

53 Winara Ave,
Waikanae,

My dear Phyll,

11-4-78

Well I declare!! But
how super to get your letter & so
when an uplift was necessary.
I didn't expect you to write all the
same, because pens seem to get
heavier & heavier.

To answer points - If Ness died
1972, Ally was 1973 for he only
went on about 14 months after her,
so that's settled that. Incidentally
the chap who did all the estate (Ally's)
handling - Mr Wake - has been
called to his father's - his death
was in this A.M.'s paper. You
remember him ^{when} ~~we~~ we went
to the lawyers over the Holden trans-
action, a man I didn't like quite
intensely & who I felt distrustful
of.

The other painting ^{2.} Wint. has ^{that} he wants
you to see, is of the old mill site,
I haven't seen it, but seen a photo of
it in another photo. The same set
up as Angela etched.

Yes, the ancestor digger's "Knight"
had lands very near Avelon
Co. If you look on the maps &
go upwards & out right a bit
you'll see Berry Pomeroy. It was
a castle of no mean size & the
ruins are still there. Haunted -
for horrible things happened there long
ago such as incest, daughters
left to starve in dungeons etc... I
can't recall exact details. Friend
carries the name Pomeroy.

I'm glad you told me the details
of that statement Wint. gave you.
It seems they have taken it out
of accountants' hands & as trustees
Wint. & Raine could do this.
Yes Raine would take Mabel's place

as trustee, & I hope she is able to keep an eye on payments. Are you getting them regularly? I think if I remember rightly you were to get a payment every quarter.

Sorry you couldn't pass on cousin Phyllis' "peculiar remarks" but if you felt better not written, better not. Don't forget it, I'll ask you next time I ring, I'm a bit intrigued.

I had a letter from Paine a couple of days ago & was so pleased to get it because I didn't expect to hear from her. When I've answered it I'll send it on to you. She probably wrote because she's been to A.G. & wanted to report. The Church was locked so they didn't see inside & probed the churchyard. Here here statements were vague & said there were Prowse graves - I think. Unfortunately she probably wouldn't realize

that spelling variations are unimportant.
It happens all the time in older
days. So I doubt if I shall glean
anything there. So made no com-
ment on her impressions of the
Church. I think it is a gem ^{of} world
love to see it. They hadn't got to
Lustleigh yet, but I think will do so.

I hope you will be agree-ably
excited over what I enclose. I
haven't had the covering letter copied
for you but it was a more or less
translation of William's Charter
of A.G. They sent a copy of this too
but to us completely unreadable
for it is in Latin & the ^{most} ~~very~~ heiro-
glyphic of writing. You will
see this has come in reply to
my writing to the Devon Record
Office. The drawing or whatever it is
of Sir Wm. I think must be from
the stained glass window above
his tomb. And off all kinds we

now know what his coat of arms was like. So I feel this enquiry has yielded a lot. My biggest thrill this was from his Charter (by the way, his Charter stated what was required of his tenants, how to settle disputes etc.) As a Knight he was entitled to work, gift of animals & yearly payment from his tenants, but he didn't take all this - they only had to pay him so much a year rent. So it shows he was not a grasping man by any means. (I couldn't help but think of Rich your father when I read this.) Devon can't yet locate his will, so I didn't get a copy of that, tho there is one, & I'm afraid I'll have to write again to Kath. for yet another loan of her book, or a suggested way of getting it copied. I wrote to the publishers of the little book & they have no copies, nor can they trace one in 2nd hand book

shops — so there seems no hope of
us getting a copy each — or even one
between us. Devon can't help me on
the place of birth of Richard P. who
came out in 1840. They said I'd have
to give more details & I can't, so
the only way round this is to pay a
professional researcher & they recommend-
ed two, so I'll try one or two channels
here & if I can't get anywhere, I
fear this is where; if we want to go
further I'll have to engage some-
one to look it up for us.

I must say I'm getting more & more
swept up with all this & that
William just won't let me alone.
To quote Gina, he won't let me be
Kee, to be in Rainie's shoes for
just a few days, but she hasn't
the "thing" about all this, so
one can't expect her to grovel
around tombstones & mists

record offices.

Awful trouble around us lately. The boy murdered (shot) in Wgfm - last week was next door neighbour's grandson. The devastating grief ^{thus} caused. Next we hear of the wife of a late colleague of Johns in hospital with a big question mark against her operation.

We had eye tests a couple of weeks ago in Wgfm. He told me I had high blood pressure - was a couple of hours at Drs. this A.M. & a test every 15 mins. It isn't so high at all, so that goes to show what motoring in city traffic does. It's my worst kind of nightmare being driven by someone else!!

I must stop you'll be sick of this, but do hope you enjoy more about our dear William.

Hope all are well.

With fond love to all.
Luff.