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This is the life story of Eveline Sophia Pratten
started on the 5th Oct 1968 on her 88th birthday
My Parents lived to the age of 90 & 88, Henry
Prior & Emily Prior, I had 4 brothers. My first
recollections are I think at the age of 4 1/2 yrs old when
I was taken to Pontypool, St. Wales to stay with my
Aunt & Uncle for a month, I was put to sleep with
a relation, she was not really old, but to my children's
mind look^{ed} very old, I cried all night, & the next
night slept with my Aunt & Uncle, but was so restless
had to sleep in a bed in their room, My Aunt
had been a nurse in a large house, so I always
had very lovely clothes which was passed on to
me, It was said, The Grandfather of the family
a foundling & was named Bythway, afterwards
allied to Bythway, They were rich lawyers, The sons
& my Uncle managed one of their farms, I also
remember going to prayer meeting several nights a week
where all the people met & prayed. We also always had
evening prayer, always turning down the lamp to save
oil, They were very religious. The next thing I can
remember was the nurse coming to the house with a
black^{bird} & telling us she had brought a baby brother.
Christening day came & I was christened with my baby
brother & I caused a sensation by answering the preacher
when he asked me if I knew about God & I said No,
I was an only girl with 4 brothers, so had a lot of
teasing, I was sent to school in the usual way, we
had to take our school money every Monday morning.