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Dear Sally

I'm not quite sure how to start with this letter, but your address was given to me by your cousin Julian Maw in the hope that you could perhaps help with tracing back the family line. If I could try and explain, I am the daughter of Walter Senior Maw, your cousin, son of your Uncle Walter! My sister Carol remembers you from childhood days, as I am six years younger than her, my memories are very much vaguer!

My husband Johan and I are attempting to trace back the Maw family and are struggling with one or two points you may be able to help with, although any information you have would be most appreciated. We are in fact back now to the fifteenth century, but records are of course very few and far between. However, it is the more modern names which we are trying to link and the name of Bertha Stubbs seems to be quite a hinge-pin. We understand that your father was the Executor of her will and we would very much like to be able to find a copy as we think it may hold the key to several missing links. Bertha seems to be on a completely different side of our family and we cannot quite find out why she seemed to have been close to our side. I wonder if you could possibly hold a copy of her will in your father's old documents?

Another mystery is what happened to the children of Walter and Lucy Maw, who are uncle and aunt of your father Arthur and we wonder if you have any knowledge of them also?

We could include in the Tree your mother's line/ancestors if you provide us with the relevant details - anything you remember from birth dates, sisters, brothers, any family related to your mother. Maybe we can then from thereon try and look and find out more. Perhaps someone in your family has already done some genealogical work on your mother's side?

We have constructed a website now, detailing the family which - if you have internet access, you could look see it at www.family-maw.co.uk. We are enclosing a very much abbreviated portion of the tree which shows how we are connected and hope you find that to be of interest. We can of course be contacted via email (address shown above), or here in Switzerland. Incidentally, we're in Switzerland because of Johan's work with Nestle, whose head quarters are here. The work looks as if it is coming to a close however, and we shall probably be heading back to the UK sometime this year.

We are very interested in collecting any family histories, anecdotes, pictures etc to make the Tree more than just a collection of names and dates. Your help would be most welcome.

Best wishes

Judith & Johan Lauwens