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My dear family,

I am finishing up this 22 year task with the transcription of the Memoirs of my Cousin Sgt. John Arthur "Art" Trace, who was an R.C.M.P. Officer for 25 years back in the good old days, and the transcription of my Grandpa Levi Mark Trace's Journal from 1901. Levi was then 18 years old, and only weighed 92 ½ pounds, but was dealing with bone cancer in his arm, yet still kept up with all his farm chores, and even had a job selling books. Both these men have been an inspiration, and in the case of Art a real joy to have met, and to continue to communicate with.

I have also enclosed a final updated dedication page for your books and your personal pedigree sheets, as I've done all I can now and it's time to pass this on to my granddaughter Christina. Please keep her updated on any new births or marriages, as well as the passing's as this tree of ours continues to expand. There are 102,443 of us in all now, with 47,428 of those are "Close Kin", and we must remember that this whole thing started with Roy's 3000 very close kin.

The best part of doing this was discovering our true roots through the DNA testing, as we now know that we are the descendants of **Sir Hugo Dunhogenus "Hugh" Tracy** and **Lady Hennine Tracy**. He comes down from the ancient **Kings of Scythia**, and she from the Normans of Normandy, France who were **Vikings**, descended from the early **Kings of Norway**. No wonder we have been tough enough to survive all these centuries since this couple married in about 1450 in Rathcoole, Wicklow, Ireland. We are obviously made of stern stuff!

I'm thankful to have had this to keep me busy all this time, and I must admit I am feeling a bit weird this morning not turning on the laptops and "going to work". Retirement does not come easy to anyone, but at least I still have an old oil painting to finish. For now I am going to try to take a day or 2 "off", as I have not had a vacation since 1972, and haven't even left this town since the forest fire evacuation in 2003. Don't know what I'll do yet, as I am still too ill with this long term pneumonia, but I'm sure I'll come up with something like a "Downton Abbey" binge.

Stay happy! Stay healthy, and stay safe,

Love & hugs,

Windy☺

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