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Caldwell family 1910

John Vivian Campbell, 45, married Ida Jane Gerrard, 39, in 1910 *August 31 at St Philips Church Sydney by Rev Canon Bellingham M A, Ida, youngest daughter of the late Henry Gerrard, of Burron avenue Grafton to Vivian, only son of the late Alderman W B Caldwell, J P of Campbelltown. Present address 26 Eglinton road, Glebe Point (SMH 24 Sep 1910).*

Their only child, Ida Elizabeth Caldwell, was born in 1912. By then they had moved to Petersham and later to Manly where John was a tram driver. Ida died in 1950 and John in 1961 in Manly.

Webster family 1912-15

Herbert James Webster, 35, and his wife, Emily Frances, 30, had moved into Eglinton Road by 1912. They were married in 1910 in Kensal Green London and migrated to Australia not long after.

Herbert is listed in Sands Directories in 1912-15 and on the electoral rolls in 1913-15 as stone mason. By 1930 they had moved to Enfield and Herbert had become a wharf labourer.

It may have been Emily who placed a notice *For Sale, Singer Sew Machine, 25s. 26 Eglinton Rd Glebe Point (SMH 9 Oct 1913 SMH).*

Mrs Thompson 1915

Mrs Thompson advertised in 1915 *Wanted, to start at once, Light General, no cooking, splendid home good girl good wages. Apply Mrs Thompson 26 Eglinton road, Glebe Point (SMH 4 Jan 1915)*

Boarders 1913-15

In 1913-15, the house functioned partially as a boarding house for newly arrived migrants. This included three young men who moved into Eglinton Road soon after they arrived in Australia. When war broke out, they volunteered for the army, as did other men from Eglinton Road.

Edgar Walter Senior grew up in Wales and served an apprenticeship as a stone mason. He arrived in Sydney in 1911. He is listed at 26 Eglinton Road as a stonemason on the electoral roll in 1913. He later moved to Derwent Street Glebe. He enlisted in 1915 in the 18th battalion. He was described as 5'6¼" with blue eyes and dark hair and Anglican. He was wounded at Gallipoli in 1915 and in France in 1918. By the end of the war, he had been promoted to sergeant. He returned to Australia in 1919 and lived in Ross St Glebe. He was married in 1922. In 1939 he returned to England to live.

John Franklin Brown was from Cheltenham Gloucestershire. His father had died when he was nine. His mother struggled to support herself, her own mother and her two younger children through needlework. She was forced by poverty to place John in a boy's home in Dover.

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John Franklin Brown is listed on the 1913 electoral roll at 26 Eglinton Road as a cinematographer. When he enlisted in the 20th battalion on 4 November 1915, his occupation was given as a carter. He was 5'2" with brown eyes and hair and Anglican. He was reported missing in action on 26 July 1916 in France and later confirmed killed. His mother in England, "living in very poor circumstances," was allocated a pension. The army sent her his personal effects consisting only of two military books and a mirror.

Douglas Gordon Oakley who had grown up in Taunton in Somersetshire was a meat salesman in London in 1911. He arrived in Sydney in 1913, aged 21. He is listed on the electoral roll in 1915 at 26 Eglinton Road as butcher but by then had already joined the army.

He enlisted on 24 August 1914, described as 5'8" with blue eyes and fair hair. He served in Gallipoli and France with the 3rd battalion. He was awarded the Military Cross. *Mr W A Oakley, of Bondi, has received news by cable that his nephew, Lieutenant Douglas Gordon Oakley has been awarded the Military Cross, and has been promoted to the rank of Captain. He enlisted at Sydney in the AIF at the beginning of the war, and was among the first Australians to land on Gallipoli (SMH 14 Feb 1918).*

On his return to Australia he became a timber merchant. In 1927, he set up a new company *Oakley and Company, Limited, capital £20,000, to carry on the business of timber merchants, sawmill proprietors, timber getters, etc. First directors, D. G. Oakley and S. Ball. (SMH 22 March 1927).*

Albert Ambrose Jeffree, 27, from Bathurst, also boarded at 26 Eglinton Road. He is listed on the 1915 electoral roll as a labourer. He was married in 1916 in Moree and later lived in Lewisham.

Sylvia William 1916

Sylvia William is listed in the 1916 Sands Directory

Davies family 1916-30

The Davies family had moved into 26 Eglinton Road by 1916. They had lived in Eglinton Road since 1909, as the first tenants of 10 Eglinton Road, a few doors away.

Percy Cecil Davies is listed in Sands Directory in 1919-30 and on the electoral roll in 1919-30 as a musician, with his wife Bertha Mary Davies, home duties and his mother in law Jemima Ellis.

Percy Cecil Davies married Bertha Mary Timmann in 1904 in Sydney. Her father had died in 1877 in Victoria when Bertha was two years old and her mother Jemima moved to Sydney to live. Jemima lived with David Ellis and had two more children. She used his surname, although they did not marry.

Percy Davies played cricket for the Glebe Cricket Club and was secretary in 1918-19.

The family had a dog, as they advertised *Lost, White Fox Terrier, with brown spots, collar on, at Glebe Pt Reward 26 Eglinton rd, Glebe Pt (SMH 8 June 1917).*

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Percy Cecil Davies was a member of the Professional Musicians Union of Australia. In 1919 he was vice-president of the Musicians' Union and the Musicians' Club.

The Herald noted *there was a large attendance at the Grand Opera House on Saturday night ... The music of an orchestra under Mr Percy Davies was largely contributory to the effectiveness of the whole performance (SMH 25 Sep 1922)*. His band is mentioned often in list of public performances. For example, in 1931, the Herald listed *Professional Musicians' Band, Mr Percy Davies, Victoria Park, 3.30, and at Green Park, 7.45 (SMH 14 Nov 1931)*.

Percy moved to 27 Lombard Street Glebe with his wife and mother in law in 1930. He died in 1937.

The Musician Union of Australia NSW District invited its members to attend his funeral. *Members are invited to attend (with instruments) the Funeral of their late member Percy C Davies.*

Percy also belonged to the Masons and there was a notice from *Lodge Thespian No 256, C.G.I., NSW Officers and Members are invited to attend the funeral of their late Bro Percy Cecil Davies, Organist*. Another notice was from *Masonic Lodge No 423. The Officers and Members above Lodge are fraternally invited to attend the Funeral of their esteemed Organist, Bro. Percy Davies.*

Another notice advised *Members of Progress R A Chapter are invited to attend the funeral this day of their late respected Excellent Companion Percy Davies (Organiser) (SMH 2 Sep 1937)*.

Jemima Ellis died in 1938 in Glebe and Percy's wife Bertha in 1945 in Glebe.

Francis Arthur Ward and Alan David Ward 1916-30

Francis Arthur Ward, 24, an electrician is listed on the 1930 electoral roll. Francis and his younger brother Alan David Ward were the grandchildren of Jemima Ellis and the nephews of Bertha Davies.

Their mother Florence May Ellis, or Timmann, married Francis William Ward *February 25 1905, at All Souls' Church Leichardt, Francis William, only son of the late William Craven Ward, to Florence May, daughter of the late David Ellis, of Glebe Point (SMH 22 April 1905)*. After their father died in 1915 and their mother in 1917, they were brought up by their grandmother and aunt in Eglinton Road.

Francis Arthur Ward was married in 1934 and moved to Rose Bay. He was involved in an accident in 1936. *Three cars travelling to Sydney collided on the Pacific Highway, a mile from Peat's Ferry, today. Mrs Annie Ward, 32, Francis Arthur Ward, 31, of Hamilton-street, Rose Bay, the occupants of a baby car, were hurt. The ambulance brought them to Gosford (SMH 29 Dec 1936)*.

Alan David Ward enlisted in the AIF on 12 May 1941. He was a gunner the 2/15th Artillery. He died of illness as a prisoner of war on 1 October 1943. He is buried at Kanchanaburi Thailand.

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Joseph Francis Milline 1926

Joseph Francis Milline, 31, is listed as a carter on the 1926 electoral roll. He was a boarder with the Davies family. He enlisted in 1914, described as a horse-driver, 6' tall with blue eyes and dark hair and Anglican. He served at Gallipoli and in France as a driver in 2nd AIF Service Corps. He was wounded in action in 1918 and returned home. He was married in 1929 and moved to Campsie.

H Garrett 1931

H Garrett is listed in the 1931 Sands Directory.

Mrs Mary Bradley 1932

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O'Malley and Toohey families 1932-1967

Anne Mary O'Malley, 57, a widow, moved into 26 Eglinton Road in 1932 with her son John Joseph Baptist O'Malley, 18. Anne Toohey married James Patrick O'Malley, a widowed blacksmith with a 13 year old daughter in 1912 in Wellington. He died in 1920 in Sydney, aged 59, of apoplexy.

Anne's elderly father, Michael Toohey, lived with her. He died *August 20 1935 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Michael Toohey, of 26 Eglinton Road Glebe Point in his 96th year (SMH 21 Aug 1935).*

His family thanked hospital staff. *The family of the late Michael Toohey of 26 Eglinton-road, Glebe Point, desire to thank the medical and nursing staff of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for their unceasing attention, and also relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy (SMH 24 Aug 1935).*

The Herald published an obituary. *Mr Michael Toohey, who died recently in his 96th year, was a member of a pioneer family. Born in Tipperary, he came to Australia as an infant with his parents. His father purchased a farm on the Burrowa flats early in 1841. Mr Michael Toohey succeeded to the property and carried on farming and grazing, transporting his wool to Sydney by means of bullock drays. On the discovery of gold at Lambing Flat, he sold his farm and went on to the gold fields. Later on, he purchased a farm on the Little Tumut River, where he cultivated the river flats for the growing of maize. Still later, he resided in Temora for 18 years, and in 1912 he took up residence in Sydney. Of his 15 children, six sons and four daughters survive (SMH 27 Aug 1935).*

Annie's son John Joseph Baptist O'Malley married Mary Gertrude Rochfort in 1939 in Glebe. He worked for the railways and supplemented the family's income as an SP bookmaker and with casual work at Wentworth Park. They had three daughters, Hillary, Marie Joan, and Paddy and a son, John

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The family took in boarders. Mary Patricia Taylor, clerk, is listed on electoral rolls in 1936-39. David Patrick Wicks, a hairdresser from Gunnedah, 40, is listed on the electoral rolls in 1943-50. He moved away when was married in 1950.

Anne O'Malley's younger brother Francis Hilary Toohey lived with the family in 1958. He had enlisted in 1914 at the age of 21, described as 5'6" tall with hazel eyes and brown hair. He served as a private in the 13th battalion in Egypt and France. Francis died in 1965, four days before his sister.

Anne Mary O'Malley died *January 1 1966 late of 26 Eglinton Road Glebe, beloved mother of John and Philomena, and dear sister of Gertrude (Sister Mary Stephen OLSH Kensington) aged 91 years (SMH 3 Jan 1966)*. The O'Malley family sold the house in 1967 and moved to Drummoyne.

Scappatura family 1967-74

Joseph Scappatura purchased 26 Eglinton Road in 1967. His family had migrated to Australia from Italy and his father owned the adjoining terrace at 28 Eglinton Road.

Anthony John Bartley 1974

Anthony John Bartley purchased the house in 1974. He is listed as a barrister on the electoral roll in 1975.

Glynnis Anne Johns 1976-78

Glynnis Anne Johns, medical practitioner, is listed on electoral rolls in 1976-78.

Hale family 1978-84

Rodney Hale, an architect and his wife Dianne purchased the house in 1978. It was sold in 1985.

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