



Xmas 86.

Gladys Whitten

b.

90 Brown Rd.
Harbord 2096
30/7/69

Dear Phyllis

Well it is 6-30 AM. Me sitting up on electric blanket, pillows behind me, & light on wall. If I don't write now. I just won't have time. Well I will be 66 to-morrow; So Daph & Mavis gave me an afternoon birthday tea down at Daph's Sunday. I asked Mavis "If she had heard of ^{you} going home yet" & she said "some time ago." So I said "See she has forgotten to send me the Mason history," So as you asked me to remind you, this is what I am doing now. Giles Moore's daughter, Ena Harper, is waiting particularly for the information. She is writing a story & Aunt Annie is the theme of the story (as it were) Maud has asked me twice, if I had heard from you, as she would like to know the Mason history before she passes out. & of course me I love old history of relatives. So here's hoping I'll have a letter from you very soon.

Henry is 91 and Maud 81. He is blind from Glaucoma can mostly see doors & windows when open, or a person moving ^{about}. Maud has a very bad heart. But they are both bright, & Henry a marvellous memory. Maud said "She has never heard him swear, or say anything nasty about anyone in his life." She said "Everything has to him seemed beautiful in his life. He never grumbles about his blindness. & A most placid man." His calmness may be why he is so well. He has a hernia which gives him a bit of trouble. He does not lie down

in the day-time but sits up asleep, His head sits perfectly straight & does not lean against anything, mine would flop in either of the 4 positions, if I fell asleep. He does not seem to have the Whittens arthritis, or impatience, or temper from nerves. How lovely it would be to be so placid.

Daph still keeps going, Mavis, to me, does not look as well as she should. I don't know if it is her age causing it, or if she had blood pressure, heart, or something like that, ^{or reacting about too much.} She seems to be losing that happy beam, Still she may be quite O.K. Look at me for instance, I will truly show my age especially if I am tired, Suppose I have lost my beam too. But Mavis is 7 years younger than me. Sometimes if ever tired I look about 99 - 11 months.

Luckily I am a good sleeper. Went to bed 6.30 last night & only woke up once during the night. Of course I work hard, Have always had to have a lot of sleep. Dad was the same. also Connie & me & Daph also, Saves electricity going to bed, & not having radiator on ha, ha, (what an excuse) I am up about 5.30 or earlier in summer but have to have 1/2 hour lie down then, during the day, as I don't go to bed till 8 in the summer.

I am like a busy bee at present, & for the last 3 weeks, my neighbour, Mrs Cox, ^{nearly 90} is deteriorating quickly & has lost control of her bowels, also wets at night. She is waiting for a bed (may be next week) in a

till 6.30 am alarm for sheet. even

Convalescent Hospital, where I hope she will be contented to stay, It is a very classical one in Addison Rd. I have been giving her the one main meal in the day, & doing work for her, etc, messages I could not do it indefinitely, as I don't really get enough time, at any time, for my house & garden etc & am always on the go.

Monday Samsons work & B. A. Majors 2 children after that.
 Tuesday " & teach one girl when I get home
 Wednesday my day if I have to go anywhere, or finish Laura's ironing if I don't get through it at night Mon. Tues. & some of my work.
 Thursday Manly, if I have to go for anything, Dinner with Daph & Home League (S. A.) home 4 o'clock.
 Friday Shopping for week end & cleaning up a couple of rooms each week rather well.
 Saturday I only have one pupil & can wash, iron & do cleaning or gardening
 Sunday Flat out all day with house work etc & half of Laura's ironing if she happens to bring it on the Sunday, or if I have to go anywhere. So I'll wear out not rust out, & write a lot of letters


Well Rex is in Germany, (Only Japan left)

He will be home on 20th August.

He sent me a most beautiful scarf for my birthday from
 Kind of royal blue satin, beautifully coloured flowers including edelweiss. Then around border, between

in Lodge St.

Switzerland

little sprig of flowers, Beautifully coloured emblems,
 It is really too good to wear, Could only wear it
 at night with my best coat, In fact it is really
 too pretty for one so old as me. But lovely to have &
 to show. also birthday card. Little perfumed affair
 inside. You open it up (3 layers) roses etc & 4 lovely
 coloured birds who stand out. one has a lucky
 horse shoe & another lucky trinket in his beak 
 (Oh I have got my horse shoe joined)

He seems to think he has done better than he expected.
 It is a pity Marcia is such a grizzer & nagger.
 She is much better to me than she used to be
 thank goodness.

I will be glad when I get the Woodstocks money, may be
 a year or more before they can sell it. I will give Rex
 a helping hand financially then.

Bonnie's blood pressure is very much better, but will
 have to keep on Ismalin or such like all her life. Her
 eyes ^{lids} seem puffed & when tired ^{eyes} get quite (slit like looking)
 she was 50 on 26th June. I always give her a birthday tea
 & her & Jim come over the nearest ^{saturday} ~~sunday~~ to it

Laura was 45 on the moon landing day. Just terribly thin,
 Jan has 3 ~~girls~~ girls Rowina, Meaghan & Deborah, her
 surname is Lacey

I do hope your leg is alright, or as good as can be expected.
 You don't realize how much they get used, till something like
 that sets up & you have to rest. I'll have to close getting late
 excuse writing. it is an awkward position & me speeding
 Love to Ross & yourself. From Glad

167 Shaftesbury Rd
Eastwood 2122.

I am going home next
Saturday 23rd Maria driving
me home, can drive car now.

17/1/70

Dear Phyllis,

you might say, "What ~~am~~ am I doing at
this address" Well Ann Meredith (who used to be
Ann Williams, of Five Docks, & married Uncle Sam's
nephew Fred Meredith) she asked me over, when
I was sick in Feb-March last year, & asked me
again for 2 weeks, following this last bout of
that terrible wog I got in second week in Nov.

I had 2 lots of PENSIG, 7 bottles of medicine, & 2 for
stopping cough, if it was persistent at night, & angil
tabs as well as my heart, fit, & tablets for swollen
ankles, etc. I was almost stupid with drugs,
(I'm bad enough at any time as far as alertness goes)

Even left parcels in shop on counter, or come home
with some special letter in my purse, which I wanted
to catch next mail, & main reason for going out.

The cough has gone altogether now. but have a nasty
discharge from antrims. (The one I had a piece of root
of tooth taken out when I was 42.) It has always left
sinusitis, ^{on the} ^{whole} ^{side} But this last wog ^(tooth extracted when 31 left piece of root) played up there, &
into ear, & even the pensig, and inhalations, seem
not to improve it. I was terribly weak, & could
not do my work, except absolutely necessary things.

I could not dare to travel to Jamworth, (the first year I have missed, except the (2 years I was in Bathurst at Lmas, also depression) in 41 years. ^{back & muscle to heart would not stand it too long}

They were all disappointed. But the flu upset spondolitis, fibrositis & heart, with the violent coughing Ann's sister, Phyllis, (Lathams), husband, Bill, had it so bad that he got bronchial asthma, & a spot on lung, because he is allergic to penicillin, & was in hospital, he is O. K. now.

We are just waiting for Moavis to call & take us to church. So will have to finish to-morrow. We are going to Moavis for dinner & tea.

Last night, ^{Dad} Moavis had an "old friends night" about 17. Including Melville (bashing) that was. She looks very young, & vivacious. Of course about 58 compared with me 67. 1/2

Moavis had a "smorgus-board tea" everything you could think of, & fruit salad, jelly, & cream. later.

Melville showed pictures of her travels in Central Australia, & Darwin, & back through ~~Abba~~ Mt Isa, & others. Another showed us churches of England, & gardens, & bridges etc, & a reel of mixed.

All were lovely. Then supper again. Where we put it I don't know.

Then yesterday at church. They showed pictures, instead of a sermon, on the United Church work, in New Guinea, & Solomons.

It is wonderful what is going on

The Sunday before. Daph came over to Moavis for the week end before. Moavis took her to see their Auntie Mary Baker, who will be 101 next April. She does not even wear glasses, & makes coat hangers & things, & walks about, & is quite well. Daph is very thin, but wiry, but beginning to show her age properly. Moavis is 59. Daph 58 & Keith is in between the two.

He seemed to get over his trouble last year, & has gone back to baths as usual. October till end of March. Long hours, as there are lawns baths, toilets cleaned out ^{20m} The kids are growing up. David 21 Richard 15 Rebecca 8, & Kathleen 6. aren't they.

I always wanted to see David turn 21, so I have achieved that. I don't know if I can hang out the 6 years for Richard. He is starting to grow a bit. But is thin, weedy, pimply & long hair (straight as a ruler.) David is very well built 1 inch off 6 ft ^{now} butting down on food a bit, as getting too heavy. But won't cut his hair. He looks almost like a fuzzy-wuzzy, with the most beautiful hair you could set eyes on. But I don't like it on boys. It is getting more curly every day. & beautiful shades in it. In surf twice a day, bath twice a day. I reckon he wets it too often.

Rebecca is fairly sturdy but could be taller Kathy. very small for her age. Allergic to common

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cold. bleaver at school. more alert than Becky.
Becky is a poor reader for her age, she goes into
3-d class. ~~B~~ Kathy, 1st class.

Becky will be going to Jesmond, as the small
school near Marcia, only has kinder, 1st & 2nd class.
She is quite a good little singer & quite confident
about it. She was in 2nd class choir, when she
was in 1st class, standard

Well I brought Gwynn's long epistle with me
but must have left ~~it~~ ^{your} in drawer, so can say most interesting
she has brilliant children like your family.

Had a letter from Benj. She said "Malcolm
is in Vietnam, Cecile works away from home"
Don't know where, or, what at.

Victor had a cyst taken out of the gland in his
neck & got over it O.K.

There is such a lot to comment on in your letter.
That I recon, "If I say. I love getting them
& proud of them, that covers pages of detailed
answering."

Oh I just remember. In the Family History
I have thought of 3 names you can add.

Merwin Bielefeld's wife Nell. Her maiden name
was Nell Garland. youngest daughter Kerry.
(Where I have Christine then sister, then Kerry)

also in Adrian Whitten's lot (son of Tom & Polly)
Their youngest adopted girl is Kerry too.

So you can add to the epistle. Sometimes my brain

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goes blank. Then all of a sudden I think of the family. & the names fall into place.

Also Joan & Ingrid Bielefeld, have a baby daughter Nita, she is a sister for Albert & Frederick.

Our Salvation Army Major has been moved to Fairy Meadow, near Wollongong. I am very fond of Mrs Bedwell. I will miss her. But glad to be released of the worry of her 3 music pupils. One exceptionally naughty. she was 11 on 31 Dec 1900 lively, ^{very small} Next one ^{call} rather dreamy child, ^{put her class at school} the younger one, only had 7 or 8 lessons, was very good, in that time. The army children are in so many things, ^{with} lots of homework. They were really tired by Monday evening. All week end activities ^{5 Army Laundry school} & church. ^{even} I would not blame them if they did not improve, as they should have.

As they were really taxed with music as well.

I'll miss the money. \$1 for 3. but I will only have 3 left to teach, but my nerves, & age, and eyesight are all against me for teaching now. A real old granny with all my ailments

Well Ann is about to go up the street so I think I have told you enough for the present

Hope all are well

Love from Glad

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30/7/70

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 Richard, ² my grandson who died, was Gregory, ^{Bruce'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 8 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 Eliza Willan," Well I had completely forgotten about Eliza Willan, 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 ^{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, beautiful.

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 & Alis' 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. No 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 expenses, 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 Terry is about to announce his engagement. He must be about 25, last April. Cherrie for now. Love from

Glad

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19/3/73.

Dear Phyllis here I am at least starting this after 15 months. I feel terribly ashamed to keep you waiting so long. I was going to do a stroke while on holidays. I was with Marcia, & all from the Saturday before Xmas Day, till the day after New Years Day, you simply can't write letters of any importance while there. What with Marcia's voice, & the kids around me, & my brain old. No hope in 2 di for ~~the~~ 3 days & 2 nights, and visit Keith at baths, & Kitty has a little shop near the swinging bridge, Beryl & Charlie Barnett & stayed with Royce & Jean.

Well Keith at the baths looks awful, & has done since he had the stroke 3 years ago. He is really not fit to be manager of the baths. Anyone could be drowning & he would not know. He has the management from October 1st till end of March, & not one day away from it. He ~~is~~ is the only one in Quirindi with a bronze medallion for life saving. He will be 61 on 26th May, & looks years older than me. & I will be 70 in July.

Kitty has extra bad high blood pressure, & bad heart. ^{She has 5 cysts at top of lung (cannot operate)} & smokes continually. ^{Doesn't know} where she goes & is terribly fat, which is against her, & violent temper. Sue has a bad back. She had to come to Sydney last year with cramps in legs. It was discovered she has 1 or 2 cracked discs, she has lost 2 stone & has to ~~lose~~ lose 3 more stone, before they operate. She has been really far too fat. D^r says she may have done the damage with her own weight, & then perhaps lifted something heavy. Her girls Debbie 12 & Kellie 11 have beautiful teeth. Kellie is the nicest girl. Beryl looks well, ^{youngish} pleased to have Malcolm back from Vietnam, & belie at home with her ~~in the~~ in the ~~old~~ old.

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from Vietnam, & Belie at home with her. Beile works
in the solicitors office of Thomas Hague & Sarks.
She has glorious eyes and an exceptionally good figure
Charlie Barnett lives alone. Pearl died last year,
she was blind from glaucoma, & was months & months

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in hospital. First² in Danworth, & later in Durindi with a broken thigh or hip, suffering terrible agony, as it would not heal.

She was cremated at Beresfield (near Maitland)

Charlie went down, with Betty's husband, & family Beryl rang Charlie up the next day to see if she could do anything for him. She went to the house when she knew he was at home. He was chopping wood. He gets meals-on-wheels. He is 90 & does not wear glasses. He sings to himself while he is scratching about. I reckon his calmness & happy nature has kept him alive. When I got there he was singing Swaney River, "not His bye his hon the sparrow", He has one fang in the lower jaw, which I reckon would be worse than none at all. He said "He is too hold to bother getting used to teeth".

May Porter who was Mrs ~~the~~ ~~of~~ Doolan, who I used to go & see regularly, passed away last year. One other sister married a Doolan too.

I think one sister is alive but, senile mentally to a degree. Sam lives with her. He still drinks rum. It must have him preserved, or pickled. Royce is 51. Jean works at hospital at night. 11 PM till 6 or 7 AM. Lynde is quite a young lady. about 15. Has lost a lot of her asthma.

Frances is a charming child about 10 or 11.

She is as strong as Lynde is delicate, but gets very slight asthma, too. Jean also.

Now "Woodstock" has been sold, ^{at} ~~at~~ 21 dollars per acre, ^{at} ~~at~~ 2,112 acres, a bit over & rocky waste land. It will take a long time to finalise, \$44,000, the solicitor said, & a lot of money has to come out. for solicitors, sales tax, auctioneers, & other things, Royce said the sheep were sold at an average of \$8-80 each.

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I never thought I would ever live to see the money.
It is a bit late in life to get it. (Maybe 6 months
time) (more or less) I think I might hang out
that long. My eyes are very crook, I reckon it
could be from the pit tablets, as they calcify on the

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kidneys a bit, & periodically I have to have
tablets to clear kidneys out. Away in the far
distance cataracts have just started on eyes

By the way a friend of Resc's, & his wife, adopted a
lovely little boy from "Bethesda" (Sallies' hospital) at
Dulwich Hill or nearby. He even resembles the adopted
father, that you would never guess he did not belong
to him. He won't be 2 till a couple more months
suddenly screamed with pain. Got Dr - put him
in Childrens Hospital, ^{Camperdown} He passed 3 stones, they
gave him anaesthetic, to examine up the tube, ^{with mirror} & there
are 2 more stones, kidney twice the size, & diseased.
He has to have it out in about 5 weeks. I don't
know how they are going to keep him still, after the op
probably have to drug him a lot.

Well I have been burning off. & smoke has got
in my eyes. So I'll dive into bed. It is 7.30.

I have to go to a ladies' place to do some ironing
for her tomorrow, & for a couple of weeks, while her
daughter is holidaying in Melbourne. She has one of
her grandsons of the daughter, in New Guinea, with her
she is a young, & bright & brainy 87, & mind
perfectly clear, & a beautiful skin. I have to
iron the boy's school shirts etc. But only till
Heather returns from her holiday
I can hardly see so cherish till next effort.

Wed. 21st 7.A.M

I'll do ^{1/2} hour more letter. after early morning cup of tea.
Well I read through the letter, & discovered, you would
not know the Porters of Gasparde. I was so tired, I must
have thought I was writing to Gwynon. They were neighbours
to "Woodstock" as you go to the Gaspard Rd,
I had a good time going to see Damworth, relations, & friends,
& Gowil. Poor old Gordon Whitten passed away some weeks
before I mas. He was the "King of Gowil" & my favourite cousin,
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condition, not pancreatic, but same treatment.
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weeks with Alice Reading. She came back with me 3 wks & 2 days
now yesterday I got a letter from David. He went to
England for 12 months working holiday. He stayed at Leeds,
& in their football team, 3 other boys went with him,
2 were brothers, but one returned home in 3 or 4
weeks. The cold was too much for him. (OVER)

In the note he said, "He had seen all he wanted to in London, before going to Leeds. (Has been gone 5 months)

Boat to Singapore, & plane on. He has enjoyed the scenery, when going to play football at other places.

They take a coach when travelling to the different places. He does labourers work. not allowed clerical work. He said the working conditions are terrible, and wages low. They have a nice new flat, carpeted etc, I would hate to see the untidiness, as that is David's greatest fault. leaves everything just where he steps out, also wet towels on bed etc.

But the main thing he seems to have a good character. He said they can't save much money, as they travel about a lot. He said the work is monotonous & dirty. Food is very dear.

(In a tyre retread place). In a months time, they are going to Scotland for a week. then going for a tour on 30th April for 9½ weeks they go to France, Andorra, Spain, Monaco, Leichenstein, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, West Germany, Holland, & Belgium.

He would like to see Norway, Sweden & Denmark & if he has enough money will go there for 2 weeks. before coming home. He thought he would go back to Canberra. But Rex said he was told, David had to stay at Newcastle where he got his leave of absence from.

He says also, if he has enough money, he would like to go to Wales, Devon - Cornwall, I sent he having a lovely time. He was 23 in Dec.

Richard 17 in Dec. Is quite hard to manage. He has grown quite a lot. This is his last year at school. He has got in with a type of modern boys. So does no study, so as far as being a vet, well I think that would be impossible. His hair is down past his shoulders, & has a smallish face, & looks like a monkey peeping out of excess hair.

I tell him to tie it back, to let me see what he really looks like. He had a car, & a truck ran into him & ruined the engine. It was not Richards fault, & none of the 5 boys were hurt, thank goodness. Richard had practically stopped when the truck hit him, which was a great help. He must take after my father for bad temper.

Rebecca now 10 last Nov. is now picking up a bit at school. She was about bottom in 4th class. Did not get a pass in any subject, & 2 subjects no marks at all. (won't study)

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Becky is more affectionate, or at least shows it. But that is not everything. Likes house work, so gets imposed on a bit. I think Marcia's voice has a bad effect on everybody. It gets me down. She has been much better to me, since her mother died. And asks my advice even, at times.

must get dressed & have breakfast (will leave till another time)

Thursday 4-30 5

Moavis' Auntie Mary Baker, passed away about 10 days ago. She would have been 103, had she lived about 3 or 4 weeks longer. She got a coronary in the end. But she had wonderful health for her age, & never wore glasses, & made coat hangers till a short time back. Now I think I missed telling you what Nancy Wellham (Giles Moore's daughter) found out that Richard Mason (Grandma's father) died 13th January 1863 at Chain-of-Ponds.

name Richard Mason

Occupation Labourer 54 years old

cause of death Died from injuries from a fall from a horse
Verdict of jury, Henry Glennie (Coroner)

Father's name Peter Masons farmer

Mother's name Grace Masons (formally Powell)

Description & residence of informant Jane Masons (wife)
Emu creek

Buried at Church of England Cemetery, Falbrook, by
Rev William Dove

His children were
Phoebe 29 yrs
Grace 27 "
Giles 25 "
Eliza^{1st} deceased
Charlotte 21 yrs
Eliza 2nd 18 "
Jane 15 "
Richard & Anne 12 "
Fanny 9 "

All but
summers at
later age
(Stevenson Moore)
(Bathgate)
Mason
..
(Grandma)
(Whitten)
(Moore)
Richard
Mason + (Moore) (Annie)
(Stretton)

Nancy went to the Lands Department, to look for Emu Creek, in relation to Chain of Ponds.

The man said "It would be about 4 miles south of Chain-of-Ponds. They had the original grants of land, marked on the Chain-of-Ponds area, and Joseph owned a great deal of land in that area; Joseph owned the "Half Way House". Rex took me to see it. Used to be on the main road from out that

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of land, marked on the Chain-of-Ponds area, and
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it. Used to be on the main road from out that
way. There were people living on the ground floor ^{where}
Down under the building was a huge fire place, ^{we} must
have been where servants, & coach men slept.
to the side are the stables where the cob, & co changed
their horses & drivers. There ~~are~~ is a building to the
side-back which could have been the kitchen (OVER)

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Gull of Hay, and old twisted beds, at present.
In the cement between that stone place & the main
building is a stone lid to a well. (full of water)
Uncle Joseph sold alcoholic drinks so the 4 brothers
had nothing to do with him.

A company has bought the area, the new road goes
around behind it, and you can't see it from the
road now. The buyers wanted to pull it down,
But council would not agree. The last I heard,
It was going to be lost in a lake, like the big
one up near Muswellbrook for electricity.
now in Idi papers it had some time back, a death
of Keith Whitten, He was a descendant of Uncle Joe
really called Keith Whitten-Dine, but they did not state ^{Dine in} notice
Some people in Idi had bought ~~the~~ ordered flowers
for our Keith's grave, & on ringing Kitty, found our
Keith was well & truly at the baths
now. I'll answer a few of the things in your Xmas letter,
but can't manage the lot.

I was very sorry that you had the sickness early that
year. I know what thrombosis is, but not the
"phlebitis" part. I'll ask my chemist.

Fancy at your age a major operation. I had both ovaries
removed at 37 & 10 months. Tumour on one ovary
& fibrous cyst, & adhesions on other,
And fancy ~~you~~ getting the ulcer. I have seen that happen
before, & they are very hard to heal.

It was nice for you to see Michael & Eps & Lucy sounds most
intelligent

What a dreadful thing to happen to Alys. It hit me
I can tell you. David had mild encephalitis in the
April of his 6th year. It did help him not to get a
scholarship for a high school teacher. But seems
O.K. in the "bustoms" which would not be so aggravating
as trying to teach MODERN BOYS & GIRLS

Did Stewart get married? Mavis has not told me
anything regarding his marriage, I hope if he is married,
that he, & her, have a very happy life together.

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to you.

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to take her place. It is a bit of a tie. I have to
go down 7 till 8 on a Wednesday night, & to both
services on a Sunday. They only have a pianist who
plays without music, & for the 4 parts, the music
has to be played as written. I like doing anything
like that, but my eyes are very bad even with the

special music glasses, some days I can see a bit better than others. according to glare etc. I have bi-focals as well.

I think the fit tablets, "Dilantin" have a bearing on it. As they play up with my kidneys.

Sometimes I wonder if I will end up with a brain tumour, I already have cataracts just starting

But as I will be 70 in July. I must expect to get something, I have lost a stone weight in 12 months.

Well they are building 3 story units all around here, & they will even come up to my fence, on one side.

I have to get a fair bit of practice in as M^B Hopley (the other pianist for Home League) & I are learning some new duets for a change. She has glaucoma & is allergic to the drops, or sintment, she is much younger than me. we both are three parts grey. She has rather a choppy heavy touch, where-as I have a smoother soft touch.

If she has the bass, I have to play louder to smother her bass a bit. Sounds better if she plays the treble, I play more at treble than bass.

As with her eyes, a lovely big house, Husband & 2 sons, I have more time, But I have to practice more than her. as my uptake is slow, & memory nil.

still I like playing, & it is more interesting to play to an audience, than just at home alone.

As it helps you to do your very best. But I am a very nervous person, but have got accustomed to playing it Home League. I practically know everybody, & that helps.

Rex & Marcia still shout & argue the point. It would drive you mad. & bad for the children.

Mavis comes over every couple of weeks to see Daph. She picks me up. & takes me out. Daph is up & down like a yo, yo. Just at present, much better than she was at Elmas, & not dragging her feet, & can hold her cup in her right hand.

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Gordon & Laura's girl Nina Pickering turned 17 last
week. Jan's 3 children Rowina Ruth,
Breaghann Louise, and Debra-ann are lovely children
but, a bit too thick in the legs (over)

I do hope you can read this scribble. I am spoiling my hand writing by speed, trying to fit a letter in before my eye, or eyes, (left one worst) fail on me. Lawrie & Roma's boy John Charles was married ~~recently~~ recently, he is a school teacher,

I won't seal this up till to-morrow, in case I think of something

Mavis was telling me Adrian Bathgate ~~past~~ ^{passed} away about 18 months, or 2 years ago. Mavis plays bowls with Earle's wife. I have not seen Earle since he was 2 years old. Don't know for sure Earle or Earle I think Earle

Cherrie for now. I do hope Alys continues to improve.

Love to you & Ross

From Glad.

Ivy Woolnough passed away last September. (the Auntie who lived with me for 6 years) She was in a "Home" at Epping.

If I did not give you my
phone number. It is
938.1980

90 Brown Rd
Harbord 2096
30/5/73

Dear Phyll

I received your letter and \$1.00 thanks
I did not expect you to send any back, when
you are going to give me a few days holiday.
My gas bill came in yesterday. The highest it
has ever been, ^{11 dollars} I use a lot of gas during the
winter months, (apart from prices up) as I air
a lot of clothes on the rack over stove, and at
times have both jets going, very low, (not 3rd or griller)
for helping to air Laura's small things, after I iron
them. And that also applies to radiator on
larger clothes, you can't iron them, & send them
back damp, packed in a box. But Laura is
exceptionally kind to me, pays me the same, even
if it is quite small. And takes me a trip in
car, for a picnic ^{during} every school holidays, & won't
let me put anything to-wards it. So I am
quite happy. And as Laura is a school teacher
(3rd or 4th primary) she has every moment taken up,
& not as strong, as she looks, and it is a
great relief to ^{her to} be able to just know they are dry
ready to put away.
On sunny days, ~~the~~ the sun beams in the front of
my house, & does not go, before 3 o'clock. It is
better than a fire, & warms your back too,

from the rays on the wall.

Mavis told me, she won't know until she comes back, if she can go to Canberra with me, or not. She will be another week in Coffs Harbour. She will be coming home on 9th Sept & going away on 10th ^{to somewhere else} but will phone me in the meantime, while she is home.

I had dry ice treatment on my jaw, on Monday at North Shore Hospital. It has to come into a lump, blister & break out, then dry & fall off. On 2nd Friday in Sept, I have to have a lower eye tooth out, & one added on to my plate. I hope it does not break like most of mine, & have to be chizzled, & hammered out. It is bare of gum right down to the root at back, so may come out alright, especially with me so much older. Gordon Whitten used to have the same trouble. Our jaw bones are so strong, that the tooth will break off rather than come out, I have had to have 6^{or 7} out that way, & stitched etc.

Well now I'll answer your letter, & get it posted before 7. in a hope you will get it ~~in~~ Sat. Well I am very sorry you were upset about my letter, I realize I should not have mentioned Richards faults at all.

yes, I quite understand what you say in your letter & allow a lot for that.

but, I did not really finish the real story.

Now, there are 2 ways to look at it.

One is, you have had wonderful children, studious, & right up to the mark, & refined.

I have a slight strain of Grandma Whitten such as (Do what you are told immediately)

With her 13 children, If she said a thing, she meant it, and the family (even all the men) obeyed her orders to the last.

We see in the case of Auntie Lottie, that the parentage was far too strict, Uncle Tony

never saw, even Wallabadah, until he was 19.

There was ~~no~~ psychology in those days.

But now, there is too much, & too much of being lax with children, & they just run the show.

Marcia's families are not the same type of breed as we are, And although she is more loving to wards the children than Rea is, ^{she is not} ^{of our breed} An uncontrollable child, is a great worry.

Now, I did not tell you why I was a bit cranky on him, ^{I did not} ^{let him} ^{know} And Marcia, & Rea, would both be wild, if they knew, I told you this. So please keep it to yourself.

Now with the awful set up with Rea & Marcia, It is a wonder the children are as sane as they are.

Rex is always telling them, he is leaving Marcia. The boys. I am not worrying about, as they are grown up (as it were) but worry about the girls.

Rex has not slept with her ^{Marcia} for nearly a year. They don't speak, unless they have to, and, when it is necessary, they are like a pair of snarling cats.

Now Marcia has a ~~bad~~ habit of being lazy. Richard used to help her wonderfully, but in a sense ^{she} imposed on him, to a certain degree. Now he doesn't want to do anything for her. And calls her all the names about the place. ^{he} flies into real Whitten Tempers such as my father, & at times yours ^{but} in a different way.

Richard hates Rex, & always has done, but he pretends to be nice to Rex, to get money out of him. I never tell Marcia what Rex says, & I don't tell Rex what Marcia says.

What I am annoyed with Richard is, Firstly he wanted to be a vet, through mucking up at school, & not trying. He will be even lucky to pass the leaving at all.

The teacher sent for Marcia, a couple of times through the year. She begged of him to keep Richard, till he went for the leaving, this year. So teacher gave him another chance

teachers say he could have been whatever he wanted but not a vet prof.

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Just recently, the teacher sent for Rex, He did not have time, with urgent work, on a chronometer or two, Marcia went,

The teacher has expelled him from the school & Rex is paying for him to study at Decks, to see if he will pass. As he was cheeky to the teacher, & wagging school, now my idea of a boy going on like that when nearly 18 ~~is~~ (Dec) going on these lines, when he really wants to go for the exams, I'll never know,

He told Marcia not to tell his Father but it had to come out, Rex was annoyed with the teacher, & told him off.

Rex pays money each week, for pocket money for him, so he is not penniless,

Richard never gives me any trouble, & I give equal to the 4 of them, I sometimes send a dollar each for them.

There are faults on both sides, with Rex & Marcia Marcia nags him, the moment he walks in the door.

The girl friend in England is not out here yet. I told him, nobody could blame him wanting to leave Marcia, but I said, "The 2 little girls were his responsibility, above any

girl (woman) or even the unsettled condition of the home.

I told him, I would never have left him for anybody, or anything, & that is my idea. "If you own them, stick to them."

He is 50 & the girl about 28 or less.

So I don't know what the next move would be, So I have told them all what I thought (& that's it) I am not a nagger.

In the times gone by, Marcia treated me very badly. But since her mother died, she comes to me, as though I was her mother. I feel sorry for both of them, such as her to ~~be~~ ^{be} left with the two girls,

& I feel sorry for him to be nagged at all the time. He would not listen to me when marrying her. My sisters, (except Ben) & brothers do not know a thing about the "set up"

Marcia went to a fortune teller, & she mentioned the 3rd party, ^{to Marcia} & she told Marcia, not to worry as it will never come off. And that she would be a widow very early, in about 2 years.

That would not surprise me, as he does not get enough sleep, too much work, & worry on both sides. He won't come home till 10-30 or 11 & buys his tea in town, & goes back to work, rather than come home. Please don't mention it to me that I told you. & we won't mention anything in front of her. ^{she has} ^{been} ^{very} ^{prayer} ⁱⁿ St ^{Andrew's} ^{College} ^{for} ^{him}

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maria
alter
never
you'll
but
for
him
for
him

another page.

no I have never had much to give them financially
but very fond of them

They are used to the fact that I am on the pension
the amount I have at present is \$100-00 dollars
& things needing repair at any time
& have to see eye specialist at any time
He does not work in a hospital, & in that
case I have to pay for everything.

What I grizzled about the money etc I spent on
them, you don't get thanks for anything
for children that you don't know, these days.
Everything is taken for granted,
& it kind of spoiled 3 days in my week.
as I am the busiest thing on 2 legs But I
have to go terribly slow.

Even though Richard I know, is my very
own grandson. I can't stick up entirely for him
when he is in the wrong, but I still
blame the ~~so~~ environment, of a type of
broken home. for most of it.

Kathy is very spiteful to Rebecca. But I told
her "Even though she is naughty, nan
still loves her" & when she plays up
here. I say "Even though" & she finishes
it & bursts into tears, must thy. G.D.

90 Brown Rd

Harbord 2096

23/10/73

Dear Phyll + Ross.

Just a hurried note to let you know,

I received my money. \$9,311-99^{cents}.

I put it in the bank yesterday. It has kind of not registered properly in the brain yet.

As I never thought in my life, I would ever see it. We all got the same. Jan was left her

mother's share in Dad's will. She is putting another bedroom on her house, because Rowina, McEaghan + Debra, have to sleep in the one room.

Don did not really want it sold for 3 more years, at that rate, a 8 months to fix things up, I may never have lived to see it. They got a high

price for the wool last clip. It seems they get everything on the place, up till the 30th June, 1973.

The total amount was much higher than we expected.

I went to the pensions office yesterday to report it, and they said "I won't lose my pension" as they are allowed something over \$10,000 for the pensioner to have,

Don said, "I don't really need it with Jim + I working"

I said, "That is O.K. until one or the other passes out"

or can't work. But I am in a different position altogether, & only had \$50 in bank.
 I have already had Marcia's cousin's husband up (he is a house repairer) the only thing he can do, (without pulling the outer wall right out, of back sleepout), is to leave it as it is, & put aluminium frame & windows ^(+ take these out) in, on top of the old structure, & line the inside with fibro, & even the outside if necessary. (wall)

At present, every time it rains I have to go out, twist dressing table around, & move table over beside bed, & take ^{the} bit of carpet inside.

It would be no use pulling all down out there, as I may not be here ~~or~~ if Walker keep our 3 places, in the future.

My hip, & under leg, to knee, played up a bit in train, I went to the chiropractor yesterday morning. He said "your old trouble has been aggravated by sitting too much" It goes down from back of hip, down under my leg to knee. So I am O.K. again.

the rash on face has gone down under my throat & neck, & is very aggravated by heat. or hot day.

My mouth is slowly improving but not really right yet.

Richard rang me to see if he could bring 4 or 5 down

counting himself, On 3^d Nov, & go home 4th.

They are a damned nuisance, But when Richard rings before they come down. I'll tell him for them to bring their own sheets. (2 pairs) One pair for divan + 1 pair for middle room, I will put small pair on back verandah bed.

Most of them bring their own pillows, + pillow cases, as it is. but Alice will be down in Nov. & I'll have enough to do.

The radio wireless has not turned up. The police have taken finger prints from window, between kitchen, & back verandah, & have taken a record of Melissa Pointon's ^{finger prints} next door.

She said. "She had her fingers on the window, seeing how they got the window open"

The back door was forced open. When I went to put the screws back on loop of bolt, they would not screw in, & I had to put a little larger screw. the door lock ^{screws} were full of old wood, & bent. No mark at back door outside, & everything on floor ^{was} inside the door. Even if they made the key fall to the floor, & get it. The door won't open from outside with its own key. But the key was still turned as if locked. & electricity, which I turned off at metre, was still off when I got home

I am not afraid, as they said they are teen age prints,
 Then on the Sunday night before I came home, The Watts' next door heard people in the old empty house next to them, ^{Watt} ^{made} ^{up} ^{the} ^{story} Watt went in with a torch, & found 2 youths 17 ~~to~~ 19, in one of the rooms, When he shone his torch on them, they bolted like magic out of the house, & down the street, Had they attempted to hit Watt they would have come off second best, as he was practically a first class boxer in his time, So it may have been them, so^d reported to police yesterday I reported to the insurance, They filled in what I said, but would like me to wait till 2 weeks are up before I put the papers through, just in case the police find it.

I am expecting detectives up to-day to see if anything is hidden in, or under, the empty house.

No hope all are well. I must get moving. lock smiths coming to put new locks on. or may even use this old one, some time after dinner.

Cherio for now.

Thanks for the lovely time

Love from

Glad

90 Brown Rd
Harbord 2096

22/2/77

Dear Phyllis,

I have decided to copy out the letters
from Ireland that Nancy sent, for you to have
It certainly looks as if that is where the Dalbots
became related by the marriage of John Dalbot
to Mary Whitten doesn't it. Religious Society of Friends
So here goes.

6 Eustace St Historical
Dublin 2 Library

3rd Feb 1977

Mrs Nancy Wellham
36 Claremont Rd
Enfield 2136 NSW
Australia.

Dear Mrs Wellham,

We have ~~received~~ received
your interesting letter postmarked Sydney, on
24th January.
We have Births Marriages & Deaths registers for all
our meetings since the beginning of our society
The name Dalbot occurs only in our
Mountmellick ^{meeting} registers and Mason ^{under} ~~under~~ Barlow,
Dublin, Lurgan, Co. Tipperary and Waterford
meetings, and births & marriages only for
Mountmellick & marriages for Mountmellick &
marriages for Edenderry, Richill, Moate & Cork.
Mountmellick records the marriage of John Dalbot
of Roscrea Co Tipperary. Son of John & Margaret Dalbot

to Mary Whitten of Roscrea. 24th Sept 1809.
and the births of their daughters Elizabeth 1810
Margaret 1812 & Anne 1815.

Elizabeth died in 1827. Margaret in 1835,
and Anne 1848 aged 47 & 10 months, while
John died aged 75 in 1853. And his wife
Mary in 1829 aged 47 & 10 months, born 1778

This John would seem to be the John Talbot, you
refer to in your letter, but he does not seem to have
left any descendants, as there is no record of his
daughters marrying. We have no note of any
other Talbot.

The only record we have of the Mason family from
Co Tipperary is the family of Josiah Mason 1672-1741
who married Sarah Smith of Knockgraffern Co Tipperary,
& whose family were born between 1701 and 1710
and a grandson born in 1767.

Any records of the branch of ~~the~~ ^{your} Mason family
would seem to be in England. And failing the
Public Record Office in London, I am not sure to
whom you could apply; possibly the Irish
Genealogical Research Society of the Irish Club,
82 Bator Square, London S.W.1.

Sorry not to have been able to help you further
Yours sincerely,
Richard Dapinell for Curator.

G. W.

Extract from a topographical Dictionary of
Ireland by Samuel Lewis, (sent to me by Giles moores
daughter. Nancy Wellham

Ballingary, is a parish, in the barony of Lower
Ormond, county of Tipperary, Province of Munster
(4 miles E by N) from Burriskane containing 1767
inhabitants, of which number 85 are in the hamlet,
which consists of 13 houses.

This parish is situated on the high roads from
Roscrea to Portumna and from Nenagh to Parsonstown,
and comprises 3498 plantation acres, divided into
nearly equal portion of tillage and pasturage;
the state of agriculture is much improved, and
green crops are partially cultivated.

There is a considerable extent of bog; and limestone
of good quality abounds, and is used for building,
"Knockshagwona" or "The Hills of the fairies" connected
with which are some interesting legends, rises to a
considerable height in the parish, and is an excellent
land mark to the surrounding country, its summit, on
which is a small tower, commands a very extensive
view into several adjacent countries; On the east
and west sides, it is well planted, and the land
on its north ~~and~~ eastern declivity is of excellent quality.

A lake surrounded by a large bog, and called
Lough-no-Finch, is said to be very deep; near the
centre is a small island formed artificially, by piles
of wood, but for what purpose is a matter of

conjunction, The principal seats are Lisbryan,
situated in a well planted demesne. That of J. Bunsbury
J. Bunsbury Esq. South Park of Charles Athinson Esq.
Ballingary Castle of Marmaduke Thompson Esq.
Blyton & White Hall, ^{the} former, the seat and the latter
the property of Captain Shepherd, and Fairy Mount,
the residence of Rev. J. H. Saunderson, the vicar.
Lismacross, the ancient residence of the family of Smith,
is now the property of Mr Bunsbury.

Here is a station of the constabulary police.

The living is a vicarage, in the diocese of Killaloe to
which the vicarage of Makeane was episcopally united
in 1772 and 1809 and in the patronage of the Bishop;
The rectory is impropriate in Mr Thompson Esq.

The tithes amount to £ 263 - 2 - 6 of which £ 159.

is payable to the impropriator and £ 104 - 2 - 6 to the vicar
and the entire tithes of the benefice payable to the vicar
are £ 208.

The church is an ancient edifice
with a spire and murals, for the repair of which the
Ecclesiastical Commissioners have lately granted £ 157
There is neither glebe-house nor glebe.

In the R. & divisions this parish forms part of the union
of Burris-o-kane The chapel is situated at the Pike
and is of recent erection, A school was started
established in 1834 by the vicar, by whom, aided by
a few private subscriptions, it is supported, There are some
remains of the ancient castle of Ballingary from which it appears
to have been of great strength & magnitude (Book written in 1840^s)

90 Knowen Rd
Harbord 2096

14/9/80

Dear Phyll & Ross,

I got your letter yesterday. I had been thinking of you ringing, & was going to ring Alwert last night, because I thought you must have gone home. Sorry I missed you ringing. Although I have 2 phones that both ring at once, if I am in the bathroom or on front verandah & a lot of traffic going past, I have not a hope of hearing either phone. Only if I am inside. I had been out a lot to places with Balthus in their bus such as Enfield & Laura takes me out shopping every week. So was glad to hear from you.

Ross & Chris arrived home today. He phoned me when they got home to Newcastle. He did not call here as they were both terribly tired. I said "Did you have a nice time?" He said "As good as you could expect away from home. But we are glad to be back home."

Your garden must look good. I cannot do mine now. Too old. Have to pay a man to mow & another one for weeds & such. I have 3 beautiful diorama bushes, some yellow & white peonies, a few wall flowers, & a lovely show of English bluebells & some tree lilies & some snowdrops.

Was speaking to Doris on phone a few days ago, & she asked me if I heard if you had gone home? So when I got your letter, I rang her up to tell her. She is going to Durindi to Bangla for 2 weeks next Wednesday. Something like Back to Idi for the high school pupil. Russell won't go. But sent papers about it. Doris said he won't go & has sold the car. He is going up by train.

It is raining here today. (showers) It was heavy yesterday
a night before. No wind with it today.

Ben & Joan are going to Durundi & stay with Royce.
I was glad to hear Rex's voice & know they were back
on earth again. There have been terrible plane accidents
lately. You would not catch me up in one.

Although getting warmer. It's not too warm yet. The
winds are still cold. Next thing we will be giggling
about the heat. The humidity plays up with angina.
I think the cool weather is better for my old heart.

The people in the shop near me have sold out again.
There is an English couple there now. The other ones are
going to live at North Manly & both have jobs. The parents are
going to Batemans Bay.

The English couple are I would say about 40 & are very nice.
Spadge & Ivid are used to me being home now & in the
morning Spadge comes into lounge. Ivid steps on steps
for their biscuit. Don't scared Spadge will think my lounge
is a spanner's toilet. But OK so far.

Well nothing more exciting has happened so I'll get my
eyes closed & sit on lounge with rug over legs.

Hope you are both OK.

Love from Glad

Joan sent me a photo of the Limestone house for my birthday.
The elm tree is still there, I see.

The work on Kieran's front passage has settled down. But she has to have
more needles which may bring it back but it did last needles.
The sentiment has done her so much good.

906 New Rd
Harlowd 2096
26/3/81

Dear Phyll & Ross,

I guess you may be back home again. I thought I have not heard.

Oliver wrote & sent me a few photos she had done. I had given her Grandfather's photo & Swyns wrote to see if I could get her one of Grandfather & Grandma I had, a large one anyway. I wrote & asked Oliver if she could get one taken off for Swyns ^{Grandfather}. Well she took a photo of them both. Sent Swyns 2 lots to give her one lot. She sent me ^{a set of} a negative of them if I wanted any for anybody. It is very clear & perfect. She also sent me a photo of Grandfather, Grandma & Jackie's grave next to her. 29.3

They have not got Frederick John as rare but Jackie. There is moss & dirt on his but with my microscope I could plainly see 6 1/2 yrs. but not see dates.

Sue has been trying to get me to find out about Jackie's dates for years.

② she could see, if she went to Wallabadah
Cemetery, cleaned the dirt back off headstone
As I have not been over town ^{for decades} (Lynsey) for
years. I have been too staggery to go over
but, now I have told Sue. Jackie was 1 1/2
years younger than Keith

Keith will be 69 in May & Jackie would
have been 67 1/2 next November 8. So she
can work it out.

Grandfather was born 1st Sept 1840

Died Feb 1914

Grandma born 14 July 1842, died 8 Oct 1927

Jackie's grave has lifted in place on top of
body part.

I have never seen the graves, (never been
to Wallabadah cemetery) Uncle Ned (Grandfather's
brother) is there somewhere, as Edward, Whittier,
Uncle Ted is in Quirindi Harry next to him

Daddy (Uncle Ned) may be in Lodi as his wife

IF alive is in the town somewhere,

Since I saw you I became more giddy
& could not even go into rick's shop or over
to Mrs Le Blanc. So I ran up Deleaⁿ

③ They come to house & test ears & 1 month
trial free of hearing aid, (prescribed)
two doctors had to take it away & drill
a hole through it & bring it back,
I am quite used to it now. It is on my
deafish ear, not the one that is kind of hot.
He says "It will help my balance," ^{inside} it hears better.
So I hope it does. As they are very
dear. But if it does the trick I don't
regret the money. But a terrible
waste of money if not. Dr. Irving Rae
up & said "If I died soon, that would
be that much less money for them.
He said "not to study that, but get it if
it helps." I could get one free, through
North Shore Hospital but it is bigger & more
clumsy than this neat little thing with tiny
batteries & with glasses & it, over ears.
If too big, would be uncomfortable
with hat on, which I have to wear
with my cataracts.

If I went to North Shore Specialist I would have
to wait some time & I would have to go over
a few times & I could not walk when I got there then
^{probably (stagger)}

④ I am not bumping elbows or doors now.
a 10 dollars over a back with taxi

I have not got Jim to take me places now,
the cancer in his arm aches a lot & keeps him
awake but Dr's think they can save his arm.
It is in inside fleshy part just below elbow,
you can't see anything It is inward.

They are not going to operate on legs
fatty tumour on back of neck, as it is.

The weather at present is perfect
but rain is needed,

I have pulled up my phlox & petunias
as they were about done and bulbs
are coming up

Hope you can read the scribble

I have only got this small pad & I have
to have a rest before I teach I can.

He has gone lazy on me. I would say
not worth persevering but he has a lot of
music natural in him so I can only do my
best. Write soon. It was lovely to see

you & Hope all are OK

Love from Glad
least I have seen for long time

Rea. Lema went to Hekadit. looked
in phone book found W. S. Rung
& went & saw him. Beth.

90 Brown Rd
Harborside 2096

20/10/83

Rev. President of Herological Guild of Australia

Dear Phyll & Ross.

It is 7-30 AM. I thought I would write before
washing up. My eyes are not so sore AM. But get worse as
day goes on.

Was speaking to Maud on phone yesterday. She is very
happy to know she was well enough, to go to Isawrie Church
50th Anniversary. There were 150 there, mainly to see her.

At 96, (97 next month) made a speech over microphone,
Is thrilled to the tonsils. I would have loved to have been
there, but could not stay so long, as I had to get back for
numerous reasons. She has a wonderful brain & memory.
She amazes people. Lovely disposition, & so cheerful,
When up in Jamworth. 3 games scrabble. She won 2 games,
she said "If I lived up there, we would be the champion
scrabblers of Jamworth." Lives alone in large house,
you may say "What was I doing up there," Keith eldest
grand-daughter got married 17th Sept. In answer to
invitation I said to Sue. "Brain says 'Go', body says 'no'."
But as the brain over rules the body, I took the risk.
Went up 14th Dec 2nd class rail, but I paid the extra ⁴ dollars
each way at Manly wharf rooms, to go 1st class. Kept eyes
shut most of way. window seat, & only had blind open just
enough to keep out Hawkesbury & murrumbidgee, no one
beside me till Newcastle. Carpet of green almost to
top of mountains never saw such in my 80 years

② Debbie married ~~marcus~~ markus Charles Lang
very big wedding for 2d^o catholic church full. 150 at
wedding breakfast, at Race Course Rooms. 3 groomsmen
(3 brothers of mark) & a best man, Kellie, & 1 sister⁺ markus &
another girl bridesmaid, & bonnie's grand daughter. Flower
girl, her name is Tabatha. & Tiffany gave out programmes
at door. I said to Duff "Are you disappointed at not being in
wedding group?" She said "no Auntie Glad I may be a
bridesmaid to somebody later on when I grow up."
Lovely ceremony Derry read the scripture. Debbie is
pretty & he quite good looking. & so is Kellie

Kellie is marrying another markus on 26th next. (Dammun^W)
He is markus Johnston. Don't like him as much as markus
I had maroon costume on. While waiting for food to be
served, a lady came up to me, & said, "I don't know who
you are, but you do look sweet" I did not tell her who I was,
marmalade food, you could have chicken, steak or fish.
Then strawberries & cream or apple slices & cream

A lady brought Keith down from Navahui home
He, Cor. Jim, Derry, Annette, ~~but Jim~~. Joan & Bill who all
stayed at Hotel could not get into motel, all backed
out. Keith has kind of shrunk up, & terribly thin could not
be worse. but best in brain he has been for years.

At this Home, they took him off some of the drugs he
had to take. He seemed happy enough, & ate all things
heartily. Too much drinks on, which always has its
bad points. Jim sat next to me, & he & I had Lemonade,
as Jim will not touch any drink even at wedding toasts

3) Iswynn + Bill could not go Bill 93-year-old mother's birthday.
Can really look old also Joan, Her Bill sat opposite me.
Then Beryl + Fred, Fred opposite end to Keith both look well
never think Con + Beryl only weeks apart in high days.
I was staying with Beryl + Fred, as Sue had bridesmaids,
Sue had Tiffany + Zebathra for 2 weeks. having
dresses made, white with tiny purple flowers on.
Debbie's bouquet violets, violet serviette + candles
Biggest wedding I'd had for years.

On the Tuesday after. Kellie drove me in car to Jamestown,
By the way Royce + Jean were not asked. Sue does not
speak to Jean really. But Jean called 7.30 on to Monday
+ drove me to Werris Creek to see Lyndie's husband + 4
children. He is Malcolm Schubert, children Daniel. ^(I think) Andrew
Heidi + Anna. Daniel going to school. all well.
In Jamestown I saw. Hilda + Mavis, Allie + Allan.

Allie had stroke + left arm bad. Allan looks good after
kidney cancer removed so only has 1 kidney He is about
77. also saw numerous Newcombe relations Had a
wonderful time Beautiful air stayed with Flo Newcombe
(widow) Coming back, I had ordered booking 1st class seat
back to Sydney. Man at I'di very busy + said 'I can't book
your seat, I have to phone Werris Creek, as they put I'di people
on North West mail, which joins northern Tablelands Express
at Werris Creek. When got on train. Old 2nd class carriage
man did not notice 1st class on the ticket booklet they give.
~~pensioners~~ pensioners, old flat seat. man at other side
of corridor drank 3 tins beer between Scone + Broadmeadow
leaping + smoking. a really drunk girl beside him up wall

④ June Murray was to meet me & bring me home (car)
Train get in 6.10 P.M. ~~10~~ 10 minute late. no sign
of June, I had written & said "If you cant meet me
I'll get someone to carry my little port to Rai rank,
Anyway man who takes luggage hooked, to room for
people to pick up. I said "I could not walk to keep
up with you" so he said "I will take ^{your} ports to room & bring
bring your back to taxi. Coming along near clock
I spot mavis. Always late, so she came to taxi with
me & home I came. 15 dollars from Central to here so she
loaned me 10 as I had not drawn money out in Jamr.
Bonnie, (Alice daughter in law) called at 7 lo's & got me
& drove me to Idi, where I had to be to get on train.
All through Bowie beautiful country. I enjoyed
every minute. Had to go to Chuo tractor & weeds
running. One for sacroiliac, ^{wore} slightly slipped (after doc)
& next week neck. + have to go again in 2 weeks from
there. Been very sore aft. adjustments, but walking better.
Gong to see another eye specialist, Jan recommended
in D.Y. on 14th Nov. To get his opinion on this eye trouble
if something can be done at 80. (may help.)
Laura has kicked Richard out. He is at blowelly
she has Jamie. Dont know how she will manage
\$100-00 a week rent. Does night club dancing. (Dont like it,
Pay woman to have Jamie at night. Not sorry for
him or her but dear little Jamie. Faults on
both sides, Richard money waster. Her extravagant on
other things such as make up & dress maker Love Glad

Happy, n. y.
& good health



90 brown Rd
Harbord 2096
28/12/85

Dear Phyll & Ross

Thanks you for the pretty card.
But I was not able to go to Harbord or manly
so get no cards for anyone.
It is 9 weeks since I got the wog.
& even now I am not very strong although
on vitamin tablets, & vitamin B 12, needles.
I must have nearly conked, & did not
realize it. Dr said "I really did not
know how bad I was" because I am ~~big~~
tough & wiry." Just the Thursday & Friday before Xmas
I went to manly Harbord, But cannot
carry much, & found getting along hard,
with legs like an old dog, & unpleasant
The other eye specialist, Jim suggested I
saw, told me exactly the same as the
other one "Can't change glasses - can't help.
(come back next november).

When making the appointment, the girl said,
"Do you want to ring later in year, for
appointment, or make now?" I said "I'll give
phone call, & make now, & put on calendar, n. y."
But I said "I may not be here." she said
"Where are you going?" I said "I don't know
which, n. y. or Dorset" but I said I may be able to
(over)

my friend down in Dorset packing 5 80 - line at Basin - Ill miss her
she was born in Dorset. Mother on farm out of Dorset. He going home in boat
operation on eye 13 months ago, or a success, other eye get very bad, depends
daughter coming from Norfolk Island on 7th Feb 1986

let you know, but Jimmy Little sings "Telephone is
blowing" so I may be able to let you know
What a surprise Alip getting married, I hope
all will go well for her & the lover man,
your gardening sounds good, but dont overdo it
as you are getting old as well as me.

And the visit from the Parks baby must have
been lovely, Jamie is independant like Isabel,
& lovely to talk to. Everyone loves him, Parents
further apart, seems, no hope of them getting on.

Richard went up to manua for Xmas, Laura
did not show either of us. Seems to be trying to get
from us. Sorry for little Jamie, banking her.

I went to Reg & lower north for Xmas, Reg called at
11-30 for me. The hottest day for over 100 years,
nearly skittled me, legs raining next day & eyes
~~was~~ worse, seems I wont be able to write letters
soon they are so sore, not so much actual sight,
but sore around & behind & ache & pains in head.

Des Chris - Kathy called for ~~2~~ hours Xmas eve. Dad
to get home was glad not to be the hot Xmas day. (dawn - home)
Bern & Jim went up to Port Macquarie to Jimmy & Annette.
& girls. Bern could not go to Nellie's wedding, Bern
felt pain in kidney area, & would not risk the trip.
John & Bill came down from Darce & brought Bern
down to Lismore. Bill to M wedding anniversary
I was not well enough to be taken (held at Lismore)

Sandra Pickering was 73 on Xmas Day.

Laura extremely kind to me,
she has a lady next door she attend to, dying writes cancel,
& she has an old cousin deaf badly, & went blind over
night, so Laura goes to hospital every day to feed her
the mid-day meal. to save the nurses having to feed her.
Have not heard from David they may not be able
to get mail out for snow. Rex has not heard, or manna
Richard lives in a room somewhere & lovely area,
good cook & house boy. Kathy was 19 or 14th.
must go eye, raining, & put up for tea
Love from Glad Becky 21 or 13/11/83

90 Crooked Rd

Harland 2096

1/11/84

Dear Phyllis Rose

Just a note to say my leg has
been really bad, nurse coming twice a day
to dress & change it ^{at home} & on every 2nd day.

I am going to Newcastle on Saturday afternoon
to see & Chris. Coming back 25th November
Rose - Chris coming for me Saturday afternoon
I'll sit along back seat with leg along seat
& pillow behind me

Bonnie came for a month. Her sudden
death (who had her arm in sling at 8th birthday
party & now Marcia. Ran out of relations
who could come, so no alternative but to
accept the offer at Newcastle. Though don't like
leaving my little place. I have Marcia, Rebecca,
Kathy, Madge, Berdery, Bladdie Davie (see Newcombe)
to visit me & take to their places for few hours,
but have to be there for nurse when she comes
so mostly 34 Mile St Mayfield 2304

My eyes feel awful but may be tablets. Had
to put eye specialist off & have the operation
appointment 5th Dec near

There is quite a big hole with chad looking stuff
coming out. Bump kind of fat. Don't know where
from. Hard to walk about but have to walk
with a bit, but only in house at present, whereas
I was walking out up to Dixon street when Leon
was here.

Dona went home to Beryl for 2 weeks some today
Beryl had painful operation plastic joint
in first finger & am up for a cyst on middle one
she has to go up to Ldi hospital for therapy
every day.

Jeans is improving but hasn't come to Sydney
yet for examination. Roger back at work
managing sale yards

Hope you can understand scribble
In haste had on stomach, leg up on chair, eye tanning
Here Ross is improving Tell him I think of him
As we are both kind of invalids. Or not as but Jean walks
Do you hear from Alys much. Here she
is well. Love to all

Isled

90 brown Rd
Harlowe 2096

29/4/85.

Dear Phyllis Ross

I tried to phone you, but
got no answer, so knowing it impossible
for you to attend the funeral. It is cheaper
to write. Nell poor old maud died 97½,
& will be buried on Monday, at 2 o'clock.
Rea is going up to represent me, as her & I
were always good pals. Mrs M Gaffert
rang me up & told me. I tried to ring
Madge Taddon at Newcastle but got no
answer. Rea also tried, & no answer, so must not
be at home. She was a lovely person. Shame
people like that have to die, she had 5 children
Audrey, Edna, Mervyn, Stella & Lizzie
(really Alexa)

Edna said you could not wish her back
into missing & hair. I will miss maud as
auntie Bees after took me to howie from Lowestoft
I can remember Audrey crawling. Its so long
ago now. I used to phone her every 6 or 8 weeks per year
I had maud. Does her with Beth & Glens
a week ago nearly. Tuesday it was (over)

Maurice rang Res up, & he went from Newcastle
to Maitland, to see him, as he went through, at
Mel Redford's place. Res is not unlike him, but much
fatter & curly eyebrows & hair, Maurice resembles
his father, but has Auntie's eyes (yellow type of eyes)
They have gone up to Wallabadah hotel for 2
nights. Bill took Joan to Bonnie's Jim drove
them up to Rayces. All to meet at Lowestoft
about mid-day Monday. Rayce will take Con
& Joan & pick up Beag & take her too. Wish I
was not so feeble as it would have been
lovely I like Doris very much, funny with
the Maurice & Doris. He was very pleased
he saw me as I am the only one who remembers
his father before he left Lowestoft with Uncle Alf
I could tell him a few stories up & around the
old place. But he was most interested in
what I thought of at the time. When I get
excited my brain goes blank to a certain
degree. Old age has hit me in legs, ears & legs
The hardening of arteries does not help legs. (Lagging)
But the new glasses on Friday Laura Pickard
drew me out. ^{to see why.} She is wonderfully kind to me
Any way, the glasses were too loose, man tightened
too much. My sore behind ear had to go back
to old one till next Friday with Laura
Rebecca, Danson & KIRRA JANE came in rain from
Mayfield to show me baby. Big blue eyes, a good, not
fat, but strong. Darning ever since no sunshine love head

90 Crown Rd
Harlow 20 96
1/6/85

Dear Phyll,

Thanks for the note & paper of things
I have had very bad trouble with my eyes
I saw specialist about 3 weeks ago. He gave me
different glasses, but I got worse, & Laura took me
back twice to O.P.S.M. D.V. for adjustments but then
I could see 3 things instead of 1, as well as blurred
then my right eye lid drooped cant open right up,
so found my old glasses a bit better. I rang Dr. Somers
& the girl said come out yesterday for Dr. Powell to
see. He said 'it would be best to wear the new
ones if writing or reading.' The Bi focal is stronger,
but not to walk about with them as I could have
a fall, & use the old ones for general. Even with
these ^{or} I have the right eye shut or I could not
write a note. I feel awful, with them playing up
He said 'he cant do anything to help me that way as it
is a nerve'

As with one eye I'll try and answer your questions
Well the shock of Ned's death, was, ^{Grandfather's death} He was terribly ill
I think appendicitis, & they sent for Grandfather, who
galloped his horse to Quirindi or Wallabadah & back with
medicine, but getting off the exhausted horse he dropped
the medicine & smashed the bottle. Later Ned died
I reckon he would have died even if he got the
medicine, as his appendix must have burst.
Grandfather blamed himself for his death which
in turn effected his brain. He was mentally ill

② for many years I dont know the number of years
But as a child I know he was mentally ill, so I know
he died in the bush down the creek towards Dads
place & Police were called & later found him

He would not change his cloths or have a bath, any time
so they had to get Old Uncle Harry (his brother at
Gourie to come in & bath him in old round tub
& put clean clothes on him.

He could have also had heart & gastritis but I cant remember
at the last. He ate very little & was out all day
in the bush. & come home to such as rice. His teeth
were decayed & he could not eat meat, (he said I love that child ME)

yes the Backgate ran a tin shop at Wallabadah
as a shop. which I cant remember but Russ Bell
found out, he managed the store for J. L. Doddett & Co.
who had shops in Ididi & Jamunah a mamurundi but I
dont know any further details of Auntie Jennie

schooling but she may have been there for school days
yes I know max's grand father, & Grand was Henry & Eliza
& his mother Emily Henry was R. C. I met her at Hill station
place when she visited Eliza ^{my} while I was on holiday.

I know all the other things such as Grandma riding
to Howie to church, side saddle on old Brownie.

I was 9 years old when Alfred & Albert went to America
Maurice was glad to see me, who seems to be the only living
cousin who remembers his father. They are a lovely pair
& I enjoyed their company.

max has a brother Douglas who went to Rox & Co's
place while I was there. He made himself known
to Rox when he saw the name ^{or shop} & called to see if
related. He is tall & nice but not as tall as Long Jack

5/ He is buried beside Grandma at Wallakadah.

my
other
brother
Jackie
aged
6 1/2

G-ma
Spears

I dont think I have to answer any more questions
unless you ask me any.

Love

Good

3 Her father, ^{my grand} has 2 sons. One resembles the mother (Douglas wife) who is about the ugliest woman I have ever met. But still very nice. The young boy is more like him.

The school teacher Jack Ward was terribly cruel to the children. He was married to my grandma Elena Madeline Newcombe's sister. -- Emblem

I read the piece over the phone to Res. a descendant an expert on telephone meters

I had a letter from Betty Aberdeen of New Brighton North coast. She is a descendant of Uncle Ned ^{daughter of Lucas & Allist} & wanted a photo of our grandma & grandfather which I had copied, & sent. She said she owns a Bible which our grandma gave to her mother for a wedding present. So when I can see a bit better I'll copy out about the old school days within your list for her. Left eye aching so better close home you are all well. I feel about 99 & 11 months with the bad head & eyes.

So Good bye for now
Love. Glad.

Kirra Jane is doing well.

more on pages on back of others (over)

2nd Sunday

Thought I would write a bit more to tell you

Eyes no better other one weakening

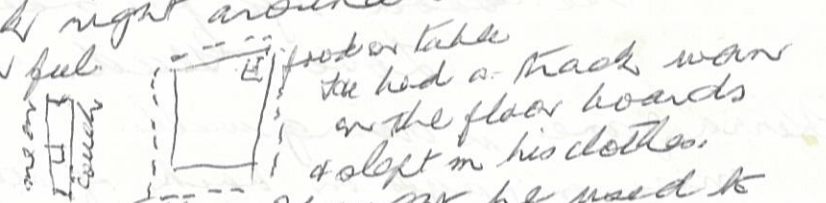
Awful if I go blind

Grandfather would not talk to anyone only Uncle Tony. But he hated my father. He had put cattle or sheep through the mountain gate & eating his grass so he used to watch that way. When I was tiny Dad used to ride over the mountain at night to see me & had a creek about in his heavy boots (over)

Q They would get me & take me to the old kitchen, pass him
If anything annoyed ^{Grandfather} him he would smash all the crockery
out of cupboard, or off shelf. One after another, then one day I can
remember they (Auntie Beat & Grandma) sent me in to talk
to him while Uncle Tony brought sheep in the outer gate, I
& touched him on the shoulder & pointed to the window
& said "I believe that's him." Oh Boy. I copped it Auntie Beat
said "what did you show him for when we told you not to
let him know" I said "Oh the poor old fellow would want
to know things, now crockery went to pieces, that taught
me not to tell him things.

He would not have a ~~bro~~ anyone. I can't remember
if he was dead or nearly dead when he was found.
He said very little to Grandma or anyone. She ruled the
place & her sons obeyed her till she died.
She had Charles Barnett working for her & he would not
take an order from any of the uncles. Only always went to
her.

I don't remember Grandfather taking any lunch down the
creek, but he may have had porridge before he went.
I can't recall that part. They had a lot to put up with,
with him. He would have soup with lots of vegetable in
They would put on a tray or end of table - after each
spoon full would wash right around the table
& then get another spoonful.



Some members of the later families - thought he used to
drink, but that was not so, no drink was ever at Lowestoft.
They ever shunned Uncle Joe, who used to sell liquor at the
Half way house out from Singleton at Chain of Ponds.
Like they shunned Long John Whittens wife Emily because
she was R.C. They would not deal from a shop
owned by an R.C. So the friends were all protestants
unless a few Kelly shearers. In days of blade & I was
tar girl to the whole 3 shearers. The old uncle of Charlie
took the wool away with big teams. They were Rattle & Red Barnett
each & page 2

40 Brown Rd

Harbord no 96

8/6/58

Dear Phyll - Ross

When I wrote the other day, I could not answer your question of how long G & I were at Nanaimo. Well I have rang Boris up & she had never heard of them having been there, & I have never heard either. It must have been before I was born, or not at all, as I never heard it mentioned.

They went up from Chain of Rocks with Grandma on horseback & a team & 1 or 2 dogs & a dray & 17 head of cattle, & maybe an extra horse straight to Louwestoft & lived down the creek a bit before they built the old wooden house with wooden ~~doors~~ windows like small doors. That was dark in day, if shut, that is what it was like when I was small. Uncle Ted built a room at back of old kitchen where various things were kept.

In my schooldays they built the front new part, of course all back has been probably pulled down. In 1910 I was sent to school boarding in Quirindi aged nearly 7.

Grandfather died in 1914 aged 73

Uncle Ted died 1893 age 58

I was born 1903 2/17/03

I was away at boarding school when Grandfather died so that is why I did not really know the details of the last stage of his life. All I know he could not have had a stroke, as he was not lame or weak in arms, & if heart was bad then, he could not have survived, without medication. But all could have happened at the last. But I was not there. So I think you could forget about Nanaimo

Where did you hear of namatini?

That was a marvellous bit of poetry about the
Wallahadaw & Lowestoft visit. Wish I had
heard that.

The boy said the big tree over the twins grave was still
there but dead. Some have said both twins were
buried there. But I think only one. As the other was
somewhat older like 12 or 18 months, no one told me
if they have any fruit trees in the orchard but if so
they would be dead also.

My told me old Bob built the schoolhouse
which later was the mens room. Charlie Bennett, who
used to work for Grandson had some cough medicine
on the mantle piece, called PRUNGO. I went over but up
on his bed & tasted it. Auntie Beat smell it on me & said
'What have you had in your mouth?' When I told her
she went over in case it was liniment with poison effects.

I was put to bed. Uncle Harry came & Auntie Beat sent
him to see how I was, but I was OK but said 'I can
see angels flying round me like plovers!' They
thought it was the end but I am still here. even with
one eye shut, or else I could not write. It is very sore
around & aches across head & down the back of neck, to
shoulder. I got an awful striking pain at the bottom of
spine this morning towards each hip as it were, & quite
sore. Rex & blues was here for the night.

I got photos of Kina & a little piece with flowers on
saying 'To Kama I haven't been around too long
& everything quite new. But I was made so welcome
By that lovely gift from you. Thank you Love from Kina

Can't write any more
as I can't see much please
forgive
Ead



90 Crown Rd
Starbuck 2096
20th Oct

Dear Phyll & Ross
Well I do write
letters sometimes
But the way my
eyes are going, I
don't think I will be able to write
many more months, I am on
prednisone tablets (1 per day) they
make me terribly drowsy &
affect my sight. But Dr. says I will
have to take them for my blood
always, even if they send me blind
If I don't take them I won't
live long so I have to keep
on taking them



(Over the)

I don't do gardening & have
 to pay a man, also a man
 to mow the lawn & cut the
 front. Old ago in winter
 my old friend Mrs. Ralston
 died 2 weeks ago. ago 9 or
 10 years for the brought for
 letters for me & read to her
 in a home. She died 2 weeks ago
 & was very strong by the
 Salvation Army took me to
 the funeral. It was late when
 we got there & missed everything
 she was so weak
 & more for my mother as she
 used to have each other
 a lot. (~~on the~~)

don't think I will be able to write
 many more months, soon or
 perhaps next (Friday) they
 make me writing away &
 expect my sight. But every word
 have to take them for my blood
 always worry they and me think
 of I don't take them I want
 live long. No I have to have
 on taking them

90 Grosvenor Rd
 St Albans 3096
 30th Oct
 Dear Alice & Rose
 with love & devotion
 letters sometimes
 But the way my
 eyes are going, I



(5) She had a lovely disposition I took her to
 the Salvation Army & Home League. Goodness
 knows if I will find another friend.

But I miss manic most of all. We used to ring each
 other up a lot.

I ring Doris up occasionally. Ray had operation
 on finger joint & then thumb. Very painful job
 I have had lovely flowers on my 2 daisy bushes
 & a few bulbs out.

I can't go out alone anywhere without someone
 takes me in car. I don't recommend old age to
 anyone I never thought I would ever be like this
 But I keep bright as possible & should make more
 to fill in the time but have not got the strength
 so I'll say good bye Love from Glad Hope all well

at one side in a laundromat & board my
dick kills a hawk & hawk a hawk
they come & get them, look, buy & buy back & me
No I don't worry about the money & I agree for much &
the side of the mountain. Part 9 de construction de la casa

In the approach counts of the, which would be the
who come each morning morning take me shopping
if it was not for the kindness of James Pickering

It was not for the kindness of James Pickering
I thought of me. I would have to be in HOME
All the birds in the shop (I don't know) are very kind
I get good things about the heat but on the top of the hill here
Now we will be quartering
I am going to be near

③ Also have had lovely sunny walks days

② Rex told me he saw you when he was in Canberra
He likes to see relatives that he knows
we had a visit afternoon from the Home League of
Home League there
manickville
Sydney & had to return visit

They have at 10-30
dub But Mrs. Taylor & I was down for a
she was in Wollongong so I had to
play a solo. I got great praise for my age even
though I was nervous but the piano was fairly good
which helps more needs tuning & a few notes refelted
mine is very old yet a good one very rarely has
to be tuned

90 Crown Rd

Harbord N.S.W. 2096

2/2/86

Dear Phyll, Ross & Alpo (if he is still with you)
What a lovely surprise for Alpo to wake in
un-expected. Glad she liked the Xmas card I sent
I had a good Xmas with Rex & Chris. Visited
Midge & Oscar Hardens and had a day with
Oscar & Joan Carlson. Josie is a new combe
cousins daughter. You said you hope I can cope
with things? Well I could not, if it was not for
Laura Pickering who comes in & takes me shopping
each week or to D^r or such or pay bills. She is
very kind to me. Lives at Neapath
next day a visitor called (my 92 year old grandpa)
He had to leave off

What a crowd Michael & Janet had & you too
Sony Ross is getting an ulcer on his ankle they
after won't heal up. I have a spot beside my ankle
which is quite sore where the skin specialist drilled
the top off a little affair. He said if I knocked it
or caught my other heel on it. It would turn into
an ulcer. So I hope I never hit it on anything but it is
not so likely on the inside as if it was on outside
I don't know if I told you or not but I've had a
blood count & I have got chronic Lymphatic
Leukemia. I have to take 1 PREDNISON 2 tablet
each morning. I have to be on them all my life

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He said "I would not live long if I do not take them" So I hope to be here a while longer yet. He did not say how long it would be before it took me off, so I'll be with you all a while yet, but my walking is bad & I sway about a lot & my eyes seem to have trembles behind them. The new glasses the specialist gave me. He said "not to wear out in the street as I could have a fall but just put on to read & write. They are bifocals. But I have been used to that type for years.

Rae has been made the Federal secretary of the Herpetological Guild of Australia.

They are all well & Backup baby Lina can walk now. A happy smiling cheery little soul about 9½ months. I don't know the date of her birthday. Dad, Mum & Bob.

Lana & Jamie are back from America & stayed a few days in N.Z. She won't have Richard living with her. He took her to his flat, left her there & then disappeared. She gave her house up when she went to America. She may be looking for a cheaper place. It was \$160 per week. But Richard has to pay for his flat or whatever it is also. It's all too silly this modern type of marriage they easily drift apart for what ~~reason~~ reason I haven't a clue. But it's not my affair & I don't brood over it. Richard & Lana have not rang

maria up for a couple of weeks
Lana has been offered a dancing job for
3 months somewhere beyond New Guinea
she says she won't leave Jamie with Richard
but wants maria to have him as she knows
she will see he gets to school etc

They never pay her any money for his food
so I told her to ask for money toward his
food

my eyes are stinging so I'll have to cut this
short.

David doing very well in Massachusetts & holds
a high position

I am tired all the time & very slow so I don't
do much in house. I have Home Help service

2 hours once a fortnight to do things that I can't
do said this leukemia has the bad effect

on memory & well I know it already

Often write a list on table & go without it but
it waits for me on the table. I have a grocer

shop I do away. keeps chops & steak to grill
or stew so I don't starve. They also have vegetables
& fruit but when Lana takes me to markets
I can get broccoli kumera & beans

I have had inflamed gall. Stabbing pains under right
ribs. It is settling down again. I had to have no
butter, cheese, meat, or anything at all greasy

Bread not nice without butter & only marmite
or diabetic jam

Ill love now Love from Glad.