

21 Baillie St.
HORSHAM.
8th Decr. 1952.

Dear Mr. Sutton,

I am now to the point of writing up Fern Tree Gully and a few queries have arisen as I have gone along. I keep a piece of paper beside me with "Mr. Sutton" written on it, and add to it anything to which I think you will know the answer!

Now, I wonder would you be good enough to sit down for a few minutes and drop me a note confirming or denying the following. (Quite a number of them refer to Mrs. Sutton's family, as I found I did not question her as closely as I might have about her family.)

1. Do you recall Ewart, an early baker. Was he before Stringer, and was he on Burwood Road?

2. Do you recall a man named Charman having the Club Hotel, and was he there long. (He was definitely there in 1883).

3. Was Thompson's big store pulled down or ~~burnt down~~. ~~Mrs. Selman thinks it was burnt down 63 years ago. 1889~~ .. but as E. L. Thompson is listed as postmaster for the years 1891/92 it seems unlikely, unless of course Thompson went across and took on the hotel when his place was burnt down.

4. Do you recall a Miss Ramsay, said to be postmistress in 1888/89. Did she work at the hotel for Freeman?

5. All the big area on which the Club hotel stands was selected by W. K. Ross. Do you think the man who was the cobbler would have had enough cash to select 294 acs. at £1 an acre?

6. On the plan land selected by W. Hughes runs from ^(Phillip) Thompson's ~~store~~ corner towards Scoresby, ^{to} about half way down that straight run to Scoresby Road. It contained 195 acs. Was this Mrs. Sutton's grandfather (the Grand Lodge man) and is this the property Mrs. Sutton refers to as her "Scoresby home" - as distinct from the place where the store was. I should not think that that bend in the road where Mrs. Sutton's mother had the store would be called Scoresby, so just wonder what she meant by living at "Scoresby". Was Ephraim Hughes the vet? I have it down - did he go on doing his job as vet. while Mrs. kept the store?

7. Could I have particulars of the Hughes family. Such as any brothers and sisters of Mrs. Sutton still about in the Shire. Also, were they related to Ellis Hughes at Scoresby. What acreage did the Hughes' have?