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Dear Sir,

As I was born in Dornoch
seventy six years ago, I would like
to tell you about my late grandfather
Mr Thomas Mackay Sandcroft-
Dornoch, a son of the late Mr &
Mrs John Mackay he was born in
1842 at Ospisdale Farm in the
parish of Creich where his father
was then serving as ploughman
with the late Mr Gilchrist
He received his education at
Larachan public school and
when a lad of 15 years came
with his parents to the farm
of Pitgurdy Dornoch, where
along with his father he served
as ploughman with the late
George McIntosh. For many -



years he drove the mail coach from Dornoch, to the mound when the contract was held by the late George McInosh.

When the service ceased on the opening of the Dornoch Light Railway my grandfather took over the Sunday weekly service, on his own, up till the — discontinuance of the Sunday mail train

He also carried on a coach hiring establishment, and with the advent of the motor car, built extensive garage — accommodation, and developed a motor hiring business which, however was considerably affected when the ~~(garage)~~ general passenger bus service opened



up in the north.

He was the first to run a bus service between Dornoch and Ardgay; He also earned on a successful coal merchants business.

He was also a very keen curler and bowler.

Yours sincerely
Annie Sharkey. (Mrs)

P.S. I was in Dornoch for two weeks in June, and visited your Museum. It brought back many memories