

Dear Mr Booth,

I expect that your wife will have told you of our meeting in the street when I was on my way to call on you.

For some years I have been carrying out research on dancing in the old days, and in the course of a number of visits to the Lake District I have heard a great deal about your grandfather, 'Jos' Robinson and the dancing classes held by him and his sons, in which I understand your mother assisted.

I have tried to obtain some information about your grandfather's parents in order to see if I could trace where he learnt his dancing, but none seems to know for certain where your grandfather came from. I wonder if you may have heard your mother speak of your grandfather's early days, and I would be most grateful if you could give me any information which would help me to trace his dancing further back. My principal queries are

- (1) Where was your grandfather born? (was born?)
- (2) Do you know where he lived, and what was his profession, before he came to Lakeside, and when did he come to Lakeside?
- (3) Do you know where his wife came from (this would enable me to trace the marriage in a church register, and so to find the profession of your grandfather's father)?
- (4) Do you know whether your grandfather taught dancing before he came to Lakeside?

I wonder also if your mother may have retained any personal mementos of the dancing classes which would help me in my research; I am particularly interested in old programmes of the Juvenile Balls with which your grandfather and uncle ended each session of their classes. If your mother did leave any such programmes, I wonder if you would ~~permit~~ permit me to borrow them so that I could have copies made for record purposes.

When I met your wife, she very kindly gave me your sister's addresses, and on my way home I tried to visit the sister in St. Anne's, but I was unable to find the house - perhaps I took the address down incorrectly. ~~-----~~  
~~-----~~ Could I ask if you would be so kind as to let me have these <sup>(two)</sup> addresses once again?

Yours sincerely

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15. Brendean Road  
Morecambe  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

To Dr. T. M. Flett

Dear Sir

I would like to  
apologize for not answering  
your very nice letter before but  
I have been looking through some  
boxes to see if I could find  
anything that I could tell you  
in respect of my Grandfather  
Robinson and I am afraid that  
I cannot find any papers of  
my mother apart from the one  
Marriage' lines many years ago we  
had a very bad flood in Morecambe  
I was out a lot at the time  
but my mother lost a lot of papers  
and other things as well so I

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expect that there would have been  
some papers about my Grandfather.  
I can only suggest that you try  
and find someone at Lakeside  
who might know my mother and  
brothers all went to a school  
at a place called Finswallle  
it's about 3 miles from Lakeside  
and my mother and Dad were  
married there you see all my Uncles  
who used to live near us are  
now dead and it will be no use  
you wasting your time in seeing or  
writing to my sisters because they  
know less than I about their Grandfather  
because there is about 5 years difference  
in all our ages and they are all  
younger than I, am very sorry

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indeed that I cannot help but  
I would have liked to say much  
I hope that perhaps you might  
be able to come across someone, he  
held classes all over the Lake  
District so perhaps you might run  
across someone so that about all  
I can say hoping you are successful  
I Remain

Yours Sincerely  
H.R. Booth.

P.S.

I have enclosed a cutting from  
an old paper re my mother's marriage  
also a menu card of the Hotel which  
my mother and father kept when I was  
a very small boy will you please return  
some of the pictures seen if they are of  
any use to you

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Dear Mr Booth,

Thank you very much for your kind answer to my enquiry concerning your grandfather. I was interested to see the account of your parents' wedding, and to see the reference there to your grandfather's dancing classes. I return the cutting together with the little menu card which you sent me.

I doubt if I can find anyone near Lakeside who can help me, because the time I am interested in is nearly 100 years ago, but I shall keep up my enquiries when I am next in the Lake district.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely  
T.M.F.