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27/12/31 Glasgow U.S.

Dear Brothers &amp; Sisters

It is terrible hard to have to tell you that Poor Brother Archie has passed away from amongst us after many months of suffering He passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4.20 A.M & it was a peaceful ending. He was like a child in his sleep. We sat up day & night for the past 10 weeks Mary came up every second night. He was just a living skeleton at the last & we were thankful to God to see him at rest. He wanted for nothing & I know I did my duty. Before he look so ill I was very ill myself & he was in a sore state for fear anything would happen to me. I was given up by two Dr's But thank God I got over it & now I am down again but I think I will pull through again. I would have written last week only I was not able. Dinnon dear I will now try to give you an account of the funeral. We had to keep him in Partick till Sunday. We left the house at 6.15 A.M for the Central Station. We left Central at 7.15 A.M landed in Oban at 12.30 We were in Oban all night. We left Oban at 6 A.M Monday for Tiree. My could not tell us if we could make Tiree or not but they said they would land there if it was in their power as they knew the Lamont Boys & especially poor Archie & it turned out to be a lovely day. When they were taking the remains aboard the mail the mate gave orders shoulder if possible & he was lifted in & out. We landed in Tiree at 12 noon a glorious day & there we were met by the Cousins acting as Brothers who carried him shoulder high from

the Boat to the head of the Pier a distance  
of nearly a quarter of a mile. At the Head was  
Cousin John Mc Donald & Cousin Flora's Son  
Alastair Mc Neil. At the feet were Cousin James  
Mc Donald on other side was Alex Mc Lean  
that was by John Mc Kenzie Leslie's Son. His  
father belonged to the "Green". He took Cousin  
John Lamont's place as he was a little taller  
Neil Kennedy's Son John was there with his  
motor Car to meet the remains & Cousin  
James took us in his motor Car to Ball  
Vulkin. I gave Cousin John a Bottle & he  
gave each a drink at the Pier head. Then  
was the custom of the Place. They had another  
one when we landed at the house of a good  
hearty Tea. All the friends were there to  
meet us. I took everything home with us  
in the eating time except Biscuits & Cheese  
that I got from Cousin Donald. Well on Tuesday  
it was like a day in the summer with the  
Sun shining for the Funeral. They turned  
out from near & far about 60 persons  
They got the surprise of their lives some  
of them. Cousin Donald was the head &  
Cousin John Lamont was at the feet. When  
they landed at the grave my Husband took  
the Head as he went with James in the  
motor as they did not want him to walk  
so Cousin John Lamont was still at  
the feet at the graveside. John Kennedy  
with his motor took Cousin John &  
Alastair Mc Neil who were at the  
opening of the grave & they did their  
work well all the mourners got 2  
rounds of whisky Biscuits & Cheese at the

grave & that is the highest they give  
& those that came home got another one  
& their gear & for their gear I had  
a great big roast of mutton & Boiled  
ham. So I can assure they were all  
well fed. Before we landed home  
some of them were saying. I would  
not take him to Tiree. But when the  
remains landed at the door, they got  
the biggest surprise of their lives. He  
was not in a cheap black coffin  
but a most lovely oak with brass  
plate & mountings. Cousin James  
said at the Peat when the Box was  
opened. Thank God it's a beauty  
man. So I havnt appranted  
any of my Brothers & Sisters  
alaple; Mc Neils Father told me he  
was always proud of me but this  
crows if all as it was their whole  
talk at the graveside. Of course Tom  
didn't understand one word, but  
he could see them staring at him &  
they all came over & shook hands  
with him. If ever you should see the  
"Roosles" Alex McInnes. He will be able  
to tell you as he was there. There  
was one man from Scarinish & when  
the first of the earth was let down on the  
Coffin he cried out Poor Archibald & when  
he looked round his tears were running  
down that was Hugh Mc Kinnon they

Call him the Maori for a by name  
as he has been a long time in NZ  
you never know your friends till trouble  
comes. In fact everybody was very  
kind. My dear Brother I am telling  
you everything & I am telling the  
others too & if you hear of anything  
I hope you will let me know for  
I have no desire to give you a  
sorrier heart than I can help. In  
fact I would fain keep this letter  
from you, but it is my duty to tell  
you I am trying to do from the  
bottom of my heart what I know  
my Mother & you all would like  
me to do in regards to poor Brother  
Archie. Enclosed is a statement  
of the funeral expenses from the  
time we left the house till we  
arrived at Soraby. & now my  
dear Brother & Sister. This is all  
my news at present & if I have  
forgotten anything important or  
anything you should like to  
know I will do so on my next  
letter if you let me know  
~~many thanks affron~~ Your loving Brothers  
~~Paper for~~ received in) Tom & Marion

## Funeral Expenses

	L.	S	D
Coffin	9.	10.	0.
Remains from House to Station & Taxi	1-	10.	0
Coffin Box		15	0
Special Railway Van to Oban	5	.	0 . 0
Three Railway Fares to Oban	3.	13	. 0
All night in Oban Hotel	1.	0	0
Remains from Oban to Ircie	3.	16	. 0
Three Boat Fares to Ircie	3.	12	. 0
Remains from Ircie to House		10	- -
Tips to Porters who handled Coffin 2d each	3	-	0 - 0
Whiskey, Biscuits & Cheese at Funeral	10.	0	. 0
<u>Total</u>	<u>41.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>0</u>

P.S. Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I thank God all was paid as we went along from beginning to end.  
 Of course Mary paid her own fares & are included in the above expences  
 She also gave me £.3. saying that was all she could give, but it was her share along with the rest.

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Dear Duncan & I

Just a few lines to answer both your letters. In the first place we don't know how to thank you for your kindness to us. It was really too good to do such a kindness to us & things so bad with yourselves, but I trust God you will not miss what you have sent. Well I would have written to you before this in answer to your first letter. Well my reason for that was I had the second letter & the money a full week before I got the first money. I got the order alright but not the money as the advice note went amissing in the Post - but we have now received alright & I did not want to worry you about it. I had a letter from Donald's wife with £10. on the same day as your second letter came. & when I got your money I gave Mary back her £3 for when she gave me that she said if the Boys send you money which I know they will I will take that money back. So she has got it. She has the same income as

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I have & mind I would go hungry before I would ask any of you to send me any money. When people have a home of their own they have enough to do & more than enough at present. Mind I am not grumbling I am very thankful that my man happens to be still working for all they are cutting down wages we will manage to live our short time very comfortable

No doubt you have heard about Donald Archibald Campbell's wife. She died at the end of March. He was only married in the beginning of December. & shortly after he went to sea on a five month cruise & when he was away she died. She belonged to Scarnish & his remains were taken to Tiree but not one of his Brothers or one belonging to him went home in his place. Iow saw him at the Hallion last Thursday night on the train for Oban.

The weather here is very miserable East winds Rain Frost & Snow. in the month of April

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P.S.

Dear Duncan

I would like you to get Brother Archie's Watch Chain, I know you have one of your own. But your son Don, has he got one, if not, you can give it to him. I know brother Donald don't need no more than you & he has no son to wear it & my man don't need it. Mary wanted me to sell it to her. Well, I won't, Herman will never wear it. Poor Archie asked her for my Father's silver chain & she wouldn't give it to him. I know who poor Archie would like to have it.

There is also a new suit of navy Blue clothes two pairs of trowsers that was never on him & If you think you would like to have them let me know on your next letter

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Dear Georgina. Catherine said in her letter  
she was in hospital & had a severe operation  
done but that she feels about all right again  
Will you mind letting me know what was the  
matter with her as I dont like to ask her.  
I hope there was nothing serious wrong  
Well our men drew for their Holidays today  
my man gets his holidays in July & if we are  
able I would like to put Poor Archies name on  
the Stone. But I dont know if I am able to go &  
if so I will be pleased I have done my duty &  
so have you both I may say I am a good bit  
better but I am far from what I would like  
to be however there is no use grumbling. Well  
Duncan I take it from your letter that you are  
both pleased with what I did for Poor Archie  
Well I only did my duty to a Brother  
Just this finds you all in the Best of Health  
also Duncan & the Boys working  
I again thank you for your kindness with  
Love to you all from your loving Sister  
Mary Blair