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Ref. to House named
~~Dunedin~~ ?(Hillside)

15-10-92.

Dear Dorothy.

Your very welcome letter to hand. Yes I well remember you and your brothers Fred & Bill you lived on the hill past Nankivells

Yes I can help you with the History of McNair's old Home "Hillside" It was built by Atkinson's of Ravenswood Estate in 1872 or 1873. Chinese labourers made the bricks on site supposed to be at least 140,000 bricks and all the timber in the roof is oregan. My Grandparents John & Alice McNair bought the property early in 1924 and lived there until May 1942 when it was sold to a Mr Hieneman.

I think there was about 11acres altogether in the property. John McNair also owned the property where Nankivells lived about 17 acres. He sold it to an English couple Mr & Mrs Price about 1933-34 and they built the Home which was later Nankivells There was also a Chinese Market Gardener on the flat between Nankivells & the Crasoe Rd. Then there was Dansons Tomato Sauce Factory just over the bridge (D.A.D. brand. Danson Anstee & Danson)

I went to the State School at K Flat the 2nd half of 1932 & all 1933. Miss Darvall was the teacher in 1932 & Miss Louie Richter was the 3rd grade teacher in 1933 & she was a marvell at mental Arithmetic & tables. I will always remember that

Then I came back to my Grandparents for 3yrs. 1938-39-40. During this time Arthur Love got a few of us boys together & formed a Boys Club. our Club. rooms were the Old Bakery. We had a massive clean up to make it suitable I shall always remember the happy times there. under the guidance of. Arthur & his Brother in law - Tiger Rayne.

It was actually Hayden Courtier who had passed away he had been living in Cairns for many years.

The Courtiers lived just off the Cemetry Gate about where the Bus shelter is. Now: There were 4 in the Courtier Family Sgd Hayden Maud & Hope - Maud (McGeorge) Brisbane. Hope Mrs McMeeken Melbourne. are both still living.

John McNair was of Scottish decent. born at Barraboo near Creely in 1863. at "Hillside" he had a poultry farm & was a local JP. sitting on the bench regularly till about 1936. His wife Alice was of Cornish decent. (maiden name Troon) and was organist at St Marys K Flat for many years. They had 5 children Dorothy. (spinster) Marjorie (Mrs Burkinshaw) Geoffrey (Batchelor) Jean (Mrs Hayden Courtier) Mollie (Mrs Bill Kippen)

John & Alice McNair Dorothy & Geoffrey Mr & Mrs Burkinshaw. & Mr & Mrs Courtier & their 2 Sons a all buried at K Flat.

I have enclosed 2 Photos of the McNair family Taken Xmas 1940. and 1 of Jean McNair at the Front Gate at Hillside taken June 1924.

I do hope this helps.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Barkinshaw.

Yes I will certainly be there. next March.
You may keep & use any of these photos if required

Ian Barkinshaw.

Photos. Mr & Mrs McNair
1940 at Hillside — McNair Family
Gates of Hillside 1924.