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Blayney 2799
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My Dear Phyllis,

So pleased to get your lovely long letter but so sorry to learn dear Auntie has had a bad fall that put her in hospital. I sincerely hope she is as comfortable as it would be possible at her age. I have thought of sending her some little consolation but haven't done so yet, just thinking of her a lot and hope it transpires in some way or other. Well I must be really confused about the incident of you & Lloyd being at our place on the Wellington Flat, but I am quite convinced you were there at one time, because I remembered a happening which I'm afraid does not do me much credit. A school mate who lived close by just called in possibly to play and she spoke to you as one would to a little girl, and I walked over and picked you up and saying at the same time "Phyllis doesn't speak to all sorts." How dreadful can kids be, no wonder it sticks in my memory. But as you say we must have been older then than I realised. There is $10\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. difference in our ages, he is 63 (last April) and I will be 74 in Oct. I cannot recall seeing you about 1928 at all,

but if I was very pregnant as you say, it would be out 3rd boy who was coming along. We have also that James, born 6th Jan. 1924, Lindsay George born 2nd July 1925, Neville Keith born 6th Oct. 1928 and then Beryl Fay, born 10th Nov. 1930. Between them they produced nine grandchildren for us and now those in turn have produced nine great-grandchildren, plus two little adopted that our grand-daughter has taken, they are of Gulek origin and of course motherless.

I was able to get Mrs. Mac Smith's book "Quench not the Spirit" at our library here in Blayney and George & I have pieced it out quite a bit between us, and like you found only one mention of our side of the house (Elizabeth Cook), but I always did know that Grandfather was connected in some way to the Bastons, who later owned Manima Estate at Wellington.

However I have to return the book this afternoon my time for loan is up. Yes Dad often told me about Uncle Joe teaching school the day he died and I feel pretty sure it was at Leonville. He had an appendix attack and of course they (Mrs) did not know how to cope in those days.

[not true. Joe died of T.B. as did Eva. He was eldest brother Edwin who died of appendix.]

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I did not know he ever taught at Oreville, but of course he was dead before I was born, as was Auntie Eva, although not long before, hence the name being carried on. Uncle Ted died the day I was one year old 2nd Oct 1902. Bill and possibly Edith have made his and Aunt Susie's graves quite nice in Wgton cemetery. Alfred Cook that you mention in your letter was a first cousin to our mums and dads.

They had quite a large family 12 or 13 I think and some of them still live at Oreville, but like us all their numbers are thinning out, one daughter just a little older than me, passed away at Orange 3 or 4 weeks ago. I sincerely hope your son Ross is much improved ere this, you did tell me about another son, his wife & little boy. Please tell me more about your family when you get time to write.

I am sorry about mis-spelling your name last letter, do hope I have it better this time.

Will leave you now dear, ~~the~~ the day is running out so will get this to post, lots of love & looking forward to hearing more, you are certainly making a good job of your family tree. your fond cousin Eva.