

"Brownleigh"

28-9-'81

Dear Phyllis Hohnen

I was very pleased to receive your letter as I am interested in family trees & have had one or two family^{re} unions. Grace Scott is also interested & has written about ~~At~~ Robert Peter, to send to you. she is Robert's grand daughter. Harriet Oats was my grand mother & I remember her, & was about four years old when she died she used to make balls out of stockings ^{for us} to play with I had 2 brothers older than my self & I liked joining in the games. Richard my grandfather, had his house on a flat near the road, going to Trunkey Creek, which was a mining town in those days. My father Francis Oats & mother Janet Scott, on a rise across the creek, they built a bridge across the creek & our houses were not a quarter of a mile apart, & my Grand father Scott had made a lovely orchard ^{at} the ~~the~~ back of the house. most of us were born there & we remember it very well. My husband, John Brown who has been dead just 20 years. most of my family live around here except two. one in (Macgregor Canberra) & one in Boura we had 7 children, the eldest boy Charlie died

last february, he lived 4 miles from here & had three children we miss him very much, 2 sons Bob & Fred are living quite close to me on the Farm & two daughters not much further away so I am well off & having Elma who we call Bub as she is the youngest in the family, her husband is dead & no family, I am fairly well & can look after my self but if I need help I could get it & while Bub is with me I have no worries, if you cared to ever come over this way you would be very welcome, Grace & Elsie (nee) Cook still live at Reville, Bub & myself are the only ones of our family living here if you would like any extra dates Grace or I might be able to get them, our boys are farmers here the 2 girls are retired farmers & mostly go away for the winter & take us with them but I felt like staying at home this winter & I think I was just as warm I go to Canberra to see Frances every year she is Mrs Peter Noble & has 3 sons. & lives at Macgregor, My sister Eva is here just now for a change she lives at Kollongong & her four children, I hope you will get something you need out of our letters
 yours sincerely Muriel Brown.

Oats Family history

John Semens Oats was born in 1796 in Redruth or Penzance in Cornwall & died at Neville 1896 & was buried in the Neville Cemetery. 100 years & 6 ^{weeks}
his son Richard married Harriet Lock in Cornwall & most of his family were born at Gaffneys creek in Victoria. in the early mining days, they lived at Gaffneys creek until land was thrown open around this district up as far as Orange (which is about 40 miles from Neville) they settled in Neville, after coming from Victoria in drays & horses, Richard Senior bought a farm for his son Richard 4 miles from Neville on the Trunkway Road & 40 acres for himself & Family & built a house on it before that he built a wattle & dab house for a time until the other house was built.

Harriet Oats died Dec 10 aged ^{years} 73 she had ^[Cancer of Liver] kidney trouble
Richard Oats Senior died Dec. 7 th 1908 aged 86 (baner)
I remember great uncle Robert & his wife & I know their family which Grace Scott will tell you about. I also knew Jim Lock, Jack & Les & knew of some of the girls & of course the Sevenishes, did you know Eva Sevenish had broken her hip & is still in Orange hospital. I know where cherry tree hill is, my mother lived near there when she was a girl. she knew the Lock Family
net Scott }

(Richard & Harriet's family)

Richard Lock Gats, Bathryn, Robert, died in Gaffney's ^{Creep}
John, Fredrick, Frances, Emma, Richard Lock
married Emma Sykes, & had 4 children,

Harriet, William Robert & Ruth. Bathryn
married Rr. Edge, & had several children, - we only
knew Emily & Robert who came to live with Grandma
& Grandpa, John married Mary Sykes, Emma's sister.

& had, Fredrick, Alice, Florence, John, Mason,
Margaret, Fanny, Bonnie, Harry. Mary died when
twins were born she was about 43 years.

^{FATHER}
Francis } married Janet Scott & had 8 children,
^{Gats}
Grace, ~~Elsie~~ Elizabeth born 2nd feb 1888 Elsie Lelleth,
born 7th Nov. 1889, Roy Gerald 11th May 1892, Clifford Malcome
born 1884 24th of July Muriel Frances 3rd April 1897
Eva Lillian 7th Feb. 1900, Irene Maryoy 1903, 19th of April
Elma Joyce 17th of March 1906.

Grace died 16-4-1970 aged 84 years.

Roy died 29-6-1970 aged 78 years

Cliff died 7-12-1979 aged 85 years

Elsie is 92 years & living in Queensland

Muriel is 84 years & living 2 miles out of Neville

Eva is 81 years & living in Wollongong & her 4 children

Irene is 78 years & living in Cowra

Elma Joyce is 75 years & living at Neville with Muriel Brown

Oats family continued

John Oates's Family

Fredrick before he was married went to West - Australia married & had a family but we never knew them, Alice Oats, Florence, John, Mason.

Margaret, Fanny, Bonnie, Harry
Fred & wife are deceased.

Florence died in her twenties in England after world

John died in Queensland

Mason 11 in Sydney

Margaret is a nurse & spent most of her life in England but is out here now helping to look after Alice who is 94 years & lives at Mittagong Fanny who is living in Queensland is helping to look after Alice, Bonnie lives in Sydney we never see her & Harry is deceased, he used to come back to Revell; often - he had two children.

(Emma's Oats family)

Emma married James Scott, & had 3 boys & 2 girls

Reg, Frank & Kenneth who was Grace's Scott's husband girls Ethel & Winnifred, Frank, Kenneth & Ethel are deceased

Winnie lives in Sydney & Reg in an old people's home in Bathurst. Emma Scott died 20th Sep. June 1954 aged

87 years. James Scott died 27th of June 1936 aged 74

Mary John Senior's wife died when twin girls were born

Grace Oats married Cecil Fowler & had two sons
& lived mostly in Sydney she died 14-4 1970 84 years

Elsie married William Hyde from Reville she is 92 now
& is in Queensland, she had 7 children 2 boys & 5 girls

Roy married Florence, no children.

Cliff married Elizabeth Steptoe in England after world
war one, both Cliff & Roy went to the War & came back again

Muriel married John Brown & lived at Reville most of the
time & had 7 children

Irene married Albert Young & had 4 children, her
Eldest Daughter does science work in Canberra University

she had 5 children, Elma Joyce Henry did not marry
until fairly late in life her husband Ralph Henry
only lived 7 years after marriage & there was no children

(I forgot to tell you) Richard Oats built a
wheelwright shop at Reville as soon as possible after
he came to Reville & my father Frances worked with him
all the time & Robert Edge did the Blacksmithing when
he left off school as they had come over quite young
about 12 years of age. later Bob went to Orange &
his two sons are still there & carrying on a welding shop.