Thomas William Finn, from Fitzroy, married Eliza Jane Stock, from Greensborough (1889 - 1980) in 1909.

They lived in a house on the corner of Flintoff St and Para Road. Thomas worked at the Gasworks at Heidelberg and rode his pushbike to work every day. One day he came home and said to Jane (Eliza Jane) that he had a choice of five houses to rent in Heidelberg. Their son John (1909-1999) was under 12 months at the time. The rent was 5 shillings a week and the house they chose was in Yarra St.

Eliza Jane's mother, Harriett Emma Stock (Splatt) ran the boarding house on the corner of Main St and Para Road (Marble Hall). John and his mother would travel from Heidelberg to Greensborough every weekend.

A daughter in law of Harriett Emma Stock, Sadie Stock (married to Henry James Stock) helped her run the boarding house on the corner of Para Rd and Main St. This included the time the bridge was being built (1902). After that Sadie moved to Deer Park and ran a boarding house at ICI Explosives.

John also remembers walking with his mother up the Diamand Creek Road to the Pub (where the petrol station is now). They went to visit their relations who ran it. They were not allowed to enter from the front and had to go around the back to get in.

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