

Granddaughter Jerri's Watch

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Book I of [The Survival Files](#) contains an exceptionally evidential case titled “From Boys to Woman” that concerned information triggered by “Uncle Jerry’s Watch” [see [case #10](#)]. No doubt, my attention was first caught by the similarity of the names, but the case of “Granddaughter Jerri’s Watch” is evidential enough to stand on its own.

Dianne Arcangel relates this story from personal experience. I don’t see how I could improve upon her delivery, so here it is in her own words:¹

“Jerri and I had been classmates since elementary school. By appearance and personality, we were as opposite as a photograph and its negative. Whereas she had dark hair, skin, and eyes, I was blonde, blue-eyed, and fair. She was an introvert and never interested in extracurricular activities; I was extroverted and in the middle of everything. Our similarities, however, were our basic values. We both were remarkably involved in our church and wanted to be missionaries. Like mine, Jerri's formative years were in the arms of an adoring grandmother.

“I was delighted to see Jerri waving at me from the other side of our high school's campus after the Christmas break. She ran up to me. ‘I found this watch from Grandma! I found this watch from my grandma!’ she squealed, holding her wrist in front of my eyes. Jerri pulled me away from the concourse and began again.

“I have to tell you. My grandma ... she had a heart attack and ... ah, she ... ah ... you know ... passed away before Christmas. We were all so sad that we hardly had any Christmas at all.

“But that night, Grandma came to me in a dream and told me to go get my present from her. She said she’d wrapped it and hidden it away. The next morning, when I told my mom and grandpa, Mom said, ‘It was just a dream.’ My grandpa teased me, ‘What? She'd better’ve gotten me something too.’ He was laughing about it, but it seemed so real to me. I looked and looked everywhere but I couldn’t find any present, so I knew Mom was right — it was just a dream.

“I was looking out my window that night, trying to sleep, and I could’ve sworn I saw my grandma shining through the top of the trees, coming from the moonlight. That may sound weird, but then I heard her say, ‘Go get your present before something happens to it. It's a watch. Look in the bottom of my big sewing box in the back of the closet, in the spare bedroom. Dump all the material out. You'll see it — it's wrapped in a red and green box.’ Next morning when I told my mother, she said, ‘Oh go on,’ just like that. She didn't even look up from her newspaper. But my grandpa said, ‘Let's go see!’ He was laughing again, running in front of me, to the back bedroom closet. We took all her scraps out of the box, and sure enough, there it was just like she told me, wrapped in red and green paper. You should’ve seen the look on my grandpa’s face — and my mom! Oh my gosh!”

“Jerri giggled.

¹ Taken from Arcangel’s book, [Afterlife Encounters](#). Used by permission.

“Then, holding up her arm to display the slim wristwatch again, she said, ‘I’m so proud of it. Isn’t it beautiful?’

“‘Oh, Jerri, it's elegant, just elegant.’ I answered.

“Although the simple gold watch would have held little value in the marketplace, the joy it brought her was immeasurable.”

ESS Score

Certainty of Discarnate Source: It is theoretically possible that either the mother or the grandfather knew of the watch and the girl was reading their minds; but, in that case, it is inconceivable that they would not have revealed the location of the watch when first she told of her dream. Thus we have information being imparted that was only known by a person who is deceased. In addition, there were two separate appearances in two different ways (dream and vision) that are incongruent with a data bank. CS rating is “p.” CS = 172.

Witness Reliability: The WR rating is “k”, WR = 64.

Character/Complexity of Information: There were four precise bits of information given: the existence of a gift from the grandmother, the gift was a watch, the watch was in a red and green box, and the box was in the sewing basket. This gives an IC rating of “n.” IC = 0.7.

Total ESS Score: $172 + 64 + .7 = 236.7$

For Further Information See: [Afterlife Encounters](#) by Dianne Arcangel, 2005, pages 8-9.

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