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21.5.86.

Dear Richard,

We are so glad to hear of your steady progress towards good health.

It is a little while now since we last heard news of you all, actually 21st April when I saw George & Sue (and David) in London.

I have been working on the Hill family tree, so far as we have it, in answer to repeated requests from Robyn & Ann Milliken.

This marriage certificate was sent to me a year or so ago by Charles Vogt (now in his nineties) husband of Eva, Uncle Rowland Hill's stepdaughter.

You have kindly given me photo-stat copies of the original documents which came to you through Mrs. Arnold, so I feel sure you would like this to add to the file.

George & Sue were able to spend a little time in Pinchbeck, and have further notes concerning the Blackitts, which he has promised to send on to me some time.

Father (H.B.H.) told me when I was first preparing to come over to Britain, that his grandparents (Blackth) were buried in Pouchbeck Churchyard, but I have never been able to spend time in that part of the country, to look up Parish records, etc.

Grandma (A.H.Hill) had a nephew Tom Curtis - son of her sister, but she never spoke of other relatives, except the aunts & Uncle Richard Harrison at Whapload village, where they lived in a farm house.

Spalding is a bigger town in that area where the Hill boys went to school, before the family moved north to Edinburgh.

I always understood that John Hill was a school master with the Army, where recruits in those days were ^{not} always very literate and that Rowland Hill was born in Preston Lancashire, He had a brother Henry, but we know nothing of other members of the family.

One would need to spend a lot of time and patience in Register House to go further back in history.

With best wishes to
you all & love from
Percy Stone