

MRS.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM/MOLLIE SPENCER

Written to "Boy" George Ferris.

"Birrahlee"  
Norah Creek Rd.  
MOLONG

24th April, 1963.

P.S. At one time knowledge of the whereabouts of Thomas Spencer was asked for from Ireland in the Sydney papers, but he refused to answer them.

Dear Boy,  
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I wrote to Janet as you requested and do hope you will hear from her. I asked her to see if her Aunty Dot knew anything about the photos. I know Margaret went through Auntie Addie's things after she died, because she told me she read a letter from my father telling Auntie of my brother Reg's death in 1919 and Dorothy may have been with her while she was doing this and may know something of the photographs. Janet, however, hates letter writing, but hope she will make an effort this time.

As for the Spencer family, they have told me their Grandfather was supposed to have belonged to a titled family; Their Grandma was an orphan girl taken into the home and trained as a maid, she could neither read nor write, but was well liked by all who knew her. She and Thomas ran away, married and came to Australia and lived at a place eventually called Rouchel Vale somewhere near Scone or Muswellbrook. Thomas died there, but before he passed on, was waiting for son John to come home to tell them who he really was, but when Joyn arrived was past speech and his wife destroyed all his papers and would not reveal the secret to his family.

After selling that property they went to "Cuttabunda", Brewarrina. The banks held a mortgage over this property, floods came and then drought, some of the family were away taking their livestock to better grazing and Tom falsified the accounts to hide some of his extravagances and eventually the bank foreclosed.

Ab has told me that they once had a magazine with a photo of an Irish peer called "The Red Devil" and it was the image of his Uncle Matthew. I think his family lived at Aberdeen. I have met Jack and Stan Granville and there was one Harry I think in the Lands Office. Tom's daughter Ida lived at Moaman, she was organist in one of the churches there.

Tpm must have married twice, as she had stepsisters. A lot of the family were fine looking people. If you wish to correspond with any of the family their address is 18 Melbourne St., East Gosford, but Mabel and Delia are now in their 80's and De is blind and her heart is bad. I would advise writing to Will Spencer, who is a very intelligent man. He has recently sold his home at Vale's Pt. Lake Macquarie and gone to live with his daughter somewhere near Tourkley and I don't know his address, but am sure his sisters would forward the letter. All my information on both families is all hearsay, I cannot vouch for the absolute truth of any of it, but your mother would know a lot about her side. I think Thomas and Mary Spencer had

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a large family, 5 sons and 4 or 5 Daughters. We are all hoping for ~~ain~~  
rain here etc. etc. ....

From your loving cousin  
Mollie.

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