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APPENDIX NINE

ORIGINAL LETTER USED FOR INTERVIEWS

Notes:

- Variations of this letter were used for different people.
- Details were changed as appropriate for Macquarie University.
- As I proceeded with the research I modified and added appropriate questions.

Dear sir/madam,

I am currently engaged in post-graduate research at Flinders University (SA) into early Pentecostalism in Australia.

As you may be aware, very little work has been done in this area and it is not easy to find reliable information. While I am doing all I can to locate written sources, I am heavily dependent on direct contact with people who have had a long-standing association with the Pentecostal movement, either directly or indirectly. In my research, I hope to answer a number of questions that currently remain unanswered about the origins of the movement in this country. I also hope to provide a fuller understanding of the nature of early Pentecostalism – its beliefs, practices, relationships with other churches, social attitudes, membership, growth patterns and so on. I would be very appreciative if I could arrange a meeting with you to ask you a few questions on the subject. Naturally, you will be free to discontinue the interview at any time or to decline to answer any particular questions if you choose to do so. If you have any photos or old magazines, documents, letters etc, I would be delighted to view them and possibly make copies of them.

After the interview, I will forward you a transcript of the notes I have taken so that you can check them for any mistakes. Naturally, whatever information you make available will be treated with confidence and only reproduced with your permission. The enclosed questionnaire will give you an idea of the kind of questions I will be asking. I am working under the supervision of Dr David Hilliard who is Convenor of the Australian Religious History program at Flinders University. If you have any enquiries about this project, you may contact him at the address given above or by phoning (08) 201 2225.

This study has been approved by the Sub-Committee on Ethical Standards in Research in the Schools of Social Science and Education. The Secretary of this committee can be contacted on (08) 201 2772.

Yours faithfully,

Barry Chant

To Dr Barry Chant,
Tabor College,
7 Lynton Ave,
South Plympton

AUTHORITY TO TAPE THE INTERVIEW
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Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Code _____

I agree to the interview with Dr Barry Chant being recorded on tape on the condition that –

1. the recording is for his research only
2. it will not be made available to anyone else
3. I will be given a typed transcript to check before the material is used.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

<p>EARLY PENTECOSTAL HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA</p> <p>INTERVIEW FORM</p>

Note: All the details requested on this form may not be applicable or appropriate in your case. However, they give a general idea of the kind of questions that will be asked. If you have any photos or old magazines, documents, letters etc, I would be delighted to view them and possibly make copies of them.

Your full name _____

Your address _____

_____ Code _____ Tel _____

Your date of birth _____

Your spouse's name _____

Your spouse's date of birth _____

Your children's names and dates of birth

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Your marriage date _____

Some further dates –

Conversion – Self _____ Partner _____

Baptism – Self _____ Partner _____

Baptism in Holy Spirit – Self _____ Partner _____

Can you list the churches you were involved in prior to your present church?

Name of church _____ Years there _____

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Name of church _____ Years there _____

Name of church _____ Years there _____

How did you come to be involved with Pentecostalism?

How much overseas influence was there in the movement on the early days?

How important was people's *experience* of God?

What was _____ church like?

Attendance?

Meeting place?

Style of worship?

Outreach?

Social welfare program?

Involvement with missions?

Publications?

Attitude to women in ministry?

Attitude to other churches (Pentecostal & non-Pentecostal)?

Occupations of members?

Who were the outstanding leaders?

What sort of a person was Pastor _____?

Physical appearance?

Personality?

Preaching/teaching ability?

Relationships with others? Leadership skills?

Occupation before becoming a pastor?

Can you supply any of the following information about your parents?

Father's full name _____

Date of birth _____

Mother's full name _____

Date of birth _____

Children's names and dates of birth

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Marriage date _____

Date of conversion – Father: _____ Mother: _____

Baptism – Father: _____ Mother: _____

Baptism in Holy Spirit – Father: _____ Mother: _____

How did your parents become involved in Pentecostalism?

What sort of a person was your father?

Physical appearance?

Personality?

Preaching/teaching ability?

Relationships with others? Leadership skills?

Positions held in church?

What particular events do you recall vividly? (eg a particular doctrinal dispute; an outstanding convention; the sending of the first missionaries; attitude towards the leaders; etc). Brief notes will do here – I will follow up with the interview.
