

27 Nov.

Floweran,
Scapa,
KIRKWALL,
Orkney,
Scotland

Dear John,

It is a long time since I last wrote you, but at long last I have got down to pen and paper. It will soon be three years since our father died and with him seemed to go that link between us. He looked forward to hearing from Canada, and he actually was the means of my writing you in the first place. However, I am making a fresh start, and hope that we will be able to continue our correspondence.

I am sending you a book called 'The New Orkney Book' describing

life in these islands of ours. There²
was an original Orkney Book
which, unfortunately has been out
of print for some time. I have
been on the lookout for an inter-
esting book on Orkney for quite
a while, so send on to you, just
to give some idea of what this place
is like. I have put a dot of red
ink on the spot where Foveran is
situated, overlooking Scafa Bay.
A lovely place during the summer
months but rather bleak in winter.

It is actually beginning to
snow now and the wind is rising
which gives an indication of stormy
weather ahead.

To return to the book, I hope
that you will enjoy reading it,

and as the children grow up I ³
hope that they too will enjoy it
as they read about the land of their
forefathers. You will see Lamb Holm
(pronounced Ham) across from St.
Marys. In our father's time there,
there was no roadway across to
the Holm, so they had to resort
to the small boat and cross a
side running from six to eight
knots.

We were very pleased to have
the photograph of you and Joan
and the children. We hope to
have a family picture some time
in the not too distant future,
just to give you some idea of
what your relatives look like this
side of the Atlantic.

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Incidentally, I met an Orkney couple on holiday from Vancouver, where they had lived for 29 years. They are Stout to name and belong to the island of Westray.

Well, this is not a very long letter, but I do hope that you will enjoy this link with Orkney again.

With kind regards to yourself and Joan. Give our love to the children and as you read this book you will be able to describe Orkney to them,

Archie & Lily.

