

Residents of 30 Eglinton Road Glebe

Margaret Steward La Fleur Green and her children 1910-13

The first residents of 30 Eglinton Road Glebe were Margaret Steward La Fleur Green, 69, a widow, and two of her ten children, Robert Seaton Green, 30 and Eva Myra Green, 29. Mrs Margaret Green is listed in Sands Directory in 1911-13 and with her children on the electoral roll in 1913.

Margaret was born in Calcutta India in 1841, the daughter of Samuel Smith, a merchant and his second wife, Charlotte La Fleur, who died in childbirth. Her father later took the family to England. When Margaret's brother, an ensign with the Bengal Native Infantry was killed in a mutiny in 1857, he was noted as the son of Samuel Smith, of Westbourne Terrace Road, London, late of Calcutta.

Margaret married Sydney Samuel Green in 1867 in St Saviours Church London. She had a private income, as she received a settlement of £480 a year under the terms of her father's will.

The Greens arrived in Sydney with their children in 1877. Her husband died in 1907. *Mr Green was an old Blue-coat Boy, an officer of the Bank of England for over 23 years, and arrived in New South Wales 30 years ago. He leaves a widow, five sons, and five daughters (SMH 22 Aug 1907).*

Margaret named the house at 30 Eglinton Road "Westbourne" after her London home.

The Green family advertised for household help after they moved into Eglinton Road. *Wanted resp. Lady Help or light General, 3 adults, cottage. 30 Eglinton-rd Glebe Point (SMH 2 May 1910).*

Six months later they advertised *Wanted, light general, 4-rmd cottage, 3 adults. Westbourne 30 Eglinton-rd. Glebe (SMH 12 Dec 1910).* A month later, they offered liberal outings. *Light general, small cottage, adult family, liberal outings, Westbourne, 30 Eglinton-rd Glebe (SMH 10 Jan 1912).*

The 1913 electoral roll shows Jean Madeline McKendry, a nurse, living with the family.

Margaret Green died in 1913 *November 3, at her residence, Westbourne, 30 Eglinton-road, Glebe Point, Margaret S La F, relict of the late Sydney Samuel Green, and second daughter of the late Samuel Smith, of London and Calcutta, in her 73rd year (SMH 4 Nov 1913).*

Her funeral left Eglinton Road. *Friends of the late Mrs Margaret S La Green are kindly invited to attend her Funeral to leave her late residence Westbourne, 30 Eglinton street Glebe Point tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 8 o clock for Mortuary station, thence to Rookwood (SMH 4 Nov 1913).*

Margaret's children left Eglinton Road after she died. Eva Myra Green, the daughter who had stayed at home to care for her mother, moved to Victoria Road Glebe and was married in 1921.

Robert Seaton Green was a woolclasser and a founding member of the Woolclassers' Association in NSW. He was elected its first vice-president in 1909. In 1926, he argued against the proposed merging of wool classers and shearers in the same union. *Robert Seaton Green, president of the New South Wales Woolclassers' Association, said he had been a woolclasser for 27 years. He*

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considered it would be very detrimental to his position if he belonged to the same union as the shearers (SMH 17 April 1926).

Allan sisters 1914-22

Margaret, Christina, Agnes and Lloyd Allan who lived at 30 Eglinton Road for seven years were the daughters of John and Isabella Allan, who ran the Wingham Hotel. They rented the house in Glebe for their daughters. The family were Presbyterian and of a Scottish background.

Sands Directory lists Margaret Allan at 30 Eglinton Road in 1914-24. Margaret, who was 30 when she moved to Glebe, is listed as on the electoral rolls as home duties, as was her sister Agnes.

Christina became a teacher and Lloyd, the youngest daughter of the family was a typist.

The Allan sisters shared the house with Dorothy May Davidson, a 23 year old teacher from Albury, who is listed on the electoral roll in 1915 and Eileen Skinner, a 21 year old teacher from Wingham listed on the electoral rolls in 1921. Dorothy May Davidson returned to Albury to teach.

Their only brother, William Allan, the oldest of the family, died in France in 1916. Christina wrote to the army on 13 April 1917 *on making enquires at Victoria Barracks re the personal effects of my brother (Cpl W Allan, 2552, 13th Battalion), I was referred to you for information. Would you be so good as to let me know if any such effects have come to hand and if so, might they be addressed to me rather than to my mother, whose name has been given as next of kin? My brother was killed in action in France on the 14th August last. Thanking you in anticipation, and with apology for encroaching so far on your time, I am, Yours faithfully, Christina Allan.*

The army wrote to Christina in 1920 asking for her mother's address. She replied on 23 November 1920 from 30 Eglinton Road, Glebe Point, *Sir, In reply to your request for my mother's address, I have to inform you that it remains unchanged and if a communication addressed to Mrs J Allan, "Hillcrest", Wingham, NSW has been returned unclaimed, I can only accredit this fact to be one of the many vagaries of the Postal Department. Yours faithfully, (Miss) C Allan.*

By 1921, the Allan family had begun to move away. An advertisement was placed for *Auction Sales Today At 30 Eglinton-road, Glebe Point, at 11, Furniture, etc (SMH 25 Aug 1921).*

Davies family 1924-30

Bert Lancelot Davies, 43, had moved into 30 Eglinton Road by 1924 with his wife Louisa, 45, sons Alexander, 19, Bertie, 14 and daughters, Edna, 14, Sadie, 10 and Mavis, aged 8.

Bert is listed on electoral rolls in 1925-30 as an electric driver and his wife as home duties. He was the younger brother of Percy Cecil Davies, who lived at 26 Eglinton Road.

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Bert had married Louisa Halverson Stewart *December 28 1904, at St Luke's Presbyterian Church Redfern, Bert Lancelot Davies, son of Richard Charles Davies, to Louisa Halverson, eldest surviving daughter of Alexander Stewart of 67 Forbes street, Newtown, and Eveleigh Workshops, for many years foreman of Aiken and Macpherson's, Bishop street, Anderson Glasgow, and granddaughter of the late Francis Halliday, contractor, Barhead, Renfrewshire (SMH 15 Feb 1905).*

Their son, also known as Bertie, died in 1928 aged 19. *Relatives and Friends of Mr and Mrs Bert L Davies and family are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their late dearly loved son and brother, Bertie Lancelot, to leave their residence, 30 Eglinton Road this afternoon 3 o'clock (SMH 2 Apr 1928).*

The Davies family had moved to Lewisham by 1936 where Bert worked as a driver for Newtown and Marrickville ambulance. He died in 1938, aged 56.

Thomas James Sydney Stewart 1930

Thomas James Sydney Stewart, 46, is listed as labourer on the electoral roll in 1930.

Thomas lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Bert and Louisa Davies. He enlisted in the AIF in 1915 at the age of 30. He was 5' 5¾" tall with dark hair and blue eyes, Presbyterian and a timber carter. He served as a private in the 19th infantry battalion and the 2nd Pioneer battalion in Egypt and France. He was invalided home in 1917.

Peterson family 1932-33

Arthur Christian Peterson, a fitter and his wife, Mary May, 48, home duties are listed on the 1932-33 electoral rolls. They later moved to Leichhardt.

Victor Clark 1933

Victor Clark is shown as a labourer living at 30 Eglinton Road on the 1933 electoral roll.

John Frederick Civalle 1934-50

John Frederick Civalle, 40, is listed on the electoral roll from 1934-50 as a merchant.

John Civalle married Kathleen May Vickery in 1917. They separated and she married again in 1920 without having first obtained a divorce and was subsequently tried for bigamy.

In 1926 John Civalle was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour. *John Frederick Civalle, 32, dealer, was charged with receiving a quantity of carpenter's tools ... which he well knew*

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had been stolen. Accused stated that he had purchased the articles in good faith in the ordinary way of business, and had no knowledge of their having previously been stolen (SMH 11 Mar 1926).

Annie Larkin and Mary Larkin 1934

Annie Larkin, home duties and Mary Larkin, cashier are listed on the electoral roll in 1934.

Gertrude Maude Whitburn 1943-50

Gertrude Maude Whitburn, 48, is listed on electoral rolls in 1943-1950 as home duties. Her older sister Teresa lived with her. Gertrude grew up in Broken Hill and married Albert Wesley Whitburn in 1915 but later separated. They had one child.

Her son John Albert James Whitburn enlisted in 1942. He was a wireless navigator with RAAF 455 squadron. He was killed when his plane was shot down over the Dutch coast in 1944.

Thomas Vaughan Moran Brocklesby and Teresa Brocklesby 1944

Thomas Vaughan Moran Brocklesby, 60, a packer and Teresa Brocklesby, home duties are listed on the 1944 electoral roll.

Teresa Mary Gleeson married Richard William Robertson Hocking in 1910 in Broken Hill. Richard Hocking enlisted in 1915 and was a sapper in France. Teresa lost two children as babies and the couple later separated.

Thomas Brocklesby was appointed as an assistant custodian for stationary public works in the Public Works Department by 1906. He married Elsie Sheriff in 1913. He enlisted in 1915 at the age of 31. He was described as 5'2" with blue eyes, brown hair, dark complexion and Roman Catholic. He served at Gallipoli with the 3rd battalion and was in Egypt with the 2nd Imperial Camel Corps.

Thomas was court martialled in 1916 for striking an officer, who testified that Thomas had argued with him about watering the camels. Thomas was on light duties because of an injury and the officer saw him as a malingerer. He tried to arrest Thomas, by then at the camel trough watering the camels, for conduct prejudicial to military discipline. The officer stated Thomas hit him in the mouth and had said "come and fight me like a man."

Thomas was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour. He appealed. *I acted simply in self-defence and feel the imprisonment very keenly. I would like to state that I left a Govt Position, good home, also a wife and family to serve my King and country and will do so again if given an*

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opportunity by suspending my sentence. Although fellow soldiers testified on his behalf, he was sent back to Australia. The unserved portion of his sentence was remitted in 1917.

In 1926 he was sentenced to 12 months in prison, acquitted of stealing but found guilty of receiving. *Thomas Vaughan Brocklesby 40, packer, was charged with stealing 86 cricket and 12 tennis balls; 12 cricket balls, and 5lb of tobacco the property of S Hoffnung & Co Ltd (SMH 4 Feb 1926).*

He returned to work with the Public Works department. In 1929 he applied for workers' compensation. *On behalf of Thomas Vaughan Brocklesby, application was made for an award against the Public Works Department. He was working under the department on sewerage works, at Goulburn, and on August 29, 1928, while he was working in a trench, one of the sides gave way and he fell a distance of about 20 feet on to a concrete pipe ...By consent, an award was made in favour of applicant for £2 a week (SMH 19 Oct 1929).*

After Thomas died on 30 January 1945, probate on the will of Thomas Vaughan McCloskey, known as Thomas Brocklesby of Glebe Point, was granted to Teresa Mary Hocking, known as Teresa Mary Brocklesby (SMH 8 Feb 1945).

Sheehan family 1951-78



Sydney Garland Sheehan, 27, and his wife Una Frances, 27, had moved into 30 Eglinton Road by 1951 when he is listed on electoral rolls as a lorry driver and his wife as home duties.

Sydney had served as a driver for the 80th Transport Platoon in 1942-46. He married Una Frances Archer (see photo) in 1948 in Glebe.

They had five sons. Timothy Francis Sheehan is listed as a clerk on electoral rolls in 1970-77, Robert Garland Sheehan as a linesman in 1975-79, Peter James Sheehan as a carpenter in 1975-77 and Trevor John Sheehan as a clerk in 1977. Their youngest son David Lawrence Sheehan was a packer.

The house was sold in 1976. The Sheehan family lived in Chester St Annandale in 1979.

Don and Jan Hodgson 1979-2007

Don Hodgson came to Australia in 1974 from England and met Jan through their work in the airfreight industry. They purchased 30 Eglinton Rd in 1979. In 1987 they established The Essential Ingredient which they first ran from Eglinton Road, supplying gourmet food products to mail order clients and the

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wholesale trade. In 1988, they opened a retail outlet in a warehouse in Camperdown and expanded the business to include a wider range of products. They moved to Broome in 2007.

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