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Hi Lisa

P/21/041/FUL Land at Porthcressa

I've had several people asking my opinion about the former dwellings on the site, and with the help of Mike Harcum's archive of early images there were clearly buildings of sorts on the plot, curiously though, none appear to have chimneys, which one would have thought essential if they were indeed dwellings.

I've been rather busy in the churchyard, but this application keeps coming to mind. I've gone through my writings and notes on the late Mary Symons (nee Evans) that I took during our many conversations during February and March of 2013, as I seemed to recall Mary mentioning the buildings.

Mary recalled the day a German 'plane came over and dropped its' bombs on Porthcressa Bay.

"The noise was terrifying, I had Baby George in a blanket and ran to shelter, (in the sheds below Buzza Hill) Granny Humby's door ('Homeleigh') was blown off, the Mill and Buzza Hill caught fire, Eileen (Mary's sister at 'Treboeth' - Eileen Perry) and several others ran to put the fire out with buckets of water. All the glass from Dick Ellis's glasshouse blew out, and a little girl was killed at Telegraph, I think it was the same day as Sylvia and her friend were killed on the Strand (Bombing of 'Bona Vista'). They were aiming for the radio mast that had been built in George's garden in Peninnis". (George Symons, Mary's husband)

I've also checked the Census for Scilly from 1841 onwards and there are many references to Buzza Street and Porthcressa but none that seem to correspond with any dwellings under Buzza Hill.

I have no personal connection to the proposed build, but I have to say I do remember the tumbledown walls from my childhood, I don't ever recall anyone saying they'd been cottages. From my research I'd be surprised if they were. I attached the OS map from 1906, published in 1909 and while it clearly shows buildings, they would be very small - maybe animal sheds would be more likely and would definitely match Mary's recollections.

I would feel very sad if this permission were granted, it's a prominent spot and very overlooked by passers by coming down Buzza Hill surely?

Yours

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