

A Postcard to Canada

Calstone Wellington & Blackland



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Dear Cis

I thought you would like this PC. The tablet over the pulpit (x) is to the memory (which you will no doubt remember) to your aunt and uncle. I nearly stumbled over that hole by the stone going to church once. Good job I didn't quite! Love from Wiggles. (up RH side) Pray excuse the blots!!

(across top of text) Grace's new name is Topsy.

(above address) I decided to put Celia instead of Cicely.

Postmark: Calne, 9pm, September 3rd 1913

Addressee: Miss Celia Lock c/o Mrs Mack c/o The Post Office Neepewa (crossed out in pencil and replaced by 'Oberon') Manitoba Canada

OPC Information about the Lock Family

Cicely Pollard Lock was the daughter of Abraham Lock, Miller, of Blackland Mill (see Blackland 1901 Census where she is named 'Cicily P Lock). This census names a younger sister as Grace S Lock, and a younger brother as William G Lock. Possibly 'Wiggles' is William (WGL) who would have been 13 at the time the card was written.

The 1901 Blackland Census names Cicely's mother as Rose Lock. The Calstone Wellington Marriage Register (1888, 22nd December) shows the marriage of Abraham Lock and Rose Spackman.

The tablet in Calstone Wellington Church to which the postcard refers is to the memory of John and Ann Spackman. (See Calstone Church Memorial Plaques John & Ann Spackman 1891 & 1895). Rose and John, sister and brother, are in the 1871 Census, aged 10 & 8 respectively, at Black Horse Bar House, Wroughton.

Rose Lock was buried at St Peter's Blackland on 2nd May 1940 aged 79; Grace (Grace Spackman Manhire) on 27th January 1942, aged 46, Cicely (named Cecily Pollard Lock in the Register) on 26th July 1966 aged 74 and William George Lock on 30th October 1979 aged 79.