

CANBERRA'S CAMPS & WORKMEN'S COTTAGES(1913-early 1930s)

This document does not include lists available in the 1913 Census and the electoral rolls. Information on burials in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery, Reid ACT comes from a book by Jean Salisbury, St John's Churchyard. The Anglican Church at St John the Baptist at Canberra. Up until early 1930 records of births deaths and marriages were registered in NSW (Queanbeyan). All men and women who enlisted in the armed forces World War 1 and World War 2 are registered in NSW or other states.

During my research for The Builders of Canberra 1909-1913 [Gugler] I did not come across any full lists of men in living in the temporary camps. However lists of men owing money (as little as a few pence) and letters, petitions and so on found in the Australian Archives do give some information about those living in Canberra during the construction era.

This document lists some of the people who lived in the following camps, temporary settlements and early permanent cottages erected for a few workmen. The camps/settlements etc are:- The Surveyors Camp 1909/1910, Acton, Arsenal Camp, Brickyards, Power House, Civic Centre, Duntroon, Northbourne, Red Hill, Mt Pleasant Road Making Camp, Tradesmen's Camp, No 1 Labourers Camp, Westlake, White City Camp, Molonglo, Westlake Contractors' Camps - Howie's, Monolyte, Riverbourne, Russell Hill, Lady Hopetoun Club, Brick Cottages built for workmen at Civic, Power House, Brickyards and Blandfordia (Forrest).

THE CAMPS

The first surveyors'camp was set up at the base of Kurrajong Hill (Capital Hill and site of the present Parliament House) in March 1909. The surveyors commenced work on a 36 square mile area that was to become the city of Canberra. This camp lasted for three weeks. The surveyors were F Broinowski, L Morgan, A Percival, G Chapman, Charles Scrivener and Percy Sheaffe.

The men returned the following year to continue with the work. By the end of the year the Administrative Centre for the proposed city was set up at Acton. In 1910 work commenced on the Royal Military College at Duntroon. The majority of camps for workmen were established in 1913.

Workmen's Camps were established near major work sites of Brickyards (Westridge - later named Yarralumla), Power House (Kingston) and Cotter River. Workmen's Camps were segregated into Single Men and Married Quarters. The majority of single men lived in tents usually around 8 feet x 10 feet - two men to a tent. These camps were also segregated according to occupation - Labourers, Pug (Horse & Dray), Tradesmen, Engineers etc. Camps were usually provided with a Mess and some form of ablution block. Urinals provided were often trenches dug out of the ground and it was not unusual to set up the odd bale of straw in a hessian bag for night use.

Married men usually built their own "cottages" and the favoured method was sapling frames, hessian walls, galvanised iron roof and fireplaces and earth floors. Many men used old hessian cement bags because once opened out and made wet with water provided when dry walls they provided protection from the wind. The outside walls were then whitewashed and interior pasted with paper.

At Acton a number of single men (that is men without their wives or unmarried) were housed in the Bachelors'Quarters - timber barracks - one man to each room [few rooms two men shared]. These men were white-collar workers brought to the construction sites of Canberra to provide the skills necessary for the construction work to proceed. Some of the married officials were provided with accommodation in old cottages and a few timber ones constructed specifically for them at Acton.

The nearest shopping centre was at Queanbeyan and from 1916 at the Co-operative store set up at Kingston at the Railway Station site. Alcohol was not sold in the territory between 1913 and the end of 1928. It was banned by King O'Malley who had turned his back on the demon drink. The opening of Parliament 9th May, 1927 reopened the question and in 1928 the population of the territory was allowed its first vote that gave permission for alcohol again to enter the territory for sale. (Much to the upset of the Queanbeyan hotels who had "done a roaring trade" for many years).

Tent rental was 1/6d per week and a ground rent of 6d. During the years 1917 to 1920 the Commonwealth was concerned about the possibility of humpies having materials borrowed from the Commonwealth. During this time WO Russell was charged with the job of going around to each 'owner'

requesting receipts for all materials used. His lists provided us with information about the population of Canberra at this time and the houses in which they lived.

From 1916, however, until around 1921 the population of Canberra was depleted by the war effort. Work on Canberra was put on hold and those who did not join up often went in search of work elsewhere.

In 1921 work recommenced on the construction of the city, but with very limited finance available. The decision was made then that only the basics should be built to enable the move of the federal parliament from Melbourne to Canberra. Instead of constructing an imposing new Parliament House the decision was made to build a provisional one and when money became available to build a new one suitable for the capital city of Australia.

It should be noted that not all men working on the city lived in large camps where a Mess was provided for the single men. There were many small camps. Ancel John Johnston in his reminiscences published in Queanbeyan Historical Monographs, No 2 was a local lad who described his life in 1925 when he worked for the PMG. Part of his story is as follows:

We were camped at a spot near the Canberra Railway Station, approximately where Freebody's garage [Wentworth Avenue] was later erected and from there we worked on the line to Queanbeyan and some lines around Acton...Other gangs were working between Yass and Hall and we carried on from Ginninderra to Queanbeyan. When we moved on to that job our camp was moved from Eastlake [Kingston] to a spot near the Duntroon School between the Gun Gate entrance to the Royal Military College and what is now the suburb of Campbell. We were camped there when the deluge of May 1925 struck the area. It was most uncomfortable living in tents and our outside cooking fire had no chance of survival...

Many men living in these shortlived camps including those working in the forests in the 1920s and period of the Great Depression spent the week in the camps and went home at the weekends if they lived in the district. Others like Frank Clowry, foreman carpenter on the Provisional Parliament House lived in the Tradesmen's Camp at Westlake and rode his bicycle home to a small township near Braidwood every fortnight. This trip in 2000 on modern roads takes by car between an hour and an hour and a half.

From 1926 the Commonwealth had a policy of gradually replacing tents with cubicles. The latter was 10 foot x 12 foot, constructed from second grade baltic pine, unlined, with a galvanised iron roof. Two men shared each small structure. This accommodation had the luxury of a small cast iron stove and electricity that brought the rent per week per man up to 3/- . In December 1926 The Canberra Times reported that there were eight cubicle camps and sixteen tent camps in the territory. This statement referred only to the more formal camps. There were according to men who lived and worked in this period - little camps all over the place. At this time 554 men lived in cubicles and 2,578 in tents. By the 22nd March 1927 there were 784 men in cubicles and 1,184 in tents and 222 in cottages and 810 living at Russell Hill, Riverbourne and Oaks Estate (ex-Queanbeyan suburb). (See letter at end of document re cubicles etc.)

Following are the lists of some of the men who lived and worked in Canberra in the period between 1913 and the mid 1920s.

ACTON

Acton was the administrative centre of Canberra from 1911 to the mid to late 1950s. It was also the site of the first nursery run by T C Weston. In addition to the farm cottage of Acton House and nearby Springbank property farm houses there were tents of Lands & Survey Branch a number of new buildings were built. They included Canberra House (1913), the Bachelors Quarters (timber barracks for single male officials) occupied from December 1912, few weatherboard cottages for married officials and from 1924 15 small two bedroom portable temporary cottages constructed from timber for workmen. A number of humpies were erected by workmen in the teen years and were occupied up until around 1924 when the workmen's timber cottages became available.

28th September 1917 WO Russell listed the following buildings at Acton:

Administrator's House (Canberra House), Acton House, 1 cottage (Medical Officer), 7 cottages (Married officials - rent 10% of salary), 1 cottage banking manager... In 1918 the people who lived in the cottages were:

1. Mr O'Loughlin, 4 rooms, kitchen, servants quarters and office
2. Mr Russell as above
3. Captain Coffee as above
4. Mr Thornhill as above
5. Mr Mouat as above with, in addition, one outside room
6. Mr Brackenreg as above
7. Mr Vautin 5 rooms, kitchen, servants room
8. Acton House PL Sheaffe, 6 rooms, servant's room, kitchen.

In the early 1920s the following are listed as living in Acton Cottages for officials

Section 14 (Balmain Street)

Bl 2 TR Casboulte
Bl 3 WE Potts
Bl 4 WN Rowse
Bl 5 CS Daley
Bl 8 W J Skewes
Bl 9 A E Jones
Bl 11 AM Cunningham
Bl 12 Dr A Burrows
Bl 13 GH Monohan
Bl 14 PE Deane

Section 34 (Liversidge Street)

Bl 1 J Mildenhall
Bl 2 L Edwards
Bl 3 HR Waterman
Bl 4 H Marshall
Bl 5 ADE Bruce (took over in 1927 from TC Weston)
Bl 6 H Mouat
Bl 7 AW Edwards

The Bachelors Quarters

No lists of tenants have been found. However in 1921 the male only domain had to accommodate Miss Fitzgerald, the unmarried lady teacher. This did not work out as satisfactory because she was the only female resident. A List of Rooms and Tenants was made at this time. It is as follows:

1. Smoking Room, 2. Dining Room, 3. Visitors Dining Room, 4. Pantry, 5. Kitchen, 6. Larder, 8. Scullery, 9. Bathroom, 10. Bedroom, Mr Cole, 11. Bedroom Mr Cadden, 12. Bedroom Mr Woodforde, 13. Bedroom Mr Rail, 14. Bedroom Mr Turner, 15. Bedroom Mr Robinson, 16. Bedroom Mr Force, 17. Bedroom Mr Smith, 18. Bedroom Mr Daly, 19. Bedroom Mr Sheldon, 20. Bathroom, 21. Bedroom Mr monger, 23. Bedroom Mr McNamara, 24. Bedroom Mr Jamieson, 26. Storeroom, 27. Bathroom, 28. Bedroom Steward, 29. Bedroom Miss Fitzgerald, 30. Bedroom used as a storeroom, 31, 32, 33, 34 Staff quarters.

In 1923 the men of the Bachelors Quarters signed a petition against the manager Mr Fred Walker. The men who signed were LR Willis, W Adamson, A Jackson, H Force, J McCloskey, L Dent, J Orr, LS Boynton, Fred C Cook, E Naylor, F Smith, WM Langford, Geo J O'Neill, E Proctor, Keith Champion, K Hudson, RL Hall, S Chas Uslau?, Collidy?, W Jackson, O'Sullivan, HR Caden, HB Ingleion.

Mr Walker was followed by Mr P J Breen as manager and after he left on 14th June 1924 the position was taken over by Mr Hicks (Chief Steward). His wife took up the duties of Matron. By the 21st August, 1924 it was known that Mr Hicks had cancer and had not long to live.

Another list of names enumerated the men of the Bachelors Quarters who owed money between 14th February to 30th June, 1916. Most were at the time the bills were finally ready already on active duty in the armed forces. The men were: AE Wadsworth, LH West, WJ Christie, PF Douglas (fire chief in ACT), RS Shannon, IA Smith, AE Fennelly, C Muir, ED Gilchrist, L Edwards, AF Smith, AJK Corner, AG Cooper, JH Kennedy, S G Bell, LS Malcolm, L Hall, ER Iredale, A Osbourne, L Taylor, J McRae Dunn, RR Monger, VH O'Loughlin, HW Robbins, SH Slatter, RJ Thornhill, LH West, AJ Carney, SG Bell. There were a total of 27 men in the mess.

The Lands & Survey Camp was established in 1911. The 1928 Electoral Roll indicates that there were at that time four men in the camp. Others are not known. Married Quarters were probably built around the same time from the usual materials such as hessian walls and galvanised iron roofs. WO Russell's lists made between 1917 note the following:

F Dorman, Cottage privately owned. Galvanised iron roof & hessian walls. 2/- per month rental. Employed by the Commonwealth - Works & Railways Dept E Dunshea. Cottage privately owned. Galvanised iron roof & hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed by the Commonwealth afforestation branch. Dunshea bought his house from TW Robins who returned to Sydney. A photograph of this cottage in the mid 1920s showed it to be quite a substantial building at that time with timber walls. Below is a photograph of the Dunshea cottage in 1919.



A Anderson. Cottage privately owned. Galvanised iron roof & hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed by the Commonwealth Works & Railways Dept.

G Wilson. Commonwealth cottage. Galvanised iron, house & ground rent 2/- per week. Employed by Commonwealth Lands & Survey Branch. Handwritten note noted. **Application by T Beaver to rent.** Wilson vacated. Prior to Wilson taking over the cottage it was tenanted by **Charles May** who vacated on 31st August, 1919. May was employed by the Afforestation Branch and Wilson by the Commonwealth.

J Cooper, Privately owned - Tent. Employed by the Commonwealth Afforestation Branch.

W Blewitt, Commonwealth building, galvanised iron. Employed by the Commonwealth, Lands & Survey Branch.

Another not mentioned in this list was Ned Ryan, foreman of Lands & Survey Branch. His wife was Alice nee Blundell. The cottage in which he lived at Acton was owned by the Commonwealth and had been condemned for some years. His five year old son was bitten by a snake after the lad had been put to bed. It was a couple of days before Christmas. The child died. As a result the Commonwealth moved one of the ex-Molonglo buildings to Acton and converted it into a cottage for the family.

On the 18th November 1918 P Sheaffe wrote to the Surveyor General in Melbourne about the Acton Married Quarters Camp. He wrote: *A Davis, James Stewart, H Thorning, AE Bland and F Dorman occupy camp sites as Acton rent free. They all live in humpies constructed out of weatherboard and galvanised iron roof. It is understood that the premises having at one time being condemned is the reason why no rent was charged by the late Administrator...*He went on to recommend that each pay 6d per week rental.

Another family living on the flat was Wallace. In April 1924 a child had been very ill necessitating the disinfecting of the Wallace cottage. The medical officer noted that this cottage like the others nearby

had a long walk to the lavatory. William Wallace moved into No 1 Acton Cottages (workmen's designed by HM Rolland) in 1924.

These cottages were ready for occupation from July 1924 and the first occupants were:

- 1.W Wallace (2nd October, 1924) Lands Department (initially intended for J Ryan 22nd July, 1924)
- 2.Mrs C Wylie Charwoman
- 3.C Marshall Afforestation Branch
- 4.E Dunshea cleaner
- 5.E Thurgold, Cook at Hotel Canberra. His name was crossed out and JW Mitchell Bars placed at No 5. Another name also marked in was Bourke 25th September, 1924.
- 6.W Green Lands Department
- 7.JH Saunders Chauffeur (he worked for the Chief Commissioner, Butters who lived in Canberra House (early 1925) J Lynch was also on the list for No 7.
- 8.T Ryan (22nd July, 1924) Works Branch
- 9.M Heselden, Foreman Plasterer (on another list was William Riley 6th August, 1924)
- 10.Mrs Withers, Laundress (another list had SF Griffiths 1st October, 1924)
- 11.S Margules Afforestation. He later moved to Cotter River. Stan Margules given names were Louis Constantine Stanley-. His wife was Constance Margaret. She and three of their children are buried in St John the Baptist Cemetery in Canberra. Allan Margules, sixth child of Stan and Constance died on the 24th February, 1933 aged 2 days, Bessie Margules died on 20th February 1937 aged 6 years. She caught diphtheria. Baby Margules was stillborn on 22nd March, 1937 and two months later Constance died on 8th May, 1937 aged 31 years. Stan died on 13th October, 1959 aged 71 years and is also buried at St John's. They had nine children.
12. J Stuart, Works Branch
13. F Dorman Works Branch
14. J Preston, Hotel Canberra.

An earlier list of people who applied for the cottages included Mrs Carr, Mr Lynch, Mr Blewitt, Mr Hourigan, Mr Griffith, Mr Carter, Mr Green, Bourke, Mr Reilly. A letter written in October 1928 indicates that No 5 was tenanted by Mrs Francis who was abandoned by her husband. Because there was no welfare available in the FCT she moved into NSW where she could get some help.

Another well known name in Acton was Mrs Llewellyn who owned horses and rented them out. Her husband was William, an immigrant from South Wales. He died at Acton on 16th October, 1928 aged 51 years and is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery.

ARSENAL CAMP

The arsenal project began in 1915 when the British government asked the Australian government to build an arms factory. The Federal Capital Territory was chosen because it was administered by the Commonwealth and thus was "above"state level. Four possible sites were shortlisted and the final site chosen was at Tuggeranong. Fortunately for the territory a committee was formed and the proposed Arsenal Factory and Township was never built. However Australian Archives do record lists of furniture, fittings and people in the Arsenal Camp buildings. Those living in the camp in 1921 were:

Transfer to Power House Tenements from 10/7/21:

A Lawrence, bricklayer, J Baldwin, bricklayer, RR Cooper, bricklayer's labourer, J Richardson, lather, A Warden, plumber

New Occupants: J Cardiffe, plasterer 7.7.1921, BJ Hyland plasterer 7.7.1921, C Blyton bricklayer 4.7.1921 (He left 11.7.1921), H Fleming, bricklayer 4.4.1921, W Lowrie, builder's labourer 5.7.1921, W Hennessy, plasterer 5.7.1921, A Maxwell, builders labourer 6.7.1921, H Woodlands, carpenter 12.7.1921, WF Higgins, carpenter 12.7.1921, CE Knight, plasterer 12.7.1921, E Lee, plasterer 12.7.1921

Week ending 16.7.1921 - transferred to Ainslie Camp

H Woodlands, carpenter, TW Higgins, carpenter

New Occupants: E Clark, Horse & Dray driver 11.7.1921, C Marsden, bricklayer, 11.7.1921

Weekending 23.7.1921

Vacated: J Richardson, J Lather 10.7.1921 to married quarters, Molonglo Camp

New Occupants: E Candish, carpenter 18.7.1921, J Kay, plasterer 18.7.1921, CGH Jones, plasterer 18.7.1921, A Lingren, plasterer 18.7.1921, W Ball, plasterer 19.7.1921, W Dogan, labourer 18.7.1921

Weekending 30.7.1921

Vacated: W Dogan labourer 25.7.1921, E Candish carpenter 23.7.1921

New Occupants: E Ellis, plasterer 23.7.1921, J Swan, builders labourer 23.7.1921, J Maloney, builders labourer 23.7.1921, S Stanley, labourer 26.7.1921, J O'Leary labourer 25.7.1921, J Curtis, labourer 25.7.1921

Weekending 6.8.1921

Vacated: RM McLeod to hospital 6.8.1921, C Dolan 4.8.1921, A Maxwell 8.8.1921, CHG Jones 4.8.1921, A Lingren 4.8.1921

New Occupants: RM McLeod, plasterer 4.8.1921, S Love, builders labourer 4.8.1921, W Murray, labourer 1.8.1921, A Hobbs, labourer 1.8.1921, C Dolan, labourer 29.7.1921

Weekending 13.8.1921

Vacated: Nil

New Occupants:

A Carroll, painter 12.8.1921, Miller, painter 17.8.1921, W Brayley, painter 20.8.1921,

Vacated: CE Knight 18.8.1921, RR Cooper 18.8.1921

New Occupants: HW Fleeting, carpenter 17.8.1921, A Glennie, carpenter 17.8.1921, SP Wright, carpenter 17.8.1921, F Foster, carpenter 17.8.1921, JC Daly 18.8.1921

Weekending 27.8.1921

Vacated: BJ Hyland, plasterer 24.5.1921, EJ Ellis, plasterer 24.5.1921

New Occupants: S Rogers, carpenter 22.8.1921, CA Essex, carpenter 22.8.1921, J Harvey, painter 29.8.1921, RM McLeod from hospital 14.8.1921.

Weekending 3.9.1921

Vacated: J Kay, plasterer 31.8.1921, E Rowe transferred to Power House Camp 1.9.1921

New Occupants: WCR Mitchell, plumber 31.8.1921, J O'Neill, labourer 5.9.1921, C Gee transferred from Power House Camp.

Weekending 10.9.1921

Vacated: J Baldwin, bricklayer 8.9.1921, C Gee, painter 8.9.1921, E Robinson, painter 6.9.1921, R Lamb, drainer 7.9.1921.

Weekending 17.9.1921

Vacated: RM McLeod, plasterer 17.9.1921, C Marsden, bricklayer 8.9.1921, S Love, builders labourer 15.9.1921, J Maloney, builders labourer 13.9.1921, SB Wright carpenter 8.9.1921

Weekending 24.9.1921

Vacated: W Hennessy, plasterer 20.9.1921

Transferred: W Ball to Brickyards Cottages 20.9.1921

New Occupants: J Gibson, plasterer 22.9.1921, T Herbert, plasterer 22.9.1921, E Stone, carpenter 6.9.1921

Weekending 1.10.1921

Vacated: J Curtis, labourer 29.9.1921

New Occupants: Nil

Weekending 8.10.1921

New Occupants: T Wade, labourer from Power House Camp 29.9.1921

Weekending 15.10.1921

Vacated: H Fleming, bricklayer 30.9.1921, S Rogers, carpenter 13.10.1921, J O'Neill, labourer 28.9.1921

New Occupants: W Ware, painter 12.10.1921, C Coleman, painter 12.10.1921

Weekending 12.11.1921

Vacated: J Mylon, bricklayer 29.10.1921, H Hammond, bricklayer 17.10.1921, E Stone, carpenter 13.10.1921

Transfers: R Lamb, drainer to Power House Camp 11.11.1921, HW Fleeting carpenter to Brickworks 7.11.1921, J Mylon, builders labourer to Power House Camp 11.11.1921, A Glennie, carpenter to Brickworks 7.11.1921, A Herbert, plasterer to Brickworks 7.11.1921, T Wade, labourer to Power House Camp 25.10.1921

Australian Archives A271/1 AR18/18 - Letter dated August 12th 1918 from Sgt F S Caffern applied for a position of foreman at the proposed works in the erection of an Arsenal. In the same file was a list of applications for employment. The list contains the following names, occupation and address:

Chas Marshall, carpenter, Cooma Road Queanbeyan

Jas Ray, ganger, Wonirah (?) Avenue, Darlinghurst

M Stapleton, cook, 44 Gurong (?) Street Sydney

FS Daffern, bricklayer, RS Defence Camp Molonglo

PF McGee, carpenter, c/o White Tank Hotel West Wylong

Corporal H Hart, Stores, Concentration Camp, Molonglo

RJ Stubbs, certificate E/driver, fitter/pipelayer/ blacksmith. References very good, Llanelly, Polding Street, Drummoyne

JH Janson, foreman or asst eng, Queanbeyan

ASH McClay, - GPO Sydney

A Jones, Clerk of Works, Maumion (?) Street, Abbotsford

Gus Boris, f/carpenter, 190 Denison Rd, Petersham

Frank Kelly, foreman carpenter, Nazier St, Arncliffe

Thos Lynch, ganger, Atchinson Street, Wollongong

R Brown, clerk of works, Rossmore, Normandy Rd, Caulfield, Vic

Alex Corre (?), timekeeper, "Caithness" Woolie (?) Creek Rd, Bankside

Thos Stewart, camp steward, 68 West Street, Darlinghurst.

BRICKYARDS CAMPS

The men who built the brickyards lived in 1913 in the Railway Camp (see 1913 Census). The site of this camp is not known. The rail line linking the Power House area to Queanbeyan was completed in 1914. The first camps at the Brickyards for men producing bricks were established in 1913 in the area of present day Banks Street Yarralumla. The single men's camp was kept separate from the married quarters. In 1921 a few ex-Molonglo buildings were moved to the area (Banks Street) for married men and a barracks for single men. New camps were established in 1927 when the area of Banks Street was developed.

As with the other sites - many left the area from 1916 when the brickyards closed and returned after they re-opened in 1920/21.

The following list is of men living at Brickyards between February 1917 and 1921/22

1. Robert Boag. He was foreman of the brickworks. The cottage was previously owned by R Moore.
2. Thomas Boag labourer employed by brickworks. During the period when yards closed he was absent and a family lived in the dwelling.
3. G Murrin - there in 1917 and not later.
4. P Nightingale - working in 1918.
5. P Ware - labourer
6. J C Cotterill labourer. His cottage was previously owned by P Denley.
7. W McDermott lived in the Yarralumla Woolshed - left the area by 17th January 1918.
8. J Hadaway. He was there in November 1917. The cottage was built by S Keir.
9. L Pola - labourer.
10. Vacant - no rental
11. Vacant - no rental
12. C Leach. By March 1918 the cottage was empty. It belonged to Holyoake of Queanbeyan
13. E Skerry. The cottage was built S Kerry (Skerry?) and removed by 30th November 1917.
14. Vacant - no rental
15. J Skerry. In the cottage in 1918
16. Vacant - no rental
17. J Lea, labourer.
18. EP Eggleston bricklayer
19. M Handcock - no mention after 14th February 1917
20. Vacant no rental
21. S Oldfield labourer. He bought his cottage from J Stutchbury. It was iron skillion.
22. S Pye. Not mentioned after 14th February 1917 and cottage pulled down in October 1917.
23. H Bock - there in 1918
24. M Curtin - no mention after February 1917
25. E Quigg labourer. In 1920 he was working in Nimmatabel. He did return
26. A Bower - may be Mrs Bower who sold to T Lea by 30th November 1917. There is no mention of Bower after February 1917 other than sale of house.
27. P Withers. Sold the house to N Tinker 17th November 1917.

28.W Bachelor labourer Afforestation. Worked for Mr Weston (first Parks & Gardens man and person in charge of plants/plantings in the territory)
29.J Faulkner - also spelt - Falconer & Falkiner - labourer.
30.Harry Townsend. Mrs Townsend was Mess Caterer for the Brickworks camps. The Townsend house was part galvanised iron and hessian walls, galvanised iron roof. Mrs Alice May Townsend died at Westridge on 21st September 1935 aged 50 years and is buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid Canberra.
31.J Sharp. He lived in an iron building and worked for Mr Weston. Members of the Sharp family are also buried at St John's cemetery.
32.Vacant - no rental
33.Vacant - no rental
34.J Prosser Both he and his house were gone by November 1917.
35.A Prosser Left and house gone by November, 1917.
36.P Stephenson. He and his house were gone by October, 1917
37.J Beveridge Not mentioned after February 1917
38.A H Lawton - not mentioned after February 1917
39.Vacant - no rental
40.T Culley labourer afforestation. In 1922 he moved into one of the small brick cottages in Section 64 Westridge.
41.J Jacobs During the period of unemployment Jacobs worked in Melbourne. His cottage was removed by November 1917.

No site number recorded - 1917:

J Pearce

E Cregan

R White - in 1918 still there. He rented a galvanised iron cottage from the Commonwealth and worked as a caretaker.

S Keir - in 1920 owned his own house

J Hays - In 1920 he rented a Commonwealth galvanised iron cottage.

The following list is of men employed by the Brickworks 27th March 1921:

T Apps, R Boag, I Beveridge, A Beveridge, HA Charlton, T Culley, JD Colquhoun, J Fisher, J Faulkner, A Hannaford, R Hutchinson, W Herring, W Lawless, V Marsh, F McKay, HL Noble, RA Newcombe, C Oldfield, L Pola, E Quigg, M Quigg, J Stratton, F Turner, W Turner, D Vest, MJ Ware, A Wilson, N Wilson, John Brown. D Worrall started as a labourer in 1923 and later became a white collar worker - clerk.

1921 ex-Molonglo buildings erected in the area of Banks Street.

Married Quarters:

C O'Neill, 6 rooms; H Noble 3 rooms; W Herring 3 rooms, GS Halliday 3 rooms, R Hutchinson 6 rooms. Wash house - two sets of galvanised iron tubs with fittings and one portable copper and stand. Bathroom two galvanised iron baths and two galvanised iron showers. Outside two wooden WC's.

Jean Oldfield (nee Boyd) moved into one of the ex-Molonglo cottages with her family in 1921. She recalled that there were two groups of these cottages. She used to stand on a concrete slab in their backyard to throw out the tea-leaves. This was a concrete manhole cover and today it is in the front yard of the old (1927) Forestry School in Banks Street. Her house was one of a group of five and her neighbours were Hutchins, Dwyer, Moore, and another she couldn't recall. The second cluster consisted of Harry (Chips) Woodlands, Henry Noble, Turbit and Cotterill. Each cottage was connected to electricity but not water or sewerage.

Single quarters in ex-Molonglo buildings at 12th December 1921 listed the following tenants:

J Langdan, J Cavanagh, Glenning, Ball, J Gibson, Herbert, Swain, W Hart, S Brown, Lawless brothers, A Butler, C Gallaini, Frank McKay, J Newcombe, W Biddle, Reg Newcombe, J Newcombe jr, J Fisher, V Tratten, H Weir, Jordan.

Section 64 Westridge had seven brick cottages erected on it in 1921. By 1923 another three were added to bring the numbers up to ten. Lists of first tenants include:

11th January 1922:

3. S Oldfield. Occupied 13th March 1921 and left 21st June 1922. He was replaced by CJ Taylor

4. H Newbold. He occupied the dwelling on 8th December 1921 and from officially left (died?) on 7th November 1923. The cottage was then rented by RC Turbit at a rental of 22/- per week.

8.E Quigg occupied from 6th March 1922

11. MJ Ware occupied the dwelling from 6th March 1922

16. Robert Boag occupied the dwelling from 6th March 1922

15.WK Newbold occupied the dwelling 28th November 1921 and left the district in July 1926. He was manager of the brickworks.

Mr Robert Boag moved to Kingston. He and his wife are buried in St John the Baptist Church yard cemetery. Robert died on 30th June 1932 aged 52 years and his wife, Eleanor Ann on 10th January, 1959.

In 1927 Block 5 Section 64 was tenanted by Mr Turbit and the corner block 14 by Mr Hammond. Another tenant from the early days was Jeremiah Dillon, foreman of the Sewer Works who started work in Canberra in 1915. He died in 1929.

On 21st January, 1924 Sections 58 and 63 Westridge were surveyed. Weatherboard cottages were built in these sections:

The tenants were:

SECTION 58 - 11th October, 1927

L Foster (1), J Ratcliffe (2), F Lawrenson (4), L Bethell (6), Westbrooke, Forestry School, W Cotterill (8), S Turbit (9), K Shepherd (11), E Turner (12), M Johnson (14), Blumenthal poundkeeper (16), Wilks caretaker of Forestry School (15)

SECTION 63 - 11th October, 1927

JB Weir (6), HL Nobel (8), HL Reidy (10), J Oldfield (17), L Green (18), FJ Milne (22), S McDonald (23), S James (24), S Jobson (25).

Another list dated 1st November, 1935 noted people a number of people living in permanent accommodation at Westridge. The Great Depression was at its height at this time:

J Lynch Bl1 Section 58 Brickworks employee

AR Axelby Bl 6 Section 58 Forestry

H Reidy Bl 8 Section 58 Parks & Gardens

F McKay Bl 12 Section 58 Brickworks

JTH Weaver Bl 15 Section 58 Ranger

HC McArthur Bl 9 Section 58 Parks & Gardens

LF Sullivan Bl 13 Section 58 Cleaner

J Lee Bl 17 Section 63 Water & Sewerage

N Jess Bl 18 Section 63 on relief

PS Carghill Bl 13 Section 64 Parks & Gardens

W J Curley Bl 12 Section 64 Brickworks (This cottages was tenanted by Jeremiah Dillon, foreman of Sewer Works. He died in 1929)

A Wood Bl 11 Section 64 Foreman

Dr MR Jacobs Bl 15 Section 64

On 15th October, 1935 a number of Westridge residents signed a petition objecting to the lack of development in the suburb. They were:

FJ Parker, HR Quigg, AE Townsend, AJ Curley, E Sharp, EJ Reynolds, M Johnson, D Riddle, JW Riddle, B Connelly, E Streatfield, E Wood, AGS Lawrence, EM Kilby, PS Corkhill, Mrs A McArthur, F Johnson, D Harris, A Brown, R Quigg, EH Quigg, MJ Ware, LJ Ware, P Carghill, Jn Batchelor, J Sharp, VJ Sharp, MJ Campbell, S Campbell, SW Kilby, TS Sharp, TM Corkhill, J Radcliffel, Mrs JL Radcliffe, Mrs JW Riddle, Mrs ED Corey, Mrs H Noble, F Tonkin, M Tonkin, M Tonkin, N Jess, Mrs Jess, J Lee, Mrs Lee, M Cotterill, A Cotterill, WT Boyd, D Boyd, C Taylor, HE Harris, H McArthur, Mrs J Oldfield, C Oldfield, R Sullivan, K Sullivan, A Blumenthal, SJ Blumenthal, S Oldfield, RA Newcombe, ED Newcombe, K Oldfield, M Oldfield, AE Townsend, Rita Lee, J Hobday, R Horan, F McKay, TA Corkhill, H Noble, E McKay, EB Axelby, AR Axelby, K Weaver, JTH Weaver, DE Weaver, M Connely, HA Streatfield, Andrew Wood, Main A Wood, Mrs A Riddle, CH Wright, J Fisher, W Howes, Mrs W Howes.

CIVIC CENTRE TENEMENTS

The following is a list of men living in barracks moved from the Molonglo Settlement and the date is 16th May, 1921. It is probable that the men living in this camp were used to construct the brick cottages built in 1921/1922 at Civic (modern Braddon).

Room 73 - Dan Smith

Room 74 - P Gleeson & F Mayo

Room 75 - Syd Griffiths & Walter Colverwell

Room 76 - W Ryan & W Johnston

Room 77 - Dick Roberts & Jas Southwell

Room 78 - J Kinlyside & Eric Sherd

Room 79 - J Ryan & H Walk (this perhaps should we "Wark")

Room 80 - Unoccupied

Room 81 - W Wallis

Room 82 - W Flint & Bert Dunn

Room 83 - A Dallis & G Moore

Room 84 - W Savage & J Donnelly

Room 67 - D Sloan Sn & D Sloan Jr

Room 68 - Frank Harrison

Room 69 - W Higgins

The majority of rooms had a stretcher for each man and a dover stove w/piping. A number of fire extinguishers were placed at vantage points. There was also one galvanised iron cooking house and one galvanised iron WC. A list of men owing money for the tenements dated 20th May, 1924 follows: M Glennan, W Gregory, S Griffiths, S Gifford, G Hatley, V James, W Jocelyn, N Lawless, G Mundy, R Smith, F Smith, J Wilson, T Beaver, M Dobson, W J Mitchell, A McIntosh, G Fisher, M Glennan, W Gregory, S Gifford, G Hartley, V James, W Jocelyn, N Lawless, G Mundy, R Smith, J Wilson. Some names have been repeated because they owed for rent and electricity. The amounts owed ranged from threepence (3 cents) to 2/4 (24 cents).

DUNTROON CAMPS

Home & Territories Camp, Duntroon at 16th February, 1917

Rental cost for land was sixpence per site per week. Each site was 566 square yards. Each number refers to a block number:

- 1,2. vacant
3. Haddon T
4. Paynting CH
5. Prentergast LC
6. Naveau B
7. Robinson W
8. Arneson AE
9. Stephenson F
10. Hatchett W
11. Livermore A
12. Dowthwaite F
13. Barraclough PL
14. Smith E
15. Ekersley AE
16. Savage WH
17. Clarke E
18. Griffiths WJ
19. Field WJ
20. Edwards F

21-18 Vacant.

From the early 1920s men living in the Home & Territories Camp at Duntroon had to leave their cottages unless they had a job at the RMC - they sold to men working at the RMC. These cottages were humpies built by the men. Most were constructed from timber uprights, hessian walls and galvanised iron roofs. The occupant listed was in possession of his house in 1920

1. J Rennalds - was in the house in August 1917. By November 1917 Dellamore in the cottage.

2. Vacant
3. D Haddon. On 31st August 1918 Mrs Haddon sold to Abbott. She moved to Queen Street Campbelltown.
4. Vacant
5. D Woodston. The block originally belonged to Prentergast and F Clark
6. S Southwell. He was employed by the RMC 26th March 1917 and by 20th April 1920 recorded as living in the RMC grounds. He became camp caretaker and was followed by Wilson.
7. Empty - belonged to E Clark - J Weir had lived in the building.
8. Frank O'Brien. He let the building to Ted Clark on 7th July 1920. Frank worked for defense on 25th July 1917 and the notes mention Mrs Ted Clarke buying the house. (NB Note the different spellings of "Clark"- "Clarke". They vary in the original documents)
9. J Kirkwood. From 23rd of March 1918 sold to EH Packer
10. W Robinson. He worked for defense and sold to P Hennesy on 12th June 1918. At that time the Robinson family could be contacted through D Fox Western Creek.
11. A Oldfield By 23rd March 1918 sold to J Bull
12. AE Arneson (Ned). Skerry stayed in this hut and or O'Brien's hut. Arneson left 24th December 1921. He was a plumber
13. T Swan. He was in the camp as early as 1913
14. RW Hatchett. After 23rd March 1918 Webber
15. A Livermore. He paid up until 31st July 1920. Previous owners of hut were Howard, Cross and Grimes
16. F (Frank) Dowthwaite moved on 7th January 1922 to a house in Civic (now part of Braddon). There were twenty small brick cottages erected there for workmen - 1921/22.
17. P Barralough. By 7th April 1920 Mrs Barraclough lived outside the College grounds. The previous owners of the camp site were Anstey, Harris & Martin
18. E Smith. By 7th April 1920 he lived outside the College grounds and he worked for defense. The previous owner was Perry. E Smith left by 1st March 1922.
19. E Clarke Jr. He too lived outside the College grounds 7th April 1920 and also worked for defense. He left 3rd January, 1919. Previous owners of the site were Hayes, Cully, Ekersley and Carnell./
20. This site on 1918 map notes a Mrs Moran in residence
21. E Clarke Sn - He was an original camp member from 1913. In 1918 Reynolds moved on to this site/
22. JR Griffith - he too was an original camp member from 1913. His camp site was outside the RMC boundary in 1920. He worked for defense
23. J Field - one of the original camp site members from 1913. By 29th August 1917 he had sold to Cruickshank.
24. J Stores. By 29th August 1917 sold to T Ryan. He vacated this stone or pise house on 22nd July 1919. Two men applied for it - A Gordon and G Samuels (cook at cadets'mess).
25. J Woodstone in residence by 29th August 1917.
26. E Paynting. He sold on 30th April 1921. Previous owners noted Gray, Redfern & Yates.
27. F Edwards. On 30th April 1920 he sold to ST Hall who worked at the College
28. F Grant. He sold 16th May 1918 and moved into Edward's place.
29. W Savage. He sold 18th March 1920 to N Cooney. Previous owners were Caines, Wodger, Douglas, Kirkham, Lloyd and Clapperton.
30. A Gordon. He left on 31st May 1921.
31. A Oldfield Sold to F W Carnell who was a storeman at RMC 7th April 1920
32. ?
33. J Dudley. Previous owners were Kirkpatrick, Symmonds, Clapperton & Clark.
34. Empty - C Edlington owned the metal. He returned to the humpy sometime before removing it on 27th July, 1918.
35. EHB Pitcher. He was on active service. Previous owner Tattenhall
36. AG Kilpatrick. Two names - Sharman & Staples - crossed out - marked as living here 1918. Previous owners listed Stapleton and O'Brien.
37. J Kirkwood. Another name - Temple - crossed out.
38. T Lomax. By 29th March 1918 J Temple. Previous owners Anderson & Archer
39. J Temple. He was on this site in 1913. T Lomax listed post 29th March 1918 and

Edwards listed as a previous owner.
40.FW Shoobert. Previous owners Moore, Davey & Weldon
41.LR Smith. By 29th March 1918 M Quinn old age pensioner
42.F Garlin. Previous owner Webber
43.WH Savage. This name crossed out and A Oldfield 25th July 1917 inserted on list.
44.L Clark. Previous owner Kay
45.J (Jules) de Smet. He occupied this lot from 25th October 1917 until he left on 27th October 1921. He moved to a Molonglo Tenement.

Others mentioned with no camp site number are: C Johnson 3rd July 1915 - 30th August 1915; C Rottenbury sold to L Griffiths of RMC March 1922. On 6th December 1921 R Fitzpatrick sold to E Fields.

Another report dated 1st March 1913 referred to Moore's boarding house. It was purchased on 10th March, 1913 by Commonwealth. De Smet's boarding house is also marked on some of the early maps. It was occupied from 27th August, 1913. On 16th February, 1916 D Woodstone applied for tenancy of the cottage. He did not intend to keep it as a boarding house.

A report dated 29th August, 1917 by WO Russell listed the following buildings and tenants in Duntroon area:

Old Cottage controlled by FCD occupied by LR Smith Works Employee

Old Cottage occupied by NJ Store

Workmen's Mess controlled by CS occupied by Cof E Rectory.

House Rectory controlled by CS occupied by J Curley

1921 List of Cottages - owners and materials used

F Douthwaite: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by Commonwealth. Working in Sydney. Home occupied by family. Frank Douthwaite died 17th September, 1943 aged 69 years. He is buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. He came to the Canberra district in 1912. At the time of his death he lived in Batman Street, Braddon. He married in England Isabella Ingerson who is also buried at St Johns. She died 20th September, 1961. She was born 5th June, 1875.

Mrs Barraclough: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. In district.

E Smith: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. Working in district.

E Clarke: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed by Commonwealth. Works & Railways Dept.

J Griffiths: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. Working in district.

J DeSmet: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed by the Commonwealth. Cook Engineers Mess. [This mess was opposite the Power House].

A Gordon: Commonwealth Cottage. Old stone building iron roof. 5/- per month cottage and grounds rent. Royal Military College employee.

AE Arneson: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed by the Commonwealth Works & Railways Department.

CJ Skerry: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. Left the district. House occupied by M O'Brien.

F Grant: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. House occupied by family.

F Edwards: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed casually by Commonwealth in district.

A Livermore: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed casually by Commonwealth. In district.

C Rottenbury: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Employed casually by Commonwealth. In district.

F O'Brien: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by Commonwealth. In district.

C Edlington: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. House unoccupied.

A Oldfield: privately owned. Galvanised iron roof and hessian walls. 2/- per month. Not employed by Commonwealth. Working in district.

Mr D'Arcy McInnes lived in the Home & Territories Camp from 1921 until the 1930s. He recalled that the site of his old home is now part of the car park near the RMC Australian Defence Force University. He also remembered the names of his neighbours - Foster, Campbell, Cooney, Carling, Heuderbourck, Oldfield, Rundle, Boyd, Wilie, Webber, Halls.

The 1955 list of people still living in this camp is:

1. Mrs Campbell, widow of Don Campbell, civilian - mess steward at Cadets' Mess 1924-1931. (NB the RMC moved to Sydney in the early 1930s)
2. Mr F Carling, kitchen person - civilian - worked in Cadets' Mess 1925-1931.
3. Mr Little, relation of Mr Carling. Moved in during 1933. House previously owned by Mr Griffiths.
4. Cpl Rundle civilian mess steward, cadets' mess 1925. - enlisted 1927. His wife Elise Beatrice (nee Griffiths) died on 17th July 1934 aged 28. She married Nicholas Rundle at St John the Baptist Church Reid, where she is also buried, in 1926. Nicholas Rundle BEM died in June 1990 aged 85 years. Both were born in England.
5. Mr Wallace. He took over the house from Mrs Webber a widow, in 1945. Her husband had worked as a cleaner at RMC. She also worked as a cleaner following her husband's death in 1924.

The list of tenants at 20th May, 1955 were: Mr Carling, Mr Wallace, Mr Little, Mrs Campbell, Mrs J Hardy (her husband and two sons were killed in 1943), Mrs HL Jamieson, Mr Lucas, Mr Swales, Mr MC Kelleher, Mr N Rundle, S Gouley.

NORTHBOURNE CAMPS

There were two camps near the pines near Northbourne Avenue. They were established between 1926 and early 1928. No lists of the men in this camp have been found. However it was in this camp that HLB Lasseter lived between March 1926 and the end of the year when he was joined by his wife and children. He then moved to Russell Hill Camp where he built a house for his family. He left Canberra sometime in 1927 to return to Sydney and thence on to his ill fated journey to the Northern Territory. Lasseter was an active member of the Social Service

Association and in his capacity of Secretary to the Northbourne Camp he arranged for a fancy dress football match to raise money for the camp mess caterer who lost all his personal possessions in a fire.

THE POWER HOUSE CAMPS & MEN WHO WORKED AT POWER HOUSE

The married quarters at this camp was nick-named The Swagger Camp.

The 1913 Census lists the following men and women (head of households) at the Power House: Annie Ashton, J Ashton, FT Ashton, SA McDonald, George Redcliffe, FH Rottenbury and Scanlon. By 1920-1922 there were around 100 people living in the area of the Power House.

The Mess for the single men in the early period was run by Thomas Egan and it was known as The Kangaroo Café. From 25th November 1913 Sydney Harry Edwards took over. Another caterer was Stanley O'Grady who was the subject of many complaints. On 17th July 1914 George McKissock on behalf of the men wrote a letter of complaint to the Administrator at Acton. It was signed by C Southwell, K Joggoms, W Conley, G Keahes, K Dewan, FB Lander, J McKissock, Thos Paterson, H Bethell, J Elliott, J Sills, H Sills, M Rhinesmith, A Bruthers, P Burke, A Freebody, J Daly, J Marshall, T Byrne, A Dallas. H Miller, C Lee, P Browne, E Talbot. (Spellings of names may not be accurate because the signatures were not always legible). In 1918 Mr Iles was appointed cook. In the early 1920s the position was taken by Herbert Daniel - No 1 Labourers Camp. No 1 Labourers was also known from that time as Daniel's No 1.

The list compiled 14th February, 1917 records the following men living in the area:

7. K Lonrenz

8. F Rattue

9. R White

10. D Marshall

11. J Caelli

12. M Primmer. The previous owner was A Thornton

13. E Sheeran. This cottage was previously owned by FR Try

14. S Duke - cottage previously owned by M Mularen

15. Vacant - site was in a shallow watercourse

16. Vacant

17. J Allen

18. E Rose. The cottage was previously owned by McIntosh. The list 21st April 1921 described the house as privately owned, galvanised iron roof and hessian walls, 2/- per month - E Rose worked for Commonwealth Department of Works & Railways. He later moved to Eastlake Tenements (erected nearby - ex-Molonglo buildings).

19. J Johnstone

20. W Webb. His house on 21st April 1921 was described as privately owned, galvanised iron roof and hessian walls, 2/- per month - worked for Commonwealth Department of Works & Railways. He also moved to Eastlake Tenements.

- 6.F Jardine. 21st April 1921 house described as privately owned, galvanised iron roof and hessian walls, 2/- per month did not work for Commonwealth Department of Works & Railways. House occupied by family.
- 7.O Davis
- 8.B Lawson
- 9.J Kendall
- 10.J McMillan
- 11.J Ebsworth
- 12.F. Sheedy. No rental - on roadway
- 13.Vacant
- 14.E Bourke. On 21st April 1921 - house privately owned, galvanised iron roof, hessian walls. Works for Land & Survey Branch. Thence to Eastlake Tenements. Later moved to Westlake after Uriarra.
- 15.G Sutcliffe. On 21st April 1921 - house privately owned, galvanised iron roof, hessian walls 2/- per month. Not employed by Commonwealth. Not in district. To be pulled down by the Commonwealth and held until rent paid.
- 16.D Gray On 21st April 1921 - house privately owned, galvanised iron roof, hessian walls 2/- per month. Not employed by the Commonwealth. Not in district. House occupied by Albert Thornton
- 17.J Doherty, Cottage previously owned by J Wilkinson
- 18.M Bartley
- 19.R Boyd. A photograph of this house being erected was taken in 1914
- 20.G (eorge) Dixon. On 21st April 1921 - house privately owned, galvanised iron roof, hessian walls - 2/- per month. Employed by the Commonwealth Works & Railways Department. He was moved to Eastlake Tenements and later to Westlake.

36- 39 vacant - no rental

Another list mentioned the following men living at the Power House Camp 30th November 1917 to 21st April 1921:

D Mahoney. His cottage was previously owned by F Stephenson. Part privately owned and part Commonwealth property. It was constructed from galvanised iron roof and hessian walls - 2/- per month rental. He was employed by the Commonwealth Survey Staff. Moved in 1921 to Eastlake Tenements.

A Bower. House privately owned, galvanised iron roof, hessian walls 2/- per month rental. Not employed by the Commonwealth. Manager of the Co-operative Store. The site had been previously occupied by R White. R Bower leased it from 16th September 1916.

R Bell. This cottage was owned by GE Gifford. The cottage was galvanised iron roof and hessian wall. Rent 2/- per month. Bell was employed by the Commonwealth Works & Railways Dept. He moved to Eastlake Tenements.

1st March, 1922 the Director of Works requested a list of men still living at the Power House in humpies - they were:

E Gifford, linesman, George Dixon engine driver, R Gray carpenter, E Bourke labourer (later moved to Uriarra and then to Westlake), B Naveau carpenter, B Webb fireman, W Maloney chainman, N Reid carter Canberra Co-operative Society. A number of these men moved into the Eastlake Tenements.

Only a few names of those who lived in the four galvanised iron cottages behind the Power House are known. In 1925 at the time of the Big Flood Hazel William's parents were there. They refused to leave to go to Yarralumla. Another was Murial Robbie (nee Gibbs) parents. At that time there were only three cottages. The Gibbs were in the middle house and on one side was Mrs Hyles and on the other Mrs Bird.

The following men were listed as working at the Power House 27th October, 1921:

E Gifford linesman

G Dixon engine driver

R Gray carpenter

E Bourke labourer

B Navau carpenter

A Thornton yardsman to store

W Webb fireman at Power House

W Maloney survey chainman

W Reid carter Canberra Co-op

Another list made 20th May, 1924 notes the men owing money. Most owed around 1/3d and some as low as 5d (6 cents):

Beileiter, Biggs, Bourke, P Butterworth, T Condon, JE Collins, Cunningham, PT Coffey, E Duncan, R Eastoe, W Fletcher, WR Hastie, RW Ingram, C Janette, N Kearney, L King, E Lundstrom, A Mooney, J McFarlane, T McCormack, P McDermott, McCormack, K Mathews, M McTactlett. W O'Connor, W Parker, W Primmer, JR Smith, M Staples, J Sarsfield, F Sullivan, G Sykes, HW Turner, G Walker, H Wallace, P Woods, C Guy, N Dwyer, P Fox, R Annette, W Bolton, JF Halliman, W Merrit, W Henderson, C Scown, W Trim, W Shea

Men who owned money at the Engineers'Mess, Power House 1924: W Hills, J Horley, J Weston, S Thurston, S Overall, J Stephens, H Starling, D Leslie, HG Booth. (Mrs Marion Stanley was Mess Caterer at the Engineers Mess in 1919 to around 1920/21).

Original Staff of Power House 1923-30:

Outside Staff: Bert Hays, Bill Brown, Teddy Gifford

Power House: Tom Trevillian, Bill Austwick, Mick Doyle, Ken Scarlett, Col Anderson, Tom Ryan

Workshop: Bill Mitchell, Dave Lamond, Bob Kelly, Harry Ryan, Bill Chartter(?), Reg Keane

Installations: M McGregor, Gordon Hay, Arthur Hussey, Charles De...(unreadable)

Men Who Worked at the Fitters' Shop and where they lived January 1926

Molonglo: R McMillan youth, V Verney moulder, H Beadman blacksmith, W Dickenson Paton maker, McFarlane carpenter, C Kilmartin turner, Grant blacksmith.

Eastlake: R Templeton foreman, JE Gribbs clerk, R Stevens fitter, H Doust trades help

Eastlake Camp: J Dwyer trades help

Queanbeyan (Oaks Estate?): W Eastwell oxy welder, M Thornton blacksmith, E Durr trades help, L Houghton fitter, D Houghton trades help, A Lee trades help, V Styles fitter, T Warne trades help, A Panley trades help, P Long fitter

Engineers'Mess: F Harley foreman, G Gordon apprentice, W Miller fitter, W Rankin

trades help, J Limbert (Jack Limbert was still working in the 1950s when my father, Leonard Austin worked in the Fitter's Shop), T Hynes turner, L Rogers fitter, E Murray fitter

Capitol Hill Mess: A Donnelly trades help, A Barnes fitter

Howie's Mess: C Hooper trades help

Scotts (Scott's Crossing Camp?): J Strange trades help

Causeway: R Cunningham fitter, C Christenen, G Robinson trades help

Westlake: W Hocking trades help, J Muir trades help

Ainslie: A Lucas fitter

Canberra: J Martin trades help, A Peacock trades help, A Todd trades help.

A total of 48 men of whom 11 lived at Queanbeyan

Another list dated 14th January, 1926 record men working at the Stores Yard (Power House) who voted for a five day working week.

Same number of hours but condensed into five days instead of five and half. Many wanted to use the weekend to visit families out of the territory. Some of the names were hard to read. They are as follows:

A Paynting, L Collidge, AK Mackintosh, OR Nolan, J Kaye, W Daniels, A Crockford, MS Northking (?), FJ Hopkinson, CR Mathew, D Grenfell, M Gray, E Horne, Gus Gong (?), W Southwell, J Orvin, F Evans, Jno W Shea, Basil Cherry, Dee, J Enwright, SH Rees, C Hoff (?), W Pullinger, L Lee, CH Blewitt, H O'Grady, H Newlyn, R Jamieson, F Mulvihill, M Suiter, Thos N Violet, H Wilson, J Mack, P Gallagher, EH Whitton, A Arthur, A Troy, AN Allision, Jas Shea, H Steadman, E Devereaux, W Hubbard, R Fitzpatrick, H Kettlewell, P DeSmet, R Pointer, Alex Oram, R Munns, H Daniels, R Douch, J Box, HS King. Another similar letter contained the names SH Rees, David Rolfe, H Newlyn, Basil Cherry, P Dolou, H O'Grady, J Enright, HR Matthew.

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List of Men on Fitters'Shop Pay Sheet (January 1926?)

R Templeton, Foreman Eastlake

F Hartley, Foreman, Engineers Mess

G Gordon, apprentice, Engineers Mess

W Eastwell, Oxy Welder, resides at Queanbeyan

M Thornton, Blacksmith, resides at Queanbeyan

A Donnelly, Trades Help, Capitol Hill Mess

E Durr, Trades Help, resides at Queanbeyan

A Lucas, Fitter, Ainslie

W Mills, Fitter, Engineers Mess

L Houghton, Fitter, resides at Queanbeyan

W Rankin, Trades Help, Engineers Mess
C Hooper, Trades Help, Howie's Mess
J Limbert, Turner, Engineers Mess
J Strange, Trades Help, Scotts Camp (Scotts Crossing?)
T Hynes, Turner, Engineers Mess
JE Gibbs, Clerk, Eastlake
L Rogers, Fitter, Engineers Mess
M McMillan, Youth, Molonglo
W Booth, L'g Fitter, Eastlake
P Cunningham, Fitter, Causeway
J Martin, Trades Help, resides in Canberra
A Peacock, Trades Help, resides in Canberra
D Houghton, Trades Help, resides in Queanbeyan
H Beadman, Blacksmith, Molonglo
J Muir, Trades Help, Westlake
A Lee, Tradeshelp, resides in Queanbeyan
A Todd, Trades Help, (Westlake?)
H Doust, Trades Help, Eastlake
E Murray, Fitter, Engineers Mess
W Dickenson, Fitter, Molonglo
C Christensen, Blacksmith, Causeway
G Shaw, Fitter, Molonglo
V Styles, Fitter, resides in Queanbeyan
W Hocking, Trades Help, Westlake
E Cooney, Trades Help, Duntroon
T Warne, Trades Help, resides in Queanbeyan
J Watts, Pat Maker, Molonglo
McFarlane, Carpenter, Molonglo
A Barnes, Fitter, Capitol Hill Mess
C Hatton, Trades Help, resides in Queanbeyan
K Kilmartin, Turner, Molonglo

A Panley, Trades Help, resides in Queanbeyan

P Long, Fitter, resides in Queanbeyan

G Robinson, Trades Help, Causeway

J Dwyer, Trades Help, Eastlake Camp

Grant, Blacksmith, Molonglo

|Total of 48 men - 11 lived in Queanbeyan and 37 in Canberra.

RED HILL CAMPS

The earliest was in situ by 1913. It was probably established for men working on the Red Hill Reservoir. At the end of 1913 six people were listed as living in the camp - M Dawkins, Mrs Hannaford, Geo McIntyre, S Prout, John Simms and Evan Wills. Mrs Lavinia Amelia Hannaford and her husband Charles Hercules Hannaford were in Canberra on the 4th January, 1912 when their baby son aged 10 hours died. He is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid ACT. Mr Hannaford is not registered at Red Hill in 1913. A November 1917 list states that there were twelve camp sites at Red Hill and all were vacant with the exception of Dorman who left by the 30th of the month, H Kitson and G Hill. Another report also dated 17th November 1917 mentioned that Johnson had left the site some time previously, M Primmer was out of work, F Sheedy had gone and G Sutcliffe was due to pay the remainder of the rent owed. N Webb had paid until the end of the month. F Stephenson had left and his house taken over by D Maloney.

Another camp was on Red Hill by 20th March 1923. At this time the men complained of the use of inferior Japanese canvas used in the tents. The men who signed the petition of complaint were John McCarthy, Victor Samuels (later moved to Westlake and then Acton), WJ Edwards, W Bull, ER Peters, E Smith, R Chisholm, S Bonney, Flood, Eyles, HC Rogers and R Dall.

On the 18th May, 1925 Mr E Smith was Camp President. T McGovern, D Smith and D Kelly were elected by the men to take over from Smith at a meeting arranged by the first Commissioner, John Butters, to form a Social Service Association. At this time there were around 200 men listed as living in this camp.

MOUNT PLEASANT, ROAD MAKING CAMP

In the early 1920s there was high unemployment. Around 200 returned ex-servicemen were sent to Canberra in April 1922 to come to Canberra to carry out construction work. By 11th April, 1922 25 men left Melbourne for Canberra and another 25 were to follow three days later. They were to be housed in tents that were to cost a rental of 9d per week per man. The weekly wage was to be 4 pounds 2/6 per week and the rail fare to Canberra was to be taken out of the wages. The Anzac Buffet Employment Bureau was responsible for the selection of men. When the men arrived they found that there were no blankets and three men were expected to share tents already small for two men. Many of the men didn't know one end of a shovel from the other and one of the men was suffering from a social disease and had to be sent home. A list of dependents was made out and from this we may know the names of some of the men who came. This list dated 6th May, 1922 is as follows: Mrs D Drayson, Mrs A Moles, Mrs E Wallis, Mrs TP Kett (mother), JK Flood (sister), Mrs J Rooney, Mrs J

Lee, LJ Coverdale (mother), Mrs BA Hennessy, Mrs L Crook (mother), Mrs CJ Ryan, Mrs TL O'Farrell, Mrs LJ McGrath, Mrs Walters, Mrs AW Dodger, Mrs West, Mrs WH Harriell, Mrs B Reynolds.

TRADESMEN'S CAMP

This camp was at Westlake from mid 1924 to the end of 1927 and earlier at Blandfordia (Forrest). In 1924 80 men lived at the camp. Some owed money. The list of those in this position are: J Benton, GH Case, G Cadogan, C Eustace, R Hunt (camp steward), W James, L Nillson, G Taylor, H Adams, WG Alywise, H Adams, J Allen, FH Brown, HG Booth, T Barber, GW Bathurst, J Brooker, J Cameron, JH Chutre, G Clough, J Cox, M Colbert, D Currie, J Costello, H Daily, E Dunn, G Esplin, CS Freegard, EL Foley, H Grant, W Gosling, H Gregory, G Gambell, J Griffin, C Green, H Groves, A Griffith, H Gilbert, R Grant, J Hubbard, SG Hawkins, L Howell, G Hopkins, J Holloway, HE Hatton, W Hills, J Horne, JW Hopkins, JG Hole, W Hicks, AW Johnson, E Kidd, A Kidney, A Knight, V Lane, F Lewry, TH Lacey, F Leigh, C Longe, A Lundstrom, A Mounsey, E Mason, J Milne, J Makin, W Mackie, McIntosh, J McConagle, S McDonald, N Melville, A McNaught, H Nolan, GR Paterson, C Phelan, J Parry, J Power, GH Robertson, P Ryan, CW Rien, T Robertson, H Rowbotham, JD Smith, HG Shipley, S Stokes, JV Smith, H Strudwicke, J Tiller, AR Tober, S Sale, B Walker, A Woodford, A McKenzie, A Vince, A Thackeray, S McGanghay, EA Martin, J Kirk, J Gilmour, J Cusack, J Clark. (Another not on this list but resident in the Tradesmen's Camp was Francis Clowry, foreman carpenter in charge at parliament house.)

WESTLAKE No 1 LABOURERS CAMP

This camp was set up in May 1924. Some were good contributors to the Catholic Collections and had their names noted in The Angelus. John McCormack collected the money and the names of those who gave were J Baine, P Byrne, A Cummins. Other names were mentioned in The Canberra Community News. They were P Cunningham, P Egan, J Gribbon, J McCormick, J McGrath, J Moylan, P Mullen, E Ryan and T Turner.

Some who lived at No1 are also known because of their brush with the law and another, Charles Bruce otherwise known as Charlie Jackson. He was a builder's labourer and died at 11.30 pm on 25th June, 1926. He had been employed as a builder's labourer in Canberra for four years and was a returned soldier. He is buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery and his funeral expenses were paid by his camp mates. He was 52 years of age.

Another death at the camp is reported in The Canberra Times 13th January, 1927. Charles Goodrich aged 32 years was charged with manslaughter after the death of Miley. Charles Goodrich's family lived 106 Palmer Street, Balmain. The name of the man who died was Miley. Jack Walker was a witness.

Another sad death occurred in October 1927. Two brothers met after ten years. One was William Joseph Ogalvie who had left his home in Victoria some ten years earlier when he was sixteen. His brother was James Egerton Ogilvy. William died in a fire that consumed his tent within a short period of time. William is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. He was aged 26 at the time of his death and was born at Mt Egerton. His parents were George and Ann Ogilvie (nee Russell).

WHITE CITY CAMP

Near Civic Centre - and the Art/Music Schools - former Canberra High School site. This was one of three semipermanent Camps erected in 1925. The other two were Capitol Hill and Causeway.

This camp consisted of tents - hence it's name - White City. From 1926 cubicles gradually replaced the canvas tents. These unlined small timber rooms were shared by two men were later painted green. This was a large camp with usually around 100 men in it.

This camp, like all larger ones in the territory soon formed an association to improve living standards and provide leisure activities for the men. The following men met on 30th August 1926 for the purpose of forming a Recreation Association: K Jones, K Dencio (boxer), A Campbell, WA Campbell, A Ryan, R Campbell, H Flint, S Miller, C Flannigan, C Griffith. (Australian Archives CP698/9/1/ 8/6

The Great Depression commenced in the ACT after the opening of Parliament on 9th May, 1927. Men were sacked as work stopped. Many could not pay their mess bills. White City Camp Mess Caterer, Bill Mitchell found himself in a difficult position. He could not pay his rent bill to the Commonwealth. Mrs Stanley, Mess Caterer at Capitol Hill from the end of 1928 had the same problem and had to walk out owing money to the Commonwealth. The following men were listed as having left the White City Mess 23rd January 1928:

J McKean, T Black, W Hilly, G Jenner, S Sutton, R Moody, W Pacton, J Burk, R Dawn, R Butler, J Pilkington, S Barraud, C Stubbs, J Hardy, R Hanson, J Kelly, W Meyers, C Heans, M McVie, C Muir, J Noonan, M Bengie, A McLean, G Jesson, Shannon, R Counsell, J McDowell, J Jones, J McDonald, Brogden, Roxburgh, M Lynch, L Gorman, T Ross, L Morriss, ER Collins, J Corbett, B Fuller, J Rowe, W Morrison, R Dall, A Smith, R Johnson, R Grooves, D Caldwell, T Fitzpatrick, R Hill, H Henery, G Bell, J Woods, R Sargeant, F Newly, J McCoy, H Henney, W McKinnon, A Smith, S Tobin, J Burns, J Wilcox. W Harrington.

The men living in White City Camp on 2nd November, 1931 were:

Boarders: M Rush, M Savage, M Ryan, F McDonald, W Carter, J Febey, N Davidson, R Lester, Joe Hall, J Henderson, Les Ross, E Vine, K Southwell, J Flood.

Renting Cubicles: A Anderson, J Hartfield, E Foster, A McLeod, J Flood, J Brown, J O'Donnell, G McManus, J Thompson, Joe Lyons, R Keily, W Darragh, Geo Teasdale, A Macquarie, A Millwood, Jim O'Brien, J Fitzpatrick.

PRIVATE CONTRACTORS' CAMPS

CONTRACTOR JOHN HOWIE & SONS SETTLEMENT, WESTLAKE

In 1922 Contractor John Howie erected 25 two-three bedroom timber cottages of his married men and at least 18 timber huts for his single men. The former were known as "Howies Cottages" and the latter as "Hostel Camp". Howie's first contract in the FCT (Federal Capital Territory) was the construction of Hostel No 1 - the Hotel Canberra. The first section was completed and opened in December 1924. The second section was completed in 1925. The site for the settlement was a short distance from the worksite - on the Westlake hillsides on either side of an old road from Briar Farm Cottage and another leading into the Gap at Westlake. Today this site is on the southern bank of Lake Burley Griffin opposite Lotus Bay. It is part of Stirling Park, Yarralumla.

By May 1925 there were only 20 cottages still in situ and by October of 1926 there were only 13 cottages and these had been sold or given to the Commonwealth. The

last cottage was removed by 1931. The Hostel Camp went sometime between 9th May, 1927 (opening of Parliament) and 27th July, 1927 (Sanitation Report). Both settlements were provided with Halls - one used for a Mess and Recreation and the other for recreation/church services etc. The cottages influenced HM Rolland, Government architect & Works Director to design the portable temporary timber cottages erected in 1924 in The Gap, Westlake, Acton (1924) and Causeway (1925).

A number of Howie's men were Scots and it was probably these men who planted the Rowan Trees still on site. Only a few names are known: Married men: Walter Scott, Arthur Freeman, Lawrence Dinnerville, Charles Dinnerville, Alexander Hamilton and his brothers Harry & Bob. His uncle and aunt David & Mary Gardner probably also lived at Howie's Cottages.

Other were Christopher Patrick, William Kelly, Raymond Sheehan, J McCann, J Temple, A Knight, A Butcher, Syd Brown, Skerry, Ross, James Gallagher & Charles Wellington. Another person who may have lived at Howies is a man by the name of Laybutt who moved to Westlake Cottages in The Gap.

Mrs Jeanie Young Crooks Patrick died at her home at Howies in February 1929. She is buried in St John the Baptist Cemetery Church cemetery. She married 1912 Christopher Westie Patrick and at the time of her death had eight children. They are (age at time of Jeanie's death) Alexander 15, William 13, Jeanie 12, Christina 9, Elizabeth 7 (another daughter was who died aged 4 months was also called Elizabeth), James 5, Mary 3 and John 1. Mr Patrick was in Sydney at the time of his wife's death searching for work.

Raymond & Lucy Sheehan of Howie's cottages son, Robert Francis died on 19th April 1928. He too is buried at St Johns. A daughter, Eileen Frances died during the time the family lived at Causeway on 20th November, 1925.

Arthur Creswell Freeman who lived at Howie's cottages from 1927 until just before his death at Causeway on 8th December 1930 is also buried at St Johns as is Emily, wife of Alfred Knight who died on 14th July, 1928. By that time the family had moved into 1 Westlake Cottages in The Gap.

Very little is known about the single men living at Howies Hostel Camp. Two Dinnerville brothers - one was named Don. After completion of the Hotel Canberra Contractor John Howie also won contracts to build the Masonic Lodge at Acton, buildings on Mt Stromlo and the first twenty cottages at Causeway. John Howie retired in 1929. He did not live in Canberra. The men who represented him were Scott and Patrick.

The Canberra Burns Club was formed in Howie's Hostel Camp Mess Room in 1924. The men who attended the first meeting were: John Brown, Donald Dinnerville, David Gardner, Alex Hamilton, William Kelly, Thomas McCullough (8 Westlake cottages in the Gap), James Millar, Christopher Patrick, Alex Peacock, Walter Scott and James Young. The Burns Club Soccer Football team on 16.7.1927 (courtesy of Nick Guoth) consisted of: McNeil, Morgan, Richie, H Hamilton, Cruikshanks, O'Keefe, A Hamilton, Cunningham, McCallum, Scott, Ball, Jones, McNichol, Lennox Bell, Hamilton, Young. Another list included Dinnerville. It is probable that many of the above lived at the Hostel Camp.

MONOLYTE COMPANY CAMP ON RED HILL

(Private contractor's camp)

This contractor was employed to build 100 concrete cottages in Blandfordia in 1926/27. Only 25 were completed - one is in Hann Crescent Griffith. The men lived under bad conditions and in a letter dated 26th April 1926 the men wrote a letter of complaint to the Social Service Association Secretary in which the following

complaints were enumerated:

1. Bath Room. Plug gone from the bottom of bath. No window. No door on same and draughty when bathing. No privacy and in a filthy state.
2. Copper taken away. No boiling water for washing, in use somewhere in the camp. No boiling water available.
3. No wash troughs. Taps already there for use.
4. WC's in a filthy state and only three seats. Could do with three more...
5. Urinal only one tin and always running over - objectionable smell is caused - anywhere but healthy.
6. Also no lights in WC.
7. Also some precautions in Kitchen and Dining Hall for flies. Simply swarming all over the meat.

Those who signed were: A Mercer, E Smith, H Liebick, C Jenkins, L Poole, J Ross, J McDonald, S McDonald, M Chandler, P Roslumery, L Roots, ..?.., AT Post, M Penn, J Hurley, FW Newbound, A Delaney, WJ Simpson, R Williams, G Rambon, H Salor, A Strazzolusey, AC Ekman, F Miles, J Black, J Sands, Faisley?, A Smart, Brown, P Brennan, W Galvin, DE Gallatly.

SETTLEMENTS FOR MARRIED MEN - BUILT OWN COTTAGES 1925 ONWARDS

RIVERBOURNE CAMP

Established in 1925 on the southern bank of the Molonglo River 3 miles from the Queanbeyan Post Office. This camp was established for married men to built their own houses. They ranged from the hessian walls, earth floors & galvanised iron roofs to well built small weatherboard cottages. In 1926 many were asked to move to Russell Hill near the site of the modern Campbell Shops. Some people remained until 1927 when the area was closed. The settlement was not connected to the sewer. Fred Williams who first lived at Black Mountain Camp as a single man, then moved to Walker's Camp situated mid way between Scots Crossing and the Power House on the south side of the Molonglo River was the camp steward at Riverbourne. No lists of people at this camp have been found to date but a list of people contributing to the children's Christmas party in 1926 has. Probably most lived at Riverbourne. Some used only a nick-name. Mrs Williams collected the money and the list is as follows:

Kennedy 2/-, Nigger 1/-, Hart 2/-, Tracey 1/-, Fowler 6d, Santa 6d, Stranger 2/-, Lassie 2/-, Friend 1/-, No Name 2/-, Mick 1/-, Digger 1/-, J Dean 2/-, Hicks 2/-, Steward 2/-, Wells 2/-, Casey 2/-, Mitchell 2/-, Williams 2/-, Evans 2/-, Hefferman 1/-, Schumack 2/-, Dunn 2/-, Friend 3/-, Singer Agent 4/-, Paper Agent 2/-, Blanford 2/-, Phipps 2/-, Clark 3/-, Cassidy 1/-, Mitchell 2/-, Matthews 2/-, Bradley 2/-, Williams 4/-, Stranger 1/-, Mrs Johnson 2/-, McAulliffe 2/-, Moore 1/-, Mack 2/-, OK 1/-, Stranger 1/-, E Fitz 6d, Bromley 1/-, Dooley 2/-, Carson 2/-, Goodin 1/-, Smith 2/-, DC 1/-, Wilson 1/-, Kean 2/- A Friend 6d, Harrington 2/-, Jones 1/6d, O'Connors 1/-, Whitaker 3/-, Buckley 2/-, Moore 1/-, Sullivan 2/6d, Dickerson 1/6d, Owen 2/-, W O'Brien 2/-, T Parker 2/-, D Power 2/-, Hammond 4/-, Brownlea 1/-, Cassidy 2/-, M Parker 2/-, Mrs White 2/-, Mrs Power 1/-, Gardiner 4/-, Surety 3/-, Weis 4/-, Brown 4/-.

H&H Parker of Riverbourne delivered goods to the party.

A few other Riverbourne residents are known from archival documents. They include Arthur John Kelly and family who came from Griffith in 1926 and Louis Lewis and his family.

RUSSELL HILL

In 1926 120 sites were made available for men to built their own cottages. This settlement

was not connected to electricity or sewerage. Towards the end of 1926 the Masonic Lodge built by John Howie & Sons at Acton was transferred to Russell Hill where it was converted into a school. By the end of 1929 the majority of people moved from the area and the school in turn was moved to Ainslie at Corroboree Park where it still stands. It is the Ainslie Hall. Some cottages remained into the 1950s. Names of those living in the settlement of British or Australian birth over the age of 21 from the end of 1928 are to be found on the electoral rolls. HLB Lasseter lived at Russell Hill between the end of 1926 and early 1927. Some indication of those living in the settlement in 1927 is found on the list of people with children. It is as follows (with age of each child next to the family name - 25th March, 1927.

J Smith, Francis R 14, Elizabeth N 12, Thomas E 10

Phippen nil

O'Connell, Maureen 2

AH Chapman, Eileen 6

J Burr Jr, James 8, Peter 10, Terry, Maureen 3

G Field, Madge H 12, Percy C 1, Stella 6, Malcolm 15

N Brown, nil

J Kennedy, Bert 16, Martha 22

A M Phipp, Ernest 21

J Begent, Jack 13, Mollie 10, Harold 8

R Eady, Albert 7 months

R Shaw, nil

C Currie, Norma 4

F Miles, Terry 18, Frederick 22

J Sullivan, Keith 7, Mervyn 3, Leonard 1

A McCormick, Francis 4, Margaret 2

W Cooper, William 3, Trevor 2, Eric 9 months

C Huntingford, Percy 9, Olga 7

A G Venables, Gloria 3 and half

C Williams, Phyllis 2, Robert 9 months

W Clark, William 12, Elvina 9, George 7, Gordon 5, Lorna 2

FC Morton, William 12, Cyril 7, Charles 4, Evlyn 2

R J Burke, June 5

JT Stapleton, Sylvia 9

HF Lord, Dorothy 3

T Lloyd, Kathleen 13, Frederick 11, William 9, Mary 7

D McKenzie, Warwick 5

Geo Wybar, Joyce 13, Moyna 10, George 15, Leslie 2 and half

LHB Lasseter, Robert 3, Betty 1 (NB Betty was born in July 1926 and died sometime after the family left Canberra.)

D Hawkins

CH McCrorey, Terence 14 and half, Molley 11, Reg 7, Jean 4

F Grant, Pearl 13, Daniel 9, Edward 7, Clare 5 , Grace 2 and half

LA George, Stanley 2 and half

F Ramsden

L Proud

J Cowie, Robert 5, James 4

F Nancarrow, Gladys 10, Edwin 5 months

A Nye, Gilbert 10, Harriet 13, Millie 27

T Williams, Lorna 2, William 5 months

J Murray, William 38, James 36

R Hill, Murial 7 months

J Boon, Rosina 8, Irene 6, Lorna 4, Majory 3 months

RA Dobson, Douglas 10, Joy 6, Lexa 3

H Holmes, Norma 4

C Emslie, Gwyneth 11 months

CE Mayes

F Clark, Doris 8, Edgar 4

J Burr Sn

F Pitney, John 17

H McArthur, Jean 9 months

P Conroy, Mary 6, Patrick 3, John 2

J Johnson (lived at 36)

E Will, Claude 4, Ethel 16, Arthur 5

S Noble (lived at 63), Jean 5

W Thompson (lived at 112), Joan 8

J Holland, Leonie 2

J McConkey, Audrey 10

A Sheppard, Noel 5, Colin 3

C Dyer

A Boreham

A Armfield

N Maxwell, Thomas 2, Sylvia 1 (This family later moved to 43 Westlake)

W McCullough, Mary 12, William 10, Joseph 8 (This family also moved to Westlake)

E Farnham

A Gibbs

E Dockar, Edmund 1 and half

L Geary, Catherine 7

W Cochran, Hilda 12

A Green, Cecil 6, Enid 2 and half

Blanchflower

L Thomas

R Walker, Maxwell 5, Keith 2

W Brown, Norman 14, Dulcie 10, Albert 7, Stanley 4 months

A Bateson, Diana 18, Marcelline 11

B Hyde, Mary 5

T Heath, Ronald 2

A Davis, Daphne 13

E Cassidy, Frederick 6, Eileen 2, William 1

E Day, Rodney 10

S Brownley, Cyril 2

C Hammond, Doreen 6, Lisle 5, Ruby 3

H Boreham, Colin 5, Maxwell 4

D Buckley, Richard 6, Betty 2, Frederick 1

J Hodge, Mary 5, Kathleen 3, John 2, Mavis 6 months

W Innes

J Phillips (lived 89), Mary 3, John 2, Mavis 6 months

W Shumack, Kathleen 13, Hazel 11, Ellen 10, John 7, Allan 3

F Williams, Grace 18, Lilly 14, Hazel 12, Daphne 10, Harold 8, Leonard 6, Olga 4, Mervyn 2

Geo White

Munn

M Mitchell

W Tweedly, Veram 12, Sydney 8, Jean 4, Sylvia 1

M Ambler, Stanley 8

W Brash, William 4, Norman 3 and half, Stanley 1 and half

E Robinson, Frances 10, Phillis 9, Leo 7, Catherine 5, Vivian 3, Daphne 2

T Reynolds, Douglas 4, Harold 2 and half

G Cavanagh, Glyn 5

T Nolan

Petition written early 1929 by residents of Russell Hill - in part states:

As residents living under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government we consider it imperative on the part of the Commission to provide work for us. We want you to understand that within this Settlement families have been and are still on the verge of starvation and relief has only been enforced in the way of benefits derived from local dances, and we cannot say what would have happened to some of the poor children had not the various Committees combined their efforts on behalf of the distressed. How can a man leave here to seek work in other districts - leave his wife and children penniless not knowing where to go to seek same? Who is going to support his family while he is away seeking work? Signed (Name Occupation and number of children):

C Hungtingford, labourer 2, F Morton carpenter 4, A Venerables labourer w, A Sheppard labourer 2, K Dwyer labourer 1, E Armfield labourer -, H Gaylard carpenter -, E Docker plumber 2, L Geary carpenter 1, F Williams labourer 9, W Shumack labourer 4, W Brash labourer 4, M Dunn drayman -, G Hyde labourer 1, J Smith labourer & lorry driver 3, G Marshall lorry driver 8, W J Dayle lorry owner 4, J Kennedy labourer 2, N Brown labourer -, AM Phipp labourer 1, A Ross painter 5, NC Tillyard lorry driver 1, A Miles labourer 3, G Ginns labourer 1, F Johnson horse & dray 4, F Pitney labourer 2, Holmes labourer 1, J Burr engine driver -, SW Noble labourer 2, H Bateson carpenter.

A total of 30 families and 70 children. Australia's best form of IMMIGRANT.

Another list about the same men listed the periods out of work. E Docker for example had only 8 weeks work since Christmas and had travelled 300 miles looking for work. Several had been out of work for 4 months and the majority for 2 months. It was also noted that Mr Burr's wife ran a store at Russell Hill.

LADY HOPETOUN CLUB

This club was founded in 1926 for single women of the lower ps and domestic classes. Three cottages were used in Blandfordia to accommodate club members and the work of running the establishment was carried out by Miss Hawkins. Because of the shortage of domestic servants after World War 1 - particularly in Canberra a campaign of recruitment was carried out to encourage women from Britain to come to Australia. A book called The

Imperial Colonist set out the objects etc and in part reads:

The Australian Government has taken a wise step by arranging for a Women's Hostel and Club to be opened in the new Federal Capital. Miss Hawkins, who has been pointed Superintendent called at the Office and said she would welcome the help of SOSBW in making known the openings for well paid domestic workers in Canberra where the Civil Servants will be making their new homes. She has already selected several young women to be included in the first party of 25 with whom she is herself sailing in December. The Hostel will serve as a residential home for domestic workers, who will return there after the day's work is over. There will also be a Club open to girl typists and others with abundant opportunity for recreation of all kinds...

Canberra Domestic Booked SS Vedic 17/12/1926

(The list is under the headings of Name, Age, Qualifications, Experience, present salary

Aylesbury, VA 22 Cook General 7 years experience 32 pounds per annum

Angus, Mary 35 Cook General 12 years experience 15/- per week

Betram, EE 30 Housemaid 6 years experience 32 pounds pa

Bunting, Jane 21 General Domestic 8 years experience 12/6d per week

Clarke, Annie 33 Thoroughly experienced Children's Nurse One pound per week

Cogbill, Ethel 24 General Domestic 4 years experience 15/- per week

Cosbie, Annie 29 General Domestic 6 years experience - this name crossed out

McDonald, Mary 19 Cook General experienced ?

Hawkes, Edith 20 General Domestic 2 years experience 12/- per week

Knight, Sybil 19 3rd Housemaid of 4 -5 years experience 30 pounds per annum

Marsh, Ethel 30 House Parlormaid 14 years experience 50 pounds per annum

McDade, RA 19 General Domestic 3 and half years experience 2 pounds per month

Poole, Constance 36 General Domestic or House Parlormaid excellent references 50 pounds per annum

Rankin, Christine 19 Cook General 3 years experience 2 pounds 10/- per month

Rankin, Helen 17 General Domestic 3 years experience 2 pounds 10/- per month

Reddan, C 26 Domestic inexperienced home training 3/- per week ?

Wilson, QM 24 Cook Housekeeping 10 years experience 40 pounds per annum

Wise, Constance 18 Domestic Help 2 years experience 26 pounds per annum

Woodley, SF 32 General Domestic 10 years experience 40 pounds per annum

Other names crossed off the list are: Fraser Helen, Holingsworth EF, Jones Mildred, Jones, Doris.

MOLONGLO SETTLEMENT

In early 1918 an internment camp was built at Molonglo (modern Fyshwick) in Canberra. It

was never used for POW's. Interned were enemy civilians. The camp was erected within twelve weeks by around 1200 men. Following the end of the war in 1918 half the camp buildings were sold and removed from the site. In early 1920 following the decision to continue with the construction work on the city a decision was made to convert the remaining barracks into 120 cottages for married men and a tradesmen's barracks to 150 men.

Married quarters barracks were divided into "cottages" with between 3 to 6 rooms. In the centre area between two barracks were ablution blocks. One of the buildings was converted into a school and Mr Ivey was it's first teacher. Cottages were unlined, poorly heated and had problems with bed bugs. Prior to the availability of the main sewer in 1927 the ablution blocks were connected to a septic system. Initially the cottages were not connected to the electricity supply which posed problems of safety with fire an ever present danger. Following is a list of the first married tenants. The list has Name of Tenant, Rooms Occupied, Block Number, Date which Occupied and Amount for Furniture and if necessary - Remarks.

C Ivey, Cottage, 30/1/22 school teacher

W Boyd, 5 rooms, C, 18/12/22, 1/- per month furniture - 6 rooms previous to 18/12/21

J McMillan, 6 rooms, C, 17/1/21, 1/- per month furniture

J Lindo, 5 rooms, C, 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture (3 rooms previous to 1/1/21)

Jules De Smet, 4 rooms, 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture

C Moore, 3 rooms, D, 1/1/22

W Hammond, 5 rooms, D 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture

WT Field, 4 rooms, D, 22/10/21, 1/- per month furniture

G Corcoran, 5 rooms, D, 27/1/22, 1/- per month furniture

W Blewitt, 4 rooms, K, 10/10/21 1/- per month furniture

C Sacagio, 5 rooms, K, 24/9/21, 2/- per month furniture

R Graham, 4 rooms, K 22/1/22, 1/- per month furniture (3 rooms previous to 22/1/22)

A E Wright, 6 rooms, K, 27/2/21, 1/- per month furniture

N McKee, 3 rooms, K, 8/10/21, 1/- per month furniture

L Stone, 3 rooms, K, 18/10/21, 1/- per month furniture

R Boyd, 3 rooms, K, 6/8/21, 1/- per month furniture

JT Haslam, 6 rooms, K, 8/10/20, 1/- per month furniture

J Bell, 6 rooms, L, 27/7/21, 1/- per month furniture

B Naveau, 4 rooms, L, 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture (3 rooms previous to 1/1/22)

T Dunn, 3 rooms, L, 6/8/21, 1/- per month furniture

A Murray, 2 rooms, L, 12/11/21, 1/- per month furniture

J Byfield, 5 rooms, L, 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture

SD Corby, 6 rooms, L, 18/2/21, 1/- per month furniture

SL Shepherd 3 rooms, L, 1/10/21, 1/- per month furniture

W Makin, 3 rooms, L, 27.9.21, 1/- per month furniture

TC Woodlands, 3 rooms, D, 8/10.21, 1/- per month furniture, (5 rooms in D from 24/1/22)

C May, 5 rooms, L, 1/1/22, 1/- per month furniture (6 rooms previous to 1/1/22)

The above information was dated 31st January, 1922 and signed by the camp caretaker
-EA Bland.

WESTLAKE COTTAGES in The Gap

These small four roomed unlined timber cottages were designed by HM Rolland and were the first built by the Federal Capital Advisory Committee (FCAC) for married tradesmen. The majority of men who took up tenancy worked on the Provisional Parliament House. The first tenant to move into a cottage was Francis Clowry, Foreman Carpenter on Parliament House. The date was 3rd March, 1924 and the cottage - No 16. A large sized plan of Westlake cottages in the National Library of Australia has the names of tenants who took up occupancy in 1924 and 1926. Names of the earlier residents in the 1926 list are not mentioned.

Gladys & Leslie Brill 3.3.1925

Arthur Brinkman 22.2.1926

J Arbuckle 29.5.1924

Louise & Robert HW Irons 6.10.1924 (he died in a Home for the Incurable in Sydney)

F Okely 14.8.1924. Francis Thornton Okely son of Christopher & Lizette of South Australia died 21st April 1926 and is buried in St John the Baptist Cemetery in Reid in the ACT. His wife and children then moved to Sydney. His wife was Veronica Kell of Cobar. He was 39 at the time of his death.

Mary Ann & Horace Cleaver 29.5.1924

Edith & Francis Clowry 3.3.1924

Sarah & Ernest Corey 29.4.1924

Mary & Alexander Duffus 7.11.1925. Their daughter, Lucy, died on 22nd October, 1927 aged 15 months. She is buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery.

Reta & Alfred Erikson 4.3.1924. She was Mess Caterer at the Tradesmen's Camp

Jane & Robert Gates 26.9.1925

Florence, Andy & Henry Hawke 2.4.1926

Ada & William Kelly 10.3.1924

Esther & Robert Law 3.6.1924

Kathleen & Leslie Law 20.8.1924

Florence & Arthur Leech 20.8.1924. Their son Arthur Neville (born in Queensland) died from injuries following an accident when he hit his head after diving into the Acton Pool on 15th March, 1930. He was 14 years of age and is buried at St John the Baptist Church

Cemetery.

Betty & Patrick Kinnane 7.9.1926

Emily & Alfred Knight 10.3.1924. Emily died on 14th July, 1928 aged 41 years. She came to Australia with her husband whom she married in Leeds when she was 22 years of age. Her parents were James & Elizabeth Watson (nee Lyell). She was born in Durham. At time of death Emily had been in the ACT for 4 years and 14 years in NSW. She is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery.

John McKissock 1.5.1924. His wife died before the 1928 Electoral Roll. She was in her early 40s.

Annie & James Makin - sometime between 1924 & 1926

Emily & Peter Meyer 29.5.1924

AR Harrison 9.3.1926

RJ Beattie 29.5.1924

Ethel & James O'Reilly 1.9.1924

Irene & Victor Samuels 20.7.1925

Olive & Jacob Tootell 24.7.1926

R Skinner 16.8.1924

Maud & Thomas White 4.9.1926

Laura & Edward Woodman 4.5.1925

H Branch there in 1925

Spooner families - two - one probably lived in No 5 and the son next door.

AW Barnett 1.5.1924

Herbert Daniels 28.4.1924

H Findlay 24.10.1924

H Laybutt 14.2.1925

W McCullough 3.3.1925

T McIntosh 8.7.1925

J Porter 6.10.1924

S Edward 28.10.1926

JE O'Reilly 1.8.1924

W Williams 20.7.1926

S Champ 29.6.1924

W Thompson 31.5.1924

F Dwyer 9.8.1926

E Beadman 18.7.1924

A Butler 20.3.1926

A Leech 3.3.1925

R Todd 13.5.1925

BRICK COTTAGES ERECTED FOR WORKMEN IN 1921/1922

Ten cottages were built at Westridge, twenty at Civic Centre (now Braddon) and another twenty opposite the Power House. In 1923 another 16 were constructed at Blandfordia (Forrest) for officials. The Power House and Civic Centre areas had a few additional cottages built by 1923. A report written to the Chairman of the Public Service Board dated 25th September, 1925 discussed the various houses available for public servants. It in part reads:

As regards to the actual houses those being erected in Blandfordia comprise five or six rooms. These houses like all officers' residences in Canberra are very well built of brick. Practically the only complaint as the materials used was that the tiles (made at the Commission Brickworks in Canberra) are very porous... Blandfordia houses have very short passages from which most of the rooms are reached. In other suburbs I did not see one house containing a passage, the front door usually opening directly into the living room. All the homes have good bathroom accommodation, one fire cooking stove, sewerage, electric light, and provision I think for an electric cooker...The houses at Ainslie [Civic] are mainly four roomed places but include about a dozen or more three roomed houses. All these rooms appear smaller than average sized rooms in Melbourne houses particularly so at Ainslie. This is no doubt to some extent due to the Commission's endeavours to reduce the cost of construction and hence the rent.

It is difficult to conceive however, that any self respecting public servant, even one possessing no family would be agreeable to reside in any of the three roomed houses...

CIVIC CENTRE COTTAGES:

1.11.1922 list of men allotted cottages in Section 1:

JM Force, Bl 26

J Chapman, Bl 29 10.1.1922

WT Jamieson, Bl 30 1.11.1921

H Cole, Bl 33 19.12.1921

T Hope, Bl 34 15th January, 1922

E Smith, Bl 39 8.1.1922

F Douthwaite (sic Dowthwaite), Bl 40 8.1.1922 (Frank Dowthwaite came to Australia from England and to the FCT in 1912. He married Isabella Ingerson in England. Frank Dowthwaite lived at the time of his death in this above mentioned cottage - 13 Batman Street, Braddon. He died on 17th Sept, 1943 and is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid. He was 69 years of age.

P Annand, Bl 41 23.1.1922

R Maguire, Bl 42

K Kennedy, Bl 32

F Edwards Bl 36

G Guy, Bl 46 4.1.1922

H Daniels Bl 47 10.1.1922. Herbert Daniels was Mess Caterer for No 1 Labourers Camp. The men of No 1 were initially two groups - one at Civic and the other at Eastlake/Causeway. Herbert Daniel applied for a cottage at the Power House to be nearer his work at No 1 at Eastlake. When No 1 moved to Westlake in 1924 he moved into 16 Westlake in The Gap.

Civic Centre Cottages

This area was initially known as No1 Division, No1 Neighbourhood. It is bounded by Currong, Donaldson, Elimatta and Batman Streets. Through the centre runs Doonkuna Street. All the cottage styles with the exception of C8 were 22/- per week. The C8 was 28/- per week. The first to take up residence in Currong Street were: 25 SG Nish, 29 J Chapman, 33 J Cole, 37 AW Lucas. Batman Street - 38 F M Johnstone and later on 12.2.1922 this cottage was taken over by Arthur Richards, 39 E Smith, 39? F Dowthwaite, 41 P Annand, 42 R Maguire; Doonkuna Street - 34 Thos Hope, 30 vacated by the widow of WT Jamieson on 27.5.1922 was taken over by W Cottingham, 26 J Force, 43 H Waterman, 44 FE Priddle. 45 first lived in by Herbert Daniels who left to go into a Power House cottage on 19.6.1923 was taken over by ED Gilchrist, 46 G Guy, 47 T Reeve, 48 (into Elimatta Street) N McKee who vacated 23.2.1922 and was followed by GW Paul. 36 Elimatta Street Arneson who left 28.2.1922 and taken by F Edwards, No 32 J Kennedy. By the 18th May, 1925 the area had 32 brick cottages with a population of approximately 128 people.

Letters to the first tenants of the brick cottages at Brickworks (Section 64), Power House and Civic Centre were sent out in 1921.

Brickworks:

S Oldfield C8 (cottage plan), Bl 3

H Newbolt, B5, Bl 4

E Quigg, B7, Bl 8

MJ Ware, B5, Bl 11

T Cully, B5, Bl 12 (later taken over by Jeremiah Dillon, foreman of sewer works)

R Boag, C8, Bl 16

WK Newbold, C2, Bl 15

Power House cottages:

AA Gibbons, B7, Bl 9

F Notham, B7, Bl 10

A Cameron, C2, Bl 7

W Webb, B7, Bl 8

AE Thornton, B7, Bl 5

W Macnamee, B6, Bl 6

R Snadden, C8, Bl 1

J Lillico, C6, Bl 2

JF O'Malley, C6, Bl 3

JH Trevillian, C8, Bl 4

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MEN WHO APPLIED FOR THE POWER HOUSE
COTTAGES:

19.9.1922 Percy Baker of the Sewer Works

12.9.1922 Caretaker Murry,

13.10.1922 Phillip Corkhill employed by Afforestation

16.10.1922 Mr Hobday, Molonglo Settlement

24.10.1922 O Owen

4.12.1922 Pitcher - the five cottages near the Power House were due for completion soon and one to be allocated to this man

6.3.1923 W Maloney, Molonglo Settlement - employed by the Commonwealth for last nine years

R Bagot, Hostel Camp (Howie's), He was a carpenter working at Ainslie

20.4.1923 P Newis, Daniel's No 1 Mess. He was officially not eligible because he worked for Herbert Daniel. However he was put on the list

2.5.1923 H Grandfield

9.6.1923 C Murder

11.7.1923 Mrs N Hughes, Molonglo Settlement. She worked for Mrs Forie and Mrs Richmond and had to walk to work - too far

29.9.1923 OS Owen of "The Retreat" Queanbeyan.

11.10.1923 WJ Field Molonglo Settlement

24.9.1923 Harvey Booth, of the Power House

12.10.1923 CN Foster, Molonglo. He worked for Chapman who was at that time building the cottages

18.10.1923 W Blewitt, Afforestation c/o J Lynch Molonglo

18.10.1923 AG McDonald

24.10.1923 CC Fitzpatrick

15.10.1923 Estelle Wilkins

3.10.1923 Bruce Long of Afforestation

W Rien

25.11.1923 Letter from Mrs Harry Gerard of Bondi - her husband worked as an electrician at the Power House

21.1.1924 F Sullivan- he mentioned that he had a wife and two children

17.1.1924 John C Robert West

R Dunkley, Joiners Shop

6.2.1924 H Beadman worked as a fitter at the Power House - later got a cottage at Westlake

28.2.1924 FS Kaye

15.3.1924 R Grant

26.3.1924 Donald F Fraser Joiners Shop

19.9.1922 C Day labourer

6.8.1923 J Wall Sewer labourer

24.9.1923 G Booth Sewer labourer

18.1.1923 W Blewitt Afforestation

B Long Afforestation

C Taylor Sewer employee

3.11.1923 CW Rien

The remaining names all in 1923: RR Monger, W Hutchinson carpenter, CH Chevalier Inspector of Camps, C May Afforestation, WJ Traynor Chauffeur WC Boyd, Bock, FJ Clowry, L Collidge, G Pitcher.

BRICK COTTAGES AT BLANDFORDIA (constructed in 1923 - only 16 built)

List of applicants:

O Owen 5.12.1922

CT Taylor 25.10.1923

G Crease

RC Kershaw 14.7.1923?

CH Chevalier 9.5.1923

FJ Clowry 26.11.1923

EB Kidd 2.3.1923

A Bock 1.11.1923

J O'Sullivan 10.7.1923

Kirkpatrick 14.11.1923

L Collidge 14.6.1923

A Baxter 3.12.1923

List dated 22nd November, 1923 - in order of preference:

Fireman's House, 2. J Mitchell, 3. H Gerrard, 4. McKee (crossed out), 5. WJ Field, 6. AG McDonald, 7. W Brown. A note added that EB Kidd, Mrs AT Hughes, RC Kershaw, Henry Booth and CM Foster were no longer in the employ of the Commonwealth.

Others who received houses were (Name, Block & Section)

SG McFarlane 3, 18

J O'Sullivan 10, 20

Dan Worrall 3, 20

EH Pratt 11, 20

T Keefe 5, 20

JT Walker

TK Burns 13, 37

E Eichler 2, 21 (15 Ducane Street, Forrest)

WR Smith 2, 22

M Richardson 7, 12

WS Brownless 1, 21 (13 Ducane Street. This cottage still stood with no changes in 2000)

E Shaw 5, 4

L Marriot 1, 20 (65 Franklin Street)

Mettford 21, 4

Robertson 3, 4

10th September, 1924 the following were sent letters to tell them to pick up keys for their garages: J O'Sullivan, EW Solly, F Cox, W Butler. Cottages ready for occupancy - CL Richards, Mr Kirkpatrick.

7th November, 1923 the following were ready for occupancy:

Section 20 - BH Brown, WS Brownless (later moved to Section 21), D Worrall, McConnell, A Crease.

Section 22 - AE Jackson, WR Buchanen, CE Francis, CL Henry

Another man mentioned in the same report was Secombe.

Draft letter dated 26th December, 1926 - letter head of Federal Capital Commission.

Industrial Branch

With the Government's decision to open Parliament in May 1927, operations in the Federal Territory necessitated the employment and accommodation of thousands of workmen.

At the beginning of the year a Labour Bureau was established and an Industrial Officer appointed. All labour required is engaged through this Bureau and a system is in operation whereby all applicants are engaged on priority of application, preference being given firstly to returned soldiers and secondly to members of trade unions.

The number of workmen registered at the Bureau for employment up to the end of November was 5,637, the number engaged 4,184 while the number paid off owing to the completion of various buildings etc was 4,087. These men are re-engaged as opportunity offers. The number at present employed is 2,972.

Workmen are accommodated in camps and tenements and the particular place of abode is selected according to the proximity of the work they are engaged on. Tents are rapidly being superseded by comfortable roomy weatherboard cubicles in which electric light, sewerage and water is provided. Each camp is presided over by a Camp Steward who is responsible to the Industrial Officer for the preservation of order and cleanliness.

Situated in each camp is a Mess Room, the camp inmates electing their own caterers; camp Welfare Committees see that the menu is kept up to standard and also arrange card evenings, dances etc which are held in the recreation rooms attached to various camps. A uniform rate of 26/- (twenty six shillings) per man per week is charged by the caterers. Tenders are at present being called for the establishment of billiard rooms for the camps.

There are eight cubicle camps and 16 tent camps in the Territory. The cubicle camps, at which a nominal rental of 2/6 per week per man is charged, at present accommodate 554 workmen [two to each cubicle or tent] while the tent camps are occupied by 2,578 workmen. At Mount Stromlo Nursery Camp cubicles are almost complete. Here again electric light, water and sewerage is provided [not hot water]. This camp is situated 6 miles from the City area.

In the tent camps vacant accommodation exists for a number of workmen, but it is expected that this accommodation will be fully occupied in the New Year. 20 new cubicles have been erected at Capitol Hill, accommodating 40 men.

At Molonglo Settlement 5 blocks of cottages have been remodelled. 120 cottages have also been erected at various centres for the accommodation of married men and their families, each cottage consisting of a 4 room, laundry and bathroom, also electric light, water and sewerage. These cottages are fully occupied.

At Russell Hill, a picturesque spot overlooking Parliament House, building sites have been leased to married workmen; these men are all first class tradesmen and many very cozy little homes exist at this centre [sic - many were labourers - no electricity or sewerageconnected].

Altogether there are 315 cottages and tenements erected for married workmen all of which are occupied. A further 250 workmen's cottages are to be built in the near future. 267 applicants await the cottages.

Liberal precautions are taken to insure against accident, of which, comparatively speaking there are very few. Red Cross kits are provided on all works and a number of workmen are qualified First Aid men. When an accident occurs a phone message brings and up to date ambulance which quickly conveys the patient to the Canberra Hospital.

The amount paid in compensation, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, during the

year was 3,152 pounds 18/6. Of this sum two amounts of 250 pounds and 500 pounds were paid to partially and permanently incapacitated men respectively, and these four cases finalised.

An apprenticeship scheme has been formulated and it is anticipated will be in operation within the next few months. By this scheme it is hoped to find congenial employment for the sons of Commission employees.

Another scheme inaugurated by this branch is one to provide kiosks, refreshment rooms etc., for the increasing number of picnic and camping parties who frequent the precincts of the Cotter River and an expenditure of about 5,000 pounds is proposed in this regard...