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Dear Mrs. Tolson,

I was interested to read your letter in the "Recorder", and am sure you will get some replies.

I well remember "Phin" Balcon and his wife, but cannot remember her name - in those days everyone was Mr. or Mrs. The Balcons had two children - Dorothy was a friend of sister, so I think she must be 60 - well maybe 59 or there about. Her younger brother was Michael.

The other Balcon brother who made a name for himself as a Film Producer was Sir Michael Balcon who died quite recently. He must have left Birmingham many years ago, but we once met at a dinner party in London. He is the father of Jill Balcon who funnily enough was on Television quite recently and I cannot remember why - I was amazed to see how "Jewish" she looked and that she had aged (through not seeing her for so long.) I have been looking for a copy of Whose Who, we have always had one, but it seems to have disappeared. Might I suggest you try your Reference Library for a

copy and you would then be able to read something about Sir Michael Balcon I am sure - but do not get an up to date one - 1977 or 1978 would be alright.

If you do not get more help than I have given, and I am sure you will, then please let me know and I will try to contact a friend who I seem to remember being related to the Balcons - but through Mrs. Balcon.

There are quite a few Balcons in the London Telephone Directory - I was wondering if I might find Michael that way.

I think both Sir Michael and Phin. Balcon were educated at King Edward's Grammar School, Five Ways, and both did well in life.

Pesach will be over by the time you get this letter, but I send my greetings and all good wishes just the same.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Simon

P.S. The Jewish Chronicle, 25 Funnical Street, London E.C. 4 A. 1 J T published an Obituary on Sir Michael Balcon, and I am sure they would let you have a copy or photostat copy.