

Residents of 34 Eglinton Road Glebe

George Cowper 1911

George Cowper is listed at 34 Eglinton Road in the 1911 Sands Directory.

Fitt family 1912-13

Albert Thomas Fitt, 57, clerk and his wife Sarah Felton Fitt, 72, home duties are listed in 1912-13 electoral rolls. He is also listed in Sands Directory in 1912-13.

Sarah had arrived in Sydney in 1850 with her widowed mother, brother and sister. Her mother remarried and Sarah married her stepfather's business partner, Thomas Betteridge, in 1862. Thomas died in 1875, *from bronchitis, at his residence, Inverell, Thomas Betteridge, late Police Magistrate, aged 49 (forty-nine); late of Birmingham, England (Maitland Mercury 31 July 1875)*. Sarah had one child, a son named Thomas Henry Betteridge. .



Sarah was 44 when she married 29 year old Albert Thomas Fitt, *December 20, 1884, at St. Michael's Church, Surry Hills, by the Rev Canon King, Albert Thomas Fitt, of Limerick, Ireland, to Sarah Felton Betteridge, of Surrey, England (SMH 22 Jan 1885)*.

Albert Thomas Fitt had arrived in Australia in 1880. He had grown up in Limerick Ireland where his family belonged to the Congregational church. In 1877, records show "Albert Thomas Fitt, Premises in Limerick, City of Limerick." In 1894, Albert was a clerk for the Free Trade Council, which endorsed a candidate for Bligh, *selected by the Free Trade Council to Contest this Election in the Free trade Interest - H C Parr, A J Speers, A T Fitt, Hon Secs (SMH 11 July 1894)*.

Walter Edmunds 1913-14

Walter Edmunds is listed in Sands Directory in 1913 and in Wise's Post Office Directory in 1914.

Burke family 1915-25

Sands directories list various members of the Burke family at 34 Eglinton Road between 1915 and 1925. Hilda Evelyn Burke, 22, home duties is listed on the electoral roll in 1915.

Oliver Burke married Hilda Evelyn Gent in 1913 in Waverley. They had four children when they lived in Eglinton Road: Evelyn Doris, Olive, Herbert Oliver and Robert Neville Burke.

They advertised a position as a mother's help. *Wanted, young girl, mothers help sleep home 34 Eglinton-road, Glebe Point Terminus (SMH 24 Aug 1915)*.

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Mrs Sarah E Burke is listed in Sands Directory in 1919-20. She was Oliver Burke's step-mother. Sarah Elizabeth Knox married Oliver's father Henry P Burke in 1896 in Bellingen after his first wife died. In 1916, Henry Burke was living in Fiji. Sarah Elizabeth died in 1920 at Callan Park, aged 43.

Oliver Burke is listed on Sands Directory in 1922-25 and on the electoral roll as a timber broker in 1922 with his wife Hilda Evelyn Burke, home duties.

In 1922, they searched for a holiday cottage. *Wollongong-Wanted, furn. Cottage 4 weeks including Xmas, near surf. Burke, Eglinton road, Glebe Point (SMH 29 Nov 1922).*

Oliver also hoped to find shipping papers he had lost. *Lost in city Notebook and shipping Papers. Finder kindly return to Burke 34 Eglinton-road Glebe Point (SMH 14 Dec 1922).*

Sands directories and the electoral rolls also list other families at the same address during the period the Burkes lived there indicating that part of the house may have been sub-let for periods of time.

In 1916 Myerson Morris is listed in Sands Directory and in 1917 Mrs E Coyle appears in Sands.

The Burke family had moved from Glebe to Bondi by 1936.

Dalmahoy Gardiner 1919

Dalmahoy Gardiner lived with Oliver Burke's family in Eglinton Road. His son had been engaged to Oliver Burke's sister.

He died *April 8, 1919, at his residence, 34 Eglinton-road, Glebe Point, Dalmahoy, beloved father of the late Cedric D Gardiner, late AIF, aged 48 years (SMH 10 April 1919).*

Dalmahoy's wife had died in 1902. Their only child, Cedric Dalmahoy Russell Gardiner, worked with his father as a confectioner in Bondi. He was reported missing in 1916 Fromelles. Miss Lyn Burke, Oliver Burke's sister and Cedric Gardiner's fiancée wrote to the army inquiring about him. Cedric was confirmed killed in September.

An application was made by the Public Trustee in 1919 for administration of the estate of Dalmahoy Gardiner, late of 34 Eglinton-road Glebe, Caterer and Confectioner, intestate (SMH 7 May 1919).

Goods he had exported to New Zealand were auctioned. *Sale by public auction of floss manufacturing and showman's outfit. By Order of the Public Trustee in the estate of Dalmahoy Gardiner (deceased) Johnston & Co have received instructions to sell at the Mart 157, Lambton quay, v large cases and hampers of miscellaneous goods, including large Marquee and Poles, smaller Tent, Showman's Signs, box of Gas Cookers, Sweets, Jars, Tins, Lollies, Toys, Punch and Judy Show, 6 cases Cardboard, Floss Boxes, Glass Showcase, Wrapping, Paper, Paper Bags, Large Tennis Net, and numerous other lots (Evening Post New Zealand 23 Apr 1919).*

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Knox family 1921

James Knox, 34, joiner and his wife Lillian, 33, home duties are listed on the 1921 electoral roll.

James was the brother of Sarah Elizabeth Burke, who is listed in Sands Directory in 1920.

His daughter Mavis Lillian was born on 14 August 1916. Six days later, James left Sydney with the AIF. He was 5'5½" with brown hair and eyes and of no religious affiliation. He had been an apprentice to J Richardson in Darlington for three years and served in the Volunteer Colonial Force for six years.

He was a sapper in the Australian Electrical and Mechanical Unit in France. He was wounded in 1917. *Mrs J Knox, 20 Darling-street, Glebe, has received information that her husband, Sapper James Knox, is suffering from gas poisoning (SMH 18 July 1917).* He returned to Australia in 1919.

By 1922 James and Lillian lived in Mt Vernon St Glebe. A son died in 1925, aged 3 months. James and Lillian were divorced in 1937. James died soon after and Lillian re-married.

Wason family 1921

Sarah Wason senior and Sarah Wason junior are listed on electoral roll in 1921, both as home duties,

Leslie family 1925-32

The Leslie family are listed on electoral rolls in 1925 -33. James Lamb Leslie, 61, carpenter and his wife Jessie moved into Eglinton Road with their daughter May McIntosh Leslie, 22, ledger keeper and sons Angus Neil Cameron Leslie, 28, clerk and Alistair Gordon Leslie, 20, mason.

Their younger son was injured in an accident soon after they moved in. *Gordon Leslie, aged 20 years, of 34 Eglinton-road, Glebe, was critically injured yesterday morning, when a collision occurred in Cleveland-street, between the motor lorry which he was driving and another motor lorry. Leslie was thrown from his vehicle by the force of the impact, and, falling beneath the other lorry, was dragged some distance along the road (SMH 17 Oct 1925).*

In 1927, the family advertised a motor bike for sale. *Motor bike, Matchless, 8-horse, ride away, £26, bargain. 34 Eglinton-rd, Glebe Point (SMH 30 April 1927)*

Angus Neil Cameron Grant Leslie graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Sydney University in 1925 and became a barrister. He enlisted in 20th Battalion in 1915, described as 5'8½", with grey eyes and brown hair and Presbyterian. He was promoted to lieutenant in the 5th Machine Gun Battalion. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross.

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Aitken family 1933-34

Victor James Aitken, 38, a woolclasser and his wife Ethel Kathleen Aitken, 37, home duties are listed on the electoral rolls in 1933-34. Victor was from New Zealand of a Scottish Presbyterian background.

He enlisted in 1915 in Timaru and served as a lance corporal in the Field Ambulance in Salonika and Egypt. He was discharged from the army in 1919, having served three years overseas.

They moved into Eglinton Road with their children, Thelma Elsie, Raymond Stewart, aged 6 and Clarence Victor Aitken. Raymond Stewart Aitken served in the army in 1945-47.

Dickson family 1936-38

34 Eglinton Road was advertised for rent early in 1936. *Glebe Point 34 Eglinton rd - Cottage 4 rooms kitchen laundry choice position facing park. 70/- First street left past terminus (SMH 1 Feb 1936).*

The new tenants were Peter Ronald Dickson, 42, hotel employee, his wife Florence Mildred, 37 who are listed on the electoral rolls in 1936-38. They moved in with their children Geoffrey Edward, 12, Ronald Maxwell 9 and Lorraine Mildred. Both of their sons volunteered in WW2.

McCartney family 1939-42

Gerald McCartney and his wife Lilian McCartney lived at 34 Eglinton Road Glebe in 1939. Their daughter recalls that her parents first lived in a flat in Glebe Point Road. Her mother took her to Jubilee Park and commented to a woman she met how lovely it would be to live there. She was offered the house to rent. The McCartneys had moved to 14 Eglinton Road by 1943.

Winslett family 1943-44

Frederick Henry Winslett, manager and his wife Edna Jean Winslett, home duties, are listed on the electoral rolls in 1943-44. They shared the house with Jeanie Howie, who is listed on the 1943-44 electoral rolls as a sorter. They had moved to Bathurst by 1949 where Frederick was a greengrocer.

Johnston family 1947-64

John Elliott Johnston, 48, storeman and his wife Veronica, home duties, are listed on the electoral roll in 1947. They were married in 1946 in Glebe. He retired to Ardlethan.

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