

**GLADYS ANNIE WHITTEN 31/7/03 - 22/3/87**

On behalf of the family I take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughts and expressions of condolence following the passing of my mother, our mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

To her, perhaps the most precious thing in life was her family and friends, but in regard to the family of Whitten and Newcombe and all their descendents she had a thorough knowledge of almost every detail and her great interest and knowledge was called on regularly by family members who were interested in compiling their own particular family connections and her record of both families on which she spent a considerable amount of time, will probably be used by those who were able to obtain them for many years.

A few months ago, Roma Betts gave my mother a photograph of a wedding group taken outside the home of one of our ancestors Richard Whitten at Gowrie about 1906 asking if she could identify anyone in the photograph which consisted of about ten adults and five or six children - she was able to name every person in that photo which included Aunt Maud as about an 18 year old and Alice Whitten (Reading) at about 5 years of age - just before her passing I insisted that she sit down while I took down all the names so that they would not be lost forever.

Last January we were discussing various things and the matter came up about mum "snuffing it" and I told her that I had decided what was going to happen when she eventually did. I told her that she would be cremated and that I would take her ashes to Tamworth and place them in her mother's grave with a plaque on top - she said that she thought that would be nice. I feel that it is fitting that this be done as ~:  
symbolic reunion with all relatives and friends with whom she was so closely associated.

It is anticipated that her ashes will be interred in the grave of her mother Annie Florence Whitten on Saturday 18th July next at 1130 am and if possible, we would be pleased if you could join with us on that occasion - from memory, I think that my grandmother's grave is next to that of her brother Percy Newcombe, however it is in the section where all the oldies of the family rest.

Once again, thank you for your love for my mum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rex', with a stylized flourish at the end.