

Dear Mr Blatte more, 7/20

Thank the Masonic

Lodge shd. have this, 2 Claremont-

bag + fringe give d-
there. Otherwise ^{keep it}

99 Chest-Road

for the Teachers' College

King's Cross

d-the college may ^{almost all} ~~plmore~~
25.10.52

Sydney 2.4.52

The Secretary

of the first
Masonic Lodge
founded in the 1870s
in Waffer Waffer.

Dear Sir, I am writing
to say that I am leaving
(or giving) your Masonic
Lodge a mole skin ladies
bag or purse round which
~~was~~ over 60 years ago I
sewed all that was left-
of my father's Masonic
apron: That-is, the fringe.
I doubt if you have anything
as old, as, at that time,

Walga Walga was why
an office of the
Sydney Lodge. My father
was Donald (Donald) Cameron
was proposed by John
Stinson of Kindra
Station, + seconded by
Matt. Devlin, Sen, of Deepwater
+ Ganmain Station, ~~who~~ ^{who} was
~~cousin~~ brother-in-law to
my mother's father, Hugh Beattie
of "Brooklyn", Beccelohood.
^{I think also} a cousin of (my grandfather's
cousin) John Stinson of
Kindra. There were other
sponsors (there, I think) but I
have forgotten them. I
am putting this letter in
the skin bag + promise to
show that it is to go to
the Masonic Lodge I have
named. Yours sincerely
Wesley Gilmore
(D. B. E.)

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2 Claremont, ^{Rw 114/6-a}
99 Darlinghurst Road,
King's Cross,
SYDNEY, 2/4/52

To the Secretary of the First Masonic Lodge
founded in the 1870's in Wagga Wagga.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to say that I am leaving (or giving) your Masonic Lodge a mole skin bag or purse round which over 60 years ago I sewed all that was left of my father's Masonic apron: that is the fringe. I doubt if you have anything as old, as, at that time Wagga Wagga was only an office of the Sydney Lodge. My father was Donal (Donald) Cameron was proposed by John Stinson of Kindra Station, and seconded by Matt. Devlin, Sen, of Deepwater and Ganmain Stations, who was brother-in-law to my mother's father, Hugh Beattie of "Brooklyn^W, Brucedale Road - and I think a cousin of (my grandfather's cousin) John Stinson of Kindra. There were other sponsors (three, I think) but I have forgotten them. I am putting this letter in the skin bag and fringe to show that it is to go to the Masonic Lodge I have named.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Mary Gilmore O.B.E.

P.S. Dear Mr. Blakemore - if you think the Masonic Lodge should have this bag and fringe well give it there. Otherwise keep it for the Teachers' College and the Mary Gilmore collection at the College.

M.G.