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CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1893 (RP20Fba)_C E Barker Esq., 22 Great George Street, Westminster, SW (actually used DE27 94)

Brief Comment:

The following persons or organisations are known to have been associated with this address:

1839: Charles Harvey (later Charles Savill-Onley) (1756-1843) Esq., F.S.A., F.S.L 22 Great George Street, Westminster and Stisted Hall, Essex, First Steward, then Recorder of Norwich and later Member of Parliament for Norwich 1812-18 and for Carlow Borough 1818-26

1845: Hamilton Henry Fulton (1813-1886), civil engineer

1850: Lord John Russell, KG, PC, LLD, FSA (1766-1839), Earl Russell and Viscount Amberley, Liberal Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary and British Prime Minister

1863: Joseph Warner Henley (1793–1884), Conservative Member of Parliament for Oxfordshire, President of the Board of Trade.

1874: Dudgeon Brothers, Engineers, Surveyors and Valuers incl. Arthur Dudgeon, Irish architect

1879: Samuel Edgar Blackburn

1880: Arthur Job Barlow, British architect

1882: Frederick Barry ¹

1890-1896: Land Loan and Enfranchisement Company (Incorporated by special Act of Parliament)

1899: British Astronomical Association (meeting place of)

1900: Royal Meteorological Society (meeting place of); and postal address of Dr Robert Henry Scott F.R.S (1833-1916) Meteorologist

It would seem likely that C E Barker Esq. may well have been a functionary of the Land Loan and Enfranchisement Company

References:

1. Dickens etc. <http://www.victorianlondon.org/dickens/dickens-bic.htm>
2. Family Search. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. <http://www.familysearch.org>
3. FreeBMD Home Page <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>
4. Philosophical transactions of the Royal Society of London, Volumes 111-120 [1839]
5. Charter, By-Laws and Regulations and List of Members of the Institution of Civil Engineers

¹ Auction Description: Africa Sheet II from the River Gambia to Cape Lopez and Anno-Bom including the Bight of Biafra by Mr. De Mayne, Captn. W F W Owen, Captn. A T E Vidal, Captn. Denham 1812, 1826 and 1839, 1846'. Reference table. Scale: 1 inch to about 44 sea miles. Compass roses. Published by the Admiralty 18 August 1827; corrected to 1881. MS additions, 1882, show the West Coast of Africa Telegraph. Engraved by J & C Walker. Signed 'Frederick Barry 22 Great George Street, Westminster S.W. 21 June 1882'. Insets: entrance of the River Dembra or Brameah; seven views of the coast.