

P.S. Don't answer this.

I know the fog to get
pen to paper. I'll ring

You one of these weeks.
Have a happy Easter.

My dear Phyll,

53 Wmara Ave.,

Waukanua

11-3-78

Super to hear your voice
the other night but I'm very sorry
to hear you & June have had flu
& you sounded very much as tho
you still had it. I was sorry you
couldn't hear me clearly for some
times the line has been very clear
& you've had no difficulty hearing
me. I suppose this excessively
hot weather & perhaps too quick
cooling off ^{or draughts} has given you both
chills.

I won't get this written in one
sitting that I can well see, so
I'll tangle on as things come to
mind.

Step - our little tree (child of yours)
is getting into bearing & we had
a small crop (about 10) & one day
I picked two - the combined weight

was $8\frac{3}{4}$ oz. They were gorgeous.

I was extremely interested in what
 Wint. had to say about the painting,
 but it's left me full of questions. I
 wonder who took the photo, who's
 got it & that you didn't know
 of it. Did Parker take photos? Why
 alter the buggy if the original was
 in the photo? Was it Jess & Maah
 who were sitting in the buggy in
 the photo but left out of painting?
 Well, I suppose it's no use asking
 questions when they can't be answer-
 ed, but I'd dearly love to know
 who has the photo, wish had have
 a photo copy done for you. Also,
 if from a photo I wonder why the
 buggy had got so out of place &
 proportion. ^{license}

We had a bit of a scamper
 up the Coromandel a couple of weeks
 ago. Wanted to stay on the west side &

found all accommodation booked out by
N.V. people, making a film, so after
1 night at Waiohau Bay we had
to go over to Whitianga. Couldn't get
into the motel at Waiohau I fancied,
"Seaspray" - literally could be too.
However, we had a fair rattle over
those roads across the ranges, & went
up as far as Belmont. It was anything
but restful with 5 motels in 4 nights.
We came back to Tempo, got our
favourite motel & did have a rest.
While there met a young woman
who is ancestor-tracing obsessed, &
has done an enormous lot into her
own forebears. The extremely interesting
thing about this is that her "knicht"
had lands that must have
adjoined Sir Williams. Her fore-
bear's name I have in notes I've
made, & he had a castle a
skip & jump from Avelon Giffard -

named Berry Pomeroy. I think a
correspondence is about to blossom
between us. This has zoomed me
off again & at last I'm going to
get writing to the archives people
to see what more I can glean.
Also, I've given Raine a sheet of
notes & hope she can get some
things for us. She says she's going
to A.G. to have a look round.
It's not much more than walking
distance from where Nellie & Philip
live. I asked her to go to Lustleigh
& shoot up film on detail of Wm.
- I'd pay for all the film she'd use.
I hope she will, but then it's their trip,
time is planned for what they want
to do & I can't ask too much. Also,
she's not smitten as you & I are
about all this antiquity. Sir Wm.
fairly haunts me & I burn to
know more about him & his family

Another other point in our phone conversation was about Wint's visit, his balance sheet etc... I can only gather from what you said that he must have taken your affairs out of the accountants hands, & is handling things himself. If he gave you a balance sheet made out ^{by} himself, please get June & Beryl to check it, check where the money is invested etc... Your annual income should be slightly higher than a year ago because Grandpa's estate is now cleaned up & there would have been some hundreds added to your capital. Also, check what rate of interest is being paid on it. I know this is a bother to you, but do feel it is very important to keep a close eye on what's what. I'd like to know (but never can) how Wint became trustee in

lien of Ally - how did he get that
right" - once again, one'll never know.
I wonder how Anne was when
they were up? She must have made
a remarkable recovery from that
illness she had.

It's bed time. I'll stop now & finish
this off tomorrow.

14th - Cynthia's birthday. Several days since
I started this. Had very old N.P. friends
to lunch, havin' seen them for ages
so had to turn on a repast.

About Tapa. I wondered when up there
& crossing to Whitianga if you've been
to the water gardens on that road.
If so are they worth a visit? Also,
have you ever visited the water-
lily gardens at (just out of Paikiki?)
The other day I had a miniature lily
pool, with cream miniature waterlilies
on it - a real little honey. That
"Seaspray motel" at Waiumu really

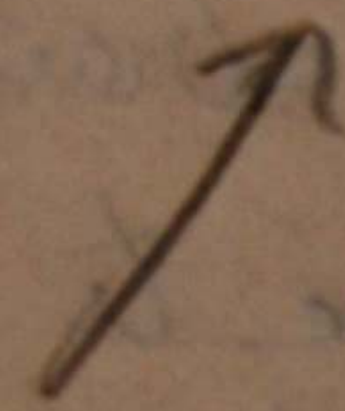
appeared because it had flowers all around
hibiscus & of all things that gorgeous white
stephanotis (is that what I mean?) in
full bloom. Didn't see that very
ancient cottage you drew for me, but
then didn't know where to look.

The enclosed book is for some Easter
reading for you. Don't want it
back. This author has a very convincing
theory but he was badly out on a
bit about N.Z. (called the South Island
Stewart) that if he could go wrong on
a thing as simple as that, how
authentic is the rest. Anyhow, true
or false he's good entertaining reading.

Yes, thank you, we are both well &
John is his usual self & doesn't in
any way show any deterioration in
spite of his blood counts. He hasn't had
one lately & will in May.

Do hope you & June are quite recovered
by now. Lots of love & care from us
both. Both. P.T.O.

We approach March 17th - I often
ponder the two who departed on that
date. What year was it Alby died?
My memory is appalling.



Tina & Allan Prouse
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