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Dear Josh;

Inborn Errors is certainly no less a part of the history of human genetics than Inborn Factors. Many would say more so. But since Harry Harris edited a reprint in 1963, and since the idea of the inborn error is now firmly embedded in medical lore, there may be less need to bring it out again.

What's really needed; and I think you may be very helpful here; is for Alick Bearn to work up his biographical material into, preferably a book, but if that's too much, at least a lengthy paper. He spent a year or more collecting things about Garrod and while he was publishing several papers, I'd say that a book that's not only biographical (facts about himself, jobs, family life etc) but also gives us more insight into how it was that Garrod could take himself so completely out of the thinking of his time.

I don't know what Alick is doing now at the Rockefeller, but proximity might make persuasion easier — you could put the arm on him. I'd really like to see him do something with his data.

Best regards,

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Barton