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Directions: Katherine Anne Porter uses flashbacks and foreshadowing to show events in both the present and the past in her story, “The Jilting of Granny Weatherall.” This gives the reader background information about the characters.

Listed below are thoughts and events in Granny’s life. If the thought or event happened in the present, type **Present** on the line following it. If it happened in the past and Porter tells about it in one of Granny’s flashbacks, type **Past** on the line. When you are done, reorder the following events as they would have happened in real life.

1. The letters from George and John. _____
2. Granny rides in a wagon with a man she knows. _____
3. Granny’s first lover, George, jilts her at the altar sixty years ago. _____
4. Granny receives satisfaction in the raising of her children. _____
5. Doctor Harry visits Granny. _____
6. Granny blows out the eerie light at the end. _____
7. Granny has made plans to leave certain possessions to her children. _____
8. The priest, Father Connolly visits Granny. _____
9. Granny raises her children alone. _____
10. Granny marries John who dies young. _____
11. Doctor Harry visits Granny when she delivers her first child. _____
12. Granny has milk-leg, and double pneumonia. _____
13. Granny’s child Hapsey dies. _____
14. When Granny was sixty, she made her will and came down with a fever. _____

Reorder the 14 events above in chronological order, i.e., how they would have happened in real life. Start with what you think happened first:

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