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Dear Mrs Hohnen,

After the rush of posting your parcel the other day I now have time to put pen to paper to again thank you for all the wonderful information you sent, and to tell you a little about myself & our side of the family tree. The last 2 to 3 weeks have been a continual rush with all the children in various stages of the flu, and time to write has been a luxury. To write about my life seems the first step as all the facts are first hand; and I will do a chart on another page: —

I was born at home, 26 Moala Street, Concord West a suburb of Sydney, on the 19th April 1951, a neighbour Mrs Mae Jones helping my mother in the delivery. I attended Concord West Primary School till 4th class, then Summer Hill Opportunity School for 5th & 6th class, Strathfield Girls High till 6th Form, and finally the National Art School in conjunction with Alexander Mackie Teachers' college to become a high school art teacher. I met my husband Garry Trelzie (an Industrial Arts Teacher) while working, married him & achieved my list 2 to become an Art mistress, while pregnant with our first baby Melanie. While he courted me we spent many happy days in the National Parks of our beautiful Blue Mountains & decided to buy a house here when we married. I have not worked since, but have been happy to work at the difficult but pleasurable task of parenthood. We have Alicia aged 4, and Shane 16 months. And that completes our babies. Garry was born at Quakers Hill, near Blacktown Sydney where the Trelzie family has lived since the late 1800's, a street bearing the name. He attended Quakers Hill Primary School, Riverstone High school, and then boarded out in Newcastle while he completed his tertiary education.

I became interested in Family History about 4½ years ago when Alicia was born on her Great Grandfather's birthday. He died only last year & while he was alive we asked lots of questions, read all his diaries (he was an habitual writer), and listened to anyone who was prepared to talk.

It was only last October however that I decided so formally research the family tree, and I joined

As often happens, I was attending my 3rd meeting and found myself elected into the committee. I don't mind that however as I am able to contribute with my art, in the form of a new logo for the society, and a dustjacket design for "Reminiscences of Australia". We did not know that our relatives, namely Robert Peter Cook & Sophia Starr had married at St. Peters, Emu Plains & that Hugh Phillips Cook was buried there as well; it was just coincidence that we belonged to the society that was transcribing those details so near to our ancestral roots.

I will write below the marriages of my mother's brothers and sisters :-

- HAROLD NEVILL 1912 m Florence (d) m. Louise (Dawn)
GEORGE HERBERT 1913 m Sis
LESLEY ROBERT 1915 m Doris Mepstead (Robert, William, Kevin, Garry)
* LILA DULCIE 10.6.1917 m Henry Hugh McGovern (Roslyn, Jennifer)
THOMAS PETER 1919 m Betty m. Ruth
MURIEL SOPHIA 1921 m Jack Wells
NEVA GRACE 1923 m. Albert Arthur Gagan (Sandra, Carol, Christine, Rhonda)
✓ William (died age 2 or 3, possibly Scarlet Fever according to mum).

Family Peculiarities, Illnesses, Characteristics:

- My sister Roslyn's youngest son is left handed (GARTH HUGO).
My father^{did} and I have tight (blonde) curly hair
I am allergic to ASPRIN
My sister Roslyn has 3 kidneys
My husband Garry is allergic to Penicillin & Beesting.
None of us has had our appendix out.
I was Asthmatic as a child but not now.
Heart problems seem to be a premature death cause in my mother's family, George, Lesley, Muriel all died middle age with heart.
Muriel's son Glenn died of heart failure age 12
Garry's father died of a Heart Attack age 63
My father died of accidental death age 63
Alicia Shares Great Grandfather McKeen's birthday (5.2.81)
My mother (Lila) has gall trouble & should have had an operation but for the doctor's dispute of 84/85.
Garry and the children are double jointed.

Mum visited Neville in 1945, with George Herbert (her father) and my sister Roslyn (then aged 2), but none of us has visited there since.

I will finish now & write again later ;

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24.8.1985

Dear Mrs Hohnen,

Thank you for your letter and the extra information about Robert Peter Cock's wedding, I assumed that it had been in the church where Hugh Phillips was buried, St. Pauls. Emu Plains. I went and saw his grave & took photos of it and the church, though the film is still in my camera.

Could you send me the address of "Fleurs" so that I can get photos of it as well.

The society I belong to is the Nepean Family History Society, not the Historical Society, although the president of my society is a member of both & the societies are therefore close because of local history interests in the area.

Your children's success is a matter of which to be proud, as years of hard work go into that degree of achievement.

I hope our three littlies have the capabilities & opportunities to do as well.

We are going to Neville / Blayney area during this August / September break.

We will be touring in a small Jaxo pop top van and stopping only 1 night at the places we wish to visit. We are going north-west to Tamworth first to see a new twig on my husband's family tree, his sister's first baby born in the first week of August; then down the Oxley & Newell Highways to Dubbo then to the Blayney area, and home. Or if time & days permit we will try to go to Goulburn as well. We only have one week's rent on the van so we are probably being a little ambitious.

We have written to Elsie Kahle (nee Cook) and Grace Scott and will try and see them when we are in Neville.

I will write to them this week and give them definite dates.

A man wrote to me called Langley and he is interested in the Cock Family (not a direct line) but I asked him (when I sent the information to him) to try and find the ship the Cock Family came here on,

Hoping he has some success. I am trying too!

Yours faithfully,

Jenni Freyne.