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BELGRAVE

TAMWORTH STAFFS

Hello Charlie

Your reference to the house you were born in you are a little liar but you can be forgiven because you don't know where you were born or in fact who you really are: if you would like to know you were born in a caravan so was I. It was a good one it belonged to the gypsy Queen who was my auntie you were born on the Black Patch in Smethwick near B'ham so was I two and a half years later your mum did wire (?) again with her dad's circus and later settled down in London but whereabouts I don't know, no Charlie this is not someone trying to blackmail or extort money from you I have no use for money I think I am the only one alive who can tell you what you have been wondering about for so many years you had a hard life as a kid so did I knew about you but only by accident I listened to a conversation between my mother and one of my aunts you were mentioned in it they thought I was asleep my father was Captain J J Hill a trainer of Wild Beasts I know that for a fact because I saw him in the cages with some lions and tigers in Pat Colling's [sic] Fair on the Serpentine ground at Wilton* He did not see me but it proved a lot that they said anyway you have my address and phone No 66786 I am all right and comfortable and sitting pretty thanks to me send me the date of your birthday and I will send you a card. I don't smoke drink or gamble

Here's goodbye and good luck

Jack Hill