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Although we have never met, you will probably recognise my name and know that we are cousins: I understand that my mother, Dorothy, and you are first cousins.

I am doing research on the family history and have been in touch with various members of the family, including Dorotte Cooke, to whom I wrote a few weeks ago. Mother has just given me your address and I am now writing to ask if you could very kindly help with any details of Woolleys, Carmichaels and Becks. So far as the Woolleys are concerned, I have brief details of William Woolley's children but no details of William Woolley himself or his forebears. On the Carmichael side, I have no details about your grandmother, Gemacina Carmichael or her ancestors. I understand there is a connection with the Carmichael Earls of Hyndford and I have a fairly full tree of the first three Earls. But there is a big gap in between. I apologise for imposing myself on you in this way, but if there is anything you can tell me about the family I should be most interested to know and very grateful.

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