

SOME INFORMATION OF THE BARROW FAMILY

(FOR THE FAMILY ONLY)

My Father was one of five. Seymour a Cavalry Colonel in India died as a result of a wound. He married Lily Birch, daughter Seymour whom you know. They lived for some years at Hampton Court. Louis a member of the Revenue in India died young there: Daughter Ethel.

Cecil, the eldest, owing to an accident as a boy (shipwreck) had a damaged hip and shattered leg. Was at Oxford, a clever fellow - could not join a Service, became a schoolmaster in India, cheery and amusing companion, spent a month with him in India as a midshipman.

Emily, my Aunt, married a Lt. Col. Elliot Money, and lived for many years at Winchester. Wigram, Marjorie and Althea were their children.

I was third of a family of four. Margaret Emily (Daisy), Stephen Douglas (died at Modder River, March 1900, as adjutant to C.R.E.), Benjamin Wingate, Violet Fanny Maud (Vi.)

Our Father, Frank Hunter, born in Australia 1848, died in 1917 (London). He married Louisa Teresa Wingate ( a daughter of Rev. William Wingate) in 1871. She died aged 87 in March, 1941.

My Father was a son of Samuel Barrow, a Barrister with expensive tastes - who took his patrimony of £7,000 and emigrated to Tasmania in 1820. Died in Australia, capsized in Sydney Harbour. Was Inspector of Prisons in N.S.W. (See letter of Charles Dickens in or. 1850). He had married a daughter of Captain Kemp (I have his photo) of Mt. Vernon, Tasmania, a leading citizen with a family of 17. Nine girls who seem all to have married Englishmen of some position (I saw a list of them) - One Mary? married a son of Tom Arnold and became Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the well-known authoress.

On my grandfather's death (by drowning) his widow and family, Cecil, Seymour, Frank, Louis & Emily, returned to England, where they were brought up and educated by the Barrow family, chiefly by my Godfather, Ben Barrow of Ryde, a successful physician, who was nine years' Mayor, twice married, but had no children. His home "Southdowns" (St. John's Lodge) is a school, or was when I was last in Ryde. Frank (my Father) was educated at Bruton & Cheltenham, did well, played rugby

time was delicate and had to remain in England) where he employed himself in studying and writing of world Religious Philosophy and the Poor Law (see obituary in Times - our Album). Samuel, his Father, was one of 13 children of Simon Barrow of Bath (who had married a Miss de Symons) my great grandfather was evidently a wealthy man. They lived at Lansdowne Grove (now a Hotel). A record in the Guildhall in Bath shows he was Mayor of that city in 1821. I have a few spoons and a table from that house. A number of his sons started the family connection with the Services in India.

Before writing of his family - my grandfather's brothers and sisters - I will tell you what I know of Simon Barrow, my great grandfather's father. I gather he was one of a family of a City of London Business - had invested in a plantation in Jamaica ( a common practice in the 18th century) lived there a number of years, (I have read one of his letters) and on leaving the Island about 1800 was given a great send off and a leading article in the local newspaper (which I have).

To return to Simon, Lansdowne Grove, Bath (my great grandfather) Louisa, the eldest son, became a General and settled near Hythe. I know little of them, Rosie a daughter married Deedes of Saltwood Castle, and was the Mother of Sir Wyndham Deedes, ex governor of Jerusalem, etc. (I met him once or twice) and now a leading light of the of East End of London World.

Joe also became a general in India (Sam often mentions him in his letters) had many children, one of the sons now Sir Edmund Barrow, a distinguished, able and popular man, whose last appointment was Military Secretary to the India Office in London.

De Symons also became a General in India - married Mary Honey at the Cape (on a voyage East). I knew him, Aunt Mary and their family well. George is still alive at 91, a Sir, G.C.B., Etc. He helped our Richard, with letters and advice early in the last War.

Arthur was a well-known soldier - died as a Colonel.

Willie, went to India, joined the P.W.D. Commanded the Calcutta Volunteers, and so called himself a Colonel to the annoyance of the rest of his family.

Henrietta went to Australia, married a Mr Skipper, and left her original £7,000 to his family - none of which reached us.

Trefina (Nina) was my Godmother, married a General Cleghorn, who predeceased

her. She was a lovely woman.

John was a Parson, Church of England, Master at Bruton, married his Headmaster's daughter, was a Prebend of Chichester Cathedral and rector of Rogate for many years. Daughters were Katie and Amy. Katie was Nodl's Godmother.

Fanny, my great aunt, I knew well. She brought up my Aunt Emie, married at 52! A Mr. Phillips, lived at Fareham. The Phillips were related to a number of well-known people.

#### THE WINGATES

Their home was at Craigenfelt in Stirling. My Mother's forbears set up as merchants at Glasgow, where they were well known and prospered.

My Grandfather William Wingate grew up in Glasgow and worked with his father there (see his life), when at the age of 28 he was fired with enthusiasm by a visiting mission; became a Minister of the Scotch Church and joined the Mission and was sent to Austria as a missionary to the Jews. He was a good-looking man of considerable charm, and was aided by the Austrian Royal family (hence my mother's name of Louisa Teresa). The Mission, after some years left Austria, and Grandfather settled in Bayswater as an independent Minister, always helping Jews who came to London. Meanwhile, he had married. His first wife died, and he married Margaret Torrance (my Grandmother) daughter of a Doctor who lived and worked, I think, in Scotland. They had eleven children, among them Andrew, Indian Civil Service, who became Sir Andrew, and a member of the Council. George joined the Army, was a Colonel, retired, married an Orde Brown, was a Plymouth Brother, an ardent opinionated and independent character, my brother Steve was his Best Man. They had eight children, many of them known by you. Orde, you all know of, Nigel went to Oxford, was to have joined the Indian Civil Service. His Father disapproved of his friends, withdrew him, and he went to South Africa, joined up in the last war, gained the rank of Colonel, was severely wounded, and is now Manager of a large Steel Works - a quaint fellow. Granville, a Barrister in London. Sybil, distinguished Civil Servant, extreme views, Secretary to Sir Stafford Cripps. Rachel did missionary work in Bokhara for five years, very clever and erudite Secretary to R.G.N. Toffie died at 20. Alfred was an Officer of Indian Army, Colonel, 2nd in command of the Chinese Regiment, etc. etc. Married Ethel Tucker. Jeannie, married Commander Richard Tracey, later Admiral Sir Richard.

After 12 years, his wife Jeannie died and he married the Hon. Constance de Courcy, daughter of Lord Kingsale. Uncle Dick was devoted to my Mother - gave me my nomination to the "Britannia". He and Aunt Constance were very good to me. He was well-known and a friend of the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII). Aunt Constance left £52,000, and if I had said our Richard was named after her adored Admiral, instead of saying he was named after Richard Brooks, your Mother's Father, might have had some of it. We often saw her and lunched with her - she was at Richard's christening. Annie married Archie Macnicoll, a stockbroker and son of a London Stockbroker, was well off and very good to me; no children, and my Aunt became an invalid.

My Mother (your Grandmother) you knew.

Florence married a Barrister, William de Quetteville.

Maggie, the eldest, a fine character, joined my Father in India for a while, did not marry, but for many years brought us up, while Mother was more or less an invalid - also when she was with Father in India.

The late Sir Reginald Wingate, said to be the most "decorated" man previous to this last war, was a first cousin of my Uncle Dan, made a Baronet for his services in Egypt, an able Administrator and kindly man. He was gazetted to the Royal Artillery and went to Egypt with Evelyn Wood.

Sir George Wingate, another cousin, went to India with the Royal Engineers, and built Railways, etc. etc.