

CHAPTER FOUR

APPENDIX - BRICKYARDS - WESTRIDGE RESIDENTS

The Census 31 December, 1913 that lists the name of head of household and numbers of male and females in each dwelling notes the following living in the Yarralumla Area.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	M	F	Total
Adams, JW	2	2	4
Armfield, M	1	0	1
Corkhill, R	9	4	13
Donnelly, M	0	2	2
Fox, David	1	0	1
Fox, Owen	1	0	1
Goodsell, WH	1	2	3
Harriott, Wm	1	4	5
Hobday, John	1	0	1
Horan, M	7	3	10
Hughes, John	3	1	4
Logan, J	2	0	2
Magill, R	1	0	1
Spencer, R	1	0	1
Swyer, FJ	1	4	5
Vest, Richard	3	2	5
Vest, WH	1	1	2
Wilson, Jas	1	0	1
Total	37	25	62

In 1916 and 1917 the people of the FCT received their first vote - for or against conscription. The 1916 roll notes the following people living in the district: They had to be 21 or over and of British or Australian citizenship.

1916 ELECTORAL ROLL

BATCHELOR, Maggie, Maggie, William & William Arthur	home duties, home duties, labourer & nurseryman
BEVERIDGE, Emily & Isaac	home duties & labourer
BOAG, Eleanor, Edith, Robert & Thomas	home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer
BOCK, Louisa, Henry & Percy	home duties, labourer & labourer
BOURKE, Dominick	nurseryman
BOWER, Rebecca & Alfred	home duties & labourer
CORKHILL, Catherine & Robert	home duties & dairy farmer
COTTERILL, Charlotte & John	home duties & labourer
CREGAN, Arthur	labourer
CULLEY, Kathleen & Thomas	home duties & clerk
CURTIN, Prudence & Mitchell	home duties & labourer
DAVIS, Thomas	fitter
EGGLESTON, Catherine & Everett	home duties & bricklayer
ENEVER, Jean & Thomas	home duties & labourer
FAULKNER, Mary & John	home duties & labourer
GODWARD, Beatrice & William	home duties & clerk
HADAWAY, Catherine & John	home duties & labourer
HANDCOCK, Meary	home duties
HARRIOTT, Emily & William	home duties & labourer
HOBDAY, Elsie & John	home duties and nurseryman
HORAN, Daisy & Michael	home duties & labourer

HORAN, Marguerite & Michael in the area)	home duties & boundary rider (lived near the woolshed & other sites
INGRAM, Emily & Arthur	home duties & labourer
JACOBS, Elizabeth, Harold & William	home duties, labourer & labourer
KILBY, William	nurseryman
LAWSON, Agnes & Tompson	home duties & nurseryman
LAWTON, Bridget & Arthur	home duties & labourer
LEA, Agnes & Joseph	home duties and engine driver
McDERMOTT, Agnes & William	home duties & labourer
MEWBURN, George	caretaker
MOLONEY, Orlando	labourer
MOORE, Reuben	labourer
MURPHY, Thomas	labourer
NIGHTINGALE, Jenny & Peter	home duties & carpenter
PARTINGTON, Thomas	carpenter
PAUL, Margaret & Robert	home duties & labourer
PEARCE, Elizabeth	home duties
POLA, Lewis	labourer
POWELL, Edward	caretaker
PROSSER, Ettie, Myrtle, Albert & John	home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer
PYLE, Emily, Florence & Francis	home duties, home duties & labourer
QUIGG, Emily & Edward	home duties & labourer
SHARP, Jean & Joseph	home duties & labourer
SHARPE, Edith & Thomas	home duties and nurseryman
SKERRY, Ellen, Margaret, Edward Snr & James	home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer
SOUTHWELL, Isabella	home duties (housekeeper Yarralumla House)
STEPHENSON, Annie & Percy	home duties & labourer
STUTCHBURY, Beatrice & Jess	home duties & labourer
THOMAS, John	labourer
TOWNSHEND, Alice & Harry	home duties & labourer
VEST, Christian & Richard	home duties & labourer
WALLACE, William	engine driver
WARE, Lily & Michael	home duties & labourer
WITHERS, Florence & Peter	home duties & labourer

1917 ELECTORAL ROLL

BATCHELOR, Maggie & William	home duties & labourer
BOAG, Edith, Eleanor, Robert & Thomas	home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer
BOURKE, Dominick	nurseryman
BOWER, Rebecca & Alfred	home duties & labourer
EGGLESTON, Catherine & Everett	home duties & bricklayer
FAULKNER, Mary & John	home duties & labourer
HARRIOTT, Emily & William	home duties & labourer
HEPBURN, William	labourer
HOBDAY, Elsie & John	home duties & nurseryman
HORAN, Daisy	home duties
HORAN, Agnes, Marguerite & Michael	home duties, home duties & boundary rider (lived in farm cottage)
JACOBS, Elizabeth & Harold	home duties & labourer
KILBY, Sidney	nurseryman
LAWSON, Agnes & Tompson	home duties & nurseryman
LEA, Agnes & Joseph	home duties & engine driver
LEECH, Edward	labourer
McDERMOTT, Alice & William	home duties & labourer
MOORE, Catherine	home duties

MURPHY, Thomas	labourer
NIGHTINGALE, Jennie & Peter	home duties & painter
POWELL, Edward	caretaker
QUIGG, Emily & Edward	home duties & labourer
SHARP, Jean & Joseph	home duties & labourer
SHARPE, Edith & Thomas	home duties & nurseryman
SKERRY, Ellen, Margaret, Edward Jnr, Edward Snr & James	home duties, home duties, labourer, labourer & labourer
SOUTHWELL, Isabella	home duties (housekeeper Yarralumla House)
STUTCHBURY, Beatrice & Jess	home duties & labourer
TOWNSHEND, Alice & Harry	home duties & labourer
VEST, Christian, Arthur & Richard	home duties, engine driver & caretaker.



Above: Married quarters brickworks c1914

MEN WHO LIVED AT THE BRICKWORKS BETWEEN 14 FEBRUARY 1917 - 1921-22

The following list refers to those living in the camp sites each of which was 666square yards with a rental of 2/- per month. The cottages were humpies.

1. R Boag, foreman of brickworks - unemployed at 21.4.1920 and re-employed by 6.3.1922. Works & Railways cottage previously owned by E Moore. Boag left temporary accommodation at Brickworks 1.3.1922.
2. T Boag, Labourer employed at brickworks. Unemployed by 21.4.1920(?). Left temporary accommodation at brickworks 1.3.1922. During period of unemployment he was absent but a family lived in his cottage (Humpie).
3. G Murrin. Name not mentioned in available lists following 14.2.1917
4. P Nightingale. Still working in March 1918
5. P Ware. Labourer employed by W&R - unemployed 21.4.1920 -re-employed 6.3.1922. Left temporary accommodation at the brickworks 1.3.1922.
6. JC Cotterill, labourer W&R. Was casually employed by the Commonwealth 21.4.1920. Cottage previously owned by P Denley. Left temporary accommodation the brickworks 1.3.1922.
7. W McDermott live in Yarralumla woolshed. Left by 17.1.1918.
8. J Hadaway. 30.11.1917 the cottage was empty. The cottage had been built by S Keir.
9. L Pola. Labourer employed by W&R. He was casually employed by the Commonwealth at 21.4.1920 and reemployed. Left temporary accommodation at brickworks 1.3.1922
10. Vacant - no rental
11. Vacant - no rental
12. C Leach, March 1918 the cottage was empty. It belonged to Holyoake of Queanbeyan
13. E Skerry. Cottage built by S Kerry and was removed 30.11.1917.
14. Vacant - no rental
15. J Skerry - still in occupancy March 1918.
16. Vacant - no rental
17. J Lea labourer with W&R 23.10.1917. By 16.3.1922 he was clerk and left temporary accommodation at brickworks 1.3.1922.
18. EP Eggleston. Bricklayer W&R 23.10.1917. By 16.3.1922 he was a clerk and left temporary accommodation at the brickworks 1.3.1922
19. M Handcock. Not mentioned following 14.2.1917.
20. Vacant - no rental

21. S Oldfield, labourer W&R . By 21.4.1921 he had lost his job but later re-employed. His house was bought from J Stutchbury and it was iron skillion.
22. S Pyle. Name not mentioned following 14.2.1917. House pulled down by 1.10.1917
23. H Bock. Still working March 1918.
24. M Curtin. Not mentioned in lists following 14.2.1917.
25. E Quigg, labourer W&R. Was employed by the Commonwealth 21.4.1920. He was working at Nimmitabel.
26. A Bower. This may be Mrs Bower who sold to T Lea by 30.11.1917. A Bower is not mentioned after the 14.2.1917 report.
27. P withers. Not mentioned following 14.2.1917 report. 17.11.1917 the house was bought by N Tinker who was still there 27.2.1918.
28. W Batchelor. Labourer Afforestation. He was still working 21.4.1920 for Mr Weston - and continued working at 16.3.1922.
29. J Faulkner - also spelt Falconer, Falkiner. Labourer W& R - unemployed 21.4.1920 but later re-employed.
30. H Townsend. Mrs Townsend was the Mess Caterer. Building part galvanised iron. She was still engaged as at 16.3.1922. In January 1926 she had 30 men in the Mess. The Industrial Officer stated: *This mess has really developed into a restaurant and is patronised by about twenty men from the Brickyards. No alterations or extensions to this Mess need to be considered until the question of the establishment of a Permanent Mess at the Brickyards has been decided. Details in connection with the establishment of a permanent barracks at the Brickyards will be submitted in the near future...*
31. J Sharp. Lived in an iron building and worked for Mr Weston. He was still employed on 16 March 1922. In 1920 he worked at the Power House.
32. Vacant - no rental
33. Vacant - no rental
34. J Prosser. He was mentioned in a report 17.11.1917 but by 30.11.1917 the house was sold to A Leach. A note was made that the cottage had been built by Wes J Prosser.
35. A Prosser. He was listed as living on this site 14.2.1917. He had left along with his house by 17.11.1917.
36. P Stephenson. Not mentioned 14.2.1917. This house was pulled down by 1.10.1917.
37. J Beveridge. Not mentioned 14.2.1917 but was listed as working at the Brickyards in 1921.
38. AH Lawton. Not mentioned after 14.2.1917.
39. Vacant - no rental
40. T Culley. Labourer afforestation. He did not lose his job but was still employed as at 16 March 1922. He left temporary accommodation at the brickworks 1.3.1922 and moved into one of the brick cottages in section 64.
41. J Jacobs. During the period of unemployment during World War One Jacobs was in Melbourne. His house was vacated 30.11.1917.

Others mentioned in reports with no site numbers recorded are:

- J Pearce. First mentioned 23.10.1917. Labourer with W&R - became unemployed 21.4.1920 and was re-employed 1.3.1922.
- E Cregan. By 17.11.1917 had been gone for some time.
- R White. Mentioned 17.11.1917. He applied for a Power House Cottage in 1921 or 1922. He was unsuccessful and stayed at Brickyards accommodation until 16.6.1918. The Commonwealth cottage that he rented for 5/- per week was constructed from galvanised iron. He worked as a caretaker.
- S Keir. 21.4.1920 he owned his own house. He was not employed by the Commonwealth.
- J Hays. 20.4.1920 he was in a Commonwealth cottage constructed from galvanised iron constructed originally for the manager of the brickworks. This may be the same cottage that White rented. The rent was 5/- per week. Hays was an electrician with W&R.

Below: Frank McKay outside the single quarters (ex-Molonglo building) at Westridge c1921



EX-MOLONGLO DWELLINGS [The site of these dwellings were in Banks Street.]

Single quarters 12 December 1921

Rooms 1,2, & 3 - W Hart & S Brown. 2 Dover stoves w/piping, 1 table 8'x3'. 1 form 8, 2 stretchers.

Rooms 4,5, & 6 - lawless bros (2) - 3 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping, 2 short forms 4ft, 1 bath galvanised iron.

Rooms 7, 8 & 9 A Butler, C Gallaini & F McKay - 3 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping, 2 short forms 4 ft, 1 bath galvanised iron

Rooms 10, 11 & 12 J Newcombe, W Biddle, J Apps, Reg Newcombe & J Newcombe Jr - 6 stretchers, 1 table 8ft x 1ft, 1 form 8ft , 1 Dover stove w/piping.

Rooms 13, 14 & 15 J Fisher, J & V Tratten - 5 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping, 1 form 8ft.

Rooms 16, 17 & 18 H Weir and one other (one fire extinguisher outside), 3 stretchers.

Rooms 19,20 & 21 - Jordan T & 2 others - (fire extinguisher outside), 1 table 8ft x 3ft, 1 form 8ft, 1 Dover stove w/piping, 3 stretchers.

Outside - 2/600 gallon galvanised iron tanks.

Wash House - 2 sets, 4 compartment galvanised iron tubs with fittings; 1 bath, galvanised iron w/shower and fittings; 4 sanitary pans.

BRICKWORKS TENEMENTS - (EX MOLONGLO - ALSO REFERRED TO AS HUTMENTS)

Detached

Single Men's Quarters 12 December 1921

Rooms 70, 71 & 72 - J Langan, J Cavanagh, Glenning, Ball, J Gibson & 1 other - 6 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping.

Rooms 64, 65 & 66 Herbert & Swain - (1 fire extinguisher outside), 6 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping

Married Quarters 12 October 1921

C O'Neill 6 rooms - 2 Dover stoves w/piping, 2 stretchers, 2 Stretchers, 1 form, 1/600 gallon tank.

H Noble 3 rooms - 3 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping

GS Halliday - 3 rooms, 2 stretchers, 1 Dover stove w/piping

R Hutchinson - 6 rooms, 2 stoves 'Dover' w/piping, 1/600 gallon tank.

Wash House - 2 sets, 4 compartments galvanised iron tubs w/fittings, 1 portable copper and stand.

Bathroom - 2 galvanised iron baths, 2 galvanised iron showers.

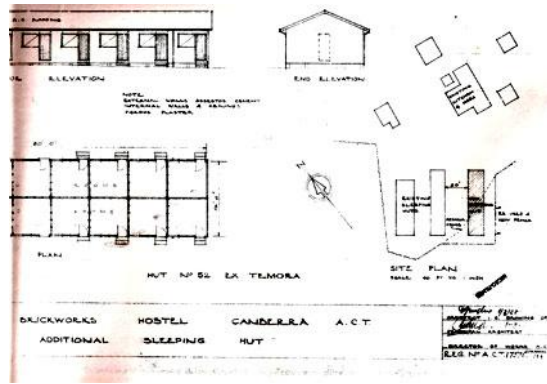
Outside - 2 wooden WCs

The Mess Room the following:

4 tables 8ft x 3ft, 8 forms 8ft, 1 fire extinguisher, 1 Heating stove, 1 range 'Sam Weller', 1 meat safe (large), 1 copper and stand with piping. {NB this mess rooms was later to become quarters for the nurses at Acton.]

As at 20 May 1924 men who owed money for rent of the Tenements were: A Bugden, W Lawless, J McCarthy, S Spaul, D Wiseheart.

The Boyd family also rented one of the married quarter's tenements.



1927 - NEW MESS & CUBICLES AT BRICKWORKS

Financial Report 1926-1927 noted that the above commenced in February 1927 and were completed except for sewerage. The 27 July 1927 Sanitation Report:

Westridge Brickworks: New huts, sewered, 8 weatherboard and lined huts, each divided into cubicles 10ft x 12ft. Natural lighting and ventilation satisfactory. Mess Room, kitchen and sanitary blocks provided. Quarters not yet occupied. Old camp not inspected as same will shortly be demolished...

Westridge Tenements: Occupants to be removed to weatherboard cottages under construction. 5 weatherboard tenements 5 to 6 rooms each - natural lighting satisfactory. No external ventilation. Structures shortly to be removed.

Recommendations.

1. Rake under huts to remove lumber.
2. Provide ventilation louvers if reconditioned also portable box covers for earth closets if further used.

According to *The Canberra Times* 31 July 1927 there were 43 people at the Brickworks.

A list of men working at the Brickworks noting the amount of backpay owed for the period between 27 March and 19 April 1922 gives some indication of increased numbers and work in the yards.

• 253 Moulder	Apps Tr	1 pound 5/9
• 33 Foreman	Boag R	1 pound 10/4
• 195 Jumperman	Beveridge I	1 pounds 7/10
• 36 Yardman	Beveridge A	1 pound 2/2
• 34 Mixer	Charlton HA	1 pound 7/-
• 30 Timekeeper	Culley T	1 pound 9/-
• 394 Youth	Colquhoun JD	13/9
• 50 Dragger	Fisher J	1 pound 7/3
• 24 Yard Clean	Faulkner J	1 pound 5/3
• 28 Pitman	Hannaford A	1 pound 6/8
• 265 Yardman	Hutchinson R	1 pound 6/8
• 266 Setter	Herring W	1 pound 8/9
• 43 Yardman	Lawless W	1 pounds 2/8
• 44 Wheeler	Marsh V	1 pound 5/7
• 62 Dragger	McKay f	1 pound 4/2
• 251 Setter	Noble HL	1 pound 7/3
• 37 Setter	Newcombe RA	1 pound 7/3
• 466 Youth	Oldfield, C	9/1
• 155 Pitman	Pola L	1 pound 6/8
• 21 Jumperman	Quigg E	1 pounds 7/10

• 46 Youth	Quigg R	14/10
• 472 Youth	Quigg M	5/-
• 91 Dragger	Stratton J	1 pound 7/3
• 25 Mixer	Turner F	1 pound 5/7
• 467 Wheeler	Turner W	1 pound 5/7
• 204 Pitman	Vest D	1 pound 6/8
• 55 M&PF man	Ware KJ	1 pound 6/11
• 151 Pitman	Ware P	1 pound 5/2
• 215 Yardman	Wilson A	1 pound 6/1
• 268 Yardman	Wilson N	1 pound 4/2
• Youth	Brown John	10d

List of New Starters at the Brickworks 1923:

- 3 January - Newbold WJ Moulder; Riddle JY yardman
- 4 January - Wiseheard D yardman
- 14 March - O'Connor F dragger
- 14 March - Worrall D labourer
- 18 June- Townsend A Youth, Oldfield RA youth
- 8 August - Shumack J Dragger

PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION FOR WORKMEN - THE BRICK & WEATHERBOARD COTTAGES BRICK COTTAGES SECTION 64

Minutes of the Fourth meeting of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee (FCAC - 1920-1924) held in Custom's House 17 January 1921 stated that the cost for the erection of 3 Brick cottages at the Power House, 10 at Civic Centre and 7 at the Brickworks would be 3,000 pounds. Section 64 was chosen for the brickwork's cottages.

First tenants Brickwork's brick cottages

B5, B7, C2, C8 etc refer to house plans. B was one of the smallest and E the largest. The E plan was used in Blandfordia. At Westridge a creek ran through Section 64 and is one of the reasons why the whole block was not filled within the early years. This block also is a different shape to the later blocks which have each corner left as a small triangular reserve.

11 January 1922 - Section 64

- 3 S Oldfield - not yet in (C8) occupied 13.3.1921 - left 21.6.1922 replaced by CJ Taylor
- 4 H Newbold - (B5) occupied 8.12.1921 and on 7.11.1925 the late H Newbold was replaced by RC Turbitt (sic Turbit) at rental of 22/- per week.
- 8 E Quigg (B7) occupied 6.3.1922
- 11 MJ Ware (B5) occupied 6.3.1922
- 12 T Culley (B5) crossed out and replaced by Jeremiah Dillon on 13.3.1922. Jeremiah Dillon, foreman of the sewer works left in 1929 and died in Sydney.
- 16 R Boag (C8) occupied 6.3.1922
- 15 (C2) occupied 28.11.1921 - K Newbold - Manager of Brickworks. He left the district in July 1926.

Robert Boag moved to Kingston by 1928 where he died shortly afterwards. He had worked as a miner before coming to Canberra and had a lung condition. *The Canberra Community News* detailed the farewell of the Newbold family. The event was held in the Westridge Hall where Harry Woodlands presided. A number of Westlake people spoke about their good friend and his departure. Robert Boag made a presentation of a silver tea and coffee service to the Newbold family and this was followed by dancing. At 11pm *Auld Lang Sine* was sung by the assembled group.

1925 - 6 brick cottages are referred to in one document with a population of 25. The tenements had 19 residents.

1927 - Section 64

- Block 5 - Mr Turbitt
- 14 (corner block) Hammond. Mr Austin Chapman MP spoke on Hammond's behalf to help him move from a weatherboard cottage into the brick one. The reason for the request was that Hammond's wife's health was affected by living in the wooden cottage. There were waiting lists for the cottages and they were supposed to be allocated according to position on the list, however, favours were granted from time to time that resulted in people waiting perhaps longer than they should have.

1927 Weatherboard Cottages

The Canberra Times July 1927 has an article on the cottages part of which reads: *The present building programme comprises 30 timber cottages which are to be built to the latest designs of the Federal Capital Commission with tile roofs and fibro plaster lining and finished in the same style as the timber residences at North Ainslie.*

Tenders for this work have closed and it is expected that a contract will be let and the erection will have been commenced before the end of July. A departure from the method of construction at North Ainslie will be the use of bricks for the foundations instead of concrete. This being more economical owing to the proximity of Westridge to the brickworks. The new cottages will be for use of married employees of brickworks and some will also be available for use in connection with the School of Forestry. (30 cottages were not completed because of cutbacks at the brickworks.)

The layout of the area will be built upon will be ideal. The provision of services such as sewerage, water and electricity is proceeding and roads will be built concurrently with building operations. A feature of the scheme at Westridge will be a reserve in front of the School of Forestry which will enhance the setting of that building.

24 January 1924 the subdivision of 58 and 63 were surveyed. 10 November 1926 the decision was made to continue with the planned construction of timber cottages for workmen at the Brickworks. The cost was to be 3,700 pounds. By 11 October 1927 the cottages on Sections 58, 63 and 64 (additional cottages 64) were complete and allocated as follows:

Section 58

1. L Foster
2. J Ratcliffe
- 3
- 4 F Lawrenson
- 6 L Bethell
- 7 Westbrooke, Forestry School
- 8 W Cotterill
- 9 S Turbitt (sic Turbit)
- 10 M Cotterill
- 11 K Shepherd
- 12 E Turner
- 14 M Johnson
- 15 Wilks, Forestry School - caretaker of the Forestry School
- 16 (?) F Blumenthal Pound Keeper

Section 63

- 6 JB Weir
- 8 HL Noble
- 10 HL Reidy
- 17 J Oldfield
- 18 L Green
- 22 FJ Milne
- 23 S McDonald
- 24 S James

25 S Jobson

At this time 19 brickwork's small families were allocated houses. Men with large families were not accommodated at this time because it would cost more to build larger houses necessary to accommodate them.

By 15 February 1928, 23 of the promised 30 weatherboard cottages had been erected. But because of the reduction in the staff at the brickworks it was not considered necessary to complete the remaining seven cottages. Earlier on 25 October 1927 the Superintendent of the Parks and Gardens had requested a further six cottages be built of men employed by his department. At this time he was told that the cottages were erected for brickworks' employees, however, the officials claimed that as the staff of the brickyards had been reduced there should be sufficient housing available for the Nursery men who had served from one to fourteen years.

The men were:

- T Cooper, married, two children 14 years of service
- C Marshall, married, two children, 3 years of service
- S Margules, married, three children, 3 years of service
- K Warren, married three children, 1 year of service
- S Griffiths, single, no children, 7 years of service.

Some of the cottages were built by Bruce Eden & Griffiths and required repairs. One mention in NAA documents was Bl 2, Section 64 occupied by Corkhill. Another builder was Mason of Queanbeyan. Reference is made to one of his cottages near the Yarralumla boundary in which the Horan family lived. Later the Llewellyn family moved into this cottage.

WESTRIDGE 1928 ELECTORAL ROLL

APPS, Thomas	brickmaker
2/58 BARBER, Florence & Thomas	home duties & gardener
Florence Barber died on 8th April 1976 and is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery.	
BETHELL, Alma & Leslie	home duties & fitter
14/48 BLUMENTHAL, Amy & Stanley	home duties & ranger
BOYD, Doris & William	home duties & carrier

Bill Boyd's wife Doris was the daughter of Mrs Townsend who ran the Mess at the Brickyards. Bill's sister Jean married the son of the manager of the Brickworks - Claude Oldfield. Bill and his sister lived at Westridge until their deaths. William Frederick Boyd died 15th January 1977 and is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. Doris Boyd died on 8th April 1978 and is buried in the next grave. Donald Boyd, youngest brother of William died on 6th July 1974 and is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. He is in the next grave to his brother Robert who was buried on 28th February 1955. He died on 25th February aged 82. his address then was 8 Triculo Place Queanbeyan and his grave was paid by William Frederick Boyd of 73 Novar Street. In the same grave as Donald is Mabel Josephine Boyd. She died on 5th January 1959 aged 77. Doris (Dorrie) Boyd was nee Townsend. Her mother ran the Mess for the Brickyards men.

The Canberra Times 23 May, 1929 Westridge Social - Valedictory to Mrs Boyd. The hall at Westridge was crowded Saturday night, May 18, the occasion being a social and presentation of Westridge and Westlake to Mrs Rob Boyd, who was leaving Westridge shortly to take up her residence at Captain' Flat. Mr ...Hammond occupied the chair.

The chairman, Mrs Woodman and Messrs J Dillon, E Woodman, A Blumenfeld(?) and M Johnson spoke in ...terms of the guest's many ...qualities.

Referring(?) the time Mrs Boyd resided at Westridge she was always a prominent worker in the social life of the community, and her cheerful andnature won for her a wideof friends. She will be greatly missed(?) at Westridge and Captain's Flat will be the gainer of a very fine ...of citizen. The presentation was made by Mr J Dillon who also acted as MC. The present was a sylonite toilet set.

Dancing was enjoyed until midnight when a most enjoyable evening came to a close. Mrs McEnchy rendered two songs, which were greatly appreciated.

BOYD, Mabel & Robert home duties & labourer
(See William Boyd section for details of burial)



Above: Bill Boyd's truck at the Brickyards circa 1926

CARTER, Terence labourer
CONNELLY, Bertha & William home duties & labourer
Bertha Adeline Connelly was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 19th August 1967. In the next grave is William Connelly who was buried on 9th January, 1960.

COOPER, Edith & John home duties & brickwork's manager
COREY, Kathleen & Edward home duties & labourer
Edward Patrick Corey was buried on 23rd October 1950 in the Ex-Servicemen's Section of Woden Cemetery. His grave was paid by Kathleen Mabel Corey of Captains Flat. He died on 20th October 1950 aged 50 years. Kathleen Corey was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 8th July, 1953. She died on 8th July 1953 aged 65 and her grave was paid by Bert John Corey of Wollongong. Kathleen was nee Boyd and the sister of Don, Robert, William and Jean. Ted and Kathleen had four children, Margaret, Gordon (deceased aged 12 years), Ray and John. *The Canberra Times* 29.8.1938 contained a brief reference to the death of Gordon. The pall bearers were his uncles, Len, Joe & Ern Corey and W Boyd.

Leura CORKHILL, Teresa & Phillip home duties & nurseryman
Teresa Corkhill was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 10th May, 1962. Phillip Lawrence Corkhill was buried in the next grave on 15th July 1965.

CULLEY, Kathleen & Thomas home duties & clerk
DILLON, Louisa & Jeremiah home duties & foreman (Jeremiah Dillon was foreman of the Sewer Works. He died in 1929.)



Above: Photograph part of Mildenhall collection in National Australian Archives. It shows work in the sewer tunnel. The man second from the right and the only dry person in the photograph is Jeremiah Dillon.

EASTWOOD, Cecil brickmaker
FISHER, John labourer
GREY, Edward horsedriver
GIBBS, Vera saleswoman
HAMMOND, Mary & William home duties & labourer
William Patrick Hammond was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's Section of Woden Cemetery on 18th May, 1963. Mary Ellen Hammond died on 27th April 1978 and is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery.
HAMMOND, Catherine & William home duties & labourer
Catherine Hammond was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 4th May 1948. She died on 3rd May 1948 aged 77. Her address was Doonkuna Street Reid. Her grave was paid by William Patrick Hammond of 59 Leichhardt Street Kingston. William Pitt Hammond was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 8th February 1947. He died on 7th February 1947 aged 76. His address then was 36 Doonkuna Street Reid. His grave was paid by William Patrick Hammond of 59 Leichhardt Street Kingston.
HERRING, Sydney & William home duties & bricksetter

HOBBDAY, Elsie & John

home duties & civil servant (Nursery)

John Peace Hobday died on 4th July, 1945 aged 65 and Elsie Jane on 20th July 1964 aged 71. Both are buried at Woden Cemetery in the Presbyterian Section in graves next to each other. Alan Richard John Hobday born 15.10.1916 Canberra joined Air Force 18.7.1940 and was discharged 21.3.1946. He gave his next of as John Hobday. Milton Robert Hobday born 20.6.1918 Canberra joined AIF 9.8.1940 and was discharged 14.6.1946. As next of kin he nominated Elsie Hobday. *The Canberra Times* 5 February 1938 under the heading of *READER'S VIEWS, HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE* congratulations to Mr Hobday who was appointed Superintendent of Parks and Gardens Canberra on January 28. The article also mentioned that Mr Hobday was the man who planted the first tree on Mount Stromlo.

HOWES, William

brickmaker (Brickyards)

JOHNSON, May & Michael

home duties & brickyard's employee

The Canberra Times 16 September 1939 has an article that notes the death in Yass Hospital of Edward Johnston (sic) aged 19 only son of Mr and Mrs Johnson of Westridge. *Johnston (sic) was critically injured at Yass on Sunday when the motor cycle on which he was riding pillion collided with a motor car, his mate, Alan Hobday also of Westridge, was injured. The two young men had made the trip to Yass with a number of their members of the Queanbeyan Motor Cycle Club.* The service at St John's Church in Reid was attended by a number of his workmates from the departmental workshops and representatives of other branches of the Public Service. He died 19 September 1939 and is buried in Woden Cemetery. A Michael Johnson was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 28th July, 1962.

JONES, Albert

labourer

Albert Ernest Jones was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 19th September, 1950.

KILBY, Elsie & Sidney

home duties & gardener

The Canberra Times 4 February 1952 has an obituary of Sidney Kilby which in part reads: *The death occurred at Canberra Community Hospital late last night, after a brief illness of Mr Sidney William Kilby of Westridge at the age of 84 years. The late Mr Kilby was the last to pass of his generation of the Kilby family of Hall district. He was predeceased by his brother, James K Kilby in July 1950, by his sister, Mrs Evan Cameron in April last, and his eldest sister Mrs H Vest in May last...The late Mr Kilby married Elsie Mildred granddaughter of Thomas Southwell. He leaves a widow, a daughter, Margaret (Mrs William Gill) and two grandchildren. His remains will rest in the Weetangera Cemetery...* The same paper 27 May 1952 documented a memorial service to Sidney Kilby held in the small slab Methodist Church situated on Ewan Cameron's property and moved to its present site 72 years earlier...*Seventy years ago a man in his teens began to attend the service. More than 50 years ago he was appointed church steward. The man was the late Sidney William Kilby who served actively in the office of steward until his death early this year at the age of 84 years...* His daughter and son-in-law also attended the service. They came from Tumut. The couple were married in February 1947 - the event also documented in *The Canberra Times* 20 February 1947. The article in part reads: *Wesley Church Forrest was specially decorated on Saturday for the marriage of Margaret Bernice daughter of Mr and Mrs SW Kibly of Westridge and William Edward, son of Mrs E Gill and the late Mr J Gill of Sydney. The bride wore an off-white figured satin gown with full skirt featuring a train, a tulle and lace veil mounted on a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of red roses, gladioli and frangipani. Little Nanette Dixon, cousin of the bride was her only attendant...The ceremony was performed by Rev E Stanley assisted by the bride's uncle Mr N Southwell. Mr Albert Clark presided at the organ and Mr E Gumley sang. The reception was held at the YWCA rooms.*

LANE-POOLE, Ruth & Charles

home duties & civil servant Principal of Forestry School.

Ruth Lane Poole was the person in charge of refurbishing work carried out on Yarralumla House in preparation for the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York in May 1927. She lived in Melbourne and travelled to Canberra regularly to oversee the work. *The Foresters* by Athol Meyers has a chapter devoted to Charles Edward Lane-Poole.

Curriculum Vitae

LANE POOLE Charles Edward, Born Sussex England August 16, 1885, Educated at St Columbia's College, Dublin; Ecole Nationale des Eaux et Forests, Nancy, France; 1906-07 - South African Forest School; 1908-10 - District Forest Officer, Transvaal; 1911 - Married Ruth Pollex fen; 1911-16 - Conservator of Forests, Sierra Leone, member of Legislative Council; 1916-21 - Conservator of Forests, Western Australia; 1922-24 - Compiled report for Commonwealth Government on forest resources of Papua and New Guinea; 1925-27 - Forest advisor to Commonwealth Government, resulting in the establishment of Australian Forestry School; 1927-44 - Acting Principal of Australian Forestry School; 45 - Inspector-General of Forests, Commonwealth Forestry Bureau; Died Sydney November 22, 1970.

LIPSETT, Hamilton

brickmaker

McKAY, Elsie & Francis

home duties & labourer

Elsie Lillian McKay died 30th March, 1980 and is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. In the next grave is Francis John McKay who was buried on 27th February, 1958. He died on 26th February and his grave was paid by Mrs Elsie Lillian McKay of 49 Mueller Street Westridge. Reg Newcombe in his story *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton* said that the McKay family consisted of five girls - Helen, Frances, Patsy, Judith and Dorothy. All girls attended St Christopher's Convent School in Forrest.

NEWCOMBE, James

brickburner

Reg Newcombe wrote his family's story in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton*. Part of the story is as follows: *Reginald Newcombe's parents were Edith Dorothy (nee Owers) and Reginald Alfred Newcombe. They married in Sydney on 27th October, 1928. At the time Reginald was already living in Canberra. He and his father and brother (Jim) moved to Canberra in 1921 to work at the newly reopened brickyards...Reginald Arthur was born in 51 Mueller Street Yarralumla on 6th June, 1929. The witnesses to the birth were Doctor Robert Alcorn and Nurse Dunn...A second child Harold Snowden Newcombe, was born two years later. Harold (Toby) married Marg Solway on 20th December 1952 at St John the Baptist Church. They have three children, Sue Reggie and Harold...Reginald (born 1929) married Kath Devlin. Her parents were Joseph and Bessie (nee Martin). They had two children, Kathleen born 1935 and Robert born in 1937. Kath and Reg were married in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1956 and have two children, Mark and Garry. Robert Devlin married Lorraine Hawkins and has two children - Deborah and Amanda.*



Reg Newcombe Collection: one of the small pieces made by men at the Brickworks during their spare time and fired at the works.

NOBLE, Jessie & Henry

home duties & labourer

Jessie Abbott Noble was buried in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery on 5th April 1947. She died on 3rd April 1947 aged 55. Her grave was paid by Henry Leslie Noble of 11 Hooker Street Westridge.

OLDFIELD, Catherine & Sydney

home duties & brickmaker

Catherine Margaret Oldfield was buried in Woden Cemetery in the Anglican Section on 29th August 1945. She died on 27th August aged 59 years. Her grave was paid by Sidney Joseph Oldfield of the Brickworks. In the next grave is Sidney Joseph Oldfield who was buried on 22nd February 1958. He died on 20th February aged 71 years. His address then was 70 Novar Street. Their son Claude Alexander is buried in another section of the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. He was buried on 17th September, 1968. His wife Jean (nee Boyd) died in the late 1990s. Jean's nickname was *Bubba*. Moya Oldfield, eldest daughter of Jean and Claude Oldfield wrote her story in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton*. She mentions that her mother was a Boyd and father an Oldfield. Her grandparents on her father's side were Sydney Oldfield and Margaret nee McDonald. On her mother's side they were Robert and Mabel Boyd. Claude Oldfield and Jean Boyd married in 1928 and their first child, Moya was born on 5th December 1928. Her sister Audrey was born on 19th September 1933. Moya married Neil Campbell and has two sons, Neil and Paul. Audrey married Rob Thew and has two sons, Peter and Kevin (deceased - died aged 15 years).

O'CONNOR, Frank

labourer

QUIGG, Roy

labourer

The Quigg family is one of the old families in the Westridge District. Roy Walter Quigg married Ethel Sharp and both are buried in Woden Cemetery in the Anglican Section in graves next to each other. Roy died on 24th August 1976 and Ethel Hazel died on 6th April 1996. Ethel and Jean Oldfield were friends from childhood. Other Quiggs buried in Woden Cemetery are Morris Edward Quigg buried on 16th May, 1960 and in the next grave Mary Marjorie buried on 5th December 1995 - RC Section. Kenneth Quigg was buried on 25th January 1962 in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery.

RADCLIFFE, Jessie & John

home duties & brick

Jessie Louisa Radcliffe died on 2nd December 1971 and is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. John Radcliffe was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's Section of Woden on 25th January, 1963. John Radcliffe was born in Queanbeyan 20.1.1903 and joined the AIF 23.10.1943 and was discharged 10.11.1941. His next of Kin was Jessie Radcliffe.

REIDY, Maude & Harold

home duties & labourer

Harold Leslie Reidy died on 5th November 1974 in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. In the next grave is Maude Ella Reidy who was buried on 10th April 1986. Reg Newcombe in his story in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton* mentioned that the Reidy Family who lived next door to his family in Mueller Street, had four daughters - Jean, Joyce, Gloria and Leila.

REYNOLDS, Kathleen & Reuben

home duties & caretaker

RETTTER, Beatrice

home duties

RIDDLE, Louisa, Albert, Joseph & Joseph home duties, labourer, --& brickburner
Joseph William Riddle was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 4th June, 1948. He died on 3rd June 1948 aged 73. His grave was paid by Joseph Henry Riddle of 5 Hooker Street Westridge. In the next grave is Louisa Riddle who was buried on 13th August, 1996. Another Riddle buried at Woden in the Ex-Servicemen's Section on 28th June, 1996 is Sydney George Riddle. Albert William Riddle joined the AIF 2.6.1942 and was demobbed 6.11.1946. He was born 19.9.1906 Edmonston England and came to Canberra in 1924. He named his wife, Leila, as his next of kin and lived at Westridge at the time he joined the AIF. Joseph Henry Riddle born 17.12.1903 Middlesex England enlisted AIF 24.2.1942 and was discharged 14.5.1945. He gave Dora Riddle as his next of kin and home address Yarralumla.

SHARP, Edith, Vera, Joseph & Thomas home duties, hd, nurseryman & labourer
The Canberra Times 25 April 1939 has an article about the accidental death of Trevor Harold Sharp, aged 12 who sustained injuries from which he died at the Canberra Hospital yesterday morning. Deceased was a passenger in a car driven by his brother-in-law Mr Roy Quigg. Near the Canberra saleyards an earth wire from the battery became detached and showers of electric sparks alarmed the occupants. Trevor jumped out before the driver had pulled up. He fell heavily, striking his head on the roadway...His parents were Mr & Mrs Thomas Sharp of Westridge. Edith Sharp mother of Trevor was a daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Ann Southwell (nee Cooper) and was born at Willow Lodge on the Sutton Road in 1890. She married Thomas Samuel Sharp in 1914 and the couple had eight children. The couple lived at Acton before moving to 18 Hooker St Yarralumla. Trevor's sister, Viola Freda died 4 June 1931 aged two and half years. She died during a diphtheria epidemic. The children and their mother are buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Information from Jean Salisbury's book, *St John's Churchyard*.

SHEPHERD, Minnie & Robert home duties & fitter & turner
SMITH, Daniel labourer

TAYLOR, Mary, Elizabeth, Norman & Charles home duties, home duties, blacksmith & foreman
Charles John Taylor was buried in Woden Cemetery on 30th June, 1939. he died on 29th June 1939 aged 67 years and his grave was paid by Charles T Taylor of Bankstown Sydney. Elizabeth Taylor was buried in the same grave on 21st July, 1959. She died on 20th July 1959 aged 93 and her grave was paid by NC Taylor of 33 Lockyer Street Griffith. Mary Taylor was buried in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery on 2nd December 1964 and Norman Frederick Taylor was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. He died on 13th February 1979.

TOWNSEND, Alice home duties
(Mess Caterer at Brickyards and earlier at the Cotter Camps. She died 21st September 1935 aged 50 years and is buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery, Reid. Ref Jean Salisbury *St John's Churchyard*. Her husband's name was Harry.)

TONKIN, Mena & Francis home duties & plumber
Francis William Tonkin was buried in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery on 18th May, 1961.

TURBIT, Ellen, Florence, Richard & Sidney home duties, postmistress, brickmaker & brickmaker Esma Shirley
Turbit died on 22nd March, 1928 aged two days. She is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Ref Jean Salisbury *St John's Churchyard*.

WARE, Lilian, Ivy, John & Michael home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer
Lilian Julia Ware was buried in the Anglican Section of the Woden Cemetery on 15th June, 1976.
WRIGHT, Charles labourer

BANKS STREET, WESTRIDGE

BATCHELOR, Margaret & William home duties & nurseryman
Margaret Anne Batchelor was buried in the RC Section of the Woden Cemetery on 7th March 1980. William Arthur Batchelor was buried in the next grave. He died on 9th August 1970.

COTTER ROAD, WESTRIDGE

HORAN, Marguerite & Michael home duties & ranger
Marguerite Winnifred Mary Horan was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 10th September 1955. She died on 9th September aged 64. Her grave was paid by Michael J Horan of Hooker Street. Buried in the same grave on 19th September, 1942 is Michael Horan. He died on 18th September aged 60 and his grave was also paid by Michael J Horan of Westridge. Michael Horan (senior) married in Camberwell England to Marguerite Gammon. On 17th March 1910 Michael left England for Australia. His wife followed later. The Horan children are, Michael 1905, John 1909, Dora Constance 1911 - she married Joe Riddle, Leslie Darcy 1916, Eileen Maud 1920 - she married a Lee, Terry 1928 and David 1932. Dora and Joe Riddle lived for awhile at 17 Westlake before moving

back to Westridge. Dora was Mess Caterer for the Forestry School Students.

HUTCHINS STREET, WESTRIDGE

QUIGG, Emily & Edward home duties & pit labourer
Edward James Quigg, son of Neil Walter and Fanny Quigg was born in 1876. He married Emily Sims and the couple were in Bombala when their son Roy was born in 1907. By 1922 they were at Westridge in Hutchins Street. Edward died 23rd April, 1935 aged 58. His widow later moved to Queensland where she remarried. Ref Jean Salisbury *St John's Churchyard*.

NOVAR STREET, former name - Mountain Way

COTTERILL, Annie, Maurice & William	home duties, labourer & labourer
7 LAWRENCE, Gwendoline & Arthur	home duties & overseer
STREATFIELD, Ethel & Herbert	home duties & brick worker
WILKES, Mary & David	home duties & caretaker Forestry School

FORESTRY SCHOOL

The students lived in lined cubicles in the area of Solander Place (constructed later). Three shells of cottages served as Recreation Room, Ablutions Block and Mess Room.

BEALE, Lance	student
BENELLACK, Andrew	student
BYLES, Baldur	student
CAMERON, Tweedie & McRae	home duties & student
GREGSON, Frederick	student
HASSEY, Robert	student
JACOBS, Maxwell	forester
LINDSAY, Alexander	forest assistant
MENADUE, Samuel	forest officer
MITCHELL, James	student
MUIR, William	student
PIGOTT, Hugh	forester
ROGERS, Lewis	student
STEWART, Donald	student
TORBET, Cecilia & Reginald	home duties & student
WALLACE, William	student
WEBBER, Howard	student

RIVERVIEW



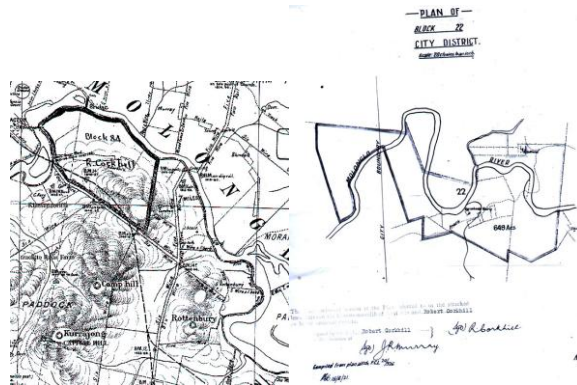
Above: Riverview built in the 1882 by Young and tenanted from 1913 by Catherine and Robert Corkhill until the early 1960s. Painting courtesy of Mrs Ross. Above right: Demolition of Riverview. Photograph by Richard Clough
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CORKHILL, Catherine, Catherine, Eileen, John, Thomas & Robert home duties, home duties, home duties, farmer, farmer & farmer

Margaret Sullivan a Corkhill descendent wrote a story published in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton*. Part of this story is as follows: *Robert Corkhill was born 31 May, 1863 at the family home of Ballemough in the parish of Lonan, Island of Man. When he came to Australia as a young man of eighteen years in 1881 he was employed as a groom for the Campbell Estate of Duntroon where he remained for many years. Robert was offered a small parcel of land near the National Library of Australia that was called Canberry. At that time Robert was still employed at Duntroon...On 6th February 1893 Robert married Catherine Rolfe daughter of Edmund and Margaret Rolfe (nee Logue). Catherine's mother died when she was a few weeks old and she was reared by her maternal grandmother, Granny Crinigan nee Logue. The Corkhills remained at Canberry for many years where their family of ten children were all born. In 1913 the family leased Riverview from Frederick Campbell...[The family remained in the two storey brick cottage built by Fred Young for Campbell in the early 1890s until the land was required by the Commonwealth and the lake began to fill - in 1962.] Catherine Corkhill died in 1952 and her obituary in the "Cathedral Chimes" dated October 19 1952 in part reads, "She was a distinct feature of Catholic life in Canberra, as she was born a few hundred yards from where Parliament House now stands...Her husband survives her and he is now in his 90th year. Also surviving are her six sons: John Thomas, Phillip and Patrick all of Canberra and Edward (Goulburn) and Brendan (Boorowa), Mrs J Maloney of Queanbeyan is a daughter. Three daughters predeceased her: Margaret, Eileen (Mrs E Morrison) and Phyllis (Mrs M McKee). There are 24 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren left to mourn the great old lady..." Catherine's grandparents on her mother's side were Bryan and Margaret Logue who arrived in Sydney on 28th March, 1841 from County Tyrone, Ireland...*



Above: Kathleen Corkhill who was crowned Queen of Canberra at a ceremony at the Albert Hall on 6 December 1928.



Above left detail of 1913 Federal Map showing Corkhill's tenant farm. The hill, bottom right above Camp Hill was known as Corkhill. This hill was levelled to allow for the grande-vista across from Provisional Parliament House to the War Memorial. On the right is a 1921 map (part of renewal of lease document) showing Corkhill's lease from 1921.

OAKLEY HILL WESTRIDGE

MAGUIRE, Jack

grazier

EGAN, Bessie & Thomas

home duties & groom

YARRALUMLA HOUSE (Government House)

The newer house built on the site of Murray's old cottage was constructed in the 1890s for Frederick Campbell the last owner of the property. Section was built by a local man named Young. Below photograph given to me by Jean Boyd showing Yarralumla House.



GRANGES, James

gardener

SCOTT, Violet & Alexander

home duties & gardener

Alexander Campbell Scott was buried in Woden Cemetery on 2nd June, 1949. Buried in the next grave in the Presbyterian Section is Violet Mary Scott who was buried on 23rd June 1955.

STEPHENS, Flora & Thomas

housekeeper & caretaker

Thomas Stephens was buried in Woden Cemetery in the Anglican Section on 23rd August 1941. He died on 22nd August 1941 aged 55. His grave was paid by Mrs Flora Stephens of Government House. She was buried in the same grave on 16th April, 1964.

1929 Electoral Roll for election of Third Commissioner - only head of household allowed to vote - had to own or rent a commonwealth cottage.

WESTRIDGE, 1929

2 BARBER, Thomas

gardener, house

BATCHELOR, William

nurseryman, house

BETHEL, Leslie

fitter, house

BLUMENTHAL, Stanley

ranger, house

CAMERON, McRae

student, house

CONNELLY, William

labourer, house

COOPER, John

manager, house

COREY, Edward

labourer, house

CORKHILL, Phillip

nurseryman, house

COTTERILL, Maurice

labourer, house

DILLON, Jeremiah

foreman, house

GRAY, Michael ps,

house, Forrest

HAMMOND, William

labourer, house

HERRING, William

bricksetter, house

HOBDAY, John

nurseryman, house

KILBY, Sydney

gardener, house

JOHNSON, Michael

burner, house

LEE, John

timberman, house

McKAY, Francis

labourer, house

NOBLE, Henry

brickmaker, house

OLDFIELD, Sydney

foreman, house

QUIGG, Edward

labourer, house

RADCLIFFE, John

brickmaker, house

REIDY, Harold

labourer, house

REYNOLDS, Reuben

caretaker, house

RIDDLE, Joseph

burner, house

SHARP, Joseph

nurseryman, house

SHARPE, Thomas

nurseryman, house

SULLIVAN, Leo	labourer, house
TAYLOR, Charles	foreman, house
TAYLOR, Norman	blacksmith, house
TONKIN, Francis	blacksmith, house
TULLY, David	grazier, land
WARE, Michael	labourer, house
WILKES, David	caretaker, house

BANKS STREET, WESTRIDGE 1929

CULLEY, Thomas	clerk, house
HAMMOND, William	labourer, house_

COTTER ROAD, YARRALUMLA 1929

HORAN, Michael	ranger, house
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NOVAR STREET, WESTRIDGE 1929

COTTERILL, Maurice	labourer, house
7 LAWRENCE, Arthur	labourer, house
STREATFIELD, Herbert	brickmaker, house

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, YARRALUMLA 1929

SCOTT, Alexander	head gardener, house
STEPHENS, Thomas	caretaker, house_

RIVERVIEW, WESTRIDGE 1929

CORKHILL, Robert	dairyman, house
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Above: Early 1920s map of Canberra areas. Blandfordia sub-division bottom left is Forrest.

MANY PEOPLE REMAINED AT WESTRIDGE

Although this work officially ends at 1929 I have included the details of those people on the 1935 electoral roll. Many of their names are on the early rolls. A strong community developed at Westridge. Following World War Two many New Australians moved to the area and some from Westlake and other old areas of Canberra.

Today - 2010 - many of the old weatherboards erected in 1927 have been pulled down and replaced by big dwellings that almost cover the yards. The area is now one of the desirable places to live. It is close to Lake Burley Griffin and Stirling Park (Section 22 & 128 Stirling Park, Yarralumla). There are many newcomers but

amongst them are many of the members of the original brickworks and nursery families. Today there is, as there was in the beginning, a strong progress association.

The two mud maps in this chapter were drawn by members of the Westridge Community whose stories, along with others are published in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge & Acton*. Gugler, Ann 1998.

1935 ELECTORAL ROLL, WESTRIDGE

BARBER, Lance cleaner

14/48 BLUMENTHAL, Amy & Stanley home duties & ranger

Amy Blumenthal of 12 Eyre Street Kingston (1954) paid for the grave in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery for Elizabeth Bottenh (? hard to read) of the same address who died on 1st April 1954 aged 87 years.

BOYD, Doris & William home duties & carrier

Robert Boyd, his wife Mabel and children were allocated one of the ex-Molonglo cottages erected in the area of modern Banks Street in front of the area of the Forestry School that opened in 1927. They had three children, William, Don and Jean. William married Doris Townsend, Don married Marjie Day (of Briar Farm born 24 June 1922 and died 7 January 2010) and Jean married the son (Claude) of the Brickworks' Manager, Sid Oldfield. All three families remained in Westridge - Yarralumla. Doris Louisa Boyd died on 8th April 1978 and her husband, William Frederick on 15th January 1977. Both are buried in graves next to each other in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery. William Frederick Boyd of 73 Novar Street (1961) paid for the grave in the Anglican section of the Woden Cemetery for Alfred Townsend of the same address who died on 19th April 1961. William Frederick Boyd of 73 Novar Street paid for the grave at Woden Cemetery of Robert Boyd of 8 Triculo Place of Queanbeyan. Robert died on 25th February 1955 aged 82 years. Mabel Josephine Boyd was buried in the grave next to Robert and died on 5th January 1959 aged 77. Donald Robert Boyd died on 6th July 1974 and was buried in the same grave as his mother.

The Canberra Times 26 April 1929 - *Westridge Social*. It was originally intended by the Westlake Tennis Club and residents to give Mrs R Boyd a presentation and dance at Westridge Hall to-night, but owing to the illness of Mrs Boyd the function has been postponed until some further date to be arranged. Mrs Boyd, the popular post mistress at Westridge will shortly be leaving the Territory.

CARGHILL, Mildred & Peter home duties & labourer

CONNELLY, Bertha & William home duties & labourer

COREY, Kathleen & Edward home duties & labourer

Edward Corey paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery of Lynette Marie Corey who died on 4th February 1957 at Camperdown Children's Hospital. She was 20 days old. Ernest Albert Corey was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's section of Woden Cemetery. He died on 8th January 1972. Gordon Francis Corey was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 27th August 1938. He died on 26th August 1938 aged 13 years. His father Edward Corey paid for his grave.

COTTERILL, Annie & Maurice home duties & labourer

FISHER, John labourer

GRAY, Richard lecturer

HORAN, Doreen, Merlie, John & Michael home duties, home duties, labourers' supervisor & brickmaker

HORAN, Marguerite & Michael home duties & ranger

Michael Horan and his wife came to the district around 1910. Michael died on 18th September 1942 aged 60 years. His grave was paid by Michael J Horan who also paid for the grave of Marguerite Horan who died on the 9th September 1955 aged 64. In 1946 Leslie D Horan of 23 Herbert Crescent paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Marguerite Horan who was 8 hours old when she died on 28th August 1946. Michael Horan married Marguerite Gammon in England. He came to Australia in 1910 and was later followed by his wife. The

Horan children are - Michael (1905), John (1910), Dora Constance (1911 - married Joe Riddle), Leslie Darcy (1916), Eileen Maud (1920 - married Lee), Terry (1928) and David (1932).

HOWES, Patricia & William home duties & brickmaker

JACOBS, Phyllis & Maxwell home duties & brickmaker

JOHNSON, May & Michael home duties & brickyards employee
Michael Johnson paid for the grave of Edward L Johnson who died on 14th September 1939 aged 19 years. He is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery.

JONES, Meredith brickyards cook

KILBY, Elsie & Sidney home duties & gardener

LANE-POOLE, Ruth & Charles home duties & civil servant (Head of Forestry School. Mrs Lane Poole was employed before moving to Canberra to organise and supervise the refurbishment of Yarralumla House in readiness for the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York in May 1927.)

LEE, Ruby & John home duties & timberman
Neville Lee who may or may not be related to the above and gave his address as c/o Westridge Post Office, paid for the grave of Mrs Enid Dorothea Lee who died on 14th May 1946 aged 19 years. She is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery.

LYNCH, Amelia & Albert home duties & labourer

McKAY, Elsie & Francis hd & labourer
Frank (Francis) McKay died on 26th February 1958 and is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. His grave was paid by Mrs Elsie Lilian McKay of Mueller Street. She reserved the grave next to her husband.

NOBLE, Jessie & Henry home duties & labourer
Henry Leslie Noble of 11 Hooker Street Westridge paid for the grave in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery of Jessie Abbott Noble who died on 3rd April 1947 aged 55 years. Henry Leslie Noble paid for the grave of Alfred George Noble of the same address who died on 6th October 1954 aged 79 years.

OLDFIELD, Catherine, Claude & Sydney home duties, labourer & brickmaker
Sydney Oldfield paid for the grave of Katherine Margaret Oldfield who died on 27th August 1945 aged 59. She is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. Sidney Oldfield of 70 Novar Street died on 20th February 1958 aged 71 and was buried in the Anglican Section of the Woden Cemetery. (NB The spellings of the Christian names differ in the documents.)

QUIGG, Morris --
Morris Quigg was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 16th May 1968.

RADCLYFFE, Jessie & John home duties & brickmaker
[A John David Radcliffe of Hooker Street Westridge (1954) paid for the grave in the Woden Cemetery for Baby Radcliffe who was stillborn on 7th January 1954.]

REIDY, Maude & Harold home duties & nurseryman

RIDDLE, Dora, Leila, Louisa, Joseph & Sidney home duties, home duties, home duties, brickburner & labourer
Joseph Henry Riddle of 5 Hooker Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery of Joseph William Riddle who died on 3rd June 1948 aged 73 years. He lived at the same address. He also paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Louisa Riddle of the Goodwin Homes who died on 13th August 1964. The grave was bought at the same time as that of Joseph William Riddle.

REYNOLDS, Kathleen & Reuben home duties & caretaker

SHARP, Vera, Ethel, Thomas & Joseph home duties, home duties, labourer & nurseryman
John Henry Sharp died 2nd August 1955 aged 37 years. He and Rachel Sharp who died the same day lived at 24 Farrer Street and both graves at Woden Cemetery were paid by Joseph Sharp who then lived at 24 Banks Street Yarralumla. Rachel Sharp was 36. Joan Ann Wilson of 27 Newman Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Robert Sharp who died on 4th October 1954 aged 38. He lived at the same address. Joseph Sharp of 24 Banks Street paid for the graves of John Henry Sharp who died on 2nd August 1955 aged 37 and Rachel Sharp who died on the same date aged 36. The couple's address was given as 24 Farrer Street Braddon. Ethel Hazel Quigg died on 6th April 1996 and is buried in the Woden Cemetery.

TAYLOR, Norman blacksmith

PO TONKIN, Mena & Francis home duties & plumber

TOWNSEND, Alice & Alfred home duties & labourer

TULLY, David grazier
David Thomas Tully died on 16th October 1941 aged 89 years and was buried in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery. His address was given as *The Springs* Bungendore and his grave was paid by Donald Robert Tully of *Hillview* Weetangera.

Post Office TURNER, Amos labourer
Amos John Turner of 14 Suttor Street Ainslie (1951) paid for the graves in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Arthur John Turner of the same address who died on 15th July, 1951 aged 59 and Sarah Ann Turner who died on 26th May 1953 aged 82 years.

TURNER, Donald labourer
Donald James Turner of 10 Wise Street Braddon (1953) paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Robert Charles Turner who died on 8th May 1953 aged 14 years.

WARE, Michael labourer
Arthur Charles Ware of 2 Schlich Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery of Clive Vivian Ware who died on 10th February 1949 aged 32. Clive Ware lived in Giles Street Kingston. On 20th June 1956 Allan Henry Ware of 35 Hutchins Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Lillian Julia Ware who died on 15th June 1956 aged 65. She lived in 35 Hutchins Street. Lillian Julia Ware paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Michael William Ware who died on 5th July 1940 aged 59.

WEAVER, Gwenith & Keith hd & labourer
Gwenith Weaver paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for John T H Weaver who in 1935 lived in Uriarra. John Weaver was 54 at the time of his death on 23rd October 1942. K J Weaver of 12 Howitt Street Kingston (1948) paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Keith Joseph Weaver who died on 11th July 1948 aged 43 years.

WRIGHT, Charles labourer

AUSTRALIAN FORESTRY SCHOOL, WESTRIDGE 1935

CLARKE, Bert	student
FARRELL, Beverley	student
MADIGAN, Walter	caretaker
MILLETT, Mervyn	laboratory assistant
O'BRIEN, Cornelius	student
REGAN, Eric	student
RICHARDS, Alan	student

SHARPE, William student

(JOSEPH) BANKS STREET, WESTRIDGE 1935

BATCHELOR, Margaret & William home duties & nurseryman
William Arthur Batchelor of 22 Banks Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery of Margaret (?) Batchelor who died on 6th March 1950 aged 52.

The Woden Cemetery Burial Register mentions a Cecil William Clements of 4 Banks Street (1951) paid for the grave in the Presbyterian Section of the Woden Cemetery of Ethel Ann Clements who died on 22nd September 1951 aged 44.

BENTHAM STREET, WESTRIDGE 1935

WOOD, Euphemia, Minnie, Andrew & John home duties, home duties, labourer & labourer

BRICKYARDS, WESTRIDGE 1935

JONES, Meredith cook

PARKER, Frederick miner
Frederick WRA Parker died on 21st April 1942 aged 49. His grave was paid by the RSS&AILA and he is buried in the Returned Soldiers section of Woden Cemetery. His address was Causeway Mess. In 1935 he lived in the Westridge Brickyard's Mess.

The Woden Cemetery Burial Register mentions a Thomas Earl Flint of the Brickyards' Hostel died on 13th July 1951 aged 64. He was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery and his grave was paid by Barrington Earl Flint of 13 Isabella Street Queanbeyan.

HUTCHINS STREET, WESTRIDGE 1935

QUIGG, Emily & Harold home duties & ---

MUELLER STREET, WESTRIDGE 1935

NEWCOMBE, Edith & Reginald home duties & brickmaker
Edith Dorothy Newcombe was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 3rd August 1966. Reginald Alfred Newcombe was buried in the ex-servicemen's section of Woden Cemetery on 7th September 1949. His grave was purchased by the RSS&AILA. He died on the 5th and was aged 47 years. His address was given as 10 Mueller Street, Westridge.

The Woden Cemetery Burial Register mentions Joseph Vivian Robertson of 29 Mueller Street who paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Ellen Elizabeth Robertson aged 49 at the time of her death on 3rd July, 1951. He also paid for the grave of Joseph I Robertson buried at Woden - the date given is 5th September 1927 - 57? Joseph I Robertson was aged 59. The same address was given.

NOVAR STREET, WESTRIDGE (formerly named *Mountain Way*) 1935

CURLEY, Amy & William home duties & labourer

HARRIS, William ---

JESS, Ada & Norman home duties & cook

LAWRENCE, Arthur overseer

LEE, Rita home duties

LOMAS, Maurice labourer

STREATFIELD, Ethel & Herbert home duties & brickmaker

SULLIVAN, Katherine & Leo home duties & labourer
 Leo Frederick Sullivan of 28 Novar Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Brian Arthur Sullivan of the same address who died on 19th October 1952 aged 28.

The Woden Cemetery Burial Register mention Stanley Yandell of 21 Novar Street who paid for the grave of Baby Yandell who was stillborn on 22nd September 1947. The child is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery.

NURSERY, WESTRIDGE 1935

HOBBDAY, Elsie & John home duties & civil servant
 Mrs Elsie Jane Hobday paid for the grave of John Peace Hobday of Yarralumla Nursery. He died on 4th July 1944 aged 65 and is buried in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery. Elsie Jane Hobday died on 20th July 1964 aged 71. At that time she lived at 19 Bremer Street Griffith.

OAKLEY HILL, WESTRIDGE 1935

MAGUIRE, Clara & Jack home duties & grazier

People on the Woden Cemetery Burial Register who lived at Westridge at the time of their deaths.

Frederick Bentley of Westridge paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery of Frances Annie Hunt of Westridge who died on 25th October, 1941. She was 85 years of age. John Vincent Hunt of 24 Novar Street paid for the grave in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery of Laurence John Hunt who died on 19th November 1952 aged 8 months.

James Thompson of Westridge died on 27th August 1945 aged 60 years.

Gerald Druce of 7/52 Yarralumla paid for the grave in the General Section of Woden cemetery for Baby Druce who was still born on 3rd May 1951.

Harcourt John Humphres of 58 Novar Street paid for the grave in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery of Jacqueline Ann Humphres who died on 3rd June 1951 aged 15 months.

Mrs Doris Nott of 25 Grant Crescent Griffith paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery of Lewis Windamere Nott of Weston Street Yarralumla who died on 27th October 1951 aged 63.

D James McGovern of 14 Schlich Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery of Irene May McGovern who died on 10th February 1951 aged 3 days.

Daniel Stokes of 12 Reynolds Street Braidwood paid for the grave in the Returned Soldiers Section of Woden Cemetery of William Stokes who died on 3rd February 1952 aged 26 years. William Stokes address was Bentham Street Yarralumla.

William McLeod Burns of 11 Rodway Street paid for the grave in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery for Warren McLeod Burns who was still born on 31st January 1953.

Margaret Cecely Gardner of 21 Mueller Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Florence Roberta Fallon aged 55 at the time of death on 16th February 1953.

24th September 1953 Gelona Azzopardi of 52 Schlich Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery of Charles Azzopardi who died on 20th August 1953 aged one day.

On 27th October 1953 Jerzy Sydrych of 3 Hamilton Row paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Baby Sydrych who was still born on 22nd October 1953.

Alfred Ernest Tarrant of 28 Rodway Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Jacqueline Audrey Tarrant who died on 20th December aged 2 years.

Peter Dukic stillborn son of Milos Dukic of 15 Maxwell Street was born on 16th June 1954 and is buried in the General Section of Woden Cemetery.

On 7th October 1954 Juchim Smijewski paid for the grave of his wife Nina who died on 22nd September 1954 aged 47 years. They has just moved from 57 Westlake where they shared a house with the Robinson family to 9 Musgrave Place. Juchim is buried in the grave next to his wife.

The Curator of Deceased Person's Estates paid for the grave of Rubls (?) Vilhlem of 48 Rodway Street who died on 21st October 1954 and is buried in the Lutheran Section of Woden Cemetery.

Phillip Senior of 6 Schlich Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Baby Senior who was stillborn on 9th February 1955.

Kenneth Mark Haddock of 11 Newman Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Geoffrey Haddock who died on 18th March 1955 aged 2 hours.

James Henry Geach of 42 Novar Street paid for the grave of Baby Geach who died on 16th April 1955 aged 3 days.

Cyril James Miners of 36 Novar Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Baby Miners who was stillborn on 7th September 1955.

Cyril M Keddle of 55 Novar Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery of Gary John Keddle who died on 29th September 1955 aged 2 weeks.

JJ Greaney of 39 Bentham Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for June Louise Davis and Arthur George Davis who died on 21st January 1956. June was aged 27 and Arthur 34. Their address was given as 34 Gunn Street Yarralumla.

Richard E Cavanagh of 3 Schaumburg Street paid for the graves in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Phillip G Cavanagh who died on 9th April 1956 aged 2 hours and Michael Cavanagh who died on 13th April 1956 aged 5 days.

Clarence William Pickerd of 4 Abbott Cir paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Mary Pickerd who died on 4th May 1956 aged 2 hours.

Kazimistz Urbanczyk of 3 Cam...St paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery of Sliwa Pr.toni aged 49 years at the time of his death on 30th June 1956. He lived at Hillside Hostel.

Walter Stephen Palmer of 16 Brown Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Baby Palmer who was stillborn on 6th March 1957.

Don Burgess Canerib if 23 Guilfoyle Street paid for the grave in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery of Baby Cameron who was still born on 11th May 1957.

Alma Posmyk of 25 Schomburgk Street paid for the grave in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery for Martin Posmyk who died on 31st May 1957 aged 34.

Norman William Kerry of 30 Bentham Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for Mark E Kerry who died on 18th June 1957 aged one day.

John Hully of 6 Weston Street paid for the grave in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery for R... Charles Hully who died on 19th August 1957 aged 4 months.



Westridge children in the mid 1940s. Kath Devlin top of the pyramid. She married Reg Newcombe of Mueller Street Westridge. Photograph courtesy Kath & Reg Newcombe.

1939

A list of employees at the Brickyard 27 February, 1939 contained the following names, occupation & suburb:

W Curley	Pit Foreman	Westridge
J Kinleysides	Pitman	Oaks Estate
A Blewitt	Jumperman	Oaks Estate
KC Johnston	Pitman	Queanbeyan
W Haines	Pitman	Westlake [Bill Haines was the Powder Monkey worked Quarry]
K Ware	Pitman	Westlake
D Fletcher	Pitman	Ainslie
LD Horan	Pitman	Queanbeyan
W Lee	Pitman	Westridge
HM Lawless	Pitman	Capitol Hill
W Howes	Panman	Westridge
A Townsend	Panman	Westridge
MJ Ware	Machineman	Westridge
C Oldfield	Machineman	Westridge
W Ryan	Mixerman	Causeway
A Ware	Mixerman	Westridge
F McKay	Burner	Westridge
HL Noble	LM Burner	Westridge
JW Riddle	Burner	Westridge
M Johnson	Burner	Westridge
A Riddle	Burner	Westridge
HA Charlton	Burner	Ainslie
J Fisher	Setter	Queanbeyan
LN Colquhoun	Setter	Westridge
MJ Horan	Setter	Westridge
JH Riddle	Setter	Westridge
R Quigg	Setter	Ainslie
J Horan	Setter	Westridge
CH Riddle	Setter	Westridge

SC Riddle	Setter	Westridge
M Quigg	Setter	Westridge
N Quigg	Setter	Westridge
V Marsh	Setter	Westridge
H Ward	Blacksmith	Queanbeyan
A Burton	LH Fitter	Westridge
J Devlin	Fitter	Westridge
NC Webb	Fitter	Griffith
L Quigg	Youth	Westridge
D Boyd	Youth	Westridge
R O'Reilly	Youth	Causeway
K Elliott	Youth	Causeway
F McDermott	Youth	Causeway
DM White	Youth	Westlake
J Edwards	Youth	Westlake
W Hawke	Youth	Westlake.

Information from Michael Hill:

Jacobs, Arthur Samuel (WW1 - AIF, 55Bn)

Sam Jacobs lived at the Brickworks with his parents and applied to enlist at Queanbeyan on 5 February 1916 when he was 19 years of age. He arrived in France in December 1916 and served with the 55th Battalion in the muddy trenches of the Somme battlefield near Guedecourt during the winter of 1916-17. He was wounded in the thigh during the 55th Battalion's attack on Doignies and was out of the line until March 1918. He earned the Military Medal for his actions on 4 July 1918 during a raid on the Brick Beacon near Morlancourt, undertaken as a feint for the attack on Hamel on the other side of the Somme River. Jacobs assumed command of his section and showed leadership during the resultant hand-to-hand fight in the German trenches. He was wounded in the thigh a second time, near Peronne in September 1918. Jacobs returned to Australia in January 1919 and was discharged on 9 April 1919. He later married and lived in Melbourne. Jacobs died at the Caulfield Military Hospital, Victoria on 27 September 1937 aged 40 years.

Keir, Garnet William (WW1 - AIF, 53Bn)

Keir came from a well-established family in Gundaroo where he was born in 1893. He enlisted in Goulburn on 3 October 1915 and was working for the Commonwealth possibly as a labourer at the Canberra Brickworks or, most likely, as a chainman for surveyor Arthur Percival. He had also been a member of the Canberra Rifle Club for 1½ years. Keir embarked for overseas in April 1916 and joined the 53rd Battalion in France on 22 July. On 25 April 1918, near Villers-Bretonneux, he was wounded in action receiving gun shot wounds to the left elbow and left hip which saw him evacuated to England. He returned to Australia on 10 June 1919 and was discharged on 25 July 1919. Keir died in Port Kembla on 20 March 1972.

Morgan, Thomas (WW1 - AIF, 3Bn)

Died (killed in action) on 24 December 1916 near Guedecourt, France, aged 35 years. Thomas Morgan was born in New York City but his family came from the Swansea district of South Wales. He was a bricklayer by trade and living at the "Federal Brickworks" in Canberra when he enlisted, just before his 34th birthday, in Goulburn. He embarked for Egypt as a Private with reinforcements to the 18th Battalion in November 1915 but was taken on strength with the 3rd Battalion in Egypt in February 1916. He arrived in France at the end of March 1916 and served at Pozieres during July 1916 where he was shot in the hand. Morgan rejoined his unit in late August and was appointed a Lance Corporal in October after which the 3rd Battalion moved to the Flers sector. On Christmas Eve 1916 he was killed in action in the frontline and buried where he fell in the vicinity of Fritz' Folly and Fatigue Trench near Guedecourt.