



Secretary/ Newsletter.

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MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bruce Wooldridge

Dear members,

Welcome to the October 2014 Newsletter. I hope you are well as we move far too quickly towards the end of another year!

Council amalgamation

On 22 October 2014, the State Government announced that it had accepted the Local Government Advisory board's recommendation that everything east of Alexander Drive will move to the City of Bayswater ("CoB"). This means that part of Menora, and all of Mount Lawley and Inglewood that currently are within the City of Stirling (Stirling) will move to the CoB.

This decision came as a massive shock, as it goes against the wishes of the community that had been voiced loudly at three public rallies, via petitions, and a number of media releases. Astonishingly, it has also been accepted by the Minister for Local Government that the ward system be abolished for the CoB. This means less (and possibly no) representation for our heritage suburbs. There would also be a three month window (July to October 2015) before new council elections are held where we would definitely have no councillor to represent us!

At Stirling's Council meeting on 28 October 2014, a motion was raised by Councillor Terry Tyzack (and unanimously passed) for Stirling to engage a Senior Counsel to review the council amalgamation process. The purpose is to enable Senior Counsel to determine whether any process or action breached, circumvented or otherwise failed to follow the requirements of all relevant statutes and protocols in arriving at a decision/ recommendation pertaining to boundary changes affecting the City of Stirling. If relevant, Senior Counsel is also to advise the City of any course of action available to the City to prevent implementation of proposed changes to the City's boundaries. Stirling will also write to the Minister for Local Government and the Premier, seeking a poll of residents in areas of the City of Stirling proposed to be lost under Local Government Reform.

We fully support Stirling in the above actions, as the concerns we have over heritage protection not only remain, but have been compounded by the abolition of the ward structure in the CoB. Please note that Stirling's facebook page is still running where comments can be left at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Stirling-Local-Government-Reform/1380560575505432>

Demolition by neglect (Amendment 27)

Amendment 27 was approved by the Minister for Planning on 24 September 2014 and subsequently gazetted on 24 October 2014. As such, the provisions are now in effect. We strongly commend Stirling for driving this initiative, which we note has now also been adopted by some other pro-heritage councils. The planning amendment is for extreme cases of neglect where typically the home has been abandoned to the elements and left to rot, sometimes for decades, in order to circumvent the heritage protection regime that is in place. We have also seen over the years, demolition by neglect hastened by the removal of key structural areas of the property such as foundations. This issue may only relate to a handful of properties; however it has a profound impact on particularly neighbours, with the deteriorating properties being a magnet for graffiti, vandalism and squatting. With strong leadership from Stirling on this issue, and the power now to take action, we should see a sharp reduction in the practice of demolition by neglect.

However, one of our many concerns with council amalgamation is that breakthrough amendments such as this will not be retained by the CoB.

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The MLS would like to hear from members who would be interested in contributing to the newsletter.

Views expressed by members or contributors are not necessarily those of others or of the committee.

Prohibition of Multiple Dwellings on Residential Lots Coded Below R60 (Amendment 32)

Amendment 32 is currently with the Department of Planning awaiting the Minister for Planning's final approval. We hope to be able to confirm its approval in our next newsletter.

Thirlmere Street, Mount Lawley (CoB)

You may have noticed 3 heritage properties in Thirlmere Street recently come onto the market (2A, 4 & 6), all being within the existing CoB:



No.2A was Built in 1915 for Malcolm V Uren (long time principal of Maylands Primary School). No.4 was built in 1929 for Eric N Barnard, and No. 6 in 1929 for Gordon Craik.

No. 2A is on the CoB's Municipal Inventory with a "2" Classification, which provides limited protection ("demolition of the site will generally not be supported"). The other two properties are not listed in the Inventory and therefore have no real protection from demolition. We understand that all three properties have been purchased by families, which is very good news for the residents of Thirlmere and also for Mount Lawley.

The CoB at its Council Meeting held on 25 March 2014 considered heritage design guidelines for Mount Lawley and resolved as follows: "That staff initiate an amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 to introduce Heritage Design Guidelines into Mount Lawley consistent with those covering Mount Lawley currently by the City of Stirling". This is encouraging, and we would call upon the CoB to expedite replicating (and not just selecting part of) Stirling's heritage protection regime. The portion of Mount Lawley presently within the CoB is currently included in the CoB's existing Character Protection Area No. 3 (Mount Lawley); however this does not afford any real protection from demolition. This was evidenced by the recent demolition of 68 & 70 Guildford Road.

159-161 Walcott St Mount Lawley (City of Vincent)



The shops located at 159-161 Walcott Street were built in 1924, and are the last original shops in this section of Walcott St, Mount Lawley. In December 2010, the Society submitted a request nominating the properties be included in the City of Vincent's Municipal Heritage inventory. This was rejected.

In 2013, the owners lodged a development application that maintained the structure of the old buildings, some of the walls of the old shops, the floor boards, the style of building and the awnings and setback from the street. The Society lodged a submission in support of the application.

A new development application has now been lodged, which unfortunately compromises full demolition with a new build consisting of 30 apartments. The Society lodged an objection to this application on the basis that the heritage buildings should be retained. A decision is yet to be reached by Council, however we would urge them to respect the heritage value of the buildings and contribution to the streetscape.

Dinner at La Vigna

On 12 September, we were hosted in the cellar of La Vigna by proprietor Michael Tamburri where we enjoyed a superb selection of food and matched wines. A fun night was had by all and our knowledge of Mount Lawley history was tested by Patron Barrie Baker. Thank you for those who attended and to Beth McKechnie for organising another fantastic function.

Upcoming events

Leadlight walking tour – 3 November 2014 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

Our next event is a Leadlight walking tour for the evening of the 3 November. We had planned to hold this event every two years, however due to the amount of requests received and the huge success of last year's walk we have relented to hold it again this year. The tour starts from the Mount Lawley Bowling club – and will this time take in the best of the West of Beaufort Street. Please see our web site for further details and registration, and we hope you can join us on this walk.

Beaufort Street Festival – 15 November 2014

Wander down Beaufort Street and visit the Mount Lawley Society stand at this year's Beaufort Street Festival. Our member Phillipa Baines has been busy creating the first ever Mount Lawley Society tee-shirts (with a modern twist), which will be on-sale at our stand for \$20 each.

We will be showing our photos both at the Astor and St Albans Church so we will need volunteers to be there on the day. Please mark this in your diary and help if you can. The event is great publicity for Mt Lawley, Menora and Inglewood and great for the Society.

Sundowner/AGM – 1 December 2014 7.30pm

The Society Sundowner (AGM) is growing in popularity, and will again be held at the Mount Lawley Bowling club. It was a sell-out last year and heaps of fun. It is an excellent way to catch up with friends in the Society and meet some new neighbours in your area. A formal invitation will be circulated closer to the event.

Web site

If you have not been to our web site for a while you may wish to pay a visit site.

(<http://www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/>).

Committee member Sheila Robinson has done an exceptional job in updating and reformatting the web site. I would recommend that you visit the photos section where the historical photos are now sitting side by side with their contemporary counterpart.

Advertising in the newsletter

We are pleased to announce that it is now possible to advertise your business in the quarterly Mount Lawley Society newsletters. With a membership of over 300, it is an excellent and cost effective medium in which to communicate with our members about your business. Now is the time to plan your Christmas and New Year campaigns, so please consider the Mount Lawley Society. Further details and rates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Members' benefits

This is a fairly new section to the newsletter, and an area that we hope to expand on in the coming months. At the end of the newsletter we will detail all current special offers to members. ***See end of newsletter***

Friends of the Museum – As the Society is an associate member of the Friends of the Western Australian Museum our members can take advantage of a 50% discount on all Friends Lectures and Table talks. If you would like to be kept up to date with upcoming events please send your details to the Executive Officer of the Friends (friends@museum.wa.gov.au).

Instant Waste Management – Instant waste are foundation sponsors of the Society's WA Heritage Renovator web site. Instant Waste is kindly offering a 10% discount to our member. Instant Waste Management is a WA owned and operated company for over 10 years. They have a fleet of over 50 trucks and a strong focus on customer service, recycling and safety. Instant Waste is setting new standards in service and efficiency, through their attitude to business and awareness for safe collection and waste disposal, with an incredible 70% of all waste being recycled.

Mount Lawley Men in the Great War (# 2)

Peter Conole



The **Garth family** of Number **6 Clarence Street, Mount Lawley** arrived in Western Australia probably in late 1911. They seem to have prospered among us and four members heard the 'call to arms' when war broke out in 1914. Two of them did not return and the *Western Mail* reported the disastrous news in a blunt, matter-of-fact way on January 5, 1917. Private Frank Garth (No.2298) of the 24th Field Artillery Battery had been killed. To make matters worse, his father (also on active service) was missing in action. A wife and mother - Sarah Ann Garth - had much to think upon.

However, as will be revealed, she did have a measure of relief. The 1st AIF staff showed compassion, because the year 1916 was one of stark tragedy for the Garth family.

The names of the two Garth men are on the Mount Lawley War Memorial. Their story is an unusual slice of Australiana. The Garths were an imperial family. They saw much of the world in the course of furthering a tradition of army service which had been going on for two generations or more. Sergeant Thomas James Garth (Nos. 263 and 782) of the 16th and 28th Battalions of Infantry was born at Lucknow, India in June 1872. He was the son of a military man, but specific details of his ancestry are elusive. Thomas obtained a good education at various military schools, joined the British Army himself in 1890 and served in the Royal Fusiliers (the City of London Regiment) for 21 years.

The Royal Fusiliers were not involved in any major wars during his career, which largely involved garrison duty around the world. He married Sarah Ann (family name not yet known) in the early 1890s. Their three future soldier sons arrived in short order – John (born on Alderney in the Channel Islands, 1894), Thomas (born at Mohir in India, 1896) and Frank (born at Dover, County Kent, 1897). The family were living in the Woolwich army barracks at the time of the British Census of 1911. Thomas James Garth's period of service expired soon after and the family moved to Western Australia, where they settled down in Mount Lawley – for too short a time.

British Army veteran Garth joined the 16th battalion of infantry, 1st AIF, on September 9, 1914 and was soon promoted to sergeant. He got into trouble and was discharged for misconduct a few weeks later. Nothing daunted, he signed up in the 28th Battalion in March 1915 and was again promoted to sergeant after one month. Overseas service followed, but he never made it to Gallipoli. He had to return to Australia for some time due to a severe illness. By early 1916 Sergeant Garth was in France and in the thick of gruesome trench warfare, culminating in the Somme offensive. His luck ran out in the waning days of the year. Sergeant Thomas James Garth was killed on November 3, 1916.

Son Frank Garth, a warrior of both Gallipoli and the Somme, soon followed his father into eternity. In 1914 he was working in the printing branch of the West Australian newspaper. He waited until he turned 18, then joined the 1st AIF on June 19, 1915 and ended up serving as a Gunner, as mentioned earlier. He gave good service during hard, high risk fighting against the Turks and on the Western Front. Frank was killed on December 10, 1916, scarcely more than a month after his father. The remains of Thomas James and Frank Garth were never found and buried. Both of them are listed on the war memorials at Villers Bretonneux in France.

Sarah Anne Garth and her younger children already had their troubles when that bad news arrived in January 1917.

Son John Garth had joined the Australian Regular Army when he reached the age of 18 in 1913. He was on duty with the Garrison Artillery in Fremantle when war broke out and moved into the 1st AIF on June 1, 1915. He was assigned the number 216 and served as bombardier in the 55th Battery, Australian Field Artillery. John's first and only period of active service was in France in 1916 and it ended disastrously for him even before the Somme offensive began.

During one bombardment on March 19, 1916 John received multiple wounds to the head, left wrist and back. He spent a long time in hospital, but managed to rejoin his comrades on May 31. The end came on the Somme, when John was wounded in the head again at Mont St Elor on August 31 and disabled for good and all.

He spent a long time in medical care and was sent home, arriving on February 28, 1917 at a time when his loved ones were still in distress because of the deaths of his father and brother. John never fully recovered from his injuries and seems to have lived out the rest of his short life as a military pensioner. He died on August 22, 1929 at the age of 35 and was buried at Karrakatta.

Thomas Garth (number 2149 in the 1st AIF), who had scarcely finished his secondary education when the war began, joined up very quickly on August 26, 1914. He was assigned to a gunnery section which eventually became part of the 1st Division Artillery. Thomas worked as a Driver – a job which could be very hazardous in combat. He gave good service at Gallipoli and in France and survived both shot and shell and several bouts of illness. However, John's life at a soldier then came to an end because of what staff officers called '*domestic issues*'.

Thomas Garth wrote to his senior officers on December 13, 1916 stating that "*his father and brother had been killed and his brother John Garth had been seriously wounded*". Thomas asked for leave "to enable me to return to Australia to assist my mother to settle family affairs". Poor Sarah Ann Garth had no relatives in Australia and her remaining children – a daughter aged 15 and a son of 13 - were too young to cope. The 1st AIF brass did all they could to help. Driver Garth's company officer Captain A.B.Raymond described him as a "*conscientious man and diligent in all matters*". And so on and so forth further up the chain, with officers recognising the home situation was desperate and deserving of relief.

After regaining his health Thomas returned to Australia on the 'Miltiades' in May 1917. He had much work to do in helping with a deplorable and grim situation back in Mount Lawley. The army again displayed humanity and gave him an honourable discharge on December 16, 1917. As was the case with his father and brothers, Thomas received the usual service medals after the Great War ended.

We do not know how all the family difficulties were resolved, but resolved they were. Thomas eventually obtained employment as a taxation assessor. He married Kate Darling Campbell in 1919 and the couple had one daughter, Marion Florence Garth. Not much is known of later Garth family history, although it is possible descendants of Thomas Garth and his two surviving siblings may live among us. Thomas himself died in Perth on July 16, 1969 at the age of 73.



6 Clarence St today

THE HILL-RENNIE FAMILY AND MT LAWLEY by Barrie Baker



*"Weeroona", 102 Vincent Street taken in 1916
Figures L-R: Archibald (between urns), Olive, Edith, Elsie, Alice Ellen (all on verandah), Alice (on ground)*

Below: View of Hyde Park, photographed in 1916 from the front verandah of 102 Vincent Street, Mount Lawley



Builder, and first owner, Archibald Hill-Rennie. Photo taken in July 1900



Charles Hill was a surgeon of Muckhart, Scotland . Muckhart, Clackmannanshire, is one of the Hillfoots Villages, situated on the A91 around 3 miles north-east of Dollar. The Gaelic name, Muc-àird, comes from 'muc' (Pig) + 'àird' (Height), and may derive from the fact that the surrounding fields may once have been used for pig farming. Previously Muckhart, together with Glendevon, formed the southernmost tip of Perthshire.

Captain Archibald Hill became the High Sheriff (a judge) of Clackmannanshire. He assumed the name of 'Hill-Rennie' according to the terms of an inheritance. He died in 1853.

Isabella Mortimer was the granddaughter of Count de Mortimer, in turn, grandson of one of the Earls of Home.

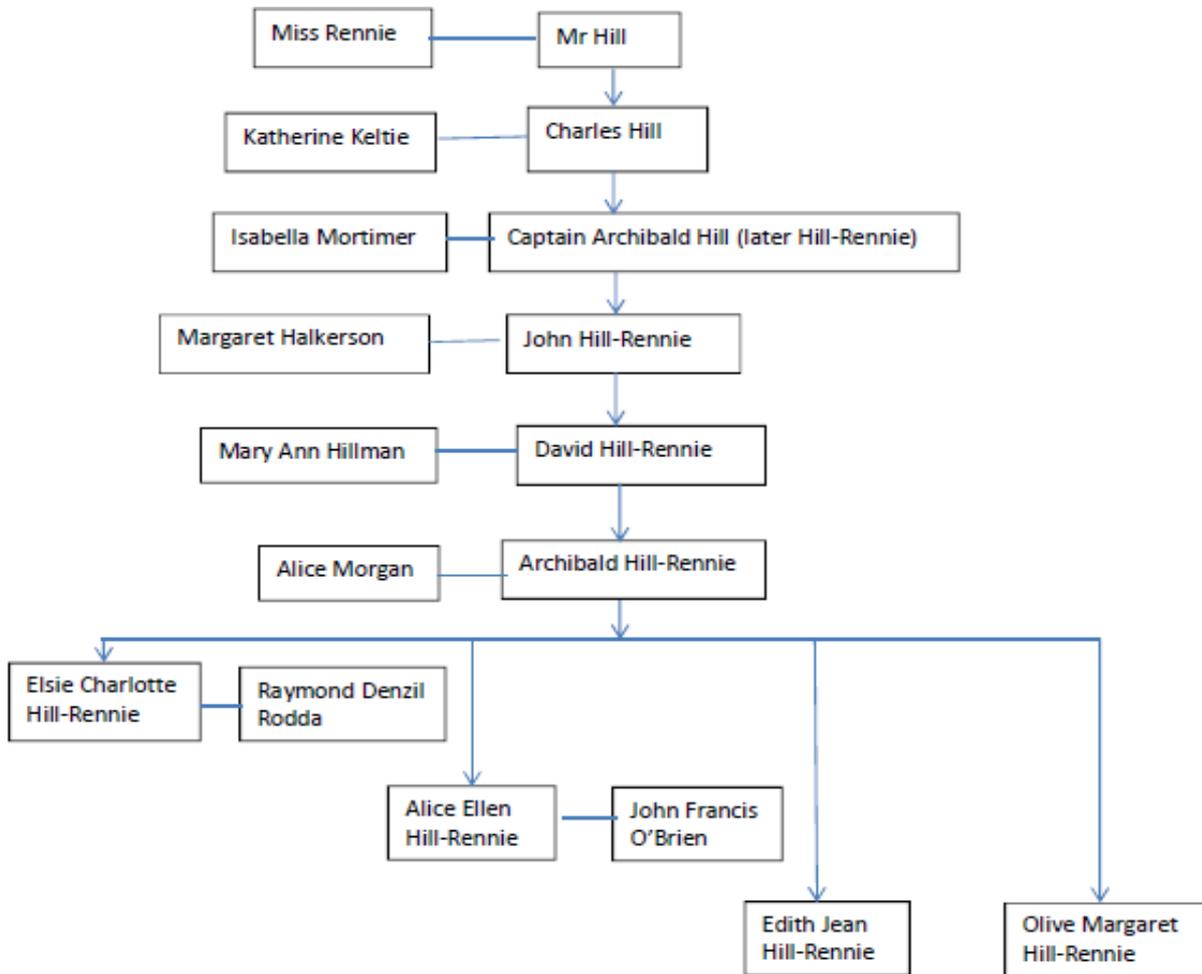
John Hill-Rennie was born 7 Mar 1795 in Balliliesk, Muckhart, Clackmannanshire, He married Margaret Halkerson on 10 Sep 1821 in Falkland, Fifeshire in Scotland and spent much of his adult life in County Antrim, Ireland. He died 18 Sep 1868 in Diamond Creek, Victoria.

Margaret Halkerson was born 17 Feb 1793 in Falkland.. She was the daughter of David Halkerson and Elizabeth Keltie, and a cousin of Isabella Mortimer. She had six children, the first in Balliliesk, and the other five in Ireland. She died 20 Jul 1858 in Belfast

David Hill-Rennie was born c.1829 in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, the fourth child. He married Mary Ann Hillman in 1862 in Ballarat. He died 10 May, 1903 in Brighton, Victoria.

Mary Ann Hillman was born on 13 Aug 1834 in Banwell, Somerset. She was the daughter of Robert Hillman and Flora Hares. She had six children, all born in Victoria. She died 9 Oct 1885 in Boundary Gully, Maldonshire, Victoria.

HILL-RENNIE FAMILY TREE



Archibald Hill-Rennie was born, the third child, on 16 October 1870 in White Hills, Bendigo, in an area where the name “Weeroona” abounds. He served an apprenticeship as a carpenter and moved to Perth between 1900 and 1902. He met Alice Morgan when he lodged at a boarding house she was running, and they married in the Scots Church, Fremantle 12 May 1903. They first lived at 229 Beaufort Street, until 1904, when they moved to 225 Lake Street. Archibald was known to have worked on the construction of His Majesty’s Theatre and the Ascot Hotel. He established himself as a builder, and built many houses in the suburbs of Mount Hawthorn, Mount Lawley and Victoria Park. The house at 102 Vincent Street, Mount Lawley was completed in 1916. On retirement he owned a number of houses in Mount Lawley which he rented out. He died in Mount Lawley 20 July 1956.

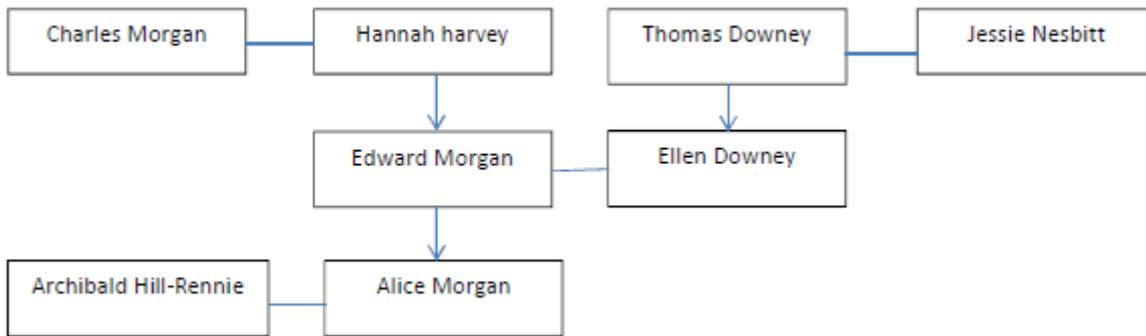


*229 Beau-
fort Street
(LH side)*

*225 Lake
Street*



MORGAN FAMILY TREE.....



Thomas Downey was a ship's carpenter.

Ellen Downey was born c 1838 in Dundee. She married Edward Morgan in 1857 on arrival in Victoria where they farmed on a property 'Weeroona', at Wooragee, 10km north of Beechworth. She died 6 April 1891.

Edward Morgan was born c 1836 and was a farmer near Gateshead, Durham. He arrived in Australia in 1857 aboard the ship 'Commodore Perry'. He died 19 Feb 1903.

Alice Morgan was born 3 July 1865 at Wooragee. Some time before 1901 she went to Western Australia with her brother Charles and sister Caroline. In 1901 she was in Kalgoorlie running a dining-rooms premises in Egan Street with a Miss Pointz. In Perth she ran a boarding house. After marriage, she bore four daughters: Elsie Charlotte, born 24 Jul 1904; Alice Ellen, born 29 Jan 1906; Edith Jean, born 22 Mar 1908; and Olive Margaret, born 8 Apr 1909. Alice died 10 Jul 1942 .



Archibald and Alice Hill-Rennie taken c 1912 with their four daughters (L-R): Alice Ellen, Edith Jean, Olive Margaret and Elsie Charlotte

*Below: Photo taken about 1928:
Rear: Alice Ellen – Olive Margaret
Front: Edith Jean – Elsie Charlotte*

Elsie Charlotte was born 24 July 1904. She was educated at Highgate Primary School and Girdlestone High School, which was essentially a WA Govt organised secretarial college. She worked as a typiste in the WA Health Department in the Child Health section. She married Raymond Denzil Rodda, Manager of the Perth Building Society, on 12 Jan 1933. She had three daughters: Valerie Jean, a registered nurse, born 24 Dec 1933, Mary Lorraine, a teacher and author who was born 1 Apr 1937 and Gay, an occupational therapist who was born 10 Aug 1941. Elsie died 22 Apr 1959.





*Elsie Hill-Rennie is seen on her wedding day in 1933.
Her bridesmaids were sisters Edith Jean (left) and
Alice Ellen (right)*

Alice Ellen was born 29 Jan 1906. She too was educated at Highgate Primary School and Girdlestone High School. She became a trained draftsman. She married John Francis O'Brien, draftsman on 28 Feb 1940. He later became a business proprietor. After marriage, they moved to, Burnie, Tasmania, They returned to Perth c 1950 and lived at 102 Vincent Street, before living at 198 Walcott Street thereafter. They had two children: Quentin Francis, a business proprietor ,born 05 Jul 1944 and Margaret Alice, an artist and teacher ,born 03 May 1946. John Francis O'Brien died on 6 Oct 1993 and Alice Ellen on 23 Feb 1991.

Edith Jean was born 22 Mar 1908. She too attended Highgate Primary School and Girdlestone High School. She worked as a typiste. She did not marry, but lived at 102 Vincent Street until it was sold in 1957, after which she moved to 5/7 Adair Parade, Mount Lawley until she died 14 Feb 1985.



Olive Margaret was born 08 Apr 1909, . She too attended Highgate Primary School and Girdlestone High School. She worked as a typiste. She did not marry, but lived at 102 Vincent Street until it was sold in 1957, after which she moved to 5/7 Adair Parade, Mount Lawley until she died 23 May 1991.

7 Adair Parade



*918 Walcott Street, Mt
Lawley*

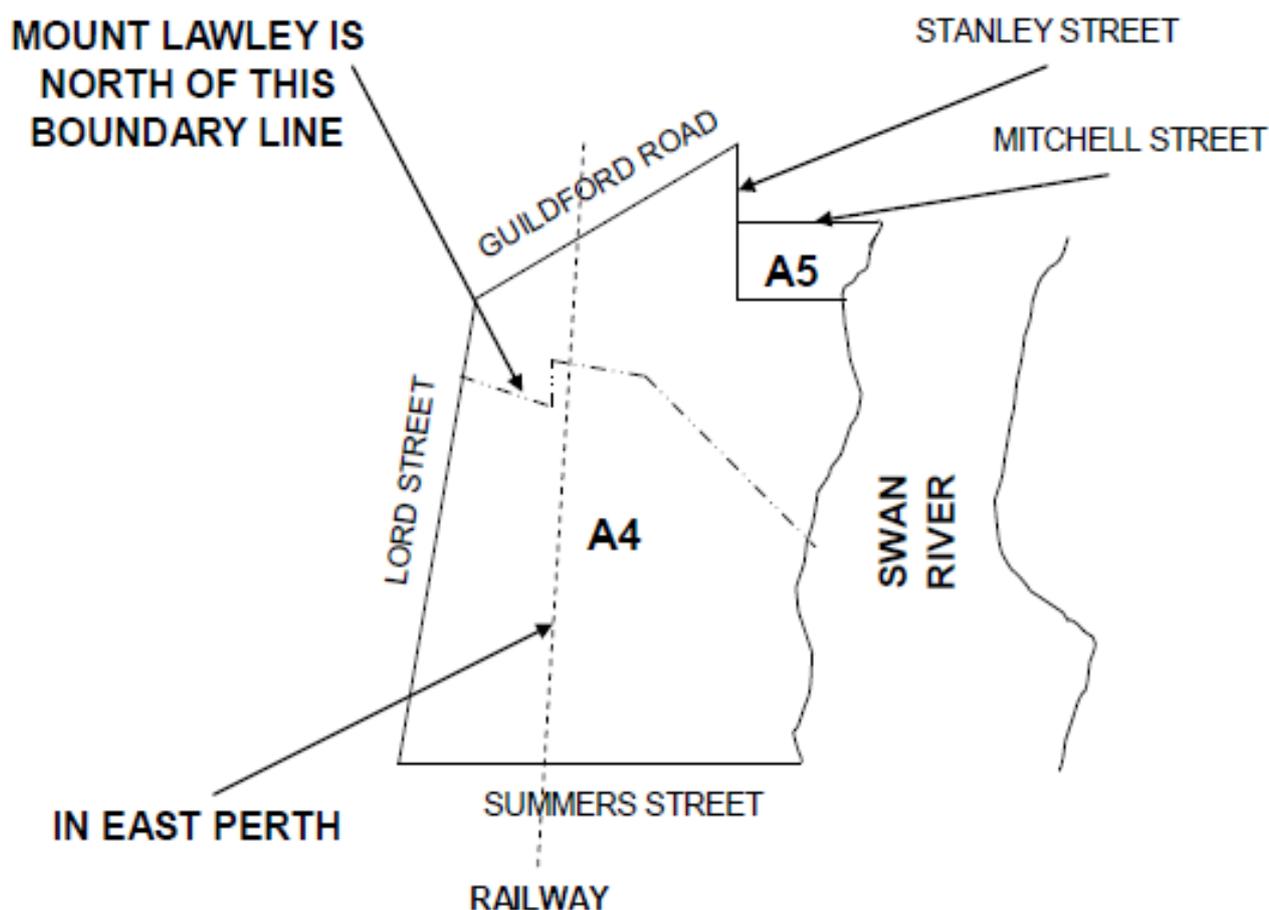
HOW MOUNT LAWLEY CAME TO BE DEVELOPED Written by Barrie Baker in 2004(from the Archives)

Mount Lawley is one of Perth largest suburbs, covering approximately 443 Hectares. It is an amalgam of nine large parcels of land, called Crown Grants or lots, carved out of the bush in the early days of settlement between 1829 and 1878.

In the previous two issues we have considered land in Mount Lawley in Locations 816 and 617. In this issue we consider another of the original parcels

3 THAT PART OF MOUNT LAWLEY IN SWAN LOCATIONS

A4/A5



- 1) Location A4 was a Crown Grant to James Coates Fleming, Telegraph Superintendent. It was granted 15 Jan 1877. Total area 52.2 Ha. Cost £1,200.
- 2) Location A5 Crown Grant to Sir William Henry Drake KB, former Swan River colonist, now of London. It was granted 4 Oct 1881. Total area 6.7 Ha.
- 3) Location A5 amalgamated with Location A4 by transfer to James Coates Fleming on 17 Dec 1881. The total area was now 58.9 Ha. Cost £2,000.
- 4) Transferred to:
 - John Campbell, Master Plasterer, Enmore Road, Newtown, Sydney
 - Francis South Fielder, Trinity College Clerk of Petty Sessions, Sydney
 - George Hurst MD, 28 College Street, Sydney
 - George Relf, Law Stationer, 118 Elizabeth Street, Sydney
 - Charles Henry Slatyer, 96 Pier Street, Sydneyon 10 Aug 1886. Cost £7,000.

The MLS has a list of some of the men who lived in Mount Lawley and Inglewood at the time of WW1 .

We want to collate a list of the soldiers , a short history and their houses for the Archives. If you know of any could you please let us know.

Below is the list of the men on whom we have some information, but it is nowhere near complete.

James Edwin Aylett of 98 First Ave Mt Lawley
Watkin Wynne Brauwel of 18 Cecil St Mt Lawley
Horace William Catchpole of 207 Walcott St Mt Lawley
Leon Edward Woolf Colley of 151 Joel Tce Mt Lawley
Harold Reuben Colley of 151 Joel Tce Mt Lawley
Arthur Wellesley Colley of 151 Joel Tce Mt Lawley
Edward Carey Brenton Coward of 59 Rookwood St Mt Lawley
Douglas Joseph Creeper (father in war) of 114 Third Ave Mt Lawley
Frank D Dedman of 77 Guildford Rd Mt Lawley
Arthur Dedman of 77 Guildford Rd Mt Lawley
Charles Herbert Emberys Duncan of 1 Broome St Mt Lawley
William Robert Easton, mother at 31 Park Rd Mt Lawley
Thomas James Garth of 6 Clarence St Mt Lawley
Frank Garth of 6 Clarence St Mt Lawley
John Garth of 6 Clarence St Mt Lawley
Oscar Berthold Hoffman of 1 Longroyd St Mt Lawley
Harry Jones of 1 Park Rd Mt Lawley
William Fredrick Joss of 33 Harold St Mt Lawley
Louis Wilton Poole of First Ave Mt Lawley
Harry Jones of 1 Park Rd Mt Lawley
Leo McComish of 163 Joel Tce Mt Lawley
William Thomas Merifield of 14 Grosvenor Rd Mt Lawley
Ceil Rice of 97 Rookwood St Mt Lawley (parents 186 Walcott St)
Sydney Arnold Taylor of 36 Raglan Rd Mt Lawley
William Joseph Taylor of 28 Cecil St Mt Lawley
Tom Walsh , sister at 108 Harold St Mt Lawley
Bert Wooding of 79 Monmouth St Mt Lawley

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Committee meetings are held 1st Monday of the month at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club at 7.30pm.

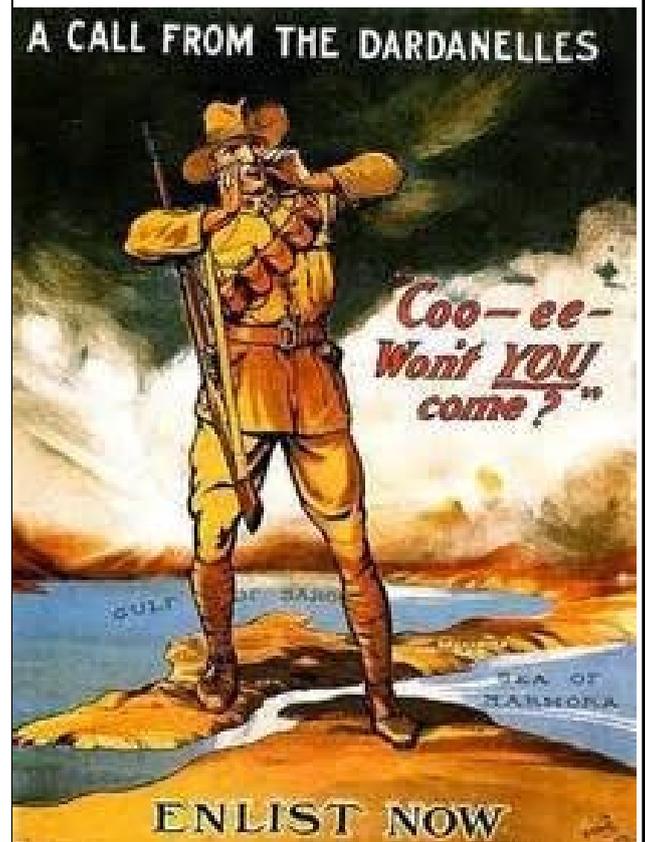
All members are welcome to attend.

GUNNERS' DAY 2014

SUNDAY November 9th at 11am

At Stirling Square Guildford

Come be part of your local history and watch the march, which has been commemorated in Guildford since 1928.



Colley Family of 151 and 161 Joel Tce Mt Lawley

Thank you to the family , Thelma and Warren for this information.

In 1887 **Edward Henry and Elizabeth Colley** (nee **Woolf**) emigrated from England to Australia. The couple had 9 children, some of whom were born in England and some in Australia.

Leon Edward Colley, the eldest stayed in England. Next in line was Vivien Rebecca then Violet Beatrice, Reuben Harold, Albert Charles. Arthur Wellesley was born in Sydney . Laura Leah was born in Melbourne and Nellie Victoria and Lillian Edith were born in Perth 1897 and 1899.



*Family from left to right
Back row: Arthur, Vivien, Albert, Reuben Harold.
Next row Violet, Edward, Elizabeth Leon and Laura.
3rd row Lillian and Nellie.*

Edward Henry built the house at 151 Joel Tce around 1912. He worked as an Auctioneer. Edward died in 1918.

Leon Edward Woolf Colley

Leon went to WW1. Sgt SN 158, he joined up at the age of 38 in the 3rd Btn N & M Forces Trop Unit in Adelaide in 1914, went overseas to German New Guinea, returned to Australia in Dec 1915 medically unfit due to malaria. Leon had married Emily Stocker in England and came to Adelaide before their 1st son was born in 1904. He was working as a General Agent when he joined the Army . They had 4 children; George, Edward, Charles and Grace.

Vivien Rebecca Elizabeth Woolf Colley was born 25.11.1877 in London.

She married **John Thomas (Jack) Plunkett**, Tailor in 1904 and lived initially in **82 Zebina St.**

They had 3 children; Edward ,Violet and Leah.

Vivien and her husband built the house named " Edvillia" **100 Third Ave, Mt Lawley** in 1927-28. They celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at the house in 1929.

Violet Beatrice Colley

Violet married **Jacob Daniel (Jack) Lloyd** in 1918. They had 2 children Nellie and Vivien.

Reuben Harold Woolf Colley(always called Harold) born 10.10 1881 in London . He went to WW1. Harold had married **Martha Elizabeth Bandy** (Dotty) of the Bandy / Wilberforce family and lived in **348 Bulwer St.** Harold and Dotty had one son Albert(Bert) born in 1920 .

***Martha Elizabeth** (1882-1972) She was always Auntie Dotty and I don't know why. My very vivid recollection of her was when Harold Colley, her husband, came back from the 1st World War minus an arm. I was down at Cowles Street and saw this man with only one arm and I was terrified. I ran out of the room screaming. They bought a very nice house in Bulwer Street not very far from Cowles Street. They had one son, **Albert (Bert)** (born 1920). He was always known as Bert but Auntie Maude christened him Shiny because he had very light auburn hair and it was always very shiny. We never called him anything else but Shiny. Auntie Dotty was a very hard lady - very severe. We kids kept very much away from her because she wasn't an easy person.*



....Her house in Bulwer Street was just immaculate - you were frightened to tread on the front doorstep it was so highly polished. She was a wonderful housekeeper - fantastic. Uncle Harold Colley liked to hop over the road to the Hyde Park Hotel very often , perhaps to "get away". She devoted her life to Bert "Shiny" until he married **Constance Fowler** .

Extract from Bandy/ Wilberforce biography ran in earlier MLM)

Below is an extract of his war service:

Private Colley 19th Reinforcements 11th Bn. 6014 SN Returned 6.12.1917 Invalided . He enlisted 27.3.1916 in Perth at age 33. Married man, employed at Guildford Railway Station He left from Fremantle on the ship ' Miltiades' 7.8.1916 and disembarked Plymouth 24.9.1916. 3rd Training He proceeded overseas to France 17.12.1916. Joined Bn. in Field 17.1.1917.

Wounded in action with a gunshot wound to his back and right arm 16.4.1917. Transferred to England, right arm amputated at Millgrove Hospital 5.6.1917.). Embarked for return to Australia per A72 'Beltana' 18.10.1917, he got off at Fremantle 6.12.1917 and was discharged 21.12.1917.

Harold's tale of his injuries was that he was badly injured in the arm during the fighting. A German soldier gave him a drink of rum and a blanket and left him. Harold crawled back to the Australian front line .

Albert Charles David Woolf Colley, born 23.10.1879 in London lived at **27 Pakenham st** with his wife **Ida Marie** (Nee **Ellis**) .

Albert was the first of the 9 Colley children to die in 1947.

They had 5 children; Harold, Herbert, Pauline ,Frances and Bernice.

Arthur Wellesley Colley born 7th May 1888 in Sydney and went to WW1, SN 477.

He was gassed during the war and suffered from this for the rest of his life . Prior to the war he was employed as a wireworker.

Out of the 3 brothers he served the longest in the war, joining in Jan 1916 serving with the 44 th Bttn. He went overseas to France, and returned to Australia in Oct 1919 on the ship Barambah.

Arthur married **Fanny Glance** on the 23rd December 1924 in the Perth Syngogue He built a house near Elizabeth at **161 Joel Tce** with a war service loan.

There were 3 children; Hannah, Laura and Thelma.

The house was sold out of the family in 1975 for \$59,000.

Nellie Victoria Colley was born in Perth on the 27th January 1897 and married **Oswald Arthur James Roberts** on the 6th March 1920 . They had 4 children, Betty, Lillian, Reuben and Audrey.

Oswald Roberts died in 1935. Nellie married **Joshua Griffiths** in 1945.

Lillian Edith married **Reuben Schenberg** on the 9th April 1926 and they lived with Elizabeth at **151 Joel Tce** . They had 2 children; Raymah born in 1929 and David in 1924

Reuben's brother **Arthur Schenberg** was a bootmaker who married **Dora Shatenstien** in 1930.

They lived at **850 Beaufort St Inglewood**.

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