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Dear ~~Vicki~~ Chris,

(Already the fact that my brain is not in gear is showing up!) We just written to Vicki after a shockingly long time, so I'm hoping that both of you won't have dropped me from your writing lists. My busy months must be nothing compared with yours since your husband had the misfortune to break his hip. Our sincere sympathy. We do hope the replacement was very successful + that you are both finding life more comfortable.

Our daughter of 27 had both her hips replaced 18 months ago because of her rh. arthritis. She made marvellous recoveries but youth is a great aid.

I wish I could report some progress in the genealogy field, but I can't - no wonder when I've not written a letter for months - had too many family affairs to cope with. (Never a dull moment, with 4 children + their families) I told you, I think, that John had written to the lodge in Scotland, hoping to unearth something but has had no reply. A lodge friend from here has just left to visit Scotland + has promised to do what he can so more photocopies went with him + in due course something may turn up. There are various other avenues I could try (like Agnes' wedding certificate? at Ballantrae) but these things will have to wait a little while as I've run out of money. Had a researcher in London for 2 weeks + one in Devon for my family - both completely disappointing. In the past I have been so lucky with the interest + initiative that other researchers have had, but it seems to me that at present the interest is only in money.

- am I being too sceptical? You asked about the Sinclair coat-of-arms, but I'm afraid I don't know. Hadn't realized there'd be more than one, but that's logical.

We were delighted to hear that Vicki was having a babe - she must be a great mother. As May the month it is due? I hate bothering you, Chris, but if you hear that the babe has arrived, + if you got time to write a quick note, we would much appreciate hearing of it.

By the way, you mentioned researchers at Templeview. Some of the genealogy people do help out there with their recording etc but I'm afraid I'm not sure about the best contacts. I did reply to one person who advertised her research services in the Gene. Mag. She agreed to help + I sent some money but have had no result at all. Another disappointment. She was supposed to be "mature" + "responsible" but I'd put a big question mark after that.

I think that Vicki has visited a Wellington Mormon Genealogy Library. Your best idea would be to enquire through the NZ Society of Genealogists which must have a Wellington address surely. The phone book should help.

I wonder if you would like to borrow any of my "NZ Genealogist" magazines? I have them going back for years. I could send a few at a time if you like. They are quite interesting. Even though you are not a member they do allow you to make short requests for information, which are published.

Not really much help, am I?
Anyway, best of luck.

Sincere wishes
Joyce Peck