

(ORIGINAL)

BROCK'S HAT

**Letter From Jno. W. Ball and Mrs. Margaret Ball of Locust
Grove, Sept. 5th, 1887**

General Brock's hat came out from England after his death. His nephew, Captain Brock with some troops was stationed at the time at Ball's Mills to protect a quantity of father's flour from the American Army. As the General was killed about that time Capt. Brock on leaving the mills presented the hat to father, the late George Ball Esq., Locust Grove, Niagara. It was in a good state of preservation until it was loaned to be placed on the coffin of the late General Brock when his remains were taken from Fort George to be placed in the first monument on Queenston Heights † when it was completed and again when the next monument was finished for the removal of the remains thereto. ‡ Instead of being cared for as promised by the Colonel in charge it was fingered and tried on by so many people as to leave it in its present shabby state. The hat was I think loaned the third time when the Prince of Wales visited the monument and *was again subjected to the same treatment.

Signed by **John W. Ball,**
Margaret Ball.

To G. H. H. Ball, Barrister, Galt, Ont.

† Oct. 13th, 1824.

‡ Oct. 13th, 1853.

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