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My dear Mrs Winfield.

As a matter of personal interest and also to trace back to our Cragiehall connection, I have tried to locate my father's eldest sister from whom an aunt of mine received a letter last in 1920. They were in regular correspondence before that date.

My father was David Henry Stewart and had two brothers viz John and Benjamin. He also had two sisters.. Minnie and Frances. The latter was the elder. Minnie died a number of years ago but Frances or Fanny, as I said, was in London in 1919-20 and I hope is still alive and well. I want to get into touch with her if possible.

She married a Mr Winfield of Newcastle and had a son named Stewart Winfield and a daughter Ethel Winfield. (NO!)

My grandfather David Turnbull Stewart owned property etc in Newcastle and at Jesmond, traded with the West Indies and also ran a horse Jeey Jones which won the Northumberland Plate in 1861. He must have been pretty well known. He married Frances Middleton. The Middletons too are a well known Northumbrian family.

Col Burten Stewart who is both a friend and a distant cousin by Cragiehall descent wrote to me a few days ago and mentioned that he had tried to trace Frances Winfield but had discovered your

address and had learnt from you that you had a cousin Charlie. From this it appears to me that there is a strong probability of your being related to Fanny Winfield nee Fanny Stewart my aunt. That is to say your husband must be the ~~son~~<sup>nephew</sup> of the brother who married Frances Stewart my aunt.

I would be both interested and grateful if you would very kindly put me into touch with your aunt Fanny Winfield, telling her that I am the only son of her brother David Henry and that I am making these enquiries with the view to connect up the family tree with the David Stewart of Cragiehall and Newhalls who was disinherited by his father in 1721.

It is just a matter of family pride, perhaps some may call it family foolishness, but the fact remains that we (our particular branch of the Stewarts) are the senior of all of the name according to Burke and Mackerlie the genealogists, as Cragiehalls.

I am trying to collect documentary proof by way of birth certificates etc of my father right back to Cragiehall days.

Perhaps Aunt Fanny may be able to let me have some traditions connecting us with Cragiehall which is near Edinburgh in Fife. Also I should like to know from her what her grandfather's christian names were and the name of his wife and where married if she knows.

I will in all probability be returning to England for good in November 1935. If I may, I should love to come and call; my wife & I will probably stay in the South of France for some time.

*Charles Middleton-Stewart*