

Dear Phyll:

Many thanks for your note + \$2.
Sorry to hear of Ross's complications, + I
hope he is soon mobile again.

Gladys has a horrible wound on her thigh
which isn't healing very well, although all
her medics assure her that it will. If she
gets permission, Rex is coming down to take
her to Newcastle for a couple of weeks, as her
voluntary aides are running out. She's had
Connie, Mrs High + Marcia in succession!

That certificate for Charlotte was obtained early
in my searches (when the ship list had them as Mann -
I explain this in the story). I think the next few
were born up at Emma Creek (Falbrook).

Ross is coming home to-day, so I've cleared the
lounge room of whitened histories to let her in!

Most are completed, although now I have Joyce W. at
Oursi so overwhelmed with the magnificence of my
effort that she wants 18 more copies!! I have pleaded
exhaustion, + told her I'll do her a few later.

Many thanks for your kind and willing help +
interest right through - I feel that the worthy
supporters we had will be quite pleased.

Love from all,

Russ

Dear : Phyll

With thanks for your interest and assistance, I am happy to say a passable script of the "Whitten History" is about ready to forward on to you. The cost of typewritten, printed books was beyond us, but I hope my handwriting is sufficiently legible for you from photo-copies.

Had we a wealthy sponsor, the ideal would be a professionally printed production, with many wonderful photographs of places, people and families which descendants have told me they possess. Maybe one day, before they are lost or thrown away, such a book may be possible.

In the meantime, please send me any corrections or additions you have, and I'll be pleased to forward them to all of you who have co-operated.

I hold just a few spare copies for anyone forwarding \$10. After that, it would be with great difficulty that I could assemble special orders.

My kindest regards to you all.

Russ Bell

Financial Statement

(Audited by the Leprechaun on the first toadstool to the left)

25 Interested Descendants paid for 30 copies = \$300

Expenses

	\$
Registry Certificates	97.00
Printing the History	83.80
Special Covers & Spines	33.00
Printing Questionnaires	6.40
Postages	49.90
Stationery	12.46
Trial photo-copyings	13.24
Maps and plastic covers	13.00
	<u>\$ 308.80</u>

P.S.

I regret sending this note to accompany the other prepared communication, but the cost of posting your History has become a problem. I want to protect the booklet from damage, and the best method appears to be the special, padded Australia Post envelopes. These cost 60c, and postages depend on weight and distance, but there will be a postage bill of \$50 or \$60. You can see from the accompanying financial statement that we have no money left in kitty!

Please realise that the postage of just this letter to you all costs \$10.50 (\$7.50 for stamps, 50c for envelopes, and \$2.50 for photo-copying).

To have good protection for your History, may I suggest \$2 be forwarded for your copy/ies, and I will then send on your packet immediately. I will much appreciate your help in this final matter.

Russ Bell

[P.S.S. It was hoped to allow the Taoiseach 1c per hour for his 250 hours of labour, but this will now have to be deferred until after the 1984 Budget!]
