

# IRISH ORIGINS

## Whitten



WHITTEN or WHITTON

*The arms are those of WHITTEN  
of Golden Grove, Ireland.*

*(registered by ULSTER)...*

This English surname is on record in Dublin from 1577 and was later established in Armagh where it is now numerous in Ulster.

The name appears in the 'Inrollments of the Decree of Innocents (Cromwell) 1649 as; WILLIAM WHITTIN. There were 8 entries in the Birth registrations for 1890 showing 4 in Dublin & 3 in Ulster.

In England the name appears in the 14th century roll of Lincolnshire surnames. There are 3 different achievements of Arms reg in England including that of WILLIAM WHITTON, gent of Nethercote Co. Oxford 1574 & ROBERT WHITTON (d.1611) buried at Lewknor in Oxford. This achievement is a white shield with a black chevron and five black plates within a black border. The other two Arms are completely different, not representing a specific family.

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signed

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Dear Phyllis

Many thanks for your recent letter. I was interested to hear you had actually been in Dublin in 1971, even for one day. You seem to have had a good time, although a bit hectic. Ennisterry & Sallij's Gap are really lovely, but need a good day to see them at their best. I was round there in June of this year & fortunately the weather was good. I note you don't like flying. I don't mind it but am always glad to get both feet on terra firma. The "Hail Marys" seem to have worked for you as you got there & back safely in spite of Seat 13.

Well since writing to you I have been doing a good bit of research on the family & actually went down to "Fancroft" one Saturday. It is only about 2 1/2 hrs by train from Dublin. The day I posted the letter to you with the death notices that evening I saw a lorry in a very unfrequented part of Dublin & the name on the side was Thos J Whitten Claren Binn. So I got off my bike & spoke to a youngish man who evidently had loaded it. He told me he was the J F Whitten referred to & when I mentioned about the Whitten deaths he said they were his mother & father. He also said Fancroft was about 2 miles outside Rosrea & that it could be reached by train & back in the one day. So I wrote to him after a few days giving him my ~~old~~ address & I fixed to go to Rosrea for the day. He said his Aunt Marjorie hadn't been well but was all right. She had had shingles & didn't look very well when I saw her, but she made me very welcome. Frances & her son met me at Rosrea station & you would never guess who else was there - Robert from Vancouver. He had arrived a day or two before on a Wardair Charter flight non-stop from Vancouver to London & was staying 5 weeks. The four of us went to a hotel for lunch as Marjorie wasn't well enough to cope. Frances then brought me round the

town of Roscrea as I hadn't been <sup>in</sup> before. We saw the Round Tower  
& also the Church of Ireland Church which was very nice. It  
was quite large I thought for a country church & very well  
kept. It was most interesting. We then went to Farncroft  
& I saw the sheaf of wheat etc which you mention in your  
letter. Mayorie said the house was built about 300 years ago  
which means it must have been about Cromwell's time. I was  
very taken with the tree trunk right across the kitchen  
ceiling. Mayorie had the Bible open at the place where  
all the births were ~~registered~~ <sup>recorded</sup> but I couldn't get any  
connection. She also showed me the paintings of the Talbots  
& I saw some snaps of you when you were there.  
Francis said the Whittens had married a good deal with  
the Haslam family & there is <sup>R.</sup> Whitten Haslam in the  
Phone book living in Birr so he must be a connection.

In your letter you mention meeting John Whitten  
when you were in Roscrea in 1955. You also mention his  
daughter by his first marriage. Well she married a man  
named Noel & I have met ~~them~~ their daughter who is a  
lovely girl, tall fair & soft spoken. <sup>also</sup> Her name is Stephanie  
& she is staying in the YWCA where I go for my lunch, so I  
have had a few chats with her. Stephanie has a brother  
who has just finished training at Surteen Agricultural  
College & he is helping his father on the farm. There is  
another young girl about 8. Stephanie is doing English,  
Irish & History at University College Dublin. She couldn't  
get into Trinity. Apparently those courses were full. I live in  
a small flat quite near the YWCA so Stephanie & a friend  
Valerie are coming to me for an evening after Christmas.

I have a widowed sister living across town about  
1/2 miles away & I visit her periodically. I was telling  
her about meeting your husband in Vienna & also the  
letter I had from you. She was quite interested & when I  
was gone suddenly remembered a Parcel of Papers being  
sent to her 30 years ago by a cousin after our Aunt died

in 1940. She had never opened the Parcel & she had to search for it. However she found it all right & spent the next 3 evenings looking through all the Papers. There were copies of Wills & receipts receipts for funerals for various members of the family. The next time I was there she gave them to me & the attached copies of some of them may interest you. You will notice Robert Whitten married an Amelia Shaw & the strange thing is that my grandfather also married a Shaw but I don't know whether or not she was any connection of Amelias. You will also see that the 3rd & 4th children were girls. Now one or both of these went to America & which one married a Brown I don't know, but if the man that flew the Atlantic was born in 1886 of US Parents, one of these was probably his grandmother. My grandfather was in America <sup>with his wife</sup> but came back. They must have stayed some time as they buried 2 children out there. It is awful the way each generation seemed to use the same Christian names. It is nearly impossible to sort them out. You mentioned your great great grandfather Anthony had two brothers Edward & Robert. The Edward who became a bankrupt would be my great great grandfather, but whether this man was Anthony's brother I don't know. However looking through it all I imagine we are cousins umpteen times removed.

I am also wondering about the Edward Whitten whose marriage certificate was with the Papers. If he was married in 1776, he could have been the bankrupt as the French Revolution was about 1784, but his address on the certificate is Exchequer St Dublin. As the girl Ann Parkes attended St Ann's Church in Dawson St he may have come up from Tipperary & only stayed in a hostelry in Exchequer St. However I know Mr Poyntz the Present

Vicar of St Annis + he may be able to tell me if another address was recorded. I hope I have it right as most of the S's were F's.

I don't know whether or not you will be ~~not~~ bored with all this. The copy of letter to ~~Mr~~ Mr J F Dwyer is only put in because of the address Elmville Clonmel. It looks as though somebody was asking my aunt about her pedigree. I have no further correspondence along this line.

I am just in from Choir Practice. We are working for our Carol Service next Sunday. The "Messiah" is on next Friday + I hope to go although I have heard it many times. The Church I belong to is a Methodist Mission one + we had two flag days last week to raise money for Christmas Parcels fuel vouchers etc for the poor. We collected £6000 in the two days on the streets of Dublin + we are very pleased. I don't go out collecting but I help to count the money. It is quite exciting watching the amount grow.

I have ordered the Crest but it will take some time as the name is unusual + then it will go surface mail. I don't want any payment or return. I would like you to accept it as a gift from the "Old Country" + also perhaps from a newly found distant cousin.

The weather here is cold wet + windy at the moment so I envy you having your Christmas probably in sunshine. We often have snow at this time of the year, but so far we have had ~~no~~ none.

Wishing you all the Very Best for Christmas + the New Year.

Sincerely yours  
Mabel

P.S. I don't think you gave me your fathers Christian name ~~Was~~ Was it Anthony?

Copy/ of Letter written by my Aunt to a Mr. Thomas F. Dwyer Elmville,  
Clonmel dated 25th May 1911.

"Since you called here I have been speaking to some of my relatives who appear to know about my pedigree etc., but they have asked me to ascertain from you the exact nature of the information you require so that they can be able to look into the matter fully. Will you therefore kindly let me know the exact nature of the particulars and information etc., you want and I shall be happy to make further inquiries etc., and will afterwards write to you again.

(Sgd.) E.J. Whitten.

COPY/ OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

John by Divine Providence, Archbishop of Dublin, Primate and Metropolitan of Ireland. To our beloved in CHRIST the Reverend Thomas Leland Clerk Doctor in Divinity Vicar of the Parish of Saint Ann, Dublin or to his Licensed Curate Assistant, GREETING; WHEREAS Edward Whitten of Exchequer Street in the City of Dublin Gentleman and Ann Parks of the Parish aforesaid Spinster are contracted in lawful Marriage (as is alledged) and are very desirous of having the said Marriage solemnized in the Face of the Church. WE therefore do grant our Licence and whole Authority to You, in whose Fidelity We confide, to solemnize the said Marriage in the Canonical Hours, Time and Place, between the said Edward Whitten and Ann Parks Provided they have obtained the express Consent of their Parents or Guardians, and by Reason of any Pre-contract, Consanguinity or Affinity, there be no lawful Impediment in this behalf IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our Consistorial and Metropolitan Court of Dublin to be hereunto affixed, the fifteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

(Sgd.) James Lyndon.

I certify that I married Mr. Edward Whitten to Miss Ann Parks the 17th of October 1776.

(Sgd.) Irvine Whitty.

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ROBERT WHITTEN married AMELIA SHAW. April 1808.

The following are Their Issue.

- 1st. EDWARD WHITTEN born 19th July 1809.
- 2nd. ROBERT RICHARD WHITTEN born 9th Feby. 1812.
- 3rd. MARY ANNE WHITTEN born 18th Augt. 1814.
- 4th. JANE WHITTEN born 27th April 1817.
- 5th. WILLIAM WHITTEN born 12th May 1819.
- 6th. GEORGE WHITTEN born 14th Sept. 1821 (Died Decr. 1821. Buried  
Bride's Church, Co. Kildare).
- 7th. GEORGE FREDERICK WHITTEN born 6th Jany. 1823.  
(Grandfather of Mabel Whitten - That's me).

The above information is written on a torn out page of  
the Apocrypha; out of a Bible.

The following information seems to indicate that my part of  
the family had land in Tipperary which was sold. Unfortunately  
there is no date and no actual name given to the holding except  
that it was in Tipperary and King's County (Now Offaly):-

" Edwd. Whitten eldest son divided the County Tipperary and King's  
County holding with his brother Robt. Some time after said Edwd.  
levied fines on his part before said Robt. was of age and in the  
course of some years afterwards said Edward became a Bankrupt and  
then died leaving Male Issue. Said Edward's Creditors sold his the  
said Edward's part. Robert Whitten second eldest son has died within  
this last year without issue.  
There are now surviving Male Issue from said Edwd. and also Male  
Issue from William Whitten a younger brother of said Edward and  
Roberts. Said William is also dead. - Query. had said Robt. a  
power to will his late divide to whomsoever he pleased?  
Query. Which Issue are entitled to said Roberts late divide?  
Query again. If said Robert died without making a Will which Issue  
are entitled to said Roberts divide as Heir at Law? And Query again.  
Had said Edwd. a power of levying fines, the property being a  
Freehold and had said Creditors a power of disposing of said Freehold  
property for a longer term than until said Edward's eldest son  
became of AGE. age? "

My Aunt copied this document in May 1911. She  
probably got it in George Frederick Whitten's papers. He died in  
1908. On her copy she wrote:- The above mentioned Edward Whitten  
was Grandfather of the late Mr. George Whitten, who was my  
Grandfather, so it looks as though there is definitely a connection.  
The Robert Whitten ~~mentioned at the top~~ mentioned at the top of this  
page must have been one of the male issue of Edward Whitten.

P.S. I had a present of 1 doz lovely fresh eggs  
from Mayouie (Baneroff) after Christmas. 48 Wm Mount St  
They are so different to the battery hens' Dublin 2  
eggs we get in our Supermarkets. R of Ireland.

Dear Phyllis

Just a note to let you know that your crest is on its way. It is being sent surface mail so I don't know when you will get it. The small sailing ship at the top means that the first recipient did some act of bravery at sea so there must have been at least one seafaring man somewhere in the ancestry. The later motto at the bottom means "Bravery in the storm". The black chevron on the yellow shield denotes generosity, & the white gules on the chevron mean extreme generosity, so that is about all I know. However it is interesting & I hope you like it.

Many thanks for your family "screed" as you call it. I'm sure you never have a dull moment. I gather there are 3 sons married & 1 daughter who had the cerebral haemorrhage. I was sorry to hear about that & hope she continues to improve. She has youth on her side anyway. Your sons have all done well. I think the opportunities in Australia for the young people are very good, or maybe "the far-off hills are green." Things have improved here a lot too since I was looking for a career. I am Secretary Book-keeper to a Property Owner. He has flats & houses in the City & does very well. Actually the flat I live in is in the same building as the office so I am very convenient - no worries about the weather or transport.



The winter here has not been too bad so far - no snow yet in Dublin but some of the northern parts had a little before Christmas. However February & March are quite often bad months. I saw about terrible floods in NSWales recently. I hope you weren't involved.

I didn't realise when I met your husband ~~that~~ in Vienna that I was talking to a VIP in the Scouting world. I see he is an International Commissioner. Does that mean Commissioner for the whole of Australia or only a certain part of it?

I was in a book shop in town the other day & saw a Paperback "Origins of Irish Names". I had a look at it & found a chapter on the origin of English names. Needless to say I had a look through that & found the name Whitten (Sometimes spelt Whetton they said). They said the name was known in Dublin from 1577 & then in Co. Armagh & the North of Ireland. Actually there is a Herbert Whitten on the Unionist Political Scene in the North at the moment but I do not know whether or not he is a connection.

I enclose a Photograph which I found recently - you might be interested in it. I am the smaller of the two & although my hair is short there I have let it grow since. This was taken in my friend's garden on Killiney Hill Co. Dublin & had a lovely view out over Dublin Bay. It is some years ago now. I'm not sure how many. I see you have had your locks shorn. It does make a difference all right.

I was very interested in your experiences at the opening of the Sydney Opera House. I have a nice slide of it & the opening was on BBC television here, although I didn't see it.

Well that is about it for now. Hope you all took well & enjoy what is left of your summer. We are hopefully going into Spring & summer now. Love Mabel

P.S. When I bought the  
envelopes & Christmas cards  
I didn't notice the colour  
of the envelope. It is  
quite hectic, I think  
      

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Dec 13/1980

Dear Phyllis,

Sincere apologies for not writing to you  
for such a long time. I really have no excuse except  
that the days months & years seem to fly round so quickly.  
It is almost impossible to keep up with everything.  
Another reason is that I <sup>have</sup> become a TV addict. You  
will probably laugh at that. I treated myself to a  
colour set a couple of years ago & when I am not out at  
other things I watch a good deal & enjoy it very much.  
I thank very much for the family bulletins. They make  
interesting reading & I envy you getting around so much  
of the world that I know very little about. However  
since coming out here I have travelled into the States  
a few times - twice to California & once to Arizona etc.  
So glad to hear that Ross is able to get about in spite  
of his handicap. He certainly has terrific willpower.  
I still get a good deal of correspondence so I am kept busy  
in that direction. I also do a little part-time work.  
I meet lots of people & like being out in the business  
world. Fortunately I have been very lucky with the  
health so far & am very thankful for that.

Sorry to hear about your Mum. 97 was a  
good age. I'm sure her passing will leave a gap

in your life. I had a <sup>2</sup>long letter from Swyann the other day. You remember I met her, Bill + Michael for a couple of hours in Dublin in 1976. I also ~~met~~ met Libby when she visited Vancouver a couple of years ago. Libby evidently liked London + went back there for a while from Vancouver. Some members of the Whitten clan seem to have itchy feet, me ~~and~~ included.

I also had a letter recently from Stephanie Connor (Nee Roe). Her mother is the soft spoken Whitten girl you met when you were in Tipperary. I expect you heard that Margorie Whitten of Fancroft died about a year ago. Apparently Margorie left the farm half to her nephew who was running it anyway +  $\frac{1}{2}$  to some other relative that I don't know. It doesn't sound like an ideal arrangement. Stephanie mentioned that Mrs Williams (Margorie's sister) had visited Vancouver this summer to see her brother, Robert Whitten. I would like to have seen her here, but she didn't contact me. She may not have had my address. Stephanie is married to a young farmer near Rosrea + has a little girl ~~to~~ Hazel nearly two + is expecting another arrival next year. She was knocking before her marriage.

You will probably be interested to learn that I was in Dublin for a holiday last May/June. Had 5 days in London, one of which I spent going to see a first cousin on my mother's side living in Wrothing (near Brighton) + then  $3\frac{1}{2}$  weeks in Dublin linking

up with all the friends. I stayed with my sister for 3 days & then went on to brother's house. Elsie seemed better than when I was there in 1976, but doesn't want to go out much. She has her son & his wife living in what was my part of the house which they bought from me & their son Clive, a little fellow of 6 years old, so the arrangement is working out very well. She only had the one child, so he will come in for the whole house some day. It has 10 rooms so would be a bit large for him. However with the Price of Property rising so much now, he should do very well if he decided to sell.

The Treford Guild is getting on quite well here & we have a few new members. There are Guilds in Victoria (2) Kelowna Vernon, all in B.C., one in Calgary & 1 in Ottawa, but we don't seem to be able to get sufficiently organised to be approved for the International Fellowship. We had a visit from Ellean Dunning about 2 years ago. She was on her way to Brussels. She was to see us again on the way back, but we heard nothing further. I have an idea she went off the Council & was asked to do some other job. Building in B.C. is flourishing & the numbers are high. A new Headquarters building was opened some time ago & it is very nice. The Guild uses it sometimes for special meetings.

I kept my membership in the Dublin Guild so when I was there in May last I was able to go to their A.G.M. I was asked to give a little talk "off the cuff" about Treford Building in Vancouver.

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Vancouver is beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, lit up with coloured lights everywhere. It gets dark here about 4 o'clock in the afternoon & we are rapidly approaching the shortest day. I understand in Australia most of the People spend Christmas Day at the various beaches. I can't imagine what Christmas would be like without the coloured lights everywhere & the dark evenings. However I'm sure you are used to it & would feel strange here.

I am having a few days away over the Christmas. A friend & I are going on a motor coach tour to Rosaro on Orcas Island. It is just over the border into the States & is a house party. We leave on Dec 23, - have the 24th for shopping then Christmas Day & return on 26th.

We had a fall of snow last week end, but it has rained since & cleared it all away. I suppose if you want to see snow you have to go to Tredbo in the Snowy Mountains. Isn't that the name of the Alpine village?

I have more letters to write so will close now. My regards to Ross & wishing you both & family a Very Happy Christmas & all the Best in the New year.

Love  
Mabel

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Dec 7th 1981

Dear Phyllis & Ross

Many thanks for your circular letter with lots of news & also your itinerary for 1982. You are certainly getting around keeping in touch with the family & the new arrivals. Some of the places are quite far apart but it is all possible now with air travel. Have you friends in France or are you going there because you think you might like it? Anyway it is somewhere different. Nice is a lovely spot, also the surrounding area. Had a holiday there in my early years of European travel. Hope you don't find it too expensive. France was always a dear country even when others were cheaper. However they are all on the tourist bandwagon now.

I suppose you know that the IFOFSAG Assembly was held this year in Dijon France & as one of our Canadian Guild members was there I saw some of her slides recently. At last Treford Guilding is on the move in Canada. Nine new guilds have been formed in the Province of Alberta this year & more to come. Carol Walsh, President of the Ottawa Guild has been helping them to get started. Her husband is a judge in Ottawa & they had an invitation to the Royal Wedding last July.

I'm interested to hear one of Brynna's daughters is working on the family tree. I remember you telling me once that your ancestor from Ireland was an Anthony Whitten from Clonmel Co. Tipperary. If she gets that far back, she might visit Tipperary to go back a bit further. I think the Whittens went from England to Ireland with

Cromwell's army.

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25 Trefoil Guilders & 2 husbands left Vancouver airport on the 8th May last for a 3-week holiday in Sussex England. We were looked after by the Sussex Guilds & they gave us a wonderful <sup>time</sup>. We stayed in a small hotel in Eastbourne on the coast & went round everywhere by coach. We had 5 days in London staying at B.P. Home & doing all the sights. Some of the group had been in England before but for most of them it was a great experience. We visited Brownsea Island where Scouting was started & from there went ~~on to~~ on to Fosse for 3 days. On the 30th of May the party broke up, some going back to Vancouver others doing tours of England, Scotland, Wales & Europe. I went across to Dublin & had 3½ weeks there. My sister wasn't so well & was in a Nursing Home. She has since died in Oct. but I knew when I saw her she wasn't long for this world. She hadn't enjoyed the best of health for a number of years, so I hope she is doing better wherever she has gone. Her married name was Cranston & the family was of Scotch Presbyterian stock. She had one son, married now with 2 children, a boy of 7 & a girl just a year old, so I saw them when I was there. Arrived back in Vancouver on the 29th June after a very hectic 7 weeks.

You may have noticed that I have changed my address. Towards the end of August the owner of the Ambassador Hotel told me that the Premises had been sold & the rent would be increased. Sure enough the new owners put up all the rents to 600 dollars a month, which was a hefty increase. I thought it was a bit much so looked around & got fixed up in the Buchanan Hotel at a slightly higher rent than I had been paying. It is in a different area of Vancouver near English Bay & Stanley Park, which are lovely spots in the summer. Plenty of shops, restaurants,

a good library & an excellent Community Centre also a big Supermarket, all within easy reach, so I am really very comfortable. The Ambassador Hotel is due for demolition in about 2 years & there are Plans for a whole new complex, so I would have had to move out eventually. I have been able to get my own Phone in (No. 669-0839) which I hadnt before, also there was a cablevision Point already in the room. So my colour TV is on cablevision & I get much better reception, also choice of lots of channels. We get lots of American & British Programmes.

Well Christmas is descending on us once more. The shops getting very busy & decorations & illuminations going up everywhere. I expect it is the same in your Part of the world. I have a short trip arranged with a friend to a Christmas house Party in Oregon USA. We will be away for 5 days leaving Vancouver on Dec 23. The hotel to which we are going is situated on an Indian reserve called Warm Springs & should be very interesting.

I have more letters to write so will close now. Wishing you Happy Landings in all your travels & All Good Wishes for Christmas & 1982

Love

Mabel

Hope you both keep well. I am lucky so far with the health & am keeping my fingers crossed. Still enjoying life in Vancouver.



# 15 - 1906 Haro St

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Nov 9th 1982

Dear Phyllis.

Here we are with Christmas descending on us once more + I am getting down to the letter-writing + card-sending again.

I see by your itinerary which you sent me last year that you will be home at the end of February 1983, so I'll send this to Murray in Brisbane, & he will know whether or not to send it on to you. You must have had a wonderful year of travelling + I hope everything came up to your expectations. Nice + the French Riviera are lovely. I was round there a few times when I started to go abroad for holidays from Dublin of course. I hope you didn't find the winter in Europe too cold, coming from such a warm climate as yours. I know Britain, Ireland + Parts of Europe had very severe wintry weather after Christmas. Maybe you escaped it. I expect you took lots of Photographs, so will be very busy when you get back sorting them all out.

I haven't been away this year yet, except for a short coach trip to Vancouver Island in August. However next Saturday Nov 13, ~~my~~ a friend I have made out here + I are going to Palm Springs California for 2 weeks. Disneyland is near, so we may do that again + there are Plenty of other Places around. The weather can be very hot + humid earlier in the year, <sup>there</sup> + we were advised to go in November by People who know more about that than I do.

We had a good summer + beautiful fall here. I had a friend out from Dublin visiting her married daughter. She stayed for 3 months so I was out + about a lot with her. She had been here before a few times, but there is always plenty to see + do especially if the weather is fine. Her daughter gave a farewell Party for her + invited about 18 friends. Some were here on holidays from Dublin + I met one lady who knew quite a few people I knew in Dublin. I had met her sister-in-law in the badminton world many years ago, so you can imagine the amount of chat that went on.

I have no Plans to go to Ireland in the immediate future. Next March the Infoil Guild I am connected with are going to Mexico. We are staying in the Suide Cabana in Mexico City for about 11 days + then spend 5 days in a Place called Tlacalli about 50 miles away. We had a meeting the other night to finalise our Plans. We have to get 2 shots, one for Tetanus + the other typhoid. I had the typhoid shot along with smallpox, + cholera + yellow fever in 1971 for my trip to Australia, but I think they are out of date now.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the TV coverage of the Commonwealth Game in Brisbane this year. It brought back many happy memories when I saw the koalas on the eucalyptus trees, the kangaroos hopping around + the playing of the theme song "Waltzing Matilda". I suppose you + Ross might ~~have~~ have attended if you were in Australia at the time.

~~I~~ Hoping you + Ross are enjoying good health + wishing you a Very Happy Christmas wherever you are on the Planet. Best Wishes for 1983.

Love

Mabel