

FAMILY NOTES

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My Dear Cuff

Today is your mother's wedding day only 45 years ago & I can remember it, as the old saying goes "Tempus fugit" etc I have just had a phone call from Doctor's nurse to say all is well, & free of mischief & he thought I could now enjoy my week end, am very thankful anyway, & now my wounds can do their best to heal up so I can look like Sabrina.

Can't tell you very much about the elder Prouse family you should have asked Mabel but of course that's out now. I think Rich was the eldest, 1855 & I think James in the middle & John the youngest, this is

relating to the <sup>2</sup>boys, there was a  
Thomas, he died - meningitis  
I think. And the girls were mixed  
around in this family Low was  
a younger one Mary & Annie  
older ones, then there were  
Jennie & Emma, both these  
died of diphtheria, Jennie  
was married to Bill Burdan  
& had 4 boys, George, Willie, Morry  
& Bert. Annie was engaged to  
marry I believe & broke the engage-  
ment to marry Bill Burdan &  
mother the 4 motherless boys.  
Annie & Bill Burdan had 4 children  
myrtle, Ernest, Claude & Mavis.  
Aunt Low married? Callier &  
had 2 children, Jean & Richie &  
I think they both live in the S. I.  
I think Low Prouse - Levin could  
probably correct me & would have  
information. I do not know  
Christchurch

anything at all of George Prouse - Italy -  
it was "our" family of Rich & Tina  
to which Philip Goldsmith referred & I  
think the name has died out alright  
as the only producers of sons  
were the girls - of which, only  
Went & Noel survive, neither  
being Prouses. (Of course, one does  
not inquire into the excursions  
on the tiles as practised by Alley  
& I guess there were plenty but  
never did I hear that any bore  
fruit) Jessie & Lou have 3 sons  
Prouse, but these are of the  
House of James, so again, I fear  
the House of Richard has come to a  
full stop. Well you ask me of  
the "feeling" one has of a "presence"  
It's a kind of a tingling - but isn't  
it's unexplainable because in this  
earthly life, there has not been a  
word coined to describe, because

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it has not been accepted by the Earth  
Earthy. The feeling takes hold of one  
as by ? spirit unseen. The one  
in hospital, held me by ~~sh~~ shoul-  
ders from behind, to impede  
my exit from hospital - even my  
legs were weak to put one before  
other, I know this was Trebor  
no doubt of that. I feel quite  
sure, the number of unseen  
spirits is as great as the seen  
& feel they move around pretty  
much as ~~we~~ where we do. I think  
there is no increase in things psychic  
it is just that more are aware &  
we are aware that they are so. I  
do know that when I was a kid  
psychic matters were very much  
practiced - probably <sup>as much</sup> ~~more so~~  
~~than~~ <sup>as</sup> today. The two Wars of  
course mined much where placed  
thought was necessary

also, WE are getting older  
Funny you should choose a gardener  
from Pritwell Priory (are you sure  
it is just by chance? ~~or~~ a fore  
thought - even Kitty may have  
had a finger in the pie.

Thank you ever so much for Sir  
van de Proux, I think he looks  
like Jess & Rich, his hand is  
beautiful - could it ever have  
got into mischief? - where is  
Alys? was she along of him  
~~or~~ was she elsewhere?

Glad you have got your sewer  
pit all fixed up blasted terrible  
jobs & dirty too

Bloody gate - I hope you  
kicked it & let it know  
who's boss. Kath sends her  
love & hopes you are well, I  
now have to get ready to go to the eye  
specialist (Blast it) Lots of love  
to you both Phil