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Dear Mrs. Hohnen,

I am the neice of Uncle Keith Taylor who is the mad keen genealogist. I have been delving into the family tree for about 14 years, starting with Taylors when Uncle Stan Taylor from Canberra used to visit us. I used to jot down bits and pieces in exercise books until I joined the Gold Coast Branch of the Genealogy Society of Qld. in 1979 and found how to record my information with some logic.

I have read several of your letters to Uncle Keith and have been going to write for ages. I was especially interested in the photos you sent to Uncle Keith (he promised me one but haven't got it yet!) I presume that as Mary Hill, you meant my Grandfather's first wife, and not Mary and Jessie Hill's mother Mary Hill nee Cock?

I recorded all the information on the Cock you gave Uncle Keith, I already had some from the IGI micro fiche, so I was glad to have a cross reference. Although Uncle Keith and Aunty Bella visited St. Keverne some years ago, they didn't do much photography, so on the 25th July this year I sent my mother off to St. Keverne, armed with a list of things I wanted her to do ie. photos of the Church, town, Lesneague etc. Which reminds me I also viewed a film on the 1841 Cencus and those that resided at Lesneague. Mum told me that she enjoyed her visit to St. Keverne (sent me a post card of St. Keverne square) the place of her ancestors. Since then she has visited (last Saturday to be exact) Manuden, the home of the Taylors. she told me by phone that she had a great time, but as she is due home next Tuesday, she would give me all the news then.

I see I have begun every paragraph with "I" so far, sorry about that. Now I had better tell you a little about myself. I am Heather Wort my parents were Charles Hays (died 1982) and Rita Taylor (Daughter of James Taylor and Jessie Hill) I am married to Ian Wort who has a Pharmacy in Southport, we have three children Leon, 18 and recently graduated from the Oxley Police Academy (18 month course), Hayley 17 who is attending Townsville University in her first year of a four year Social Work BSc. and Rogette 15 who is in year 10 at St. Hilda's Anglican School here in Southport. I am trying to type this whilst Rogette entertains me with a variety of renditions on a variety of instruments, all my family are musical but not outstandingly so.

So far I ^{have} researched to some degree all branches of the families associated with Hays-Taylor, and Wort-Rowe, I have quite a comprehensive record of the Taylors going back to 1795 and trying to record every descendant of Thomas Taylor who arrived in Australia in 1857. With regard to the Hill's and I think I recall you asking Uncle Keith for any information he may have on the family, I have very little. Mums Sister Ina Ellem of Moura Q told me that the Hills were Hotel Keepers in Scotland and were quite well off, however Joseph Hill decided to try his luck elsewhere, and first went to America, then came to Australia, trying his luck on the land and failing dismally, to the extent my Grandmother went to work and was not allowed to buy herself a pair of shoes because the family's needs were greater - does any of this fall in with what you know of the Hill family?

Another member of the Gold Coast Branch of the Gen. Society is related to the Hills in that her ancestor Joseph Legge Married Beaty Hill (she probably was named Tabitha)

If you have any further information on the Hills I would be most grateful, even the smallest shred, as I have spent hours and hours trying to find out more, the following is all I have:

Joseph Hill b. 10.7.1838 Glasgow Scotland
 married 20.11.1860 (certificate says Luddenheim
 Penrith England, but after many hours fruitless
 searching could it perhaps be Ludgvan, Penryn,
 Cornwall, it would make more sense as Mary Cock comes
 from that area???) Mary Cock b 19.10.1837, Lesneague
 St. Keverne, Chris. 6.2.1838 St. Keverne.
 Mary 19.10.1867 Wolumla m James Taylor
 Grace 9.9.1869 m Goodsir
 Agnes 16.4.1871
 Beaty ? m Joseph William Legge
 Kitty ?
 s Glorianna 4.7.1875 Spinster I remember her. (Ena)
 Jessie 23.12.1878 m James Taylor
 Archibald Joseph 7.5.1881
 Louisa 25.7.1883 m Fraser
 Edwin ?
 Robert 7.2.1884

That is the sum total of my information, do you know any more? when they came to Australia perhaps? I am enclosing a stamped address envelope just in case. I feel very sorry, as I was in Canberra this time last year and how I would have loved to talked to you. I have ~~the~~ Cock recorded to the Marriage of Peter Cock and Ann Rogers on 2.12.1780 have you anything further back?

Please forgive my typing this letter, but I find that for all concerned, the type print is by far the easier to understand.

I forgot to mention that my mothers has been staying with Uncle Keith's daughter Janice at Biggin Hill, Kent, and they will see her safely on the plane on Monday next.

Mum had a month in London and walked and walked, mainly on her own, and found so many of the places she missed on her previous visit with Dad. She has sorely missed my Dad and the trip overseas was her first big venture on her own. Happily, with Jan near at hand, she has had a wonderful time, so no doubt next week she and I will be busy catching up on the last three months. I am an only child.

I will close now, I hope my enquiries are not a nuisance.

Kind regards,

Heath