

15/6/87.

Dear Phyl and Ross,

It was nice to receive your letter and we look forward to seeing the people you mentioned. We'd had a few visitors from home so far and it's lovely. We were hoping Ross' brother from Perth was going to be one of them, but he couldn't manage it at the last minute, but it was nice to talk to him on the phone. School & driving to spoo is taking up nearly all my time, but I have managed to squeeze a little bit of research in. I've located Mary at Trevell in the 1841 census & I'm now hot on the trail of her two "missing" brothers. I've found Richard & now know that he married Selina Lean in Altarnun in 1869. In 1881 they were farmers of 150 acres at ^{"TRECARNE"} St Cleer. No children, but ~~that~~ his 16 year old nephew John Stephens, son of a farmer & born Altarnun was there with them. He has to be John senior's son - but where were John, Grace & Co? Richard died St Cleer 1916. There's a death notice in the paper but no obituary. I've sent for his will which might give a hint of where to find John & I'll send for his death cert too.

Richard (Senior's) ~~was~~ second wife Mary Stonehan was not in Polyphant in 1841, but in the 1851 census she was housekeeper to the doctor at Polyphant - just across the road from Coombe Faraw. I feel so sorry for poor old Charity Stephens, dying just as the family began to be comfortably off & that Mary reaping the benefit.

I go over to Chapel at Trevadlock Cross every Sunday (where Richard & Charity are

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buried.) I have also discovered that William Stephens buried next to Richard is his younger brother. He was a tailor & farmer & lived with his (& Richard's) sister Charity & John Dawe & brother in law

at Treadlock. I have to go to work! Imagine what a shame how much I could find out if I could spend all my time on it!

Cornwall is as beautiful as ever. I've never seen it at this time of year before and it's just lovely.

Love from us all, Pat

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