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Mum,

Did you ever hear of an Auntie Clarice or Auntie Sally? Clarice aka Sally Lammas was born in 1914 in Bromsgrove so she would have been Grandpa Lammas's cousin.

How about sitting down with your tape recorder and telling me all about growing up in Bromsgrove. Who's farm did you live on? Which house did you build an igloo on the roof of? What can you remember about your uncles and aunts? What was the clever dog called? Plus much, much more!

Looking forward to going home next week.

Love

Martin
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After my mother died my first Christmas was spent
 at the Farm/Small holding of Wilf & Nelsie Albright
 at the end of Wood Lane - just before the
 track into the Pepperwood

I shared a bed with my cousins John & Derek
 We opened our stockings as soon as it was light
 Eileen was the eldest child of Wilf & Nelsie and used
 to look after me when my Mother was ill. I remember
 turning the handle of the butter churn, the sides
 of Bacon hanging from the rafters in the kitchen
 collecting pigeons eggs with John - I held the basket
 while he climbed the trees. We had the eggs for breakfast
 with slices of bacon & black pudding & Fried bread
 My uncle ploughed with Horses. - Derek collect the
 Horse from the big Farm on the main road
 I rode sitting on the horses knees holding its
 main

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There was a fresh water Spring in the Pepper woods
 and we used to collect water from it to have with
 our picnic Lunch. - in April there were lots of violets
 on the edge of the wood & primroses, in May the woods
 were a sea of blue bells. Then later in June Foxgloves
 in the clearings. Deep in the wood was the woodman's
 Cottage and his wife wore a buck up Black boot.
 So we thought she was a witch and keep well clear
 of that area.

Love

Martin
xxx