

Tuesday afternoon
Sept. 13, 1983

Dear Robert and Coia:

I almost gave up on trying to find any information about Gus Falt because I have called Mrs Fitts and Geraldine Falt Sanders at least twice every day since I received your letter.

All the old Guardians have been put on ~~Micro-film~~ ^{Film} and I had to run them on the machine. As I only remembered Gus I could not remember the year but I do remember the Terrible Tragedy. I could not remember if it was ^{summer} or ^{winter}.

Just before it was time for the Library to close this afternoon, I found the notice of death (after spending my 3rd afternoon there.)

This won't give you any definite date of birth but it is the best I can do. I did not copy the death notice word for word as it was time for the Library to close.

The Hampton County Guardian
is dated Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1931

Funeral Services ~~were held~~ for
Mustava Falk, 22 year old youth,
killed on December 30, were held on
Jan 1, interment taking place in The
Beach Branch Cemetery, Suray. The
Rev. W. J. Swindell conducted the
services.

It gave a very nice account of how
well he was liked and it was a shock
to the community. It also stated that he
had traveled a lot and had only recently
returned to his home in Suray.

He was the son of ^{the late} J. H. and Jessie
Mears Falk, a fine upstanding family in
the community.

It mentioned Coye Falk of Suray, a
brother, G. W. Falk of Jacksonville, Fla. another
and Miss Geraldine Falk of Fairport sister
Geraldine married Sanders and
she is still in Fairport but I have not

been able to get her on the phone.
and I did not know until today she was his sister.

Saturday, I wrote Mrs. Henry Jett and
Geraldine Sanders and asked them to
give me the information you want
so they may send it to you direct. I'm
sure they will not know me but I
did give them the dates you gave me.

I'm sorry but I did not know anything
about this family, in fact I had never
heard of anyone until I met Gus at
grandfather's house. Mother never talked
about any of her people. I knew Aunt
Janie and had seen Leon a few times -
I never saw Aunt Mollie or any of her
children. I know she married
Stadmor and had a son and a daughter.

Mother did mention Mahala and Margurite
but I did not know either of them
until a few years ago.

You see we lived near my father's
people and I was very close to them.
The only had 10 going to Mexico. Last
week not 4 of them decided they could not

is away from work on the first of the month and we have decided to go sometime later on. I have been away almost the summer long and need to get a lot of things done and am glad the trip has been postponed. Anyway I've been there and anytime later will be better for me. I'm just plain tired.

I only saw Gus twice before he was killed but he was a person I wish I could have known. He was most interesting to talk with and had a good personality and was a handsome young man. I was in college at the time and home for Christmas holidays. I remember it was a shock to me but I did not know any of the family. At that time I honestly did not know there was any family connection and I always thought until very recently that Aunt Jessie was Uncle Ellison's Wife. You see I have a picture of Aunt Janie and Aunt Jessie together.

Come to see me anytime you can -

The old saying "Ignorance is no excuse", but I never had any reason to ask, when I thought grandfather had 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Love,
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