

## Fountain Baths History



Barberton News, 13 May 1887

1884- 1890 – J.W. Rose

1890-1893 – Run under Rose's name although he died in 1890

1894 – F.S. Appleyard

1894 - Mr. and Mrs W.P.G. MacPherson

1895-1896 - H. Marksman

1896- 1897 - H.C. Fern & Co.

1897- 1898 - James Meek

1898-1908 - Mrs. Louisa Guthrie/Klok

1908-1922 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lee

1922-1950's - Fred Leach & Herbert Gass

1950's-1974 - Mrs. Baldwin & Mrs. Lessing – filled in the pool.

1990-2007 - John & Mogs Holmes

2007-2017 - Mrs. Sue Hicks

2017- > Nic & Esmari Harrod

## Mr. J.W. Rose

The Fountain Baths and Rose's Creek have had an interesting history and in the early days of Barberton, were the Baths were very important, in that they were the main source of water for the residents of the town. Those were the days when our stream flowed constantly throughout the year. Unfortunately, the exact origin of the Fountain Baths is seen to be rather confused and hazy, and it seems to have changed hands frequently in the early years. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Eric Howard, whose father was town clerk in Barberton from 1911 to 1931, wrote in his 'Nostalgia for Barberton'. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*). 'There was no public swimming baths in the town- this was another amenity not possible because of the inadequate water supply- but there was a small private bath at the Fountain Baths Hotel. In the very early days when there was a greater flow of water in all the streams, a Mr Rose, after who Rose's Creek was named, had built a small bath behind the Fountain Baths Hotel, in the dip between Sheba Road and Gass' workshops. It was only 15m long and 165cm deep and it was filled by water piped direct from Rose's Creek.'



On 7 July and 3 August 1886 this was the advertisement that appeared in the Barberton Herald. In Barberton museum 1886 was the earliest that the Barberton Herald was printed.

*Barberton Museum*

The 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1886 edition of the Gold Fields Times, ran the following **advertisement** (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Fountain Bar and Baths  
These premises have been taken over by  
Geo. Raymond & Co.  
Who are making extensive additions to the Baths  
Best brands of liquors only kept.

\* The Fountain Baths have been entirely reconstructed at a cost, we understand, of no less than £500, and the proprietors Messrs. Raymond & Co. are to be congratulated on their enterprise in thus supplying the public with a luxury. Both the swimming and the six private baths have been rebuilt of brick in cement, the former having been greatly enlarged. Messrs. Raymond & Co. deserve the success which will assuredly be theirs. The same firm have completed the additions to their hotel at the Caledonian, which have been carried out in the same lavish style. A large dining room amply sufficient to seat 40 diners, an immense kitchen fitted with a gigantic cooking stove and very requisite for cooking, besides a range of roomy bedrooms afford every accommodation for man, with stabling and excellent forage for beast.

This article appeared in the Gold Fields News on 13 May 1887.

Then in the May 1887 edition of the newspaper the following appeared: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Owing to the agreement between J.W. Rose and James Carpenter having fallen through J.W. Rose begs respectfully to announce that he has resigned his former position in connection with the above named premises, and trust that with strict attention to business he will merit a share of public patronage.

Fountain Baths was the proud owner of the only water through in the town where the mules, donkeys and much valued horses of the town could quench their thirst. Some of these animals, so the story tells, knew this though so well, that they could be depended on to find their own way to it, when thirsty. The residents of the area also obtained their water for domestic use from the Fountain Baths.

THE FOUNTAIN BATHS.—We observe that the proprietor of the Fountain Baths has recently erected a fine large drinking trough, lined with cement, for the convenience of all four footed animals. It, however, will remain useless, until the authorities fulfil their original intention, and build a culvert over the donga, so as to render the cistern approachable. Mr. Rose's efforts in building the cistern is no doubt patriotic, but the authorities don't seem to think so or they would have made it approachable.

Barberton Herald –  
27 July 1887

*Barberton Museum*



Some of these animals, so the story tells, knew this trough so well, that they could be depended on to find their own way to it, when thirsty. The residents of the Berea also obtained their water for domestic use from the Fountain Baths. (*author unknown*)

On the 24 June 1887, Mr. Rose Advertised in the newspaper (unknown):

“Best Brands of liquors only kept.  
Every convenience and ample accommodation to bathers”

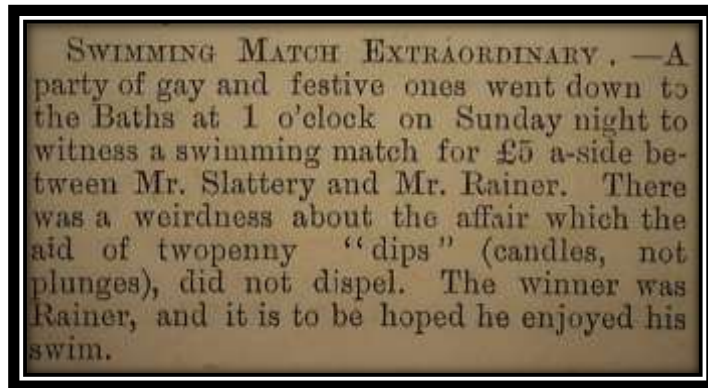
*(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

Barberton Herald 20 September 1887: (*Barberton Museum*)

**BARBERTON SWIMMING CLUB.**

**THE CAPTAINCY.**

An interesting event took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Fountain Baths in the contest for the captaincy of the Swimming Club which was formed last week. This first gathering of the members was under very auspicious circumstances; the weather being bright and cheerful, a large number of gentlemen came to see the contest, including the Landdrost, who is always ready to give countenance and support to a healthy movement of this kind. The course to be covered was eight times the length of the Bath, which is 59 feet long, and there were seven competitors. The first heat was contested by Messrs. A. Wilson and J. W. Rose, the latter winning easily. Roberts and J. L. De Villiers were the next pair matched, and De Villiers, who is a fast swimmer, won. Messrs. H. Rainer, W. Harris, and B. Boyd were the competitors in the third heat. Rainer gave in at the second length, Boyd after swimming five lengths. Harris, who is the best swimmer in the Club, also won in the final heat, and was entitled to the Captaincy; but as he occupies the position of Secretary he preferred to hand over the Captaincy to Boyd, which was done with the concurrence of the Committee. The Club offers numerous advantages to its members. A subscription of 15s per month entitles every member to the use of the Bath (which is cemented, with a constant stream of running water through it) every day, and all day, if he chooses. These advantages are sure to be appreciated during the coming summer. As above stated, Mr. Harris is the Secretary, and will afford every informa-



Barberton Herald 27 July 1887

The edition of the 2 May, 1888,

"Visitors to Barberton are recommended to pay a visit to these favourite Baths, which are second to none in South Africa".

*(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1890 Mr J.W. Rose died at the age of 41, from Malaria and Pneumonia, and was buried in Barberton Cemetery. No mention has been found of any family belonging to Mr Rose. *(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

During the period from 1891 to 1893 the business was still carried on under Mr. Rose's Name, but the identity of the person who managed it is unknown. *(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

Improvements were made to the baths in 1892/93 as the following extract, dated January 1893, will show:

"The undersigned begs to inform the general public that he has had hot water appliances laid on at the above Baths, so that hot-water baths can now be obtained at all hours.

J.W. Rose"

*(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

So, 3 years after his death Rose was still Advertising the Fountain Baths –interesting!

**F.S. Appleyard**

23 February 1894 the following advertisement appeared: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Advertisement

The Public are hereby informed that the above well-known Baths are now under entirely new management, and in addition to the hot and cold water baths several necessary alterations have been made to the place still more attractive. A large Dining room has been opened for the convenience of travellers, etc . Large stable and attentive groom.

Also, well-aired Bedrooms.

Terms Moderate.

F.S Appleyard.”

**Mr. and Mrs W.P.G. MacPherson**

In the same year, on 18 May 1894, the Property changes hands again when “Mac” takes over. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

“o! come ye to the Fountain!

Mac of “bodega” fame has taken over  
the Fountain Baths’ and without issuing  
a general invitation would like to see all  
his old chums there.”

This Gentleman “Mac” is Probably the proprietor referred to in the following advertisement dated Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1894: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Fountain Baths and Bar and Hotel.

Hot and Cold Baths

Quiet Hotel

Good Stabling.

Ladies can make arrangements for  
private swimming lessons.

Gardens for Picnic parties.

Mr. and Mrs W.P.G. MacPherson. Joint Managers.“...October/...

## Mr. H. Marksman

October 1895 sees another change of management when Mr. H. Marksman has the following article placed in the newspaper: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

“Preliminary announcement!  
A new hotel for Barberton!  
H. Marksman having taken over the  
Fountain  
Bar and Baths will open the same as a first -  
Class family and commercial Hotel on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov Next”

Advertisement in the De Kaap Annual 1896:

NO BRAG, BUT SOLID TRUTH.

# FOUNTAIN HOTEL

AND

## BATHS

H. MARKSMAN, + + + PROPRIETOR.

**THE HOTEL.**—Situated within two minutes of the Market Square, is pleasantly placed, embowered in trees and with charming surroundings, and commodious verandahs. The whole establishment has been redecorated and put in excellent order. Every attention is paid to the comfort of guests, and the cooking is in good hands, cleanliness being a prominent consideration, and the menu of the choicest, including all the fruits in season.

**THE BATHS** having undergone considerable repairs are now in thorough order. Hot and cold baths at a moment's notice, and the Swimming Bath open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**THE GARDENS.**—One of the features of the Fountain is the garden where under the vine or figtree of the courteous proprietor, seated in comfortable lounges, the visitor can sip his light wine, quaff the beer of the Patherland, or imbibe a homely brew of tea.

**THE STABLE** is in charge of a competent white groom, and only the best forage is kept!

The ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT is SECOND to NONE in Town, and the Proprietor spares no pains to give satisfaction to his patrons.

### **H.C. Fern & co**

28 August 1896. H.C. Fern & co. take over the establishment and announce that the telegraphic address is 'Fountain'.. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

### **James Meek**

Five months later, in the newspaper of 5 January 1897 the following announcement is placed by James Meek: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

“Business transacted, and commissions executed for  
country customers. Free of charge.”

### **Mrs. Cohen**

At the end of 1897, yet another owner appears on the scene, namely a Mrs. Cohen  
Whose advertisement of 10 December 1897 reads as follows: (*Garden club talk on  
03/04/1996*)

“Under the management of Mrs H. Cohen, the Fountain Baths  
will be open to ladies only every Wednesday from 12 to 5 p.m.”

### **Granny Klok**

The following year. On 1 July 1898 the well-known, Mrs. Louisa Klok takes charge of  
the establishment and the newspaper announces: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

“Fountain Hotel and Bath.  
This establishment will be taken over by Mrs Klok  
on July 1<sup>st</sup> next.”

An indication of the prices charged by Mrs. Klok is given in the newspaper of 24  
March 1899: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

As from April 1<sup>st</sup> Board and Lodging - 7- 10-0  
Board only - 6-10-0  
Swimming Baths.  
Adults, Monthly tickets 2/6d.

‘It was in 1884 that my Grandparents decided to trek to the Barberton Gold Fields  
and were on their way with all the family when disaster struck. When near  
Charlestown, the wagon broke down and my Grandfather (Guthrie), when  
attempting to repair the fault was fatally injured when the wagon which was jacked



up fell and broke his back. He passed away some weeks later and was buried in Charlestown. My granny (Granny Guthrie at the time) then decided to come ahead with her two youngest daughters, Elsie and Florie. In those days the coach in which they travelled only came as far as French Bobs mine and they then had to walk some twenty miles or so to Barberton. This was over very rough terrain and it took them a few days. Some natives assisted them to carry their belongings and help with the two young children. They had to sleep under the stars. This gave Granny the opportunity to prepare for the family. *(G.H. Guthrie-grandson of Granny Guthrie/Klok)*

Granny Klok, as she was affectionately known, was a very interesting character. As Mrs Guthrie, she arrived in Barberton in 1886 with 6 children, having been widowed on the journey to Barberton. That must have been a daunting experience. For a while she worked as a chambermaid at the Phoenix Hotel. Then she married Mr Klok, a Hollander, who had a beer Hall at the corner of the General and Natal Streets. During the Boer war he returned to Holland, where he died. During this period the Fountain Baths was taken over by the British and so became a very busy place. *(Garden club talk on 03/04/1996)*

Boys paid a ticket to swim there but as a convenient tree had a branch near a wall some dropped into the area from the tree. Mrs Klok used to go and see the number of boys, count the tickets and with a shambok accosted the lads who might have entered illegally. She was the Barberton midwife and also had boarders. *(Mrs Esme N Lownds, born 24 July 1896)*



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Mr. Hugh Goodhead, a pioneer of Barberton, has not forgotten the pool. He distinctly remembers that it was here in Granny Klok's days that he learnt to swim by

the dubious method of being thrown in by the troops, who were fighting in the Boer war, and left to fend for himself in the water. (*The Lowvelder* 8 January 1985)



Granny Klock – 1844-1919

'In 1909 while I was staying with my Granny Klok, she was nursing an injury I sustained, the first cars arrived in Barberton. These cars were brought down here by rail from Johannesburg to test our roads to see if they were suitable for the cars. The cars were then railed back to Johannesburg. In 1912 the first permanent car arrived in these parts and was owned by a Mr. Mercer, registration no. TAA 1'. (G.H. Guthrie-grandson of Granny Guthrie/Klok)

There is an amusing story from that time. Apparently one hot afternoon there were more swimmers than usual in the Baths and Mrs Klock ran out of towels. A young officer pleaded for something with which to dry himself, she whipped a cloth off one of the dining room tables, threw it at him and said, "that's the best I can do for you young man." The young man was Prince Alexander of the Teck, later to become the Earl of Athlone and in 1925 Governor General of South Africa. (*Nostalgia for Barberton*). He Visited Barberton later, I believe in 1921, and asked after the old lady who ran the Fountain Baths hoping to meet her again. Unfortunately, she had died in 1919, aged 75. During the Boer war Mrs Klok nursed both the British and Boer soldiers with equal dedication also the children in concentration camp during a measles epidemic. She became the District midwife with her sister Mrs Thompson. It is not clear how long Granny Klok ran Fountain Baths, nor where she lived in her later years. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)



In the, foreground centre, the roof of Fountain Baths is visible, in the back ground on the left is the barrack's that the British soldiers used and in the back ground on the right is where the concentration camp was. (*Barberton Museum*)

Granny Guthrie did a great deal of nursing when the railway line was under construction from Komatipoort to Johannesburg, more so in the early 1890's when

the line was being constructed to Barberton and Nelspruit areas. (*G.H. Guthrie-grandson of Granny Guthrie/Klok*)

Granny was a fearless woman and would go anywhere at anytime of the day or night when needed, and I have seen her with my own eyes stand up to a fully-grown native man, who wanted to take her wash boy back home with him. She pretended that she was deaf and got vey close to him with her hand over her ear and when close enough, thrust her finger through the lobe of his ear and gave him quite a rough time of it. Natives in those days always had their lobes pierced as most of them snuffed tobacco and kept it in a container, such as a bullet case which could easily insert in their lobes. Needless to say, the native got such fright that he was never seen again. (*G.H. Guthrie-grandson of Granny Guthrie/Klok*)

Another case was when my Granny was nursing my mother, when my twin brothers were born. My Granny was busy washing some clothes at the back of the house when the native who was assisting her, shouted that a snake was making its way into the wall of the house which was built of stone. Granny told him to fetch a knife from the kitchen and at the same time had caught the snake by the tail end and when the native brought the carving knife, she cut it in half. (*G.H. Guthrie-grandson of Granny Guthrie/Klok*)

### **Mrs Lee**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1908 Mrs Lee took it over and advertised “*cleanliness, attention and a moderate tariff*“and also that “*Tea, coffee and cocoa were available at all hours and a swimming bath which had been renovated.*”

The following article appeared in the Gold Fields News on 17 July 1908: (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

#### **FOUNTAIN BATHS HOTEL**

##### **A long- felt want.**

“we understand that this old-fashioned business  
has been taken over by Mr Thos . Lee,  
And is to be re-opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> as a  
Family and Private Hotel under the direct  
supervision of Mrs Lee, whose large experience  
of similar business in Natal, Delagoa Bay  
And the Barberton District is sufficient  
guarantee that it will be conducted in the  
Best possible manner to ensure the comfort  
of visitors. It is to be run as a temperance  
Hotel, and will no doubt meet a long-felt  
Want, particularly by visitors from the outside  
districts and Lourenco Marques, who

Wish to send their families to quiet,  
Healthy place for a change.  
Patrons of the Swimming baths will also be  
well looked after and the baths will doubt  
less regain their old popularity during the  
coming hot weather when it is known that  
visitors can rely upon cleanliness and at  
tension. The baths will be reserved every  
Wednesday afternoon for the use of ladies.

After Mrs. Lee had been elected Mayor in October 1913, Mrs. Lee was 'At Home' every Friday afternoon.

"The custom of 'At Homes' was very popular in Barberton. On the first Monday of each month, the ladies who lived on the Berea were 'At Home', and the ladies from the other areas of town came to visit them and have tea. On die second Thursday of each on the ladies on the Belgravia were "At Home'. On these occasions it was usual for each lady to leave two of her husband's visiting cards and one of her own on a tray near the front door of each hostess whom she visited." (*Barberton Photo Album-Hans Borman*)

### **Gass Family**

How long Mrs. Lee had the property is unknown and it is uncertain whether there was another owner before Herbert Gass took over in the later teens or early 1920's. Herb Gass, his wife, Lulu and their 7 daughters lived on the hillside behind the workshops of G.L. Gass & Co. where the museum is now, before moving to the Fountain Baths. They kept a flock of geese whose honking could be heard from quite a distance away. These geese had a habit of wondering down the hillside across the road, and pedestrians were often held at bay by the birds advancing on them with outstretched necks and wings, hissing angrily. Rather a disconcerting experience! Fortunately, no-one was ever hurt. Herbert died in about 1925 but Lulu and her daughters remained there for many years. It was no longer a Hotel, but the public could go for a swim for 3d. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

I remember coming here to swim as a small child. I think the water might have been a bit murky at times but we all survived. After the municipal baths were built in 1937 the swimming pool was no longer used. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

### **Mrs. Baldwin**

After the Gass family, came Mrs. Baldwin and her English friend, who helped in the hairdresser shop and was also a florist. They were quite a funny pair. It was then that the swimming pool was filled in and some rooms and cottages built behind the house which the old girls used to rent out. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)



I believe that some of them were off the property- Mrs Lessing didn't worry about small matters like boundaries, nor the quality of the building. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

### **The Homewoods**

After Mrs Lessing's death Mrs Baldwin wanted to return to England so advertised in England. She and the Homewoods did a property swop and she returned to England and Jim and May Homewood came here in 1974. I have no idea who got the better bargain. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)



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It is Mr. Homewood who was responsible for the restoration of the Fountain Baths and also for the lay-out and creation of the beautiful park-like gardens. (*author unknown*)



May and Jim Homewood stand on the very spot which used to be the famous swimming baths of the hotel. (This is the exact spot from which the original photograph was taken.)

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# Fountain Baths a 100 years old

**TOGETHER** with the celebration of Barberton's Centenary, Fountain Baths, which was formerly known as the Fountain Hotel, celebrated its one hundredth year of existence.

Nestled against the hills of Barberton, this solid white building, kept in spotless condition by its present owners, Jim and May Homewood, is a tribute to the architecture and workmanship of a century ago. The solid walls and the beautiful polished wooden floors, have seen travellers come and go since 1884.

The Fountain Hotel was originally built by a Mr Hillary in 1884, long before it was necessary to have plans drawn and approved or deeds registered. The earliest registration of the building dates back to 1906.

The original owner of the building was a Mr Rose after whom Roses Creek gets its name.

There were various owners of the building until "Granny" Klok, the widow of Mr Guthrie bought the establishment. Granny Klok married Cornelius Klok. When she was again left a widow she continued to manage the establishment on her own. Fountain Hotel stayed in the family for many years, being run by the daughters of "Granny" Klok.

A German hairdresser, Mrs Lessing then bought the Hotel and ran it as a boarding house.

The present owners of Fountain Hotel (now Baths), bought the house in 1973.

Jim Homewood soon set about clearing the grounds surrounding the building and establishing the tidy garden which surrounds it today.

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“The worn-down polished wood at the entrance of the rooms at Fountain Baths are an indication of the number of people who have stepped over the threshold of these rooms since 1884. Jim Homewood had to replace some of the wood but most is still the well worn original wood. The swimming pool, in the shady ground of the hotel was a great attraction to the Hotel and was the first and only public swimming pool in the entire Transvaal at the time. The water for the pool came directly from Rose’s Creek. A Filter at the corner of the baths cleaned the water before it entered the pool.” (*The Lowvelder 8 January 1985*)



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In The Star Newspaper dated 31 October 1985 the following article appeared:



### Elderly couple trapped in flooded Barberton home

By Clyde Johnson  
Lowveld Bureau

**BARBERTON** — An elderly couple, trapped in their flooded home, struggled for more than half an hour to open a door to allow the water to escape.

Mr Jim Homewood (65) and his wife, Mrs May Homewood (61), live in the famous Fountains Baths Boarding House, built in 1884.

At the height of the storm on Tuesday, the couple watched as raging water from the nearby Roses Creek flowed towards their back door.

"The level rose rapidly. Then, with a loud bang, the water forced open the door, flooding the whole house," Mr Homewood said. Within seconds water more than 1 m deep filled the house.

The couple waded towards the front door, but were unable to force it open because of the tremendous pressure from inside.

"In desperation I smashed the glass panels," he said.

Passing motorists, noticing the water pouring from inside the house, came to the assistance of the couple who, bitterly cold and suffering from shock, were taken to hospital.

Mr Jim Homewood indicates how the water that flooded his 101-year-old home reached window-level.

### Flood water leaves a trail of heartbreak



Heartbroken Mr Jim Homewood removes mud and grime from a wardrobe drawer after flood water destroyed all his belongings.

The Star 31 October 1985



The Star 31 October 1985



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## John and Mogs Holmes

The Homewoods remained here until they hurriedly left for Canada in 1989. In 1990 John and Mogs Holmes lease it and bought it a year after. (*Garden club talk on 03/04/1996*)

Article in The Lowvelder 29 January 1991:

**Best public pool in Tvl.**

**THE LOWVELDER TUES 29-1-91**

**BARBER-TON**

News that Fountain Baths in Barber-ton now offers accommodation in comfortable self-contained units will be welcomed by people who find hotels expensive for family accommodation but for whom swimming holds little appeal.

**Fountain Baths**

is set in a beautiful park-like garden at the foot of a lush green hill with the legendary Rose Creek gurgling nearby.

Established in 1884, the Fountain Baths boasts the first public swimming bath ever built in the Transvaal.

The creek behind Fountain Baths

was named after Mr Rose, a prospector who searched for their minerals there. Many prospectors were supplied by means of a pipe laid from the creek to the bath and can be swimming bath

will be seen in the creek today.

John and Mogs Holmes have successfully created a warm, homely atmosphere in each of the units.

The flats vary in size, each with a bathroom, kitchen, bedroom/s and some have a small lounge.

All are simply yet tastefully furnished and impeccably clean.

The largest of the flats is attached to the main house, with the other three units offering more privacy and seclusion, due to their garden settings.

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Reasonably priced at R50 per unit per night (for two adults), Fountain Baths is ideally situated for those travelling to Swaziland and surrounding Lowveld sights.

The flats can accommodate a family of up to eight members.

Fountain Baths would also prove to be an ideal stop-over for you.

For further details, contact Mogs, tel. 011 5181 22 77.



Standing on the steps of the historic Fountain Baths are managers, John and Mogs Holmes and their two sons, Benjamin (left) and Thomas.

TO BE CONTINUED....

A lot of prospecting and mining took place in Rose's creek in the early days, but little is known of these early ventures. There were 2 or 3 well-constructed weirs in the creek obviously built by early miners, but when and by whom no one knows. I believe the Gasses mined the golden Crescent in the early Part of this century. In 1918 Thos. Andrews and sons commenced operations on the Crescent and Lucknow mines, the crescent being in the mountain east of the creek fairly low down and the Lucknow below Barber's cottages overlooking Rimer's creek. The Mill was behind what is now the E.T.C Guest house on the creek side and the Head office of the Company was above the Guest house - the concrete slab is still there. The are from the Crescent was probably taken to the Mill by wagon along the road built by the family the remains of which is still there, but they are from the luck now was taken by tramway, still visible from town, to a point at the top of this hill behind us, from where it was taken by aerial down to the hill. Aerials were used frequently in the early days to transport, and every sensible arrangement too for

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They are inexpensive to operate with little maintenance. The Crescent and Lucknow mines closed down in the 1920's. after this little if any mining took place in this area until about 1970 when Jim cummings came to Barberton and started prospecting in and around the Creek, and for a time he had a small mining operation going. After his death a Mr Kretchmer took over the claims and had a small operations going for a short time. He abandoned it unfortunately the remains are still there – very unsightly and environmentally disastrous. I hope I haven't bored you with too much history but that after all is what it is all about.

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Was owned by a number of people but Mrs Klock acquired it in the end. The first public Swimming bath in the Transvaal was here.

Information from: Mrs Esme N Lownds

7 Marann Mansions

4<sup>th</sup> Ave/11<sup>th</sup> street

Linden

JOHANNESBURG

2195

Aged 92 years (born 24 July 1896)- Probably the oldest born

