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GRANDPA BULBROOK

By Sandra Penrose

On Saturday mornings, I'd find him
Sitting up in bed, arms white-sleeved in
Long underwear, while letters from
Australia spilled across blankets
Covering him. His tea steaming on
The bedside table, he would tell me
Stories of our relatives, long gone
From Canada, who had a store called,

“BULBROOK AND SONS.”

I listened to our family tales
With eight-year-old Bulbrook ears, wanting
To hear more about the long-lost, distant
Cousins, not knowing that I would be
Hard-of-remembering. “Speak louder!”
I'd shout now across eternity,
If only it would help me to hear
Grandfather's stories once again...
And write them down.