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Dear Phyllis,

I can't tell you how excited I was to receive your long and newsy letter. It came in great time for me as Rogette and I went to Sydney for 10 days staying at the York Apartments, York St, and ever so handy to the Archives.

I think I mentioned that my mum went to St. Keverne and came back with photos of Lesneage, the church etc. I was pleased that you had given me the inscription on the grave stone, as mum took photos but didn't know how to read the badly worn headstone.

So much came to light in your letter it took me several readings to digest all that you said. About the Coolalata, is it worth writing to Penfolds re history of the wine or has that already been done? It has been so good to see the Hill's did something else than farming for just about every family on my side and Ian's side seemed to be farm Labourers with very little variation. Of course the Taylors made their presence felt at Tanja of which I am proud.

I got my copy of the shipping record with the arrival of the two Hill families on the "Fortune" but I clean forgot about looking up the earlier arrival of John Hill and his sister (very disgusted with myself) It opened up a whole new world as I was always under the impression that my G.Grandfather came out here as a married man, instead he was only 14, and with that news I then found I had three generations on the shipping record, and a quick check on the I.G.I. revealed some of the births in Scotland.

As far as certificates are concerned I have :

Birth of Mary Cock 19.10.1837

Marriage of Mary Hill to James Taylor 25.8.1887 at Lochiel.

Death of Mary Hill 9.12.1902

Birth of Jessie Hill 23.12.1878

Original marriage certificate of James Taylor to Jessie Hill (given to me by my Aunty Ina Ellem (nee Taylor)

Death Certificates of James and Jessie Taylor etc.

If I have anything you want just let me know, also if you feel like passing on any photo copies of certificates you hold naturally I would be delighted to receive same.

I am enclosing photo copies of two letters I have, one from Ted Legge (Edward Joseph Samuel John to be precise) second son of of J.W. Legge and Tabith (Beaty) Hill. Also a letter I received from Aunty Ina just after yours came. You probably won't learn anything from them but interesting all the same. The Legge letter came into my hands as a descendant of the Legges lives here in Southport so we swap any news. I will get you to return the letters sometime (no rush) stamps enclosed.

Have you ever viewed the Parish Registers (micro film that is) for the areas the Hills were known to reside in Scotland? I have done plenty of I.G.I. reading and had censuc films sent to the morman Library in Brisbane where I have read same, but recently I got the Parish Register film for Manuden in Essex the home of the Taylors and I found that I was able to get dates of deaths that are not in the I.G.I. this also helped to confirm a second marriage in one family.

You mentioned Diabetiës in the Hill family, it was also rampant in the Taylor family James Taylor had it, mums sister Lila and brother Harry and some others I just can't recall at the moment.

Well I must get myself to work (work at our pharmacy doing the book work I had a most enjoyable stay in Sydney, it is the first time I have taken one of my children away on their own, it was well worth the effort as Rogette is my quietest one and therefore not as open with what she feels and thinks. Leon and Hayley are very happy, chatty people. Leon will be a fully fledged Policeman on the 16th November, he has been transferred to Toowoomba so I am lucky as that is only 2½ hours drive away. Thanks again for your wonderful letter. I really felt overjoyed when I received it. Regards Heath (Woot)