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Dear Phyllis,

So pleased to get your letter about the Stephens name. Sorry you can't be with us my husband Jim is the son of Richard Stephens there was 12 in his family he married Elizabeth Simpson but we don't know much so if you know of any others would you let us know please, yes Pat Lay rang me they are coming. Who was uncle Jo was he a Stephens we would like to know more concerning the Rodges, Hall's, Gardiners, Fowlers, do you know any of them

We would like to meet as many  
as possible, is Mrs Hope still  
living and about your brothers  
& sister our family is very keen  
to know more, but the old  
hands as passed on and it is  
very hard to find out

Hoping to hear from you  
soon

Yours Truly  
Dot Stephens

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Dear Phyl and Ross,

I hope you will forgive me for writing a letter which is not handwritten to each person, but it is the quickest way I can think of, of giving all the Stephens descendants that I know, information about a Stephens reunion which is being organised for October.

My ancestor, Mary Stephens, came with her husband Jonathon Mullis from Cornwall to NSW in 1850. Some of her eleven brothers and sisters also emigrated at different times: Joseph, Susanna, Ann and Eliza.

Joseph settled in Warren, and has many descendants still living in that area. I think they keep in touch through a family newsletter. One of Joseph's descendants - Patricia Nagle of Mt Riverview - told me about the reunion, but had few details. I have just received an invitation from the organisers, Jim and Dot Stephens of Wongarbron. So far they are expecting about 250 of Joseph's branch of the family to attend and they are delighted to have any people from other branches of the Stephens family who would like to come.

I gather it is to be quite an informal occasion. It will be at Dubbo racecourse from 10am on Sunday 2nd October, and we are to bring our own lunch and drinks etc. Dot suggested that anyone planning to come would need to book accommodation in Dubbo well ahead, since it is a long weekend.

I hope you and your family will be able to come.

If you would like to contact Jim and Dot Stephens, their phone is (068) 87 8307.

I have spent every spare minute since our return from Cornwall writing up my thesis on the Stephens and Mullis families, and finally (just) made the deadline last Friday, but it will be November or December before I know whether it is good enough to pass. At least the information is now written down in one place.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Lay.

Would you mind letting anyone in your branch, who might be interested, about the reunion?