

CHAPTER 16

More of the McWilliam Posterity

The second surviving child of William and Rosina McWilliam was Annie. She was not born until 1874, some three years after her brother, Fred. This gap of some three years leads to the thought that perhaps one of the children who died in infancy may have arrived during this gap between March 1871 and 1874. This may well have been Lucy who died aged about six.

Annie was looked up to with affection and respect by all her siblings. In later life they always spoke of her in reverent and devoted terms. She became a deaconess and at one stage she was at Balmain and worked under Canon Archdall. One day about 1903 Annie called in at the office in the city of Sydney of The Riverstone Meat Co. to visit her brother, Horace, who was a bookkeeper there. She had with her a friend and fellow worker, another deaconess, known as 'Sister Frances', Millie Armstrong by name. Over 30 years later Horace happened to meet Millie while in Hobart and they recalled the occasion and the subsequent friendship which developed between him and Millie's family. Annie had passed away many years before, of course. Horace recounts the visit of his sister in his memoirs, a point of interest in itself. It is the only glimpse available to the present writer of Annie during her lifetime.

Annie also worked as a Deaconess at St Saviour's, Redfern. She carried out her duties under the Rector, Rev. Hugh Walker Taylor, known as 'Walker'. It was the year 1900 (12 June) that Hugh Walker Taylor and Annie McWilliam were married in St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. Their first child, Basil Patteson (1901) was born while the couple were living at the Rectory at Redfern. It is of much family interest to note that the present Incumbent of St Saviour's, Redfern, Rev. Geoffrey Huard, is the husband of the daughter of one of the nieces of Annie. She is Catherine Huard (nee Allman), the daughter of Gwen Allman (nee Evans), the daughter of Ruby Evans (nee McWilliam), Annie's youngest sister.

Hugh Walker Taylor was a remarkable man, as all who knew him testify. The rule of making only passing reference to spouses in this history will, therefore, again be broken in the same way as it was in the case of AA Fantham and Edwin Barnett. Hugh Walker Taylor was born in Parramatta, NSW, in 1856, the son of John Taylor and Mary Agnes (nee Shaw). John's occupation is shown as that of Auctioneer. Hugh was first and foremost a scholar, 'a distinguished scholar' his brother-in-law, Neville, called him (who was no mean scholar himself, as we shall see). Walker was also a practical man. The development of the Parish of Orange, NSW, under his ministration (to be described shortly) is ample evidence of this. His other notable trait was his kindness. The present writer was travelling by train through Lawson to Orange when Walker and his brother-in-law, Horace, had exchanged parishes. Walker (always Uncle Walker to the present writer) went to the trouble of journeying up to the railway station to meet the young traveller and taking him a thermos of tomato soup, a most welcome and thoughtful contribution on a cold day.

A historical brochure, published about 1928, recording the events of interest in the Orange district devotes a section to the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. It explains that about the year 1880 a new church replaced the existing one, and goes on (77):-

Unfortunately, the structure was left unfinished, and the debt (with added interest) imposed almost entirely on the guarantors and others in the parish to pay off.

The late Canon H. Walker Taylor, who resigned as Rector at the close of 1927, commenced his work in Orange by a great effort, well seconded by leading parishioners, to wipe out the old debt, so that the church might be consecrated on St Luke's Day, October 18, 1909. (Only a church free of debt may be 'consecrated').

Canon Taylor, when he assumed his duties in Orange, had charge of a wide parochial responsibility, extending from Lewis Ponds and Ophir, on the east, to Borenore and Cave Creek, on the west... For fourteen years the late Rector travelled throughout this wide territory on horseback or by sulky, ministering to the spiritual needs of the Church of England people...

During the second decade of the Rector's work, St Philip's (March), and St David's (Beneree), were renovated; St Paul's (Mullion Creek) erected, St James (Summer Hill Creek) transferred from the Methodists at a small cost, and St Mark's (Lewis Ponds) re-erected on a finer site. St Barnabas, East Orange, was also licensed for public worship... Additions to the Parish Hall and the Church (Holy Trinity, Orange) have been effected, the parish church re-roofed, a new organ installed, and many costly improvements made within and without the church. Holy Trinity Church Soldiers' Memorial Tower and Spire was consecrated by Bishop Long and the beautiful Honour Roll unveiled by Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby... who with lady Allenby, visited Orange in January 1926... A notable achievement was the adding of the extensive improvements and new erections, at a cost of £3,600, by means of direct donations and ladies' fetes and work... Great sorrow was occasioned recently by the death, in March last (1928), after the illness that caused his relinquishment of his pastoral duties, of Canon Walker Taylor, terminating a most brilliant career.

Annie's life was tragically cut short, for she developed one of the main scourges of the time, tuberculosis. Her sister, Daisy, bravely and generously, travelled to Orange to nurse her and look after the four young children, aged from five to ten. Annie succumbed to the illness and, to add misfortune to misfortune, Daisy died of the same disease a couple of years later. It was the year 1912 that Annie passed away, Daisy in 1915.

A staunch friend of Annie and devoted church worker in the Parish of Orange was Winifred Margaret Satchell. Some four or five years later (1917) Hugh Walker Taylor married Winifred. They had one child, a daughter, Marjorie Monica (1918). She is, of course, strictly outside the McWilliam family membership but was always treated as if she were one of the kin. She blossomed into a gentle, winsome young lady and became, like her mother, an ardent Church worker. She married Rev. Russell Hawken in 1945 and they settled in England. They had three children, Gregory Alfred (1946), Caroline Margaret (1948) and Julian Antony (1953). Marjorie and Russell returned to Cremorne, Sydney, in the last decade or so to the old home her mother had established after her widowhood. Caroline married Paul Fitzwarryne in 1978. They have two children, Fergus George (1980) and Freya Harriette (1981). Marjorie died after an operation at the RNS Hospital in October 1985. Carol Hurley (nee Cunningham) writes that while living in Orange in 1984 she became friendly with the Anglican Rector and his wife. In conversation about Hugh Walker Taylor, Rev. Allan Thomas told her how Hugh's youngest daughter, Marjorie Hawken, had attended his induction and afterwards came and looked over the Rectory 'with fond memories'.

The four children of Annie and Hugh Walker-Taylor were as follows. As already recorded the eldest was Basil. Here is a copy of the address given at his funeral

service by Rev. John Hutchinson on 22 August 1983.

(Basil Walker-Taylor) was educated at Sydney Grammar School and then became apprenticed to a Land Surveyor and spent six years under canvas in the Australian outback. His first appointment was in Suva, Fiji, in 1925. Between 1926 and 1940 he had various appointments in Malaya, during which period he again spent a great deal of his time under canvas. Apart from his work he found time to enjoy polo and other social activities when he came in from the jungle.

On St George's Day 1938 he married Pat (ricia Jessie Barr, born 1917) in St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore. After only four years the war intervened and Basil joined the 22nd Mountain Regiment as a Lieutenant. After the fall of Singapore he spent three and a half years in Changi as a POW during which time Pat got away to Australia. They were reunited at the end of the war in Australia and soon after his son Paddy (Patrick Hugh, born 1946) was born, five years later Cecilia (Geraldine, born 1951) was born in Penang. He then returned to Malaya where he held a number of appointments as Chief Surveyor, Singapore, from which post he retired in March 1959. He was the last Chief Surveyor prior to Independence. While in Singapore his love of horses led him to take an interest in the Turf Club, where he became an honorary judge.

Initially he retired to Southern Ireland for nine years and then moved to (Pangbourne) Berkshire in 1968 to make a home for his family, whose lives were then centred in this country (England). It was during his retirement that he learnt all about gardening which subsequently won the admiration of many people who saw the results of his efforts. His priorities in life were very much his wife and family, closely followed by his work. He was conscientious and hard-working and always gave of his best in anything he undertook. Blessed with a very good sense of humour and abundant good health, he enjoyed life and made long-lasting friendships, his friends being scattered throughout the world.

We thank God for his life lived to the full, blessed by a happy marriage of forty-five years duration, for his strength of character, his Christian faith and his love for those nearest and dearest to him...

The present writer is able to add to the list of fine qualities of Basil a superb speaking voice, like all the members of this Walker-Taylor family. It has already been asserted that such is possessed by most of the descendants of William and Rosina McWilliam, a voice resonant, firm, clear, deep and vibrant with a timbre of confidence and jollity - an extravagant description, perhaps, but the present writer believes, true. There was no branch of the clan with a pronunciation more striking than Basil and his siblings. In 1972 Paddy married Suzanne Barrow and their three children are Timothy (1974), Alice (1976) and Sally (1981). In 1978 Cecilia married Richard Lassen & their two are Caroline (1980) and Amanda (1982).

The second child of Annie and Hugh Walker-Taylor was Philip Neville (1903). He is arguably the best and most successful of all the 27 of William and Rosina McWilliam's grandchildren; at any rate he was the only one to hold a doctorate by examination. His was the medical degree of M.D. (Sydney). He was for four years a boarder at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School ('Shore') in Hodges House - the name was changed from 'Cartref' while he was at it - from the beginning of 1917 until the end of 1920. He matriculated and entered the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney. For some months when university term started he lodged with his uncle, Horace McWilliam and family. Horace was serving as curate in the parish of St Paul's, Burwood, a Sydney suburb, at the time. The Horace McWilliam abode was conveniently situated for Philip's daily attendance at medical school. What a stimulating adjunct he was to this conventional household! The present writer, just turned seven, found him a

fabulous entertainer and recounter of narratives. In fact the present writer (tongue awry!) claims some of the credit for Philip's later success as a writer of murder novels. Philip would first stimulate the listener by requiring him to give the background (eg facts about aunts in the country town of Grafton and their poultry yard; about poisoning the dreadful rats who 'took' the chickens); then he would weave a wonderful tale about the family of rats, each with its name and personality (all bad villains), and the poor little chickens being rescued in the nick of time by the aunts' heroic cat!

Some of his murder series titles, published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, include: Murder in the Taj Mahal (1938), Murder in the Flagship, Murder in the Game Reserve, Murder in the Suez Canal, Spylight, Spyrocket and The Admiral's a Spy. Philip had served in the Royal Navy as Surgeon, knew the South African game reserves from first hand experience as well as the Suez Canal and the Taj Mahal. His magnum opus was Charter for Britain, published by Hodder and Stoughton, London (August 1943). It is, interestingly, dedicated to 'The Memory of my Father, Hugh Walker-Taylor'. It is a serious work, written at a crucial time, setting out to analyse objectively the relative merits of the systems of government in Russia, Germany, United States and Britain. The conclusion is summed up at the end by the call '...let us without vain-glory, but calmly, be justly proud of our (British) good and tested system.' It does not detract from the merit of the work to say that that is the only kind of conclusion possible at that time by a member of the British Empire.

In 1939 (8 November) he married the very successful actress Harriette Ffrench Johns (born 1918) in London. They had one son, Hugh who has retained his mother's, rather than his father's, surname, Johns. He was born in 1947 and now lives in Cambridge.

Philip had an untimely and painful end. A friend, Matthew Banks (surgeon) wrote the following obituary memo, dated 20.12.1964.

Dr Philip Walker-Taylor died on December 19th (1964) at St George's Hospital, after a long and painful illness. For two years he fought a furious but hopeless battle, yet would never admit to hopelessness; in fact, when he became an "in-patient" himself, he would disappear for an hour or two to visit one of his own old "chronics".

Born in Australia 61 years ago, he was educated at one of Sydney's leading Great Public Schools, affectionately known as "Shore", and graduated in Medicine with High Distinction in 1926 at Sydney University. Brilliant though he was, his mind was too inquisitive and restless for an orthodox career and, having won the Gordon Craig Scholarship for Urology, which entitled him to study in London, he gained his M.D. and FRACS with a thesis on Transplantation of the Ureter.

A brilliant future in one of Australia's great hospitals seemed assured but, surprisingly, he took a Commission in the Royal Navy and spent several years on the South African Station. As Surgeon-Lieutenant in the Flagship "DORSETSHIRE" he was highly thought of by Admiral Evans, and doubtless the War would have afforded him a brilliant Naval career; but the years 1938 and '39 found him a Surgeon in the "QUEEN MARY", and promptly at the outbreak of War he, again surprisingly, joined the British Army. He was posted to the Army Hospital at Kimbolton, York, but his qualities could not be denied and he rapidly gained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and was put in charge of Administration in the Military Hospital, Iceland. The latter part of the War found him in Bathurst, West Africa and, on being demobbed, he at last settled down in London's West End as a

General Practitioner.

His interest in, and outstanding knowledge of, medicine made him a fine and successful Doctor, but it was still not enough. He studied sculpturing and painting, at which he excelled, and became the accepted friend of artists in London and Paris. He wrote prodigiously, both novels and plays, some of which were "thrillers", for that is what he enjoyed in life - the thrill of it.

He adored beautiful and interesting people; and to him these were the artists, the folk of the Theatre and Films - and the sick who sought his help.

The only daughter of Hugh and Annie Walker Taylor was Lois Isabel. Born in July 1904 she trained as a nursing sister at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. She kept contact with fellow nurses from the Hospital right till the end of her life. 'Hear from friends in Sydney from P.A. (Prince Alfred) days,' she wrote only a few months before she died. 'They really spoil me when their friends come to London.'

She had an interesting and varied career, as the Obituary address, to be quoted shortly, will indicate. A strong and out-going personality, she became the manageress of Singapore's famous Grand Hotel. She spent many years in this part of the world, before finally settling in London for the evening of her life. Lois lived in Langford Court, Abbey Road, London. Pat Walker-Taylor writes of her end as follows:-

Lois was a marvellous person and at the moment it is hard to think of life without her. She was always 'there'. She had been poorly for some time, but always managing to be cheerful and make light of things so that we didn't realise she was so ill. It was mostly her eyes which troubled her and it was a surprise when she phoned to say she was going into hospital for tests... I went to see her and we had a lovely long chat, discussing her future among other things. She was in hospital for about ten days when they decided to operate. Paddy, our son, went to see her every evening before returning to Windsor after work. He and Greg, Marjorie's son, were with her when she died in the early hours of morning on 25th (November, 1981)... Paddy says it was all very peaceful... Hugh Johns, Phil's son, came over from Paris for Lois' funeral on Wednesday. That would have pleased her greatly; she was so fond of Hugh. He is such a dear; we have all taken him to our hearts...

The address given at her funeral tells the essentials of her life story in interesting and sympathetic terms.

Lois was born in 1904 in Bathurst, Australia, where her father was Dean of the Cathedral. All her brothers and sister travelled the world, but Lois travelled more than the others, and there must have been very few areas of the world she had not visited.

Being brought up in a Rectory, she always had a strong faith, and regular attendance at church she kept up wherever she was in the world. Her strong ideals were always an inspiration to her family and friends.

She was always full of energy, and enthusiasm. When young she was a highly successful swimmer and tennis player. Those who remember her flat will have seen the rows of cups she won - in fact she very nearly got into the Australian Davis Cup Team for Tennis*. In a cold December in England we can think how lucky those who live in sunnier countries are, and Lois made full use of the weather, and always lived an outdoor life.

Lois trained as a nurse at the Royal Prince Alfred in Sydney, and

* This is a kindly-meant error. The Davis Cup has always been a 'men-only' affair.

became the youngest sister that the hospital had ever had. Soon her brother, Basil, suggested that she come to live with him in Singapore, and from this visit she stayed, and worked in Malaysia and Singapore for a large part of her life. However first she went as a nurse to Rhodesia, working in Salisbury, and then during the war in another hospital in Nairobi.

After the War she returned to Singapore, where after a time as Matron at a hospital in Nuar she became Manager of the Grand Hotel in Singapore itself. From the stories she told it was a wonder how she packed all her activities into the day. Her skills as an organiser mushroomed during this period, and her social life was hectic and very exciting. One could almost say she lived hard and played hard. Her life in Singapore is the time she remembered with the most pleasure, and was always recounting stories of her friends, her sporting activities, and the responsibilities of her job.

She returned finally to England, and worked as a catering manageress, but the wanderlust took her off to Bermuda to another hotel. When she returned to London to settle finally she moved into the small flat where she stayed for the rest of her life. How on earth she managed to have sizeable cocktail parties in such a small space none of us will ever know. With her dear brother Philip she started and ran a nursing home in Sutton, leaving home before 7 in the morning, and never returning till after 7 in the evening. When they finally decided to sell the nursing home Lois always had something to do, and perhaps working at the English Speaking Union was the work in her later years that she most enjoyed.

Lois was always able to make friends, and had a real gift of keeping contact with them scattered throughout the world. In Australia, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Bermuda there are many who will sadly miss her and her vitality.

All her family remember her dynamism and forthrightness. Her nephews and nieces all remember well their aunt coming to stay, and her stories of what she had done, and the places she had been to.

We thank God for a life lived to the full, and are so pleased that she was able to talk to her visitors in hospital the day before she died. Lois's race was well run, and her memory will be an inspiration to all of us who knew her.

The youngest of the children of Hugh and Annic Walker-Taylor was Gregory. (His second given name is variously shown as Edwin or Alfred). He was born in 1907 and died while serving in World War II on 25 May 1943. He was educated at Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill, Sydney and the University of Sydney, though he omitted to take out his degree. He was an attractive person, with a delightful speaking voice and charming manner. He took on a variety of occupations, one being with the then famous piano manufacturing firm of Beale. Greg. had a great respect for the head of the Firm, the notable Octavius Beale. He was exceedingly interested in the theory of timber production which, of course, formed an important aspect of the construction of the instruments and for which Beales were specially noted. Greg. was a great favourite with all his friends and relatives who knew him. He joined the British Merchant Navy in the War and it was a great sadness to all his acquaintances when it was learnt that he had developed Hodgkin's disease while engaged in the chilly waters in the North Sea and died at the early age of thirty-six.

After Annic the next surviving child of William and Rosina McWilliam was Horace. He was born in 1877, following a gap of three years. It is possible that one of the three children who died in infancy may have been born during those three years. Horace

travelled the Tasman with the rest of his family late in December 1889 and attended the St Leonards Superior Public School, 'known then and for many years afterwards as "Greenwood's" School, with Mr Nimrod Greenwood its Headmaster.' In 1891 Horace entered the Sydney Church of England Grammar School ('Shore') as number 214 on the roll. Enrolment numbers are now into the 14 000's. At sixteen he left school and obtained a position as clerk and trainee bookkeeper in the city office of the firm of The Riverstone Meat Company Pty Ltd. Together with the whole family he worshipped regularly at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, on the North Shore. Here he taught in the Sunday School and became superintendent; he sang in the choir, both as a boy soprano and baritone. Like the rest of his siblings he had a good singing voice. His elder brother, Fred, sang splendidly, having distinguished himself as a boy in the choir of the Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

After ten years in the office Horace felt the call to the Anglican Ministry. He attended St John's College, the Theological college then located in Armidale, NSW. He enjoyed the collegiate life and passed the ThL examination and was ordained (Priest) in the Armidale Cathedral in December 1909. Ten days later he married Ruth Marchant Barnes (1872), a teacher with the NSW Education Department and singer in the Grafton Cathedral. The marriage was solemnised in the Grafton Cathedral on 29 December of that year. After four years in his first parish, Mungindi NSW, he received the appointment of inaugural Registrar of the newly formed Diocese of Grafton. He also acted as Bishop's Chaplain and curate of the Cathedral parish of Grafton. His experience with the accountancy work for ten years at the office of the Riverstone Meat Coy in Sydney greatly helped him in his administrative duties as Registrar. His poor sight required frequent visits to the oculist in Sydney, a not inconsiderable journey. Therefore after six years in Grafton he accepted the appointment as curate to St Paul's in the Sydney suburb of Burwood. Before the lapse of a year he became curate-in-charge and then Rector of the parish of Lawson on the Blue Mountains in October 1921. He is given much credit for establishing this parish on a firm footing. It included centres at Hazelbrook and Woodford, as well as the townships of Linden and Bullaburra. His wife, Ruth, was an ideal Rector's wife, giving of her many talents unreservedly - singing in the choir, teaching in the Sunday School and running ladies church functions as is the wont with clergy wives. At the end of 1932 he retired because of failing eyesight, but with his wife travelled to Tasmania and then England. In 1953 with much joy Horace, with Ruth for his eyes, revisited his greatly loved Christchurch, New Zealand.

They had two children, Fanny Joyce Barnett ('Frances' - 'Fran')(1912) was born at Moree, NSW and (Horace) Ronald in 1914 at Wollongong, NSW. When Ruth died in 1955 Horace married again (on 25.10.1956) this time a widow, Ella C. Baxter, MBE (nee Jorgensen) who had been a Sunday School teacher at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, when Horace had been Superintendent of it, over forty years before. This marriage was at best a limited success. Horace died at Hobart where he had settled with Ellic in February 1961 aged 83. After his retirement he had had an operation for cataract. As a result of the failure of this treatment he spent the last 26 years of his life totally blind. His faith and commitment as a 'soldier and servant of Christ' was undimmed by his affliction and to the very end he rejoiced in hearing and joining in and singing the hymns he loved so well and which had meant so much to him all his life.

Horace's daughter, Fanny ('Fran'), attended the private school for girls at Lawson ('Stratford') and excelled at her schoolwork, obtaining first class honours in English and second in French in matriculating for the University of Sydney. Here she obtained her BA and Dip.Ed., majoring in French and English. After teaching at the Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School, Darlinghurst, she travelled to England

with her parents and successfully undertook a course of several months duration in French Language and Literature at the Sorbonne University in Paris. On her return she taught at the independent girls schools of Ascham and Meridan in Sydney and The Glennie School, Toowoomba, Queensland. She then married Rev. Alex Morrisby who was born in Tasmania in 1913. As well as a ThL (Moore College) and a BA degree, he held a Master of Education from the University of Sydney. He was Rector of Ashbury and Milton on the South Coast and later worked for the Bible Society and the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Since Alex's death in 1982 Fran has been living in Fairlight, near Manly NSW.

Horace Ronald McWilliam was always known as Ronald to distinguish him from his father. A diary written by his mother has recently come to light. Ruth wrote as follows:-

Ronald... Our boy was born at Wollongong NSW at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening 11th February 1914. The day was almost cold and the evening also. I had a very nice room opening on the balcony with a beautiful view of the sea and Port Kembla. The "Home" was Loretto and the nurse Nurse Godfrey. Daddy had been spending the day with me as it was the last day of his holidays. On the morrow he was to return to Mungindi. He was able to see his little boy and spend 10 minutes with him and after kneeling beside my bed and repeating "The Thanksgiving" he said good-bye to us both and hurried off to catch the 7 pm train for Austinmer where we had rented a cottage for seven weeks and where Grandmother and Aunties Muriel and Gladys and Uncle Bruce were staying... I called our baby boy "little" but Dr Kirkwood called him a "young giant" and also said he was the "show baby of the hospital", the biggest they have had there for many a day... We had some little discussion over his name. His father had said he would like him to have one name only, "Donald" but we took this partly as a joke. I wrote to Daddy saying that if he did not mind I would have him called "Horace Ronald". When it was time for me to leave Wollongong... I had to register baby. As I had received no word from his Daddy in reply to my letter concerning our son's name, I called him Horace Ronald.

Well, the 'young giant' went to boarding school (Shore) for eight years and after leaving school eventually obtained a teaching appointment at Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill, where he later became Sportsmaster. Then after several years on the staff of his old school (Sydney Church of England Grammar School - Shore), he undertook a post-graduate course in Education at Cambridge University. Failing on medical grounds to be accepted for service in the 1939-45 War, he received an appointment to the staff of Geelong Grammar School (senior mathematics). When in 1947 Geelong Grammar took over a preparatory school in the Melbourne suburb of Toorak, Glamorgan, by name, Ronald was appointed the Head of it. Fifteen years later he received the appointment of Principal of Mercer House, the teachers college owned and run by the Independent Schools of Victoria. He retired in 1979 and now lives in Balgowlah, near Manly, NSW. After finishing his course at Cambridge he had married (Agnes) Jean Nicholson who was born in New Zealand in 1912, a former 'Matron' of the Junior School at Shore. Apart from obtaining his Master of Arts degree, he regards as his highest honours his Chairmanship of the Australian Association of Principals of Teachers Colleges (1970-1) and being admitted as a Fellow of the Australian College of Education (FACE) in 1978.

Ronald and Jean have three children. The eldest is Margaret Jean (1941) who with her sister attended the Melbourne Church of England Girls Grammar School ('Merton Hall') and Invergowrie Homecraft Hostel. She then trained as a nursing sister at

the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne and the following year married (1963) David Anthony Foster (1939) who is currently general Manager of Readers Digest's Seven Seas Stamp division. Margaret is currently nursing (part-time) at a Retirement hostel. She is a keen and able Bridge player, as her status as a 'Life Master' testifies. She and David live in Balgowlah and have two boys, Timothy David (1966) who is moving towards the end of an Arts degree at the University of Sydney and Anthony John ('Tony') who has started in the workforce at a music distributors. Also he is an enthusiastic golfer, playing off a handicap of 9. Tim and Alison Turner have recently announced their engagement and a wedding date - 16 May 1987.

Ronald and Jean's second child is Helen Ruth (1944) who started at Monash University but married at Scotch College Chapel, Melbourne, James Lawrie ('Jim') Bradfield (1943) whose grandfather was so closely associated with the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Jim is currently Personnel Director of Qantas, and they and their family have lived in both Jakarta and Athens. They are back permanently in Cremorne now. Helen, always enterprising, has done much painting, exhibiting a good deal of her work over the years. She is off on another tack at the moment and, with a partner, is owner-managing the Café Blasé at Mosman. Jim and Helen's two children are Michael John (1970) and Anna Ruth (1972).

The youngest of Ronald and Jean McWilliam's three is John Ronald (1945). He attended Geelong Grammar and then obtained a Diploma of Agriculture at Victoria's Dookie College. After working in the Commonwealth Bank and as a rural adviser for a Queensland pastoral management consultant, he has taken out a degree in Commerce (University of Queensland) and is financial manager to a firm of retail furnishing and sports goods chain. He married (1970) Kathryn Anne Barrett (1946) at St Clement's, Mosman. With a BA, Dip.Ed. Kathy is a former teacher. She is specially talented at piano-playing and she and John (who plays a variety of instruments very competently) and family live in a home environment replete with music. The eldest of their three children is Emma Kathryn (1972), next is Ian Ronald (1974) and the youngest is Vanessa Jane (1976). The family lives at Indooroopilly, a Brisbane suburb, but John (part-) owns a caravan parked at Byron Bay where the family holiday regularly.

The child of William and Rosina McWilliam following Horace was Daisy, as has already been related. She died as a consequence of heroically agreeing to go to the Rectory at Orange, NSW, to look after her elder sister, Annie Walker-Taylor with her four young children. Daisy died of the same contagion, 'TB', in the year 1915 at the age of about 36, having been born in 1879. She was buried on 4.10.1915* at Gore Hill Cem.

The next of the William and Rosina offspring was remarkable in several ways. She was Elvira Lilian and was born in Christchurch, NZ, on New Year's Day 1881. She, of course, moved with the rest of her family to North Sydney when Rosina and her brood crossed the Tasman in the S.S. Hauroto in 1889. Together with her sister, Ruby, (and presumably her sister Daisy) she ran a small school when her parents were living in Walker Street, North Sydney. Although by no means unheard of in those days, setting out to attract a few pupils for lessons, took some confidence and initiative. The daughters of cultured households had few occupations open to them in the nineteenth century, but teaching was an acceptable mode for young ladies to make a livelihood or at any rate to supplement the household income. No teacher 'registration' or the approval of anyone was needed in those days, of course. Interestingly one of Elvira McWilliam's pupils, (who later became Mrs Lennox, married to a Colonel Lennox), sent her daughter, Pat, to SCEGGS, Darlinghurst, where she was taught French by 'Miss McWilliam' ie Fran Morrisby (nee McWilliam). Pat Lennox married James, later Sir James Harrison and sent her son, Richard, to Glamorgan to be taught by Ronald McWilliam. It was

* Having died the previous day, 3.10.1915.

gratifying to know that Pat Harrison not only admitted that the three generations, mother, daughter and grandson, were taught by three generations of the McWilliam family, but proud of it - at least she was polite enough so to appear!

Elvira married in 1907 the son of another North Sydney identity. He was Alfred Manning Levick (1882), the son of William James and Ada Jane (nee Smith). The records show William Levick as a timber merchant. Alfred was a special friend of Elvira's brother, Neville. At school together, Neville and Alfred attended the University of Sydney in company, the sighted member of the partnership helping the other in dealing with the new, and therefore strange, environment. Alfred graduated with honours in Arts and went on to gain his MA. He then took Holy Orders. Elvira and Alfred were married in the McWilliam family church, Christ Church, Lavender Bay, by Rev. Alfred Yarnold. They had eight children. The eighth and last, Geoffrey Edwin, survived only a few hours. Elvira's remarkable qualities were shown by the competent, caring and effective way in which she brought up her mentally bright and vital family and at the same time carried out all the duties (and more) which are expected of a Vicar's wife in Parish affairs. Elvira developed a reputation as a generous hostess and it was extraordinary the number of relatives who were entertained in her house. She had a warm sense of 'family' and took pride in extending hospitality to any members of the McWilliam kin on their visits to and through Melbourne. She also possessed much ability as a conversationalist, a common talent of many McWilliam descendants. In appearance like her mother, she was alert but kindly, mentally keen though most sympathetic, well-organised yet relaxed.

After serving at Grenfell and other places in NSW, Alfred spent the remainder of his Ministry in the Melbourne Diocese, having incumbencies at the three Parishes of Balwyn, Dandenong and North Fitzroy. Elvira died eighteen months after her brother, Horace, (1962) at the age of 81, but Alfred lived on well into his ninetieth year, alert and interested in scholarly pursuits till right near the end.

That the Levick children all attended independent schools in Melbourne is another of the notable achievements of Elvira and Alfred. The five girls went to the Melbourne Church of England Girls Grammar School ('Merton Hall') and the boys to Trinity Grammar School, Kew. The eldest was Rosina Ada, named after her maternal and paternal grandmothers respectively. She shared her father's interest in academic matters and her mother's mental alertness, obtaining her Arts degree with honours in two subjects at the University of Melbourne, thus qualifying for her Masters degree without further examination. After teaching at her old School she married in 1934 Raymond Dixon Howells, an accountant by profession who was to achieve a senior position in the Public Service. Rosina and Ray first met, and then went to live in retirement, at Cowes on the lovely Phillip Island in Western Port to the east of Melbourne. It was here that Elvira and Alfred Levick regularly took their family for their summer holidays. No wonder Rosina regards it with such affection, and is this year leaving it with such regret. Ray died in 1982, having reached the age of 87. Ray and Rosina have four children. The eldest was born on 14 October 1935. He is Richard William Llewelyn ('Dick') and, like his two younger brothers, attended the Melbourne Grammar School. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Melbourne and is with the famed John Holland Constructions Company. He married Delia Stormont Jeffrey ('Del') (1936) in 1960. Dick and Del have three children: Robert Jeffrey (1961), Andrew Richard (1962) and Belinda Jane (1967). Robert has recently (1985) graduated in Medicine (MB,BS - Melbourne) and is presently engaged at the Austin Hospital. He married Kay Elizabeth James in 1985. Andrew is studying a tertiary course. Rosina and Ray's second son holds a PhD, having a Bachelor of Agricultural Science as his first degree. He is Antony John ('Tony') (1939) and he is currently

lecturing (Senior Lecturer and Researcher) in the Bio-Chemistry Department at the Australian National University in Canberra. Tony married (now divorced) Judith Belyea (b. 1944). They have two children, Geoffrey Douglas (1966) and Abigail Louise ('Abby') (1970). The third boy of Rosina and Ray Howells is David James (1941). Like his eldest brother he graduated from the University of Melbourne in Civil Engineering (BCE). He married (now divorced) in 1966 Margaret Shirley Smith (1940) and then (in 1983) Erlinda ('Linda') Ebrio (1948). They now live in Hong Kong where David is employed by the British Government. David and Margaret have two children, Dylan James (1967) and Nicholas David ('Nicky') (1969). The boys live with their mother. The youngest of Rosina and Ray Howells' children is Katherine Jane (1944). She attended MCEGGS and gained her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne. Her speciality is Microbiology. She married in 1971 Donald Walker who has a degree in Chemical Engineering (University of Melbourne). The Walkers have two children, Anne Catherine (1976) and Susan Jane (1979). At last report Katherine was planning to return to academic work this year (1986).

Thus Rosina Howells has nine grandchildren altogether.

The second daughter of Elvira and Alfred Levick was Monica. Born in 1910, she was the gay, vivacious one in a happy, lively family. Fair and sparkling, she radiated joy and fun and yet was basically serious and committed to the important aspects of life. Her husband, Robin Rowlands, writes of her:

Monica was educated at the Melbourne Church of England Girls Grammar School, South Yarra, where she was well known for her prowess in sport and music. She continued her education at the Melbourne Teachers College, where she did the Infant Teachers Course and duly qualified with the Infant Teachers Certificate (ITC). She then had a series of appointments to Kindergarten and Junior Schools around the suburbs and also spent a year as a governess on a property in the Western District (of Victoria).

In 1942 she married Robert (Robin) George Rowlands at St Luke's, North Fitzroy. During the war years she took occasional temporary appointments at Junior schools, for there was a great shortage of qualified teachers. Robin goes on:-

At a later stage, she spent two years in England with her husband and two children where she was able to be of great assistance to him in preparing his thesis for the PhD degree at the University of London. She had a very bright and caring personality and quickly made friends. She maintained these friendships by correspondence until the end of her life. After the children reached a stage where they did not require so much attention, Monica threw herself into various voluntary activities. She was active in the Waverley Golf Club and in the Presbyterian Women's Association and probably would have been President of the latter had she lived... She died in 1973 in St Georges Hospital, Kew, after a long fight against cancer, which she endured with great fortitude.

Robin was born at Cromwell in the South Island of New Zealand in 1913, the son of a Presbyterian Minister. When the family moved to Melbourne Robin attended Scotch College and the University of Melbourne, graduating BA and MEd. Under the famed Professor PE Vernon he gained his PhD at London University in 1959. He taught at Scotch and produced a number of high-selling textbooks on mathematics and physics. In 1966 became research Officer for VUSEB. In 1976 Robin married again. His second wife is Alison (Kirsner). Robin was (and still is) a great worker in many Educational organisations in Victoria, in particular for the VIER.*

* Robin died suddenly, after this sentence had been written and before the book went to press, on 31 October 1986.

Monica and Robin had no children, but they adopted two, a most appropriate course for Monica to take, for she had all the characteristics of a 'wonderful mother' as events proved. The elder child was Jan (1947) and the younger Mark (1949). Jan married Glenn Reeman and they live at Mt Martha, Victoria. Their children are Stephanie, Briony and Kane. Mark married Heather Watts (nee Robertson) and their family consists of Kristen Watts (1971), Andrew Rowlands (1981) and David Rowlands (1983). They live in the Sydney suburb of Greenwich.

The third child of Elvira and Alfred Levick was also a girl. She was born at Grenfell, NSW, in 1912 and christened Ursula. After leaving the MCEGCS she trained as a nursing sister. She married in 1941 (James) Lyn Garden who was born in Horsham, Victoria in 1912. Lyn took up wheat farming on his return from World War II in the Ballata area of NSW. This town is about halfway between Narrabri and Moree. Here Lyn and Ursula prospered and the number of their children grew to five. In retirement they have settled down in Suffolk Park, NSW. Their eldest child is James Douglas Garden, born in Kew, Melbourne, in 1942. He is a farmer in the Wee Waa, NSW, district. His first wife, Barbara Joan (nee Hayne), was accidentally and tragically killed in 1969. James and Barbara had only been married since the previous April, some ten months. His second wife is a trained nursing sister (triple certificated). She is Beverley June Elizabeth (Johnston, nee Grimshaw) and was born in 1940 at Mudgee, NSW. Beverley has one child, Kylie Elizabeth Johnston (1970), from her previous marriage and she and James have two offspring, Andrea Helen Garden (1976) and Nicole Karina Garden (1978), both born at Wee Waa.

Ursula and Lyn's second child is Denys Lyn Garden, born 1944 at Bourke, NSW. He possesses a Bachelor of Rural Science degree from the University of New England and practises as an Agricultural Scientist, living at Ainslie, ACT. He married Jennifer Mary Dunton (1947) at Toowoomba, Queensland, in 1972. Jennifer has a BA degree from the same University. They have three children: Benjamin Peter Garden (1976), Joshua Lyn Garden (1979) and Susannah Elizabeth Garden (1981), all being born in Grafton, NSW.

Ursula and Lyn Garden's third child is (Ursula) Joan ('Jo'), born in 1946 at Bourke, NSW. She trained as a nursing sister and then married a United States Naval Test Pilot, Derek John Knights in 1973 at Canberra (Reid, ACT). Derek was born in 1949 and became a RAAF Test Pilot. He was tragically killed eight years later (1981) at Williamstown, NSW. Jo and Derek Knights' children are Zoe Imogen (1975) and Guy Edward Derek (1978), Zoe being born in the USA (Patuxent River, Maryland) and Guy at Adelaide, SA.

The second daughter of Ursula and Lyn is Lynette Ida Garden. She was born in Melbourne in 1948. She trained as a Kindergarten teacher and lives at Upper Ferntree Gully, Victoria. The youngest of the Ursula and Lyn Garden offspring is Ross Manning, born at Narrabri, NSW, in 1951. He is a farmer in Queensland (Landsborough) and has a tertiary qualification in the area of Biology. He married at Toowoomba, Queensland, Janice Lilian Anning (1954), a Queensland girl, in 1974. Janice was a teacher, having a Bachelor of Applied Science degree, as well as a Diploma of Education. They have four children: twins Jaime and Lisa (1978), born at Brisbane, Timothy Peter, born in 1981 at Maleny, Queensland and Amy, born in 1983 at Nambour, Queensland.

The fourth child and first son of Elvira and Alfred Levick is Theodore ('Theo') Alfred William Neville, born in 1913. The provenance of his given names is interesting. His parents aimed to give their children the names of Saints of the Church, hence Theo's first name; the other three are after the names of his father, maternal grandfather (William McWilliam) and uncle (Neville McWilliam) respectively. Theo

attended Trinity Grammar School which is situated in the Melbourne suburb of Kew. After leaving school he began a successful career in commerce, joining the firm of James Hardie Industries. He became a Director of the Company and retired a couple of years ago. He married in 1937 an English girl, Marie Adrienne Woollard who was born in Surrey in 1913. Among other interests she is a keen and competent golfer; Theo is a golf enthusiast, too, being a former President of Eastern Golf Club and now a member at Royal Melbourne Golf Club. Theo and Marie have three children. The eldest is Anne Marie. She married David Clive Aitken (1938) in 1965 (now divorced). Their children (adopted) are Jeremy David Aitken (1970) and Angus William (1971). Theo and Marie's second daughter is Jennifer Adrienne (1942) who also became a mothercraft nurse. In 1969 she married Michael John Wilkinson (1943), then a bank officer and now a hotel owner. They live at Alexandra, Victoria and have two children. The elder is Sarah Jennifer (1970) and the other Felicity Anne (1971). The third Levick daughter is Susan Eleanor (1946). She trained as a Kindergarten teacher, and then in 1967 married a surgeon, John David Corbet who was born in 1945 at Ballarat. As well as MB,BS John holds a FRCS and FRACS and he practises in Ballarat in which Victorian city the family resides. Susan and John Corbet have four children, the eldest being Jane Alexandra (1971). The others are David Hugh (1973), Emily Susan (1975) and Peter John (1977). All the children were born in Melbourne, except Peter who was born in England (Enfield).

The fifth child of Elvira and Alfred Levick is Barbara. She was born in Sydney in 1915 and, like her sisters, attended the Melbourne Church of England Girls Grammar School (MCEGGS) where, among other activities, she shone at tennis. She and her husband played this sport for many years but in the last ten years she has concentrated on swimming to a regular schedule each week. After leaving school she enrolled at the Burnley Horticultural College in Melbourne where she gained her Diploma. Her expertise and knowledge in the horticultural area explains the excellence of the appearance of her garden at her beautiful home at Bilgola Plateau. Early in World War II, March 1940, she married Denys Arthur Golder (1914). He volunteered for the Royal Australian Air Force in which he saw distinguished service overseas. Denys's occupation was with BP Australia for 43 years during which time he rose from office boy to State Manager for NSW. Aided by his wife he has done much in community activities, not least in work for Legacy, becoming Sydney President in 1971. Barbara, ever enterprising, has recently embarked on a tertiary course at Macquarie University specialising in the study of Australian History.

Barbara and Denys have three children. The eldest is a daughter, (Barbara) Jill who was born in 1946, and after graduating BA, Dip.Soc.Work, became a social worker. In 1967 she married William ('Bill') George Everett who has an Engineering degree (BE) from the University of Sydney and a Master of Business Administration from a Canadian University. He specialises in computers. Jill is now teaching in the NSW Education Department. Jill and Bill Everett have four children. They are: Andrew Denys (1970) born in Canada, Liisa Michelle (1972), Melanie Jane (1975) and Meghann Louise (1978). The last three were born in Sydney. Barbara and Denys Golder's second child is John Denys who was born in Melbourne in 1947. He, like his brother, attended Knox Grammar School at Turrumurra. He is a Medical Practitioner, having graduated MB,BS from the University of Sydney; he has also obtained his FRACMP. He practises in Cleveland, a northern Brisbane suburb. He married in 1971 Lenore Ann Williamson (1950). She possesses a BA and Dip.Ed. from the University of Sydney. John and Lenore Golder have four children. They are: Emma Jane (1975), Kate Louise (1977), Zoe Barbara (1979) & Matthew Denys (1983). They were all born in Brisbane. Barbara and Denys's third child is Jeffrey Philip Golder, born in Brisbane in 1955. He is a scientist and has an honours science degree (BSc) in genetics from the University of Sydney. He is to

be congratulated on recently taking out his PhD in Medical Science. In 1984 he married in Ottawa, Canada, Barbara Rae Finley, a Canadian, born in 1953. She was a Public Relations consultant and has a BA degree. They currently live in Newport, Sydney.

The youngest daughter of Elvira and Alfred Levick is Lois Mary, born in 1917. After leaving the MCEGGS she trained as a nursing sister. In 1941 she married Norman Baker (1917), an accountant. Norman died at Sandy Point, Victoria in 1979 aged sixty-one. The three offspring of Lois and Norman Baker are as follows. Paul, born in 1942 is the eldest. He graduated in Medicine from the University of Melbourne and presently has a country practice at Yarram, Victoria. In 1963 he married Barbara Christine Bailey who was born at Castlemaine, Victoria in 1941. They have three children. Timothy was born in Melbourne in 1967, Anthony and Megan in Yarram in 1968 and 1969 respectively. Lois and Norm Baker's second child is Helen Mary. She was born in 1946 and, like her mother, trained as a nursing sister. In 1970 she married Malcolm James Ford (1946) who is a businessman and manufacturer. Helen and Malcolm live at Lower Templestowe, an outer Melbourne suburb, and have four children. They are Andrew James Ford (1971), Rachel Elizabeth Ford (1972), Catherine Emily Ford (1974) and Lucy Alexandra Ford (1981). Andrew was born in Sydney and the others in Melbourne. The youngest of Lois and Norm Baker is Philip Geoffrey who was born in 1951. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree, a Dip.Ed. and a Graduate Diploma of Business Studies. He is a secondary teacher. In 1974 he married Geraldine Mary Peters (1953). They live in Warrnambool, on the south-west coast of Victoria and have four children. They are Louise Katherine (1976), Joanne Elizabeth (1978), Christopher Paul (1980) and Emily Clare (1983). Louise was born in Melbourne and the other three in Warrnambool.

The youngest child of Elvira and Alfred Levick to survive childhood was (John) Denys. He attended Trinity Grammar School, Kew, Melbourne and had a specially distinguished and successful school career. He attained the summit of schoolboy aspiration, Captain of the School. Born in 1920, he grew into a fine young man with exceptional physique and outstanding physical skills; out-going and cheerful in manner and a real leader of men. At school he was captain of cricket and football etc. When World War II broke out he left his university course after one year and enlisted in the AIF. He fought on the Malay Peninsula and in Singapore. When the moment of surrender came on 15 February 1942, fighting ceased, of course, though some Japanese sniping continued. An Australian soldier lay wounded forward of the entrenched position of Denys's unit. His Company Commander called for a volunteer to go forward and rescue the wounded man. Denys volunteered. When he had the soldier on his shoulder he was shot by a Japanese sniper and was killed instantly. But for the fact that all the Australian survivors were taken prisoners of war he would, in all probability, have been recommended for the award of the Victoria Cross. As a family we honour the memory of a valiant hero and take the highest pride in the fact that our line produced such a gallant individual. Let us dedicate ourselves to be worthy of his sacrifice. The fate of Denys was unknown until the end of the war and the anxiety and uncertainty of his parents and immediate family were incalculable but bravely borne. It was a trying time for Elvira and Alfred, a test of their faith and inner resource. Their courage during the long months of suspense was the admiration of all who knew them.

The Levick couple had already sustained a grievous experience in about 1923 when an eighth child had been born to them. He was Geoffrey Edwin, but he survived only a matter of hours. Thus we leave the story of Elvira and Alfred Levick with their 8 children, 24 grandchildren and (so far!) 54 great-grandchildren. It is interesting and perhaps sad that not one of the 54 in the last group bears the surname of LEVICK.

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