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My Dear Cliff,

Many thanks for return of photo book, there was no hurry really but glad you enjoyed it! Well you can be thankful to the taxation dept. for this little bit of information for which I had ~~so~~ unsuccessfully hunted <sup>years</sup> ~~ago~~. Wonderful what you can find when you are not looking for it. I have written out clear enough so you can read what it says. There was a bit more information, Mahe had written & sent to me, but I knew nothing. These people were before my time but I understand they were relatives somewhere in the family. I will proceed in an effort to answer the rest. Snap of model T. Ford, Tompsett, Esther - driver Gileen, Daddy, & Vera, who was

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a friend of theirs, probably came  
to Levin for the ride. I have no idea  
of her Sir name. I would imagine  
by putting 2 & 2 together, the  
wake as it were being at Rich &  
Tinas would enable the guests  
family etc. to catch the train  
more easily. (any way Cuff  
we have proof that you were  
there) I think some bedded  
down but its too far back  
for me to remember, I think  
they would have visited Clara's  
before the funeral probably.

Re the beach houses. No, Grace  
never owned one, she rented  
it from Miss Scott (who was  
the Infant class mistress, around  
1904? to 197<sup>8-9</sup>10-? I dont know  
for certain when she retired etc.

The lean-to by the chimney on  
Tina's house was not the privy

that was a porch containing a bench & plain cupboard under for pots ~~pans~~ pans etc, this 3 roomed batch was well built, but very austere in every way, of this porch on the left side where you can't see, is the tank the tap came thru into the porch. Lounge & kitchen in the middle & a bedroom each side. The wonderful & beautiful never to be forgotten, door locks on bedroom doors had enamelled blue birds on them, how I would delight to see them again. The Privy was situated down the hill from the house - out of view I think I was always hell scared to visit it & preferred to excrete on the principle of cat toilet. There was a whole beach full of sand & plenty lupins & the thought of Katipos cavorting over my

bot didn't appeal to me, As you  
 will recall, the usual place for  
 the privy was well away from the  
 house — you were not supposed  
 to see it, (or smell it) but usually  
 the jey's fluid told you where  
 it was. And tho' so hard to  
 believe, June & I finally got away  
 last Thursday — (or the one before) to  
 have 4-5-6 days around the east  
 coast, simply lovely & enjoyed every  
 moment, even a hell of a rainy 2 nights  
 Days of sparkling sunshine & seas of  
 deep blue. Love to John & Cat  
 & much for your dear  
 self. Phil.  
 H. So you had a happy Easter.

Esther Tomsell died 2 or 3 years  
 ago in Christchurch she had not married  
 Eileen died at 37 - tumour on brain  
 both lovely girls