

Residents of 4 Eglinton Road Glebe

Margaret Dick and her children 1909-41

The Dick family were the first residents of 4 Eglinton Road. They lived there for 33 years.

Margaret Dick, 74, and her children Francis Thomas James Dick, 41, printer and Eliza Mary Dick, 52, home duties are listed on electoral rolls at 4 Eglinton Road from 1909.

Margaret Maloney had arrived in Victoria from Tipperary, Ireland with her sister in 1853. She married James Dick in Victoria in 1857. By 1868 the Dick family had settled in Sydney, where Francis, the youngest of her four children was born.

Margaret died in 1915, aged 80, *August 3, at her residence Eglinton-road, Glebe (SMH 4 Aug 1915)*. Her son and daughter continued to live at 4 Eglinton Road after her death.

Francis Thomas James Dick had joined the Government Printing Office at the age of 13 and worked there for 50 years. He did not marry and remained at home with his mother and older sister.

Francis was an active member of the Labour party, an alderman for twelve years and mayor of the Glebe Municipal Council in 1930. He was a president of the Glebe State Labour League and the Glebe Municipal Assembly (SMH 10 Aug 1935).

Local council elections were often heated. In 1928 when Francis won selection with 352 votes, *pantomimic scenes marked the Labour pre-selection balloting for the Glebe municipal elections ... The corridors of the hall were crowded throughout the night with Labour enthusiasts, who were awaiting the final result of the ballot with great interest (SMH 8 Aug 1928)*.



Francis was reprimanded for causing a disturbance at a council meeting in 1929. *When a letter was read from Alderman Dick announcing his intention of attending the meeting, the Mayor said that the ordinances required that Alderman Dick should apologise for creating disorder at the last council meeting he attended before he could again take his seat. Alderman Carlton protested that Alderman Dick had nothing to apologise for. "Compared with the usual conduct of this council, he was quite orderly," he said. Another alderman: He was like a Sunday school pupil. After more words between the Mayor and Alderman Carlton, the council agreed that the incident should be considered closed, and Alderman Dick took his place without apologising (SMH 5 July 1929)*.

When Francis served as mayor in 1930, his sister Eliza Dick was mayoress and patron of the committee to raise funds for the children's hospital. *A social and euchre party was held recently at the Glebe Town Hall by the Glebe Jubilee Cot Fund Committee, under the auspices of the Glebe Municipal Council. Waltz and fox-trot competitions were held during the evening. The Mayor and*

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Mayoress, Alderman and Miss Dick, were present, and during the evening, Miss Dick was presented with a bouquet (SMH 20 June 1930).

She helped organise a dance a few months later. The Jubilee Cots' Fund annual dance will be held in the Glebe Town Hall on October 22 in aid of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Miss Dick (Mayoress) is the patroness of the committee (SMH 21 Oct 1930).

Francis Dick was a keen supporter of local bands. A schoolboys' band, containing about 70 members, drawn equally from the Glebe and Forest Lodge Public schools, gave its initial performance at the Forest Lodge Public School on Saturday afternoon ... The Mayor of Glebe (Alderman F Dick) proclaimed the official opening of a fete within the school grounds, at which it was hoped to raise funds to pay for the band instruments, and was presented with an honour cap by three very small pupils of the school (SMH 21 July 1930).

Francis Dick died suddenly on 8 August 1935. At his residence 4 Eglinton road Glebe Point Alderman Francis Thomas Dick JP, late of the Government Printing Works Liverpool street branch, aged 65 years (SMH 9 Aug 1935).

His funeral was attended not only by representatives of Glebe Council but also of nearby councils. The funeral of Alderman F T Dick, an ex-Mayor and member of the Glebe Council, took place on Saturday... After Requiem Mass at St James' Church, Glebe, celebrated by the Rev Father Parker, the Forest Lodge and Glebe Boys' Band (in which the late Mr Dick took a great interest) led the cortege, followed by employees of the Glebe Council. The aldermen marched at each side of the hearse, with the officers at the rear. The chief mourner was Miss E Dick (sister) (SMH 12 Aug 1935).

Eliza placed a notice of thanks. Miss E M Dick, 4 Eglinton-road Glebe Point wishes to extend thanks to Mayor Lahiff, Mr West and all employees of Glebe Council and all kind friends for their sympathy and respect for the sad loss of her dear brother F T Dick (SMH 24 Aug 1935).

Eliza continued to live in Eglinton Road, visited by her nieces and nephews to whom she was known as "Auntie Glebe Point." She shared the house with the Murphy family after her brother died.

She died on July 11, 1941 Eliza Dick, late of Eglinton Road, Glebe Point (SMH 12 Jul 1941).

Murphy family 1936-1969

The Murphy family, who initially shared the house with Eliza Dick, took over as tenants in 1941.

John Joseph Murphy, 44, a motor driver from Cork Ireland, and his wife Eileen Emily Murphy, 38, home duties, first appear on the electoral rolls in 1936. They moved into Eglinton Road with their daughters, Valerie Mary Murphy, 12, and Claire Betty Murphy, 7.

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The girls had a bicycle, as the family placed a notice in 1946 *For sale girls Bicycle 26in good as new. After 6 pm 4 Eglinton Rd Glebe (SMH 4 Sep 1946)*. In 1949, Eileen also advertised *Watch, Lady's Gold. Lost Friday Glebe Engraved Reward 4 Eglinton Road Glebe (SMH 7 Oct 1949)*.

Eileen died *April 9 1951 at her residence 4 Eglinton Road Glebe Point beloved wife of Jack, loved mother of Val and Claire grandmother of Morel Ann, aged 52 years (SMH 10 April 1951)*.

As well as notices from her family, there was also a notice *W M, W P, O Bearers Members Woollahra Chapter 360 are respectfully invited to attend Funeral of Esteemed Sister Eileen (SMH 11 April 1951)*.

Claire Betty Murphy married Albert Jack Thew, a fitter, in 1949. They lived with her father. They are listed on electoral rolls in 1949-54. They moved to Berala with their children Morel and Mark in 1954.

Valerie May Murphy, who worked in the office of Vanderfield & Reid, appears on the electoral roll until her marriage to John Edmondson in 1955. They bought a large house at 146 Glebe Point Road. Her father moved in with them towards the end of his life.

John Joseph Murphy died on *March 3 1969 (suddenly) late of Eglinton Road Glebe, beloved husband of the late Eileen (Fairy) Murphy and loved father of Valerie (Mrs Edmondson) and Claire (Mrs Thew) (SMH 4 April 1969)*. Members of the NSW Masonic club were invited to his funeral, which was held at St John's Church of England, Glebe.

Residents 1965-72

Henry Joseph Murphy is listed on the electoral rolls in 1965-72, with no occupation listed

Gloria Collins is listed on the electoral roll in 1965-72 as home duties.

Residents 1976-82

Evans Jones is listed on the electoral rolls in 1976-81 and Franklin John Berkley Stilwell on the electoral roll in 1981-82. They were both lecturers in political economy at the University of Sydney.

S Matthews and R M Penfold 1991-97

S Matthews and R M Penfold purchased 4 Eglinton Road from Pinetrees Lodge in 1991

The house was sold again in 1997.

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