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So much becomes lost with the passage of time !

I'm now 95 years old and the year 2009. I began writing this biography in 1986 at the tender age of seventy one years, six months and five days and commenced then as follows.

Another Time



“My hair is still straight, not completely grey, in fact sort of brownish grey, eyebrows still black; eyes getting dim and wrinkles around the mouth and eyes, skin on the arms thin and paperish and tears easily (as I have experienced with two pups of mine with sharp teeth). March 1986”

Why do you want to write a book anyway ...?

Twenty three years ago, my son Hague, who was in Renmark planning the first stage of the Jane Eliza Development, suggested that I write about my life.

I thought about it and put pen to paper. Slowly and quietly I began to recall the days of my youth and began jotting down memories.....

By September 2003, I felt that I had exhausted my supply and mentioned to him that it was time to assemble and publish. He was unaware that I had even begun and quite astounded that his passing comment seventeen years before had been acted upon.

In the following years, we commenced typing, editing and compiling from my hand written notes and albums, whenever we had the chance to get together, either at Hague's home in Adelaide, or in Renmark.

One evening while we were discussing the book's format, my then fourteen year old grandson, Samuel, who was busily and painstakingly painting "Lord of the Rings" figurines quietly in the background, 'out of the blue' ... and in a moment of silence, questioned. "Fée, why do you want to write a book, anyway?"

I replied, semi 'hot-under-the-collar', "Because the children of today have no idea of the life we led as kids, the simplicity and freedom of living close to nature and the family life – the lack of the commodities - 'necessities'- of today that you now enjoy, I just wanted you to know about those days that are gone We had 'less', but we had much, much 'more'....."

Fée Showell, September 2009

