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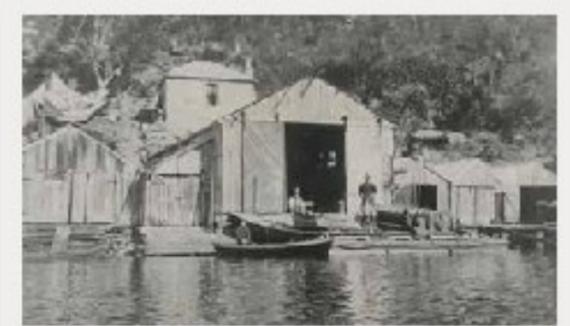
Charlotte Harnett (Chatty), 1850s



'Chislehurst', 24 Centennial Avenue, Chatswood West, 1913



Jim Scully Jr, Billy Baldry and Bill Scully at Scotts Quarry, n.d.



Horsley's boat shed Sugarloaf Bay, Middle Harbour, c. 1900s



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Get to know some of the people who helped form Willoughby.

As Sydney expanded, many entrepreneurs settled here with their families to make a go of life. The bush was slowly cleared to make way for orchards, industry and housing.

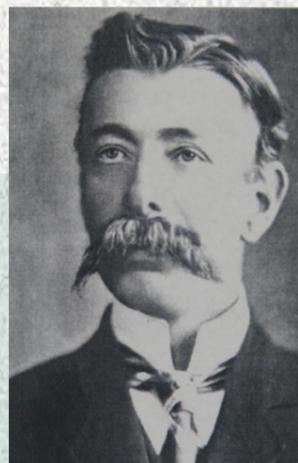
Many more notable people have contributed to Willoughby and helped the community develop and evolve. Their lives can be discovered in the library's picture collection, artefacts and histories.

MASHMAN BROTHERS

William, Henry and John Mashman were trained in the Doulton Pottery of England. They came to Sydney in 1883 and formed a pottery partnership with James Sandison in 1885 at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Jacques Street, Chatswood. Later, other members of the family, also trained potters, came to Sydney. In 1892 they bought out Sandison and registered this pottery as Mashman Brothers. A new factory with new machinery was built in 1927. In 1957, descendants of the original family entered into a partnership with Royal Doulton Co.: Doulton-Mashman P/L. In 1959 Doulton bought out the business completely.



Mashman pottery.



William, Henry and John Mashman (left to right).

REID FAMILY

James Reid came to Willoughby in 1854. He was an orchardist and farmer who, with Mrs Eliza Davey, established the first school in Willoughby. He later transferred some of his land to the school for a nominal fee. He was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of the Municipality of North Willoughby and elected to the first council. He proposed the building of Flat Rock Bridge and was a foundation member for the Congregational Church in Penshurst Street. His grandson, Harold Reid, served on Willoughby Council for 53 years and retired as Town Clerk. He later headed the Senior Citizens' Committee. There is a Harold Reid Foreshore Walking Track at Middle Cove.



James Reid, c. 1860s (above) and Harold J Reid, Town Clerk of Willoughby Council, c. 1965 (below).



LANDERS FAMILY

Norman Landers came to Northbridge in 1929 and became a foundation member, and later secretary of, Northbridge Golf Club. He was actively involved in the Masonic Lodge, World War II Volunteer Defence Corps, Northbridge Progress Association and Northbridge Bowling Club. He was the foundation secretary of the Northbridge Children's Library; renamed the Norman Landers Northbridge Memorial Library in 1957. The volunteer positions that were held by Norman were taken over by his son, Don, when his father died. Don Landers has remained very involved in community organisations such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club and Northbridge Public School. He was Willoughby Citizen of the Year in 2004 and has an impressive knowledge of Northbridge history.



Norman Landers Library, Northbridge, 2000.

MITCHELL FAMILY

Albert George Mitchell was the first headmaster of Northbridge Public School in 1923. He was active in community affairs and a keen photographer. He took many photographs of Northbridge in the 1920s-1930s that eventually made their way to Willoughby City Library, providing an important resource for early Northbridge. His two daughters, Alberta and Nerida, also taught at Northbridge Public School with their father.



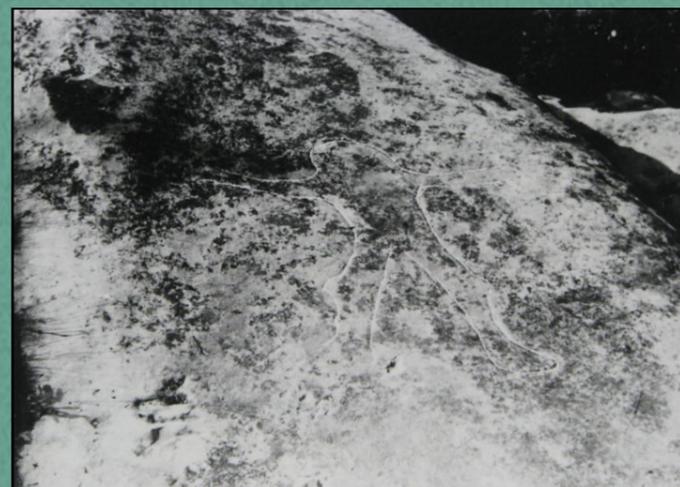
A G Mitchell, headmaster of Northbridge Public School, holding baby, c. 1930s.



St. Mark's Church of England, opening day, 1928 (left) and Ferries at Killarney Wharf, Middle Harbour, 1924 (right). Part of the A G Mitchell collection.



Pioneer is often used to describe the first person to explore or settle new country. The first pioneers of the Willoughby area were the Aboriginal people who lived here for thousands of years. The Cammeraygals are recorded as being in Sydney's northern regions for over 5000 years, up until the early 1800s. The Wallumedegals may also have been associated with the area, although our knowledge of exact boundaries is limited. In the 40,000 years Aborigines lived in the Sydney region, these boundaries and the groups who lived here likely changed many times. The areas around Middle Harbour and the Lane Cove River contain valuable remnants of this culture.



Aboriginal carving, Northbridge, n.d.

GORE FAMILY

of Artarmon

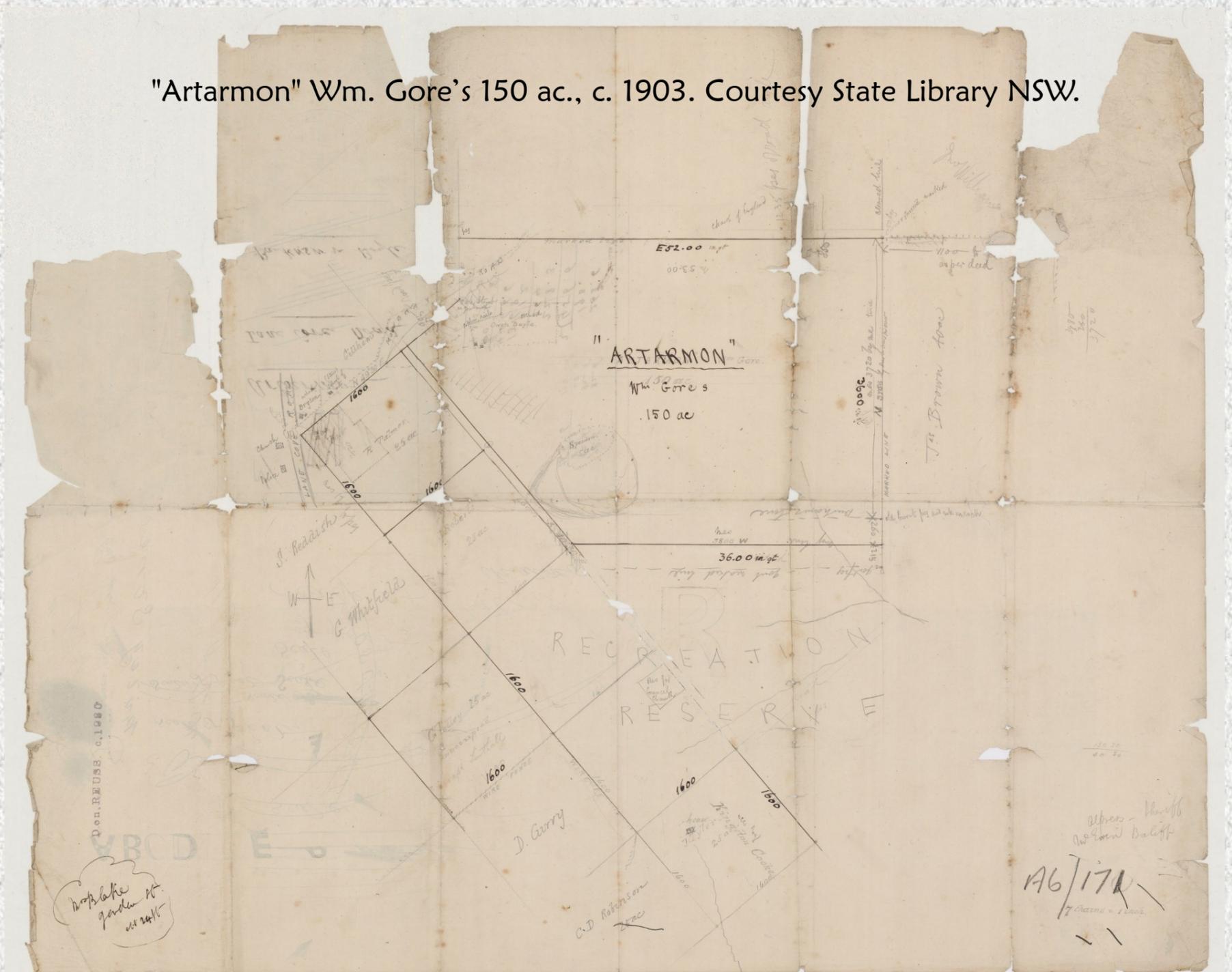
Provost Marshal was originally in charge of military prisoners and commanded the colony's military police.

In 1810, Governor Macquarie granted 150 acres to William Gore. Gore named this land Artarmon.

Gore was the Provost Marshal for New South Wales. He served both Governor William Bligh, and later, Macquarie. Notably, he remained loyal to Governor Bligh during the *Rum Rebellion*, denying the power of the rebel court that tried and imprisoned Gore in 1808.

His life was by no means perfect. He had mortgages, suffered insolvency and had problems with the law.

"Artarmon" Wm. Gore's 150 ac., c. 1903. Courtesy State Library NSW.



In 1808, in the aftermath of the Bligh affair (the Run Rebellion), William Gore was charged with perjury by a rebel court. He considered the court illegal and refused to plead.

PROVOST-MARSHAL GORE* TO GOVERNOR BLIGH. (Bligh Papers)

31 May.

Sir, Cells, Sydney Jail, N.S.W., 31st May, 1808.

Gore tried
for perjury.

He refuses
to plead.

I presume you have already been informed of the additional unprecedented outrage and atrocious violation of the laws of England, that a body of persons styling themselves a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction has perpetrated against the person of a British subject and of a British officer who has the honor of holding a commission under His Majesty's sign manual, by dragging me yesterday from the dungeon in which they have cruelly and illegally immured me since the twenty-first of last March, before them, without the least warning, without a minute's notice, when the infamous Kemp, who acted as Judge-Advocate on the occasion, read an indictment charging me with having committed wilful and corrupt perjury, and asked me, "Are you guilty or not guilty?" "I have a few observations to make; I believe I have them in my hat." "We do not wish you to say anything; we do not wish you to speak: are you guilty or not guilty?" "I deny your jurisdiction." "We are not to be harangued by you, Mr. Gore; we are not come here for you to harangue us." "I will not plead; I deny your jurisdiction." "It is not for you to deny our jurisdiction; I will pass sentence on you if you will not plead." "You are an unlawful assembly, and illegally constituted; the most disgraceful, the most rigorous sentence you can pronounce on me I shall receive as the greatest honor you can confer on me; I shall not acknowledge your authority; I deny your jurisdiction." *Captain Abbott*: "Mr. Gore, you can challenge any member—you can challenge any member." "No, possessing my fealty and my allegiance to my King, I deny your jurisdiction; I will not plead—for you are an unlawful assembly." *Captain Kemp*: "Clear the Court; clear the Court." The Court having been opened again, after a lapse of

* In the seclusion of his prison cell, Gore appears to have devoted most of his time to the composition of lengthy letters to Bligh and the British Government, and to the (apparently) congenial task of reviling the enemy.

about twenty minutes, Kemp said : " We have recorded that you have refused to plead." " I have ; I do." " And we have sentenced you to be transported for seven years." " You have conferred on me the greatest honor you are capable of conferring—the only honor I could receive from such men. Loyalty and treason could not unite ; treason and loyalty could not associate, could not agree." *Kemp* : " Take him away ; take him off ; take him away ; take him away."

1808

31 May.

Gore
sentenced to
seven years.

The preceding is an accurate statement of the iniquitous proceedings of yesterday. They certainly afford the most unanswerable comment on the enormities our despots commit, under the influence of desperation and the hope and expectation of future immunity and pardon, and the best refutation of the calumnies and false accusations with which they have assailed and uniformly endeavoured to circumvent and destroy my character. Since my arrival in this country, I trust, sir, that as far as it was in my power I have done my duty—that I have acquitted myself as a faithful servant of the Crown and as a loyal and firm officer. Be assured, sir, that the personal danger I encounter and the sacrifice of my liberty are but minor considerations in my breast. My life I would willingly risk in the maintenance of the dignity and authority of my venerated Sovereign and of his virtuous and much injured representative. Favor and respect from such men as my debased persecutors are would, believe me, be considered by me as my greatest dishonor. As it is whispered to me that I may be taken by surprize to-morrow morning and sent to the Coal River, from which it would appear that these fellows are desirous of preventing me from going to England, for the reasons I have heretofore mentioned, pardon my entreating you to state to His Majesty's Ministers the unhappy condition of my poor family—the forlorn, the unmerited, and the miserable situation to which my dear and amiable wife, and my tender, my darling infants, are reduced by the veriest miscreants in existence, surely cannot fail to interest His Majesty's Ministers in their behalf, particularly as I am apprehensive, with great reason, that an attempt may be made on my life. To you, sir, as their advocate, and to the justice and magnanimity of His Majesty's Ministers, I commit them in the hour of the most unheard-of calamities and oppressions. I fondly flatter myself that our great and beneficent King would (if I was to lose my life through the villainy of our enemies), upon a proper representation, consider them worthy and deserving his Royal protection and consideration.

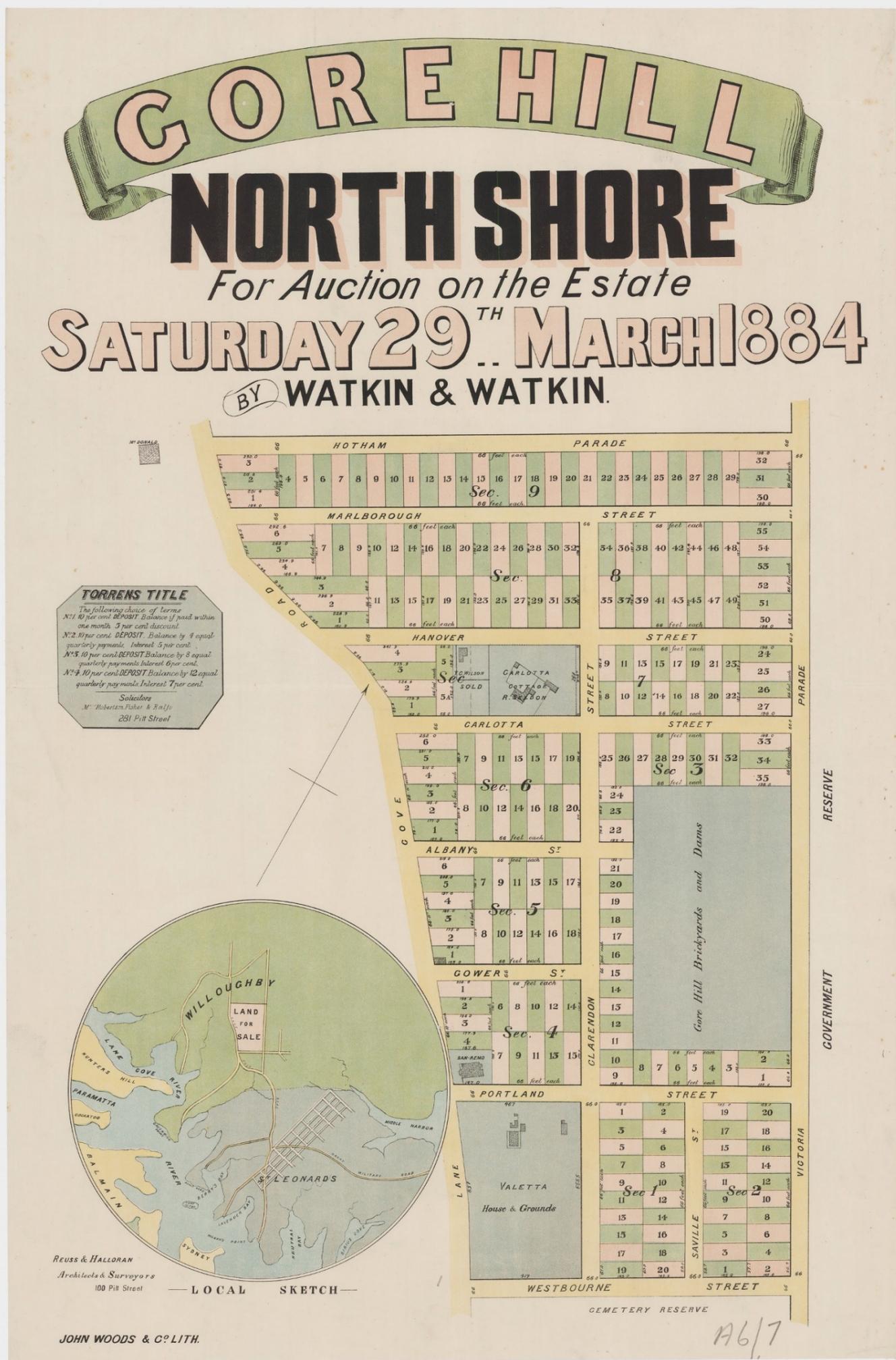
Gore and
the officers.Professions
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welfare of
his family.

Should I not have an opportunity of having the honor and satisfaction of a personal interview with you before your departure from this ill-fated country, I now, sir, take my leave of you, and beg your acceptance of my sincerest thanks and acknowledgments for the great kindness and attention you have evinced towards my family

He takes
leave of
Bligh.

GORE

Gore's daughter, Charlotte, named her share of the Artarmon Estate *Gore Hill*.



Gore Hill Estate Subdivision Plan, 1884. Courtesy State Library NSW.

Charlotte's son, John Henry Ogilvie Gore Power French was Mayor of Willoughby in 1872.



He died in his Gore Hill residence on 8 October 1875 from a self-inflicted pistol wound. He was 39 years old.

The **HAMMOND FAMILY** were successful butchers along the North Shore.

Joseph and Emily Hammond married in 1867. As well as owning a butcher shop in Chatswood, Joseph leased a large block of land where Beauchamp Park now sits, most likely to use as a slaughter yard and residence. Tragically, in 1873 their infant son drowned in a nearby dam.

Sometime after 1878 the Hammonds moved their family to a butcher shop and home on the corner of Moriarty Road and what is now the Pacific Highway in Chatswood.

In the 1880s their business thrived and Joseph and Emily bought more land around Chatswood and Willoughby.



Hammond butcher shop, Chatswood, c. 1910.

Opened in 1868, corner of Lane Cove Road (Pacific Highway) and Moriarty Road. Miss Middlemass & Ruby Hammond on verandah. George & Len Hammond in butcher's aprons. Sign on front: J. Hammond Butcher, Est. 1868.

BALDRY FAMILY



Baldry family, Victoria Avenue, Chatswood, c. 1880s.

The Baldry family cleared and stumped Victoria Avenue in the 1880s and made their living by cutting and selling timber.

“They derived a good living in the carriage of firewood to North Sydney and Sydney”

The Sydney Mail, 22 Jan 1930.



Baldry family,
outside timber
cottage,
c. 1900.

BALDRY

1892 | The patriarch of the family, Abel Baldry, died suddenly without leaving a will. Family members quarrelled over the estate.

March
1893 | The Probate Court granted the right to administer the estate to George Baldry (the eldest son) and the Perpetual Trustee Company of NSW Ltd.

Nov
1893 | Baldry Street was built down the middle of Abel's eight acres and the land subdivided into residential blocks.

1890s | A Depression meant land values were low and sales were slow.

SUBDIVISION OF **BALDRYS ESTATE**

CHATSWOOD.

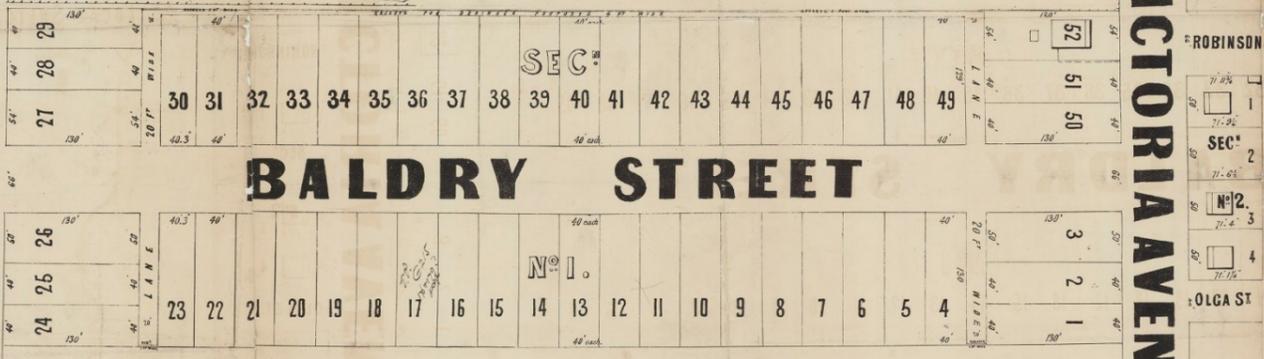
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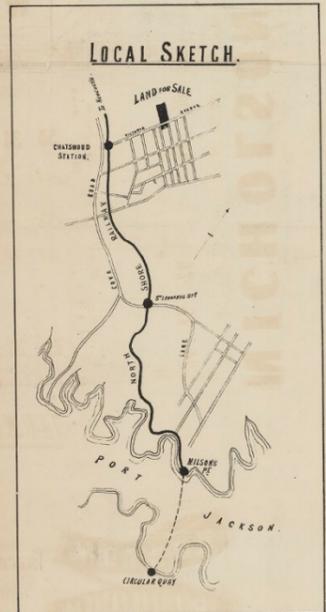
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Steamer Fares between Milsons Pt. & Circular Quay
Single fares 1st £0.16.0 per Quarter Ladies £0.10.0 per Quarter.

*Chatswood is 350 Feet above Sea Level.
Chatswood is in the Municipality of Willoughby.
Chatswood is supplied with City Water. &
Gas is in the Borough.
Chatswood is the nearest Highland Suburb to Sydney.
Chatswood is the place for Business People.
Chatswood is the place for People of small means.
Chatswood the Petersham of North Shore will have a
special Service of Trains.*



Baldrys Estate Subdivision Plan, 1913. Courtesy State Library NSW.



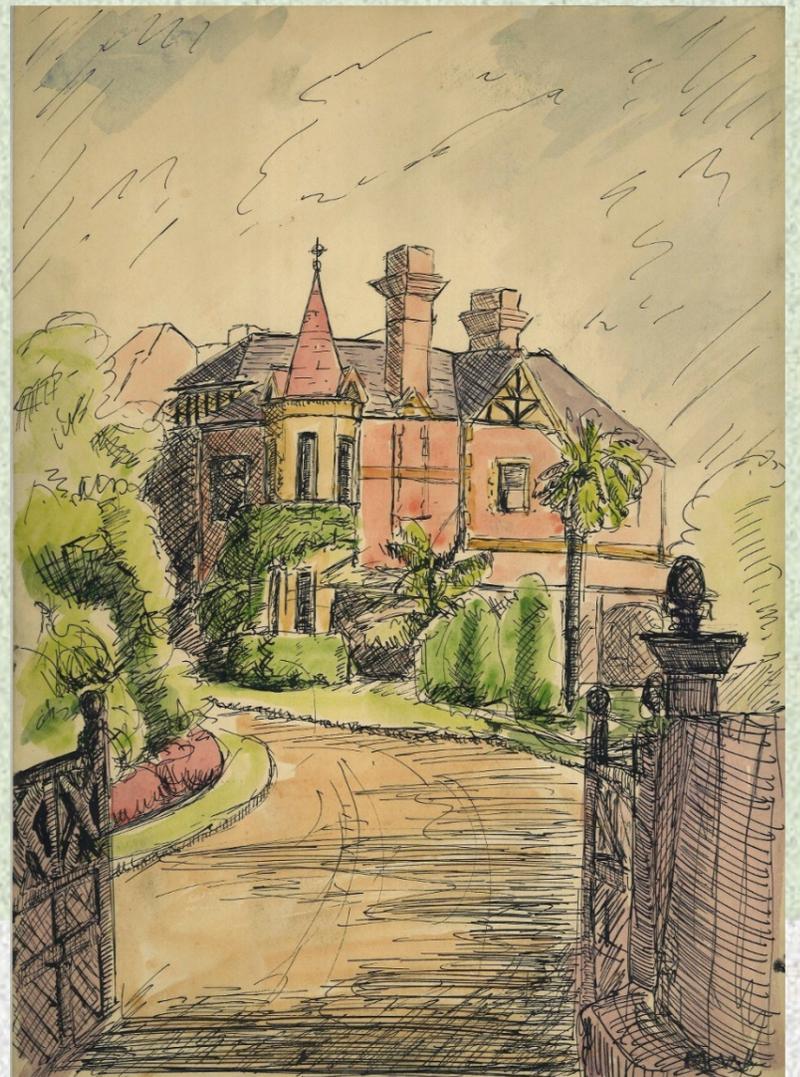
Baldry's stumping and clearing,
Victoria Ave, Chatswood, 1850.



“Chislehurst”, 24 Centennial Avenue, Chatswood West, 1913.

HORDERN FAMILY of “Chislehurst”

Originally called Moorombah, this two storeyed brick house was built on 14 acres by J V Lamb in 1892. Edward Carr Hordern, a member of the Hordern retail dynasty, purchased the property in 1906 and renamed it “Chislehurst” after his wife’s birthplace. Demolished in 1956, the land is now the site of Chatswood High School.



Hordern Home, Centennial Ave, Chatswood, c. 1956.

Hordern Family wedding, c. 1910.



Verandah, 'Chislehurst', 1913.



Drawing room, 'Chislehurst', 1913.

GLEN VIEW ESTATE CHATSWOOD

A choice position at

52 BUILDING SITES

AUCTION SALE
ON THE GROUND

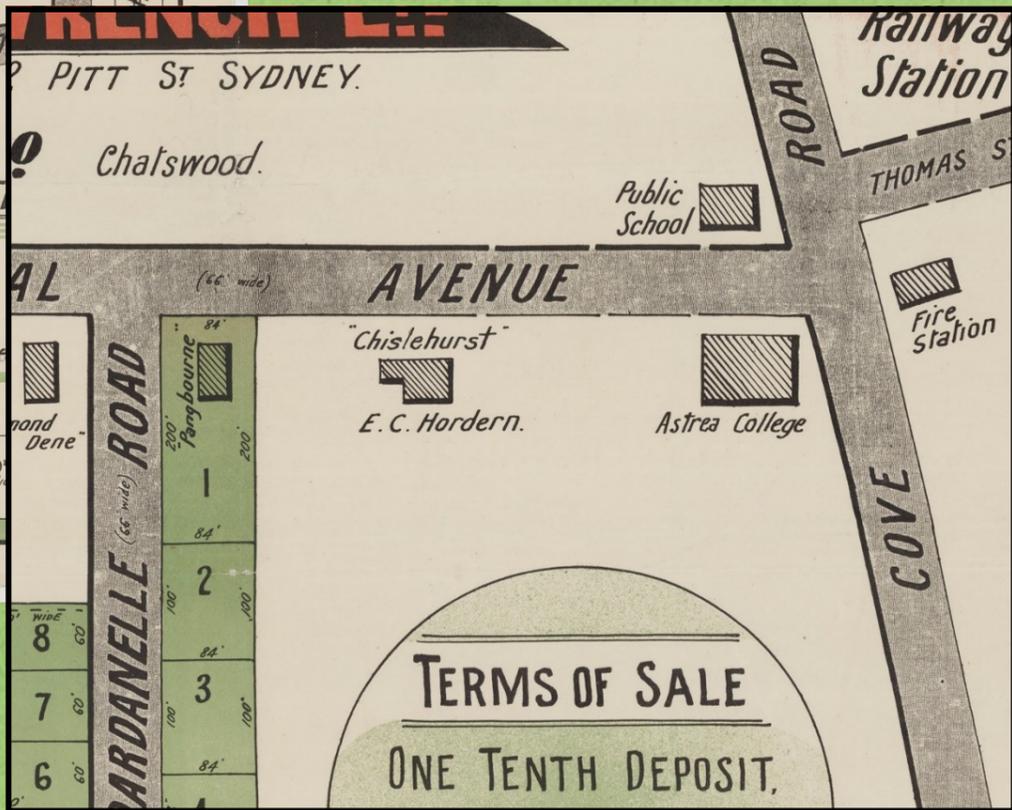
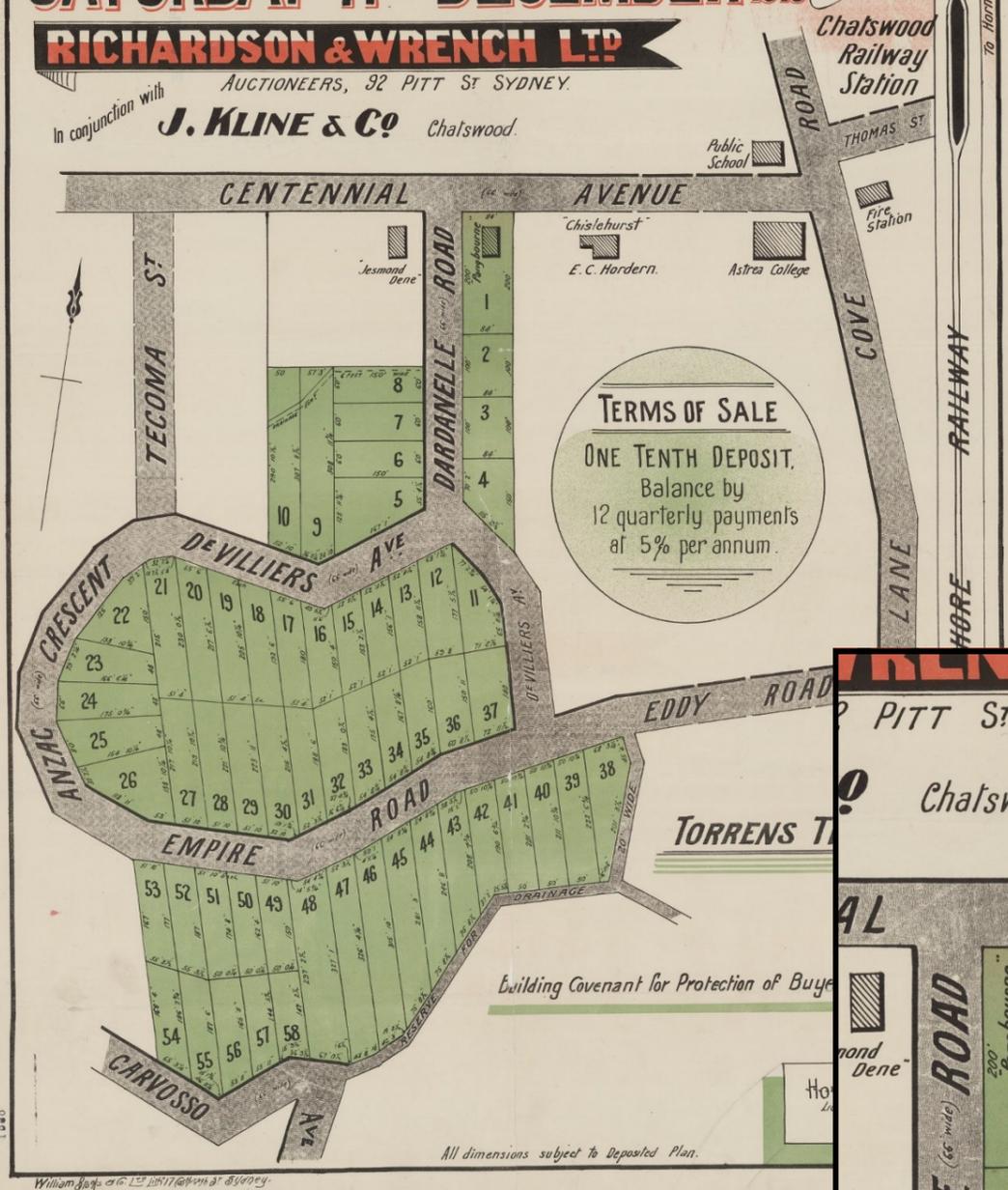
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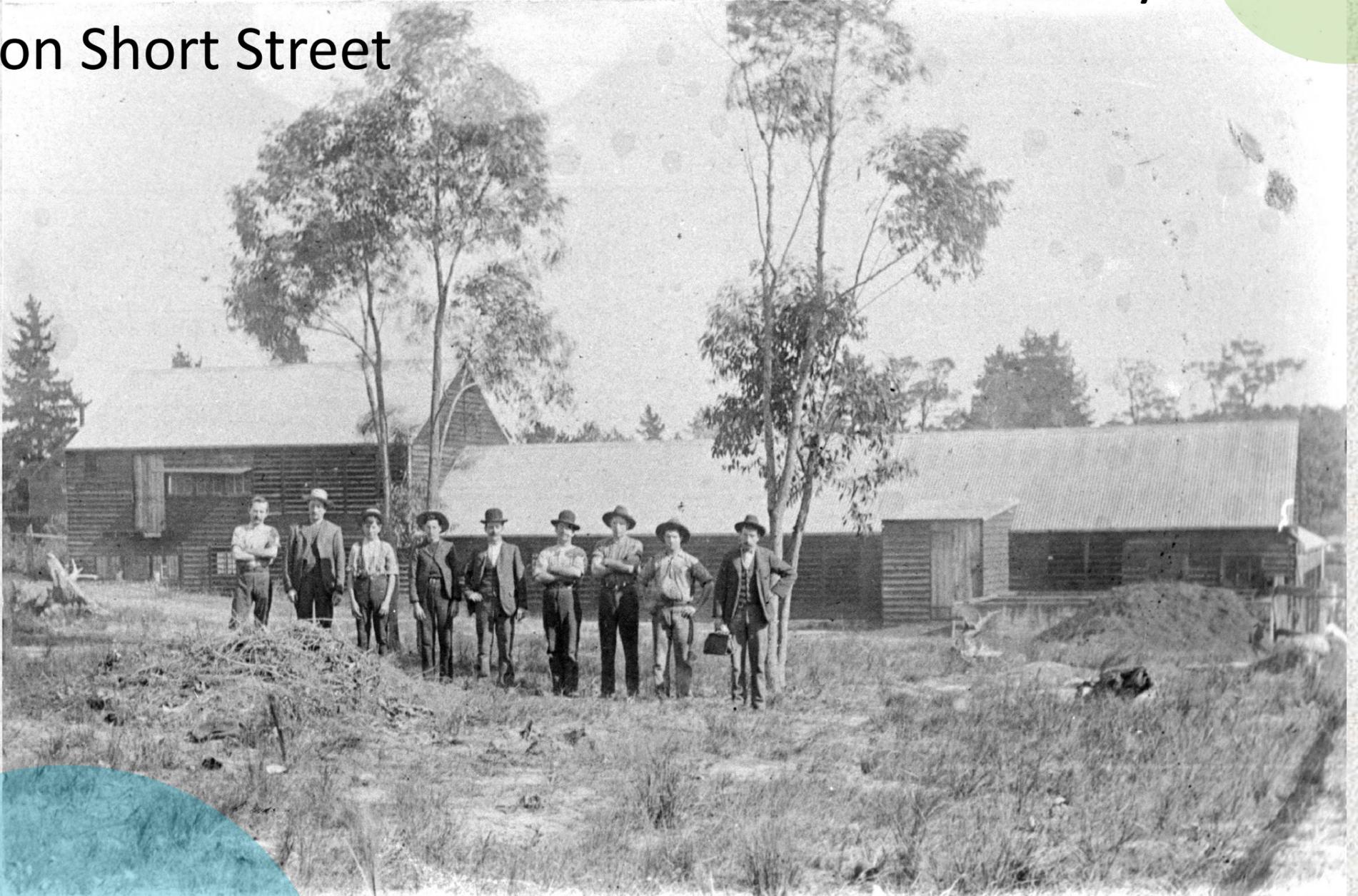
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Glen View Estate Subdivision Plan, 1915.
Courtesy State Library NSW.

“Hordern Bros, of Pitt Street, Sydney, owned a fine estate bounded by Centennial Avenue, Dardanelles Road, Eddy Road and De Villiers Avenue. A large part of their property was a thickly wooded bluegum forest with a freshwater creek banked with wattles, willows and clumps of bamboo. We used to cross the creek for a short cut to Chatswood shops and school. The “Hordern’s Paddock”, as it was called by the locals, with its gracious home and gardens, was the pride of the neighbourhood for years.”

M McDonald (1992). “Sixty years holds a place in memory” in *The Good Old Days* (ed. V Phillips), p. 17.

The **HORSLEY FAMILY** ran a tannery on Short Street



Horsley's Tannery and staff, Willoughby, 1900s.

They also grew fruit

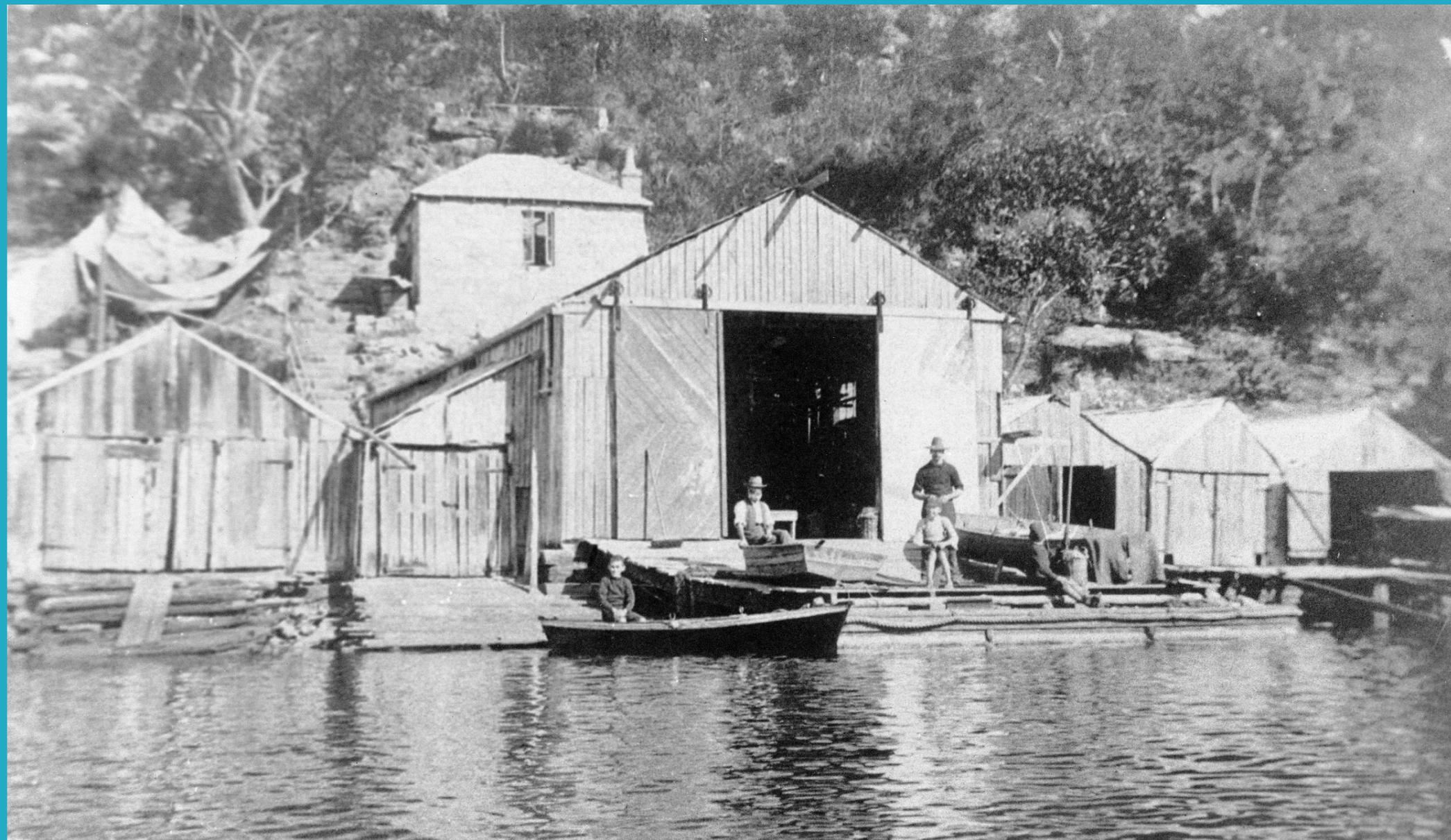
“The Horsley orchards were opposite where Forsyth's place is now. That orchard ran right along from Crabbes Avenue.....down to Forsyth Street and then down to High Street... There was no Horsley Avenue in those days. It was called after the family...

They grew mostly plums and pears and peaches...

The old chap, old Horsley, the old grandfather, he used to drive a cart with a horse. I remember a big grey horse. He used to drive from there all the way into the city markets. I remember the old fellow standing up in the cart.

J R Crimmings, Oral history transcript, n.d., p. 23.

Alfred Horsley was a boat builder



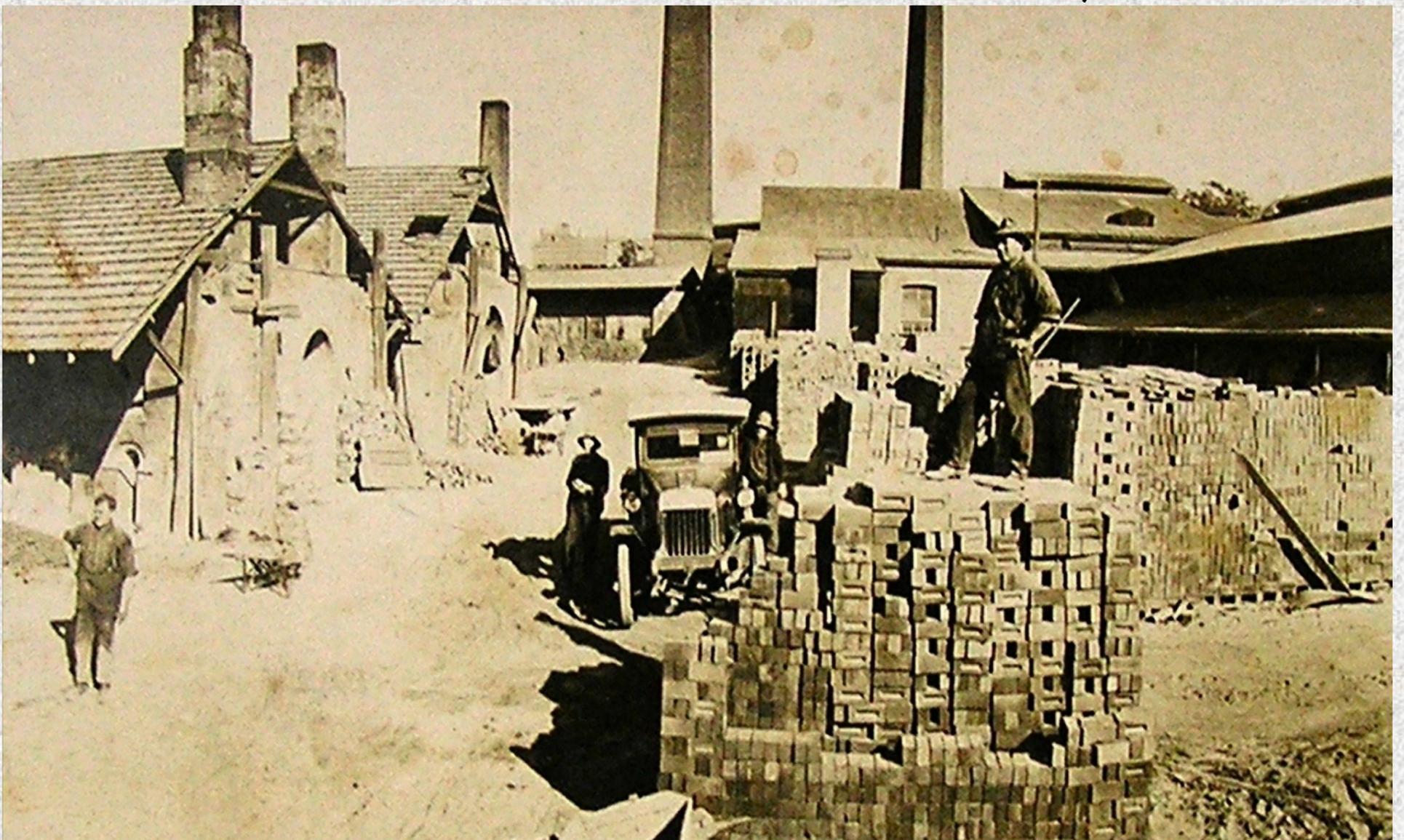
Horsley's boat
shed Sugarloaf
Bay, Middle
Harbour,
c. 1900.



The **BUTCHER**
FAMILY owned
Butcher Bros.
Brickworks in
Artarmon



Butcher family, n.d.



Butcher Bros. Brickworks, Artarmon, c. 1920s. Showing brickyards, car parked in centre. Stacks of bricks in foreground and chimneys in background.

“Our grandfather, Charles Butcher, he lost his right hand when he was blasting down in the pit”

Beryl Ross (nee Butcher), Oral history transcript, 2006, p. 2.



Cricket team, including members of the Butcher family, probably Artarmon/Willoughby area, c. 1900s.



BUTCHER

“ I started off in the Pit for six months when I was eighteen, then machine driving. Then they gave me a job at setting in the doors kilns. In the Pit, I was just getting the stuff that made the bricks with a pick and shovel and putting it into the skip. It was a very hard job. From the big machine drive, the bricks would come out and we had to do ten thousand a day.

Keith Cheyney, Oral history transcript, 2006, p. 2.

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Keith Cheyney worked at the brickworks when he was young. He was the grandson of Pearl Butcher, Charles Butcher's daughter.



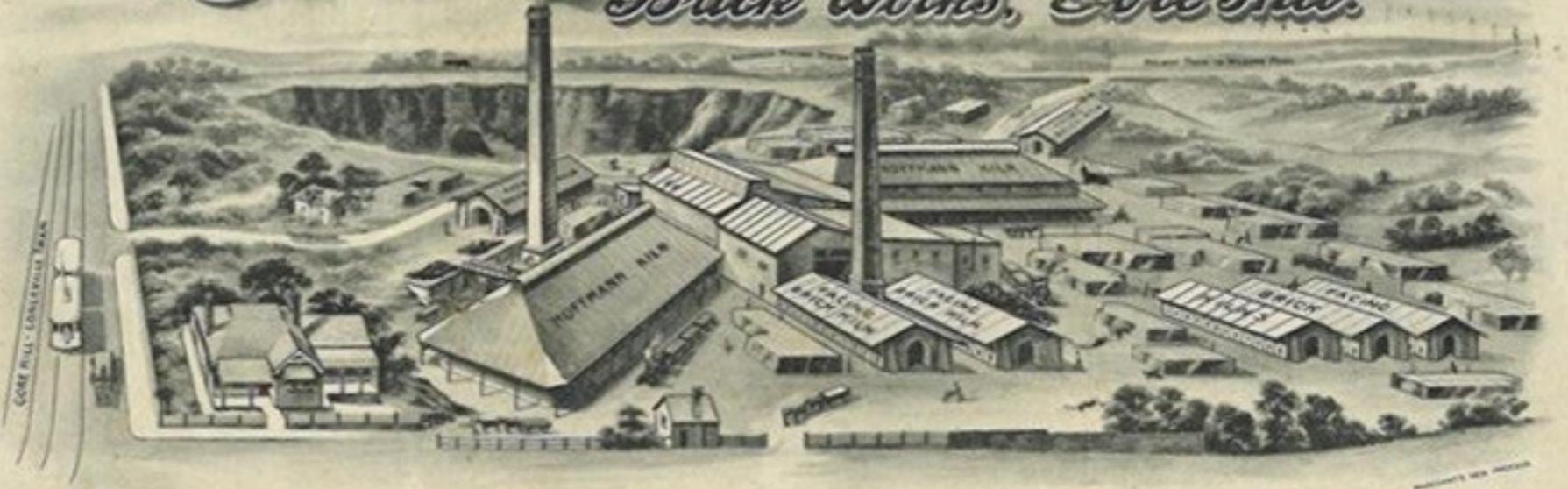
Workers at the Butcher Bros Brickworks, Artarmon, c. 1920s.

TELEPHONE
CHATSWOOD 198

BUTCHER BROS & CO^{LD}

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Brick Works, Gore Hill.



To whom it may concern.

The bearer Mr Harold Reginald Butcher has been in our employ as a motor driver & carrier for some considerable time, he is a very competent man, he can do all his running repairs & is a good reliable mechanic, having had experience with trucks of all kinds & makes, & been driving & repairing cars & motor cycles for the past 15 years.

To anyone requiring the services of such a man they cannot do wrong in giving him a trial, he is an absolute teetotaler & we feel sure that he would fit the necessary position if opportunity avails itself.

We wish him every success.

Yours Truly,
BUTCHER BROS & CO LTD.

Per *H. Butcher* Manager.

Character reference from Butcher Bros Brickworks.



R. H. HARNETT,
1871.

Richard Hayes **HARNETT**

was an entrepreneur in the North Shore. He started the first ferry service that ran to Mosman and controlled two lines of omnibuses running in the district.

He was a landowner in Willoughby and a real estate developer, with his partner Sir Alexander Stuart.

He served as Mayor of Willoughby in 1870.



Richard Harnett, and (likely) wife Charlotte in horse-drawn buggy, n.d.

Charlotte Harnett
(Chattie) was
Harnett's younger,
second wife.



Charlotte Harnett ("Chattie"), 1850s.

Chattie loved to wander in a wood close by their property. This was nicknamed *Chattie's Wood* and Harnett's estate became "Chatswood".

In 1879 a clerk of the Municipal Council of North Willoughby suggested that the new post office be named Chatswood.

Letter from Jaques Anderson, Council Clerk of the Municipality of North Willoughby to Mr Lambton, Secretary of the General Post Office, April 1879.

Note in the bottom left corner "This name will suit, I think."

Municipal Council North Willoughby
S. H. Lambton Esq. 7th April 1879
Secretary General Post Office.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 79/B1162 informing this Council that it was decided to establish a Post office at Sanday's Lane Cove Road, in this Borough, and asking the Council to suggest a more suitable name than either Sanday's or North Willoughby.

I am requested to state that the Council beg leave to suggest the name of "Chatswood" that being the name of the property on which the greatest amount of improvements are being made in the immediate vicinity of the new Post office.

I am

Sir

Your obedient Servant

This name will
suit, I think
M.C.

Jaques Anderson
Council Clerk

9.4.79

"Sir, with reference to your letter no. 79/B1162 informing this Council that it was decided to establish a Post office at Sanday's Lane Cove Road, in this Borough, and asking the Council to suggest a more suitable name than either Sanday's or North Willoughby.

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Chattie's Wood

'Twas an old respected settler,
in the unrespected days
Who had land along the North Shore,
and we say his name was Hayes
And he came here as a young man,
when there was great work to do,
And his young wife's name was Chattie
(and no doubt she chatted too).

'Twas a small place in the country
—where he went to be carefree
Out beyond the pleasant suburb
they now call Willoughby
And a little wood was on it,
and the trees were tall and good
And his young wife used to dream there,
so they called it Chattie's Wood.

“Chattie's Wood” has long since gone,
And shops are standing in a row
Where the young wife went a dreaming
In the days of long ago;

Now the pretty name was altered
Doesn't matter, anyhow;
But the wife is still remembered,
As they call it Chatswood now.





James Scully transporting goods by wagon,
Mowbray Road, Chatswood, 1914.

THE SCULLY FAMILY

James Scully rented a house from G A Baldry in Macquarie Street, Chatswood before moving to “Hillside”, a brick cottage on Victoria Avenue, in 1908. He was a carter who likely ran his business out of the back of Hilltop House.



Scully child on a swing, Macmahon Street, Willoughby, 1925.

This photograph was taken at the rear of 5 Macmahon Street, Willoughby. The Scullys owned land at 7, 9 & 11 Macmahon Street in the 1900s.

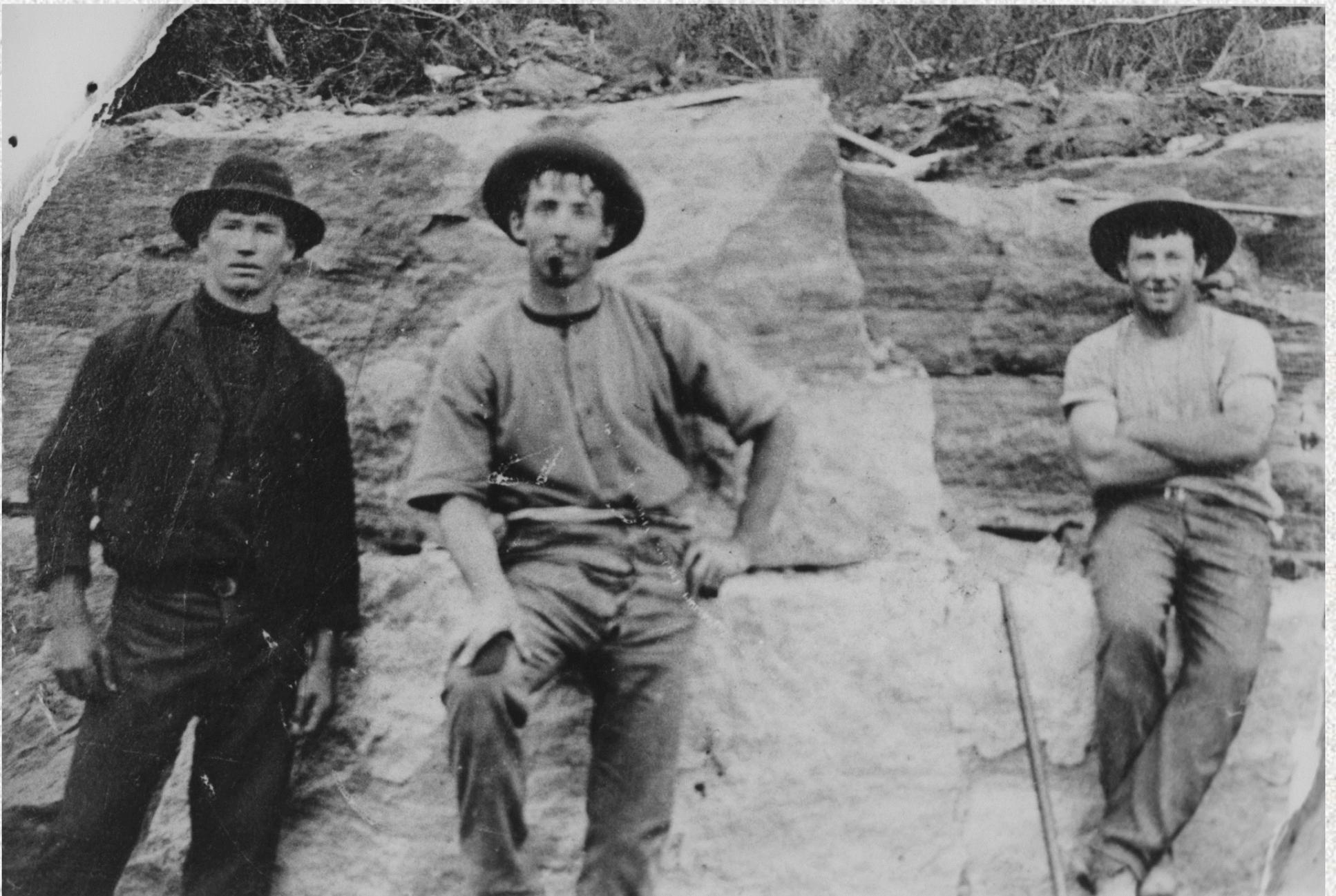
Nellie Scully, 1927.

Nellie Scully, age 18 in this photograph, was the daughter of Joseph and Olive Scully.



SCULLY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD SCULLY and FAMILY, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SCULLY and FAMILY, Mr. and Mrs. McKAY, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES SCULLY, Mr. and Mrs. OWEN SCULLY, Mr. and Mrs. E. STEVENS, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SCULLY, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK SNOW, of Rose Bay, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, James Cornelius Scully; to leave Wood Coffill's Mortuary Chapel, Brown-street and Orchard-road, Chatswood, opposite Railway Station, THIS SATURDAY, at 3.30 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Northern Suburbs. Motor Funeral.
WOOD COFFILL LIMITED,
Motor Funeral Directors.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 4 Jan 1930, p. 13.



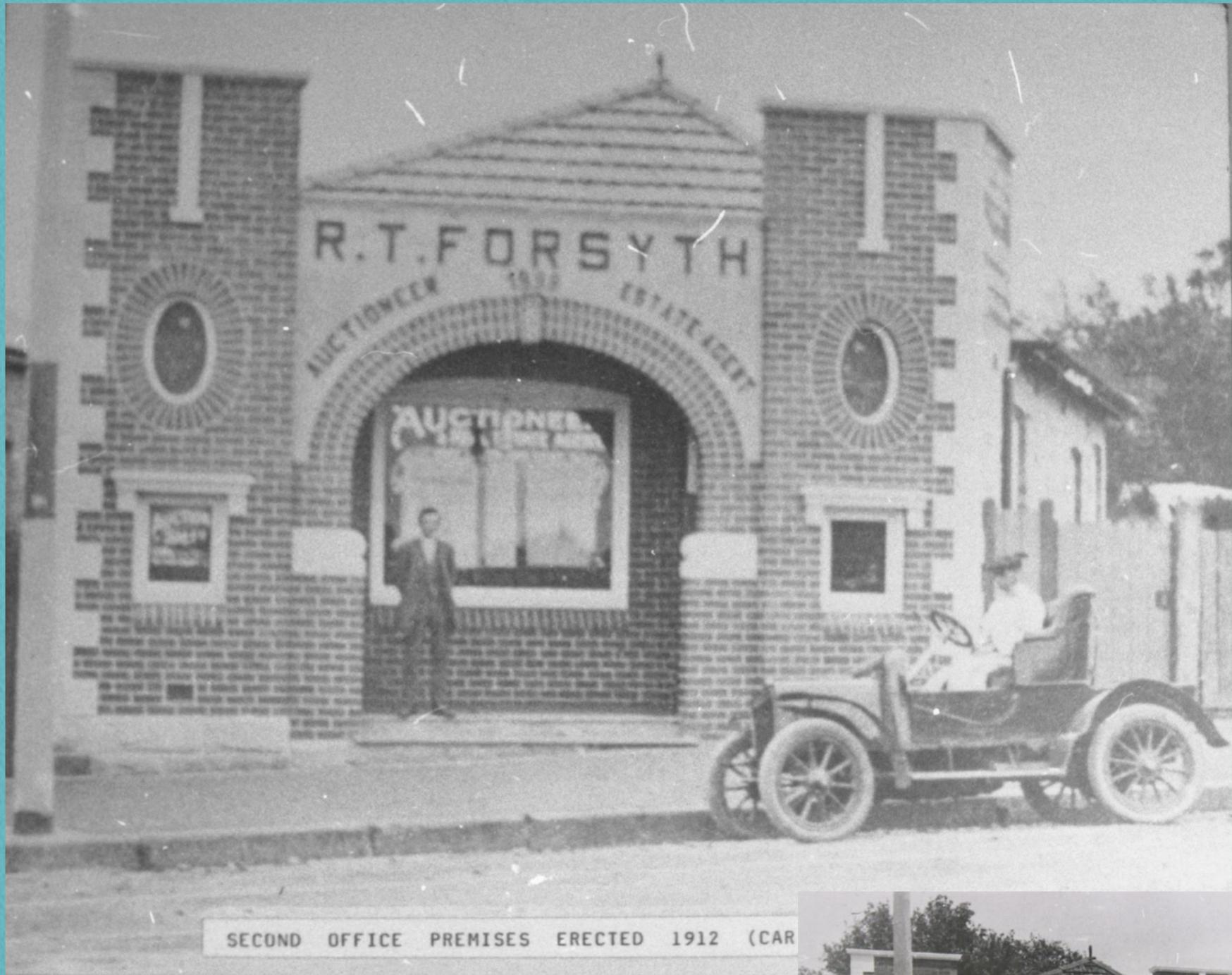
Scully family members at Scotts Quarry, n.d.

These blokes are James (Jim) Cornelius Scully Jnr, Billy Baldry (son of George Abel Baldry) and Bill Scully [left to right].



Hand drawn map courtesy of Kevin (Barney) Flanagan, as part of an oral history interview, 2015.

FORSYTH



R T Forsyth Real Estate, 236 Penshurst Street, Willoughby, c. 1912 (above) and 1955 (right).



“ We lived in an old house, semi-detached, alongside where Forsyth’s estate agent is. I bought my first property off Mr R T Forsyth who was the Mayor of Willoughby for many years. He was mayor and there was a crowd of people at the time: there was F C Petrie, a solicitor, and Knight Smith, the original lessee of the Willoughby Hotel. ”

J R Crimmings, Oral history transcript, n.d., pp. 1-2.

NORTHBRIDGE

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R. T. Forsyth
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 236 Penshurst St.
WILLOUGHBY

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 10% Deposit - Balance by 12 quarterly payments: Interest at 6% - Right to pay off.

TORRENS TITLE
 Building Covenant.

Howards & Rogers
 Licensed Surveyors under R.P.A. 107 NW St. Sydney
 All dimensions etc. are subject to Deposited Plan.

F. Cunninghame & Co. Ltd., Litho, Sydney

Bourmac Subdivision, 29 May 1926. Agent: R T Forsyth.



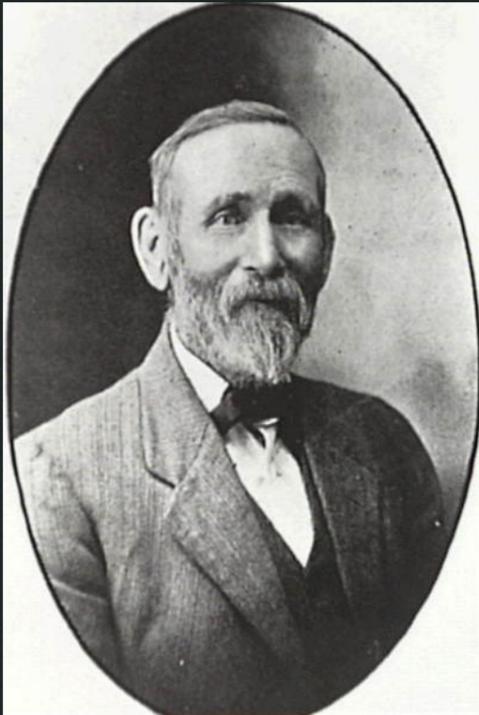
Forsyth family tennis party, early 1900s.



James Forsyth

Mayor 1875 – 1876

A goldminer and later a leather dresser and dyer. He created his own business, J Forsyth & Sons, and started the first tannery in Willoughby in 1869.



Thomas Todd Forsyth

Mayor 1882 – 1883; 1887 – 1888; 1893 – 1894

A tanner and son of James Forsyth. He was elected as alderman after his father's retirement. He represented East Ward and then Middle Harbour Ward and was on the committees for sanitary and bath works.



Robert Todd Forsyth

Mayor 1911 – 1912; 1915 – 1919; 1920 – 1921; 1925 – 1927

Robert Todd Forsyth was the seventh son of Thomas Todd and Ann Forsyth and the first to break away from the family's tannery business. He founded a successful estate agency in 1898.

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