

Original Image of Margaret Donald's Letter to her cousin, Gov. Patrick Henry of Virginia, 1790

Dear Cousin Aberdeen 13 April 1790

Allow me to put you in mind that I am still numbered amongst the living and would be very happy to hear of you and your whole family - I have writt your sister as kindly several times fears my letters never reach'd her. I had the pleasure to receive one from her and one from your worthy mother be fore her death your sister writt me in that melancholy season of the death of your mother who I sincerely regret your cousin David Henry is still living he is often desiring me to send the history of your relatives in Scotland which I have done again and again as far as I know, as well as of such distance I might not make him understand me that and his ill health prevents him from writing you your grand father name was Mr Henry he married Jean Robertson whose Brother came to Virginia and was living when my dear Mother was with your father Jean Robertson had 3 or 4 sons by your father and the Person of honor three daught who are dead long ago there is children living with the 2 or 3 or 4 and my self to trace the rest is out of my knowledg - as I am a stranger

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at home my mothers name was Jean Henry David Han
 Father was your ^{grand} father uncle my mother
 your Aunt call this I believe you know but my
 cousin would desirous you should know again
 in I hope in return you will send me word
 how all is with you especially those I had the
 pleasure to know first by Jean Friend was married
 the and her family next with Betty Henry and so
 and if you think Mr Buchanan will send
 me and my sister the 2 hundred pound. George
 Donald left us fairly did he promise it should be
 the first paid with interest when his lands was sold
 I have been at some expense sending papers for
 my sister and self but since they were sent led
 the notice of them coming so that it was to be
 missed at all as I said who was in Virginia
 at my brothers death desired me to apply to his
 brother or sonnet and he would do every thing
 in his power to him I sent the papers recent
 heard from either it would be kind of you
 to make some inquiry and let me know
 if we are to get it or not indeed it would
 be very reasonable just now back to my
 sister and my self with about half of good debts
 to you and all your relations over sea.

I am with esteem
 your affectionate
 cousin ^{James} Donald



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