

## Residents of 12 Eglinton Road Glebe

### Stanley Charles Wyndham and Rachel Kate Finigan 1909-10

Stanley Charles Wyndham, 35, grocer and Rachel Kate Finigan, 34, nurse are listed on the 1909-10 electoral rolls at 12 Eglinton Road. S C Wyndham is also listed in Sands Directory in 1909.

Stanley had been a grocer and furniture dealer in Forbes. After his wife Effie died in 1908, he moved to Glebe with his children, Harold Stanley, 6, Kathleen Aimee, 4 and Norman Richard, 2. His wife's family lived in Glebe and the children were looked after by their aunt Rachel, Effie's younger sister.

Rachel grew up in the Manning River area and moved to Sydney with her parents. Her father, a prominent lay preacher with the Methodist circuit, established Robert Finigan & Sons, mercers and hatters in Pitt Street. Rachel married Stanley on *December 2 1911 at the Methodist Church, Glebe-road, Stanley Charles, third son of Mr and Mrs Alex Wyndham, of Forbes, to "Rae" second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Finigan, of Glebe Point (SMH 21 Dec 1911)*. By 1912 Stanley Charles Wyndham and his family had moved to Strathfield.

Rachel urged Stanley to stay in Sydney for the children's education. His sons attended Fort Street High School and Sydney University and Kathleen studied to become a teacher. Harold Stanley Wyndham served in the RAAF in WW2. He was the Director of Education in NSW from 1952-68 and was responsible for major changes in the secondary school curriculum. He was knighted in 1968. The photo shows Harold Wyndham with Prince Phillip at a function at the University of Sydney.



Norman Richard Wyndham was a surgeon and a major in the army in WW2.

### Armstrong family 1911-17

William Armstrong is listed in Sands Directories in 1911-15 and on electoral rolls in 1913-17.

William Armstrong, 47, a draper and his wife Sarah Armstrong, 44, moved into Eglinton Road in 1911 with their children. The household was run by Sarah with the help of the oldest daughter Maggie, 22.

Alice Clementia, 20 was a dressmaker, while Edna Alexandria, 16, became a kindergarten teacher at the Glebe Presbyterian Church. The youngest daughter Vera Dunedin Armstrong, 11 was still at school. They also had two sons William Victor Armstrong, 18 and Alexander Roy Armstrong, 16.

William Armstrong and Sarah Shakespear were married Dubbo in 1888 and moved to Warren, where he was a storekeeper. In 1895, their house and store burnt down. *So sudden was the fire that Mr Armstrong, living on the premises adjoining Hill's, where the fire is alleged to have commenced, barely escaped with his family, and was unable to save a single article (SMH 9 Feb 1895)*. The family moved to New Zealand, where their youngest child was born in 1900 but later returned to NSW.

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Both sons enlisted in WW1. William Victor Armstrong, an accountant, enlisted on 7 July 1915. He was described as 5'7¾" tall, with blue eyes and fair hair. He had belonged to the cadets and rifle club at school. He served in Egypt and France with the 56<sup>th</sup> infantry and was promoted to Lance Corporal.

The army wrote to his father at 12 Eglinton Rd on 16 October 1916 notifying him that his son had been wounded. The Herald noted *Sergeant W V Armstrong, 23, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W Armstrong, of Glebe Point, has been reported wounded in France on September 28. He was employed by Messrs Allen and Fyfe, public accountants, and was a prominent member of the YMCA, distinguishing himself at football and rowing (SMH 20 Oct 1916).*

He was discharged as medically unfit and returned to Australia in 1917. He later became chairman of Concrete Industries and chairman of Lifesavers Australia. He was president of the NSW Lawn Tennis Association, stepping down in 1936.

Their younger son, Alexander Roy Armstrong, a surveyor, enlisted in October 1918. By then the Armstrong family had moved to Strathfield. Alexander, who had served in the militia, was 5'8" tall with fair skin and light brown hair.

The Armstrongs worshipped at the Presbyterian Church in Glebe.

The family returned to Glebe in 1930 for the funeral service of their daughter. *Miss Edna A Armstrong, sub-matron of the Western Suburbs Hospital, died at her home, Nancy-street, North Bondi, on Sunday last, after a short illness. A service was held on Tuesday at the Glebe Presbyterian Church, Bridge-road, where Miss Armstrong taught in the kindergarten prior to entering the nursing profession. The Rev J H King, a life-long friend of the family, officiated at the service and at the graveside in the Rookwood Cemetery (SMH 2 Oct 1930).*



### Thomas Dawson Dibley 1919-24

Thomas Dawson Dibley, 38, is listed in Sands Directory in 1919 and on electoral rolls in 1922-25 with his wife Elizabeth Dibley, 43 home duties. Their only child a son also named Thomas Dawson Dibley, was nine when they moved into Eglinton Road.

Thomas was listed on electoral rolls in 1905-08 as a draper in Woolloongabba Queensland. His father had represented the area in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

By 1913, Thomas Dawson Dibley had moved to Sydney and lived in Bridge Road Glebe.

In 1923 he planned to move to the eastern suburbs and advertised *Wanted, Home Site, any Eastern Sub any price. Pars 12 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 26 July 1923)*. In 1924 he called for *Tenders Erection of brick cottage Rose Bay. Mr T Dibley, 12 Eglinton road, Glebe (SMH 10 Dec 1924)*.

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### Garlick family 1928-30

Richard John Garlick, 39, a machinist and his wife Elizabeth Blanche Garlick, home duties, are listed on the electoral rolls in 1928-30. They were married in 1924. Richard had been apprenticed as a joiner machinist to Hudsons in 1908. He enlisted in the AIF in 1915, described as 5'5" with blue eyes and brown hair and Anglican. He served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance in France. He is 2nd from left in the photo taken in 1917 at Mennin Gate, Ypres. He returned to Australia in 1919.



### Ada May Stanley and her children 1932-34

Ada May Stanley, 43, home duties is recorded on electoral rolls in 1932-4 with her sons, George Sydney Stanley and Thomas Richard Stanley, both mail officers and John Ronald Stanley, a labourer. Her daughters Gladys, Mavis and Beryl also still lived at home.

Two of Ada's sons served in the army in WW2. Thomas was a private in the AIF in 1943-6. John Ronald Stanley, whose occupation was described as grading welding rods, enlisted in 1940 (photo at right).

John Ronald Stanley was reported missing in action in Malaya in 1942. He was taken prisoner of war and transferred to Sandakan in 1943. He died of malaria on 25 May 1945 at Ranau jungle camp.



George Sydney Stanley, the oldest of the family, was later elected as an alderman on Glebe Council. *Alderman G S Stanley (Lang Lab.) yesterday urged the city council health committee to arrange for time on commercial radio programmes for civic pride talks and slogans (SMH 30 Aug 1949).*

He stood as independent with his brother Thomas in 1950. *Only in Glebe ward is Labour meeting real opposition. Alderman G S Stanley, who was successful in the last election as a Lang Labour candidate, and who is now standing as an Independent, and his brother T R Stanley, are confident of "beating the Labour machine" (SMH 30 Nov 1950).*

In 1953 he rejoined Lang Labour, but was not elected. *Lang Labour Party would nominate a team of "civic clean-skins" for the City Council elections, Mr J T Lang said last night. The candidates would be Mr G S Stanley for Glebe... the Lang Labour Party was nominating a team to stop Communists and clean up the council (SMH18 Nov 1953).*

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### Bennett and Bedwell families 1936-58

Clarence Bennett, 49, a painter and his wife Lillie Elizabeth, 47, home duties are listed on electoral rolls from 1936. Clarence Bennett had lived with his parents at 18 Eglinton Road Glebe in 1909. He married Lillie Elizabeth Smaridge in 1910 in Glebe.

Their daughter Ruby Bessie Bennett married Claude Norman Bedwell in 1938. Claude listed Eglinton Road as his address in 1937 when he advertised *Wanted Mixed Business with decent residence. Will go to £300 cash. C. Bedwell, 12 Eglinton road Glebe Point (SMH 29 July 1937)*. Ruby and Claude lived for a time in Campsie after they were married. Their son Kenneth was born *January 4 at Buxton private hospital Glebe to Mr and Mrs C N Bedwell - a son (SMH 6 Jan 1941)*. A twin was stillborn.

Claude enlisted in the RAAF on 24 March 1942 and Ruby moved back to live with her parents in Eglinton Road. Claude was discharged on 29 November 1945 and returned to live with Ruby in Eglinton Road. Their son John Bedwell and Ruby's father Clarence Bennett both died in 1945.

Claude and Ruby wanted to move away from Glebe and advertised *Wanted by ex Serviceman, Furn or Unfurn Flat or Cottage. C Bedwell 12 Eglinton rd (SMH 9 Jan 1946)*. They continued to search for somewhere else to live. *Taxi Driver requires urgently furnished unfurnished Cottage Flat Rooms, suit 3, 12 Eglinton road Glebe (SMH 4 Dec 1946)*. Post war accommodation, however, was difficult to find.

Claude resumed work as a taxi driver and advertised *Wanted 1933-37 Chev, Baby Ford, Morris; or similar, to £140 12 Eglinton rd Glebe (SMH 3 Apr 1946)*.

In 1952 Lillie Bennett married her next door neighbour, Daniel Ragen. They decided to move out and advertised *Elderly Couple req Flat or Rooms 12 Eglinton rd Glebe Point (SMH 28 May 1952)*. They moved to Rozelle, leaving the house in Eglinton Road to Ruby and her family.

Council rate books show Isla Jean Fowler brought 12 Eglinton Road in 1952 for £3,200. The house continued as a rental property and Ruby and Claude Bedwell are listed on electoral rolls until 1958.

By the time Ruby and Claude Bedwell moved to Wentworthville in 1958 with their children, Kenneth and Fay Lillie Bennett, Ruby's family had held the lease on 12 Eglinton Road for 25 years.

### Costa family 1960-74

Guiseppe Costa, a labourer and Bortalina Cosa, a housewife are listed on the electoral rolls in 1960. Ferdinando Costa also appears on the electoral rolls from 1963-74. The Costa family were Italian and related to the Scappatura family who lived at number 28.

They took in boarders. Raymond John Maisey, a driver, appears on the electoral roll in 1973 and Christopher John Watkins, an electrician, in 1975.

### Rodney John and Lesley Joy Hammett 1976

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Rodney John Hammett, a civil engineer and his wife Lesley Joy Hammett, a teacher, are listed on electoral rolls in 1976.

### **Dianne Trethewey 1986-2001**

Dianne Beryl Trethewey is listed on electoral rolls in 1988 -2001. She had moved in by 1986, when she submitted a development application.

She moved away from Glebe in 2002 but kept the house as a rental property.

### **Rental property 2002-08**

The house was rented out in 2002-08. In 2006, it was advertised at \$550 a week. Amongst those who lived there were Jodie Younse, Yvonne Jane Moxham and Nicholas Tsirimokos.

The house was sold in 2008.

### **Sources**

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Photo of John Ronald Stanley <http://cas.awm.gov.au/item/P02467.707>

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