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Dear Phyll.

Sorry I have been so long acknowledging your letter of some weeks ago, but time slips away so quickly, & I happened to be away for a few weeks when it arrived.

Was very sorry to hear of your Mother's accident & can only hope & pray that she will make a good recovery. Of course she has reached a great age and old bones take a lot of mending, but she always had great spirit & a good sense of humour, & that can be a great help.

Also sorry that Ross is having more trouble with his legs, he has had more than his share of trouble & we can only hope that there are better things ahead for him.

Edith has improved a little, but I cannot see her being well enough to care for herself again. Physically she may be reasonably well, but her memory has gone & we have to manage all of her affairs now. I intend going down to Springwood to see her next week, & then go on to Eastwood to spend a few days with Laurie & his family, then I hope to be able to fly to Brisbane & spend some time with Ted & his family.

You have taken up an interesting hobby, but I hope

you do not dig up any family skeletons, such as smuggler
or pirates

I have seen Trelly Smith & he has given me their family
tree to study & the only section which concerns us is a follow-
" John Smith born in 1781 died 1840 married Elizabeth
Gorsy, who was born in 1786 died 1853. She was the
daughter of Peter & Ann Gorsy, both of St. Ives
Cornwall. Peter died in 1826 aged 75 & Ann died 1791
aged 31 year.

John Peter & ~~Elizabeth~~ Elizabeth apparently had 5 sons.

The Honorable John Smith, Richard, Robert, George & Francis.
George was Trelly Smith's Grandfather.

I had understood years ago, that Grandfather Gorsy was
half brother to the Honorable John but I cannot work that out, unless
Peter married again after the death of his wife Ann (who was only
31 when she died) & started another family of which our Grandfather
was one, but of course that would not make him a half brother to the
Smiths. I could probably get our Grandfather's age (unless you have it)
from his death certificate at the local courthouse if that would be
any help.

I remember East Lodyme & know the Gorsys lived there
for a time but was too young to remember any details. Either would
have known more than I but unfortunately should would not
remember now, but I will try when I go down. If you could let me
know what information you have & what you need, I would try & help you
hope to hear better news of Ross you & the local Bill.