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Dear Ian, Thanks very much for your welcome letter & card also for the typing. I should not criticise other people's writing, as mine is getting "unreadable" lately. I have had trouble with my eyes for about 3 years now. (It is probably "double vision", as the ~~left~~ words all seem to jump about and cover each other, when I read or write. I can still see "long distance" so far, thank goodness, so I can still watch the "Televison & it", thank goodness, so please excuse it, if it gets worse! I went to my daughter's house last week end (about 2 miles away) ever since my husband died (2 years ago) I have been going up there nearly every other week-end (from a Friday till a Sunday) (She works in a hospital & has to work every other weekend) Last week my elder son & his wife, came up, just for the Saturday. They live in Surrey (over 80 miles away) I showed them the family tree documents, & they took one for Tony, & Brenda has also kept one. But I hadn't noticed ^{as} I am very

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I am so confused lately, that you had
made one or 2 mistakes! Benjamin Neas married
Isabella Davidon and you put
Dear something else, on some of them! I can
welc. hardly understand the USA ones at all,
I sh. am getting an awful "dunderhead" lately!
write. My mother must have married Mr. Paton
I had after all (I got dubious about it), but he
about devinately divorced her, shortly after
visio Kenneth was born, as he came to the door
jump one day, with a solicitor & the midwife,
I read my mother. I answered the door (I was about
dista 16 years old then) & I recognised him straight
can away, as there ~~was~~ were so many family
good photographs about the house, & he was on
dwoe nearly all of them! (I had not seen him
last apart from that once) since he came out of
since the army in about 1918) she did not contest
I had the divorce. He was a clerk in a big news paper
other office in Newcastle. He must have been a good
She man, as he sent money regularly all through
every the years for my mother & my "peep" right
Satu until the divorce was made final. I have 3 children
mule She was then called Mrs Paton, & we
tree were all known as Paton.
Tony "Auntie" May, was a spinster & always lived
But with her parents & always lived with them
until they had both died. She was
one of my mother's elder sisters. Her
proper name, was "Mary" She is
mentioned in the "family tree" and

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"Benny" whose proper name
was "Francis" was the eldest
girl I think, & she went to
USA and was married to my "Uncle
Sam", who was Samuel Scott (Cousin
Nancy's father) My "Uncle Fred" was
Frederick ~~was~~ who also went to USA
and was the father of Cousin Marget,
"Freddy" whom I suppose was called
Frederick, & "Benny", who I suppose was
called Benjamin (after ^{my} grandfather)
(We always shortened people names
where we lived perhaps you don't)

I have not seen my "sister" Brenda
since 1944. During the war, she married
an "Air Force" Officer & "Pathfinder" but when she
was 9 months pregnant, with her first and only
child, Christopher she had a letter to
say her husband was missing & presumed dead.
She heard after the war was over, that his
plane was shot down in flames & some
Dutch people looked after him until he died.
(She just sends me a card at Imab, & once in
two or three years, a letter.)

None of us have either seen or heard

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from Kenneth for about 30 years, so we don't
know whether he is dead or alive! He treated
us very badly really, as, on the day of my
mother's funeral (I think I told you that she
married a Cambridge man, then died 15 months
afterwards) I brought him ^(Kenneth) down to Surrey
to bring him up with us (My daughter was
just 5 weeks old then) He lived with us for
5 years (I was always very fond of him)
Otherwise my step father was going to put
him in a "home". However, I had my second
child (Len) 2 years afterwards, & from then
onwards, things went from "bad to worse" for
us, & my husband was always "out of work"
so I put Kenneth in a "home for children of
broken families", as much as I hated to.
(He was then 9 1/2 yrs old) They kept him
there till he was 11, then put him in
a "Naval training school" (He was in 3
naval schools altogether) until he was
allowed to join the Navy "Proper".
He joined up for 29 years, ^{when he was 18} & when
in England, he spent all his

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leaves" with us. But later her married
a Welsh girl, & was posted to Malta.
(I was never permitted to meet her.)
They went to live in Valetta (Malta)
& must have been married about
4 years I think. They had 2 children,
a boy & then a girl, & when the
children were about 3 yrs old & 2 years
old, his wife got some sort of kidney
Disease. (I can't think of the name
of it) Anyhow she died, & he brought
them to England, & put them in a
"home". We never even saw them,
he paid for their "keep" for a while,
then stopped, & deserted them.
We have never heard where he
went or anything.

I still feel sorry for him, as I was
always very fond of him, but he
seemed all his life, to get tossed
from "Pillar to post" I think ~~he~~ ^{he} is
54 yrs old now, if he is still alive.

Well I must close now, hope you
will excuse all my mistakes. I hope
the wedding will turn out alright.
Give my love to your wife & family
Yours
Shelme

