton Robinson. After I left you, I looked up my notes on Stanton Robinson, and I realized that he was born in 1863, whereas your father was born in 1858, (i.e. he was five years older than S.R.) About this time, there was another Robinson who taught dancing, Robert Carson Robinson (usually known as R.C. Robinson); who was not related to either old Jos Robinson or Stanton Robinson, and I wondered if there was any possibility that your father might have been taught by him rather than Stanton Robinson. Can you remember whether your father said definitely that he was taught by Stanton Robinson, or could he have been taught by this R.C. Robinson? I would be grateful if you could let me know this.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your husband for your help in my research. The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful.

With best regards to your husband and yourself.

Yours sincerely

T.M.F.

The Gables
Hawkshead
Ambleside
Oct 1962

Dear Sir

Received your letter
enquiring about Stanton Robinson
My wife & I cannot enlighten
you any more than what we have
already told you.

My Wife cannot remember ~~any~~
Father calling him any other
name but Stanton Robinson
So I cannot help you any
more

Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely,

L. J. Coward

11 Sept 1962

T. M. Flett.

University of Liverpool.

Liverpool. 3

Dear Sir

Seeing your letter in
The 'Westmorland Gazette', Re.
Traditional Dancing. You mention
The Robinson Family Dancing
Teachers from Lake side.

Well I am a daughter of
The late Prof Stainton, B.
Robinson & Grand daughter
of The late R. C. Robinson
who was a dancing Master
also of Lake side. I am
sorry to say I have no
programs of The Balls given
By my Father but I have
paper cuttings giving
information which may be
of use to you, infact a
picture of a Program 99.
years old which was
printed on The 9th of March
1962

in a local paper, The News,
The Ball was held Feb. 27th 1863
I can give you a list of
dances performed at these
Balls. also tell you about
The sword dance. I also
have another sister at
Grange. O. Sands who could
help you & a nephew who
is very interested in Old
dances. infact - he is a
Lancashire clog dancer &
I believe he was hoping to
revive this Old Traditional
Lancashire clog dance some
time ago. You state you
are going to visit The
Lake district some time in
mid septembe, if you do
so & would like to call on
me I would be pleased

To give you all the
information & help I
possibly can

Hoping to be of some help to
you

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) E. M. Pickthall

4 Castle Garth,
Kendal,
Westmorland.

P.S. if you do intend to call
could you please let me
know the date of your call
& please make it after

3.30 P.M. Monday to
Friday
Saturday & Sunday.
any time after Lunch

WHITE GABLE,
BROUGHTON BECK,
Nr. ULVERSTON,
LANCS.

TEL. ULVERSTON 5225

14/8/67

Mr. Frett Esq.
The University
Liverpool

Dear Mr. Frett,

I was very
interested to read your letter
in this week's "Ulverston News".

The Robinson family used
to hold dancing classes in
the mill which is close to
my house — The miller

Stacking the Sacks to give
plenty of space for the
dancers.

If you write to
mushig,

townbank Terrace,

Wharfedale -

She will give you quite a
lot of information, as she &
her brothers & sisters (14 of them)
were all taught by Mr. Roberson
- the son of the Rev. Roberson
mentioned in your letter. She
still has the Clog she used -
& has shown some of the steps
to our W.I.

Shave a collection of old
local books & if I should
come across any mention
of dances I will let you
know -

Yours truly
(hins). E. Stevenson

I am in business in Atherston
in King Street (Needlewrought) &
if you are passing I have a
moment to spare I would be
very pleased to meet you.

Dear Mr Walmesley,

Thank you very much for the help you gave me last month on my visit to Bowland in search of information about dancing in the old days. The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful.

Yours sincerely

T. M. F.

Dear Mr Edgew,

May I thank you very much for permitting me to bother you about the old step-dancing, and for showing me your steps.

_____ The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful. I did try to see your brother at Holker on the last night of my visit, but he was out when I called, and I shall have to try to see him on some other occasion. With best regards

Yours sincerely

T. M. F.

Dear Mr Milburn,

May I thank you very much for all the help you gave me when I called on you last month in search of information about the old step-dancing. The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful. My wife

I hope to be back in the Grange area sometime during the next year, and I hope I may have the opportunity of seeing you again then.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

T. M. F.

Dear Mrs Rigg,

May I thank you for permitting me to bother you about the old step-dancing, and for showing me your steps. The information you gave me filled in several gaps in my knowledge, and I am most grateful - both to you and to Miss Stevenson. With best regards,

Yours sincerely
T.M.F.

Dear Mr Leake / Mr Langhorn less parentheses

May I thank you very much for all the help you gave me when I called on you last month in search of information about dancing in the old days. The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful.

With best regards (to your wife and yourself -)

Yours sincerely
T.M.F.

Dear Mrs Todd / Mrs Chaplow

May I thank you for permitting me to bother you about the old step-dancing, and for showing me your steps. The information you gave me was very valuable, and I am most grateful. With best regards,

Yours sincerely
T.M.F.

Dear Mrs Rooking,

I write to thank you once again for your very kind present of the old ball programme, and also for telling me of Mrs Todd. I visited her a day or two after I called on you, and she was able to give me a considerable amount of valuable information about the old step-dancing. She did not herself know the sword-dance ^(but) she was able to put me in touch with one or two people who do.

Yours sincerely
T.M.F.

Dear Miss Stevenson,

This is a belated acknowledgement of your very helpful letter of August 14th. When my wife and I were in the Lake district at the end of August, we called on Mrs Rigg as you suggested, but at that time she was away on holiday, and it was not until late September that I was able to call on her again. At first she was not sure that she would be able to give me any worthwhile information, but in the event she gave me some very useful information, and filled several ~~gaps~~ in my ~~existing~~ knowledge of the old dancing-masters of the district.

I had hoped to be able to call on you at Ulverston to say thank you in person, but on each occasion my passing through Ulverston was either an extremely hurried one, or after the shops had closed. I hope therefore that this letter will serve to convey both my thanks and my apologies for not having written sooner.

Yours sincerely

T. M. F.

Dear Mr Riggott,

This is a belated acknowledgement of your kind letter of September 9th. I imagine that Mr Wright will have told you that I called on Saturday, Sept. 15th, only a few minutes after you must have left. On that occasion I had only a little time, so I concentrated on the job of looking up some church records, but I came back — to see Mr Coward during the following week, and both he and Mrs Coward gave me some very useful information. I didn't manage to see either Miss Fox or Mr Campbell, but I did come across other people who knew — of Mr Campbell.

The name Alan Brown rings a faint bell, but I am not 'well acquainted' in the Morris world, and all my dance research has been concerned either with social dancing or step-dancing.

I had hoped to be able to call on you to say thank you in person, but on my second visit to Hawkshead you were still away. I hope therefore that this letter will serve to convey both my thanks and my apologies for not having written sooner.

Yours sincerely T.M.F.

Dear Diddy

May I thank you very much indeed for all the help you gave me on my visit to the Lake District last month. The steps you taught me have almost doubled my collection of the more sophisticated examples of the Westmorland steps, and I am most grateful for your kindness - and your patience.

I enclose a small tin of shortbread - I hope you will accept it as a token of my thanks for all your help.

I trust that you are keeping in better health, and that my last visit did not exhaust you too much. With best regards to your husband and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Tom

Dear Mr Fay,

May I thank you for all the help you gave me in my search for information about the members of your family who taught dancing in the old days. The information you gave me was very helpful indeed, and I am most grateful.

Yours sincerely

T.M.F.

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Kensfell.
146. Windermere Rd.
Kendal.

Dear Mr Flett, I had been wondering whether you had been able to contact Mrs Todd, so I was pleased to receive your letter and learn that she was able to give you information which will help you in your useful and interesting hobby.

I hope you enjoyed your holiday in this beautiful part of the Country.

Yours sincerely,
R. Rooking.

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Dear Mr Clifton,

I enclose the photograph of yourself and your brothers which I have now had copied - it has copied excellently and I am most grateful to you for lending it to me.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the help you gave me when I called on you in September - the information you gave me was very valuable to be, and I had a most delightful evening. With best regards to your wife and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Tom Flett

Dear Mr and Mrs Cannon,

I enclose the old programme and photographs which I have now had copied - with one or two exceptions they have copied excellently, and I am most grateful to you for lending them to me. Since I visited you I have met one or two of the girls in the photographs, including Mabel Parrington and Muriel Hoggarth - both now married.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the help you gave me when I called on you - the information you gave me was extremely valuable to me, and I am very grateful.

Yours sincerely

Tom Flett

Dear Mrs Pickethall,

I enclose the photograph of your grandfather which I have now had copied - it has copied fairly well, and I am most grateful to you for lending it to me. I enclose also a copy of a photograph of your father which you may care to have - it is taken from a small print of the big one in your possession - I borrowed the print from one of your uncle Alf's daughters. I am afraid that I still haven't very much information about your grandfather's early days, but I still have one or two enquiries ~~still~~ to make.

May I take this opportunity to thank you _____ for all the help you gave me when I visited you with Nona, and for your very kind hospitality - it was a most delightful evening. With best regards to your husband and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Tom Flett

Dear Mrs Riley,

I enclose the photograph of your uncle Stanton Robinson which I have now had copied - it has copied fairly well, and I am most grateful to you for lending it to me. I am afraid that I still haven't very much information about your grandfather's early days, though your cousin Kate Stanton added a good deal to what little I knew. I still have one or two enquiries to make, and they may add something.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the help you gave me when I visited you in September - the information you gave me was very valuable to me, and I am very grateful. With best regards to your family and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Tom Flett

Dear Mr Bruckbank,

I enclose your programme, which I have now had copied - it has copied excellently, and I am most grateful for your kindness in lending it to me.

Yours sincerely

T. M. F.

Dear Mrs Tugman,

I enclose your ——— programme, which I have now had copied - it has copied excellently, and I am most grateful for your kindness in lending it to me.

By means of all our enquiries - in newspapers and among people we met - we have ——— obtained copies of 12 of these old programmes, and together they span a century, from 1825 to 1922. They form a most fascinating set, for some of the dances listed on the first programme continue to appear right through to the last.

Once again, thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

T. M. Flett

Dear Mr Nelson,

4 Castle Garth
Kendal.
15/11/62.

Dear Mr. Flitt

Just to let
you know that I received
the Photographs & to say
Thank you very much for
the one you sent me of
my father. It was a nice
surprise & I cannot say
how much I appreciate
your kindness, pleased to
hear you enjoyed the evening
with us & hope to see you
again sometime. sorry I
have no more information for
you at present but I do
keep making enquires &
about my Grandfather

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any news I get I will
pass on to you

Kindest Regards.

yours sincerely

T. G. M. Pickett

249
65 Pretoria Rd
Eastleigh
Annan
Dumfriesshire

Dear Pat,

Thank you so much for returning
the photos. and programme, and we
are glad to know, we have been
of some service to you.

We are also very pleased you
have met some of the old pupils,
and especially Mabel and Muriel
And wishing you every success.

Yours sincerely
A. + J. Cannon.

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Lakefield cottages
Sawrey
" Ambleside

Dear Mr Flett

Thank you for programme
received back safely yesterday. I am
now sending you a page out of our paper
which I think might interest you as
they do a lot of the old dances up in
Chapel Stile. (Langdale) You will see.
Mrs Bibby is a Liverpool woman
I don't want the paper back again

Yours sincerely
Mrs W. Brockbank

PS,

I am sorry to tell you my husband
passed away on Sept 30th

Dear Mrs Brockbank,

2. 12. 62.

I was very sorry indeed to hear of your husband's death. I was very
grateful to him for telling me that old Joo. Robinson came from Cussey, for in following up
his information I was led on to many other interesting things.

Thank you for sending me the cutting; I was extremely interested in the account of the
Chapel Stile dancers, and was pleased to see that they still perform the local dances.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

T. H. F.