

CHAPTER 14

The Posterity of Mary ('Maria') Fantham

The eldest of Arthur and Mary Fantham's children was Frances Louisa ('Fanny'). She was born on 27 September 1866 in Canterbury in the South Island of New Zealand. Around 1870, Ric Havyatt reports, her parents settled in Taranaki where she was to spend the major part of her life. Ric goes on:-

Her biggest claim to fame is the naming of the subsidiary peak of Mt Egmont in her honour. In March 1887 when she was twenty years old, a mixed party of fourteen climbers walked to Dawson Falls on the slopes of Mt Egmont and camped the night preparatory to making an ascent to the top on the following day. Fanny Fantham was able to keep up with the five of the male climbers and reached the subsidiary peak with them.

AB Scanlan (76) reports in a historical work:-

According to Fanny Fantham one of the climbers said, "I don't think this peak has been named." Turning to the one woman in the party he suggested, "You are the first woman to climb it; let's call it Fanny Fantham's Peak." "No," she replied, "that's too long." "Then Fanny's Peak," added another climber. "No, that's a name any peak might be called. Who knows how many Fannys might be climbing." So, after some more cheerful suggestions, it was agreed that the family name of Fantham be given to the peak...

Ric Havyatt takes up the story again:-

(Fanny) married Fred Bayly of Manaia in 1888 and brought up a family of three boys and three girls. Fred and Fanny's first farm was at Toko and the following story gives an indication of the conditions that they had to put up with in the early days of farming. At the birth of Fanny Bayly's third child, Zaida, a first cousin was persuaded to stay with them at Toko farm. They took the new baby and provisions on horseback to the Toko farmhouse and there they had to stay all winter. But farming people were pretty hardy in those times and Fay had a story relating to a much later date illustrating how versatile Fanny was. The three boys were running a Bayly farm at Tarata and Fred Bayly had issued an instruction that pickets were to be wired into a certain fence. Fanny paid a visit to the farm and found that the pickets had not been wired in. To save Fred venting his wrath on the boys she promptly set to work and fixed the pickets herself.

During World War I she felt that she would like to do her bit towards the war effort. So she went to England to work in a munitions factory and also nursed at an army hospital at Walton-on-Thames. Wounded New Zealand soldiers were nursed at this hospital and it is interesting to note that there is still today a New Zealand Avenue in Walton-on-Thames. She lived at several places around Taranaki and finally left the land to live in New Plymouth about 1918. One of the early Bayly homes in New Plymouth was 'St Kilda', a large two-storey house surrounded by lawns and bush, still standing today but having newer houses built on the original grounds. She formed a strong bond with her children, particularly the three girls and also with many of her 26 grandchildren. Some of the grandchildren lived with her at various times when they were at school and others would have been made welcome for tea - with the commendation that she was a good cook too.

In 1928 the Mt Egmont Alpine Club was formed and Fanny was elected an honorary member. Many years later towards the end of 1941 she was invited to attend a meeting of the Club at Hawera at which she presented a fine oil painting of herself as a lasting memento to the naming of the peak. During her address she mentioned that she regretted she had never climbed to the top of Mt Egmont although she had flown over the crater. On this same flight, the pilot flew low over Fantham's Peak and so she was able to view it from all angles. In December 1941 the Egmont National Park Board invited her to Dawson Falls where a group photograph was taken including Fanny Bayly and Mrs Henson of Hawera who was the first woman to climb to the (main) summit. She had other outdoor activities and was apparently an excellent shot. Doug. Blair used to tell a story about her prowess in bringing home about twenty pheasants one day. Doris Thompson (a granddaughter) remembers that Fanny's favourite colours were all shades of purple through lavender to pink. In addition to the painting of her mentioned above, there is another painting of her presently owned by Miles Hayvatt. This is a water colour on white opaque glass and shows her as an infant of about three months being held by her mother, Mary Fantham. Gladys Kennedy (another granddaughter) has a photograph of a similar pose. Betty Blair (also a granddaughter) currently has Fanny's christening robe and it could be that this is what she is wearing in the painting and photograph of 1866. Another photograph taken in mid-1917 shows four generations - Mary Fantham (aged 75), Fanny Bayly (51), Pat Bignell (21 - Fanny's daughter) and Betty Bignell (3 months - Pat's daughter). And yet another, probably taken in the early 1920s, shows Fay, Fanny, Pat and Zaida all resplendent with hairdo's popular at the time. The photographs are reproduced facing page 47 and page 68 respectively.

All her life (Fanny) was a very active woman and in 1946 during her 80th year she flew to Sydney to visit her daughter Zaida. She died in New Plymouth in 1948 when in her 82nd year.

Fanny was evidently in England well before the commencement of World War I, because she was presented at the court of King Edward VII and he died in 1910. Alternatively she may have made more than one visit to England.

An undated newspaper clipping has the following to say about Fred, Fanny's husband:-

Mr Bayly, who is a member of an old and well-known family of Taranaki, was born in New Plymouth in 1857, and educated there and at Wanganui. He was brought up to farm life, and has possessed farms at Manaia, White Cliffs, and Mokohia. About five years ago he acquired his present splendid property, which contains 950 acres and carries 2200 crossbred sheep and 150 head of cattle. Mr Bayly is married to the daughter of Mr Fantham, of Hawera, a well-known colonist and has two sons and three daughters

The eldest of Fanny and Fred Bayly's children was (Basil) Oscar. He was born in 1889 and died in 1946. In 1913 he married Martha Jane Walker (born 1892). Oscar and Martha Bayly had five children. The eldest was Bryan (born 1914). He married Joan Thomson. Next was (Averil) Joan Bayly (born 1916) who married David Pennington in 1938. Joan and David Pennington have 4 children. Their eldest is Barry (1939) who married Heather Ashley and they have 5 children: Neil Pennington (1968), Ross Pennington (1969), Shona Pennington (1973), Glen Pennington (1976) and Kent Pennington (1978). Barry and Heather live in New Plymouth.

The second child of Joan and David Pennington is Averil Frances (born 1940) who

married Chris. Wotton. They have four children, Mark (1963), Carolyn (1964), Craig (1968) and Nicole (1974). Their third child is Lois Beverley (1943) who married Ivan Smith. The Smiths live in Otorohanga, New Zealand and have four children: Susan (1969), Robyn (1971), Joanne (1973) and Stephen (1975). The youngest of Joan and David Pennington's family is Stuart (1948). He married Irene Adams and they have two children, Kara (1976) and Nathan (1978).

The third of the Oscar and Martha Bayly family is Allen (born 1923) and the next is Neville (1926). Allen died unmarried but Neville married Kathleen M Walker in 1956. They have four children and two grandchildren. They are Graham (1957) who married Jocelyn Berry in 1983; Patricia Margaret (1958) who married Alan Wharekawa; Bryan Gregory (1962) and Raewyn Sandra (1966). The two of the next generation are Curtis Alan Wharekawa and Joline Wharekawa. The last Oscar and Martha Bayly family member is Joy Frances (1932). In 1956 she married Garrick Graham and they have three children, Michael (1958), Keharyn (1960) and Jacqueline Joy (1965). All the Graham family live in Yorkshire in a suburb of Huddersfield called Marsh.

Howard Albert Bayly was the next of the children of Fanny and Fred Bayly. He was born on 5 October 1890 and he and his wife had six children. She was Josephine Pauline Levandoski (18), and they married in 1912. Howard died in 1963 and his wife in 1965. Their oldest child is Phyllis Leora (1912), currently living in Taranaki. Her husband was Cyril Henry Hurlstone who died in 1964. Their five children are Barry Cyril Hurlstone (1932) who married in 1958 Jean Olive Stewart, their offspring being: Warren Victor (1961), Grant Barry (1963), Linda Mary (1965), Julie Ann (1968) and Peter Edmond (1970); Elaine Alma Hurlstone (1935) who married in 1957 Ronald Charles Prentice, their three children being Karen (1962), David (1966) and Steven (1967); Lorna May Hurlstone (1937) who married in 1966 George Whittaker, their two children being Bruce George () and Todd Cyril (); William Howard Hurlstone (1943) who married in 1966 Terese Mary Schrader, their four children being Dean (1968), Craig (1970), Wendy Ann (1972) and Gregory (1974); Carol Phyllis Hurlstone (1945) who married Rod McMillan in 1966, their children being Wayne (1967), Brett (1969), Jeffery (1971), Sharleen (1973), Kerry (1977) and Regan (1979).

The second of Howard and Josephine Bayly's six children is Sidney Morris Bayly (1915). He married in 1953 Dorothy Florence Savage. Their seven children are as follows. Pauline Janet (1954) who in 1974 married James Jackson Clough, their children being Joanne Marie (1974), Grant Gary (1976), and Robyn Tara (1979); Jennifer Ann who in 1975 married Murray James Scott; David John (1956) who in 1977 married Leonie Margaret Davis, their children being Layton James (1980) and Deanna Maree (1981); Christine Joy (1957) who married Gavin Stanley, their children being Tiffaney Leah Stanley (1976) and Jeremy William Stanley (1984); Brian Lawrence (1958) who in 1979 married Janean White, their children being Lisa Patricia (1980) and Nathan Lewis (1982); Darrell Morris (1959); Brenda Joan (1961) who in 1979 married Steven Tannahill, their children being Daryl (1980), Angie Maree (1982), Tristrin (1984) and Timothy Steven (1986).

Number three in Howard and Josephine Bayly's family of six is Mavis Mona (1917). She married James Henry Kenny in 1943 and they have two children and four grandchildren. Janet Helen Kenny (1944) married in 1965 Garry Douglas Locke, their two children being Grant Douglas (1966) and Roslyn Ann (1967). The other is Stephen James Kenny (1955) who married in 1977 Jacqueline Ann Wiley, their two offspring being Kate Ann (1982) and James Ross (1984).

The fourth of Howard and Josephine Bayly's family is Doris Angela (1922). In

1944 she married Frank Gilfillan Thompson (1909) who died in 1969. Their two children are Esther Pauline (1949) who in 1971 married James Donald Askew (1947) (now divorced), their children being Frank Richard (1972), Aaron Donald (1979) and Angela Leigh (1981); and Walter Bayly (1956).

Gladys Josephine is the fifth of the offspring of Howard and Josephine Bayly. She was born in 1929 and in 1955 married Michael Joseph Kennedy. They have five children, the eldest being Diane Margaret (1956) who in 1981 married Glen Arthur Frowein, their children being Emma Jane (1982-1983), Bethany Grace (1984) and Abigail Rose (1985). The next child of Gladys Kennedy is Michael David (1957) who in 1985 married Jennifer Wilton. The other children of Gladys and Michael Kennedy are Wayne Anthony (1959), Jane Louise (1961) and Alison Lesley (1965).

The youngest member of the Howard Bayly family is Fay Ola (1932). In 1957 she married Lloyd William George (1931) who died in 1978. Their three children are: Gary Alan (1958) who married in 1981 Dianne Watson (1943); Glen Bryan (1958), Gary's twin, who married Allison Spence (1951), their child being Lloyd Kenneth (1985); Susan Marce (1961) who married in 1980 Wayne David Brett (1960), their child being Bryan Lloyd (1985).

It will be understood that more is known about some families in this overview than others. The story of the following family is fortunately a fairly complete one. This section is about Zaida Pauline, the third child of Fanny and Fred Bayly, and her descendants. She was born in 1893 in Taranaki and educated at boarding school in Auckland. Her son, Ric, writes of her:-

She married in August 1914 at Stratford shortly after her twenty-first birthday without the knowledge of her family. She and her husband, Harry Leopold ('Dick'), settled in Hawera and brought up a family of three boys. She was a very energetic woman and made a point of making something every day - knitted garments, sewing etc at which she showed considerable skill. On one occasion on returning home after a dance she realised she had not made anything that day and promptly hemmed a teatowel in the early hours of the morning. The family transferred to Sydney in 1928 and in the early 1930s she paid a couple of visits back to New Zealand and also made a visit to England by ship. During World War II she worked as a doctor's receptionist and at the same time kept a home going, to which her two RAAF sons would return on leave. In 1956 she bought a house in the Sydney suburb of Wollstonecraft and lived there until her death in 1968 (20 July). She was an avid reader, a keen gardener and a gracious hostess.

Zaida married Harry Leopold Havyatt (who had, incidentally changed his name from Spratt) who was a lawyer. He was born in Auckland in 1888 and died in Sydney in 1977. The eldest of Zaida and Harry Havyatt's three sons is Alaric ('Ric') who was born in New Plymouth, NZ, in 1917. After living in Hawera until 1928 the family moved to Sydney. Ric undertook his final schooling at Sydney Grammar School. He attended the Sydney Technical College in the Diploma of Electrical Engineering course and joined Australian General Electric, Australia's largest electrical engineering firm at the time. He enlisted in the part-time militia in January 1939 in 2 Div. Field engineers. At the end of 1941 he enlisted in the RAAF and saw service in Darwin 1942 and New Guinea 1945 as Bomb Disposal Officer, digging up Japanese, British and American bombs that failed to explode and also demolishing ammunition and explosives which were surplus to requirements. He was demobbed in January 1946 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. As a result of war service and his earlier matriculation he was able to enrol in the Engineering Faculty at the University of Sydney (1946-49), and graduated BE

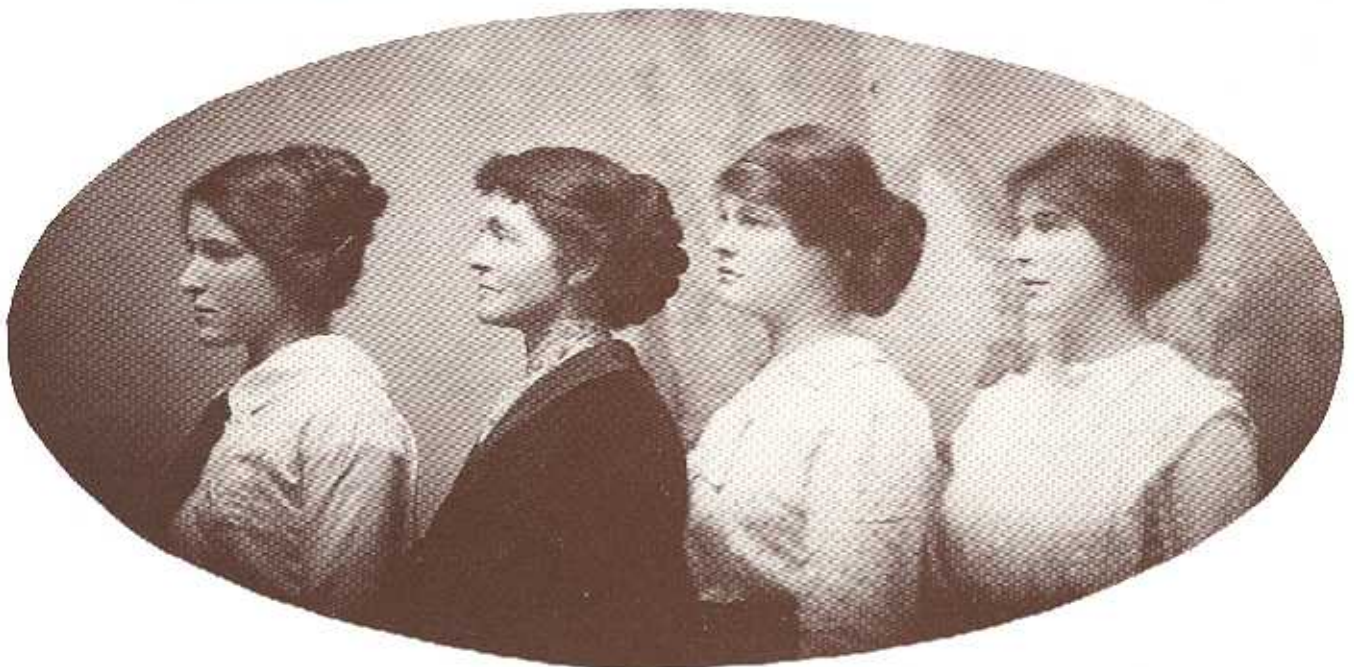


Above: Alaric ('Ric') Havyatt,
RAAF Station, Darwin 1942.

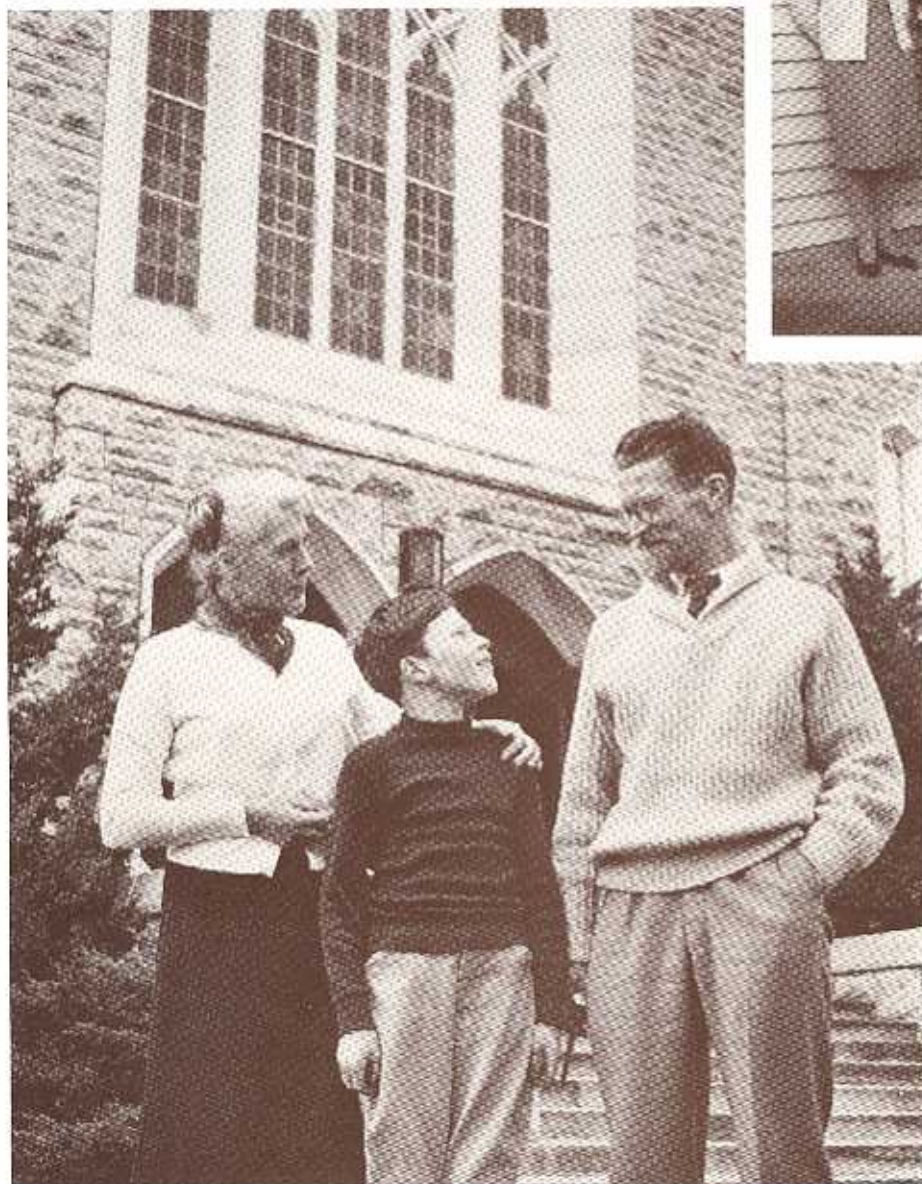


His brother, Geoffrey Havyatt 1919 1944.

Below: Mother and three daughters. Left to right: Fay Foden (1898-1982),
Fanny Bayly, Pat Bignell and Zaida Havyatt (nee Bayly) (1893-1968),
mother of Ric and Harry (above).

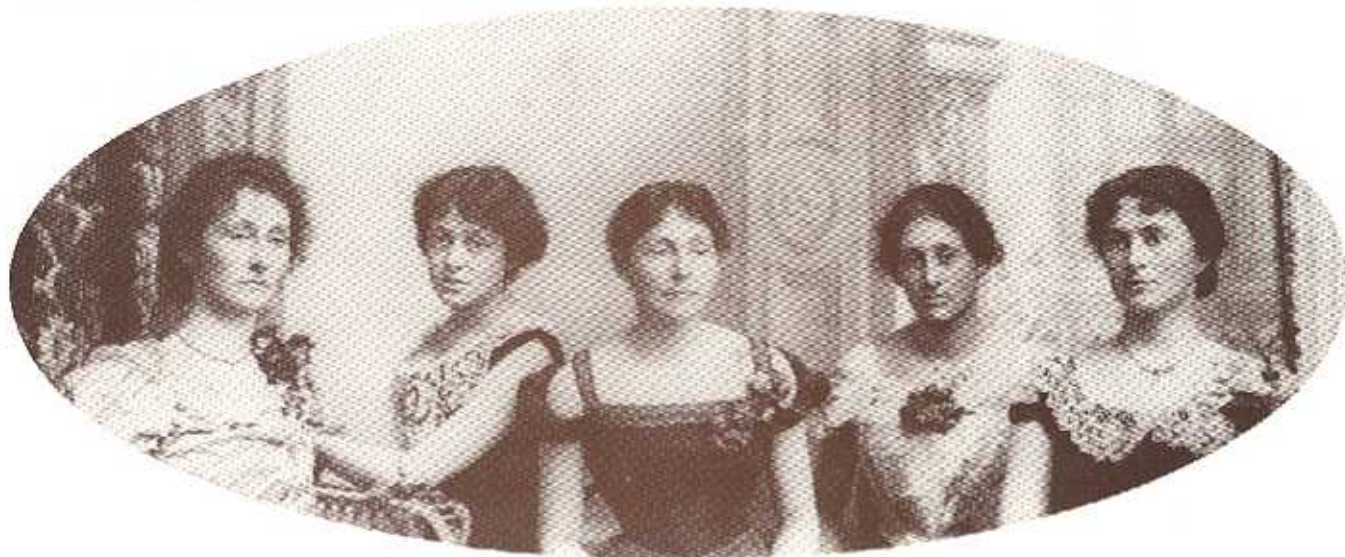


Right: Fay Foden (nee Bayly), Philippa Bennetts (nee Holder) 15, Paul Holder 16, Nicola Holder 11, Stephen Holder and wife, Frances 46. Taken 1971.



Left: Phyllis Moore (daughter of AA Fantham II), her son, Roderick and her husband, James at the Arkansas University, USA.

Below: The five sisters, the daughters of Mary Fantham. Emily, (Violet) May, Frances (Fanny), Ella (Ellinor), Lucy (Honor's mother).



(Mechanical and Electrical) in 1950. Ric married Valerie Luker on 29 May 1947. She was born in 1926 and was a student in Architecture at the time of their marriage. She has gone on to become highly qualified as can be seen from the fact that, in addition to a Bachelor of Architecture, she possesses a Master of Building Science and a PhD in Building Science. Also she has a Diploma of Museum Studies.

After graduating Ric returned to Australian General Electric in 1950. He transferred to Adelaide in 1959 as Manager of the South Australian branch and then back to Sydney in 1966. He left the Company in 1967 and joined Siemens Ltd with whom he stayed until his retirement in 1977, but he continued part-time with Siemens until 1986.

Apart from his professional life, Ric has had a variety of interests. He was a member of Legacy in Adelaide and Sydney. He rejoined the CMF (1956-58) as Signals Officer 2 Fd Engr Regt and he enjoys a good long list of hobbies with his workshop activities, woodwork, metalwork, electronics, amateur radio (licensed 1936). He sailed dinghies when young and later owned Bluebird, 22ft yacht "Sintra" and Tophat, 25ft yacht "Sintra II". He raced on Sydney waters and Sydney coastal area with, he modestly says, 'some success'. He was President for three years of the Greenwich Flying Squadron (sailing). Presently he is a collector of old radios, telephones, phonographs, gramophones and music boxes. Ric lived for two years in London and Rugby (1952-53). During his long service leave (1964) he took his family to the UK and Europe. He re-visited New Zealand on business and holidays in 1971, 1973 and 1983.

Ric and Valery have two sons. They are Geoffrey Alexander Havyatt (1951), a travel consultant, who lives in the Sydney suburb of Artarmon, and Warwick Havyatt (1954). Warwick is a teacher and has a BA (Design) and a Diploma of Education. On 2 June 1979 he married Jennifer Jane Reid (1957). They live at Lane Cove, Sydney and have two children, Sarah Jane (1984) and Lucinda (1986). Jenny graduated B.Soc.Stud. in 1979 from the University of Sydney.

The next younger brother of Ric Havyatt was a war hero of exceptional distinction. He was Harry Geoffrey, born in 1919, and died, missing in action, in 1944. His remarkable war service calls for a much more extensive narration than is possible in this family saga. His brother, Ric, writes of him as follows:-

Harry Geoffrey Havyatt was born at Hawera, New Zealand, on 19 July 1919. He attended Hawera Public School and later St Georges Preparatory School, Wanganui. He arrived in Australia in 1928 with his parents and brothers. He attended Cranbrook School, Malvern School and Sydney Grammar School 1933-34. He was not keen on schoolwork and was withdrawn from school after Intermediate Certificate. After a couple of fill-in jobs, he joined the RAAF as flying cadet in June 1938 and graduated from Point Cook in June 1939 as a Pilot Officer. At the outbreak of war in September 1939 he was posted to 10 Squadron RAAF, flying Sunderland aircraft from Milford Haven, Wales. He was second pilot in the Sunderland which on 1 July 1940 bombed and sank a German submarine - the U 26. He flew Anthony Eden (the British Foreign Secretary) and Gen. Sir John Dill (Chief of the Imperial General Staff) and others to Gibraltar in February 1941 against head winds and through a hurricane off the Spanish coast, reported to be the worst in 87 years. Two other Sunderlands and one London were lost in the hurricane. His aircraft alighted with only enough petrol for a further ten minutes flying. He returned to Australia early in 1942 to form Sikorsky training squadron (No.108) at Toronto, Lake Macquarie (between Sydney and Newcastle). In 1942 he was awarded M.I.D. (Mentioned in Despatches) for distinguished service. He was posted to 20 Squadron, Townsville, which was equipped

with Catalina aircraft, as commanding officer, with the rank of Wing Commander (aged 23 years!). 20 Squadron conducted mine laying and surveillance operations against Japanese in the islands north of Australia and around Dutch New Guinea. On a mine laying operation 20/21 May 1944 his aircraft was shot up over Surabaya harbour and disappeared on the return flight to Darwin. All crew were lost without trace. Geoffrey was very mechanically minded and owned many different motor cycles, at least one of which was carried in his Sunderland, on occasions, for local exploration when visiting other stations. He also had many cars including a 1932 Ford V8 roadster, Morgan Four, BSA Tri-car, Standard 10 and Fraser-Nash Sports.

To have reached the senior rank of Wing Commander at the young age of 23 is extraordinary and an indication of Geoffrey's great qualities of leadership, as well as traits of courage, devotion and competence. The following two letters are quoted in extenso, both because of the extremely high office of the writers of them, and because they pay a tribute to Geoffrey's great skill and bravery. Next to Churchill, Anthony Eden was the most important politician in Britain during the War and Sir John Dill, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff, held the highest position and bore the greatest responsibility in the British Army. The fact that Geoffrey Havyatt was chosen to ferry these two VIPs on their vital journey to Gibraltar attests to the immense esteem in which he was held by his superiors in the RAF.

(17th Feb.1941). Secret. Following S.(ecretary) of S.(ate) for Air from S.of S. Foreign Affairs and C.I.G.S. We are all deeply indebted for really brilliant work by Flight-Lieutenant Havyatt of No. 10 Squadron and his crew. No praise could be too high for their skill and endurance. Would you please thank the Squadron for us, and congratulate them.
(Signed) Anthony Eden and Jack Dill.

The moving effect of this next letter is fully appreciated when one realises that it is a personal letter to Zaida, signed by Anthony Eden himself. (He was later Lord Avon, *of course).

Government House, Brisbane. 21st February 1949. Dear Mrs Havyatt, Thank you so much for your very kind letter. I remember your boy so well and have so deep and sincere admiration for him. In fact Field Marshall Dill and I believed every word we wrote on the message we sent home.

It is indeed a wonderful record that he should have been appointed a Wing Commander at so young an age and I was deeply grieved to hear that he was missing.

Of course I will gladly let you have a signature to the note that Field Marshall Dill and I sent home to the War Office. Should you care to send it to me while I am in Australia, c/- Prime Minister's Department, Canberra, I will sign it and send it back to you before I leave in about a fortnight's time.

I am so sorry not to have had the opportunity to meet you personally.
Yours sincerely, Anthony Eden.
Mrs G. Havyatt, "Anerley", 264 New South Head Road, Edgecliffe, NSW.

The youngest son of Zaida and Dick is Miles Havyatt. He was born on 26 November 1921 in Hawera, New Zealand. He writes (August 1986):-

(I was) brought to Sydney in 1928 as a member of the family of Zaida and "Dick" Havyatt. My secondary education was painstakingly taken (on the part of the teachers) at Sydney Grammar School from 1932-1940. During that period I engaged in many activities - some approved of, others not. Amongst the most notable was a school yard fight which for several years

* Robert Anthony Eden, 1st Earl of Avon, (1897-1977). British Prime minister 1955-57.

was referred to by the masters of the School as 'an example of stupidity'.

Approved activities included rifle shooting, of which I became captain, School Cadet Corps as Senior Cadet Lieutenant, and I was a Prefect of the School for two years.

I entered the Faculty of Medicine at Sydney University in 1941 and graduated with Honors II in 1946.

Post graduate study led to an enjoyable practice in the specialty of Dermatology, Diploma of Dermatology (1949). Also (I became) a Member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (1960) and a Fellow in 1971.

Miles goes on to tell of his serving as an Honorary Dermatologist on several of the public hospitals. His longest tenure was as a member of the staff of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, at which hospital he was, after graduation, a Resident Medical Officer. At that Hospital he is now classed as an Honorary Consultant Dermatologist.

Miles has been Chairman of the NSW Branch of the British Association of Dermatologists (1950) and President of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (1977 and 1978). He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) RAAMC, Citizen Military Forces. For his military service he received an Efficiency Decoration (ED).

In 1946 Miles Tom Havyatt married Betty Glasgow (born 1923). Betty is also a highly qualified dermatologist, being a Fellow of the Australian College of Dermatologists (FACD) and possessing MB,BS and DDM. Miles and Betty have four children, the eldest being James Geoffrey (1950) who has a Diploma of Education. In 1978 he married Philippa Rosemary Turner (1956). They live in Tamworth, NSW, and have two children, Megan (1981) and Nicholas (1983). Graham Carl Havyatt (1952) was the second of the four sons of Miles and Betty. Sadly he died when only a couple of months old (26.12.1952). The third son is Anthony Miles Havyatt (1954) and the youngest is David Stephen Havyatt (1957). He is a science graduate (BSc) and in 1982 he married Margaret Walder (1954). They have two daughters, Susan Margaret (1984) and Elizabeth Kate (1986).

Patricia Bignell was the fourth child of Fanny and Fred Bayly. She was born in 1896 and has now passed on, as has her husband, Noel (Arthur Noeland Foye) Bignell who died in 1981. Ric Havyatt writes about them:-

Pat and Noel first settled on a farm (sheep and cattle) at Awakino. They moved to Whangaehu in 1922 and Noel finally left the farm in 1973 to retire to Tauranga, having sold the farm. Pat was a great helpmate, especially in the depression of the 1930s. She was a capable person, in many ways like her mother, Fanny Bayly. She would have a go at anything and usually did it well. Noel's Xmas present from her each year was a dozen pairs of hand-knitted socks, which was a most commendable effort when she had six children to look after which also included knitted garments for her four daughters.

Living in Wanganui, New Zealand, is the eldest, Betty (1917) whose husband, Douglas Gordon Blair (1912-1985) is now deceased. Betty and Douglas, sadly lost a daughter, Janet. Their son is Nigel. He and his wife, Rosemary Joan (nee Blich)(1951) have three children, Mark Douglas John (1968), Angela Kim (1969) and Garth Hunter (1976). Geoffrey, the eldest son of Patricia and Noel Bignell, was born in 1918 and he and his wife Muriel Joy (nee Buckingham, born 1917), live in Havelock North, New Zealand. They have two sons, Ian Geoffrey (1940) being the elder. In 1968 he married Gail Petch and they have four children, Ngaire (1969), Brady Ian (1970), Yvonne Joy (1971) and Susan (1972). The younger son of Geoff and Joy Bignell is Noeland Wright (1952) who in 1973 married (now divorced) Jennifer Mary Ward. Their two children are

Sacha Renee (1973) and Vernon Geoffrey (1977). Geoff and Joy Bignell have two daughters. The elder is Valery Jean (1943) who in 1962 married Brian Vincent Jurgens. Their 2 daughters are Susan Catherine (1966) who in 1986 married David John Christison, and Christine Marie (1964). Their son is Andrew Brent (1970). The younger daughter of Geoff and Joy Bignell is Pamela Frances (1944) who in 1964 married (now divorced) Michael Rich, and then in 1973 married Neil James Ward. Their three children are Tony Ward (1965), Darren Ward (1968) and Kerry Ward (1970).

June Bignell (1920) who married Mac Broderick (deceased February 1986) is the next child of Patricia and Noel and has two sons, John and Quentin. They live at Te Kuiti, New Zealand. Arthur (1921) is the next child of Patricia and Noel Bignell. He was in the NZ military services during World War II*. He and his wife, Janet Cameron (nee Fraser, born 1926) had three children. The eldest, Arthur Murray Bignell (1955) is married to Helen Lindsay (nee Platt, born 1960) and their child is Kate Marie (1985). Peter James, the second of Arthur and Helen's children sadly died in infancy and their third child is Heather Elizabeth (1966) who in 1985 married Allan Bradstreet (1956).

Following Arthur in the Patricia Bignell family is Sheila (1921). She is a nurse at Wanganui Hospital. Then comes Val (Valerie, born 1923) who married James ("Jim") Irving (1923-1973). Their three issue are firstly Prain (1950) who in 1974 married Susan Margaret Price (1953), their daughter being Bridget (1985). The second of Val's children is Stuart Noel Irving (1952) who in 1974 married Jennifer Susan Corbett (1953), their daughter being Rachel Jane (1981). The youngest of Val's three children is Helen Patricia (1953) who in 1973 married Bruce Roger MacIntosh (1942). Their two children are Ruth Elizabeth (1976) and Paul James (1977).

After Patricia Mary Bignell the next child of Fanny and Fred Bayly was Fay Cora Frederica. She was born in 1898 and died in 1982. Her husband was Gendy Foden. The Fodens' family consists of two. They are Bruce (1921) and Frances (1925) who married Stephen Holder. Bruce married (now divorced) Clarissa McGregor (1926) in 1947. There are seven offspring. Gay (1948) is the eldest. She married Michael Rooney (1946) in 1968 and they have two children, Raymond (1968) and Christan (1973). Ian Foden (1949) the next child, also has two children. He married in 1971 Marjorie Dawn Hill (1950); their children are Leon Ian (1973) and Vicki Elizabeth (1978). Bruce Foden's third child is Ralph (1953) and his fourth is Stephen (1954) who in 1975 married Janine Brear (1957) and there are two issue from the marriage: Jamie Stephen (1977) and Rylie Janine (1980). Kerry is the fifth of Bruce's children. She married in 1974 Thomas Donaghy (1953). Their two children are Jason Lee (1975) and Ariana Jade (1979). Leslie Anne Foden (1959), the next daughter, has four daughters, Lisa Marie (1975), Kaylene Anne (1979), Renée Rocelle (1981) and Melissa Dawn (1986). The youngest of Bruce's children is Neil Allen Foden who was born in 1965.

Fay's daughter, Frances and her husband Stephen Holder, have three children, Paul (1955) being the eldest. Next is Philippa Frances (1956) who married (now divorced) in 1979 John Linden Bennetts (1958) and has one child Rikki John (1979). The youngest of Frances Holder's children is Nicola Susan (1960).

Next is the youngest of the children of Fanny and Fred Bayly. He was Geoffrey Fantham Bayly, born 1901 and died 1961. In 1925 he married Alexandrina Macleay. Their eldest offspring is Fred, born 1928 who married in 1958 Barbara MacLoughlin. Their four children are: twins Rodger Fantham Bayly and Robert James Bayly (1959), Geoffrey Fantham Bayly (1961), and Mark Fred Bayly (1967). Geoffrey Fantham Bayly married Michelle Check (1961) and they have two children, Lyshaan (1982) and Taryn (1985). In

* Arthur died on 16 July this year (1986).

April 1985 Robert married Terri Dallas.

Now for the other three children of Geoffrey Bayly. Iain Bayly (1930) married Lila Patricia Bailey in 1952. Iain died in 1982. They have five offspring. The first is Keith Alexander (1953), who married Sheryl Anne Howard in 1982. Their child is Claire Christine (1984). The other Iain Bayly children are Helen Patricia (1956), Karen Anne (1960) married to Glen James Perry in 1985, Christine Linda who died aged 6 months and Graeme Lewis (1964). The next child of Geoffrey Fantham Bayly and his wife Alexandrina is Anne. She was born in 1932 and married in 1953 John Russell Haworth (1929). Their two children are David Roger (1954) who married in 1986 Janette Stone, and Sally Anne (1955) who married in 1975 Eric Arthur Brightwell. Their three children are: Brigitte Anne (1976), Rachelle Peiter (1978) and Lisa Sally (1982).

The last child of Geoffrey Fantham Bayly is Beverley (1935). She married in 1959 Brian Geoffrey Bennett and they have four offspring. They are Luanne (1960), Ian Geoffrey (1962), Susan Beverley[#](1963) and Pamela Julie (1968).

Thus ends the story of Fanny Bayly's great posterity up to the present. Recorded here are Frances Louisa's 6 children, 26 grandchildren (of whom 24 are still alive), 80 great-grandchildren (of whom 77 are still alive) and 107 great-great-grandchildren (of whom 106 are still alive).

Emily Constance Fantham (21.6.1868) was the next child of Mary and Arthur Albert. Then came Joseph Henry ('Harry'). His son is Joseph Archibald. He and his wife live at Morrinsville, NZ. Their son is Stephen Paul Fantham.

Mary and Arthur's fourth offspring was named after his father, Arthur Albert and called 'Bert'. The idea, current in the USA, of naming a man with a son of identical name 'I' and the son 'II' and the next generation 'III' and so on, has a useful application here, for the son of this Arthur Albert Fantham II was also named for his father and thus could be labelled Arthur Albert Fantham III. The Arthur Albert Fantham who was the fourth child of Mary and Arthur Fantham was born in Christchurch in 1870 and died at Thames, NZ, in 1948. He married Martha Richardson* who was born in Wanganui, NZ and died also at Thames. Their four children were Florence (1893), Winifred (1894), Arthur Albert III (1899) and Phyllis ('Philomena')(1905). Florence married John Henry Williams and they had one son, Donald (1931). Florence died in 1973. Winifred married in 1919 Ross Lange (1895) who died in 1980. Winifred is still (1986) alive, having reached the grand old age of 93 and is without doubt the oldest living descendant of John and Rebecca McWilliam. The first of her three daughters is Faith Fantham Lange (1920). In 1947 she married Clifford John Hunt. Their elder child is Saleigh Fantham Hunt (1948) who married John Urry, their four children being Scott, Donna, Benjamin and Kent. Faith and Clifford Hunt's son sadly died in 1982, being only 32. Winifred and Ross Lange's second daughter is Marcia; she was born in 1921 at Marton, NZ. In 1942 she married Capt. AFW Andren. The third Lange daughter is Erica who was born in Wanganui in 1932. In 1956 she married Cmdr Ian Scott Monro. Their three children are Lucy, Catherine and Alastair. The Monro family lives at Devonport, Auckland. The third child of Arthur Albert II and Martha Fantham was Arthur Albert III. He married Evelyn Sullivan and they had three children, Peter and John and a daughter, Shirley who married a man named Ferguson. Arthur III died in 1980. Phyllis Moy was the youngest of the four children of Arthur Albert Fantham II. Her 'pet' name was Philippa, so it is reported. Was this a corrupt restoration of a corruption, ie Phyllis shortened to Phyl, and then Phyl falsely extended to Philippa? Phyllis married James Thomas Moore (1914) in the year 1939. He was a teacher and later became a Professor of English, lecturing at the Sydney Teachers College. He died on 15 July 1984. Phyllis was

* The daughter of J. Richardson.

In 1984 Susan married Ross Jensen.

a kindergarten teacher and also a very accomplished commercial artist, working for firms such as Farmers Department Store. Her own self-portraits attest to her competence. Their son, Roderick Pantham Moore (1945) went to Knox Grammar and undertook some study in Applied Science at the Institute of Technology. He is currently working in the testing laboratories of the NSW Department of Main Roads. He is engaged to Cecilia Jubb (1.9.1941) and lives in Sydney (Cronulla).

Mary was the next child of Mary ('Maria' or 'May') and AA Pantham. She was christened Mary Ellinor and called 'Ella' or even sometimes 'Spin'. Her second name is on occasions spelt 'Eleanor'. She was born on 19 February 1872. She married about 1892 Ewen Macrae and they had seven children. The eldest was Flora Mary who did not marry. Their next child was Annie Ethel Frances, in some of the records shown as Ethel Annie Frances. She died in 1969. She married twice, her first husband being Ian Morrison. Their one child is Daphne Morrison. Ethel's (or Annie's) second husband was George Johnston. Their two children are Georgina ('Gins'), married name Moran, and Eunice (1934) who is also married. The third offspring of Mary and Ewen Macrae was (Robert Cunningham) Bruce (1898-1970) who married Ethel Anne Smith. They had three children: Ewen who died in infancy, (John) Michael and Duncan. Both Michael and Duncan are married. Next came John Farquhar ('Ian') Macrae (1899-1977). He married in 1929 Grace Goodwin. Their three children are: Audrey (1929) who married Rod Evans in 1962, their children being Ian, Pam and Kerry; Eleanor (1931). She married Len Wellington, their two children being Ian and Debbie; Alison (1934) who married twice. Her first husband was Ike Fenton, the four children of this marriage being Michelle, Jacqueline, Patricia and Viki. George Tamati is Alison's second husband, their child being Eileen. The fifth child of Ella and Ewen Macrae was Eleanor (1900-1980) who did not marry; then came Eliza Catherine Jane (also recorded as Eliza Joan Catherine) but certainly known as 'Lylie'. She was born in 1903 and married Norman Edward Alexander Liffiton. The first of their two children is Ewen Liffiton who married Betty Edith George. Their four offspring are Ian Keith who married Barbara Thompson, their children being Brett Macrae Liffiton and William Blair Liffiton; Norman John is Ewen's second and Kaye Maree his third. Kaye married Daniel Reese, their two children being Emma Jane and Amanda Louise. The fourth child of Ewen Liffiton is Jayne Dianne. The second offspring of Eliza and Norman Liffiton is Norman Bruce who did not marry.

The last of the offspring of Mary, or 'Ella', Macrae is Aline (1908) who in 1929 married Albert Elliott. They have six children. The eldest is Barbara (1929). She married David William Gray and their four children are Jennifer Ann (1960) who married Raymond Rodger, their child being Renee; David Christopher (1961), Michael Bruce (1963) and Peter Elliott (1964). Aline and Albert's second child is (Aline) Ann (1931). In 1955 she married Rex Francis Armstrong and they have five children: Donald Stuart (1955) who in 1980 married Jeanette Bevan, their child being Shannon Ann; Suzanne (1957) who in 1980 married John Athol Brookes, their two children being Kiernan James (1983) and Scott Cameron (1985); Robyn (1959) who in 1986 married Max Brooking, their child being Heidi Armstrong (1977); Christine (1962) who in 1985 married Neil Allen Smith; and Alistair Rex who, sadly, died the day after his birth. The third child of Aline and Albert Elliott is (Ian) Donald (1934). In 1959 he married Patricia June Bird and they have six children. The eldest is Paul Donald (1959-1983) who married Sheree Clarke, their two children being Levi and Chase. Donald Elliott's second child is Ian Mervyn (1962), his third Lynda June (1963), next Toni Ann (1965), then (Albert) John (1972) and Dianne Marie (1974). The next offspring of Aline and Albert Elliott is Duncan Albert (1937) who in 1961 married (Nancy) Faye Elwin, their two children being Sheree and Carol who in 1986 married Roi Mono De Vaudeville. Next comes Keith Elliott (1945) who in 1970 married Jennifer Ngaire Gregory, their two offspring being Gregory Mark (1973) and Matthew Craig (1975). The youngest of Aline and

and Albert Elliott's children is (Neil) Christopher (1947).

The sixth child of Mary Fantham and her husband Arthur Albert Fantham was Lucy Mildred Eliza. She was born in 1873 and married John Brown Sim in 1907. He was born in 1878 and died in 1960. Lucy and John Sim had three children. The eldest, Raymond Fantham Sim, was born in 1909 and died at Pukekohe, NZ, at the early age of 28 in 1937. His younger brother is Geoffrey Fantham Sim and he is a remarkable man, with a notable record of service both during World War II and in the community since. Born in 1911 he attended Pukekohe Primary School and then Kings College. He took on Stock Agency work, 'Sheperding and Stock'. He then served overseas with the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, being a Bombardier in the 7th Anti-Tank Regiment. In November 1941 he was severely wounded in action, losing his right arm and left eye and also suffering disablement of his right leg. Undaunted by this series of multiple handicaps, in a display of what must be almost unprecedented will-power, courage and determination, he then entered Parliament as a representative of the New Zealand National Party. After serving for no less than twenty-three years he retired, but he is still very active. He is currently a Trustee on the board of the Trustee Bank Waikato which position he took up shortly before leaving Parliament (1965). He is also still serving on the Committee of the Thames Valley Electric Power Board and has been since 1968. He had the honour to be awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for public service in the New Year's Honours List on 1977. This is a recognition that everyone would whole-heartedly applaud, for perseverance and for achievement beyond the powers of most without any difficulties to overcome. Not long after entering Parliament (31.10.1944) Geoffrey Sim married Gertrude Wynyard. Their domicile is 'Little Fields Farm', Matamata, NZ. They have three children. The eldest is David Fantham Wynyard Sim who was born in 1947 and is a Veterinary Surgeon. In 1976 he married Anke Hermoine Rakhorst. David and Anke's two offspring are Kyra Antonia (1977) and Clinton James (1980) and they live at Blenheim, NZ. The second child of Geoffrey and Gertrude Sim is Barbara Margaret. She was born in 1948 and trained as a Dental Nurse. In 1982 she married Robert John Whyte and they have three children. Sara Christine is the eldest (1983), Nicole Catherine (1984) is next and Mitchel Jonathan (1986) is the third. The Whyte family lives at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Prudence Gladwin Sim is the youngest child of Geoff and Gertrude. She was born in 1952 and trained as a nursing sister. She is also an accredited Journalist. Her present address is probably the most intriguing and exotic of all the family members mentioned in this Saga; it is "Dubai Hospital, Dubai, United Arab Emirates." Geoff writes: 'You can see they are well scattered. We went over to Canada three years ago to see Barbie and if all goes well we hope to visit her again next year. Prue came back (from the United Arab Emirates) this last March and hopes to return again about the same time next year.' The whole family clan is proud to learn of Geoff and his family.

Geoffrey's sister is named Honor Jeannette and was born in 1914 at Morrinsville, New Zealand. Drama was her interest and in the Spring of 1937 she travelled to London and entered a school of speech and drama. Early in 1937, after lunching with Mr and Mrs George Bernard Shaw, at their instigation she entered the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Having secured her Diploma (which bears Mr Shaw's signature) she continued acting and stage managing in England. Honor has taught speech and has been a member of the Speech Communication Association (NZ) Inc. for many years. She has married twice, the first time being in Sydney to George Patrick Leonard Bretherton in 1939. He was born in England in 1914. They have one son, Anthony Howard Bretherton who was born in 1942 in Sydney. He is an Office Engineer (IBM) and lives in the Sydney suburb of Rozelle. Honor's second marriage was to Sergius Alexander Tetzner. He was born in Petersburg, Russia in 1912 and his occupation is Professional Engineering Surveyor and Valuer. Honor and Serge live in the Auckland suburb of Takapuna.

Frederick Charles Fantham, the next child of Mary and Arthur, was born in 1874 and died in 1954. He married Witcherley Caronne Cowern who died in 1945. The eldest

of their three children, Audrey Caroline (1907), married Kenneth Saxby Prowse and had two offspring, Francis Saxby Prowse and Harvey Cowern Prowse both of whom married. The second child, William Douglas Fantham (1907), married twice, his second wife being Freda Park. His only child by his first marriage was Peter Fantham and the four by his second were Kay Freda, Julie, Lynette and William Murray. The third of the children of Frederick Charles and his wife is Peter Cowern Fantham (1917) who lives at Mt Eden, Auckland. He married twice, first Peggy Best and then Margaret Anne Boxel (nee Stacey).

After Frederick Charles came David Edward ('Ted') Fantham. He was born in 1876. His son, Humphrey George Golding ('Harry')(1918) today lives in Baker Street, Christchurch. Harry's four offspring are David Eric (died 1985), Peter Russell, Murray Keith and Gary Leslie (1951). Gary married in 1972 Christine Frances Hall and seven years later Rosemary Catherine Lawrie. They live at Turangi, NZ.

The next of the children of Mary and Arthur was Walter George Fantham (1878). He emigrated to Canada when young and lived there in Manitoba for thirty years or so. He had three wheat farms. He was unmarried and died in that country at Ladner, British Columbia on 1.7.1934. The next child of Mary and Arthur was (Violet) May Fantham who was born in 1880. The youngest of the eleven offspring was Richard Andus Gwynne Fantham (1881). He married and had two children, one being called Richard. Thus the present list of the mighty host of the descendants of the eldest of John and Rebecca McWilliam's children comes to an end. Mary ('Maria'/'May') had 11 children; 26 grandchildren have been traced and recorded herein, as have 65 great-grandchildren; 95 great-great-grandchildren and 115 great-great-great-grandchildren. There are certainly many more unrevealed to the present writer.

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