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Dear Yvonne,

Hope Dennis is getting better fast, and in good spirits. I am returning the three photos of grandpa's grave. Thank you for sending them, looking at them, brought a few questions to my mind.

First--since grand-ma died before him, so he would have been there for her burial, why is her grave not adjacent to his?

Second--Where is her tomb-stone?

Third--since I could not help noticing that he died on my birthdate. why did mama never mention this to me? The tomb-stone lists his death as December 15, 1917. I was born exactly ten years later on December 15, 1927.

This also changes what mama told me. That is, that her father died when she was ten years of age. Since she was born on February 14, 1904. She would have been 13 years and 19 months. Quite a difference.

Mama also said her father was from Lisbon, Portugal.

Gonsalves/Gonzales/Gonzalez is a very common Iberian Peninsula sur-name. Very much like Smith or Jones.

All of the above leads me to conclude that the grave-site is not of our grand-father. There are too many discrepancies here.

The next time you write to Edith, please question them. Why would they not bury him by his deceased wife? Also his son, who had never married and died at age 25. It doesn't make sense. Does Edith know where grand-ma was buried? Can she send you a picture of her tomb-stone? Has anyone such as Aunt Georgiana, a witness, (now deceased) ever pointed this exact grave to Edith? Or, did Edith merely come upon this grave and assumed it was her grand-father?

Love to all  
I love you,  
Mary