

Text of email from cousin Joan after my visit to her

Hello you two, my goodness what a lovely day we spent together it was so exciting that I found going to sleep very difficult, I just so enjoyed your company.

Anyway, having woken refreshed this morning I felt the desire to sift through bits of paper. One glimmer of hope in finding info on the Brown's side is from Harv & Lil's marriage certificate (27/12/1941), it shows her fathers full name - Frederick Thomas Brown (deceased). I looked at census details from 1880 to 1940 (lifespan of a farm worker back then would be limited) no luck so I tried to order Lil's birth certificate (26/01/1921) but the site was down. I'm quite happy for you to pick up from there - you would probably receive it quicker than waiting until we next meet up, let me know. Harv's dob is 27/03/1906 (Jacob was born on the exact day that Dad would have been 100).

HOLD THE FRONT PAGE!!! just logged off to go and put my wheelie and food waste bins out. On my way back indoors I decided to phone the cousin (Brown side) I told you her Christmas cards ceased. Well to my surprise her husband answered and then called her (Jean Payne) to the phone, we had a lovely long chat and have promised to try and meet up in the Spring (she is 84 and husband 95). She filled in the gaps of the Brown siblings.....

I think all the names are shortened versions

Mill-oldest who married Bernard

Gin Russell - mother of Jean Payne

Claude

Ede

Harvey died in infancy

Bert

Kath youngest married Jim

Den - married Sarah - no children

Con

George

Les - only surviving-married Rose

and most important - Lilian Kate

Grandma Brown was Melvina Montgomery

Just logged off again to google marriage of Melvina and Frederick (from Grandborough, Warwick) 30/01/1902 - boy is this stuff addictive.

Anyway, I must reiterate how much I enjoyed yesterday, it was especially good to see Brenda.

We'll be in touch to arrange another visit and hopefully get down to business and not spend all day chatting.

Love to you both for now.

Joan xx