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I see Mr Blakmore as the
 top hamper is for the
 official side, the other
 is for you. You could
 not have thought of anything
 so much to my heart as
 gates. Even the Bible had
 gates in its heart! It is
 worth all the statues, however
 wonderful. Statues belong
 to art; even to the timeless, in
 a way. But gates belong to
 life & to man.

I think I am Wozze Wozze's
 oldest citizen for I belong
 there still. We went to Wozze
 Wozze in 1866, a place of

slab walls & bark roofs among
the trees. Waga waga was
the station of Robert Best,
who was connected by a
brother's marriage with father
& his people; grand father Beath
grew wheat there in 1866 at
The Old Vineyard opposite
Devlin's place; Mrs Devlin
was grand father's sister, my
aunt's & my mother called
her Aunt Devlin, as, of
course so did I. You may have
heard that the four devlin sons
were called the four apostles
because they were ~~great~~ ^{great} (St.
Matthew, Mark, Luke & John).
Father built the first fire house
at Waga waga, also he had
the apprentice ship articles
of Bill Beach (with August
Wrencke) broken & went
guarantor for him so that he
(to Mr Baylis) so that he could
go to Sydney & become the
Champion Sculler he did; &

grandfather Beattie was ~~the~~
 the first ~~to~~ wine-maker
 in Waigeo to get medals
 abroad for his wine, ~~one~~
 one from San Francisco
 and one from India (I forget where now,
 but it should be in the files
 for 70 (80?) of the Waigeo
 Papers.) When I sat for
 exam. as p. teacher I passed
 highest for the Colony, my
 mother named the Billabong
 in the town the Lagoon
 wh. it still is called. My
 uncle John Pendleton had
 the first cabinet-maker furniture
 shop in Waigeo Waigeo. It was said
 to be the first two-story house in
 Waigeo Waigeo. In after years he left
 the tailor, had it. My brother,
 John was Waigeo W.'s fish-war
 boss. (The Boer War.) My mother's
 sister, Jennie Lockhart (nee Beattie)
 though not born there was Waigeo's
 first woman novelist, and at the
 risk of being dismissed as ch

was not on the Curriculum, was the first to teach Domestic Science in her (Head Mistress) schools: Javel-Lodge & Wilham Street (Sydney). I was the first (at Illobo) to read every Friday as a ~~book~~ reward for the week books to the children: Robinson Crusoe, and Tom's Cabin, The Pilgrim's Progress, Hans Anderson ~~and~~ with a ~~key~~ ~~to~~ door to see that our Inspectors did not catch me. Your schools have Libraries.

I am ~~W~~ Waggas first D.B.E. I could put in ~~more~~ ~~if~~ had time to think so (Peter Hedon son of Richard Hedon, is related to me through ~~father~~ both my parental families - I was the first girl to write ~~was~~ for the Waggas Paper - "The Advertiser" being me. All these things relate to my family on both sides. But there are then:

Waggas had the first Field Marshal (Blaney) Walter Bone Collector of Australiana, J. H. Catts, M.P., A. J. Bennell who had 14 star medals & was Lieut. Gov. of Norfolk Island,

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to say nothing of its &
unsolved murders, either
or ten or the two-tailed calf
& goodness knows who &
what else that I have forgotten
or do not know.

all this is to say Thank
you to the Old Town for
remembering me. Thank
you for making it - Gates.

Yours sincerely
Wm J. Gilmore.

My brother John was Wagon
Wagon first Minister
Plenipotentiary (Ambassador
in St Petersburg) at Riga.