# MANUKA & MUGGA

#### **MANUKA**

Father McGilvray in his book, The Hallowed High Adventure says of Manuka - It appears that the Capitol Theatre was built at the close of 1927 by which year homes were beginning to be erected in Blandfordia [sic - there were 16 plus built in 1923] (Manuka-Forrest) and Eastlake (Kingston); but in 1914-15 there were no houses there - except a farmhouse or two further out towards Red Hill. "In 1928 or thereabouts," Mr O'Neill informed me, "they built a newsagency at Blandfordia in what is now Bougainville Street, Mr Keegan had a butcher's shop opposite where St Christopher's School was later built. He came from Yass and had a couple of lovely daughters, who live their father, worked hard to raise money for the building of St Christopher's Church School and Convent. I believe Mr Keegan got his block for 710 pounds, and it would be worth a small future today. Not far away Stan Cusack... bought a block for a very small figure, and started in a humble way his great story of success as a Canberra business man." Until his death in 1971, Mr Stan Cusack played a very prominent part in the Catholic Story of the Federal Capital. The block of land for his original shop was procured in 1924...

CAREY, Rose & Albert hd & clerk

EDWARDS, Lyndel hairdresser

HEWITT, Elsie hd

KALOUSEK, Isabella & Frederick hd & butcher

KESTEL, Frances builder

LINDSAY, Minnie & Ormand hd & projectionist

McINNES, Margaret & John hd & cafe proprietor

NOLAN, Havill chemist

ROGERS, Pearl (Convent) hd

THOMSON, John carrier

WARDROP, Margaret & Charles caterer & clerk c/o Mrs Kalousek WILSON, Joseph truck driver

## c/o Mrs Lindsay, Manuka

SMITH, Hector painter

TAYLOR, Reuben salesman

#### ACACIA, MANUKA CENTRE

BROINOWSKI, Muriel shopkeeper

DIXON, Alice hd

EASTBURN, Elizabeth hd

#### MANUKA CENTRE

BANKS, Beatrice & Henry hd & bootmaker

#### MANUKA CIRCLE

Roseneath McGINNESS, Elizabeth & James hd & engineer

#### CANBERRA BOOK CLUB, MANUKA

FRASER, Peggy & Rita assistant librarian & librarian

#### THE SHOPPING CENTRE, MANUKA

McDONALD, Harold plasterer

STACEY, Seymour electrical engineer

#### **BOUGAINVILLE STREET, MANUKA**

MARSHALL, James nil

#### FRANKLIN STREET, MANUKA

PORTER, Bridget & Robert pianist & chemist

STACEY, Keith electrician

#### MUGGA

BANKS, Irene & Christian hd & carpenter

BARTLEY, Nita & John hd & poultry farmer

DEANS, James poultry farmer

HENDERSON, Gertrude & Walter poultry farmer & poultry farmer

# Shotesbrooke CORNER OF QUARRY ROAD & MUGGA WAY

HORN, Constance & W Thomas poultry farmer & poultry farmer

TAYLOR, G labourer

#### VANCOUVER STREET, MUGGA WAY

WELCH, Dorothy, Arthur & Richard hd, --- & --

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CURLEY, Annie, Evelyn & Patrick hd, clerk & labourer

The family home of the Curley family is now a museum.

## **MUGGA WAY**

Redlands BONIWELL, Ruby & Martin hd & ps

BROINOWSKI, Kathleen & Robert hd & civil servant

9 CALTHORPE, Della & John hd & stock & station agent

The family home is now a museum.

4 CARNEY, Elizabeth hd

DAVIES, Sigrid & Cyril hd & solicitor Cyril Walter Davies died on 18th December 1971 and is buried in Woden Cemetery.

DEANS, Reinee & John hd & company director

GARRAN, Hilda & Robert hd & solicitor general

Ellanshaw KNOWLES, Eleanor & George hd & ps

Eleanor Louise Knowles died on 16th March 1981 and is buried in Woden Cemetery. She is in the same grave as George Shaw Knowles who was buried on 22nd January 1948. Mervyn Knowles, son of Eleanor and George Knowles wrote about his parents in Canberra Historical Journal March 1987 issue. The article is entitled Canberra in the early government period. In this article Mervyn Knowles mentioned that both his parents were born in Queensland in the 1880s. By the time he was eleven their son George Knowles was attending Warwick West Boys School...He won a number of scholarships and later gained entry into the Oueensland Public Service. After two years in the office of the Chief Inspector of Stock and Registrar of Brands and two years in the Audit Department, he decided that a university education rather than

continuing with accountancy and technical subjects that he had been studying in the evening courses, was the way to go. After passing the Melbourne Matriculation examination in 1901 he applied for and was granted an appointment to a position of the Commonwealth Audit Office in Melbourne. He began law studies in 1903. Ella B.... and George Knowles became engaged before he went south and they married in 1908. The story goes on to list his various positions held and degree information. In 1926 the decision was made to move to Canberra. The family built the house in Mugga Way. By the time he was appointed in February 1932 to succeed Sir Robert Garran as Solicitor General George Knowles was not unfamiliar with the duties of the position as he had by then act for Sir Robert for a total of more than two and half years while the latter was overseas...The article continues with details of George Knowles work in Canberra and that in 1920 he was awarded an OBE, followed by CBE in 1927 and in January 1939 he was created a Knight Bachelor. The Knowles family left Canberra in 1946 when George Knowles was appointed Australia's First High Commissioner to South Africa. He died there some eighteen months later from post-operative thrombosis seven weeks after a prostate gland operation. Mother returned to Australia with as it eventuated, a third of her life still to live. She turned 100 in October 1980 and passed on some months later.

LAVENDER, Marie & Freeman hd & civil servant

9 McDONALD, Mary hd

6 McINNES, Elsie hd

SHEEHAN, Mabel & Henry hd & ps

3/1 SOMERVILLE, Phyllis & Frederick hd & insurance manager

SWEENEY, Eva hd

4 WOODGER, Elsie & William hd & agent