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divulge about chime ~~in~~ built -
- in old watch.

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31-5-73.

My Dear Cuff

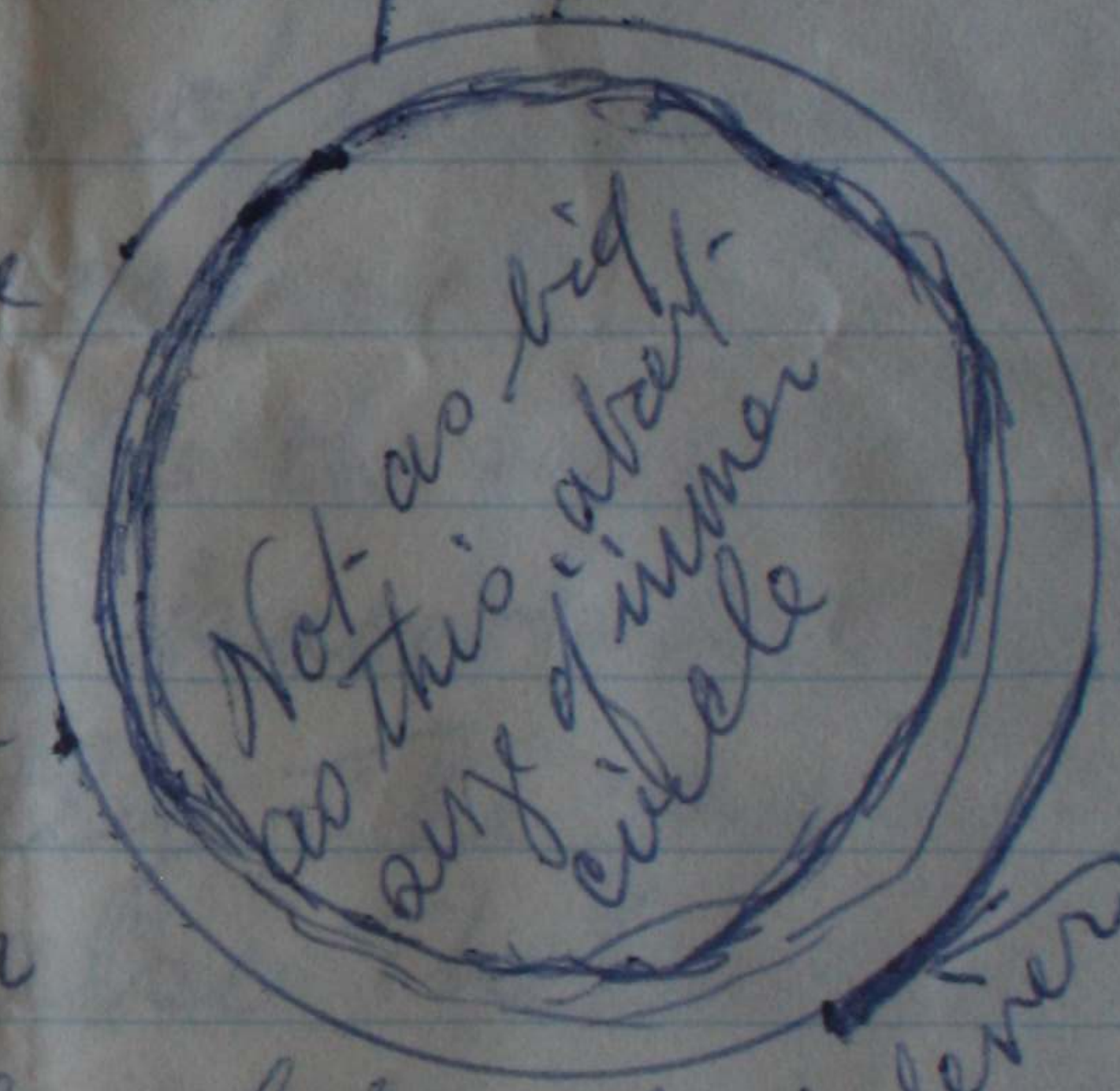
Your ever welcome letter to hand yesterday, such a miserable day too, & today, mild & like summer beautiful if only Winter could always be like this. I do hope your stinking headache has gone, stink is bad enough, without the headache added. Your cold was a real stinker, I could hear your chest rattling like a tin of gravel & felt anxious it might worsen. Alleys house is somewhat of morgue construction but I think you were in full chill because of a lowered resistance & the invasion of flu germs. When you 3 girls did the sorting of chattles, would you have described this as a sortie — (sort of). Well, the Holden car took to its new duties today. It went to the garage, where "they" told Beryl it possessed the driest-driest gear box they had ever seen — as well as the best maintained etc. car for its age, every one seems to be full of delight & praise. I think Ann's worry re Harland was that she "thought" he had a sort of favored right where Holden was concerned. As you say Wint was as pleased as cat with 10 ~~cat~~ tails, all in full wag, he knowing full well, Beryl is no fool in motor car mechanics & can hold

her² own. Also I think Wint would not like to see outsiders in possession, certainly ones living near by. Now to the Watches. The chiming watch would be of about 1915, this year Alley would be 21. I think that was the set up, no doubt a money issue as well. The watch was plain ordinary, not kind not as big as Rich's old silver, the lever was at the lower side - I think - I asked Alley about it, & he said he still had it, it was in the drawer somewhere. I never saw another one like it, or heard of one. It was plain & ordinary, no fancy work.

Not a wrist watch. It might have been included in the rubbish.

I don't know the old watch of earlier vintage than Rich's but it could be a generation earlier than Rich's. Granny had a gold watch & chain

the chain was I think like this, little pretty open work lozenge shaped pieces, all on a swivel (I think) I feel sure Grace had a silver one, refer to old photos, ask Mabel too. Yes I can remember the one Granny had, she gave it to Mabel these small gold or silver ladies watches, which were usually attached to long chains always had a lid over the glass, always



having chased? patterns on lids & sides, some had
enamelling & pearls (Doy Davison's mother had
a beauty, in bright blue enamel & 2 rows of pearls,
I can remember flowers embossed on gold watch
kind of anemone, (the wind flower variety),
Re wedgewood jug Tina had one, quite
small 1-1/2 cup size, gift from ma Gold
smith, I think Mabel has had this for
many years. The one you got, I think could
be as stated re its ancestry, I got married
& scooted off when the London invasion
took place, I only met the old-old lady
once, & that time she told us of the disappearance
of the piglets - 1855 quake is correct. Oh Dear
now that is a poser to describe the first-dinner
service in old home, to my knowledge there
were odd bits & pieces mostly, The green
meat dish, squirrels & nuts, also The Pheasant
pattern, huge meat dish & a plate or 2, the
plates came from "old George Whitlock" a
deserted sailor who lived for a time in the little
red cottage, amidst ships in the paddock, 1/2
way between the back gate & mako-mako Rd
direct line, I think the huge meat dish came from
George too? Then there was a dinner set, well
perhaps not a full one, which had a pattern
of dull mid-blue poppies, ^{1906?} not at all

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pretty & poor quality, the glazing crackled
I believe Tina bought this from Aggie,
when Aggie went to Australia, I think Mabel
could put you right about this. There were a
few bits of better class china, meat dish
small, with dark blue trailing flower
pattern & fluted edge, very few pieces of this
mostly all the crockery was bought, but
a piece, white $\frac{1}{2}$ doz, at a time, or white
& gold clover leaf pattern, or 3 narrow gold lines
I remember no dinner set. until a green
cream & gold was contributed by members of the
family, I think this was the real first
dinner service - in my time anyway, tho
it was after my time really. There ~~was~~ ^{were}
~~a~~ 12 cup tea sets, bought when Jess got
married, both plain white, one with gold
line. Of course there could have been a dinner
service that I never knew of after all, I
was a long time putting in an appearance. No
it certainly looks like the Mazine has gone
into the Williamson side of the family, I
think you may be able to ~~see~~ claim it, I don't
think any of the Parkers got it - Old Frank P
had a fiddle, tho I never heard him scrape.

he⁵ reckoned he could. I can't reconcile the photo to mangaweka, it seems far too large a village - but, could be -
Re my Caller - The Dream (plus)

Old home.
In my old bedroom, top of stairs right-hand room, I stood by bed place, a presence appeared thru the door, having the 3rd eye (male) told me he was Odin. Wearing a loose garment like large pyjama coat, striped red & yellow, he floated into room & patted the north side of the chimney enclosure, asked me "where I thought the next fire would be". 2 days later I read of him in a serial, a Teuton God of mercury, also known as Woden (I knew of Woden) but had never known of Odin, "Odin, Chief God of early Teuton & Scandanavian", "Ruler of Heaven & Earth" & of Valor & Culture of Heroes. (Crest?) 2 ravens & sometimes depicting 2 wolves, these he overcame - baddies no doubt. His Queen Frigg, or Fræa - & son Baldar. So it would appear I am keeping good company I must to bed, my bones ache. Much love to you both ++ Phil

It was lovely to hear your voice tonight
brings one's loved ones into perspective
I reckon.