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30th June 1981

Mrs R.A.Hohnen,
71 Empire Circuit,
FORREST ACT 2603

Dear Mrs Hohnen,

I acknowledge your letter asking for relevant information about members of the Cock family. I think the following is relevant.

1. Marriage at the home of Mr Robert Cock Emu Plains, on 5th August 1862 by Rev. Richard Amos,
Robert Peter Cock, Bachelor, born Cornwall, Farmer, 28 years, of Emu Plains, son of Robert (Farmer) and Catherine (nee Philips) to
Sophia Starr, Spinster, B Cambridgeshire, 22 years, of Emu Plains,
d of - (Labourer) and Hannah Wilmot
Witnesses: William Charker, Matilda Cock
2. Marriage at residence of Mr Mullis (?) Emu Plains, on 30 Sept 1863 by Rev. Richard Amos
Edwin Cock, Bachelor, born Cornwall, Farmer, 30 years, of Emu Plains, son of - (Farmer) and Catherine Philips to
Susannah Stephens, Spinster, born Cornwall, 21 years, of Emu Plains, daughter of - (Farmer) and Charity Coombe
Witnesses: Jonathan Mullis, Ann Stephens
3. Marriage at residence of Mr Cock, St Mary's on 5 January 1864 by Rev. Richard Amos
William Charker, Bachelor, born South Creek, Farmer, 23 years, of Elder Park, son of - (Farmer) and Elenor Anderson to
Matilda Cock, spinster, born Cornwall, 23 years, of St Mary's, daughter of - (Farmer) and Catherine Philips.
Witnesses William Gormer, Louisa Cock.

I did not find the marriage of Mary Cock and Joseph Hill in that Register, or of the other two, except that Louisa was a witness as I have given. You mention they Cocks moved later to Bathurst. I met a Mr Cock at Wellington some years ago - no doubt a descendant.

There is a search fee, and for the information I have been able to obtain from the Penrith Register the fee is \$5.00. There could be further information in Bathurst or other Registers. If you wanted to follow that through you could research (fee \$4.00 per day) in our Archives if you are in Sydney. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9am-4pm.

Yours Sincerely,

Librarian and Archivist.



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Dear Mrs Hohsen,
I must apologise for the delay in answering your letter due to sickness for a while, but mainly by the fact of Registers covering these areas still being held in the Circuits.

With the approach of the Uniting Church there has been the urge on the part of Congregations to celebrate anniversaries and write histories of the Churches activities over the years, thus retaining their Registers until completion.

I will have to contact those concerned & hope for their co-operation in the near future.

You have supplied quite a lot of information regarding your Grandparents and Great Grandparents as far as dates and places are concerned. These are or would be helpful when we have the records sent to us. We have no records (official) of deaths or burials. These are held by the Registrar-General.

The only information I can offer you from resources at our rooms are the Memorials

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- recorded of the late Edwin Cook (21st Aug 1920)
Methodist.
1 and the late Mrs Edwin Cook (17th Aug 1912)
Methodist.
2 Marriage Reg entry of Edwin & Susannah Cook.
3 " " William Charles to Matilda Cook
4 " " William Cook (son of Richard ")
to Margretta Hare.
5 a Frank Penderay to Mary Jane Cook
6 and an Lucy Grace Cook (da of Alfred Cook)
to Hugh Kenneth Scott.

If you wish to have the information concerning
the above I will forward it to you,

All the officers of this Society act in a voluntary
Capacity and receive no monetary reward
for services rendered. If you require the
above, your donation of \$5 will go towards
the many expenses we have in running
the Society.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours Sincerely
(Mrs C.R.) Elsie Kentwell.

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(P.S. Have chosen this lightweight paper
for reasons of postage instead of
our Official letterheads.)

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Strathfield, 2135.

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Dear Mrs Hobson,

We wish to thank you for your donation and hope
that you have had a very enjoyable holiday. This being November
I presume you will now be home again.

The following details re the families are the only ones
available at the present time. There are many Registers and
Records still being held by Circuits as I think I explained in
my last letter.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to have photostat
copies made, weight and size of volumes deny us the benefit
of the machine. However I hope my handwriting will not
bother you too much.

In addition to the Memorials of

1. The Late Edwin Cook
2. " " Mrs " "
3. Marriage Entry of Edwin & Susannah Cook
4. " " William Charter & Matilda Cook
5. " " William Cook & Margretta Hare
6. " " Frank Penderay & Mary Jane Cook
7. " " Ivy Grace Cook & Hugh Kenneth Scott.

I am enclosing one which may or may not tie in with your
family, a Mr Henry Cook who was born in Cornwall. So many
of our early Wesleyans came from this area and brought with
them the foundations of the early Church in Australia. We have
much to thank them for.

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I wish I could supply you with more that would be of interest to you - This may come later. I send my kind regards to your Mother, hoping she is well and can still remember much of the past. Maybe you could persuade her to place some of the memories of her younger days and times on tape for future generations. Yours Sincerely, Elsie Kentwell

Marriage Register Entries—

Sept 30 1863. At residence of Mr Mullis, Emu Plains.

Edmund Cook, Bachelor, Born Cornwall Eng
Farmer, 30 yrs, of Emu Plains
Son of Catherine Philips.
Father's occupation Farmer

(Father's names not given in
this register—only Mother's
maiden names).

To Susannah Stephens, spinster, Born Cornwall Eng
21 years of Emu Plains
Daughter of Charity Coombe
Father's occupation — Farmer.

Witnesses Jonathan Mullis & Ann Stephens.
By Richard Amos.

January 5th 1864 at the residence of Mr Cook, St Mary's

William Chalker, Bachelor, Born South Creek,
Farmer, 23 years, of Elder Park,
Son of Elenor Anderson
Father a farmer.

To Matilda Cook, spinster, Born Cornwall, Eng,
23 years, of St Mary's
Daughter of Catherine Philips
Father — farmer.

Witnesses William Garner (?) & Louisa Cook.

By Richard Amos.

Marriage Reg Entries

August 9, 1861 At Wesleyan Church, York St, Sydney.

William Cook, Bachelor, Born N.S.W.

Storekeeper, 21 years, Present residence, Sydney
usual " Bathurst.

Son of Richard Cook & Elizabeth Phillipps

To

Marg^{re}tta Hare, Spinster, Born Ireland,
21 years. of Sydney.

Daughter of Robert Hare, Carpenter
& Eliza Brown (?)

Witnesses John Wilson & Mary Jane Cook (?)
By George Hurst.

(Brides
Signature looks like Marguretta)

February 13, 1867 At residence of the Bride, William St, Bathurst.

Frank Pendray, Bachelor, ^{Born} Sydney. N.S.W.
Squater 24 years of Bathurst.

Son of William John Pendray & Mary Core (?)
Sailor.

To

Mary Jane Cook, Born Newcastle, of Bathurst
Age 23 years.

Daughter of Richard Cook - Engineer
and Elizabeth Phillipps

Witnesses Christopher Frederick Pendray
& Caroline Emma Cook.

By William Clarke.

Marriage Reg. Entries.

31st May 1933. at Neville, N.S.W. The Methodist Church

Hugh Kenneth Scott, Farmer, of Neville, NSW.
Bachelor, Born Neville, NSW. Age 36 years
Son of James Scott Farmer
& Emma Oates

To Ivy Grace Cook, Home Duties of Neville NSW,
Spinster, Born Neville. Age 24 years
Daughter of Alfred Cook, Blacksmith,
& Georgianna Tanton

By Rev S. M. Barrett.