Mabel Duncklee Letters.

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

PATRICIA THRASHER
Richard R. Hillespie

Aug 23 - 90

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 Kazor, who did that appear in a Florida Newspaper, 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 Wilmington, they told me they had Never heard of Your Group.

Then I saw Richard on T.V. Current Event Program Hosted by Maury Povich, I tried Calling the show, No luck, While a letter With a Return Envelope, Nothing.

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.

Tell You now I heard here so so 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. DUNGLEcue
CORINTH, V.T.
Sept 18–90

Aircraft Historic Recovery Group
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To Patricia Thrasher & Richard R. Gillespie

I can not believe 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.

Sincerely

Mable Duncklee
To Patricia Thrasher & Richard R. Tillapie

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 and uninhabited.

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, if 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 immediately. She also had some injuries but not as serious as Mr. Noonan.

My family and myself decided not to discuss this with anyone. 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 things 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 Seventy. About 78 I believe.
On a week end pass he visited a small island. Native
people. Some one took him to the island Cemetery. Should him
a well kept grave. the resting place of Amelia Earhart.
The people there had found her and plane and Ted 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 removed 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