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Dear Phyllis.

It is 7 AM, a too early for a poor old soul like me to get up & moving, so am sitting up on electric blanket where I usually write my letters, It spoils writing on account of no proper arm rest like a table, I don't sleep with it on.

It was lovely to hear from you, & glad you liked any extra news. If you open your big list you can put too extra names in. Merwyn Bielefeld's 3rd girl is Kerry, And Adrian Whittens 3rd adopted child is also Kerry.

Adrian is under Tom & Dolly Whittens lot, and Merwyn is under Albert & Kathleen Bielefelds lot. I don't know if you have heard of Blanche Hilda Whittens. (She was always known as Hilda, she was Tom & Dollys eldest, approx. 70 died in her sleep last Tues. week. She was a huge woman, & tall with it. She never married, & lived alone at South Jamworth. Well it is the best way to go, but I reckon 70 is too young. She had a bad heart.

Thanks for your list of Wes & Beth's children but I was amazed at you not knowing their 2nd names. (Not that it matters) Anyway I know 3. Mark Miles, Jane Meredith, Simon Jeremy, although I have never seen them.

Fancy Gregory Richard². My grandson who died,
was Gregory (Pratt's) of course we have Richard Anthony.
They did not even know the Richard & Anthony
in our history. or Rex may have heard of Anthony.
Well Rex called in last Sat for about 9 minutes,
to bring my birthday card & present. He had
to get over town to one of the ships. He really
does not look his age. You want to see Mervyn
Bickfeld. (3 months younger than Rex) About 17 stone
& white hair, also the next brother Norman has
white hair, & their skins weather-beaten as it
were, from farm life.

Now Keith has picked up alright, and is able
to do some work on "Woodstock". He is not as good
as Royce. As Keith is a bit useless, & dreamy & careless.
About his age. Well he is 9 years younger than
me approx. He comes in between Mavis & Daphne.
Mavis will be 59 in Aug. Keith would be
58 last May & Daph will be 58, in Nov I think.
But Keith really looks an old man.

You said, "The other Phoebe Moore, was the mother of
Elyza Willans." Well I had completely forgotten about
Elyza Willans. Grandma used to talk of her, & even
write to her. I think Grandma had a photo of her.
What an awful situation to the marriage.

I wonder if Phoebe's husband (Moore) was related to
Aunt Annie's husband. (Moore) He was 30 years older than my aunt Annie.
Well Mavis came over, and took me out to
Narrabeen on Sunday. Got Daph, & we celebrated
my birthday afternoon tea, near Narrabeen Lagoon.
Just where it comes in from the sea, beaut!

I will be 67 tomorrow. Sometimes I feel about
99 & 11 months. I am really not very well at all.
I think my number is up, with no year, or
date beside it

Daph enjoyed her trip to Katoomba, but then
picked up virus flu. They had a job to keep
her in bed. She looks very thin & washed out
from it. Seems quite happy out there.

Navis is O.K. & looked nice in a pumpkin
coloured winter's dress. (^{just} above knees)

It was nice hearing the news about your
family. What are Murray & Alip's second names?
Rebecca won first prize in apron parade at
school for prettiest apron. Kathy came 2nd
in best kitchen apron, (red) She was upset
when Becky got a prize, & not her. But Marcia
said the winning one was beautifully done.

Marcia got her sister Peggy, of Griffiths, to make them
seems no move re, Woodstock. So guess I will
be lucky if I ever live to get any. But as long as
Rex has it. It is O.K. with me. I know it would
slip through their fingers, They are both very
bad managers. worst luck. Though Rex has
terrific expences, often more than what he makes,
but he has never had any help financially.

As I speed, my writing gets worse & worse. But I must get
moving. Son's boy Jerry is about to announce
his engagement. He must be about 25, last April,
cherries for now. Love from

Glad