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"PROUSE"

LETTER

"Remote"

Lovells Flax R.D.

Milton

South Otago.

1 Dec. 1985.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Annabell,

I was delighted to receive your letter, dated 22 Nov - when I returned from a week spent in Christ Church from 19th to 26th Nov.

Because of an accident my husband was involved in, on the farm, the morning after my return, I have not had the time to reply before this. The wheel tractor John was driving slid down a hillside, backwards, on wet grass & then when reaching the plough line,

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somersaulted about 5 times with
him inside the cab, (open at the
back). He could see what was
going to happen & wrapped his
arms around the steering
wheel & hung on for dear
life. He crawled out alive!

No broken bones, but a
bruised kidney, spent 24
hrs in hospital & is now
recuperating at home, where
all the bruises are now
making an appearance & a
very sore chest & rib cage!!

To-day, Sunday, I feel that
I can start my correspondence with
you, in a quieter state of mind.

I didn't start researching my
Prouse ancestors until about March
of this year, 1985 and don't know
if I am connected to your family
but would be interested in hearing

from you again, if that proves to be the case. I have enclosed all I know about my PROUSE family at this stage.

I see your wife's family came to N.Y. in 1840. My first ancestors to arrive were the KINGS from Shoreditch, London, coming out on the ship 'Joseph Fletcher' to Hytton in 1857. I note that your Richard PROUSE married Mary Snowden KING. I am in the process of researching where my KINGS came from before living in the Parish of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London.

My married son Derek is living in Cambridge, England and is planning to visit Telford, Devon, for me, while there.

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I've asked him to visit the local church, grave yards to see if he can find any tombstones for PROUSES' without family Christian names, while I endeavour, in the meantime, to save more money to continue my research.

My good wishes to you both - I do hope we are connected!

Yours faithfully,
Kathy Gray
nee King.

PROUSE

George Prouse

Born: c 1786

At : Ideford, Devon, England.

Died:

At :

Married:

Whom: Elizabeth (whom)

At :

Issue: John, 1813 - Christened 1 Aug.

Harriet, 1818 - " 6 Dec.

(my great, great, grand mother) Fanny, 1822 - " 12 May.

George, 1827 - " 25 Nov.

1841 Census IDEFORD Village.

George Prouse . 55. Ag. lab. Born in County

Fanny " 15 " " "

George " 13 " " "

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Jane Prouse . 15. FS (female servant?)

(Born in County)

Adults age = downwards to nearest 5yrs
= anything between 20 & 15.

Fanny Prouse

Christened: 12 May, 1822.

At : Ideford, Devonshire, England.

Married: 19th June, 1848, aged 25 yrs.

Whom: Thomas FORWARD.

At: 34 St. James Parade, Bath,
Somerset, England.

Father: George PROUSE

Mother: Elizabeth.

Issue: Fanny, Emily, Louise,
Alfred George (my great grand
father.)

Occupation: Servant.

Died: 29 January, 1899

At: Prebbleton, Christchurch

Buried: All Saints' Anglican Church
Yard. Prebbleton.

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Fanny nee PROUSE and Thomas FORWARD
Came to N.Z. on the Ship "HOWRAH"
first voyage, sailing from London
on 26 August, 1874, arriving at
Wellington on 30 November, 1874.

With them were their three
daughters, Fanny, Emily & Louise
& their son Alfred George
& his wife Matilda nee Perry
and a child, Florence Forward.

The 2 families then travelled
down to the South Island,
working for the Deans family
at Riccarton, Christchurch,
where my grandmother, Ethel
Lewis FORWARD was born on
8 Sept. 1877.