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Here I am again. Pat is just logged down in last week of term so I'll finish off as she will catch up later.

She has just joined up with ~~with~~ the Hebean Family History Society - a new young group. We hope to go down in school holidays early Sept.

There must have been someone - related or at least Cornish - settled in the Hebean area as the family settlers came to that area first. The Kings large properties would give employment but we feel that perhaps a Cornish group was settled there & helped newcomers. Last trip there we were frustrated because the Historical Society officers were on holiday - so often they are teachers. But Pat has organised this time as she knows now just who to contact. More later. Happy travelling
from all here at home!!
Love Beryl.

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8/8/89

Dear Rhyll Ross,

Your newsy letter was a delightful surprise to us here in our cold bleak winter & the thought of being 11 floors up above the Mediterranean is just too much! I will leave the family tree details to Pat her memory is better than mine but I think you'll enjoy the Stephens contacts she has made since you left - one is off to Cornwall & the Gloriosa in Holland so the love of flowers is there too. My grandmother Edith was a real flower lady.

Pat is really enjoying the Genealogical group in Canberra - the upsurge, in Australia this year, of interest in family history is remarkable - articles in magazines - films etc all start to our

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history. We're all having a bad time with
the current flu epidemic here. I haven't
been really back to normal since the
coronavirus in January but Paul & I have a
research trip to Sydney & Perth in August
holidays so will hopefully ^{be} fit again by
then. Kay & Barry family expect to
be back east in December from Perth
but we don't know their exact posting
yet. Perth would be great if they
were there w'd be able to search around
the exact location of Hull's & Cook
farms or whatever, would be great
to find. Did I tell you that Samuel
my newest grandson came over from
Perth to be "shown off" his mum brought
him for a week & the photos clearly show
his "cowlick" above the right eye just
as mine is, altho his features are so like
Barry - his dad - & his little quirk, I
inherit from my dad is so clearly
there on his baby head. My eldest

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Grandson - Christopher Patsley has the lovely dark copper coloured hair my husband had when I first knew him in 1927 & it curls in just the same way. One of the good things about growing old is to be able to span so many years & generations & I hope I can keep the memories.

I do hope Ross' health & yours is good & allowing you to do all you plan, please store up all your experiences to share when you return. Thanks for the Bayport Card & the 'funny' strip - for you I enclose a whiff of our spring - gum leaf & wattle from outside my window our garden is just waking up after the winter sleep. Still daily frosts but warm days. I hope you enjoy Antibe as much as your old hill. The memory I have of France was in early autumn - it was so beautiful then. Are you returning home by ship? I believe you paid flying is out for Ross's health & wait permit. Best wishes for the rest of you. Stay well have quite a lot of Stephen's to sort out when you come back. Yours Betty

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Dear Phyll,

Thanks for your letter per Lucy with more about Auntie Pip. There's so much to tell you I'll just go on & on, an unfortunate trail of mine. I do get excited about our Stephens lot. We had a great two day visit to Bathurst. Brian took the children to Turon camping & gold prospecting for fun while Pat & I spent the time in Coul House & Archives & found quite a few clues. The lovely old buildings were pleasant to work in but oh so hot we were glad to get back to our hotel to cool off at night.

I will leave Pat to fill in the family tree details & go on to our visit to the Misses "Remain" Nell & Grace who invited us to tea (afternoon). The mill has been sold & their old home which I remember visiting. They live further out in a cottage & the beautiful old furniture & china etc was a delight to see their paintings embroidery & various crafts. Everything was up to date & old

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• stuffy. Their brother's wife came in too (Miss Alan ^{Alan} Jack) & had afternoon tea while Pat copied their photos of the Stephens folk - who are related in 2 ways to Gremains - these Cornish were clannish!

How more up to date - this last weekend, including Canberra Day holiday, me, Pat & I, Brian & Catherine spent in & around Sydney hunting up - or visiting kinsfolk we'd already contacted & received invitations to see - a Mullis - a Gremain aged 74 & 94 & their relatives also a Rippen aged 94 who is related to Pat through my husband's family. I'd known them in Burrigorang Valley where I holidayed in 1927! It was a super weekend & we found it exciting altho I came home exhausted from tripping so far down memory lane. I did not mention we also searched through 2 cemeteries in Canberra.

Mrs Dot Johnson (age 74) a Mullis, daughter of Richard & my father's first cousin had a few stories of the family but did not have any back

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ground history of Mullis or Stephens. She knew Cook family was related & remembered her sister Edith (the younger) niece of my grandmother Edith & Frank Cook wanted to get married but were discouraged because they were first cousins. It does seem all the families (to me) names of folk we visited in my childhood - are proving those of relatives way back & all from the same Cornish area. We do hope you will have the opportunity to visit there whilst on that side of the world if so good hunting!

I do hope you enjoyed the trip over & are both in good health. I too am enjoying Grace thro' the little book 'So low of a rose' the story of the Milland family & their "Peace" rose - have read it before & am just as pleased with it again.

Love from us all here
to you both

Yours Bevil.

P.S. Enclosed certificates of Charity's death & Susanna's birth. Only ten years between. B.M.C.