

13. I had a Packet of 1 doz lovely fresh eggs
from my own (Stonewort) after Christmas.
They are so different to the battery hens'
eggs we get in our supermarkets. B

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Dear Phyllis

Just a note to let you know that your
cuck is on its way. It is being sent surface mail so

I don't know when you will get it. The same 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
Latin 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 "secret" 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 central housewage. I was sorry to hear about
that + hope she continues to improve. She has youth
on her side anyway. You 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 flats I live in is
in the same building as the 11th 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 Whittan 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 Hillinny 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. That 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 keep well. & enjoy what is left of your summer. We are hopefully going into spring & summer now. Love Mabel