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Dear Susan, Peg and Margaret,

Last year, I tried to start some genealogical correspondence with Susan. I fear that either my letter disappeared in the post or that, in the nature of things, my letter is stuck in that big pile which we all have - waiting until we get some time!

Anyway, I have discovered a small amount of information concerning the Woolf Family which I thought might interest all of you (unless you already know about it). If anybody does have the time and information to pursue our joint family histories then please do correspond with me.

I was in Glasgow a few days ago and took the opportunity to look at the 1891 census. I was looking at Hospital Street in the Gorbals - expecting to find some members of the SPILG family. I found some WOOLFs instead.

1891 Census reference 644-12 enumeration district 65  
13 Hospital Street

Name	Age	Occupation	If employed	Where born
Abraham WOOLF	31	tailors presser	employed	Russia
Betsy WOOLF wife	22			Russia
Sarah WOOLF dtr	2			England
Solomon WOOLF son	1			Lanarkshire
Rebecca WOOLF dtr	12 mths			Lanarkshire

Bearing in mind what I remember of your family, I was intrigued by the fact that Sarah was born in England and that Rebecca was already born.

I did some more research and discovered that there was a SARAH WOOLF born in Whitechapel, London whose birth was registered in 1889/quarter-2 under reference 1c296. It would be necessary to buy the birth certificate to confirm the parents names. It is interesting that this would prove that the Woolf family came to London initially before (for soem reason) going to live in Glasgow.

At first I assumed that Rebecca was Susan's grandmother - but I realised that Rebecca was born in 1890 whereas Susan indicated that Getrude Rebecca was born c.1895. Furthermore, a family story is that Gertrude Rebecca was a contemporary and friend of MY grandmother Fanny Spilg nee Cohen who was born in 1894. So I think that baby Rebecca must have died and that Gertrude was given Rebecca as a middle name in memoriam. (does this ~~ma~~ match any facts?)

By way of clarification, let me start by explaining that I am a grandson of George Spilg (403) - one of the "three brothers Spilg". I was born in Glasgow in 1948, son of Winifred (Winnie) Spilg (504) and Freddie Ross. I am number 601! (these are numbers on Susan's wonderful family tree)

I have lived in London since 1959, and am married to Jacqui nee Mothew. Our daughters are Nicola (nearly 16) and Georgina (13). I work for the Shell Oil Company - doing computer management work. (I make extensive use of a PC to record family history data)!

When my Mother died in 1982 - she left a small folder containing correspondence that she particularly treasured. One of the items was an envelope containing Susan's letter of 1978. Her Brother (my uncle, Walter Spilg 507) had sent it to her after receiving it via Syd Balarsky. Susan's letter stimulated my interest in genealogy.

Sincerely,

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