

Letter from Maus Betts to ACW

10th Oct. 1953

----- I have had a lovely time at "Fancroft". It was easy to think of anyone growing up there choosing such a spot as "Lowestoft". Marjorie Whitten now in charge is a real darling. She remembers you. So does Frances the younger one who is now married - living out at Kinnity with a very nice husband T.C Williams. Takes prizes in short horns.

They have 5 children, the eldest is apprenticed to radio in Roxsea. stays with Marjorie. 2 are away at boarding school. Youngest is called Charles after Prince Charles. They have a nice home out in the country 2 to 300 years old with a plaster ceiling worked by Italians. Aunt Nellie Wallace was there too. She said to ask you if you remembered opening the umbrella at the cattle. She liked you best out of the two brothers Marjorie's Father & her brother Edward have both passed on. Two or 3 of the others did go to Canada. Saw some photos - railway work and farming. Children are teaching, banking electrical work helping with the farm and some still at work. Did you see the tremendous family bible. I had one look at the long list of names. Meant to look again but visitors came at the last.

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I met Sarah Luttrell's son Robert
who now has the store. He remembered your

visit. He is no oil-painter but he has a pretty
golden-haired daughter.

Do you remember John Whitten
He is also a grandson of Anthony's brother
John. His father was Ned. He was eager
to hear all the news and wanted to know
if I could see any likeness. I said no -
but afterwards wondered if he were like
old Harry. He has a flourishing family.
I enjoyed my ten days very
much. It is a pretty spot. There is a feeling
of refinement, practical ability, imagination
and goodness there.

Three men are employed on the
farm.

Mae later visited Molly, Mary Jane's
eldest sister whom you didn't meet. She
has a nice little MC. (Fishburn near Belfast.)
Molly had a frock shop in Belfast.
[Since died according to Mae]