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Dear Elsie, Kelly & Laraine

Thank you for the opportunity of a most delightful discussion on 16 July 2008. I am setting out a record of our discussion and would be pleased to have any corrections or additions which you might like to make, following which I will send you the final copy.

In particular I have worked out the family tree of the Rawlins and the Helms. I am not sure whether I've got the grandparents right (did John Rawlins marry Jane Fayerman or was his wife Ellen Donnelly?).

I have also examined the titles to the property going back to 1917 when Robert Beckett, solicitor of Melbourne, bought 336 acres generally between Oban Road and the Mullum Mullum Creek (hence Beckett Road).

The title shows he sold 6½ acres to Ellen Elizabeth Helm of 88 Princes Street, North Carlton, widow, in 1917. The next title shows that Ellen Elizabeth Helm died on 21 October 1926 with probate being granted to Caroline Mary Glynn also of 88 Princes Street, North Carlton, widow. Was Caroline Ellen's sister? Or even her mother?

Title then takes an interesting twist when it is transferred to James William Dartnell of 24 Richmond Terrace, Richmond, property owner, who held it from 29 September 1933 until it was transferred to Elma and Elsie Helm in 1947. You then sold to Mr. and Mrs. Martyn in 1955.

The circumstances relating to the transfer to James Dartnell and the subsequent sale back to you are quite interesting if they can be fully ascertained.

You might like to make some notes on the draft which I have sent to you and return them to me to enable a final record to be prepared.

Yours faithfully
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