

# Mabel Duncklee Letters.

Reproduced here are letters received by TIGHAR from Mabel Duncklee (former married name Larremore) in 1990. Ms. Duncklee is since deceased. Street address and phone number have been intentionally rendered in soft focus.



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PATRICA THRA SHER

Richard R. Gillespie

I have been trying for about 1 1/2 years to get your mail address, or phone no. with no success, until now,

I hope I at least have the correct mail address.

But the phone no I was given by Bill Kaczor, who did that appear in a Florida News Paper, a AP article on your trying to find AMELIA AIRHART PLANE. Well I started in the Spring of 89 trying to get in touch with your organization with no luck, even called the Chamber of Commerce in Williamington, they told me they had never heard of your group.

Then I saw Richard on T.V. Current Event Program Hosted by Marry Povich, I tried calling the show, no luck, wrote a letter with a return envelope. Nothin,

so now I'm hoping for better luck here.

I think I can give you information that might help you find what you are looking for. I understand you are planning another trip in Sept of 91.

I'll tell you now I heard her SOS loud and clear on that night so long ago. Not just once but many times. So if you are interested in what I can tell you get in touch by phone 802-439-5379. let it ring several times I'm eighty four years of age, so a little slow getting to the phone or drop me a note, and give your phone no, AND BEST TIME TO CALL.

Sincerely

MABLE E. DUNCKLEE  
CORINTH, V.T.

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To Patricia Thrasher & Richard R. Gillespie

I can not believe yet that I finally talked to Patricia  
This A.M. After all the Months I've been trying to get in  
touch.

But I am not going to try to write the information  
that I want to give you. Reason it will take too long  
for me to do it now. So I'm sending the certified  
letter that was returned to me. And tell you as I feel up  
to it and have the time I will try to write it out for you.  
It will be in two parts.

Have a lot to do in the next few days to get ready for  
winter. So will have to wait until a few things are  
accomplished first

I sincerely

Mable Duncklee

To Patricia Thrasher & Richard R. Gillispie

First Part  
on The First Night of Amelia Earhart's Disappearance  
I heard her SOS loud and clear. Not on the Frequency but on  
one President Roosevelt said she might use.  
Her Message stated The Plane Was down on an uncharted  
Island. Small un inhabited.

The Plane Was Partially on land Part in Water.

She gave the Latitude and Longitude of her Location.

I listened to her for 30- to 45-Minutes. after Waking my  
Family to also Listen. Two Sons and My Husband.  
(all three now Deceased.)

and I had Called our local Paper to let them listen to her  
Message also. When one member of the family Reminded me that  
Our President had asked that No one give out any information  
of they heard anything, as it might endanger her life

I heard her Message Around two. 2 AM daylight Saving time  
from my Home in Amarillo, Texas.

She stated that Her Navigator Fred Noonan Was seriously  
Injured. Needed help Immediatly. She also had some Injuries.

But not as Serious as Mr Noonan.  
my family and myself decided not to discuss this with any one  
The Government of the U.S.A. Was Supposed to take care of  
Everything. So did not even listen for any later  
Messages from her.

I'm Sorry I can no longer Remember the Latitude and  
Longitude of the Island. with that we had no trouble locating  
on Map Next day.

I had it all written down but over the years, a lot of Moves  
a Second Marriage it has been lost. I have tried to think of some  
Way that I could Remember that important information. have not  
Come With The Answer. Sorry. Sincerely Mable E. DUNCKLEE

SECOND PART.

Told to me by my Eldest Son. He also heard her SOS.

He served twenty years in the Navy Air Corp ten years in the Reserves. land based most of his service.

Was in Hawaii when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor. Most of his service was in the South Pacific from Hawaii to Australia.

So this is what he told me the last time I saw him. Which was in the late Seventies. About 78 I believe.

On a week end pass he visited a small Island. Native people. Some one took him to the Island Cemetery. Showed him a well kept grave, the resting place of Amelia Earhart. The people there had found her and plane and Fred Noonan on a small island where the natives went to fish. They had no motor power so could not move the plane to the island where they lived. They had rafted to the island. They had removed from the plane things they could use. Mr Noonan died from his injuries.

Amelia Earhart was transported to the island. Where she recovered from her injuries. and was on the island for quite awhile before she became ill and passed away.

I have no reason to doubt my son's story. And it is the only time the subject was ever discussed after the night of her SOS.

Sincerely  
Mable E. Duncklee

I hope this may  
help in some way  
GOOD LUCK