

Residents of 18 Eglinton Road Glebe

Bennett family 1909-10

The first residents of 18 Eglinton Road were Frederick Thomas Bennett, his wife and four of their six children. Frederick Thomas Bennett married Maria Lucy Fielder in 1878 in Newcastle.

The electoral roll in 1909 lists Frederick Thomas Bennett, 56, watchman, his wife Maria Bennett, 50, home duties and sons Robert Augustus Bennett, tin worker, Frederick Claude Bennett, 26, boot maker and Clarence Bennett 22, shopkeeper.

Their younger daughter Ruby Isabel Bennett, 20, who still lived at home, was married in 1910.

In 1930 Frederick and Maria lived in Lombard Street Glebe. He died *March 14, 1936, at a private hospital, Marrickville, Frederick Thomas, beloved husband of Maria Lucy, and loving father of Millicent (Mrs Wild), Herbert, Frederick, Robert, Clarence, and Ruby (Mrs Reilly) (SMH 16 March 1936).*

Their son Clarence later returned to Eglinton Road to live. He is listed at 12 Eglinton Road in 1936-45.

Lawson family 1913-18

George Alexander Lawson, 43, and his wife, Gertrude May, 42, had moved into Eglinton Road by 1913 with their children, Rita May, 18, Ada Doris, 17 and Eric George Lawson, 15.

George is listed on the electoral rolls in 1913-17 as a carrier with his wife Gertrude as home duties.

Eric George Lawson was one of a number of young men in Glebe to volunteer for the army as soon as he was old enough to be accepted. As he was only 18 years and 9 months, he needed his parent's consent. They wrote *18 Eglinton Road Glebe Point, 13/6/1918, To the Recruiting Officer, Dear Sir, I allow my son Eric George Lawson to enlist in the AIF. George Lawson, Gertrude Lawson.*

Eric was a junior porter. He was 5' 9½" tall with brown hair and blue eyes and belonged to the Church of England. He embarked on 4 September 1918 and served with the 3rd battalion, attached to the Graves Registration Department. He returned home on 25 September 1919.

By 1930 the Lawsons had moved to "Innsivale" 49 Frederick St Ashfield with their son Eric.

Ward family 1921-22

Robert Joseph Ward, postal sorter, Mona Florence Ward, 43, home duties and their oldest son, Reginald Rudolph Ward, 22, draftsman are listed on the electoral rolls in 1921-22.

They shared the house with their younger children, Joseph Richard Ward, 17 and Lillian Ellen, 12 and Mona's widowed mother, Ellen Keegan, 66.

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In 1921, they placed a notice in the Herald *Double Iron Bed and Wire Mattress, 1 iron bed, 2 large Mat Squares, Gas Cooker, Doll's Pram, £5 the lot cheap; lawn Mower, £2, must sell. 18 Eglinton road Glebe (SMH 28 Sep 1921).*

In 1922 they advertised *Lost, little Pug Dog, sick child's playmate, near shops Glebe rd 18 Eglinton rd (SMH 6 Sep 1922).* The sick child was their daughter Lillian, who died in 1931, aged 22.

Scott family 1923-70

The Scott family lived at 18 Eglinton Road Glebe for 47 years. George Scott and Ethel May Coleman were married in 1919 in Gunning. They moved to Sydney where their only child was born in 1920.

George Scott, 30, his wife Ethel May Scott, 30 and their son Hilton George Scott, 4, moved into Eglinton Road towards the end of 1923. He is listed in Sands Directory from 1924 and as George Scott, groom with his wife Ethel May Scott, home duties on electoral rolls from 1925.

In 1924 George advertised for gardening work, *Young Man wants garden work own mower, refs 18 Eglinton road Glebe Point (SMH 9 Jan 1924)* and a few months later *Gardens-Young Man wants gdn work, hours of day, no scythe 18 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 30 May 1924).*

In 1925 he again advertised for gardening work, but was also willing to do painting for 12 shillings a day and lunch. *Gardens-Young Man wants garden work, Painting, etc., 12/ a day and lunch. Scott, 18 Eglinton-road Glebe Point (SMH 13 July 1925).*

The Scott family had space to supplement their income taking in boarders. They advertised *two rooms, furn or unfurn, cottage, business people only 18 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 28 Jul 1923).*

In 1924 they placed a notice in the Herald *Glebe Point - One or two rooms furnished or unfurnished 18 Eglinton rd (SMH 16 May 1924)* and in 1925 *Half cottage or furnished double Room vacant, adults. 18 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 5 Sep 1925).*

George Scott also placed an advertisement in 1923 *Wanted, Rowing Boat about 24 ft, on terms. Full particulars by letter 18 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 10 Jan 1923).*

Mick Kelly, who lived at 22 Eglinton Road, recalled George Scott as handyman who often worked for the Aubins, owners of three of the houses. He wore a bib and brace and also delivered meat.

Hilton Scott remained at home until 1959, when he married at the age of 39 and moved to Leichhardt. He is listed on electoral rolls as an inspector. He also tried to develop a mail order business *Learn Cake Decorating the easy way Complete illustrated step by step Course Posted for 12/6- Refunded if not satisfied H Scott 18 Eglinton Road Glebe (SMH 31 Aug 1946).*

George Scott died on 19 July 1967, aged 73. Hilton died on 23 July 1971, aged 51. Ethel died a few months after her son, on 16 October, 1971, aged 77.

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Russell and Nora Brickhill 1970-77

Nora Brickhill is listed on the electoral roll in 1970-77 and her husband Russell and daughter Beatrice in 1973-77. Nora moved to Eglinton Road when she joined the Department of Greek at the University of Sydney in 1969. She had studied classics at Sydney University, where her father was head librarian. She served with the WAAF and taught at Ascham school.

Nora married Russell John Brickhill, who graduated from the University of Sydney in 1932. His first position was as a civil engineer in the Bermuda dockyards. At the outbreak of war, he joined the British Navy and served in North Africa where he oversaw the construction of harbours and airfields and the clearing of sunken ships in Tripoli. He returned to Australia to help prepare airfields for the Fleet Air Arm at Nowra and Jervis Bay. After the war, he was appointed as Officer of Works at the University of Sydney. He retired in 1971. In the 1980s he developed a business in pre-purchase property inspection which he ran until shortly before his final illness.

Russell was elected alderman on the Lane Cove Municipal Council and served as mayor in 1962. He worked for the limitation of high-rise development in the area, initiating rules which stipulated the amount of shadow that could be cast on neighbouring properties. He was a frequent contributor of letters to the Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald on issues related to local councils.

Russell and Nora were active members of the Glebe Society and Russell served as Treasurer.

Residents 1977-84

Residents listed on the electoral roll include Dorothy Colless, a nurse listed on the 1977 electoral roll and John Stanley Chapman, a psychologist, listed on electoral rolls from 1977 to 1984

Suzanne Margaret Macalister 1985- 2007

Suzanne Macalister was a lecturer in Ancient Greek, Literature and Classical Civilisation at the University of Sydney. She is listed on electoral rolls in 1988- 2007. The house was sold in 2007.

Sources

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