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Lady Victoria Grange MBE  
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Dear Lady Grange

I discovered at the will reading of my ninety five years old aunt Celia that, as well as a small annuity, she had left me her beloved bureau, with its contents as a memento of our familial friendship. After a stiff gin and tonic, I started going through the drawers and little hidey holes and among my discoveries were a cache of letters tied up with pink ribbon stashed in a hidden nook. Intrigued I gently unfolded them and discovered that they had been written by a Richard Grange who was serving at the front during the First World War. In one missive he said that her letters drew him back to their happy time at Applecross in the months leading up to the war and helped to remind him why he was fighting, which is why I am writing to you as I believe you are his sister. His letters end suddenly in 1920 and my aunt never mentioned Richard in our endless conversations about her life and I was curious why, as his letters are so loving and kind.

Do you know what happened and did Richard keep her letters. I understand Applecross has been the family home for several generations and they may have survived in a cupboard or drawer somewhere. If so, I would love to see them.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Celia Dunn (I was given my aunt's name)

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1<sup>st</sup> July, 1985

Dear Mrs Dunn

The past is the past. Goodbye

Yours faithfully

Lady Victoria Grange