

7 School Lane
Blue Town
Sheerness

Kent

Dear Cousin
Agness

28 Nov
1942
England

I received your welcome letter yesterday 27 Nov. about the change of name I did hear that Uncle Frank was staying with us & on Mother going up stairs Uncle Frank had gone to sea & when at last found he had gone to America, we went out there & stayed 12 months, & came home I had a tidy few letters from your Father & we went out to Detroit 1912 The 2nd of May & is my wife's birthday also

2 | now the change (2
of name from Bubb to
Asbury being a Cousins name
Grandma was at a Theatre
according to all accounts &
she was in a box &
in the play was a Mrs Bubb
I suppose she did not like
the name & changed it
the stage manager I suppose
was told about it & they
said that a lady was in
the box & objected to the
play I was young & that's
what I heard anyway My
Grand Father changed it
to Bubb Asbury My Father
married in the name Asbury
Father's name was Henry James
so our first boy was named
after the two Brothers

3) Francis Henry, games (3
being left out I can
remember your Father he
carried me when we got off
the sailing ship 3 months
going out & 4 months coming
back I can remember the
Boat & the sailors pumping
in the evening we took out
500 Irish I remember a
man on a bench eating a
bowl of soup while the
sailors pumped & I remember
the bunk we slept in, if
I could remember things I
want too as good as that
I should reckon I had a
good head piece but I
cannot

4 my Stanza on the
Train

Here we go fast or slow
according to the stokers firing
& the trees fly by in the
valley below & the scenes
we are admiring

its a picture is it not.

I still have something to say
about the family when G Father &
Grandmother died £80 was found

Grandmother sunk a sum
of money in the National Debt
she died soon after. My Father
wanted her to buy two houses
& they would have rented one
but she would not, so the
money went to the National
Debt.

5) if at anytime (5)
you should go to Detroit
& call on our Family Edith
will show you Grand Mothers
water Colour Portrait fairly
large its very beautifully done
by Prag a fine artist she
was a Lady pianist singer
& artist in wool you could
see that she done at Bordley
school at 12 years of age
also a letter to her parents
& Grand fathers just small
framed by my Father now
Father done a bust of me
at year 1 & 6 months old we
left at Victoria ad by mistake

I have read the Life of
Dr Johnson by Boswell. Father

(c) of the Life of Ruskin
of Lord Nelson etc. &
Books on London which
interests me greatly & artistic
life John Ruskin is my
delight I mean his books

I received your lovely
xmas card & your lovely portrait
Grand Father had the freedom
of London & he had a seal



The arrows are the city of
London coat of arms

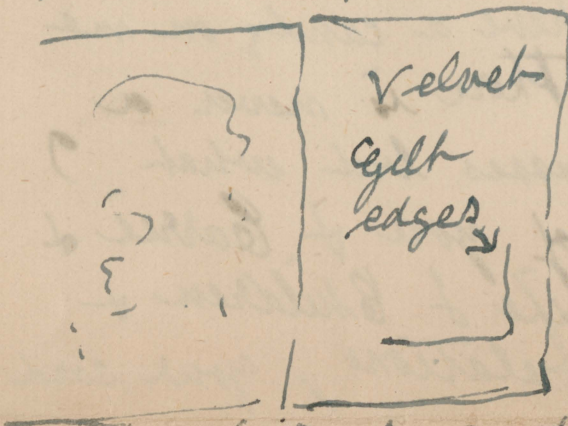


The gold ring looks
like a piece of soda
if you should go

to Detroit at any time Edith will
show them to you. all xmas
cards sold out. Carries address
is 1. North of Milton Nr Sittingbourne
Kent E.

7) I just received a parcel
from Edith two bottles of
candy's. a note says Dear
Daddy have a candy on me
Edith, There is never a
day passes but what I
think of you & Carrie &
my Wife & Children &
other relations, your card
& picture came 23 Dec 1942
just in time for Christmas
when we can get our
pictures taken I will get
some done for you & Edith
at present you cant get
them. I think in fact I
am almost sure I have
in Detroit a photograph
of your Dadd on glass

g) in a case I can (8
from what I can
remember of it it is coloured



Velvet
Gilt
edges

nearly
as
large
as this
page

ask Edith to send it to you
if she can find it
she would be glad to
send it to you I
shall be writing to her
soon. I will remind her
of it - well lots of love
& kisses from your
affectionate Cousin
Fred Ashby

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