

Extract from a letter from Ethel Annie Whitten November 1957

I don't know whether my Father's Father and Mother came out with him or not, but they lived close to Cherry Hill (Neville) in a little place of their own there and a younger brother Phillip who took fits, died there before I was born. Maybe the whole family came to Australia but Dad had a brother Robert also at Neville. The sister Kate or Katherine went to South Australia. Aunt Harriet Oates and family lived at Neville too.

Aunt Matilda (Tilly) Chalker lived at St Mary's and Uncle Fred Cock lived with them most of the time (a batchelor), spent some time with us, and some time with Aunt Mary Hill down Bega or Wolumbla way.

Father's grandmother married twice – one Smith one Cock. The Hon. John Smith of "Tlanarth" out of Bathurst was a step brother I think of my great grandfather. His son Ted Smith of Narragel Station (Wellington) had a strong likeness to my Father!