

MILTON - 27-3-75

Dear Mr Hohen: How delightful to hear from you! Toby Barton's (P.M.) house, "Whitchall" is the beloved home of the Douglas Warby, M.L.A. family - at White St. Balgowlah. A great slab of history. I go (D.V.) to Syd. Easter Mon - & by car on Tues. to Wellington. Here, I shall show your letter to dear Mr Barton, who expounds History with every word. More later!

Bornwall! So beautiful - the very mention stirs up King Arthur.

At present my guests are a 1st cousin + husband from Sydney. Our paths have been diverted over

our adult lives, & we are enjoying  
a lovely communion - where no  
other emotion moves but sweet accord  
& finding ourselves veritable "twins"  
in thought & faith, & opinion.

Proving - I feel - the bond of blood  
& bone. As I stood on the graves  
of our progenitors in England - I  
am the connecting factor for the time  
being.

We are a cross between a Devon  
Sausage (Pat. grandparents) & a  
Yorkshire Pudding (Mat. g'parents)  
which ought, surely, give us a  
rare flavour. (NAME WAS ROOK-)

Love anon. Kindest regards, Mary Nicholls  
MRS.

28. 4. 1975

Dear Mrs Hohen / Encl. is dear  
Mrs Barton's reply to your  
enquiries - I handed your  
letter to her personally, & she  
gave me the reply after the  
Hist Pageant was finished.

The family grouping is so  
interesting - & one of the horse  
carriages used in the pageant  
had conveyed Mrs Barton to  
school every morning in her  
childhood. Her brother-in-law,

Dr Nathaniel Daniel Barton,  
was ill in Concord Hosp -  
& I read his reminiscences at  
the pageant - in which he was to  
have appeared.

The Ashfield birth of Mrs Barton  
interested me - as I lived in

Haberfield from 1939-56 - emy<sup>2</sup>  
oldest friend was Miss Enid Smith  
a descendent of the Throsby Smiths  
as she lived in Ashfield.

At Wellington we met the  
A' Becketts - Ma. Pa. Daughter  
& son, Martin - the old regime  
whom I would love to see in  
their home setting. <sup>Many descendants</sup>  
of the gardeness attended  
& lent valuable jewels  
& photos - etc.

The "Day & Way of Old  
Gobolion" was a wonderful &  
stimulating success - giving  
\$ 11,000 profit in 2 days  
Sat & Sun. afternoon presentation.

By God's grace we had  
brilliant sunshine - the enormous  
verandahs were the "stage" -  
The carriages horsemen & women  
alighting at the front steps.

Audience were on front lawns<sup>3</sup>  
(Beth. Presby + R.S.W. chairs)  
450 Sat. 530 Sun. The  
cast was 96 - who rose to  
the occasion - mentally in  
costumes of the period.. many on  
loan - truly authentic.

The House has a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile  
drive entrance - Apex did the  
parking of cars - which looked  
like a race meeting.

The script was:- from the  
first inhabitants of "Cythion"  
the Aborigines - who cooperated  
ably & intelligently - there!  
Osley's arrival - (a beart man  
on an Arab Horse!) the Union  
going up & on through the

Arrival (by 4 carriages) of the famous &  
Gardiner family who owned & lived  
at "Yobolwin" for many years - she  
was known as "The King of Wellington".

Fantastic scenes were the arrival party.  
A Ball scene. A wedding Reception.

All songs were part of the story &  
soloists dressed for the times.

A Town Crier: The first municipal  
elections: The first mayor: The

ghost: maidservants & all those  
who served on the land & up & thru'  
sergeants & women & community service today -

I wrote the script, after Mitchell & I by  
Sisking: & compered the show. The

microphone was 100%. My friend

(owner of Ephe) Mrs Jean Bishop  
gathered the locals together for the cast -

& solved the many problems that  
arose. In a long life of activity

& "show business" - I do not remember  
ever being so proud of a total

achievement - of so many folk. I

understand the Home Dept is interested  
in the script. My best regards, Mary Nicholls.

141 Prince's Hy.  
Milton

16. 5. 75.

Dear Mrs Hohren/  
your kind letter from Manly  
postmarks rec'd; & I will  
convey to dear Edwin  
Darton the further matters  
of family - as she is a  
devout slave of family trees,  
The news streaming thru'  
from Wellington concerning  
results & reports of the Hist.  
Pageant - are invigorating.

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" Wellington has never seen  
anything like it before -  
the coloured photos & slides  
& movies are almost 'dream  
pictures' - & etc "

My patience has been  
sorely tried because I  
left before these pictures  
of " witness " were ready -  
no doubt a true filming  
will have to wait until I  
visit " the west " again.

News concerning your  
husband's illness & the  
loss of a leg is so



totally unexpected - & in the case of <sup>3</sup>  
a citizen of so fine a character  
& of so important a position,  
an instance that will never  
need again to be mentioned.

I have been involved in Hosp.  
work now for 13 years - plus 2  
earlier years of visiting for "news"  
for the last reporting. This is of  
course a tiny Hosp. - but because  
(or in spite of this), the variety of  
cases is manifold, & the variety of  
spiritual & physical strengths likewise.

Sharp Street, Bourneford



The fact remains that while  
medicos can assess the physical  
strength, only God can know  
& build the spiritual strength.

And here, I add my  
prayers for the acceptance, &  
an entire renewal of the  
true man ~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> is your  
husband.

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Very sincerely,  
Mary Nicholls (Mrs)

John Smith & Mary Tom had 6 daughters, two married Barton brothers. Robert Darvall Barton married Fanny Smith & lived at "Edrom" - which is now All Saints College, Bathurst.

Charles Hampden Barton married Annie Smith & lived at "Naumã" Wellington, where his son Dr. Nat Barton still lives.

Two Smith girls married à Beckett's, William à Beckett married Jessie Smith & they lived at "Kelborne", Coonamble & then at "Whitwell", Wellington.

Marshall à Beckett married Edith Smith & they lived at "Sudbton" Ashfield. They were my parents & I was born there, I was Edwin à Beckett, born 1893! I married

My cousin, Bertram Barton eldest  
son of Charles Barton. Our  
grandfather John Smith had  
also five sons & was able to leave  
them all properties when he died  
in 1894 (or perhaps the end of  
1893.)<sup>(1893)</sup> In 1906, my mother & my  
sisters & I went to St Keverne  
& visited some relations there  
Lynes, at "Kestle" Manaccan  
I think, but I don't remember it  
all very clearly now. I do remember  
Cornwall though. It was lovely!

Best wishes from

Elwin Barton