

A Country Squire

The Ancestral Families of Graham Squire and Anne Keightley

Postcards to/from the BARRETT family including to Effie Barrett.

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Effie Barrett

Effie Barrett was born in December 1884, in Mount Gambier, to Hugh Barrett and Flora Buchanan. Hugh was a partner in a drapery business, but the partnership was dissolved in 1900 over a disagreement with his partner. The family moved to Adelaide where Hugh set up a foot-ware business in Rundle Street, close to Frome Road. The shop was demolished when Frome Road was widened around fifty years ago.

Effie started work as an assistant in dad's shop, but was soon working at Balfour's café in King William Street and later Rundle Street. Many of the post cards seem to be addressed to Effie c/o the Café, so were they 'admirers'? They were unsuccessful, for Effie married Gordon Meincke in 1911. They must have known each other for a few years before this event, although Gordon had been at sea until about 1908 at least.

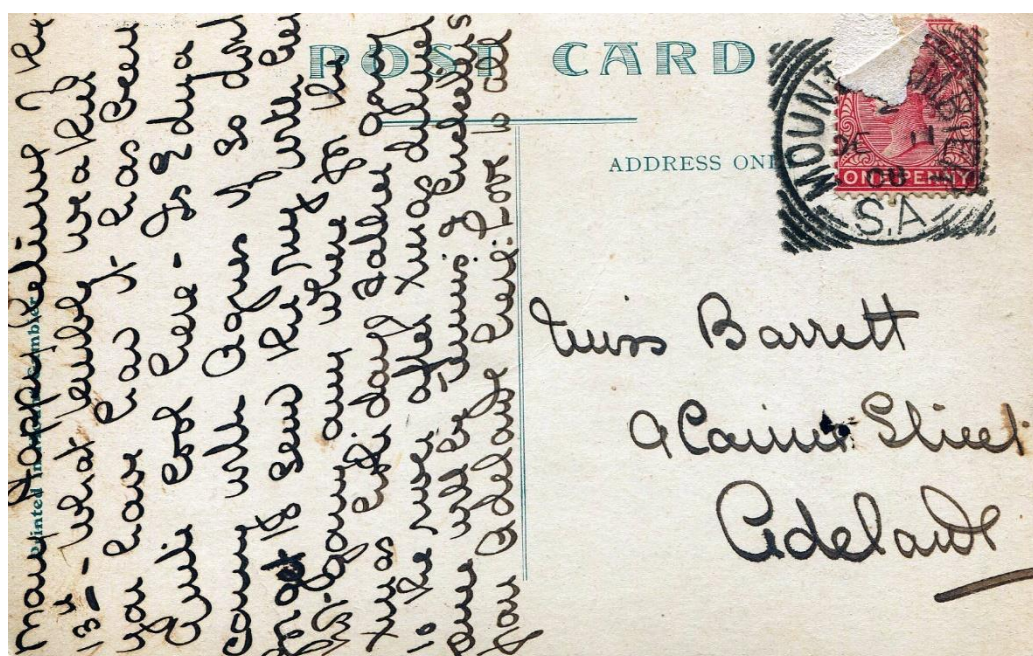
Two children came from this union, Jack Meincke (1914) and Joan Langdon. Jack and most of the extended family changed their surname to Langdon in 1915, to avoid anti-German sentiment during WW1. Joan was born in 1919, so avoided this change. The Meincke family have been the subject of a similar PDF show-casing Postcards from the early 1900's, and the two families are now connected through marriage. I am grateful that someone kept these Post Cards for over 110 years.

Effie lived for 71 years, dying in October 1956, in Adelaide. Gordon died in 1964.

Many of the Postcards are addressed to Miss Effie Barrett at 9 Cairns Street, Adelaide. Others were addressed to her c/o Balfour's Café. This is the front of the Cairns Street house, but it seems to have been significantly upgraded and extended inside. You should be able to see photos in Google (or your search engine) by searching on the street address.



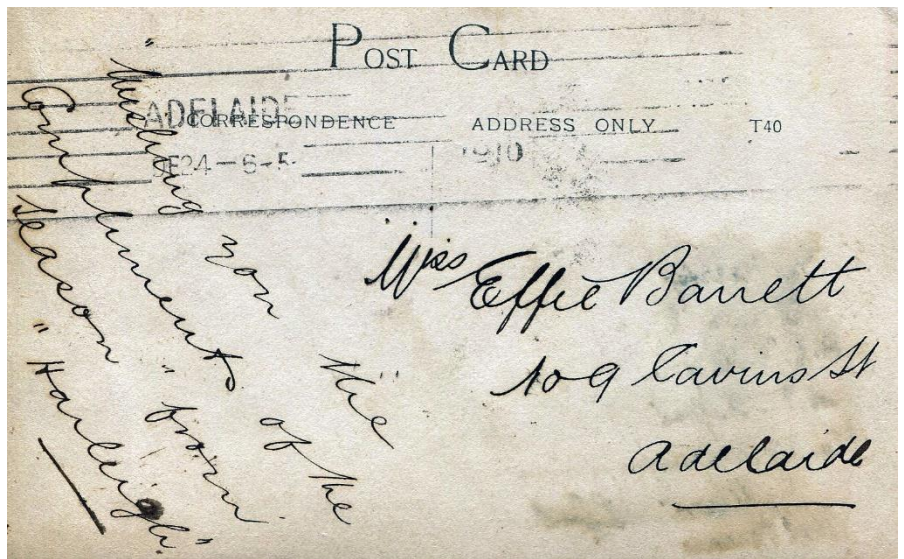
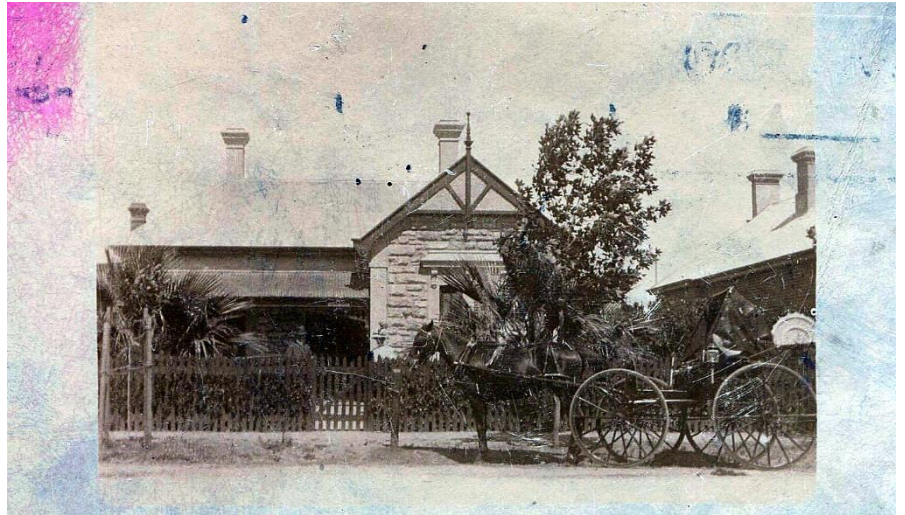
Commercial St, Mt Gambier.



To: Miss Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide.

Many happy returns of the 13th – what terrible weather you have had it has been quite cool here – is Edna coming with Agnes if so don't forget to send the – with Gert. Not going anywhere for the Xmas holidays. Father going to the river after Xmas duties. Once will by trains & - from Adelaide here. Love to all.

Probably the property Harleigh'.



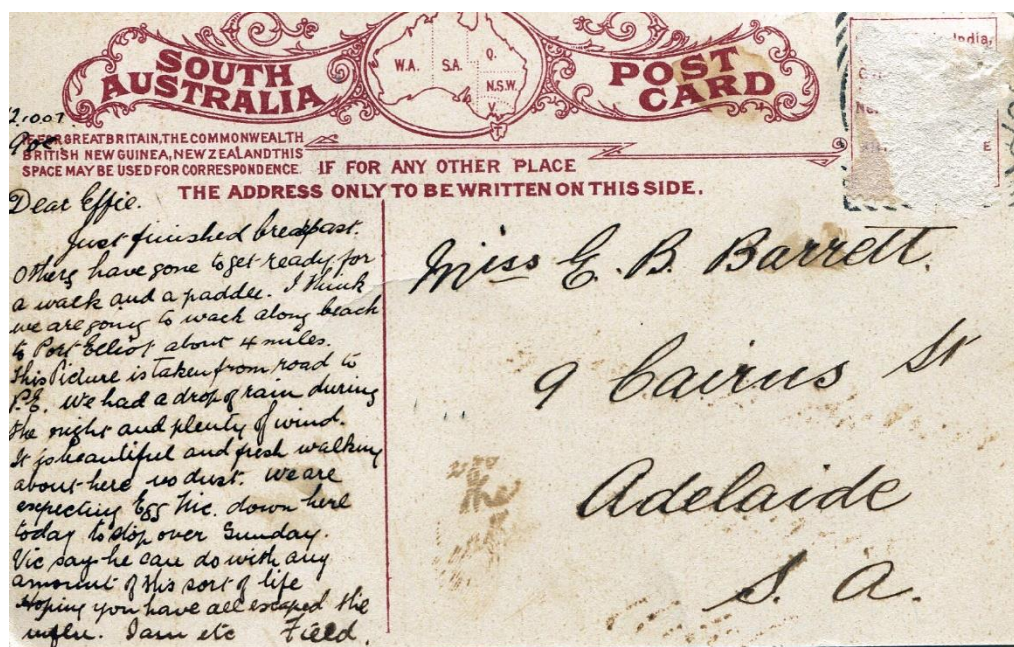
To: Miss Effie Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide

Wishing you the compliments of the season from "Harleigh".

The Bluff, Port Victor and Hindmarsh River, South Aust.



THE BLUFF, PORT VICTOR, AND HINDMARSH RIVER, SOUTH AUST.



To: Miss E B Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide SA.
12 October 1907.

Dear Effie,

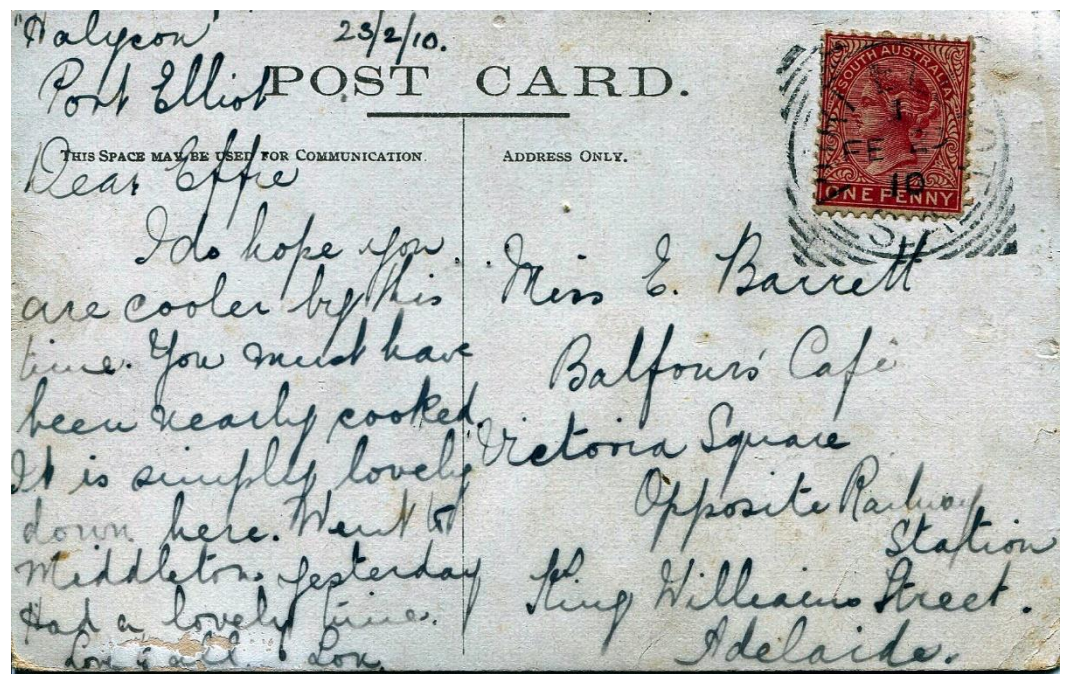
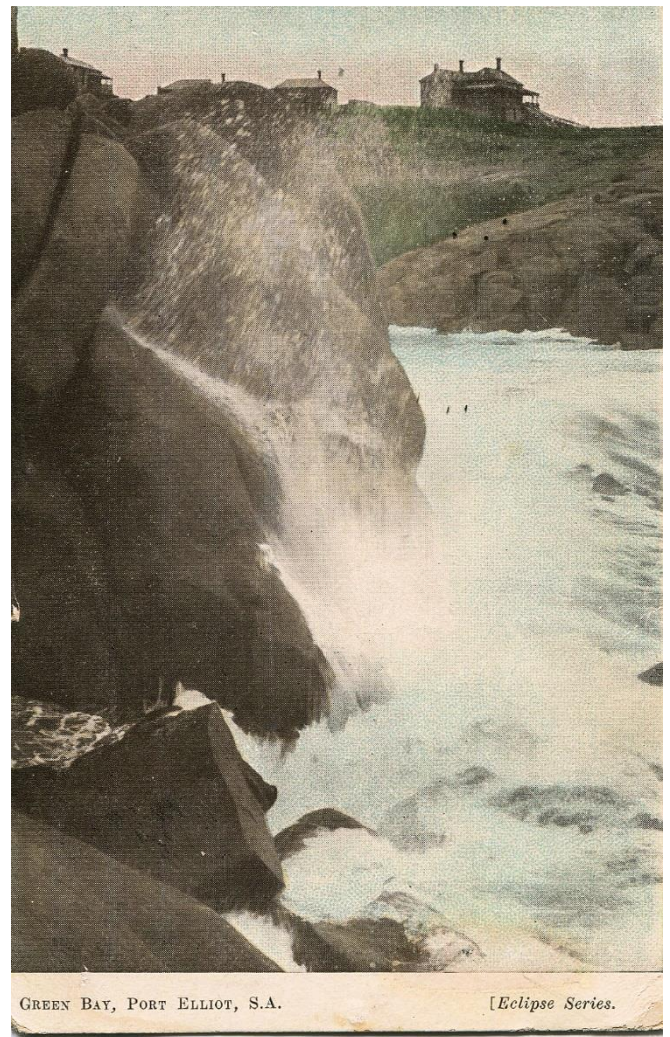
Just finished breakfast. Others have gone to get ready for a walk and a paddle. I think we are going to walk along the beach to Port Elliot about 4 miles. This picture is taken from the road to P E. We had a drop of rain during the night and plenty of wind. It is beautiful and fresh walking about here no dust. We are expecting - - down here today to stop over Sunday. Vic says he can do with any amount of this sort of life. Hoping you have all escaped the flu[?]. I am etc Field.

Green Bay, Port Elliot, S.A.

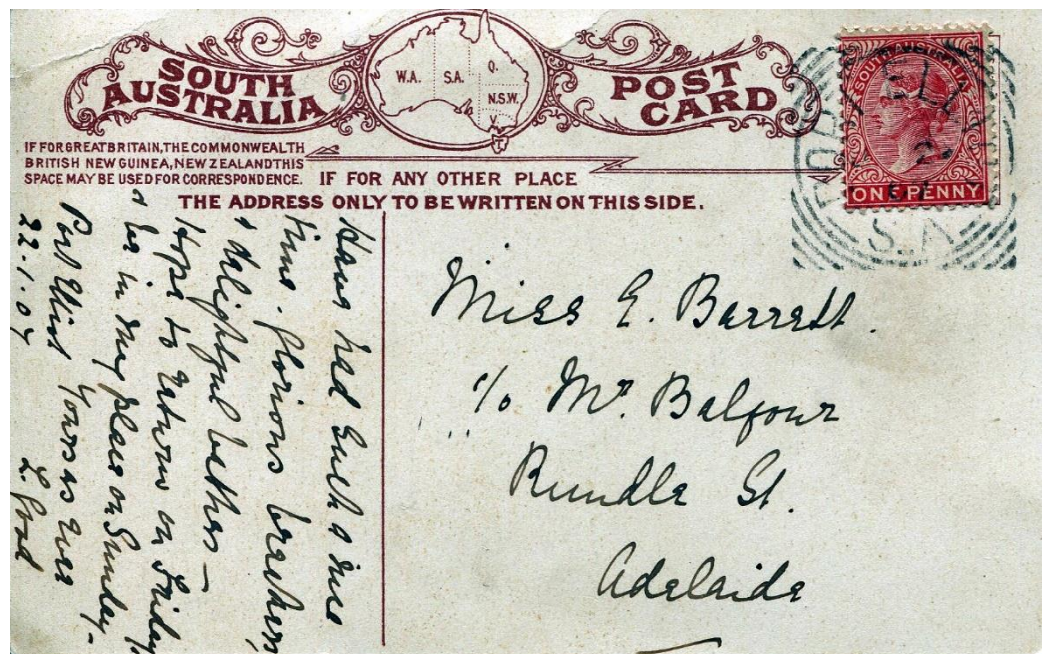
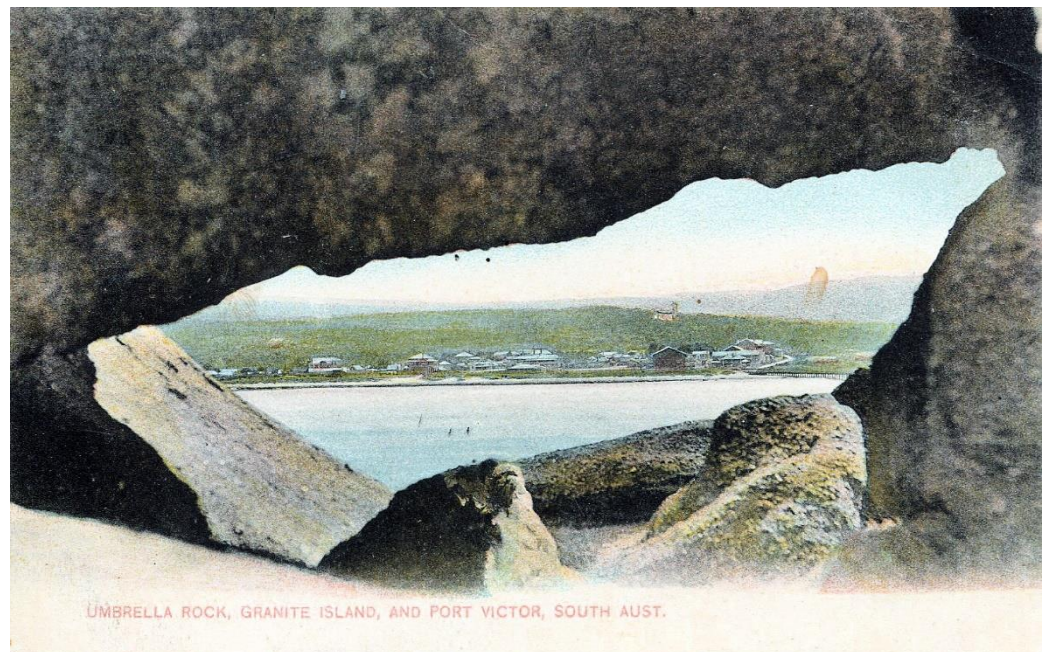
To: Miss E Barrett
Balfour's Café
Victoria Square, opposite Railway Station
King William Street, Adelaide
23 February 1910

Halycon, Port Elliot
Dear Effie

I do hope you are cooler by this time. You must have been really cooked. It is simply lovely down here. Went to Middleton yesterday. Had a lovely time. Love to all, Lor.



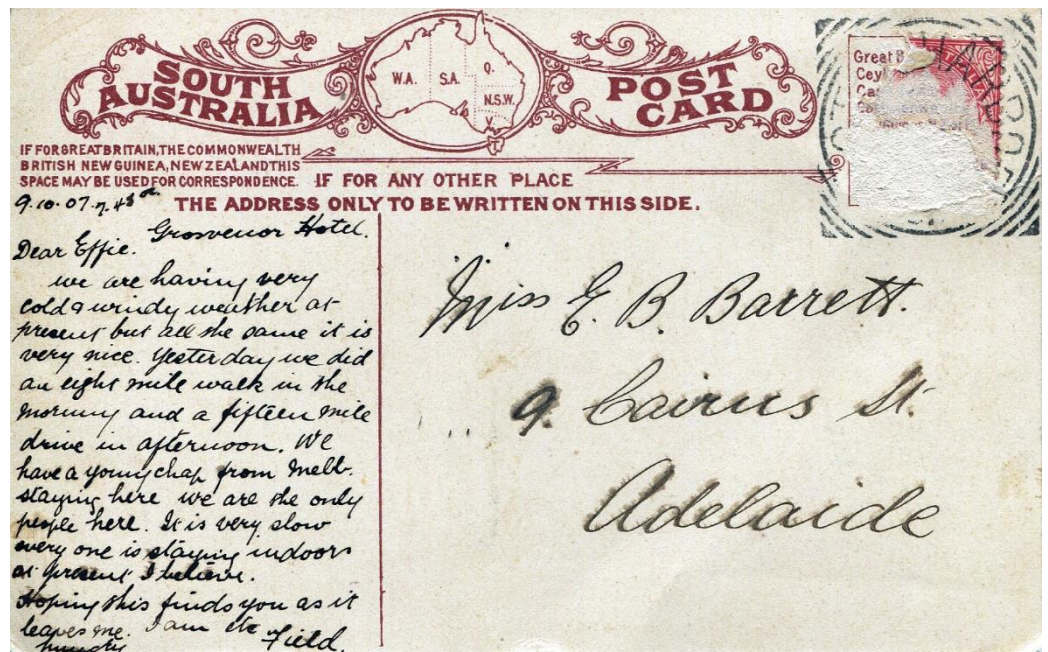
Umbrella Rock, Granite
Island and Port Victor, South
Australia



To: Miss E Barrett
c/o Mr Balfour
Rundle Street
Adelaide
22 January 1907, Port Elliot.

Have had such a nice time. Glorious breakers and delightful weather. Hope to return on Friday and be in my place on Sunday. Yours as ever. L Goad

Port Victor, South Aust.
[Granite Island]



To: Miss E B Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide.
9 October 1907.

Grosvenor Hotel.
Dear Effie

We are having very cold and windy weather at present but all the same it is very nice. Yesterday we did an 8 mile walk in the morning and a 15 mile drive in afternoon. We have a young chap from Melbourne staying here. We are the only people here. It is very slow everyone is staying indoors at present I believe. Hoping this finds you as it leaves me presently. I am etc.,
Field

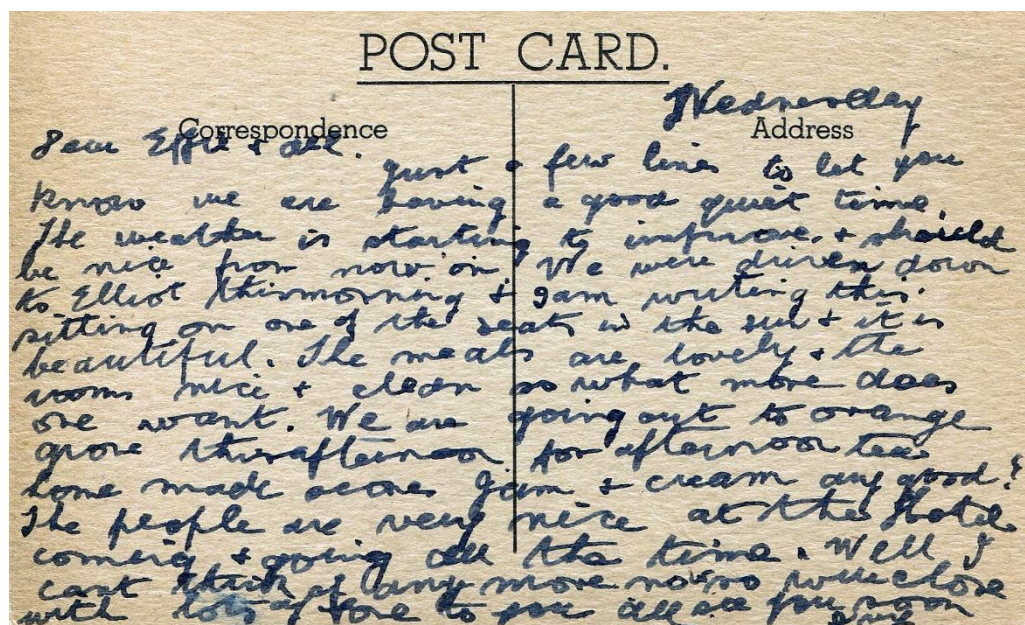
At Port Elliot, South
Australia



To: Miss E Barratt
Cairns Street
Adelaide

Am just sending a card in case you may think I had forgotten you. Hope you are quite well, it is lovely here today.
Yours as ever, L F.
7 February 1906, Port Elliot.

The causeway, Victor Harbour.



To:

Wednesday

Dear Effie and all,

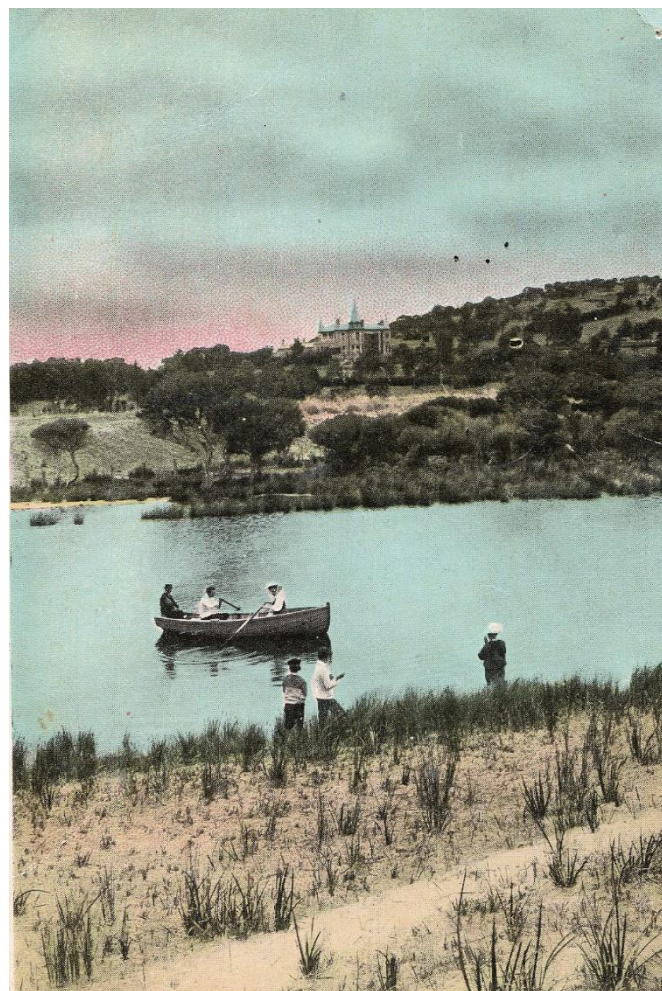
Just a few lines to let you know we are having a good quiet time. The weather is starting to improve and should be nice from now on. We were driven down to Elliot this morning & 9am writing this sitting on one of the seats in the sun & it is beautiful. The meals are lovely & the rooms nice and clean so what more does one want. We are going out to Orange Grove this afternoon for afternoon tea home made scones jam & cream any good? The people are very nice at the hotel coming & going all the time. Well I can't think of any more news so will close with lots of love to you all. See you soon. Ivy.

On the Hindmarsh River, Port Victor.

To: Mrs Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide S A

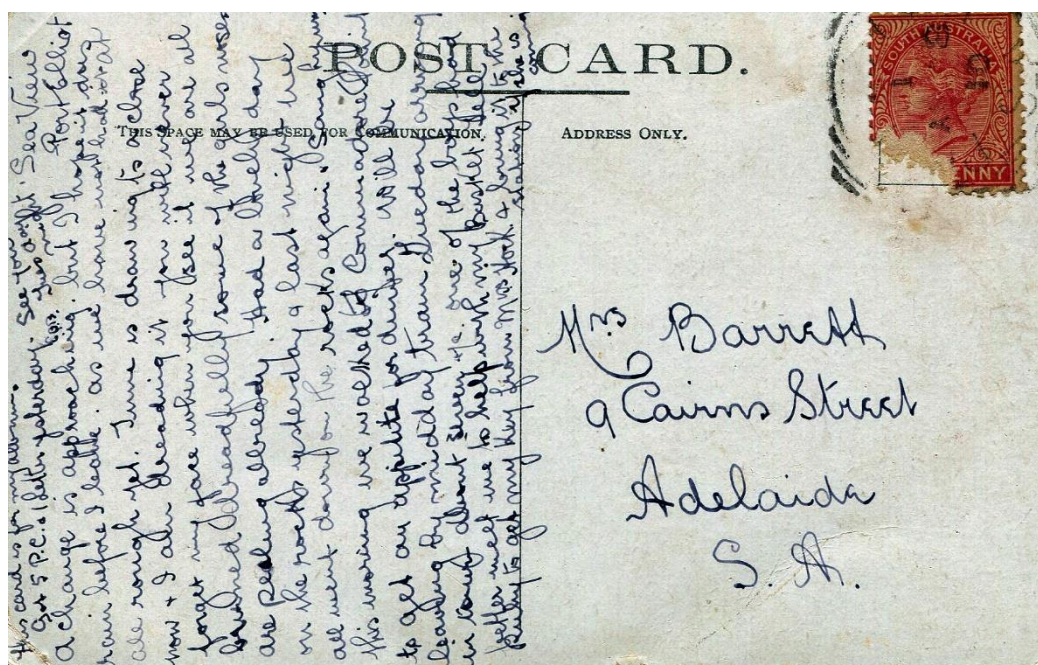
Seaview, Port Elliot

This card is for my album. Got 5 PC & 1 letter yesterday. A change is approaching but I hope it does rain before I leave here, as we have not had it at all rough yet. Time is drawing to a close now and I am dreading it. You will never forget my face when you see it we are all burned dreadfully so we of the girls noses are peeling already. Had a lovely day on the rocks yesterday & last night. We all went down on the rocks again and sang hymns. This morning we walked to Commodore Point to get an appetite for dinner. Will be leaving by the midday train Tuesday arriving in town about 7pm. One of the boys had better meet me to help with my basket. Tell Ruby to get my key from Mrs Hock and bring it to the station if she is coming. See you Tuesday night.

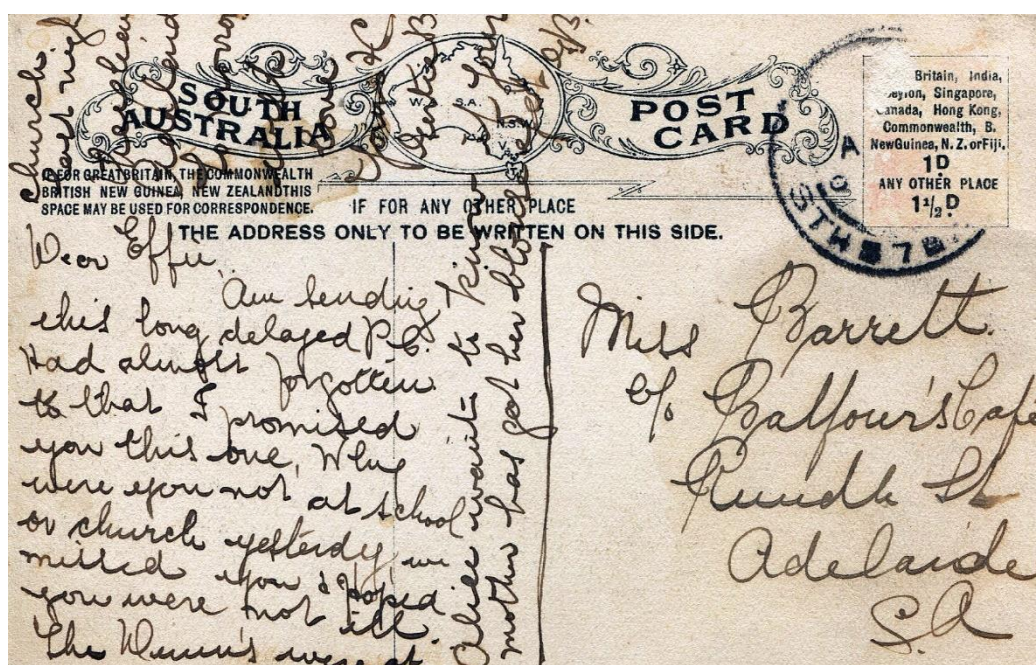
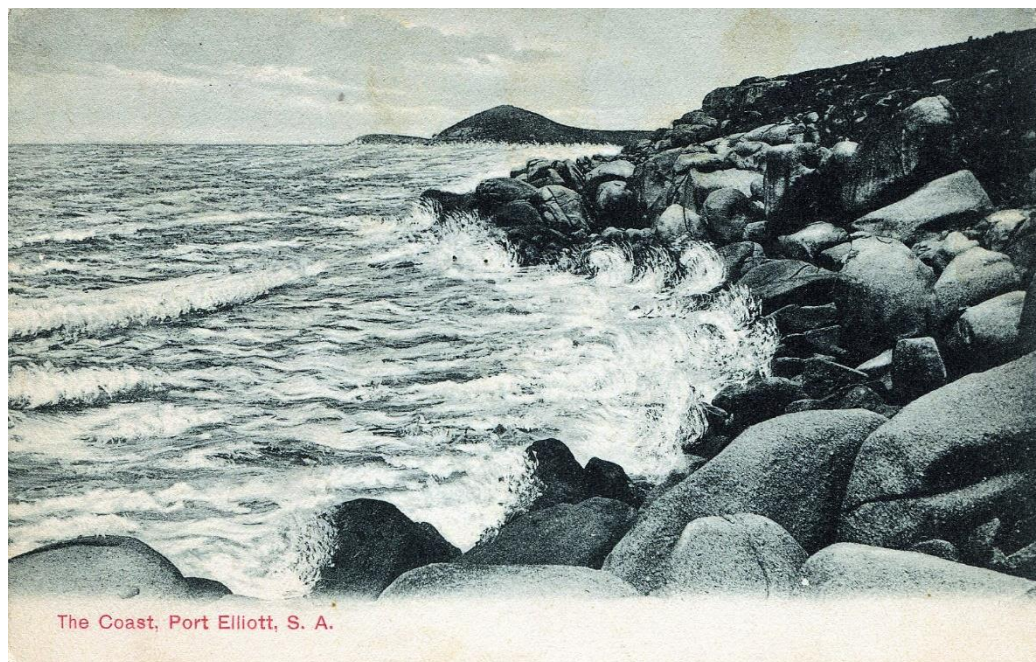


ON THE HINDMARSH RIVER, PORT VICTOR.

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The Coast, Port Elliot SA.

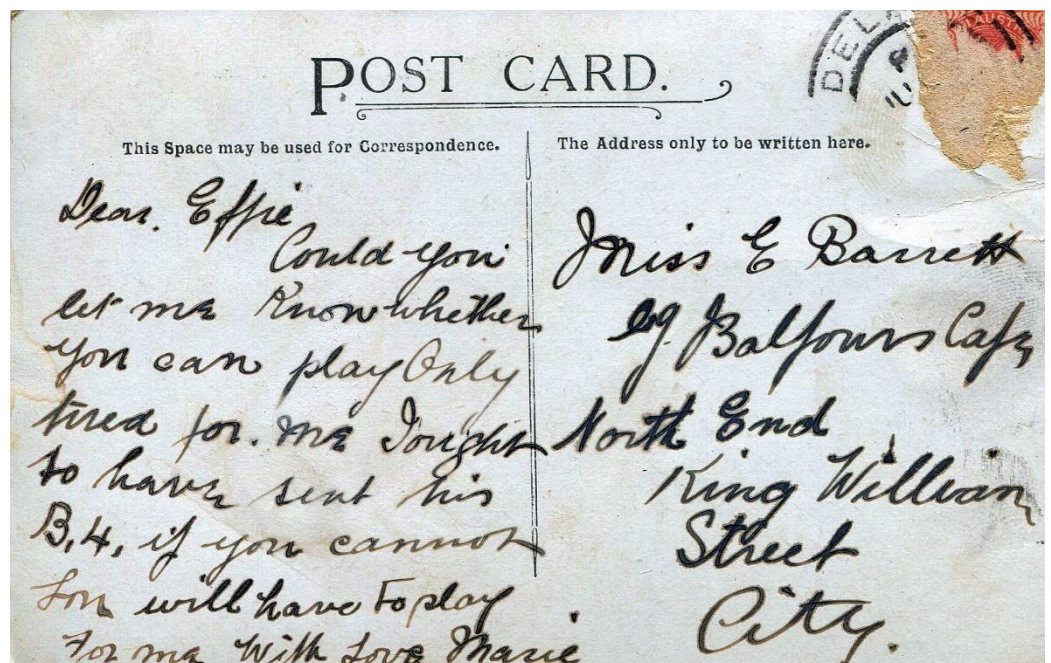


To: Miss Barrett
c/o Balfour's Café
Rundle Street
Adelaide

Dear Effie

Am sending this long delayed PC. Had almost forgotten that I promised you this one. Why were you not at school or church yesterday, we missed you and hoped you were not ill. The Dunn's were at Church last night. They leave Adelaide tomorrow. To all love, yours etc Gertie B
p.s Alice wants to know if your mother has got here blouse yet. GB

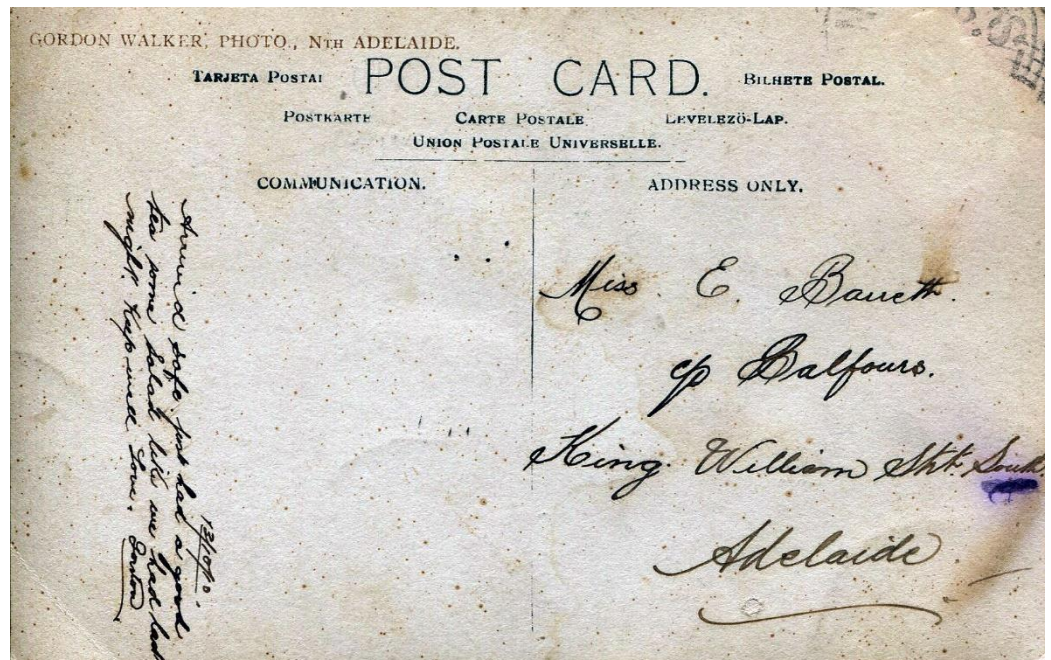
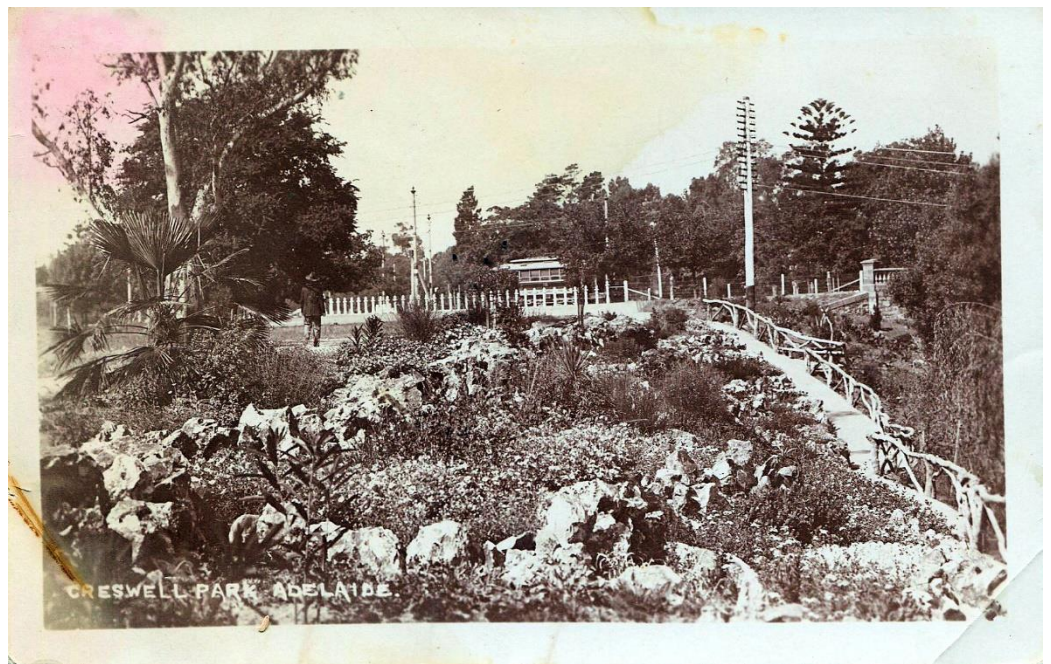
GPO Adelaide
South Australia



To: Miss E Barrett
c/o Balfour's Café
North End King William Street
City.

Dear Effie,
Could you let me know whether you can play only tried for me. I ought to have sent this b4, if you cannot SM will have to play for me. With love, Marie.

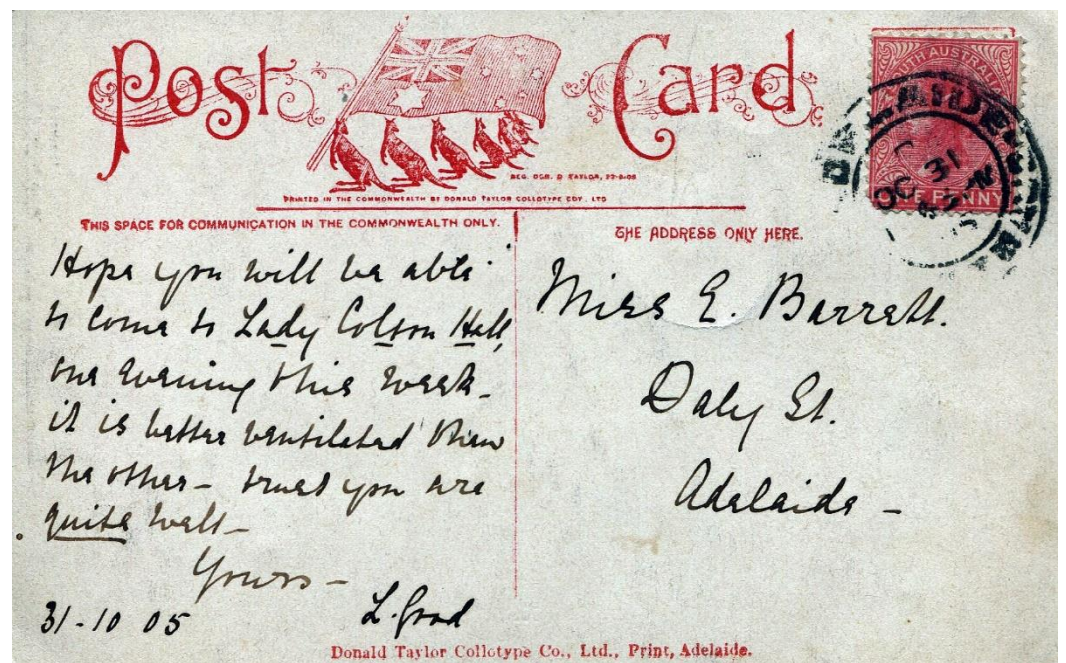
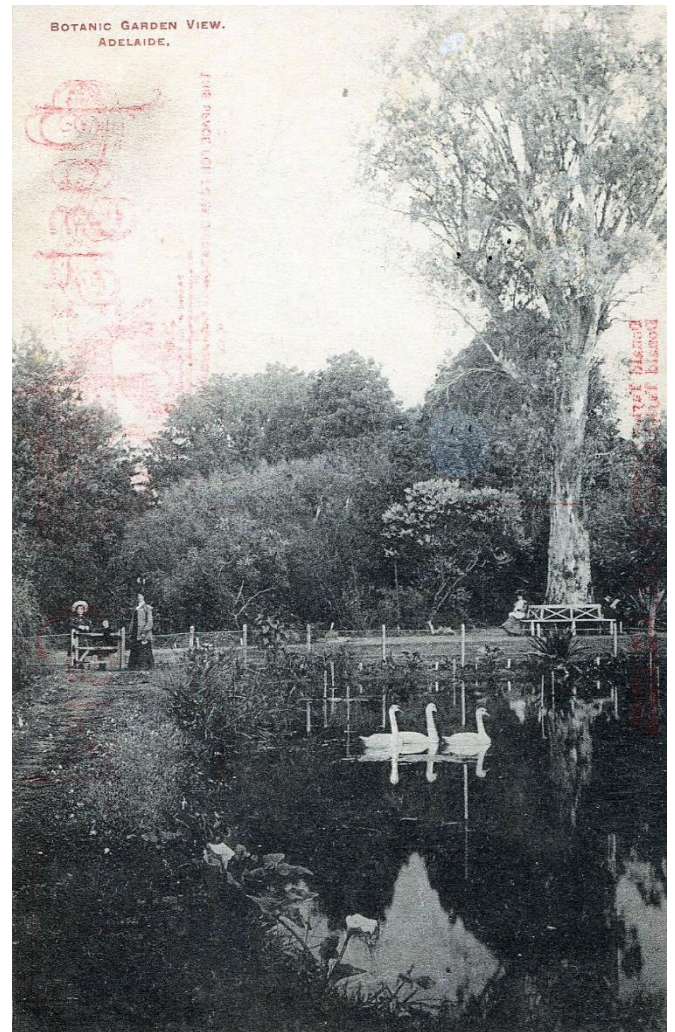
Cresswell Park, Adelaide.



To: Miss E Barrett
c/o Balfours
King William Street South
Adelaide
13 October 1910

Arrived safe. Just had a good tea some salad like we had last night. Keep well. Love, Gordon [Langdon].

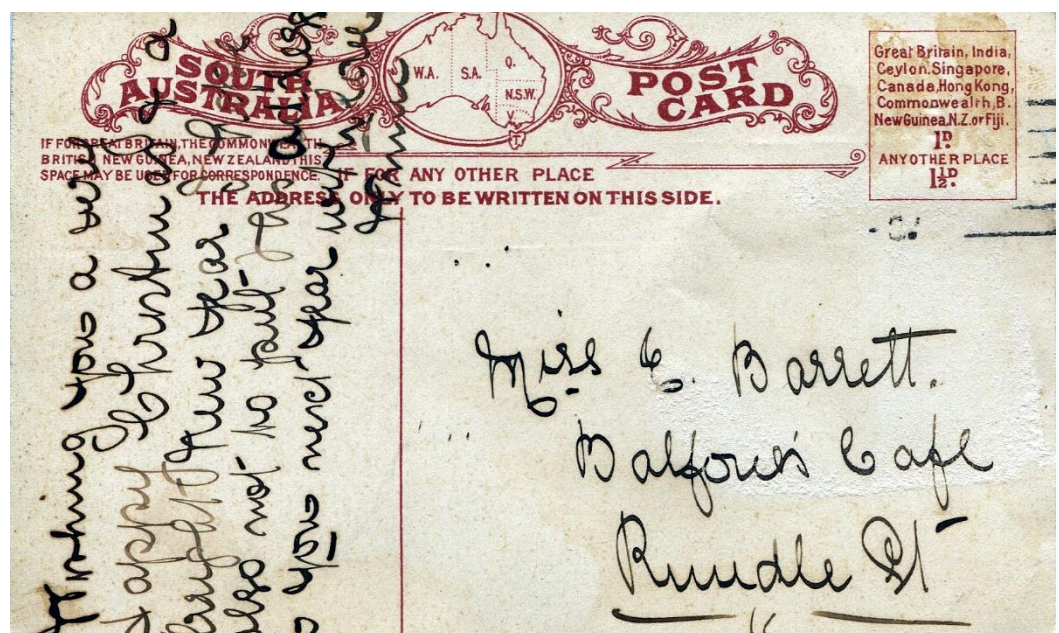
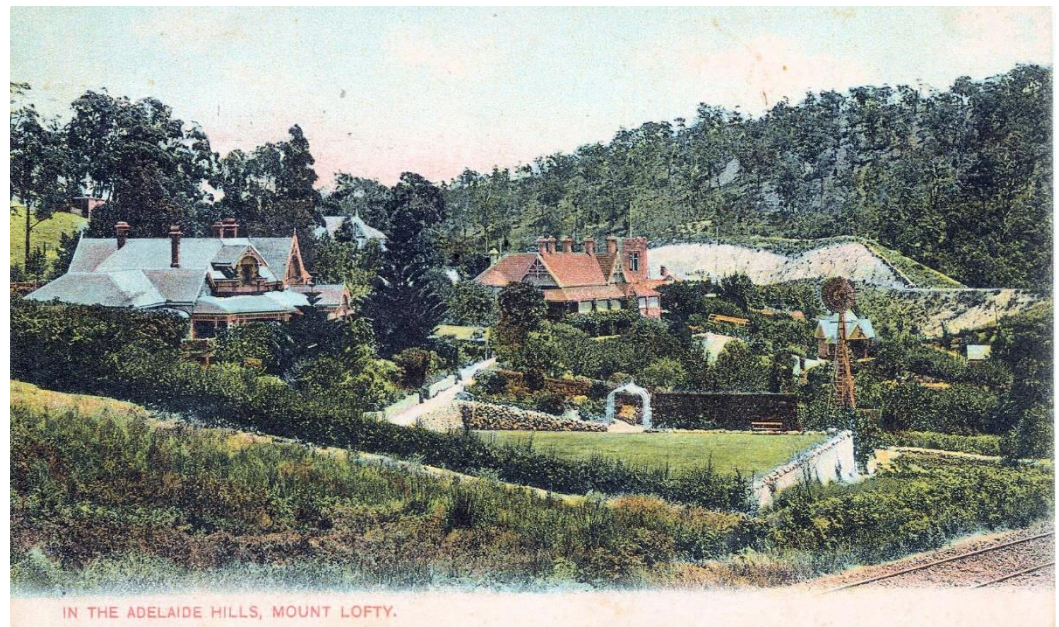
Botanic Garden view, Adelaide.



To: Miss E Barrett
Daly Street
Adelaide
31 October 1905

Hope you will be able to come to Lady Colson Hall one evening this week. It is better ventilated than the other – trust you are quite well. Yours L Grad[??]

In the Adelaide Hills,
Mount Lofty



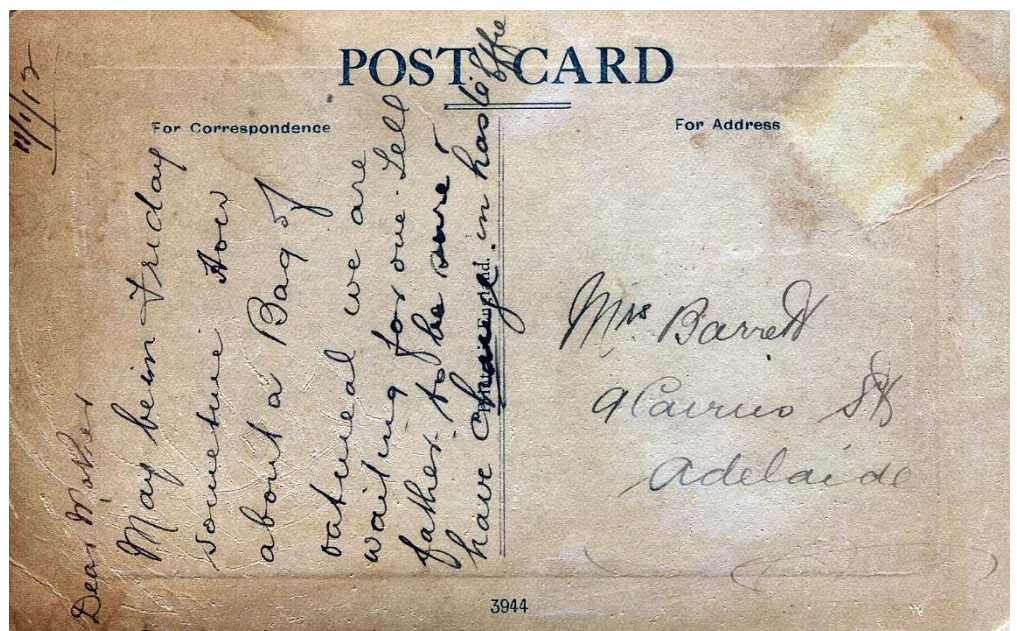
To: Miss E Barrett
Balfours Café
Rundle Street

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year. I hope also not to fault this address to you next year.
With love Minnie[??]

Mount Pleasant SA



Mount Pleasant, S.A.



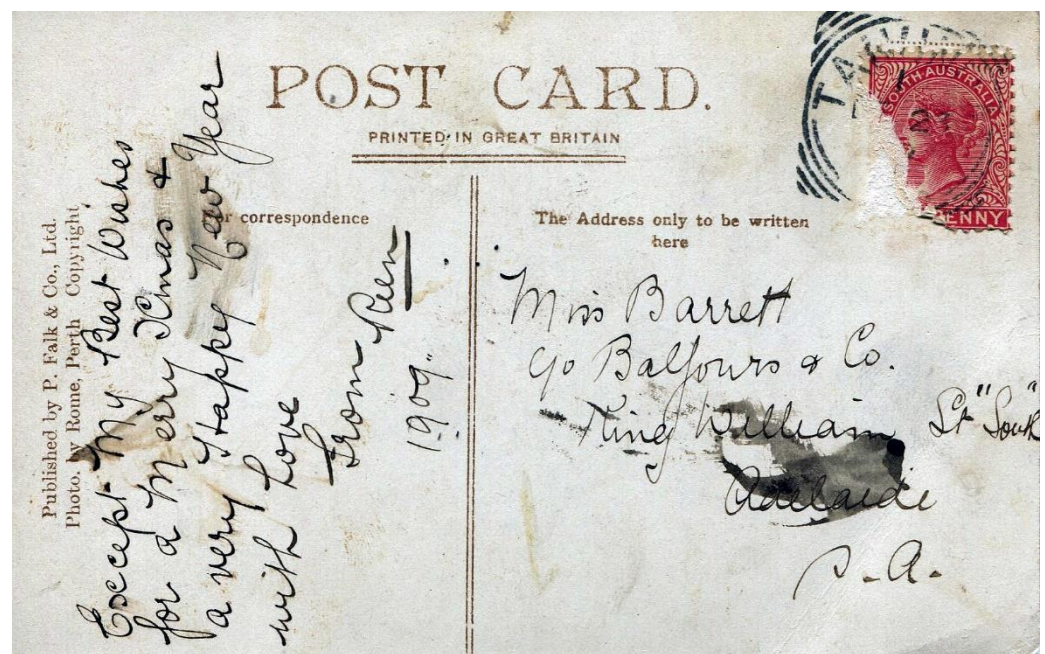
To: Mrs Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide
11 January 1912

Dear Mother

May be in Friday sometime. How about a bag of oatmeal we are waiting for one. Tell father to be sure & have change in haste.

Effie

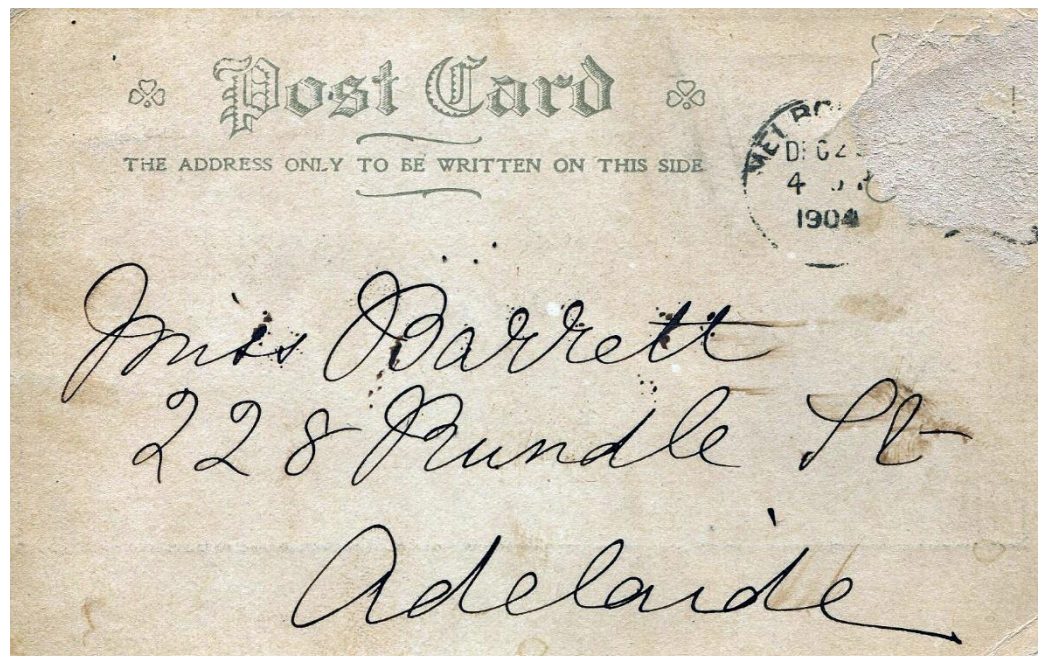
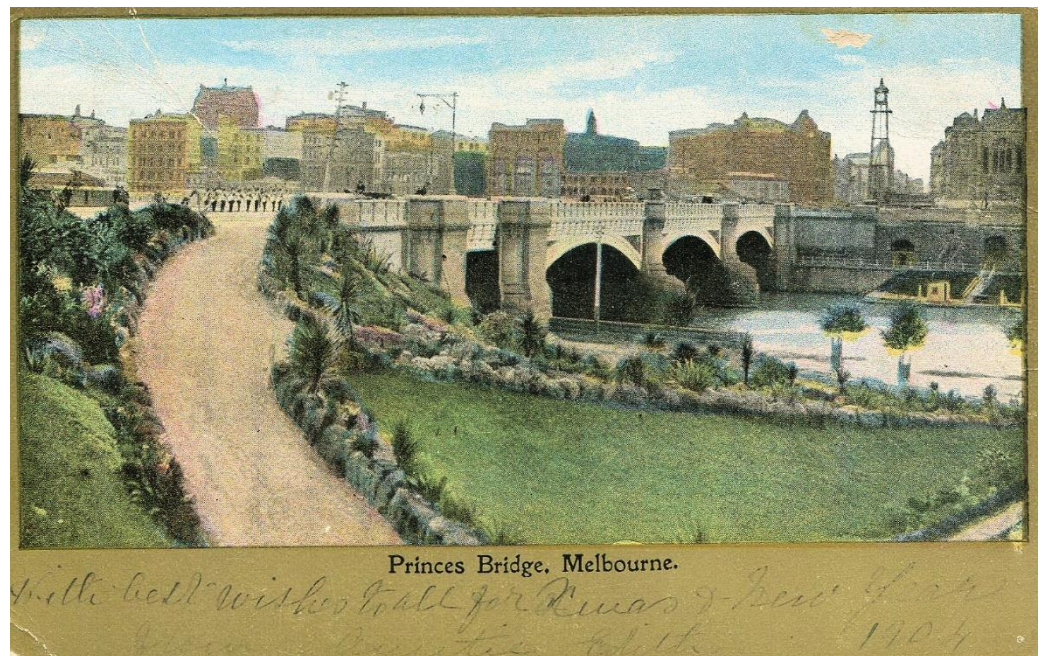
Congregational Church, Perth WA.



To: Miss Barrett
C/o Balfours & Co
King William Street South
Adelaide SA
1909

Except my best wishes for a merry Xmas and a very happy New Year. With love, from Reen[??]

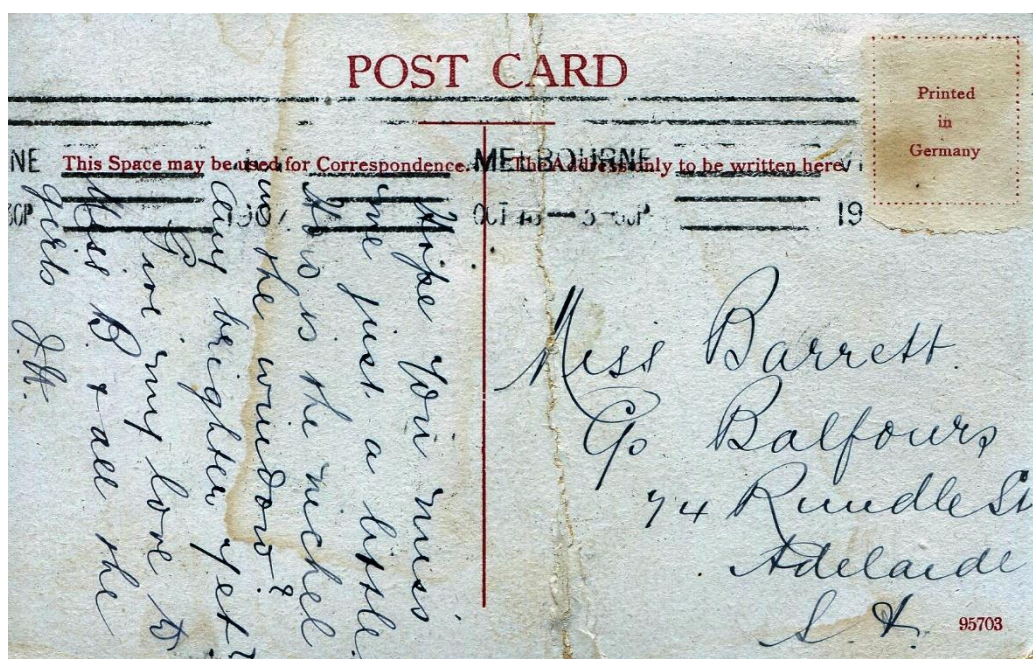
Princes Bridge, Melbourne



To: Miss Barrett
228 Rundle Street
Adelaide
December 1904

With best wishes to all for Xmas and New Year. – Aunty Edith.

Princes Bridge, Melbourne.

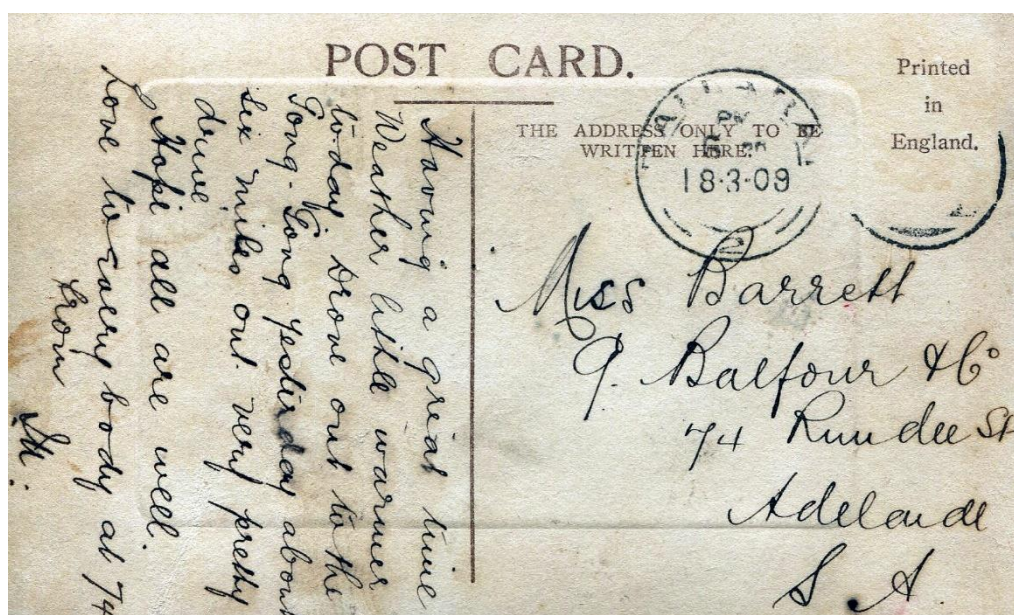


To: Miss Barrett
c/o Balfours
74 Rundle Street
Adelaide SA
18 March 1908

Hope you miss me just a little. How is the nichel in the window? Any brighter yet? Give my love to Miss B and all the girls.

JH

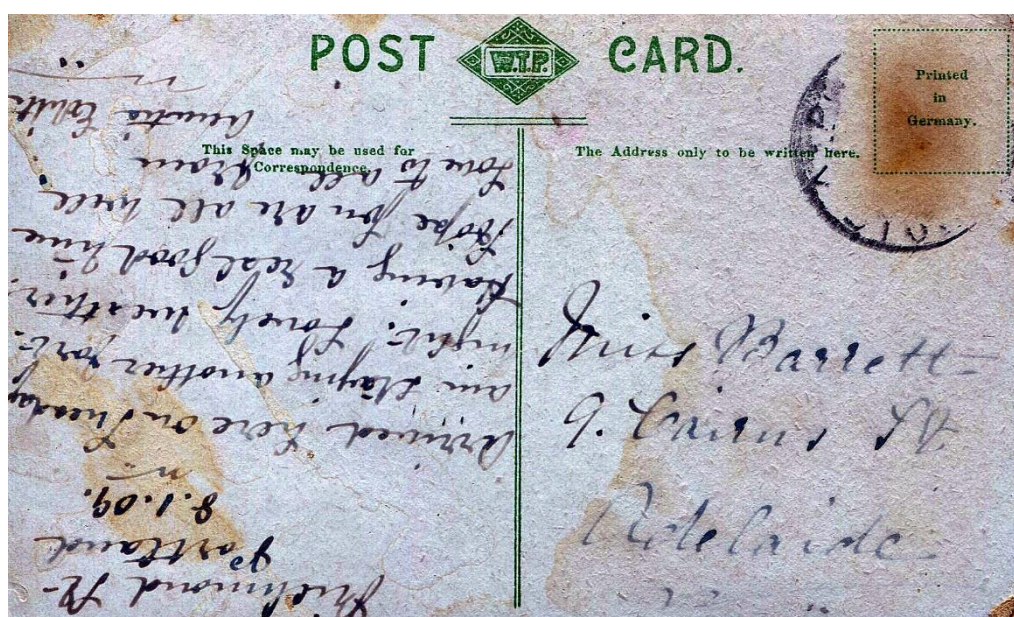
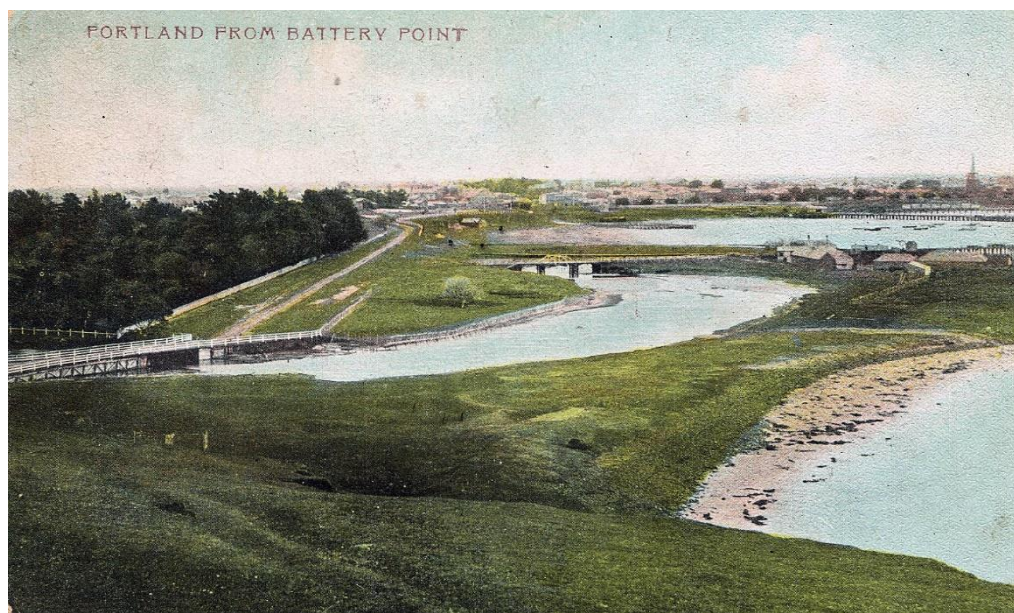
Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.



To: Miss Barrett
c/o Balfours & Co

74 R Having a great time. Weather little warmer today. Drove out to the Gong Gong yesterday about 6 miles out a very pretty drive. Hope all are well. Love to everybody at 74. JH.

Portland from Battery Point.

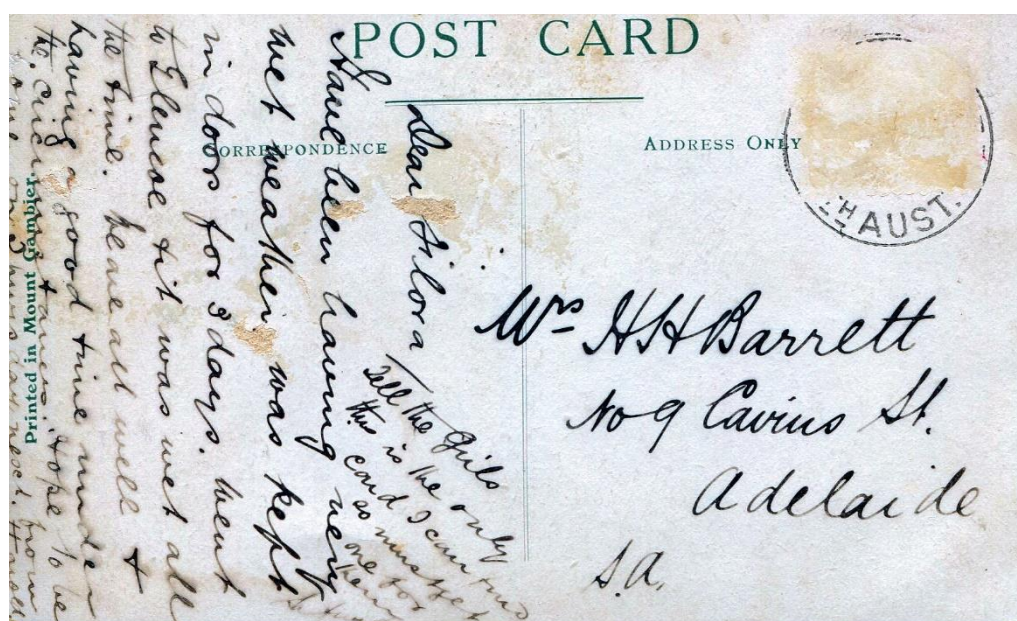
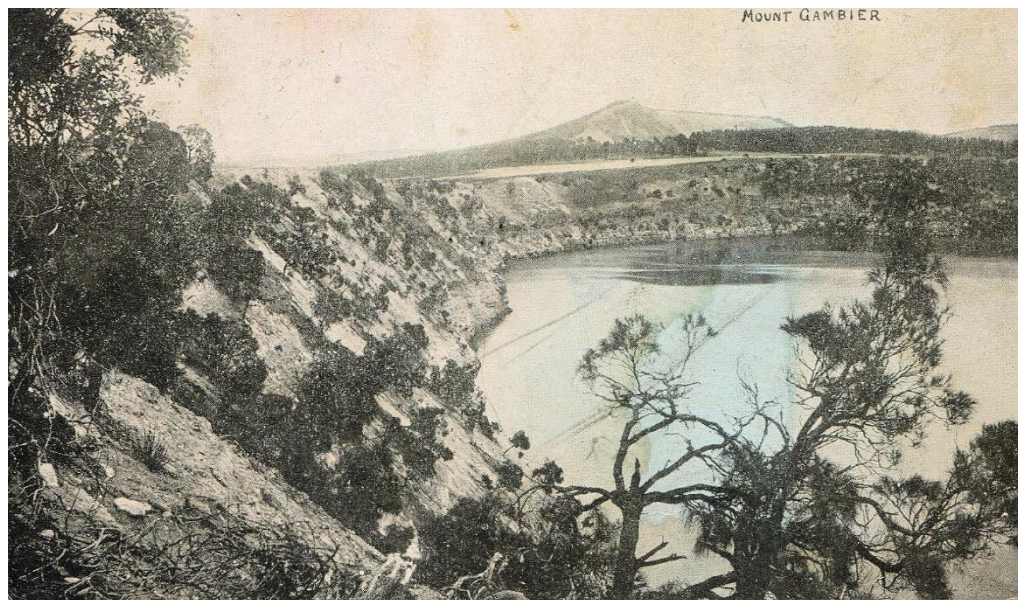


To: Miss Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide

Richmond Street
Portland
8 January 1909

Arrived here on Tuesday am staying another fortnight. Lovely weather. Having a real good time. Love to al from Auntie Edith.

Blue Lake, Mount Gambier.



To: Mrs H H Barrett
No 9 Cairns Street
Adelaide SA

Dear Flora

Have been having very wet weather was kept indoors for 3 days. Went to Glencoe & it was wet all the time. We are all well and having a good time under the circumstances. Hope to be home on Thursday next, from Harold.

PS Tell the girls this is the only card I can find so must get one for them.

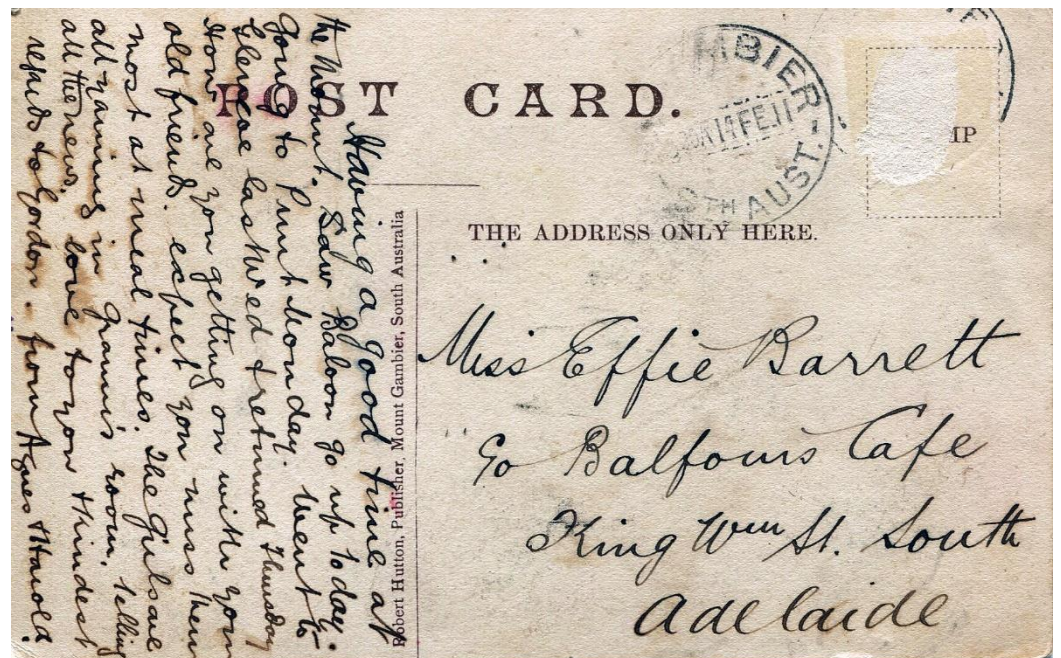
Valley Lake, Mount Gambier

To: Miss Effie Barrett
c/o Balfours Café
King William Stree South
Adelaide

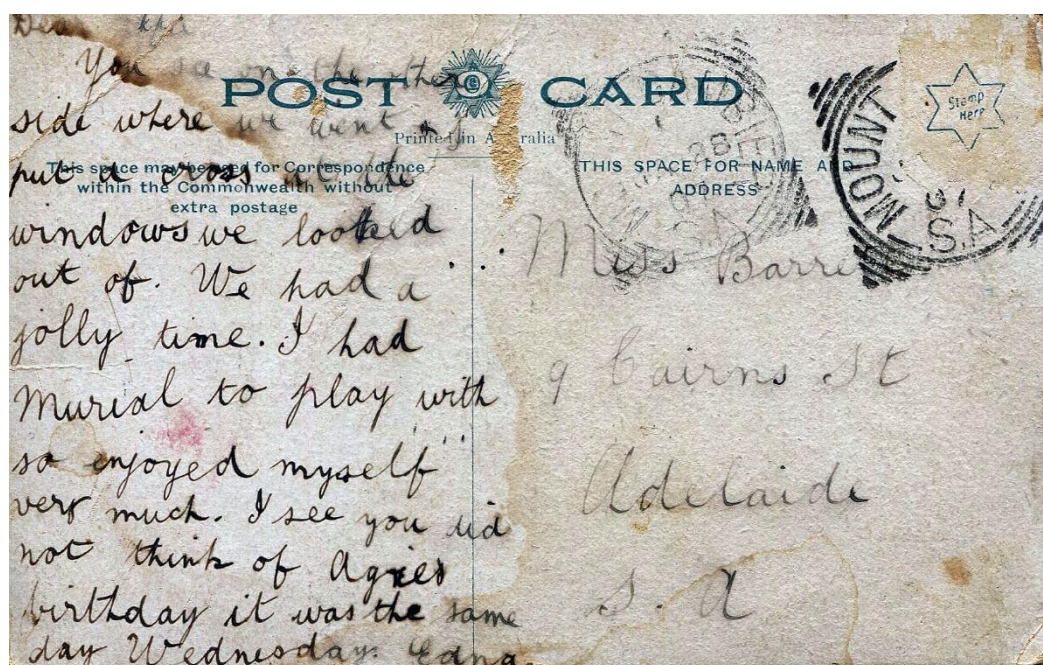
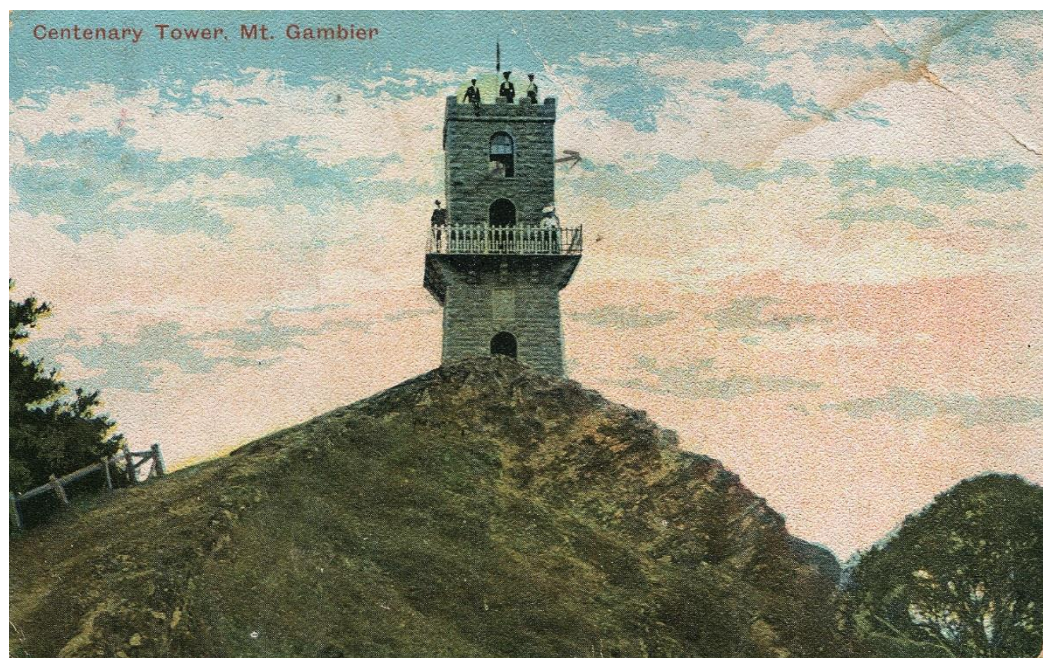
Having a good time at the Mount. Saw a balloon go up today. Goinf to punt Monday. Went to Glencoe last Wednesday & returned Thursday. How are you getting on with your old friends Expect you miss them most at meal times. The girls are all yarning in grannies room, telling all the news. Love to you and kindest regards to Gordon.
From Agnes & Harold.



Valley Lake, Mount Gambier



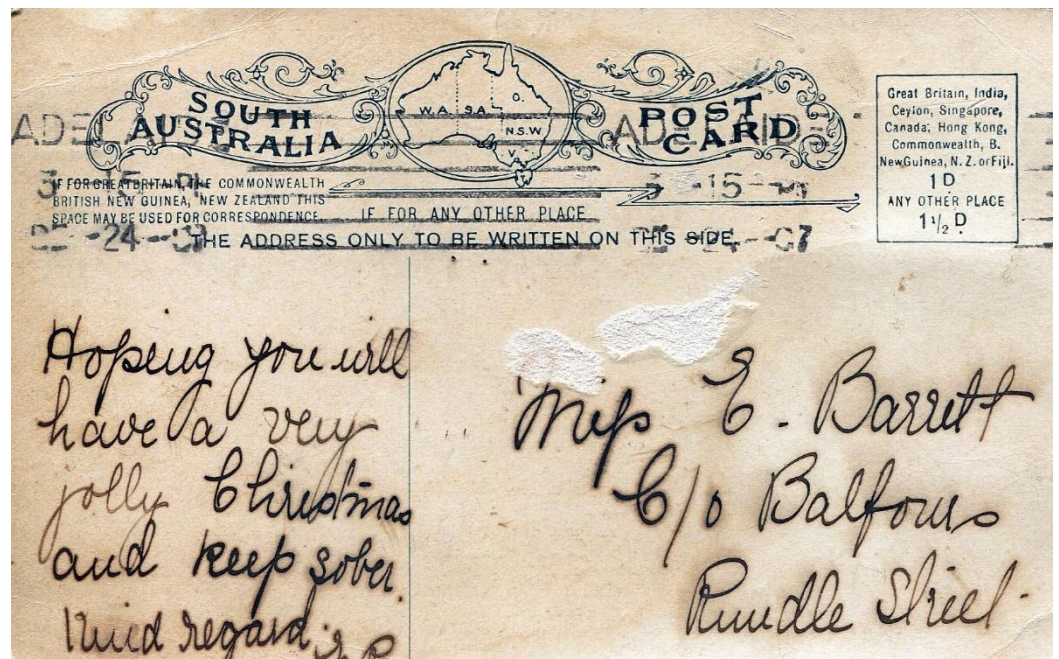
Centenary Tower, Mt Gambier.



To: Miss Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide SA

You see on the other side where we went and I put a cross at the windows we looked out of. We had a jolly time. I had Muriel to play with so enjoyed myself very much. I see you did not think of Agnes' birthday it was the same day Wednesday
Edna.

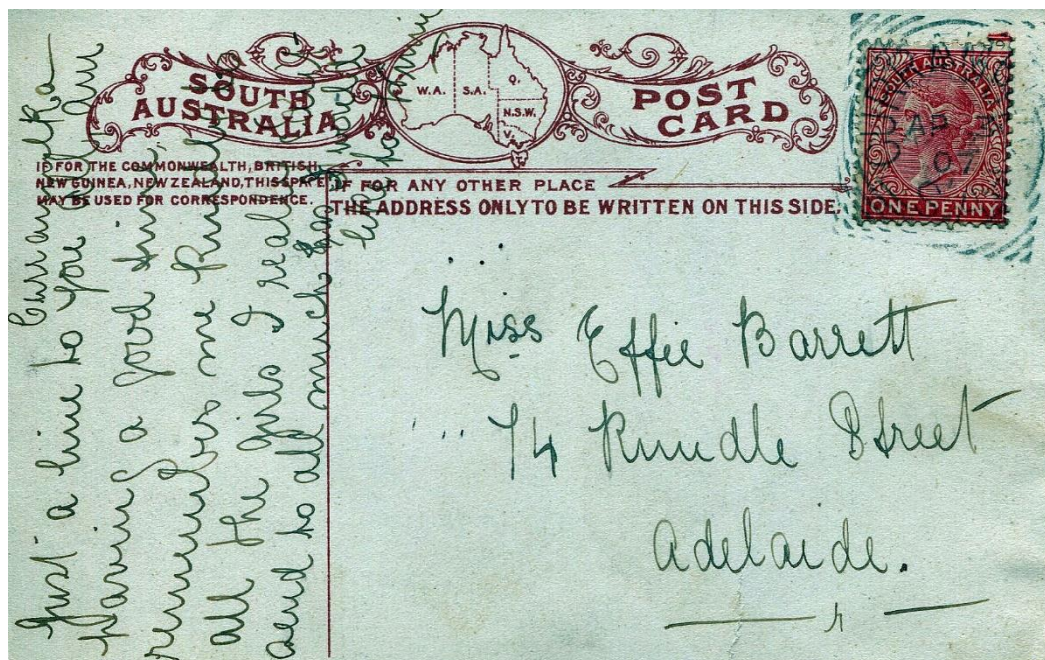
A country lane near
Adelaide.



To: Miss E Barrett
c/o Balfors
Rundle Street

Hoping you will have a very jolly Christmas and keep sober. Kind regards, E R.

Crafers SA.



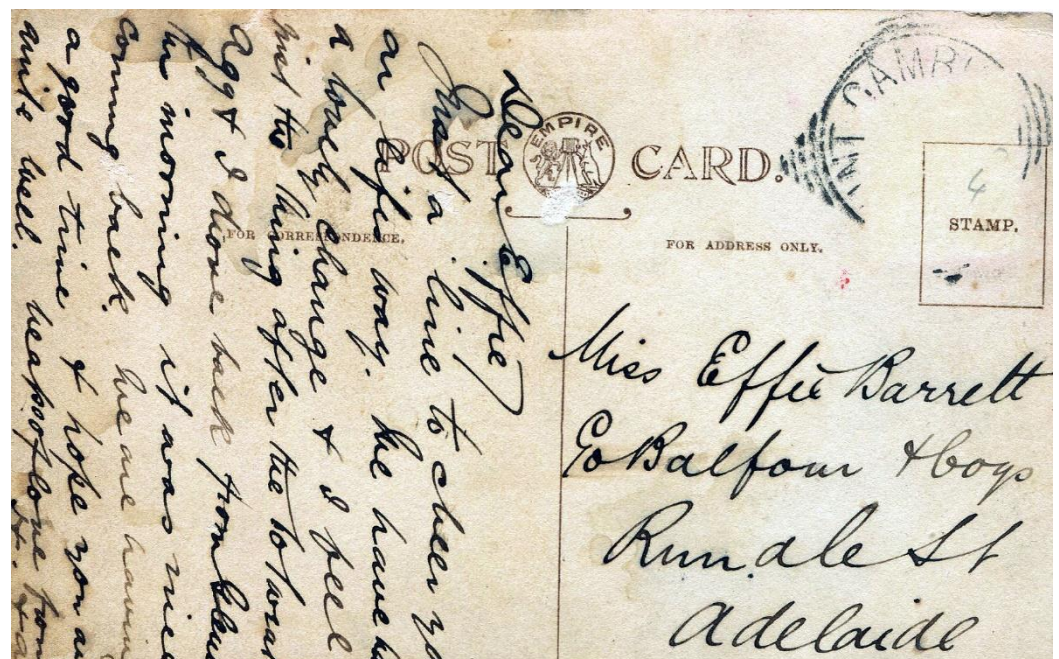
To: Miss Effie Barrett
74 Rundle Street
Adelaide
3 April 1907

Curramulka

Just a line to you all having a good time. Remember me Rundty[??] to all the girls. I really can't send to all much as I would like for sure to -.

King William Street, looking south.

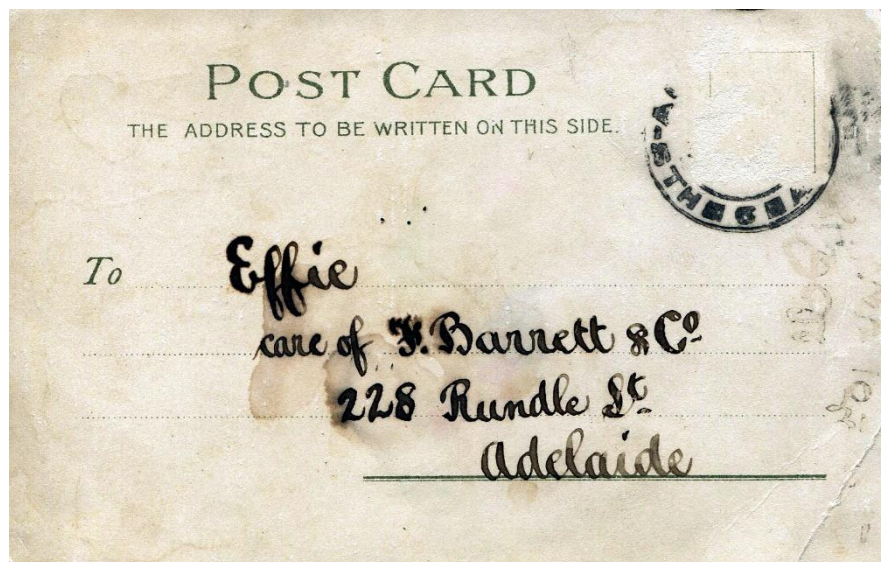
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To: Miss Effie Barrett
c/o Balfour & Coy
Rundle Street
Adelaide

Dear Effie

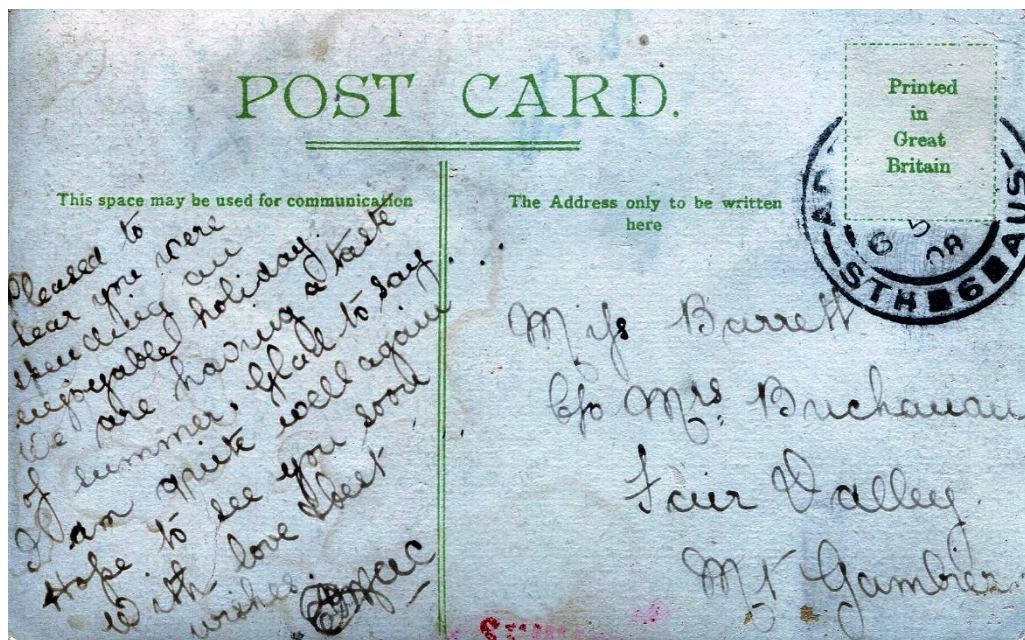
Just a line to cheer you on life's way. We have had a lovely change & I feel just the thing after the – vacation. Agg & I drove back from Glencoe this morning it was nice coming back. We are having a good time & hope you are quite well. Heaps of love, from H & A.



To: Effie
care of F Barrett & Co
228 Rundle Street
Adelaide

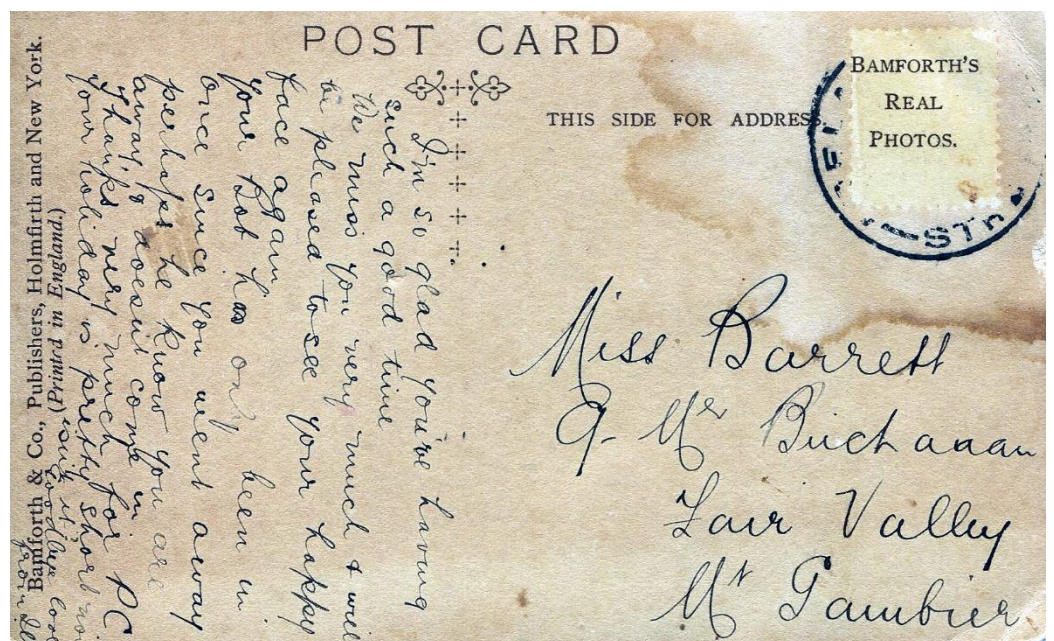
Xmas greetings. Yours ever.

General Post Office, Adelaide



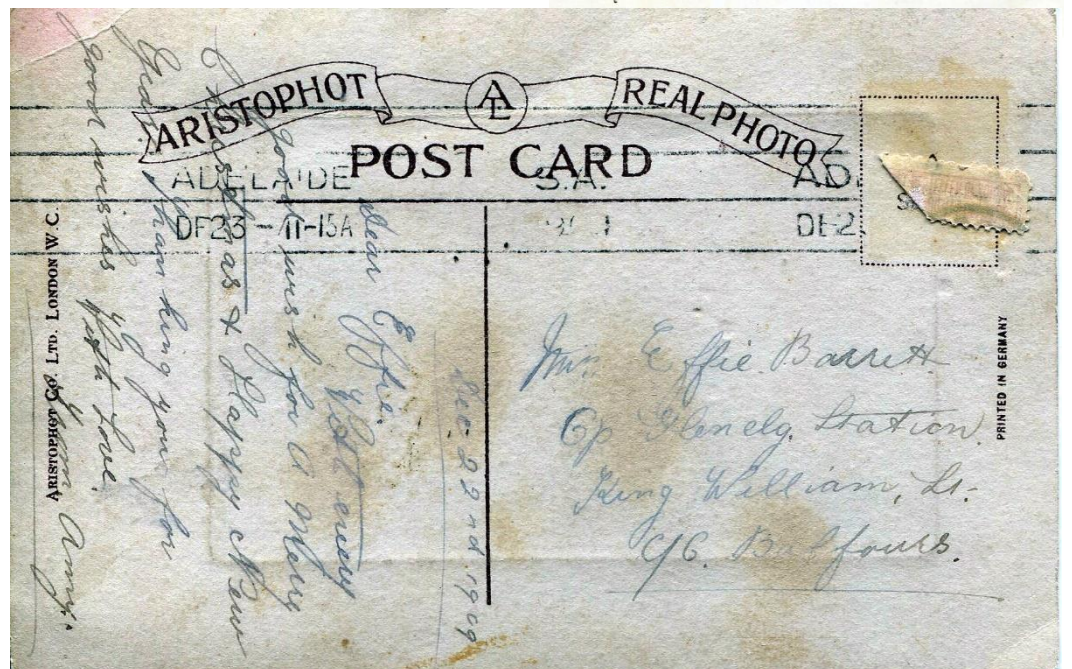
To: Miss Barrett
c/o Mrs Buchanan
Fair Valley
Mt Gambier

Pleased to hear you are spending an enjoyable holiday. We are having a taste of summer. Glad to say I am quite well again. Hope to see you soon. With love & best wishes.
MAC[??]



To: Miss Barrett
 c/o Mr Buchanan
 Fair Valley, Mt Gambier.

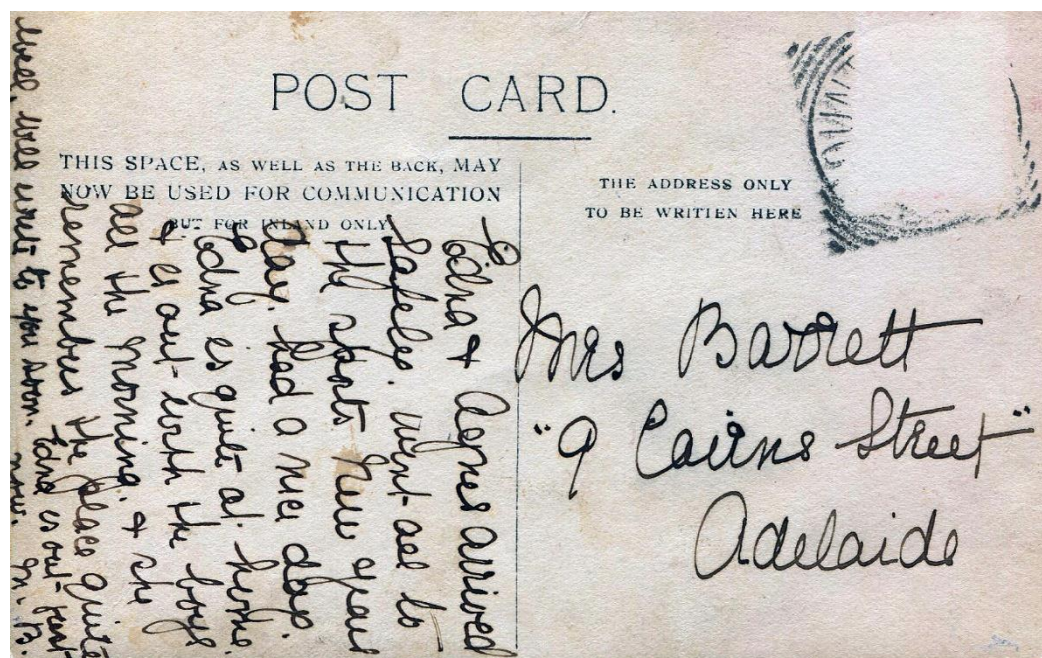
I am so glad you are having such a good time. We miss you very much & will be pleased to see your happy face again. Your Bob has only been in once since you went away, perhaps he knows you are away, and doesn't come in. Thanks very much for PC. Your holiday is pretty short now isn't it. Goodbye love from all.



To: Miss Effie Barrett
 c/o Balfours
 Op Glenelg Station
 King William Street
 22 December 1909

Dear Effie,
 Just a very good wish for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Thanking you for good wishes. With love, From Amy.

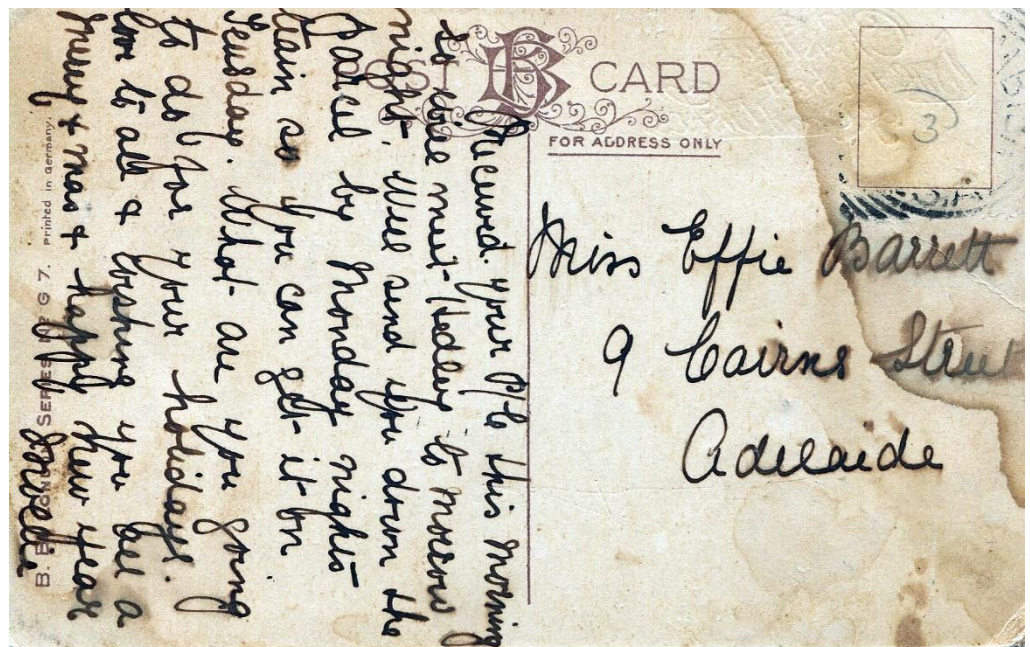
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To: Mrs Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide

Edna & Agnes arrived safely. Went all to the sports New Year's day, had a nice day. Edna is quite at home and out with the boys all the morning, and she remembers the place quite well. Will write to you soon. Edna is out just now.
M & B.

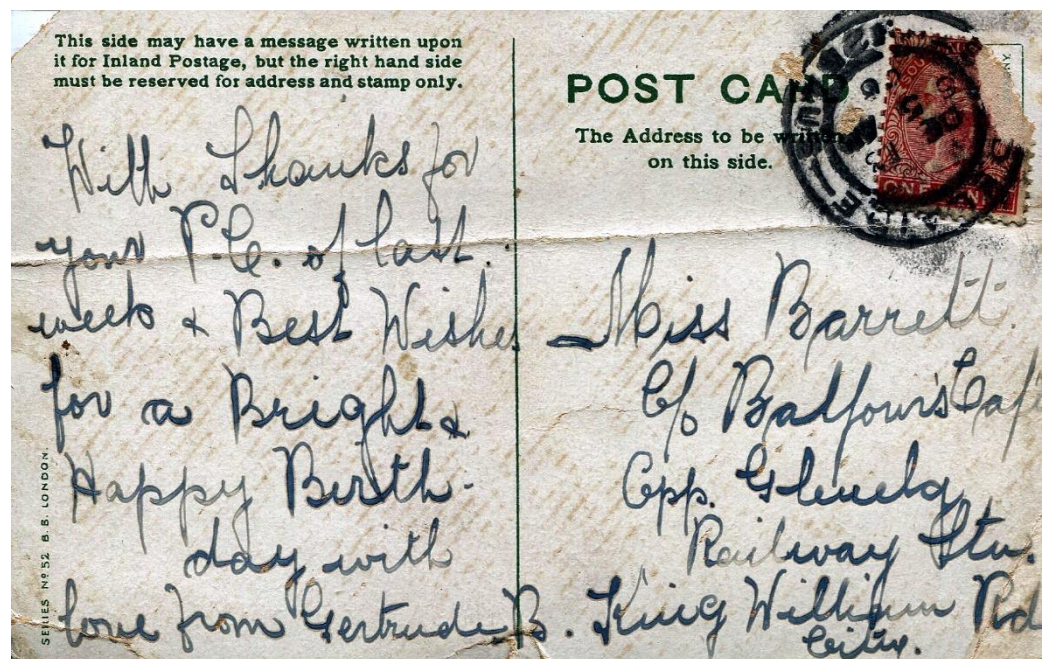
The Lower Lake
Killarney.



To: Miss Effie Barrett
9 Cairns Street
Adelaide

Received your P/C this morning so will meet Hedley tomorrow night. Will send you down the parcel on Sunday night's train so you can get it on Tuesday. What are you going to do for your holidays. Love to all & wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.
Nellie.

Castle Rock & Ross Fountain
Edinburgh



To: Miss Barrett
c/o Balfours & Coy
Opp. Glenelg Railway Station
King William Road
City.

With thanks for your P C of last week and best wishes for a bright & happy birthday with love from Gertrude B.