



BUBB FAMILY

Supplementary Family Notes



Note: While I have not included references for the Supplementary Notes, the relevant source documentation has been retained on file.

John Robert Bubb's Siblings

Joshua Tinson Bubb (1828-1883)

Joshua Tinson Bubb, eldest child of Robert Watts Bubb and his first wife Helah Tinson, was born at Woodchester, Gloucestershire, and accompanied his parents and siblings, Eliza Helah Bubb and John Robert Bubb, on board the *Bussorah Merchant*, which arrived at Sydney in September 1839. On 27 March 1847 he married Sarah Marsden.

Sarah Marsden had been born in 1828 at Westminster, Middlesex, daughter of John Edensor Marsden and his second wife Sarah Trimming (née Caton). At the age of 50, on 9 August 1832, John Marsden was convicted of stealing 2 cows and sentenced to transportation for life. He arrived in the colony per the *Andromeda* in March 1833. His wife, Sarah [with their two children – Sarah (6) and Thomas Henry Edensor (4), and two children from John's previous marriage – Mary Ann (22) and Ann(ie) Edensor (16)] arrived in Sydney on 27 February 1835, per the *Duchess of Northumberland* as free emigrants. The then Colonial Secretary, Campbell Drummond Riddell, in reporting on the assignment of all those emigrants who had arrived on the *Duchess of Northumberland*, stated that

“Of the remaining ... three are of the family of Marsden, consisting of Mrs. Marsden and two children, of whom one, a child of about five years old, is blind. With respect to Mrs Marsden, I have to state that she is the wife of John Marsden, my assigned servant, who has been in the colony about two years, and has conducted himself with the greatest propriety. She paid her own passage. Her two eldest [step] daughters received Government assistance, and have gotten places in the colony. Her conduct was so exemplary on board, that upon the superintendent and his wife finally declining to embark at Cork, she was constituted the matron, and has acted in that capacity ever since. Both Captain Joblin and Dr Eckford, the captain and surgeon of the *Duchess of Northumberland*, give her the highest character; and certainly the orderly behaviour of the young women on board and since they landed is to be attributed greatly to the kindness and attention of Mrs. Marsden ... I understand that a certain sum of about 10/- will be paid to Mrs. Marsden, in consideration of her taking charge as matron. But I should also hope that his Excellency will be pleased to take her case into consideration. She is very well adapted to take charge of a school, in which capacity she would not be obliged to part with her two youngest children. Her eldest [step] daughter [Mary Ann] has received a good education and would be of great service to her mother: she is at present at Colonel Mackenzie's at Glenfield.”

Sarah Marsden would soon need to muster all the resources she could. Her husband John died in December 1835, leaving his widow with two young children to care for, one of whom, Thomas, was blind. How did Sarah earn her living? Did she remarry? Did she set up a small school? Was she able to keep her two youngest children with her? I have found nothing further as yet for Sarah Marsden or for blind Thomas. Nor do I know how Sarah (jnr) fared in the years between her arrival in the colony and her marriage at the age of about 19 to Joshua Bubb.

Very little has been found for Joshua Tinson Bubb before his marriage. He may have worked for his father Robert. We do know, however, that by 1858 he was a dealer, and living at Newtown, because it was as such that on 6 November 1858 he was declared bankrupt, with liabilities of £2010, assets of £90, adding up to a deficit of £1910 – a very tidy sum! For a time, and at least from 1860 to 1862, the family lived in Newcastle, but by 1865 Joshua and Sarah were living in Botany Road, Redfern, where Joshua was employed as a clerk. They subsequently moved to Cleveland Street, Redfern, and 1875 finds him and Sarah at Railway Terrace. By 1883 they were living at 37 Albion Street, Surry Hills, where Joshua died, aged 55, on 29 September 1883.

Sarah Bubb was 83 when she died at her home, 23 Queens Street, Woollahra. She was buried in the same grave as her husband – Row 9, No 2283, in the Old Ground, Rookwood Independent Cemetery.

Ten children have been identified as having been born to Joshua Tinson Bubb and Sarah Marsden – four sons and six daughters. (1) Robert Joshua Marsden Bubb, born in Sydney in 1848, married in 1869 to Mary Harriet

Newham (1848-1912), and died at Randwick in December 1917. (2) John Marsden Bubb, born in Sydney in 1849, married in 1871 to Ellen Elson (1851-1941), and died at Newtown in August 1915. (3) Joshua Tinson Bubb, born in Sydney in 1852, married to Hermin Ann Hollinshead (1853-1891) in 1876, and died at Liverpool, NSW, in September 1938. (4) Helah Sarah Bubb, born and died in Sydney in 1855. (5) Eliza Helah Bubb, born in Sydney in 1856, married to Edward James Hinder (1853-1883) in 1876, and died at Woollahra in January 1930. (6) Charles Thomas Bubb, born in Glebe in 1858, married to Elizabeth (née Davis) Teaken (1852-1928) in 1880, and died in Sydney in 1899. (7) Sarah Harriet Bubb, born in Sydney in 1860, married to Sydney Hotston (c1856-1928) in 1884, and died at Armidale in May 1897. (8) Minnie Annie Bubb, born in Newcastle in 1862, a dressmaker by profession, never married, and died at Woollahra in September 1940. (9) Louisa Mary Bubb, born in Redfern in 1864, married to James Arthur Hendy (1860-1960 – died in his 99th year) in 1887, and died at Randwick in 1939. (10) Alice Bubb, born and died in 1867 at Redfern.

Sarah Marsden's Step Sisters

In brief, and for the record, both of Sarah's step sisters married and had families of their own.

Mary Ann Marsden married Andrew Gill Brander in Sydney in September 1841. They commenced married life in Sydney, where it seems that Andrew was a builder who, in 1843 was declared an insolvent, but who in 1844 was issued with his certificate. By 1849 the family had moved to the Monaro district of NSW where, in 1851 Andrew Brander was granted a 2-rood town lot at Cooma. It was also in 1851 that their last son was born in Goulburn, and where, on 18 November 1860, Andrew Brander drowned, his body having been found in the Lagoon at the north end of the town. He died without having made a will, Mary Brander being granted administration of his intestate estate valued at £100. There were five children of the marriage – William Alexander Brander (1842), Andrew Gill Brander (1844), Grace Elizabeth Brander (1846), Emma Sarah Brander (1849), and John Andrew Brander (1851). Mary Ann Brander died on 22 June 1896 at 19 Alma Street, Darlington, the residence of her daughter Grace.

Ann (Annie) Edensor Marsden married Charles Warman Roberts on 19 June 1845 at Rose Bay, Sydney. Charles, despite a slight set-back in 1860 when he was declared insolvent, was a successful business man, whose principal interest was the "Crown and Anchor" Hotel, on the corner of George and Market Streets, which he took over from his brother Henry about 1840. In 1867, the year of his retirement, Charles sold his interest in the hotel to his eldest son. Charles died at his residence, Glenmore Road, Paddington, on 22 February 1894 and was buried at the Waverley cemetery. He had drawn up his will in 1881, and nominated his wife Annie and eldest son, Charles, as executors. His widow outlived him by eighteen months. She died at Woollahra on 24 August 1895.

Eight children were born to Charles Warman Roberts and Annie Edensor Marsden – Charles James Roberts (1846 – who, apart from taking over his father's hotel, became Mayor of Sydney, Member of both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, Post-Master General (1887-89), and Commissioner for numerous Exhibitions); Anne Louisa Roberts (1849); Henry Clarence Roberts (1851); Charlotte Eliza Roberts (1853); Melnotte Arthur Roberts (1855); Sidney Herbert Roberts (1858); Minnie Anderson Esther Roberts (1860); and Albert Edward Roberts (1863).

Eliza Helah Bubb (1830-1855)

Eliza Helah Bubb, the only daughter of Robert Watts Bubb and his first wife Helah Tinson, was born in 1830 at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and accompanied her parents and brothers Joshua Tinson Bubb and John Robert Bubb, on the voyage on board the *Bussorah Merchant*, which arrived at Sydney in September 1839. She married John Handley Knibbs in Sydney in January 1853 and died of consumption in June 1855. A child, Elliah, was born and died in 1854. John Knibbs remarried in 1856, to Ellen Carthoys. He died at home in Lewisham in May 1903. His second wife predeceased him, having died at Petersham in April 1894.

Annie Amelia Bubb (step sister) (1859-1928)

Annie Amelia was the first child of Robert Watt Bubb and his second wife Amelia Old. She was born in Sydney in

January 1859. She never married. She lived with her parents, and on their deaths continued to live at the family home in Arundel Terrace, Forest Lodge (Glebe), until at least 1923. In February 1923, Annie's home, a double fronted brick cottage, comprising hall, sitting room, dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen &c, was put up for auction, by order of the mortgagees. Two months later, in April, a Nellie Bennett, then of Balmain, and late of Lewisham, was seeking to contact Annie Bubb, late of Arundel Terrace. Could this be the same person as the Nellie (Dollie) Collins who, with Annie (and E. Tucker) placed the death notice in the newspaper for John Robert Bubb? Annie died in 1928. Her death was registered at Ryde. There were no notices of death or burial placed in the newspapers to mark her passing.

Eliza Jane Bubb (step sister) (1863-1896)

Eliza Jane, second and last child of Robert Watt Bubb and his second wife Amelia Old, was born at Kingston (later part of Newtown) in 1863. On Christmas Day 1884 she married John Saunders Huxham, who had been born in Devon in 1861. After six years as a merchant seaman, he settled in Sydney in 1879, employed as a bookseller's accountant. In 1889 the couple relocated to Townsville, Queensland, where John Huxham was employed as an accountant for Alfred Shaw & Co, and in 1893 he transferred to their Brisbane office. He subsequently, and by 1895, became the manager of Pollard & Co, music and instrument retailers. Within a month of giving birth to her fifth child, Eliza (Lizzie) Huxham, of Lang Street, Fairfield, Brisbane, died in September 1896 at the Brisbane Hospital just before her 33rd birthday. She was buried at the Dutton Park Cemetery, South Brisbane. She left John Huxham to care for their five children – Mabel Lotta Huxham, born 1886 at Petersham, and who went blind at the age of six from meningitis; Alice Irene Huxham, born 1888 at Petersham; Alfred Manning Huxham, born 1891 at Townsville; Harold Robert Huxham, born 1893 at Townsville; and Arthur John Huxham, born 1896 at Brisbane.

John Saunders Huxham married again in October 1897. His second wife was Helen Julia Meiklejohn (née Dougherty) and they had one daughter, Dorothea Helen Roberts Huxham, born in February 1900. As newly appointed Queensland Agent-General in London, John, Helen and their daughter sailed for London in July 1924. It was in London, in November 1924 that Helen Huxham died. On his return in 1929 to Queensland, John retired, after an illustrious career, both in the commercial and the political sphere, notably as Queensland Home Secretary 1916-1919, and Secretary for Public Instruction (1919-1924). He died on 4 August 1949 and was laid to rest in the same grave as his first wife, Eliza Jane (as were also daughters Alice Irene and Mabel Lotta). As instructed in his will, he declined the offer of a State funeral.

Edith Bubb's Siblings

Mary Helah Bubb (1858-1944)

Born 15 February 1858 at 299 Sussex Street, Sydney, Mary married Walter Whitley Webb at Stanmore on 28 August 1880. Walter Whitley Webb was born on 27 August 1855 at Strawberry Hill, son of Richard Whitley Webb, clerk, and Sarah Ann (née ??). Mary and Walter had two children who both died in infancy - Wynne Whitley Webb (1881-1882) and Roy Whitley Webb (1885-1886).

Walter and Mary went to WA in 1883 – Walter had been appointed as the Accountant with the Bank of NSW in Perth. He and Mary left Perth in January 1891. Walter then took up his appointment as Manager of the Adelong branch of the Bank of New South Wales by at least March 1891. Subsequently he managed the Dubbo, Wagga, Orange branches and, from 1902 was appointed as Manager of the newly established Royal Exchange branch at Macquarie Place, Sydney. He also managed the Wentworth Estate. They lived at Mosman, and in 1914 they moved to Wentworth Avenue, Wentworthville.

Walter Whitley Webb died in a private hospital at Parramatta on 3 August 1926. He appointed his wife Mary as the sole executrix of his estate - £1198 13 9 - and left everything to her.

Mary Helah Webb died on 6 May 1944. She had drawn up her will on 8 July 1942. She appointed Edith Ruth Bubb as her sole executrix of the estate valued at £5919 17 0. She made provision in her will for her nephews Nigel Grafton Ross and Walter Raymond Ross (sons of sister Emily Eliza Ross (née Bubb), Walter James Bubb, Cecil Leslie Bubb, and nieces Mary Edith Bubb and Joyce Alison Bubb, her sister-in-law Mamie Bubb, and the RSPCA.

Everything else was left to Edith Ruth Bubb. Mary asked that she be buried in the same grave as her husband, and that Edith arrange to have Mary's name included on the cross and that the whole grave be covered with a marble slab. Walter and Mary were both buried together at the C of E (St Bartholomew's) cemetery, Prospect.

Emily Eliza Bubb (1859-1943)

Born 8 December 1859, at 116 Campbell Street, Surry Hills, Sydney. In her early twenties she travelled to Maryborough, Queensland, where she married Charles Grafton Ross on 9 August 1882. Charles Grafton Ross had been born in Sydney in May 1853 to Robert Scott Ross and his wife Eliza Jane Jones (daughter of David Jones, founder of the David Jones store). As a young man he went to Queensland to 'learn the ropes' at Boonara Station, jointly owned by his uncles (brothers of his mother) George Hall Jones and David Mander Jones (who died in 1864). Subsequently Charles acquired Doongal Station, near Musket Flat, where he and Emily commenced their married life. They later (about 1900) moved to Maryborough where Charles was a Crown Lands Ranger (which position his son Stanley took over). Charles died on 1 February 1915 in Toowoomba. Emily Ross died on 5 July 1943 at Maryborough.

Charles and Emily had five children, all born at Doongal Station –

Charles Stanley Ross (1883-1962); Leone Gordon Ross (1885-1966); Nigel Grafton Ross (1886-1961); Wilfred Wallace Ross (1888-1917); Walter Raymond Ross (1890-1946). The boys were all educated at Maryborough Grammar School.

Three sons served in WWI – Nigel, Wilfred and Walter. Trooper Wilfred Wallace Ross was killed in action on 8 November 1917; Lieutenant Walter Raymond Ross was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery in the battlefield (he committed suicide in 1946 just two years after second marriage).

Frederick Charles Bubb (1862-1916)

Born in Goulburn Street East, Sydney, on 6 May 1862. On 4 September 1890 he married Hannah Annie Bridget McDonald who had been born at Jaspers Brush, in the Shoalhaven District of New South Wales, to Irish-born Simon McDonald and Anne Marie Mcguire. Hannah brought to the marriage a son, Thomas Ernest Pettit who had been born in August 1888. Frederick had a brief brush with the law in 1893 – being sentenced to four months hard labour for having, as a collector for his employers Dixon and Wilcox, embezzled £1 5 1½. Leniency was shown to the accused on account of his wife and little ones. He was described as a 'young man of respectable appearance and decent antecedents'. Frederick died in Sydney in November 1916. He was buried in the Bubb grave at Rookwood. His widow died on 13 October 1919.

Frederick and Hannah had two children of their own – Annie Theresa Bubb (1892-1937) and Frederick Leonard G Bubb (1896-1898). Annie (as Mrs William Alfred John Hunt) was killed in a vehicle accident in the Riverina. Son Frederick died aged just two.

Alfred Ernest Bubb (1864-1909)

Born at 278 George Street, Sydney, on 10 March 1864. On 13 February 1884, at Darlinghurst, Sydney, he married Lily Maud Reinhard, only daughter of Charles Frederick Reinhard Esq, of Queensland and his wife Emily (née Knowland?). I have not located any birth record for Lily Maude, but she gave her age as 21 on the marriage register. Another daughter, Clara, was born to Charles and his wife Emily Mary (née Nolan?) at Indooroopilly in 1866 but this child died in 1868. Charles was a sugar cane farmer in Queensland, who, like so many, was declared a bankrupt in 1871. I have found nothing to show when/where Charles and his wife died.

Alfred's first business venture was as a commercial broker, in a partnership formed on 1 July 1883 with one George Alfred Haworth. It was a very short-lived affair, the partnership being dissolved on 31 March of the following year. Alfred probably then went to work with his father at the Victoria Foundry. He was just 21 when, in 1885, his father took him on as a partner, (together with his cousin Josiah Tinson Bubb) in the renamed J.R. Bubb and Co. This partnership ended with the Foundry's bankruptcy. Alfred then went into the real estate business, initially on his own (underwriting 'Immediate Investment on City and Suburban Freeholds) and then as Secretary to the newly formed Union Terminating and Building Society (the president of which was Mr. A.J. Riley who was

to buy "Willumumina"). In 1888 Alfred was appointed auditor to the proposed Foreign and Colonial Exchange Bank of Australasia, Ltd. A highlight of 1889 was Alfred's (along with hundreds of other's) presentation to the Governor on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday Levée in May. In 1889 A.E. Bubb had gained another title – Legal Manager of the Thargomindah Opal-Mining Company, Ltd. A private advertisement placed in March 1893 by A.E. Bubb - seeking to borrow £250 on a security of £500; no agents or loan offices - suggests he was in financial difficulties, and indeed, in August of that year Alfred Ernest Bubb, of Glenview-street, Paddington, an accountant declared himself bankrupt. He was one of so many who had been carried away with the heady times 1880s when speculation was rife and money was being thrown around to all and sundry. Within two years, this

THE LATE MR. A. E. BUBB

The funeral of the late Mr. Alfred E. Bubb, who died suddenly at his office on Friday last, took place on Saturday afternoon. A short service was held at the deceased's late residence, Morabin-road, Mosman, and the cortege then left for the Church of England section of the Gore Hill Cemetery, where the interment took place. The principal mourners were Messrs. E. R. Bubb and Roy Bubb (sons), Jas. and Cecil Bubb (brothers), and Walter Webb (brother-in-



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law). There were also a large number of friends assembled at the graveside to show respect to one who was highly honored by all who knew him, and wreaths were sent by the directors of the Silver Peak Mines, Ltd., the Kangaroo Mines, Ltd., the Harden West G.M. Co., Ltd., the Sydney Homeopathic Hospital, Mosman District Cricket Club, Mrs. Strong and family, Mr. J. E. Ducker, Mrs. Whiteley King and family, Mrs. Bertha Pimbaum, Mr. George Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Pigott and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Warton, Mr. Percy Dive, Mr. and Mrs. Hodger and family, and Mrs. W. J. Gates and family. The Rev. W. A. Charlton officiated.

time as a temporary clerk in the Lands Department on a salary of £3 a week, Alfred was again declared bankrupt in 1895. He had been in difficulties since his previous failure, and had not been able to apply for his certificate for the 1893 insolvency. His present failure, he stated, was caused by want of employment, bad debts, and pressure of a creditor. He was unable to make any offer to pay his creditors from his salary. Notwithstanding his precarious financial position, Alfred turned his hand to mining, as a subscriber to various proposed ventures, and/or as Secretary, Manager, Auditor Liquidator, to a number of syndicates and mining companies. Aside from business matters, Alfred was a very keen follower of cricket, in which his sons, and particularly the elder, excelled. He was also a prime mover in the establishment of the Sydney Homeopathic Hospital, of which he was for a time the honorary secretary.

It was not until August 1909 that a plan of distribution was arranged on both of Alfred's insolvencies - one payment in full and 3s 7½d in the £ for the other creditors for the first insolvency and, for the second, all proven claims were paid out in full, leaving a balance of £7 3s to the credit of the estate. By this time Alfred had been dead some seven months. He was found dead, at the age of just 46, in his office in the Equitable Buildings, George Street, by his elder son on 8 January 1909.

He had drawn up his will on 14 December 1899, by which he appointed his 'dear wife Lily Maud' as his sole executrix, and to whom he bequeathed all his property 'for her own absolute use and benefit'. The value of his estate was £886 14s 7d. Lily Maude Bubb outlived her husband by nearly thirty years. She died at her residence, 18 Lower Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay, on 2 March 1938.

Alfred and Lily had three children – Ernest Reinhard Bubb, born 6 December 1884; Lily Reinhard Bubb, born 10 June 1888; Roy Alfred R Bubb, born 23 June 1900.

Ernest (known as Reinie) Bubb was a first class NSW State cricketer. He married Julianna Annie Gertrude Hillmer (known as Gertrude) on 25 November 1911. They had three daughters, Hilma Reinhard, (Marjorie) June, and Cherie. Ernest Reinie Bubb died on 26 November 1946. During WW2 he had served in the ACMF, Australian Pay Corps. He was cremated and there is a memorial to him

at the Sydney War Cemetery. He is also mentioned on the ACMF Memorial Plaque at Rookwood. Gertrude Bubb, widow, died on 8 December 1974.

Lily Reinhard Bubb married Stanley Norwood Jones, clerk, on 9 October 1909. They had two daughters – Violet Lily Norwood (born 1910) and Heather Norwood (born 1914). These two girls were orphaned by July 1919. Stanley died in February 1916, and Lily, a victim of the Influenza epidemic, on 14 April 1919. The girls were raised by their grandmother, Lily Maude Bubb.

Roy Alfred R Bubb, a talented cricketer and formidable bowler, married the equally talented Rita Pearl Edmonds on 21 June 1930 at Mosman. Rita had been a solo dancer (Premier Danseuse) under contract to J.C. Williamson before setting out on her own as a dance teacher, and producer of shows at Orange and Mudgee. They commenced married life at Orange and then moved to the Hunter district, where Roy's occupation was cricket coach. By 1936 they were in the Newcastle district. Roy died at Hamilton, NSW, on 4 April 1965. Rita died at Hamilton on 1 June 1982.

Roy and Rita had at least two children – Joy Patricia, born in 1936 and Kenneth Laddie, born in 1938.

Elsie May Bubb (1865-1940)

Born 29 September 1865 at Burwood, New South Wales. It is held that at some stage she was engaged to a man called Archie Graham who was killed playing polo and, so distraught was she about his death, Elsie never married. In acknowledgement of this 'loyalty' the Graham family made her an allowance. I have not found anything to confirm this family story. (I have, however, found a notice of a 23 Mar 1909 marriage between an Archibald Graham, manager Boondooma Station, to Edith Lila, daughter of Thomas and Grace Illidge). Elsie took various positions as a housekeeper and/or companion, and her life can be tracked through the Electoral Rolls. Between 1908 and 1911 she was at "Lydwin", Campbell Street, Toowoomba. In 1913 she was listed, living with her brother Walter Cecil Bubb, at Albert Road, Strathfield. This was the year that their mother died. For the Electoral Rolls from 1921 Elsie was back in Queensland, living variously at Fortitude Valley, Milton, East Brisbane, Sandgate and finally Camp Hill, which was where she died on 17 October 1940. She was cremated at the Mt. Thompson Crematorium on 18 October. The sole executrix of her will was her niece Leone Gordon Waraker (née Ross) of Watson Street, Pialba.

James Voller Bubb (1868-1913)

Third son, James, was born at Burwood on 6 January 1868. On 26 November 1896 he married Edith Maud Wilkie, second daughter of George Wilkie of Sydney, at Trinity Church, Strathfield. Born on 4 October 1870, Redfern, Edith had lost both parents by the time of her marriage – her mother Margaret having died in June 1876, and her father in 1882. Edith's childhood was overshadowed not only by the early death of her mother but also by her father's insolvency, caused mainly from his lack of regular employment.

When the Victoria Foundry was clearly in trouble, James left school and went to work at the Foundry. However, the working relationship between father and son did not work out, and James joined the staff of David Jones & Co, then located at the corner of George and Barrack Streets, Sydney. The husband of James' sister Emily Eliza (Charles Grafton Ross) was a grandson of 'original' David Jones, and by the time he died he had moved up the ladder to be the company's Chief Ledger-keeper. He seems to have worked towards gaining the necessary qualifications – e.g., in 1893, through the University Extension Lectures system, gaining a certificate in "Work and Wages". James and Emily spent their early married life in Burwood and later moved the house named "Conara", on High Street, Epping (previously known as East Carlingford). James took an interest in local affairs, being a member of the East Carlingford Progress Association, a regular Returning Officer for local Council elections, and an exhibitor in the Epping Flower Show at which, in 1903, he won first prize for a 'Pot Plant – suitable for table', the prize being 2 shillings.

James Voller Bubb died at Epping at the age of 45 on 11 April 1913 from throat cancer. He had drawn up his will on 8 June 1904, leaving everything to his wife, the sole Executrix of the estate valued at £1281-17-1. Edith Maud Wilkie survived her husband by almost fifty years. She died at Floreat Park, Western Australia, on 26 February

1962, aged 91. She had lived at Epping until at least 1943, and was first listed in the Western Australian Electoral Rolls in 1949 living at 270 Salvado Road, South Fremantle, the home of her son-in-law and daughter Nerida.

James and Edith had three daughters – Dorothy Fay Voller, born 1897; Kathleen May Voller, born 1903; Nerida Myee Voller, born 1912. Dorothy never married and lived with her mother for all her life. She died in Perth in September 1981, aged 84. Kathleen died in 1910 from diphtheria just before her seventh birthday. Nerida would not have remembered her father as she was only seven months old when he died. She married Arthur John Putt Powell in January 1946. She died at Perth in December 2008, another long-lived Bubb woman, at the age of 96.

Ada Beatrice Bubb (1869-1927)

Born at Burwood on 31 October 1869, Ada married George Illidge Roberts on 28 August 1894, at the Presbyterian Church, Maryborough. George had been born at Maryborough on 20 April 1865, the son of William Swain Roberts and Harriet Illidge. Ada and George were, in fact, first cousins.

George and Ada spent all their married lives at Maryborough. Having worked his way up, starting as office boy in 1879, George took over from his father as editor and leader writer of the local newspaper - the *Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser*, generally known as *Chronicle* - in 1891 and served in that role until 1924 when he resigned and retired. For recreation he enjoyed rowing and billiards, and was a good all-round cricketer, and represented Maryborough against one of the earliest English teams to visit Australia.

George Illidge Roberts died at the Maryborough Hospital following a short illness in October 1938. He and Ada had only enjoyed a few years of retirement together as Ada had died suddenly at her residence "Karenza", Sussex Street, in May 1927. Probate on George's estate was valued at £749 realty and £14,017 personality.

Six children were born to George and Ada – six sons and one daughter – George Burnett, 1895; Herbert Spencer, 1897; Sydney Kelvin, 1899; Mary Gwenda, 1902; Clifford Lloyd, 1905; William Arnold, 1907; Cecil Vernon, 1911.

Clara Illidge Bubb (1871-1894)

Born on 31 August 1871, Clara was visiting her eldest sister, Mary Helah and her brother in law, Walter Whitley Webb, at their home in Adelong, NSW, when she was treated by the local doctor for neuralgia. She died aged 22 from an overdose of morphia, on 15 April 1894, having been in a coma for 4 days.

Winifred Amy Bubb (1875-1879)

Born at the family home at Burwood on 4 August 1875, she was four when she died at Burwood on 8 November 1879 as a result of a spider bite.

Walter Cecil Bubb (1877-1956)

Born on 14 October 1877, Walter Cecil Bubb (known as Cecil by his family) married Mary Elizabeth Kate (Mamie) Leslie on 28 June 1913 at Burwood. Mary was a daughter of George Leslie and his wife Mary Martha Park Rowett (née King). (It was the second marriage for both of them).

At the age of twelve Master W. Cecil Bubb presented an opossum to the Zoological Society. His address was given as Five Dock, so he was probably living with his father at the time. But when, in 1896, he again featured in the newspaper as having sent in the correct solution to a chess problem, he was W.C. Bubb of Burwood. He subsequently lived in Burwood until his marriage, when he and Mary set up home in "Carisbrooke", 25 Albert Road Strathfield, which was to be their home for all their married life, and where Mary's mother lived with them after the death of her husband, and until her own death in June 1918. Walter was a carriage builder by trade with the NSW Railways.

Walter and Mary had four children, two daughters and two sons – Walter James Leslie, 1914; Mary Edith, 1915; Joyce Alison, 1916; and Leslie Cecil, 1919.

Walter, a widow, died on 20 June 1956 at Strathfield at the age of 79. His wife had died on 28 April 1944 at home after a long illness. They were both buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Rookwood, Zone A, grave 294. Son James was the Executor of Walter's estate, valued for probate at £3100. When Mary Elizabeth Kate Bubb drew up her will on 11 January 1944 she appointed her husband and her elder son, Walter James Leslie Bubb, as her

Executors. The cottage in Albert Street actually belonged to her, and she gave permission for Walter to continue to live there during his lifetime, after which it was to be 'shared' between the two elder children. All the rest of the estate was to be divided between the younger two children.

Leonard Illidge Bubb (1880-1881)

Born at the family home at Stanmore on 26 December 1880, he died just before his first birthday, on 6 November 1881, at Stanmore.