

## Residents of 38 Eglinton Road Glebe

### Boarding house 1911-12

In 1912, advertisements offered board to men. *Com. Lodging tradesman no others board opt, off tram 38 Eglinton Rd (SMH 30 July 1912)* and *Board and Residence, comfortable Home for two tramway men, no other boarders, 2 min from Rozelle Depot 38 Eglinton Rd Glebe Point (SMH 24 April 1912)*.

There was also a notice from Mrs Bates wanting to find a room elsewhere in Glebe. *Wanted, unfurn Room, Glebe or Forest Lodge, R.C fam 38 Eglinton Rd. Glebe Pt, Mrs Bates (SMH 6 Nov 1912)*.

Emily Clifford is listed in Sands Directory in 1911 and Frederick Randall in Sands Directory in 1912.

### Gleeson family 1913-15

Thomas Patrick Gleeson, 66, is listed on the electoral roll in 1913-15 as a dealer, with his wife Letitia, 50, and son Joseph, 23. Their son Gregory Robert, 20, and daughter Alice also lived at home.

Thomas Gleeson died in 1915 aged 67 *Thomas Patrick Gleeson, late of Glebe Point, dearly beloved husband of Letitia Gleeson, suddenly (SMH 27 Dec 1915)*.

Letitia lived with her daughter Alice and later with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Randwick. She died *September 2 1945 at Mount St Joseph's Randwick, Letitia, widow of Thomas Gleeson and loving mother of Bert (deceased) Gregory (deceased) George, Joe and Alice (Mrs M Hardiman) aged 82 years (SMH 4 Sep 1945)*.

### McMahon family 1915-16

Senior Warren McMahon, 41, is listed on the 1915 electoral roll as teacher with his wife Isobel Florence McMahon, 28. Patrick McMahon is listed in the 1916 Sands Directory.

Senior (Sean) married Florence Isabel Steele in 1912 in Victoria. Their only child, a son, Marshall William McMahon was two years old when they moved into Eglinton Road.

Senior died in 1930 *on the 13th May, at his residence, 52 Nicholson street, Footscray, Senior Warren, dearly beloved husband of Isabel Florence, devoted father of Marshal William, late of Education department, NSW (The Argus 14 May 1930)*.

Their son became a solicitor. *Mr Marshall McMahon, an ex-Williamstown High School pupil, obtained his L.L.B. degree, at the December examinations of the University. He celebrated his 21st birthday last week, and is a son of Mrs McMahon, and the late Mr S W McMahon, late of Footscray. He is also a nephew of Mr Marshall McMahon, Stipendiary Magistrate of Sydney (SMH 27 Jan 1934)*.

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### Troy sisters 1917-22

Honora Mary Troy, 30, is listed on the 1917-23 electoral rolls as a clerk. Her younger sister Elizabeth Mary Troy is listed on the 1921 electoral roll as a stenographer.

Elizabeth Troy advertised in 1921, *Wanted to Sell Steel Guitar, value £15 sell very cheaply. Write Miss E M Troy, 38 Eglinton road Glebe Point (SMH 25 June 1921).*

The Troy sisters moved away after Honora was married in 1922. *September 27, 1922 at St Mary's Cathedral, Samuel Percy eldest son of the late Mrs James A Johnson, of Haberfield, to Honora Mary eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Honora Troy, of Erskinvile and Sydney (SMH 4 Nov 1922).*

### Percy J Martin 1924-25

Percy J Martin is listed in Sands Directory in 1924-25.

### McGrath family 1925-28

Florence Elizabeth McGrath is listed on the electoral rolls in 1925-28. She moved into Eglinton Road with her children Peter William, 18, Francis, 16 and Phyllis Helen. Her husband, Peter McGrath, pictured at right, is listed in Sands Directory at 38 Eglinton Road in 1926-29.

Peter had enlisted in 1916 and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion. Army records list him as a metal polisher, Catholic, 5'7" tall, with brown eyes and hair. He was wounded in France, placed on the seriously ill list and evacuated to England. He was granted a pension, payable also to his wife Florence Elizabeth McGrath, of Mount Terrace, Forest Lodge and their children.



In 1922 Peter appeared before the Children's Court for wife desertion. This was not his first appearance before the courts, as in 1911 he was sentenced to 2 years hard labour for malicious wounding. Florence obtained a divorce in 1927 and married Charles McIntosh in 1929.

### Milne family 1928

Mrs Annie Milne is listed in Sands Directory in 1928. Her daughter Mary Grant Milne, 30, ledger keeper and son William Geddes Milne, 23, metal sprayer are listed on the electoral roll in 1928. A younger son, John Wilson Milne, 20 and daughter Janet Wilson Milne, 17 also lived in Eglinton Road.

The Milne family were from Glasgow, where Annie's husband, a sausage salesman died in 1923. After he died, Annie decided to migrate to Australia with her children.

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By 1930 Annie and her children had moved to Meadowbank. Her son John Wilson Milne served in the Australian 2/7<sup>th</sup> Commando Squad in New Guinea in 1941-46.

### Hyland family 1930-31

Peter Benedict Hyland, 46, is listed on the electoral roll in 1930 with his wife, Elsie May, 31 and their daughter Margaret Elizabeth, 21 milliner and his father, James Hyland, 72, retired. Their sons Patrick James Joseph Hyland, 13, and Peter Benedict Hyland also lived with them.

James Hyland, who had grown up in Glebe, was the uncle of Peter Vaughan McGrath, whose family had earlier lived in the same house.

The Hylands left Glebe early in 1931. The house was advertised for rent in May. *Glebe Point Semi detached cottage four rooms kitchen bathroom laundry gas and fuel stoves electric light nice position verandahs back and front 30/- week 38 Eglinton road at Tram Terminus (SMH 13 Mar 1931).*

The Hyland family moved to Annandale. Their son Patrick enlisted in the AIF as a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and died of injuries in 1942 at Singleton.

### Sarah Ellen Bourne 1933-34

Sarah Ellen Marks, 38, is listed on the 1933-34 electoral rolls. She had married Arthur Henry Bourne in 1913 in Victoria and was divorced in 1924. In 1934 she took over the licence of Cochrane's Hotel at 78 Day Street Sydney and moved into the hotel to live.

The house was advertised for rent again in 1934, the asking price reduced by 5 shillings since 1931. The contact was Mary Coulson who was then living at 24 Eglinton Road.

*Cottage 38 Eglinton road, lovely position select part opposite park handy to tram 4 rooms kitchen, bathroom electric light gas stove good order 25/- 24 Eglinton rd Glebe (SMH 26 Apr 1934).*

### Walter Owen Simpson 1934

Walter Owen Simpson is recorded on the electoral rolls in 1934 as a labourer. He died on 31 August 1945, aged 44. *The Members of the Australian Communist Party are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late esteemed Comrade (Bill). Eric Aaron, Pres (SMH 1 Sep 1941).*

### Joseph Curry and Sybil Curry 1936-37

Joseph Curry, labourer and Sybil Curry, home duties are listed on the 1936-37 electoral rolls. They had previously lived in Wigram Road Glebe in 1930 and in Glebe Point Road in 1933.

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### Creer family 1944-54

George William Creer, 35, RAN, is listed on the electoral rolls 1944-54 with his wife Vera Pearl, 33, home duties. They were married in 1934 and had two sons, Denis Desmond and Phillip.

George enlisted in the navy in 1925, aged 14, and served during WW2. He was 5'7" with brown hair and eyes and Presbyterian. He was discharged from the navy in 1959 after 34 years service.

In 1953, they advertised a car for sale. *Vanguard Sedan good cond. Well shod Mech sound Reg £630 R Creer 38 Eglinton Rd Glebe (SMH 26 Feb 1953).*

### Christie Robertson Park 1960

Christie Robertson Park, 57, is listed on the 1960 electoral roll as a waterside worker. In 1933 he was convicted in South Australia of using forged cheques. He died in 1960 in Sydney.

### Ashcroft family 1960-65

Hubert Ashcroft, 68 and his wife, Mabel Avonia Ashcroft, 68 are listed on electoral rolls in 1960-65.

Hubert Alphonse Ashcroft was born in Quebec Canada. He enlisted in the AIF in 1915. He was recorded as 5'6" with brown hair and eyes, a waiter and Anglican. He nominated his grandmother as next of kin. He was a private in 55<sup>th</sup> battalion and was reported missing in France in 1916. His brother-in-law wrote *Pte Ashcroft left his mother some time ago and she never knew where he was till she received the wire ... his mother is a widow and she has never received a penny from his pay and she has no support.* Her application was rejected when he was discovered to be a prisoner of war.

Hubert was interviewed in 1919 in England. *I reached the enemy second line. There we put in the night digging and consolidating. I was actually captured about 9 am on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We were in a sap and the Germans were bombing all along it from both ends. After four days in the notorious Fort Macdonald at Lille I was taken to Dulmen. From there I was taken to Gladbach on a sawmill commando. Later I was sent to a munitions factory at Mulheim. I refused to work and got a good bumping and was then sent to a coalmine at Bottrop. I was the only Australian there. I came to Holland from Freidrichsfeld on Nov 17 1918 and reached Hull England, via Rotterdam.*

Hubert married Mabel Avonia Spriggs in 1920 in Glebe. They did not have any children.

Mabel died *August 6 1965 at her residence 38 Eglinton Road Glebe, beloved wife of Hubert (Curl) and loved aunt of Roy, Lois and Beryl, aged 71 years (SMH 7 Aug 1965).* Hubert died two months later *October 2 1965, at hospital, late of 38 Eglinton Road Glebe (SMH 13 Oct 1965).*

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### **Ritchie family 1967-75**

Paul James Ritchie, bus driver and Kathleen Ann Ritchie, nurse are listed on electoral rolls in 1967-75. They bought the house for \$11,000 and renovated it. They moved in with their children Paul and Angela. Another daughter was born when they lived in Glebe. They later moved to Allambie Heights.

### **Bronwyn Mary Plowman 1977-84**

Bronwyn Mary Plowman, home duties, is listed on the electoral rolls in 1977-84.

### **Caspar and Elizabeth Anne Ozinga 1977-79**

Caspar Ozinga, scientist, and Elizabeth Anne Ozinga, town planner are listed on the 1977-79 electoral rolls. Caspar migrated to Australia from Holland with his parents in 1956.

### **Margaret Elaine Gardner 1981-82**

Margaret Elaine Gardner, student is listed on the electoral rolls in 1981-82.

### **Nottage family 1984-92**

Geoffrey Raymond Nottage and Linda Gaye Harris purchased the house in 1984 and renovated it in 1987. They lived there with their children Rafe and Jade. Geoff is a TV producer and director.

### **Christina Margaret Patricia Walker 1992-2003**

Christina Margaret Patricia Walker purchased the house in 1992 and sold it in 2003.

She is listed on the electoral rolls in 1997-2003

### **Hannaford family 2003-08**

James Edward Robert Hannaford and Jill Margaret Hannaford purchased the house in 2003.

They lived there for a while with their three sons then rented it out before selling it in 2008.

## **Sources**

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