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Dear Mr. Hohner,
Your letter of 28th Oct. '85 while on vacation in Sydney has had to wait a long time for attention, but at last I'm taking time to write a reply.

Your researches are certainly wide and thorough and I have almost nothing that I can add, but can comment on a couple of details in your list.

① "Hears" is a property on the road from St. Marys to Liverpool, in Manure Road, a few miles out of town. The original house is still in existence, though much altered over the years, & is now owned by the University of Sydney which has a radio telescope on the property.

You are correct in naming the merchant Richard Jones as an early owner. He owned it at the time ~~1844~~ 1844. St. Mary Magdalen Church was opened & consecrated & after the ceremony Bishop Broughton went back to "Hears" with the Jones family & continued on to Liverpool next day to take a Confirmation service. Jones got into financial difficulties in the 1840's, & so many others, but I have not yet done the necessary

search to know who they acquired it.

In the Post Office Directory of 1872 Elizabeth Retallick is listed as a farmer at "Fleurs" and I think the Retallicks lived there for quite a number of years, probably as Manager, but I don't know during which years.

In the Centennial Index of Marriages of St. M. Meydab Church Robert Mather, a convict who came out on "Mermaid" in 1830, married Charlotte Smith, born in the colony, and the entry says "Both work for Mr. Darvall, 'Fleurs'". The wedding date is 6 Nov. '45.

On 23 Aug. '47 Charlotte Harding of "Fleurs" married Stephen Smith, with her father's consent.

In the Index of Baptisms Frederick Orme Darvall Esquire and Lucy Catherine (nee Shepland) of "Fleurs" had a son Frederick Orme on 24/2/46 and a daughter Emily Anne on 17/5/49, so it looks as though Mr. Darvall owned or managed "Fleurs" for most of the 1840's.

Also in the Baptisms Index Richard Baber, a Coachman / Farmer of "Fleurs" & his wife Eliza had four children between 2/2/68 and 13/2/76, but he was an employee, as was William Banks, a gardener / farmer at "Fleurs" whose four children were born between 4/11/45 and 4/3/52. Jeremiah Blackburn, a farmer at "Fleurs", had three sons baptised on 2 August '57.

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Late still Leopold William Jerome Fare de Salis,
Esquire of "Fleuro", & his wife Jeanette Caroline, had
two sons baptised in May 1896 and December 1897.

These are entries in the 1860's & 1870's of employees at
Fleuro:

Henry Hartley Joyce	Overseer/Coachman	Fleuro/ ⁽⁶⁶⁻⁷⁴⁾ Oakwood
John Klippert	Farm labourer	Fleuro ('60-'62)
George Simpson	Farmer/Superintendent	Fleuro ('48-'64)

But unfortunately no "Esquire" between
Darwall and Fare de Salis.

By the way, I did not think that it originally
belonged to Nicholas Bayly as "Bayly Park" was in
existence at the same time as "Fleuro", but I haven't
checked the original grant yet.

(2) In my book "~~the~~ Old Times Old Tales" I have
a section on the Chalkers and one on the Woodlands
which would interest you - but I thought you had
this book. Since then (published last October) I
have written another book, "Other Days Other Ways",
300 pages & 100 illustrations. I'm enclosing our latest
list of publications.

(3) I was fascinated to learn that you once met
Maunie Bassett. I am a great admirer of her writings
I acknowledged my debt to her in my monograph on Rose

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de Freycinet & I was really delighted to receive an order for a copy from the University of Guam. They have purchased it for their records & I have developed a most interesting correspondence with the lady who is in charge of their Pacific Islands resource materials & is specialising in Spanish publications. She has just sent me a copy of her latest book of research into the origin of the name "Guam" - quite fascinating.

The "Naturaliste" & the "Geographe" were the ships of the Baudin - Hamelin expedition, in Sydney in 1802. Louis de Freycinet was on board them, but his own expedition in "Proane" was much later, in 1819 in Sydney. I love the way you say "On a Polish container-ship" and talk about attending a wedding at Cape Naturaliste. You certainly seem to have had experiences off the beaten track.

You really have built up an almost complete account of your forebears, but if you feel there is still a missing link, I hope you will find it.

Regards

Eugenie Stapleton

papers the very first day to take confirmation records
no many others, but I have not yet done the necessary