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Dear Phyllis,

your letters came some time ago & I thought to reply as soon as I could gather the facts. Now I find that you know just about as much as I do. Grandfather with his parents & brothers & sisters came to Reville & lived at Mount Pleasant, Bathurst, also at Iron Plains & at Mount Macquarie where my father was born. Grandma was Susanna Stephens, but I do not know where they were married. Her brother Joe Stephens lived at Warran & used to visit us riding on horse-back. I loved those visits because he used to bring a bag of sweets for me. The bag I carefully returned when empty for a re-fill. I always listened in to the conversation. On a return from a trip to Island he told of "days a week long". I still remember how I longed for a day that long in which to run & play with Henry. Grandma had two sisters Anne & Frenise whose husband had a business at Bathurst & another tiny tot who at one time lived with them at Wellington. Her name I have forgotten. She was



copy of letter of Mrs. G. Weston

known to us as Auntie Pijo because as Uncle Sid said "she is only the size of a brier pipe".

Grandfather had several sisters the only ones I knew where Aunt Lilly Charker who lived at St. Marys my husband's family also came from St. Marys so I asked him about the Charkers, but he knew them only in a business way as the Charkers moved in social circles with others living in the district whom they had known in Cornwall. The Lethbridge Kings I think + who said that though their positions were now reversed they were happy to know again the Cook (or Charker) family. The Hon. John Smith of Bathurst was I understand a half brother of Grandfather's. Mrs. Barton of Wellington + Lady Innes were daughters of the Hon. John. Lilly Smith's mother lived with me for a time after mother died + told me that when "the country" went out to dine it was always Mrs. Smith grandfather's mother who went to the dining-room on the lawn of the host. Great-grandmother was I suppose Mrs. Smith first + Mrs. Cook second.

When in Reville or Blayney on business Bill my brother met a man who asked if he was related to "gentleman cook" as Grandfather was known there. Grandfather was I understand educated to be a Barrister but that



did not work out - the family coming instead to Australia.

Grandfather had a good voice & as there was no organ in the Church he used to lead the singing. Grandfather was very upset & naturally so I was told when he learned that two members of his family had burned his books telling the history of his beloved Cornwall. That distressed me also when I grew older & had pride in my Grandfather's race & heard of the books! How it does not seem so important - when only one of his family are left to carry on the torch. Aunt Lilly's son Fred was a very distinguished looking man. A bachelor - (her brother actually)

I cannot decide on my next move as I feel too old to carry on with home & garden here. Bill has been here for several days since Bob's death & now is in Brisbane with Ted & family where they are settling in to another Bank. He will return later when I will give my answer to his invitation to go to Wighton with him. I am very inclined to return to Wighton. We both suffer with arthritis. Also my eyes have given me trouble & needed specialist treatment - for more than six months. Now I must rush to the post. My love to you all & hope to hear that - Ross, Alice & any other sick ones are returning to good health. My love, Edith.