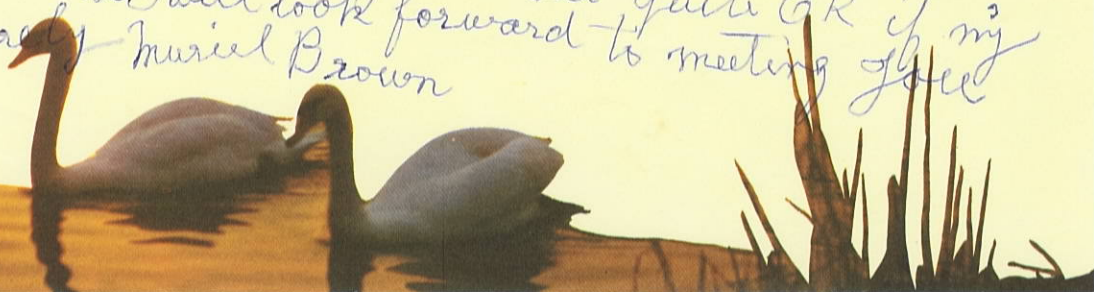


"Brownleigh"
Neville

6-9-82

Dear Mrs Hobson

Thank you so much for sending
the Gaffneys Creek book. My father Francis Oats
would have been thrilled to know a book had
been written, he used to talk about Gaffneys Creek
as long as I can remember until he died so I am
interested in the book & my family are too.
I will write to Phyllis & when she comes home I can
return the book via my daughter Frances who lives
in Canberra she must be a very thoughtful person
to think of things like that, we have corresponded a few
times in the last six months & I would like to know
her, I was told about you & your sister coming up for
a while I would be very pleased to know you & have
you for some meals & Grace Scott would like to meet you
too. My sister Bob will be home in the middle of
October, a grand daughter is being married then
I am not much good on my own but quite OK if my
sister is here so I will look forward to meeting you
yours sincerely
Muriel Brown



Perville

6-9-82

Dear Phyllis
your sister has sent me the book
of "Gold at Gaffneys Creek" & my family are very
thrilled about it & would like to read it &
my Father Francis Oats would have loved to have
seen it & to know that a book had been written
about it. Frances from Canberra was here when
it came & I told her I would give the book to her
to return to you when you come home, & we thought
you were very kind to think of these things, I am
on my own just now as Bab is with her Cousin in
Sydney but will be home by the middle of October
one of my Grand Daughters will be married on the 24 of
October, I hope we will be able to meet you after
you come home & I hope to have my eyes seen
to by Christmas for cataracts. Grace Scott has been
in Orange Hospital her legs were very painful but
are much better now & she is home & looks well



Now, you wanted to know about my
Grandmother Harriett Oats, she was 75 when she
died with kidney trouble I do remember her, she
had brown hair & not a streak of grey in it,
her hair was also very wavy, my Brother Cliff who
was 3 years older than me, was her favourite & she
used to make him rounder balls, of course we all
played with it, Emily Edge had been with her for
several years, she is buried in the Reville Cemetery
with John Semmens Oats who had been dead for several
years, & Harriett's ^{son} Fred Oats who died with Consum-
ption Harriett's ^{Husband} ~~son~~ Richard Oats her husband who was
96 years a few years later that Harriett, it is
the grave of 4 people is done in with a Palasadin
fence that Bob Edge made himself, also Richard
Lock Oats, wife, & 2 children are buried in the
cemetery, Francis & Janet are there, their children so
far have been cremated, my sister Elsie has just died
in Wandi Queensland & was buried there in her 93rd year
Jack Oats wife & 2 children are also buried there
(over)



sorry about the writing of this letter.
 my eyes are getting worse quickly I
 will be glad to have them done, we have
 good eye Drs in Orange & people do come
 from Sydney to have their eyes seen to &
 all over the northern part of inland N.S.W.
 my Dr tells me he often does people's eyes over
 90 years & they get on very well, I hope he is
 right, my sister Bube had both of hers done some
 years ago she got on very well & can still
 see well, my daughter Winsome has been away
 all winter up the north coast but will soon
 be home to get ready for the wedding
 on the 24 of September, Eva Levenish is still
 with Aileen Levenish her daughter in law she doesn't
 seem to have anyone else to look after her in Blayney
 Aileen brought her up one afternoon, Aileen says
 that Eva is quite well out ~~there~~ here & they take her
 in to Blayney to see Betty in hospital she was
 Arthur's wife & is ill a sad case, Glad to know you
 are enjoying your holiday
 love from Muriel Brown

M. Brown.

"Brownleigh".

Newville 2799.

N.S.W. Australia.