

Residents of 6 Eglinton Road Glebe

Walton family 1909-10

The first residents of 6 Eglinton Road were James Kinder Walton, 50, a tobacconist and his wife Emily Walton, 49, who are listed on the electoral roll in 1909. He is also listed in Sands Directory in 1910

James and Emily were married in 1881 in Manchester and arrived in Sydney in 1882 with their daughter Maud. The family were listed as Baptist. James was a coach builder.

His parents, brothers and sisters joined them in Sydney in 1885. It was the second time that the Walton family had migrated to Australia from England. They had first settled in Queensland in 1864 when James was five. His father was a cotton weaver at a time when there was little employment in the cotton mills of Lancashire because of the shortage of raw cotton caused by the civil war in America. The Walton family was granted land in Queensland, but with no background in farming, James' father sold up and returned home to England in 1868 where they lived for 17 years.

When they lived in Eglinton Road, James and Emily Walton rented out rooms. They advertised *Well Furn Front Room also Single Room, 2 mins tram, priv fam no chil 6 Eglinton rd Glebe Pt (SMH 16 Mar 1910)*. They moved to Manly after they left Glebe.

Anderson family 1911

Frank Anderson is listed in the 1911 Sands Directory at 6 Eglinton Road Glebe. He married Sarah Hiscox in 1909. Their son was born in 1911 *June 2 at Nurse Hiney's, Glebe Point, the wife of Francis Finlay Anderson (nee Sadie Hiscox) of a son (Gordon Francis) (SMH 24 June 1911)*.

Brennan family 1913

George James Joseph Brennan, 50, a traffic foreman and his wife Mary Ann, 50, are listed on the 1913 electoral roll. They were married in 1883 in Balmain and had four children.

They shared the house with their daughter Alma May Brennan, 17, sons Arthur John Brennan, 20 and George Leslie Brennan, 23, a tram conductor and their daughter in law Ethel May Brennan, 24.

Their son Arthur died in 1913 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. His family placed a notice *in loving memory of Arthur Brennan, who departed this life March 2, 1913, aged 20 years. You are not forgotten, Artie dear, or will you ever be (SMH 2 March 1914)*.

The Brennan family had moved to Sans Souci by 1930.

Sydney Smith 1913-14

Sydney Smith is listed in Sands Directory of 1913 and Wise's Post Office Directory of 1914.

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Harbutt family 1914-17

Richard Edward Harbutt, 30, manager and his wife Vera Edith Harbutt, 24, home duties are listed on the electoral rolls in 1916. He is also listed in Sands Directory in 1914-17.

Richard Harbutt arrived in Sydney in 1904 as an apprentice seaman on the Shandon. His father, whose family had been missionaries in Samoa, died the year he was born and his mother when he was four. Richard went to live with a maternal aunt who ran a boarding house in Dover.

In 1912 Richard gained a Diploma in Economics and Commerce from the University of Sydney. He married Vera Edith Pearce the same year. Vera had grown up in Glebe. Her father, from Cornwall, died when she was 11 and her mother remarried soon afterwards.

Vera's first child, John Richard Harbutt was born in 1913 *July 23, at Nurse Hiney's Private Hospital, Mansfield-street, Glebe Point, the wife of Richard Edward Harbutt - a son (SMH 2 Aug 1913)*. Their second son, Allan Edward Harbutt was born on 4 May 1915 while they lived in Eglinton Road.

The Harbutt family moved to Waverly and then to Tasmania, where Richard was a company manager and briefly a factory owner. *The Channel evaporating factory, at Kettering, is closing this week. The factory opened on March 14, and the Channel has benefited by it, especially the local people, as a number have been employed by Mr R E Harbutt, the manager and owner (Mercury 10 June 1932)*.

Riddle family and boarders 1917-35

William Riddle, a builder and his wife Bridget Riddle, 41, are listed on electoral rolls from 1917-33. They were married in 1915 in Redfern but did not have children. They rented out rooms to boarders.

In 1917, they advertised *Private Home, no others, lady let nice Room, two Friends or elderly lady, board if desired. 6 Eglinton road (SMH 22 Sep 1917)*. In 1920 they offered *6 Eglinton-rd. Nice Room, private home, suit bus. gent, breakfast 'Phone M158 (SMH 31 March 1920)*.

Most of the boarders who lived with them are not recorded on electoral rolls. However, Robert Malcolm Roberts, 55, a compositor is listed on electoral rolls in 1921-22, Elizabeth Amelia Elliott, a clerk, in 1926-28 and William Kenneth Love, 52, a recently divorced bricklayer, in 1932-33.

William Riddle died *April 25 1935 at his residence 6 Eglinton road, Glebe Point William Riddle, husband of Bridget Riddle (SMH 4 May 1935)*. Bridget moved to Leichhardt in 1935.

Scanlon family 1935-75

The Scanlon family lived at 6 Eglinton Road Glebe for forty years. Michael Scanlon, 52, a labourer and his wife Bridget Scanlon, 51, home duties are listed on electoral rolls from 1936.

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Michael Scanlon and Bridget Hogan were married in Maitland in 1905 and moved to Eglinton Road with their daughter and three of their six sons. Two married sons lived nearby in Edward Street.

Their daughter Mary Kathleen Scanlon who is listed on electoral rolls in 1941 as a shop assistant was married in 1942 and moved elsewhere in Glebe.

Their second eldest son Michael Patrick Scanlon married Olga Marie Mitchell in 1946. They tried to find somewhere to rent, advertising *MC want Flat at Glebe Point, O Scanlon, 6 Eglinton Rd, Glebe Point (SMH 29 Nov 1947)*. However, accommodation was hard to find post-war and they remained at 6 Eglinton Road, continuing as tenants after his parents died. They did not have children.

Michael and Bridget Scanlon's two youngest sons served in the army and returned home after they were discharged. William Bernard Scanlon is listed on electoral rolls in 1947 as a process worker. He had enlisted in 1942 at the age of 21 and served as private with the 13th Supply Depot. He moved away from Glebe after he was married in 1947.

Lawrence Patrick Scanlon is listed on electoral rolls in 1946-49 as a soldier. He enlisted in 1941 aged 19, and was a private in the 55th battalion. He was 5'3" tall, with blue eyes, fair hair and a fair complexion. He worked as a salesman at Grace Brothers and had left school after primary school. He was wounded in 1942 and sent home to recover, returning to Milne Bay, New Guinea in 1943.

He was married in 1950 and advertised *Wanted Furn Flat or Flatette suit young couple. Immediate possession if possible, 6 Eglinton Rd Glebe Pt (SMH 7 June 1950)*.

In 1949, the Scanlon family had advertised a 21 year old car for sale *Whippet Sedan 1928 in good condition throughout. Best offer Apply morning only 6 Eglinton Road Glebe Point (SMH 7 May 1949)*.

Michael Patrick Scanlon, who was listed on electoral rolls as a milk vendor in 1949, set up a small factory behind Eglinton Road at the rear of the area subsequently occupied by R J Williams Lodge. The factory produced Screplex, a liquid sand soap.

His parents Michael and Bridget moved to Rydalmere in 1956 to live with their youngest son Lawrence and his family. Bridget died in 1958 and Michael Alphonse Scanlon in 1962.

Michael Patrick Scanlon died *October 21, 1972, at hospital, of 6 Eglinton Road Glebe Point, dearly loved husband of Olga Scanlon, loved brother of Jack, Jim, Tom (deceased) Kathie, Bill and Larry (SMH 23 Oct 1972)*. Olga continued to live at 6 Eglinton Road as a protected tenant. She is listed on electoral rolls in 1975 but moved soon after to live with her sister on the Central Coast.

David John Dowsett and Suzanne Mary Ann Dowsett 1978-84

David John Dowsett and Suzanne Mary Ann Dowsett who are listed on the electoral roll in 1978-84 were postgraduate students. Suzanne's parents owned the house. They moved to Mary Street Glebe and then to Exeter.

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Williams family 1991-2002

Rendle John Williams and Jennifer Ann Collison purchased 6 Eglinton Road from M Smith and W Barber in 1991. In 1994 they moved to London where Rendle worked in management with the Salvation Army. They rented the house out for a time. They lived in Glebe with their sons, Rueben, Benjamin and Isaac.

Paul Cartwright and Leilani Frew 2002-09

Paul Cartwright and Leilani Frew purchased the house in 2002. Leilani works in finance and banking. Their son Joshua was born in 2005. In 2009 they moved to Arcadia Road Glebe.

Graham John Hay and Vanessa Frances Beresford 2009-12

Graham John Hay and Vanessa Frances Beresford purchased the house in 2009. Their son Robert was born shortly after they moved in. They sold the house in 2012.

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