

Some Roddas

*Being a record of the ancestors and descendants of
Nicholas Rodda, 1805 - 1896*



Gwen Rodda

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Dear

At long last the promised Rodda Record.

I feel somewhat nervous as it is distributed and hope that you will find it interesting.

You will notice the large number of descendants of the Australian families. I find it hard to believe that there will not be mistakes somewhere in spite of checking and rechecking. The large number of dates to record using data sent by yourselves, leaves plenty of room for error in typing or interpreting. I apologize for any error of any sort and trust that no one will be offended by a mistake.

Please alter your copy and if you wish let me know so that I can alter the master copy and not perpetuate errors if there is a reprint.

Also use the book as a place to record subsequent data as you have it.

Thank you all for being so trusting, patient and encouraging over this effort which really did start purely as a personal project.

Thank-you for your contribution to the cost,

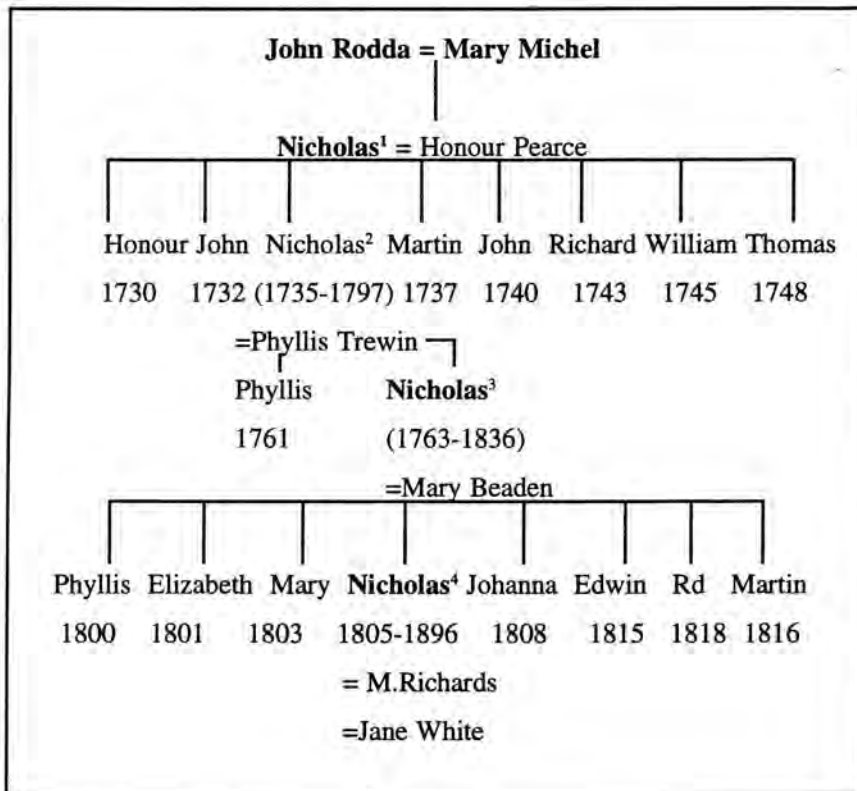
If it is practical to have any sort of Rodda get together I hope you will let me know so that I may have the opportunity of meeting more of the family.

Sincerely

Gwen

The Roddas of Chun Grove

Nicholas Rodda⁴ (1805-1896) and Jane White Rodda



Nicholas was baptised on Christmas Day 1805 at Paul Church. He was the fourth child of Nicholas³. The older children were all girls and another girl followed him. Later there were three boys born but Martin is the only one of whom we have any information. Edwin and Richard probably died as children. According to the will his father had several leasehold property interests and a modest household. These properties were mostly in Mousehole but there were fields and a barn at Paul. Mousehole is, of course, part of Paul Parish.

On 21st February, 1833 Nicholas⁴ married Jane White. The parish register notes that he was a widower. His first wife was probably Mary Johns Richards and of that marriage in 1831, we know nothing. It is recorded

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in the Parish Register. As Nicholas was only twenty-eight when he married Jane the death of his first wife must have been a tragedy.

Jane's father was James White, a Wesleyan Preacher. Her mother was Phyllis, nee Nicholls. The Whites and Nicholls came from Gulval. Jane's brother, Henry White, also came to Australia and of their children two of the cousins were to marry. The Roddas, Whites, and Trewavas were undoubtedly involved in the Wesleyan cause.

More than that we can only guess. With six children born between 1834 and 1844 family life was full. They were most likely involved in the Beaden fishing business as well as caring for the various properties

Nicholas had inherited. Mary Beaden Rodda, Nicholas' mother, was alive and living in Mousehole in the 1841 census. Martin, Nicholas' young brother, was living with her and was described as a fishmonger. Nicholas gave the family name of Beaden to Joseph, his third son. (This has been a great help in confirming our descent).

Why Nicholas decided to come to Australia we do not know. His father, according to his will, left Nicholas reasonably well endowed but the 1940s saw large numbers of people leaving hungry, overpopulated Cornwall.

During those years of the great depression the agriculture of the county failed. Year after year in that decade there were reports in the Newspapers of failed potato and corn crops. Along side these reports were advertisements offering "Free passage to Australia for



'Dancing between Decks'

Blacksmiths, Laborers, Shepherds, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, Stonemasons and all persons connected with building." Large numbers of Cornish emigrated and in Australia became involved in every field of endeavour, but particularly in mining. Jane's brother, Henry, came about that time and no doubt they had friends and acquaintances already in Australia from whom they had heard stories of the promising possibilities in a new country. Together with these were graphic descriptions of the perils of the voyage with illustrations of the hardships. The Roddas were not to be discouraged by such reports

It was the twelfth of December, 1848 when the "General Palmer", a bark of 532 tons left Plymouth on her first voyage to Australia. Captain Leon was the master. The ship, herself, after arriving in Australia, was declared unseaworthy. Most of the passengers are described as "assisted" having accepted a free passage to Australia, their future home. Nicholas, Jane and their six children were on board as was a party of boys from

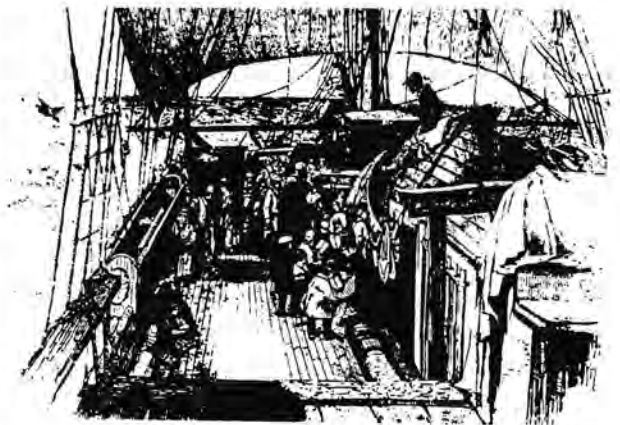


'Emigrants at Dinner'

the Ragged Children's Home.

For the assisted emigrants the voyage out, if filled with excitement (or trepidation), offered few comforts. It was not long before the discomforts began. They are reported to have weathered a severe storm for several days in the Bay of Biscay. The two older boys are listed with the single men and probably slept in a dormitory. For the rest of the family, although together, there would have been similar conditions. A typical ship had a row of tables for meals inbetween two rows of bunks. In spite of the discomforts and lack of privacy the emigrants no doubt settled down to making the best of the long voyage. Lessons for the children, and simple entertainment for the adults helped the days to pass. The children from the Ragged Boys' Home were noted for their need of discipline and at times were punished by being put in stocks. The long four months gave time and opportunity for friendships to develop. Infectious diseases, a pregnancy and baby born and a multitude of situations one can only imagine, together with the common uncertainty about the future must have bonded the travellers together.

The few notes seen about the "General Palmer" report "a particularly atrocious murder was committed on board while lying in New Zealand waters". This may have been after leaving Melbourne, unless she came



'Emigrants on Deck'

around Cape Horn. It has not been established which route was taken. It is also recorded that a baby was born at the Heads of Port Phillip, she was named Sara Hoskin Miller. After arriving at the Port they were quarantined having fever and whooping cough on board. Baby Sara was born on the first of April and the ship arrived at the Port on the tenth. It was not until the twenty-seventh of April that the family is recorded as having been admitted into the immigrants' depot.

After four months at sea, the slow trip up the bay, and the delay of being quarantined, landing at Port Phillip would have been a relief with an added mixture of excitement and possibly some doubts. The immigrants' depot was no place of home comforts but it provided shelter and some security.

James and Richard, aged sixteen and fourteen, after twenty days in the depot, were engaged as agricultural labourers by Mr Ryan of Salt Water River. Their wages, per annum, were seven pounds ten shillings together with rations. At least they could work and live independently. Salt Water River was the area around the Maribryngong River and included Footscray. Mr Ryan is considered the first resident of that city.

Nine days later Nicholas, Jane and the four younger children left the depot disengaged. For the next six years we have no documentation of their whereabouts. One family member remembers being told that the

family went to Port Fairy, had a market garden and sold vegetables to travellers moving inland from that Port. Oral history also relates time on the gold fields. This is substantiated by an article which follows saying, about Nicholas, "after returning from the gold fields".....

We could then suppose that they went to Port Fairy soon after arriving in Australia and stayed there until they went to spend some time on the gold fields after gold was discovered in 1851.

With certainty we can say that in 1855, Nicholas, bought his land at Research, (near Eltham, Victoria). The documents show his address as Pentridge where, with James and Richard, there was a family base. For 115 1/2 acres of land at Research Gully, he paid one pound per acre. (from Eltham Shire Records)

The farm was named "**Chun Grove**" and here Nicholas and Jane would live the rest of their lives.

One of the few memories Eva Carr, grandchild of Nicholas and Jane, was able to express in words at the age of ninety seven, was being told that Chun Grove was named after a place in Cornwall they loved to visit.

Chun Castle in Morvah, Cornwall, a town where Roddas have always lived, is an Iron Age fortification. It is marked on maps and may be visited today. About the name "Chun" Lucy Pearce has kindly given us this note:



Eltham District Historical Society (elthamhistory.org.au) *One of the houses built on 'Chun Grove'*

"I think the name comes from eliding Chy woon which means "the house on the hill". There are several farms in Cornwall called this either Chywoon or Choon. There is a 45 acre farm in Paul on the hill behind Paul Church-Town spelt Choone and I think it is probably this Choone that the early Roddas spoke of in Australia. There is a high mound nearby but I don't know exactly what it is. Looking at the survey map I see they have reverted to Chywoone, it is pronounced choon."

And so, after six years in Australia, Nicholas built his own home and called it "Chun Grove". A stone cottage with a shingle roof. The twins were sixteen, Benjamin twelve and Edwin ten, James and Richard

probably independent. Mary Jane would soon marry and Joseph was the one to work with Nicholas on the fruit farm and later become his partner.

Exactly how this small farm supported its dependents is not known but they grew and sold fruit and vegetables, kept cows and provided for their own daily needs.

There are just a few glimpses of Nicholas as a person. He was undoubtedly a committed Methodist. Surviving descendants of neighbours remember stories of hymn singing (Wesley's of course) shaking the walls of the Rodda house. One of his own grandchildren just remembered him sitting in the hearth in the kitchen keeping himself warm.

The following is an extract from "Victorian Methodism: Its Origin and History."

"Mr Rodda, returning from the Caledonian diggings settled down at Research, between Eltham and Kangaroo Ground. Preaching was commenced at LITTLE ELTHAM, and held for some months in a slab hut of Mr Honeyball, late Postmaster, then a site of land was secured and a small brick Church built, since sold to the Rechabites, to be followed by the present handsome structure. Mr Rodda, senior, a grand-nephew of one of John Wesley's own Preachers, was the father of our Church at Eltham, and Messrs. Rosier, Harding, Ford, Foley and Harmer, etc., were among its earliest friends. Mr Rodda still survives, a saintly and venerable man waiting for his change. He leads a peaceful and sequestered life in a home hallowed by meditation and prayer. Though unable for some years to leave his own ground, yet he is a most interesting and instructive character, whom it is a privilege to know. Well read in Methodist lore, he will recite its stirring facts and incidents to you whilst his grand old progenitor "Mr Richard Rodda, AEtatis, 74" (an enlarged photo., taken from the old Methodist Magazine, in ample and graceful wig, like to that which John Wesley wears in our old Hymn-books), looks down upon us from two or three points, as though to confirm it all. Listening to him the sun dial of one's life has seemed reversed for the space of two or three generations, while the simple, tender, and lofty piety which fed and feasted daily on the Word of God and Wesley's hymns has made our sojourn with him like a bit of the intermediate state, "quite on the verge of heaven". Mr Rodda's daughter was the wife of the Rev. B. S. Walker, late Anglican Minister, and he has three sons Ministers of that Communion. Eltham is the farthest Methodist outpost in this direction, while the region beyond, although prospected thirty years ago by this pioneer brother, is to this day a Methodist wilderness."

The following stories of their children add a little to what we know of Nicholas, Jane and "Chun Grove":

Nicholas died on 12th August, 1886, aged 90, after forty seven years in Australia, Jane died 7th February, 1882, aged 76. They were buried in Coburg Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

The children of Nicholas⁴ Rodda and Jane White Rodda.

- 1 Nicholas⁴ (25.12.1805-12.8.1896)
married 23.2.1833 Madron Cornwall
Jane White (20.4.1806-20.3.1882)
 - 2 James White (15.7.1834-7.10.1912)
married 30.4.1861
Anne Webber White (23.9.1836-11.10.1904)
 - 2 Richard Henry (2.1.1835-1926)
married 1860
Louisa Jane Foley (1828-1924)
 - 2 Joseph Beaden (16.11.1838-5.9.1911)b.Paul Cornwall
married 25.5.1873
Esther Harding (1853-1926)
 - 2 Mary Jane (16.11.1838-9.7.1905) twin of Joseph
married 10.7.1856
The Rev. Barnabas Shaw WALKER (1833-1878)
 - 2 Benjamin (10.4.1842-4.9.1895)b.St.Buryan Cornwall
married 14.8.1872 at St.Michael's Talbot
Maria Ellen Evans (14.2.1852-18.4.1934)
 - 2 Edwin (5.4.1844-22.8.1917) b. Trevello, Paul Con.
married 11.5.1875 St.Mark's Kensington Bellarine
Elinor Willis (25.9.1850-18.2.1927)

Many details of the lives of these people have been collected and appear on the following pages together with a record of most of the descendants.

The generation number line is used in tabling the names.

James White Rodda

Baptized Penzance Wesleyan 15th July, 1834.

Registered Paul, 25th June, 1837

The first born of Nicholas⁴ and Jane, James White Rodda was given the name of Jane's father, who, as far as we know, was a Wesleyan preacher. His baptism is registered at Penzance Wesleyan, and three years later again registered at Paul Church.

James was sixteen when the family travelled to Australia. The shipping list puts him, with his brother, Richard Henry, among the "single male adults". Presumably the boys shared a bunkhouse with other males, some of whom, according to the passenger list, came from the Ragged Boys' Home. After spending nineteen days in the Depot at Port Phillip he left, with Richard, to work as an agricultural labourer for Mr. Ryan of Salt Water River. Their wages were seven pounds ten shillings per annum, with rations. Salt Water River was an area around the Maribyrnong River, and included Footscray. Mr Ryan is noted as the first resident of Footscray.

How they fared is not known. They seem to have been independent from that time. The rest of the family left the depot eight days later and if they went to Port Fairy with the four younger children the boys, Richard and James were now on their own.

The next evidence of James' whereabouts is from a newspaper article two years later:

"Escape 29.8.1851. 31 prisoners. ROBERT TAYLOR KILLED. James Rodda, a 17 year old Pentridge stonemason who was working nearby heard three shouts of "stop" before two shots were fired. The jury found that Taylor was lawfully shot dead whilst endeavouring to effect his escape from custody.

RODDA identified who fired the shots and the jury wished to publicly commend him but the Judge considered it best not to highlight his identity."

Thus we find young James, who was commonly known as "White" living in Pentridge Village (now Coburg) in 1851.

That was the year the jail was established at Pentridge. Lloyd Rodda, son of Edwin, remembers being told about Uncle White Rodda who worked as a stonemason on the bridges being built at that time.

1851 was also the year of the discovery of gold and the gold rush. A note from the History of Methodist Church, Coburg, 1848-1966, says

"The progress of the young church was affected by the gold rush of 1851 but with the return of Methodist diggers and the appointment to Pentridge of the first minister, the Rev B. S. Walker from Sydney there followed a general revival of religion."

The whereabouts of the rest of the family is not documented, but they spent some time on the gold fields and perhaps Coburg was their base. Barnabas Shaw Walker married James' sister, Mary and he was a great friend of the whole family.

James continued living in Bell Street Coburg as a market gardener all his life. Rodda Street, behind the town hall, marks the spot of his garden.

In 1855, when Nicholas⁴ bought his land in Research he gave his address as Pentridge.

1865			
Assessment No.	Person rated.	Owner.	Property.
23	RHODDA, J.W.	JWR	2 acres land E.Newlands
			Gross Annual Value 1 pound.
			Full Net Annual Value 1 pound.
			Rate in the pound 1 shilling.
			Paid 10.2.1866.
1866			
Assessment No.	Person rated.	Owner.	Property.
105	BRITTON	JWR	
106	RHODDA J.W.	JWR	House Bell Street.
107	RHODDA J.W.	JWR	House Bell Street.
1869			
Assessment No.	Person rated.	Owner.	Property.
200	RODDA J.W.	JWR	Stone House 4 rooms 5 acres Bell St. E.
			Gross Annual Value 30 pounds.
			Net Annual Value 27 pounds.
			Rate in the pound 1 shilling
			Paid 14.1.1870 1 pound seven shillings.

For three years, 1868, 1869 and 1870 James was a member of the Coburg District Road Board. This Board was like a municipal authority, the area was a Road Board area and later became a municipality.

The Rodda involvement in the Methodist Church was strong and continuous. James White is listed among the members of the Primitive Church at Pentridge in 1865. The following extract is from the history of the founding of the Coburg Methodist Church, 1854.

"Mr. Sidebottom, long a member of the Methodist Society, residing at Coburg, seeing that a number of children might be collected, was led earnestly to desire that some steps might be taken by which the rising generation would have their young and tender minds directed to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. Mr. John Harding becoming associated with Mr. Sidebottom, acceded to the request of the latter in the year 1850 to meet the children on a sabbath afternoon for the purpose of religious instruction. Mr. Harding was soon assisted by Mr. Rodda, who, in conjunction with his coadjutors, pursued this work of faith and labour of love, and although in the year 1851 some disorder ensued arising from the gold discovery, the pious efforts of these few have been abundantly blessed by the God of all grace as seen by these figures for 1854 - Officers and teachers 12, number of scholars 67."

Of course it is unclear which Mr. Rodda is referred to. Was it young James? a brother? or his father? Perhaps the whole family had by now moved into Bell Street. A thorough search of the old *Spectators* would possibly reveal more details. Whatever the truth it adds a little to our knowledge of those first six years.

On the thirtieth of April 1861 James White was married to his cousin, Anne Webber White, in the Flinders Street Methodist Church, Adelaide. Jane was obviously close to her family, one piece of evidence is the naming of her children and the use of "White" as James' known name. Anne was the child of Jane's brother Henry and Anna Maria nee Friggins.

The circumstances of this family in Adelaide have not been discovered. An interesting project for someone. They do not appear in the South Australian Biographical Dictionary, and are seemingly lost except for our knowledge of Anna.

The wedding certificate is witnessed by Jane and Henry.

James and Anne had seven children, three died at a young age. Annie, the eldest, was the only one to marry and have children. Lillian Mary did not marry and died of pneumonia at the age of seventy one.

Richard was a teacher and continued to live in Bell Street until he died in 1945.

In 1930 the original house and land was taken for a proposed High School.

In 1896 James reported the death of his 90 year old father who was buried in the Coburg cemetery.

The distant memories of "Uncle White" have always been endearing. He visited "Chun Grove" often and loved fishing. He appears to have had the reputation of being a favourite uncle.

Anne died of Chronic Gastritis, aged sixty eight in 1904 and eight years later James died. Aged seventy eight he had suffered with senile dementia for several years. The certificate states his mother's maiden name as "unknown" which is sad considering that his given name of "White" was his mother's maiden name. After 62 years in Victoria he was a man of Coburg, an Australian, and the ties with Cornwall seemingly forgotten.

Pentridge - Coburg

Richard Broome, in his history of Coburg "Between Two Creeks", says "Coburg, or Pentridge as it was first called, began as the salad bowl of Melbourne and remained a rural village for two generations, its residents farming the volcanic plain, gardening on the Merri Creek silt flats, and quarrying the ancient bluestone of the area. Coburg remained rural well into the twentieth century because of Melbourne's skewed suburban development to the south-east."

Anne Marie (1864-1950) was married on the 4th October 1886, to Sidney Bodley, who became a successful manufacturer and business man. They had five children. The eldest **Harold Sidney**, was ordained as an Anglican priest and ministered at

Quambatook (1914-1916), Birchip (1916-1920), Dunkeld (1920), and Dunkeld and Willaura (1941). Of him, his niece, Mrs. Ilma Andrews says:

“What I remember most about him is his famous collection of butterflies. He must have spent hours collecting them, identifying them, naming them and mounting them so they could all go into glass covered cases. How many there are I don't know but half of them are usually on show at the Melbourne Museum and the other half stored away downstairs, there are so many.”

Horace Horatio was an exporter and business man and the father of Ilma Andrews and Hazel Heath our present day contacts in the James White line.

The following genealogy brings us up to date with the family of James White and Anna Rodda. Like most, if not all the Roddas they were quiet and self effacing people who did not choose to publicise the events of their lives.



Horace Bodley with his mother Annie - nee Rodda



Richard Rodda



Emily, Sidney Bodley, Ivy Annie - nee Rodda, Horatio, Harold

The descendants of James White Rodda

- 1 Nicholas⁴ Rodda and Jane White Rodda.
 - 2 James White (1834-1912) married 30.4.1861
Ann Webber White (1835-1904)
 - 3 Jane Elizabeth (1862-6.9.1950))
 - 3 Anne Marie (1864-4.9.1950)
married 4.10.1886
Sidney Bodley (1862-1936) Engineer.
 - 4 Harold Sidney John (1889-1957) Anglican Priest
married Linney
 - 5 Monica (-1969)
unmarried
 - 6
 - 6
 - 5 Dorothy (d)
married.
MACDONALD
 - 4 Rosie (-1889) died aged 10 years.
 - 4 Emily (1893-1963)
married
John C. EARLE (d)
 - 5 Violet married
 - 6
 - 6
 - 5 Jack (-1990)
unmarried
 - 5 Norman married Iris
 - 6
 - 6
 - 6
 - 6
 - 5 Ivy (2.10.1914-)
unmarried
 - 4 Ivy (1895-1967) married Arthur Gratton (-1969)
 - 5 Joyce married
 - i D. WILLIAMS.
 - ii Alan COPE.
 - 4 Horace Horatio (1896-1978)
Exporter
married 1921
Ilma May Marie (7.10.1899- 11.11.1985))

The descendants of James White Rodda (continued)

- 5 Ilma Gwen (22.10.1921-)
married 17.10.1951
Walter John ANDREWS
 - 6 Brian (1953-)
 - 6 Susan (11.8.1956-)
- 5 Hazel Joyce (27.12.1923-)
married 6.3.1956
Stanley Heath (29.11.1919-10.7.1990)
 - 6 Peter (21.1.1947-)
 - 6 Malcolm (22.2.1949-)
 - 6 Philip (30.4.1954-)
- 5 Maurice Eugene (15.4.1928-31.10.1977)
married 3.10.1953
Rosalind Ashmore Accountant
 - 6 Anne (9.6.1956-)
 - 6 Michael (7.11.1957-)
 - 6 Richard (9.5.1960-)
 - 6 Lisa (19.7.1962-)
 - 6 Jonathan (4.3.1964-)
 - 6 Nicholas (24.11.1966-)
- 3 James Henry White (1866-)
- 3 Edwin (- 1875)
- 3 Joseph (- 1875)
- 3 Lillian Mary (1873-1944) unmarried
- 3 Richard (1875-1945) Teacher. unmarried.
- 3 Benjamin (1880-1901)

Richard Henry Rodda

Baptized Paul, Cornwall, 18th September, 1835

The second of the children of Nicholas and Jane, Richard was named after "Uncle Richard" and Jane's brother Henry White. Henry also came to Australia and was the father of Anne Webber White who became the wife of James. Most of the Roddas seem to have been self effacing and of Richard Henry we have little documentation. He left the immigrants' depot with James White as a fourteen year old, to work for Mr Ryan at Salt Water Creek with wages of seven pounds per annum. We know that James soon found his way to Pentridge village, where at first he worked as a stonemason in bridge making. Richard may well have been with him.

On the 18th July, 1860, twenty four year old Richard married the thirty two year old Louisa Foley. Richard is described as 'farmer' of Kangaroo Ground, his parents as 'farmer' and 'lady'. Louisa was born in London to Samuel and Hannah Foley described as 'gentleman' and 'lady' of Ridgeway, Diamond Creek. They were married at the Heidelberg Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. The Foleys were among those associated with the early Methodist Church at Eltham along with Nicholas and Jane.

Nicholas and Jane had purchased 'Chun Grove' at Research six years earlier and the family seems established in the area.

The nature and extent of Richard's farming is not known but in 1868 he was listed as a lay reader at the Eltham Anglican church which may have been the beginning of his preparation for ordination as an Anglican Priest. The first of the three Rodda sons to enter the Anglican ministry, Richard was ordained in 1877 and went to St Paul's, Broadmeadows where he served until his retirement in 1906 after thirty years in the one parish. He retired to live in Ascot Vale and died aged 91 on the 24.8.1926. He was buried in Brighton cemetery. The following are the obituaries of Richard and Louisa.

Church of England Messenger, 1926.

On 24.8.1926 there passed to his rest at the age of 91 years the Rev. R. H. Rodda. Mr. Rodda spent the whole of his active ministry in one parish, Broadmeadows, to which he was appointed on his ordination in 1877. After 30 years work there he resigned in 1906 and has been living in retirement in Moonee Ponds. His wife predeceased him in 1924. One of his sons is R. H. Rodda, the Solicitor. The service at the Brighton Cemetery the following day was conducted by the Archdeacon of Melbourne assisted by the Rev. E. I. Garson.

Louisa died two years earlier and the obituary extends our knowledge of their life.

Church of England Messenger, 1924

Mrs Rodda, the wife of the Rev. Richard Henry, vicar of Broadmeadows for over 30 years and now for some years living in retirement in Ascot Vale passed quietly away on June 23rd. Mrs Rodda will long be remembered for her loving and strenuous work particularly among the 'boarded-out' children in that large parish and many men now in good positions in the town owe so much of their usefulness to her constant oversight. BM.

The early years of marriage were saddened by the death of three of their infants. Their eldest child, Richard Henry was a Solicitor and senior partner in the firm of Rodda & Ballard. He was married at St Mary's Church of England at Bulla, Victoria, by his father. After the death of his first wife Charlotte, nee Callas, he married her sister Edith who, in her will, left money to Ridley to establish the 'R.H.Rodda scholarship', which continues to be used today.

The only daughter of Richard Henry and Louisa, Louisa Jane was a delightful lady who never married but was well loved and cared for by her brothers.

Herbert Foley became a senior law clerk and married Grace Lillias Little at St John's Camberwell. His father officiated at the ceremony. Grace was a lively lady with many talents. They had two children Herbert and Dorothy. Herbert is well remembered as 'Bert Rodda', long time press photographer for the "Herald".

In an article by Linley Hartley in the *Heidelberger* 29.4.1987 he reminisced,

"As a boy with a burning desire to do nothing but take photographs, Bert Rodda used initiative and imagination to realize his dream. "My mother sparked on 500 cylinders," he laughed. She was obviously an inspiration to the young Bert. Bert grew up in Essendon and attended Melbourne Grammar School. Although he did not excel academically he was creative. After school he worked in Flinders Lane and the warehouse manager, discovering his ability to take photographs, assigned him to taking pictures of warehouse stock for the use of salesmen. In his spare time Bert cycled all over Essendon and surrounding suburbs taking photographs he might be able

to sell to the Herald. The first picture he sold was to The Age. Bert had great ingenuity in using his skill and had many exciting opportunities to meet and photograph the famous, and infamous, film stars and politicians. In his retirement he lived happily at Strathallan appreciated by staff and residents for his cheerful, intelligent and practical contributions to daily life there.

Bert died at Strathallan in 1990.

Dorothy, the second of the children of Herbert and Grace married A.P.T.Robins and lives in Melbourne.

Charles Nicholas was the youngest of the family of Richard Henry and Louisa, he was a tea importer. He married Florence Kent, daughter of the Rev. S.C. Kent of South Melbourne. They had one child Charles Samuel Kent Rodda who with his wife Nancy had a much appreciated ministry in Christian Healing.

Following tradition and conviction these families were involved as lay people in the life of the Anglican Church.

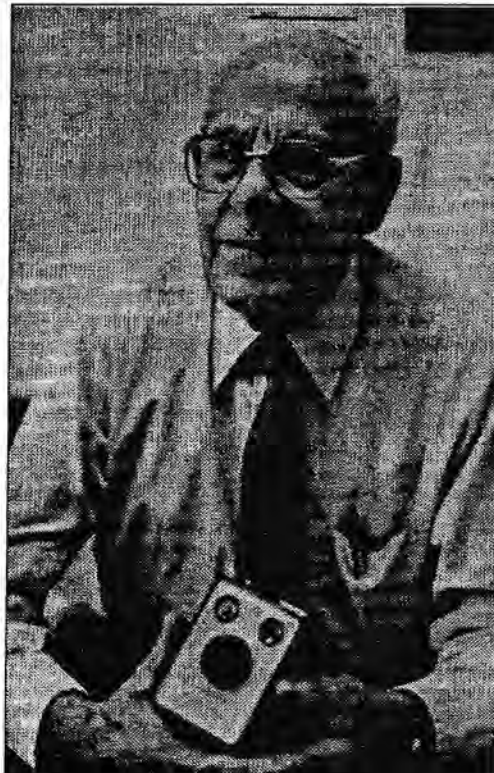
Grace Lillias Rodda enjoyed writing prose and verse. She had one volume published and this sold very well. On file are several pieces of her work which appeared in the press.

Grace is sufficient, the Saviour has said,
Sufficient to show us the path we must tread
Sufficient to scatter our doubt and dismay
Sufficient to lighten the gloomiest day.

My grace is sufficient for youth and for age
Sufficient our need to unerringly gauge
Sufficient to aid us in joy or in woe
Sufficient to show us the gloom and the glow.

My grace is sufficient - though heavy the cross
Sufficient to triumph o'er sorrow and loss
Sufficient for faith and for hope and for love
Sufficient to lead to the Kingdom above

My grace is sufficient - and is it not true
Sufficient to guide and to strengthen anew
Sufficient to carry us safely through time
Sufficient the power of this promise sublime.



The Descendants of Richard Henry and Louisa Rodda.

- 1 Nicholas Rodda and Jane White Rodda.
 - 2 Richard Henry Rodda (18.9.1835-1926) b Paul Cornwall
married 1860
Louisa Jane Foley (1828-1924)
 - 3 Richard Henry (5.1.1862-1926)
married i 30.3.1891 C.E.Callas
ii E.A.Callas
no issue
 - 3 Frederick August (31.12.1862-31.5.1863)
 - 3 Louisa Jane (22.1.1864-1924)
 - 3 Herbert Foley (3.4.1865-)
law clerk, Snowball and Kauffman, solicitors.
married 28.6.1894
Grace Lillias Little
 - 4 Herbert Foley (1903-1990)
Press Photographer.
married
Leonora Mary (Mollie) Abbott (1902-1985). Writer.
 - 5 Brian Desmond(12.2.1930-)
unmarried clerk at New England University. N.S.W.
 - 5 Margaret Grace (31.2.1933-)
Journalist.
married
Omar Saleh KHUDARI
Importer. Family lives in Boston USA.
 - 6 Samia Leonora (18.12.1958-)
Lawyer
married Daniel Aaron Wuthrich.
Doctor of Medicine.
 7. Joseph
 - 6 Omar Hashim (11.3.1960-)
Computer programmer.
 - 6 Nura May (6.5.1962-)
Librarian/Researcher B.A., M.L.S.
- 4 Dorothy Vernon (13.10.1898-)
married A.P.T.ROBINS
 - 5 Phyllis Mary (23.6.1932-)
married
M. Peter TAYLOR.
 - 6 Catherine Mary (11.7.62-)
 - 6 Stephen James (17.2.1964-)
 - 6 Robyn Susan (3.8.1965-)
 - 6 Michael John (23.10.72-)

- 5 Margaret Rose (28.6.33-)
Teacher. Unmarried.
- 3 Charles Nicholas (17.6.1872-1939)
Tea Merchant.
married 19.10.1904
Ethel Neda Kent
 - 4 Charles Samuel Kent (-1982)
married
Nancy
no issue

The date of Richard Henry's birth and/or baptism varies from IGI to family record.
The family record is taken as correct and fits in with other records.

Joseph Beaden Rodda

Baptized Paul, Cornwall, 16th November, 1838.

For ten year old Joseph and his twin Mary, the move to Australia may well have an exciting adventure. They were the third and fourth children of Nicholas and Jane. On board the "General Palmer" they were accommodated with their parents and two younger brothers, Benjamin and Edwin. The two older brothers were separated to be with the young men.

The fact that all arrived safely must be attributed to the Grace of God and the skill of the parents as there must have been many hazards for lively young children.

For the first six years in Australia Joseph, Mary, Benjamin and Edwin seem to have remained close to their parents, possibly in Port Fairy, visiting the gold fields and living in Pentridge village. By the time he was seventeen Joseph had settled in Research on his father's property named, by Nicholas, "Chun Grove". This was the centre of most of Joseph's life. He undoubtedly became Nicholas' "right hand man" and they worked together to develop the property into an orchard and fruit garden which provided their sustenance.

After the settling at Research the family began to disperse. Mary, Joseph's twin, married Barnabus Walker, a young man well known to the family, and friend of the boys. James White married in 1861 and Richard Henry in 1860 and even younger brother Benjamin married in 1872.

Joseph married Esther Harding in 1873, the daughter of Welsh migrants and Eltham Wheelwright. He was thirty four and she twenty. A strong, capable, practical woman, she was to complement Joseph's quiet gentleness. They had nine children. It is through the education of the children that we learn more about Research and Chun Grove..

"Chun Grove" became the home of Nicholas and Jane, Joseph and Esther and their large family. Eventually two houses were built and the directories link the names of Nicholas and Joseph as Joseph settled into a farmer's life. As recorded earlier Jane White Rodda died in 1882 and Nicholas in 1890, aged ninety, having had senile dementia for three years. Joseph and Esther, no doubt had the responsibility of caring for the aged parents.

With a growing family the education of the children was a priority and Joseph joined with the other permanent settlers trying to have a State School established at Research. By the time the Research School was completed and opened his eldest child was past school age. It was not until the 1880s that Research was considered to have any significant permanent population. Before that time itinerants worked on hopeful goldmines, and on the aqueduct which was opened in 1891 to carry water from the Maroondah dam to the Melbourne water supply reservoir near Preston. The

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soil was neither deep nor particularly encouraging for those who settled as farmers.

The children of these early settlers were required to walk the long, bleak and hilly road to either Eltham or Kangaroo Ground for their education.

However by 1889 the authorities considered the character of the population had become more permanent and deserving of a school locally.

After much petitioning, and consideration by the Education Department, in 1889 a school, in a temporary, inadequate building, was opened. Encouraged by the appointment of the first teacher the parents sought a better site and building. We read in the records, "Mr Rodda now offered the 'part of my fruit garden' as a school site as it was 'high dry and healthy and free from stones and stumps,'" Joseph asked one hundred pounds for the plot and this was considered too high. The land chosen was said to be more convenient.

The building of the school was slow and frustrating but by 1891 it was functioning with a new and talented teacher, Henry Cole.

When the original petition for the school had been circulated in 1884, Mary Jane Rodda (May), the eldest of Joseph's children was ten, by the time the school was established she was past school age but the younger brothers and sisters attended.

Without any assistance and a daily attendance of thirty to forty children Henry Cole wrote to the Department asking for the appointment of a Sewing Mistress. Seventeen year old Mary Jane succeeded in getting the position. It was a rare opportunity for a young girl to obtain work locally. The family had a very good reputation and were well respected, and Jane's character was described as 'irreproachable'. Henry wrote a delightful reference about Mary Jane whom he had known for two months:

'I have the honour to report re Miss Mary Jane Rodda, an applicant for the position of Sewing Mistress in the above school.

I have known Miss Rodda only for two months, but from what I can hear, and my short acquaintance of her, I believe her to be of good moral character.

Physically, she is a strong, healthy person, being tall and well developed. As to her capabilities as a teacher, I can say nothing except what her mother has told me. Her mother says that she has had plenty of practice in sewing and knitting. When she left school at fifteen she was one of the best sewers in the school.

Miss Rodda lives within a mile of the school, and if appointed, would I believe, make a good teacher in time.



Joseph Beaden Rodda



Esther Rodda

Mary Jane was appointed Sewing Mistress and commenced duty on 26th October, 1891, a fortnight short of her eighteenth birthday. Two and a half years later she and Henry Cole were married, Harry aged 28 and Mary Jane 20. They were married at Essendon on 26th March, 1894.

With his eldest child married to a very acceptable son-in-law Joseph had eight other children to rear.

When Mary Jane was no longer able to continue teaching her place was taken by the fourth child Ettie, who also had a delightful reputation. It was in 1902, while Ettie was teaching, that we learn a little more of life at "Chun Grove".

One of Joseph's nieces was an epileptic and was living with Joseph and family. At that time epilepsy was feared and there was little treatment. The fits could be frequent and violent, a danger to the sufferer and carers. Epileptics were often placed in an asylum. What ever the circumstances the young girl died during a fit and this led to a public inquest which was viewed very harshly by the Research community. Ettie's role in the school was questioned by some residents, and the whole affair must have caused considerable distress to the family. Some bitter antagonism from the isolated, poorly educated community was directed towards the Roddas.

The school inspector was asked by the Department to give an opinion as to whether or not Ettie should be removed from the school as requested by some residents. He was incensed. "Hysteria rather than a sense of justice" had prompted the agitation, he said. "I recommend that no further action be taken in the matter".

Although supporting Ettie, the Department advised her of the strong feeling of the parents against her continuance in the school. There was an offer of a transfer if she so wished, however Ettie chose to stay, pointing out that the majority of the petitioners were not parents of the school children.¹

Andrew Lemon relates this in his book "Return to Research", written for the Centenary of the Research Primary School He tells more of the prevailing circumstances which must have been part of daily life for Joseph and his family. Cases of typhoid fever and measles epidemics disrupted life at the school. The regulations prevented the children attending school for up to three months. All children of an affected family were excluded from school until the whole family was cleared. The small isolated, community had few encouragements but the Roddas, Reynolds, Foleys and others committed to the Wesleyan Methodist cause had faith and fellowship and undoubtedly provided much support for one another.

The exact reason for the migration to Western Australia of the family we do not know. "Chun Grove" was not big enough to support the whole family as the boys became young men. Whether or not the older boys went first and were followed by Joseph, Esther and the younger children is not known. Perhaps Joseph and the boys went ahead with Esther and young Eva Jane following later. Mary Jane and Harry Cole did not go. Ettie was married in Victoria in 1903 and it is remembered that she had been to Western Australia earlier. Possibly she went with the older boys. The death of his young niece took place in 1902, the ensuing unpleasantness and other unknown circumstances could have precipitated the change. Joseph went to the west in 1906 and if Esther did not accompany him she followed later. They joined the boys at Darradup on the Blackwood River and more of life there we hear from the stories of Edwin "Uncle Ted". He does not, however, mention his parents or sister.

Living at Darradup was very simple, Eva Carr remembered the simple house had an earthen floor. Joseph died there in 1911 leaving the boys settled in that district. Esther returned to Melbourne possibly with Eva, who was now married and expecting her first child. She lived with her daughters and died of pneumonia while with Minnie. She was seventy three years old.

The children of Joseph and Esther

Mary Jane. Some of her story has been told in the foregoing. Her life with Harry Cole was a very happy one, Harry was a fine husband and father. As a teacher he was very talented. From Research he went to Sassafras where he wrote the following letter to his old friend and former neighbour, Ern Reynolds at Research

Sassafras

Feby. 18th 1907.

Dear Earn,

That's a bad start to begin with as if you had not "earned" this long ago. If you can find it in your heart to forgive our long silence, out of pity do so, just for old time sake.

We have been real busy and no mistake. We had no family of Roddas here to help with the fruit this year, nor had we anyone in their places. So the picking devolved upon us.

We were very glad to get your very nice letter and as you have just forgiven us you will give practical demonstration of your having done so by writing again at an early date.

Now how are we? Well just as we were jogging along in the same old way. Ezma goes to school now, but it does not seem to suit her, or else her food does not digest properly. Mrs Cole has one of my old scholars to help her in the house and she works away splendidly. She is very quiet (like me) though and cannot be coaxed into conversation at all. But we don't mind that being of a quiet turn ourselves. She is daughter of Witt the blacksmith at Olinda.

I am out or have been out a good deal lately at night attending meetings of various kinds and Mrs Cole is talking of sending me an invitation to spend an evening with her.

The local folks have persuaded me to take the young folks, I mean grown up young folks - to coach them in dialogues, recitations etc. and I tell you we have been kept going with concerts. We had one Nov. 12. School cantata Dec 20th, Concerts Dec. 26th, Jan 28th, Feb 2nd. Another at the end of this month and still another at Easter, with the Methodist Anniversary sandwiched in on March 24th. That's pretty brisk eh? The Sassafras Concerts are all the go now.

Now about that Anniversary - you know it couldn't be without you so you had better be contriving as to how you can get up for at least two or three weeks. We can always find you something to do. Our garden wants putting into order very badly. Bring a horse up and let him sample the hay that you helped to put in.

Mrs Quinton and family have gone to Tasmania to live, Grace Green is in town, so you see, we want help more than ever. Mr Frederick is to take the services and we are expecting Rev. J. J. Brown to come and deliver his lecture on "Heads and Faces" in place of the usual tea-meeting.

I don't know whether you have noticed in the Spectator how successful our Sunday School was at the last Union exam. Five children entered - Ruth Green, Garnet Beatty, Frank Sherwood, Sydney Storrie and Reggie Cole. The last two obtained a prize and a certificate each and the other three certificates. I tell you we are rather proud of our performances and are just eager for the next exam. to come round.

We are thinking of having an afternoon service for the Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We get no funds at all even although we have a children's service. The trustees scoop the pool as far as the money is concerned.

I suppose by this time your fingers have become quite used to the burning they get while cooking. You must be busier than ever, but we were so pleased to get your letter. Mrs Cole has been intending to write ever since she got your letter and we have often had you in our minds.

We trust you and mother are keeping well and that the Father above is granting you both temporal and spiritual favours.

Love from us all

Yours sincerely,

Hy. J Cole.

Mary Jane, known as May, and Harry had eight children. Harry died in 1935 and May lived with her daughters Esther and Ezma. Ezma cared for her until she died in 1966.

Herbert, Edwin, Fred, Arthur and Walter all went to Western Australia where Edwin, and Uncle Ted, describe themselves as 'bushmen'. In the beginning they lived off the land, trapping dingoes, catching possums, sinking wells etcetera, they became thoroughly expert in their knowledge of the bush around Nannup, Darradup and Busselton where many of the descendants live today. The selection from writings by 'Uncle Ted' illustrates their great love of the country and their pleasure in coping with what must have been a hard life. 'Uncle Ted' does not mention his parents or Eva but it is presumed that they lived together and Joseph died there in 1911. Young Arthur died in a bore sinking accident in the January of the same year, eight months before Joseph. Six years later Herbert died and subsequently others were laid to rest in Nannup cemetery. Edwin died aged 92 in 1969, a much loved storyteller, a man of Christian Faith, with a vibrant interest in all around him.

Ettie. was married to Ephraim Perkins, a Methodist preacher and home missions worker, they lived at

Devonish, Healesville and Lakes Entrance and had five children.

Minnie. married Alfred Bassett. Alf's first wife died leaving him with six children to care for. Alf and Minnie had nine more children. They lived at "Sandhills" Wattle Glen where Alf was an orchardist growing apples, pears and soft fruits. Esther lived with them when she returned from Western Australia. Kathleen, daughter of Minnie, married David Graham; whose property in Kangaroo Ground was bought by Wycliffe Bible Translators for their campus. Graham Road is named after him.

Eva Jane. married Arthur Carr in Western Australia. He was a Salvation Army Officer. Eva died in 1983 aged ninety seven. She remembered going to Nicholas' funeral, Nicholas living alone in his house at 'Chun Grove' and visits by James White Rodda. Eva and Arthur had two girls and when widowed Eva, for many years, lived with Ruby. Together they ran a child minding centre in Elwood. In her long last illness she was very patient and was comforted by the Scriptures and Wesley's hymns.

A selection from the "Bush Stories" written by Uncle Ted.

Panakin Ford

Panakin Ford is a ford on the Blackwood River. It is a good place to camp, plenty of good fresh water, in which there are some very big marron, also some fresh water bream which are very good to eat and in my opinion much nicer than any salt-water fish. There are also many cobblers, also very good, there are miles of good horse country around there, good feed for horses but no place for cattle. There is too much heartleaf poison there, which is deadly on cattle or any ruminating animals. There was at one time quite a lot of possums around there, some Kangaroo and Dingoes.

One day about forty years ago, brother Walter and I decided to go camp at Panakin Ford and catch some possums. Good skins were then worth three pounds a dozen, a friend of ours having said he would like to go with us as his bank balance had got very light, so we agreed to take him along and teach him the know how. Harry was an English gentleman, short of cash, Walter and I were experienced bushmen.

We packed our tucker, material etc and saddled our horses and went the 28 miles to Panakin Ford, hobbled our horses and pitched camp, showed Harry how to make and set a snare also how to know if there was a possum in a hole in the tree or not, allotted him a patch of country along the river so as he had a guide back to camp, because Harry, being a pommy, was no bushman, and there was no person living within 15 miles and no roads or tracks. He got puzzled, which is very easy for anyone not used to the open bush. We got some nice bream for tea.....

.....Brother Fred and I were appointed to be dingo trappers and poisoners for the government. We were supplied with strychnine and given an open order to procure as much mutton for baits as we wanted, also a permit to shoot kangaroos for baits, also ten shillings a day and all the dingoes we got they paid us two pounds per scalp and tail. We had all the equipment we needed, that is - one horse and sulky, a good saddle horse each, two traps, a rifle each, also cartridges, tent and tucker. The territory we had to work over was bounded by the Blackwood River, on the South by the Donnelly River, on the West by the sea, a fair block of country roughly 900 square miles.....

.....In the year 1910 possum skins were worth five shillings each for good skins so brother Walter and Arthur and I decided to go and catch some.....When we got home we were told that the big White Star liner Pericles had struck a rock off the coast from Augusta, near Seal Island, so as she was making water very fast, the Captain, to save the 400 passengers, steered her straight for the shore and when he got her to about three miles offshore she struck a reef being then low in the

water. Everyone got safely to shore and the people around lit big fires on shore to guide the boats. All hands got ashore, that night some rough weather came up and the Pericles started to break up. All the refrigerate part first, there were 32,000 cases of butter and 50 or 60 thousand cases of apples came floating ashore and smashing up along the beach for twelve or fourteen miles, also hundreds of barrels of tallow coconut oil and every kind of cargo a ship carries but there were no passengers luggage came ashore and the passengers did not have time or room in the boats to take any, they took nothing even four ladies who were going, two to Africa and two to America, to be married lost everything. I heard one was offering a 1,000 pound reward for her trousseau, anyway a report went around that I had found it. How wrong can you be....."

Uncle Ted continues to relate how the boys organized a dray and horses so that they could collect some of the cargo washed up on shore. They managed to hide some in the bush while they took some home and returned. This journey entailed travelling over the rain soaked flood plains and tidal flood plains. The heavily laden, horse driven dray was bogged more than once both horse and dray having to be pulled out. Losing some of the loads the men had to watch some of the booty being washed downstream. Eventually, after coping with all the misadventures, they arrived home, dray, horses and enough butter to last some considerable time.

¹Return to Research by Andrew Lemon.



May Cole - 1915 - nee Mary Jane Rodda



ABOVE 50 years married May 24 1911. Joyce Mavis, Elinor June, Frederick, Muriel & Hazel Jean, Edwin and Rose

TOP RIGHT Eva Carr - *nee* Rodda - & Walter Rodda.

RIGHT Minnie Bassett - *nee* Rodda

BELOW A Cottage in Kangaroo Ground where Mary Jane 'May' & Harry Cole Lived. 1903.



The Descendants of Joseph and Esther Rodda

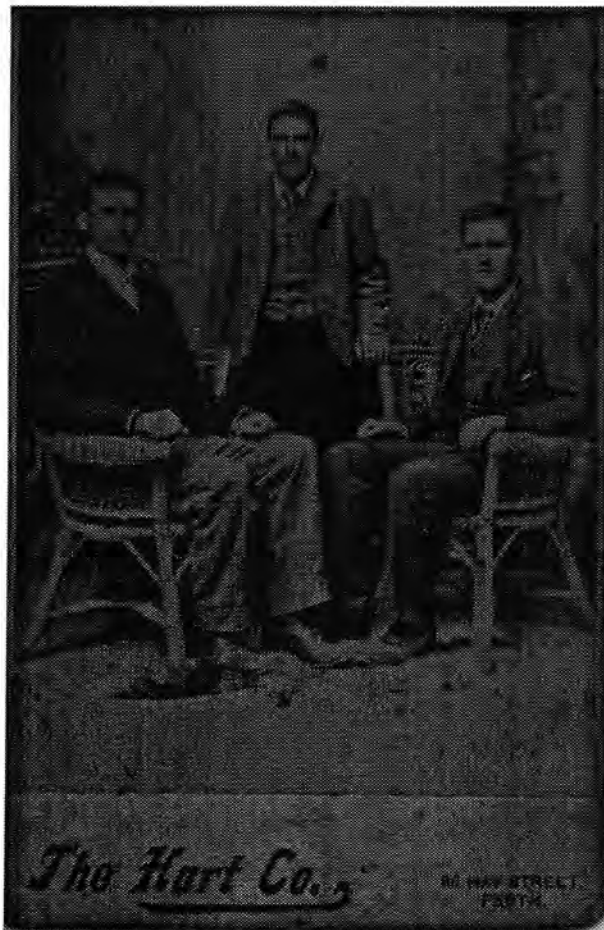
1. Nicholas and Jane Rodda.
 2. Joseph and Esther Rodda.
 3. Mary Jane Rodda (6.11.1873-19.7.1966)
married 26.3.1894
Henry James COLE. (8.3.1866-11.12.1935)
 4. Henry James Reginald (3.12.1895-16.2.1966)
married 5.4.1923
Gladys Armitage Willis (17.2.1897-22.3.1990)
 5. Nancy Margaret (17.9.1923-)
 5. Shirley Elizabeth (21.8.1929-)
married i 2.1.1954 David Christian Angus WILSON (7.2.1930-)
married ii 7.1.1966 Charles NOLDER (7.6.1917-)
 6. Nola Wilson 10.2.1956 (changed to Nolder)
married Samuel R.D.ANGLESEY (3.1.1944-)
 7. Shenoa Kate Helen ()
 7. Emma Louise Frances()
 6. Donald Ormond (9.12.1964)
married 8.9.1985
Narelle Joy Scholfield (28.6.1966)
 7. Christopher G. Wm. (8.7.1984)¹
 7. Benjamin Donald Charles (29.10.1986)
 6. Phillipa Alison (15.12.1966-)
 5. Bruce Armitage (16.8.1932-)
married 9.1.1971
Catherine Dora Cardale (30.3.1941-)
 6. Nicholas Bruce (11.8.1971-)
 6. Alistair Cardale (16.9.1973-)
 6. Katie Fiona (9.8.1975-)
 4. Doris May
married 25.3.1933
Rupert Baden MALONE (30.3.1900-20.11.1969)
 5. Merle Elizabeth (18.3.1935-)
 5. Thomas Henry (16.8.1936-)
married 28.9.68
Kathleen Griffiths (26.12.1938)
 6. Andrew Scott (9.8.1970-)
 6. Robert Stuart (19.1.1972-)
 6. Michelle Suzanne (15.2.1974-)
 5. Ian Rupert (9.7.1938-)
married 23.3.1963
Myra Bonnie Gibbs (10.1.1928-)

- 6. Jennifer Leanne (24.3.1964-)
- 6. John Bryan (12.6.1968-)
- 4. Winifred Muriel (8.2.1899-)
 married 31.8.1940 Samuel STATHAM (1896 - 17.6.1966)
 no issue (Sam had two children from first marriage.)
- 4. Ezma Alexandra (12.3.1901-)
 married 5.2.1927
 Gilbert Thomas WILSON (12.4.1899-24.6.1977)
- 5. Merryn Ezma Wilson (10.12.1927-)
 married 12.1.1952
 Wallace Ronald JONES (14.4.1929-)
- 6. Lesley Ruth (17.10.1952-)
 married 25.3.1972 i David Ian TAYLOR div.
 married 24.10.1980 ii John McElroy
- 7. Lara Wendy Taylor(McElroy)(31.7.73-
- 7. Sharon Taylor (McElroy) (1.3.1976)
- 6. Steven Andrew (11.12.1954-)
- 6. Susan Wyn (6.2.1956-)
 married 4.5.1985
 Hans Anton VAN BEUGE (6.5.1953-)
- 7. Anneke Kaarin (11.11.1985-)
- 7. Marijke Alexandra (16.5.1990-)
- 6. Rhonda Kaye (19.7.1958-)
 married 16.12.1978
 Ross Douglas BEVEGE (20.6.1955-)
- 7. Simon Ross (16.10.1983-)
- 7. Erin Michaela (1.10.1985-
- 7. Shenin Alexandra (21.2.1989-)
- 6. Peter Lawrence (2.6.1960-)
 married i 23.11.1981 Gai Huggleston (28.4.1962) div. 1986.
 married ii 17.2.1990 Marlene Quirk (29.10.1962-)
- 7. Benjamin Luke (13.8.1983-
- 6. Gavin Richard (10.4.1968-)
- 5. John Gilbert (20.6.1931-)
 married 28.4.1963
 Eunice May Gardiner (29.1.1928-)
- 6. Kay Elizabeth (10.1.1965-)
- 6. Erika Lee (20.8.1967-) & Darren Maguire
- 7. Damien Raymond (27.7.1988-)
- 5. Trevor Henry Thomas (14.2.1934-)
 married 10.4.1960
 Maureen May Andersen (19.3.1938-)
- 6. Suzette Marie (1.11.1960-)
- 6. Karen Gaye (6.1.1962-)
 married 16.8.1987 Nicholas KARALUCAS

- 6. Michelle Anne (5.4.1964-)
 married 14.6.1984
 Gary Robert GOVEN (9.6.1960-)
 - 7. Cassandra Rachelle (4.4.1990-)
- 6. Stephen Scott (5.4.1964-)
 married 15.2.1983
 Jocelyn C.Satkunaranee Knight (14.2.1963-)
 - 7. Zareena Shonelle (2.7.1983-)
 - 7. Jonathan Stephen C. (4.11.1986-)
- 6. Justin Lucas (11.8.1968-)
 married 19.10.1989
 Lilyana Pekic (14.10.1967-)
- 4. Esther Harriet (14.2.1903-24/11/1973)
- 4. Thomas Arthur (11.11.1904-)
 married i 23.3.1929 Alice Evelyn Cock (12.3.1904-15.7.1978)
 married ii 3.5.1980 Majorie Deena Best (27.3.1910-)
 - 5. Patricia Wyn (21.8.1930-)
 married 6.12.1954
 Malcolm Brandt Arthur TUIT (1.9.1932-)
 - 6. Heather Kaye (22.3.1950-)
 married 7.5.1977
 David Buchan ANDERSON (26.3.1950-)
 - 7. Nicole Kaye (7.9.1978-)
 - 7. Joanne Lee (26.12.1981-)
 - 7. Philip James (22.5.1984-)
 - 6. Craig Philip (17.2.58-)
 - 5. Jillian May (2.7.1932-)
 married 22.2.1956
 Charles Harvey MARTIN (22.11.1930-)
 - 6. Timothy Stuart (26.11.1958-)
 married 27.9.1980
 Janelle Maree Wilson (30.5.1959-)
 - 7. Abby Jane (28.4.1987-)
 - 7. Annabelle May (23.4.1990-)
 - 6. Cathryn Patricia (2.6.1960-)
 - 6. Anita Lee (5.1.1962-)
 married 5.7.1986
 Gary Frederick MOTTAU (28.4.1963-)
 - 7.
 - 5. Jennifer Alison Joy (13.4.1941-)
 married 20.2.1967
 Hans Peter LUITJTEN VAN RIEMSDIJK ² (28.10.41-)
 - 6. Fabienne Lee (23.3.1969-)
 - 6. Travis Marshall (31.8.1970-)
 - 4. Maxwell Harry (7.8.1907-)
 married 18.10.1941 South Africa.
 Patricia Edmeades (19.10.1918-)

- 5. David John (12.9.1942-)
 married
 Hilda Jane Liddle (2.5.1942-)
 - 6. Jennifer Alice (9.4.1968-)
 married 10.1.1987
 Hendrik Christoffel POTGIETER (5.11.1963-)
 - 6. Craig Maxwell (29.4.1972-)
- 5. Robert Douglas (12.11.1944-)
 married 24.9.1971
 Joy Theron (21.6.1947-)
 - 6. Jeffrey Lawrence (24.7.1978-)
 - 6. Bradley James (20.8.1979-)
- 5. Donald Mason (10.12.1952-)
 married 11.12.1976
 Megan Elizabeth James (8.12.1955-)
 - 6. Heather Jane (2.4.1987-)
 - 6. Alison Beverley (6.9.1988-)
- 4. Colin Egerton (29.3.1912-)
 married 27.5.1939
 Una Noble (14.7.1914-)
 - 5. Anthony Maxwell (24.3.1940-)
 married 18.2.1965
 Barbara Ann Hepburn (10.3.1942-)
 - 6. Andrew James (19.9.1968-) adoption
 - 6. Megan Louise (19.10.1970-)
 - 6. Kathryn Ann Cole (30.3.1973-)
 - 5. Geoffrey Richard (8.7.1944-) adoption.
- 3 Herbert Harding (1.7.1875-13.7.1917)
 married 15.4.1907
 Jessie Margaret no issue.
- 3 Edwin (9.11.1877-22.1.1969)
 married 14.5.1911
 Rose Longbottom (30.12.1888-5.7.1981)
 - 4 Joseph Frederick Arthur (15.2.1912-26.9.1980)
 married
 Ella Munro McLeod
 - 5 Brian
 - 5 Trevor
 - 5 Lee
 - 5 Neville
 - 5 Bevin
 - 4 Muriel Hilda (12.2.1914-2.5.1969)
 married Thomas McCLUSKEY (-21.11.1974)
 - 5 Yvonne Margaret (7.7.1934- 2.1935)
 - 5 Dallas Dianna (19.4.1936-)
 married 10.9.60
 Ronald Charles PRIVILEGE (Sydney NSW)

- 6 Rebecca Monique (19.1.1963-)
- 6 Fiona Maree (19.6.1965-)
 - 7 Daniel John Privilege (26.5.1983)
- 6 Gerard Francis (3.8.1968-)
- 6 Brendan Joseph (8.8.1971-)
- 5 Norma Joy (3.8.1937-)
married 21.2.1959
Andreas Johannes KAPTEIN (16.4.1936)
 - 6 Shane Leslie (9.7.1960-)
married 16.1.1989-)
Lena Marie Mannino
 - 6 Terry (29.12.1961-)
 - 6 Mark (12.7.1963-)
married 20.4.1985
Marie Louise Gizzarely (11.5.1961-)
 - 7 Dean Marc (8.1.1987-)
 - 7 Reece Anthony (21.11.1989)
 - 6 Tanya Marie (18.10.1963-)
 - 6 Paul Andrew (20.4.1970-)



- 4 Olive Mervyna (27.6.1916-)
 married i 2.12.1939 Robert DONOVAN d. Jap. POW.
 ii 25.6.1948 Donald Roy WARE
- 5 Joy Catherine Donovan (5.9.1940-)
 - 6 Roxanne Patricia Donovan (21.3.1962-
 married 23.12.1986
 Marc Andrew GODWIN
 - 7 Sean Andrew (26.8.1987-)
 - 7 Michael James (1.4.1989-)
- 5 Shirley Rose Ware (30.10.1951-)
 married 12.2.1972
 John Edward CALVERT
 - 6 Tina Valerie (27.4.1973-)
 - 6 Craig John (8.4.1976-)
 - 6 Russell Edwin (20.1.1979-
- 5 Marian Grace Ware (24.1.1954-)
 married 24.6.1972
 Geoffrey Morgan LEY
 - 6 Jason Roy (1.5.1973-)
 - 6 Shane Geoffrey (1.5.1973-)
 - 6 Peta Nicole (13.12.1975-)
 - 6 Stacey Michele (25.5.1979-)
- 4 Hazel Jean (8.2.1923-)
 married i 17.7.1940 Thomas Alfred JEFFREY
 II 26.12.1959 Ercole MASIELLO
 - 5 Barry Edwin Jeffrey (5.9.1941-)
 married 27.5.1967 Coral Smith
 - 6 Bradley Edwin Jeffrey (23.5.1968-
 - 6 Kimberley Joseph Jeffrey (9.2.1971-
- 4 Joyce Mavis (19.7.1927-)
 married 10.8.1946
 Leslie Robert MAY (-24.12.1958)
 - 5 Robert Edwin (18.9.1949-)
 married 26.9.1970
 Barbara Elizabeth Yates
 - 6 Clinton Dean (15.12.1972-)
 - 6 Fiona Louise (6.3.1975-)
 - 5 Beverley Joy (4.12.1950-)
 married 3.7.1971
 Colin Leslie ROGERS
 - 6 Wayne (11.8.1977-)
 - 6 Belinda Sheree (2.3.1979-)
 - 5 Paula Annette (30.4.1953-)
 married 13.7.1974 Francis John MAIR

- 6 Taryn Lee (28.11.1978-)
- 6 Stacy Raquel (28.8.1980-
- 4 Eileen June (17.9.1929-) Nannup W.A.
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- 5 Yvonne Joyce (16.3.1957-)
married
Leonard Albert BOYLE (4.5.1950-)
- 6 Rowin Bryon Shelley (25.3.1977-)
- 6 Sandi-Maree Alice (4.3.1983-)
- 6 Kylie Leanda Jayne (13.1.1987-13.1.1987)
- 6 Amanda Jayne (10.11.1987-)
- 5 Stewart John (24.1.1956-)
married 29.1.1983
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- 6 Steven John (6.7.1984-)
- 6 Karley Joy (27.6.1986-)
- 5 Christine June (5.6.1959-)
married 22.12.1982
Kevin John LAMB (6.6.1951-)
- 6 Kellie Jane (4.1.1983-)
- 6 Timothy John (1.7.1984-)
- 6 Ivan James (28.2.1987-)
- 5 Ricky Joseph (16.6.1961-)
married i 26.9.1981 div 1989
Wendy Bovera Pillage (30.8.1965-)
- 6 Luke John (10.2.1983-)
- 6 Shana Jane (1.4.1984-)
- 3 Ettie (10.8.1879-24.7.1941)
married 29.3.1903
Ephraim PERKINS (13.9.1863-15.8.1952)
- 4 Grace (12.7.1905-8.10.1990)
married 10.12.1938
George R.BREE (1883-1956)
- 5 Charmien Margaret (9.10.1940)
unmarried
- 5 Robin (2.4.1943-4.4.1943)
- 4 Howard Francis (13.8.1908-)
married 6.4.1939
Marian Frances Ricketts (1918-)
no issue
- 4 Arthur Murray (28.11.1911-)
married i 6.9.1933 div.
i Laurien J.M.Moakes (11.4.1915-10.10.1989)
ii Patricia Duggan (3.5.1912-10.12.1981)19.10.1954

- 6 Taryn Lee (28.11.1978-)
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ii Patricia Duggan (3.5.1912-10.12.1981)19.10.1954

- 5 Lynette Joan (12.11.1938-)
- 4 Faith Myra (7.8.1913-)
 married 19.9.1919
 Edward S.G.WEBSTER (11.12.1913-11.6.1978)
- 5 Gail Margaret (15.1.1945-)
 married 7.8.1965
 David KNEESHAW (29.7.1942-)
- 6 Elizabeth (23.2.1966-)
 married 23.3.1985 div. 1990.
 Gethin ROBERTS
- 7 Lisa Anne (16.5.1987-)
- 7 Catheryn Margaret (3.7.1988)
- 6 Stewart (6.11.1967-)
- 5 Merryl Elizabeth (19.9.1946-)
 married 10.1.1970-)
 Ian Morrison WRIGHT (26.11.1946-)
 no issue
- 4 Gwenda May (31.12.1915-)
 married 8.7.1940
 Roy Oswald YOUNG (3.10.1917-)
- 5 Lorea May (10.12.1946-)
 married 7.5.1966
 William MUNRO
- 6 Terry William (13.7.1967-)
- 6 Deanne May (25.2.1969-)
- 5 Alda Faith (14.8.1948-)
 married 16.8.1969
 Desmond BYWATERS
- 6 Sherol-Ann Faith (8.6.1970-)
- 6 Kaylene Dorothy (31.5.1972-)
- 6 David Bruce (25.8.1975-)
- 5 Rae Lisbeth (23.12.1949-)
 married 3.4.1971
 Richard THORP
- 6 Simone Lisbeth (27.10.1971-)
- 6 Byron Richard (10.7.1973-)
- 6 Travis Roy (6.7.1979-)
- 3 Frederick (13.2.1881-1.9.1955)
 married 7.8.1906 W.A.
 Ruth 15.12.1890-1966)
- 4 Arthur (21.3.1907)
- 5 Edwin
- 5 Betty
- 5 Ray

- 4 Stanley(13.2.1909-) Nannup
- 4 Harold (21.10.1912-1960)
- 4 Henry Walter (28.11.1914-8.12.1987)
married
Jessie Maude
 - 5 Valerie
married
Vic GAZZOLA
 - 5 Shirley
married
Keith PEARS
- 4 Eva (26.10.1917-)
married SMITH
 - 5 Terrance (dec)
 - 5 Brian
- 4 Victor (2.3.1920-1980)
 - 5 Victor
 - 5 Ian
 - 5 Patricia
 - 5 Wayne
- 4 Daphne (29.4.1926-)
married i WIDDESON
ii O'BRIEN
 - 5 Ron
 - 5 Carol
- 4 Elsie (27.2.1931-)
married KOSTOS
 - 5 Donald
 - 5 David
 - 5 Kerry
 - 5 Glenn
- 3 Minnie (3.11.1882-11.12.1972)
married 8.1906
Alfred William BASSETT (16.12.1861-14.1.1931)
 - 4 Irene Muriel (22.5.1907-18.12.1909)
 - 4 Roderick Alfred (4.10.1908-)
 - 4 Eva Miriam (4.1.13-)
married 17.7.1943
Keith Arthur GRANDY (10.7.23)
 - 5 Joy Evelyn (14.9.44-)
married
Peter CARROLL
 - 6 Danielle Stephanie(.4.1968-)

- 6 Nyree Jasmin (6.1.1970-)
- 6 Selina Joy (.12.1970-)
- 5 Kenneth Lindsay (23.1.1946-)
married Kathleen Gregg
 - 6 Louisa Mary (4.4.1970-)
 - 6 Geoffrey (20.11.1971-)
- 4 Kathleen Ellen (27.3.1915-)
married 21.12.1940
David James GRAHAM (1.9.1916-8.6.1977)
 - 5 Irene Margaret (8.12.1941-)
married 25.1.1964
Richard Lewis HAYES
 - 6 Andrew Richard (17.8.1967-)
 - 6 Benjamin Anthony (29.1.1969-)
 - 6 Bryony Elizabeth (9.12.1971-)
 - 5 David James 29.9.1945-)
married 21.10.1967
Carmen Maria Hammerer
 - 6 David James (7.11.1970-)
 - 6 Natalie Kate (22.10.1975-)
 - 5 Jennifer May (2.8.1948-)
married 30.9.1969 div. Charles SCOTT
 - 6 Amanda Jane (4.6.1972-)
 - 5 Rosemary Lynne (14.6.1952-)
married 15.6.1970 div. Michael Patrick BURKE.
 - 6 Michael Patrick (23.7.1972-)
 - 5 Alison Joy (24.9.1958-)
married i 19.7.1980 div. Michael James DARBYSHIRE
ii 31.1.1987 Mark Donald MYNOTT
 - 6 James Michael (16.6.1982-)
 - 6 Sarah Kathleen (17.8.1987-)
- 4 Eveline Minnie (28.9.1916-)
married 30.6.1945
Alan HAWKER.
 - 5 Diana Evelyn (20.5.1946-)
married
Barry MURPHY
 - 6 Carol Dianne (18.12.1964-)
married
Brett LIND
 - 7 Matthew
 - 6 Tony Barry (3.12.1966-)
 - 6 Craig Alexander (1975-)

- 5 Sandra Ruth (24.3.1948-)
 married
 Gregory BANKS
 - 6 Martin (4.3.1968-)
 - 6 Stephen Geoffrey (14.1.1971-)
 - 6 Alexander (9.2.1974-)
 - 6 Angela (.4.1980-)
- 5 Denis Alan (11.2.1951-)
 married Kay Keebles
 - 6 Kirsten (1974-)
 - 6 Cristian (1978-)
- 5 Karen (12.6.1957-)
 married Mario BANDINI
 - 6 Carly (1980-)
 - 6 Anna (1982-)
- 4 Geoffrey Herbert (20.6.1918-3.10.1951)
 married
 Betty Lorimer.
 - 5 Robert William d. timber accident.
 married
 Joy Fischer
 - 6 Maree
 - 6 Geoffrey William (2.10.1972-)
 - 5 Graeme John (21.6.1949-24.1.1989)
 drowned in rescue attempt - Lakes Entrance
 married
 Rhonda Hammond
 - 6 Clifton
 - 6 Gavan
 - 6 Alicia
 - 5 Lesley Margaret
 married
 Peter EDGLEY
 - 6 Mark
 - 6 Kerrie
- 4 Lindsay Russell (6.9.1920-1945)
 married
 Mavis Grandy
 - 5 Dawn Yvonne
 married
 Leon ORMISTON
 - 6 Noel
 - 6 Ryan
 - 5 Merrilyn May
 married
 Barry CAWTHORNE

- 6 David
- 6 Caroline
- 5 Roslyn Marjorie (15.1.1958-)
- 4 Kenneth Gladstone (24.4.1922-)
 married (30.12.1945-)
 Una Avery
 - 5 Peter Alfred (24.12.1965-)
 married
 Gwen Gale
 - 6 Amelda Jane (29.12.1965-)
 married 30.12.1989
 Mark
 - 6 Danielle Louise
 - 6 Megan Rachael
 - 5 Ruth Dorothea
 married 11.4.1970
 Max MADDOCK
 - 6 Kerryn Lee
 - 6 Tracey
 - 6 Glen d.infancy.
 - 6 Melinda.
 - 5 Murray John
 - 5 Howard James
 married
 Deborah Park
 - 6 Carla
 - 6 Joshua James
- 4 Ruth Mary (21.3.1926-)
 unmarried trained nurse
- 3 Arthur (11.11.1884-2.1.1911)
- 3 Eva Jane (31.10.1886-20.10.1983)
 married
 Arthur CARR
 - 4 Esther Marion (3.12.1912-)
 married
 William TACKABERRY (21.12.1895-28.10.1986)
 - 5 Eva (18.8.1943-)
 - 5 William Thomas (23.12.1944-)
- 4 Ruby Hazel (29.11.1914-)
 married
 Chris.TACKABERRY (8.12.1891-18.10.1973)
 - 5 Jennifer Hazel (9.6.1946-) by adoption
 married 26.8.1967
 Colin CAMPBELL

- 6 Donna Louise (29.1.1969-)
- 6 Bronwyn Anne (12.2.1976-)
- 3 Walter (14.4.1890-26.2.1969)
 - married
 - i Charlotte Emily Helya (30.5.1900-18.11.1933)
 - ii Margaret
 - 4 Margaret Florence (22.9.20-) Darradup
 - married 8.9.1943
 - Leo CABLE (16.1.1922-)
 - 5 Margaret Anne (14.12.1944-)
 - married 1965
 - Graham SUTHERLAND (10.10.1943-)
 - 6 Brett Anthony (15.4.1966-)
 - 6 Jane Stephanie (16.1.1970-)
 - 6 Kym Louise (15.2.1973-)
- 4 Winifred Hazel (13.8.1921-25.7.1974)
 - married 19.3.1943
 - Andrew LINDSAY
 - 5 Eric Stephen (8.12.1949-)
 - married
 - i 1973 Lyn Ball
 - ii Catie Rossi nee Coffey
 - 6 Ricky John (20.3.1978-)
 - 5 Roger Michael (14.8.1953-)
 - married 1974
 - Beverly Hanlon
 - 6 Michael.
- 4 Gilbert Walter (23.5.1924-)
 - married 14.8.1919
 - Dorothy Rooke nee McLagan
 - 5 Linda (1.1.1964-)adopted.
 - married (15.1.1983-)
 - Robert SEARLE
 - 6 Brendon (1985-)
 - 6 Wayne (1989-)
 - 5 Glen (30.1.1965-)adopted
 - married
 - Maureen Anderson.
- 4 Enid May (4.1.1926-)
 - married i 3.1.1943 A.R.NAPIER
 - ii 1966 A.R.SCOTT
 - 5 Carmen Charlotte (8.3.1944-)
 - married 1963
 - Ivan TESTER
 - 6 Daniel
 - 6 Karl

- 6 Yonah
- 5 George T.W. (29.6.1945-)
married 15.6.1968
- Kay Jennings (11.6.1949-)
 - 6 Darryl (1968-)
 - 6 Graeme (1971-)
- 5 Dawn M (13.6.1947-)
married 1963
Richard COCKMAN
 - 6 Kerry
 married
 - 7 Laura
 - 7 Emily
 - 6 Peter
 - 6 Stephen
 - 6 Jason
 - 6 Karen
- 5 John R. (27.12.1949-)
married
Sue
 - 6 Shannon
- 4 June Ruth (1.6.1928-)
married 6.5.1950
John Mountford ALLEN (3.1.1929)
 - 5 Catherine Sherrill (28.5.1952)
married 4.5.1974
Dennis HADDON
 - 6 Jason (4.8.1975-)
 - 6 Simone (27.1.1977-)
 - 6 Kristen (6.9.1982-)
 - 5 James Phillip (4.3.1954-)
married 5.5.1974
L.M.Godridge (25.6.1954)
 - 6 Danyel (17.5.1976-)
 - 6 Darry (1.9.1978-)
 - 6 Stevan (14.8.1980-)
 - 6 Matthew (30.7.1981-)
- 5 Peter Edward (16.2.1956-)
married 5.11.1977
Beatrice
 - 6 John D. (17.11.1978-)
 - 6 Terrence P. (23.1.1984)

- 5 Charles J. (30.6.1957-)
married
 - i 19.5.1979 Deborah Higgins (Richter)
 - ii 30.6.1990 Ann L. Spencer.(25.1.1949-)
- 6 Paul J. (2.7.1979-)
- 5 Terrence W. (24.7.1959-)

¹ Donald Nolder adopted Narelle's son Christopher.

²Luijten van Riemsdijk shortened to Luyten for general use.



'Sunday Best' Harry & May Cole at Cosendhap.
Near Ballarat outside the teacher's house.

Mary Jane Rodda

Baptized Paul, Cornwall, 16th November, 1838.



With five brothers, Mary, the only girl of the family must have been "special". Twins, Mary and Joseph were the oldest of the children to remain with their parents after their arrival in Australia. By the time the family settled at Research they were seventeen. Soon afterwards, on the tenth of July 1856, Mary was married to the Rev Barnabas Shaw Walker at Castlemaine. Barnabas is registered as living at Avoca, and Mary Jane at Kyneton. Barnabas was well known to the family having all lived at Pentridge before the Roddas moved to Research. Three of the Rodda boys also became ministers in the Church of England.

Barnabus Shaw Walker was a colourful character. Some extracts from the lengthy obituary which appeared in the Church of England Messenger tell us something of his life and sudden death. Mary Jane is mentioned only as accompanying him, and later as his widow with eight children for whom to care.

Barnabas was born in Parramatta, New South Wales, the son of prominent Sydney merchantman. After his education at Bathurst Grammar school he became involved in business where he developed marked ability and skill in management. However he had always been drawn to serve in Christian ministry and coming from a Methodist background became a probationer. After two year's training he resigned and offered himself to the Bishop of Melbourne as a candidate for the ministry of the Church of England. He became one of the early students at Moore College. After ordination he served at Gisborne, St.Philip's East Collingwood and Maryborough and Ballaarat, and is legendary at St Matthew's Prahran where he died. He is described as being of a very active disposition and

having great powers of organization, taking every opportunity to open churches in outlying districts and building new churches. He suffered indifferent health with the accompanying stresses and strains but eventually undertook charge of St Matthew's Prahran, a difficult parish at that time. There he made many friends and was a dynamic leader with a gift for extempore preaching in a most earnest and acceptable manner. As well he is reported to be a man of genial, sociable and kindly disposition, as a friend he was warm, sincere and very helpful, being a wise counsellor to all who sought his advice in trouble or difficulty.

His death, in 1878, at the age of forty five was a great shock. Having organized the building of St Matthew's he had a premonition that he would not see it consecrated. On the Sunday morning he had a seizure while leading the service and he died early the following morning.

When St Matthew's Prahran was demolished the memorial window was transferred to the church at the pioneer settlement at Swan Hill. It is on the wall opposite the entrance and has no inscription.

Mary Jane herself, had had some health problems. She was thirty nine when widowed, the eldest of the eight living children was eighteen, the youngest one year. She had borne fourteen children, five, including twins, died as infants and one as a child. For a time she lived in Windsor and later was cared for by her daughters. Her parents and brothers gave her continuing support.

Like most of the Roddas she seems to have been quiet and self effacing. Her life cannot have been easy. She died a month before her sixty seventh birthday in 1905.



Barnabus Shaw Walker

WEDDING BELLS

Walker - Knight

The following account of Florence Walker's marriage to H.M.Knight provides an insight into the family.



The marriage of Florence Walker to H. M. Knight.

Muriel Peake, Kitty Walker, Lottie Knight, Florence Walker, Ada Walker, Amy Peake.

Wedding bells are again chiming in North Fitzroy and the spring flowers and sunshine are having their charm enhanced by the many really charming brides who have decided to change their names in the season when bud, blossom and leaf are at their brightest and best. One outcome of this decision was that on Tuesday last in North Fitzroy, which has become quite distinguished in the matrimonial line of late, three fair brides sallied forth in bridal array, and surrounded by all that makes these interesting ceremonies attractive in the eyes even of strangers. The marriage of Miss Florence Walker, of Holden Street, North Fitzroy, to Mr. Knight, of Auburn, solicitor, attracted a good many to St. Luke's Church, where the ceremony was to be performed by the Rev. Mr. Edwin Rodda, of St. Jude's Church,

uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. E. D. Fethers, Incumbent of St. Luke's Church, North Fitzroy. The fact of the late Rev. B. Rodda having been Incumbent of St. Luke's for years prior to his acceptance of the Daylesford Incumbency, which he filled till his death, gave additional interest to this wedding. As the bride was given away by another uncle, the Rev R. H. Rodda of Broadmeadows, the clergy were well represented in the family as in the church. The bride wore a beautiful dress of ivory satin, made with a plainness that gave the material the full benefit of its own beauty. It was eminently becoming, and very graceful with its lengthy train, the orthodox veil, and orange blossoms. Miss Ada Walker looked very nice indeed as first bridesmaid, wearing heliotrope slip under figured muslin of

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“Human blossoms scarce unfolden,
Bright with childhood’s promise golden.”

The groomsmen were Messrs. S.H.Brady, J.Harely, and Hazelthorn, and the ceremony was very impressively performed.

On the bride’s entry “The Voice That Breathed O’er Eden” was sung, and at her departure the “Wedding March” was played by Mrs W. Moloney, who presided at the organ during the afternoon. A reception was held at the Albert Hall, Clifton Hill, afterwards at which a number of friends paid their respects to the happy pair, who at five o’clock took their departure amid a shower of good wishes for Sydney, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The presents received were numerous and handsome.

The Rev Benjamin Rodda, mentioned above as dying at Daylesford died as incumbent of Echuca where he went after Daylesford.

Marjorie Jacklyn, a descendant of Minnie Amelia Tribe has memories of some of her aunts and great aunts and between most of the members of the family there has been a continuing link. Amongst other things Marjorie remembers them all as very articulate with a speedy mode! Maybe the result of being part of a big family. Many Roddas are reluctant to be heard

As the following genealogy shows some groups have not been traced, which does not mean that they will not appear in the next edition.

The descendants of Mary Jane Rodda and Barnabas S. Walker.

- 1 Nicholas and Jane Rodda.
 - 2 Mary Jane (9.8.1838-9.7.1905)
married 10.7.1856 at Castlemaine.
Barnabus Shaw WALKER(1833-1878)
 - 3 Frederick (1857-1857) b.North Melbourne.
 - 3 Lucinda Jane (16.3.1858-6.4.1859) b.Sydney.
 - 3 Emily Jane (1860-)
married 1883 Charles PEAKE.
 - 4 Muriel Ann (1884-)
unmarried
 - 4 Amy Ethel (1888-)
married George IRWIN
 - 5 Mavis d childhood
 - 5 Betty
married D. BUXTON

- 5 Merlyn
married G.LOVE no issue
- 5 Heather
married R. SAVAGE
 - 6 Russell
 - 6
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 - 6
 - 6
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 - 6
 - 6
 - 6
- 3 Lucy Amelia (10.5.1861-1861) b. Gisborne
- 3 Frederick Dewhurst (1862-1865) b. Gisborne
- 3 Minnie Amelia (11.12.1863-1936) b.Gisborne d.Preston
married 1883 at Fitzroy Edward C.TRIBE.(1856-1935)
 - 4 Alice Giblin (16.11.1883-31.10.1952) b.Fitzroy
d Preston. unmarried -
"Alice Tribe Memorial Hall" named after her in appreciation of her
years of service to Sunday School at St Mary's Church, Preston.
 - 4 Ethel Mary (14.10.1888-6.8.1957) b. Fitzroy. d. Rosebud
married 1932
Arthur C.EAVES (- 1958)no issue.
 - 4 Dorothy Mabel (10.3.1899 -30.6.1947)b.Warrnambool
married 1928
Fred TUCKER (1905-1987)
 - 5 Majorie Clare (29.5.1930-) b. Preston
married 1957
Robinson Mainwaring JACKLYN
 - 6 Peter Mainwaring (29.9.1958-) PhD Zoology
 - 6 Christopher James (7.9.1960-)MBBS Medical Practitioner W.A.
 - 6 Rowena Jane (4.4.1962-) nurse.
- 4 Eric Edward (19.6.1906-6.7.1979)
married 1929
Dorothea Ray
 - 5 Norma Margaret (14.10.1931-)
married i P.PURDY dec.
ii O.SCHIELE
 - 6 Bruce Francis (11.6.1955-)
married 1984
Beth
 - 6 Timothy Miller (6.4.1959-)
married 1983

- 6 David Peter (11.11.1961)
- 5 John Francis (20.11.1934-)
married Rosemary Oriander Schoolteacher.
 - 6 Deborah Jane (1957-)
married 1985
 - 6 Stephen John Clifford (1960-)
married
 - 6 Christopher Charles Edward (1963-)
 - 6 Nicholas
- 5 David Raymond (15.8.1942-) Architect
married
 - 6
 - 6
 - 6
- 4 Elsie Muriel (23.7.1908-)
married 1929
Charles Kennett KINGSFORD
 - 5 Kevin Edward (9.2.1931-)
married 1954
Lynette Isabel Iverson
 - 6 Andrew Charles (1958-)
married Virginia Gilmore 1986
 - 7 Wesley Charles (28.8.90-)
 - 6 Simon Hugh Kennett (1960-)
married 1986
Angela Gibson
 - 6 Helen Mary Isobel (1962-)
married
Christopher George PANKHURST
 - 7 Edward George (1983-)
 - 6 David Matthew (1973-)
- 3 Henry (1864-1864) Gisborne. Twin.
- 3 Frank Gisborne. Twin.
- 3 Annie Louisa (1865-) B. Collingwood.
- 3 Florence Mary (14.3.1869.5.2.1930)
married 1900
Herbert M. KNIGHT
 - 4 Douglas (7.9.1901-14.9.1988)
married M. McKeich no issue.
 - 4 Marjorie
married J. ROBERTS
 - 5 John Manning (1931-1940)
 - 5 Margaret Phyllis (9.8.1934-)
married D.G.Matthews

- 6 Sally Anne (11.7.1960-) Trained Nurse.
- 6 John Peter (23.3.1964-) Accountant
married 2.3.1991
Elizabeth Sayers
- 5 Donald George (29.4.1936-)
married
F.McFee
 - 6 Campbell (4.4.1964-) Dentist
 - 6 Amanda Lucy (26.9.1966-) Lawyer
 - 6 Susanna Emma (23.10.1969-)
 - 6 Jennifer Anne (18.7.1971-)
- 5 Heather Manning (26.9.1942-)
married 7.1.1966
K. KIRKPATRICK
 - 6 Peter (16.12.1966-) Quantity Surveyor
 - 6 Maree Lynette (2.9.1968
 - 6 Stuart (29.4.1970-)
- 4 Phyllis
married
N. LAUGHTON. no issue
- 3 Ada Maria (6.7.1870-1928) b. Collingwood.
- 3 Arthur Evelyn (5.9.1873-) b. Maryborough
married 1894
Emily Frances Morrison
 - 4 Percival James (1894-) b. Carlton.
 - 4 Arthur Fred (1897-)
 - 5 James
- 3 Mabel Katherine (28.6.1875-1955) b. Prahran
married 1912
Henry BATTEN
 - 4 Kathleen
married R. CRAIGEN
 - 5
 - 6
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 - 6
- 3 Percy Shaw (13.12.1876-)
married 1905
Rosina Clarke
 - 4 Rosalind Merlin Mary (1.10.1905-)
married Roy SUMMERS

- 5 Brian (4.10.1934-)
married Gwen
 - 6 Andrea
 - 6 Carolyn
- 5 Kendra died infancy.,
- 5 Kenneth (10.6.19 -)
married Margaret
 - 6 Darryn
 - 6 Andrew
 - 6 Ian
- 5 Glenys
married
Gary MILLINGTON
 - 6 Troy
 - 6 Jay
 - 6 Natalie
 - 6 Brook
- 4 Lucy Minnie (23.1.1907-)
married
Charles BARNES
 - 5 Maxwell
 - 5 Janice
- 4 Merlin Martha (24.6.1908-)
married
Lawrence
- 4 James Henry (5.3.1912-9.3.1953)
married
Doris, died tragically with daughter at Phillip Is.
 - 5 Lorraine d.
 - 5
 - 5
- 4 Harold Percival Shaw (3.12.1919- 8.1990)
married
 - 5 Helen
 - 5 Joy
 - 5 Graham
married
 - 5 Garry
- 4 Alfred John (12.7.1926-)
married
 - 5 Gary

Benjamin Rodda

baptized St Buryan, Cornwall, 10th April, 1842 until 1895.



According to his marriage certificate Benjamin was born in Derminack, and his baptism was registered at the church at St Buryan, Cornwall. Benjamin was the fifth child and second youngest of the family. He was just seven years old when they migrated to Australia. We do not know anything in particular about his childhood except from a comment in his obituary that as a lad he used to preach to his companions about living through faith and he seems to have grown up as an endearing young man, academically capable and with a spirituality which lead him into the Anglican ministry. In this he followed the example of his brother, Richard and was also influenced by his brother-in-law, Barnabas Shaw Walker. He studied at Moore College as an Exhibition Student in 1870 and later as a deacon he took temporary charge of the Maryborough Parish, where he undoubtedly came to know the Evans family.

On the fourteenth of August, 1872, Benjamin, aged thirty, married Maria Ellen Evans at St Michael's Church, Maryborough. They had ten children, three of whom died as infants and one, the only surviving boy died aged nine. This was a particularly hard blow to Benjamin.

In 1885 Benjamin, who was by now far from well, returned to England which seems to have helped him physically. However, as his obituary tells he died after a short ministry at Echuca, in 1895, just fifty three years old. His wife was left with five daughters to care for.

Maria came from London. Her father was on the staff of one of London's big newspapers and, with a Mr Summerton, had been chosen to start a branch in Melbourne which they carried on for a number of years. The family left Melbourne for Maryborough after the death of the young son, Samuel, who was one of the first boys enrolled at Melbourne Grammar School. He died after an epidemic swept through the school.

In Maryborough James Evans started his own newspaper which prospered and continued for many years. He built a lovely home on ten acres and developed a beautiful garden.

Olive, one of the daughters, left some written details of the Evans and Rodda families, from which some of the foregoing information has been extracted, as well she tells of some colourful incidents:

On the voyage out "a most extraordinary accident happened to Grandfather (Evans); the weather was very rough the ship tossing and pitching badly and my grandfather was flung overboard, but the a wonderful thing happened, the next huge wave flung him back on deck"

Maria was about 4 years old when she came to Australia with her parents and her small sister Carrie.

Mrs James Evans was formerly a Maggai, daughter of an Italian, son of Count Maggi, who fled to England to escape a life as a Priest. The family was well educated and Aunt Maggi became governess to the Evans children in their early years.

Life at Maryborough was happy and prosperous, and young Maria's marriage to Benjamin promising. His early death, the death of Mrs James Evans and the remarriage of James brought many hardships to the young family. Maria and the five surviving girls struggled at first, but managed well. The girls received their later education at a Ladies' finishing school run by the Misses Singleton, daughters of the well known Christian Doctor.

Of the five girls two, **Eva** and **Ivy**, did not marry. **Olive** married Foster Salter. The Salters had already married into the Willis family and Edwin, Benjamin's younger brother married Elinor Willis. Olive, Foster and Edwin's family became close friends. **Myrtle** married Frederick Rosenbrock and she was the last of that generation to die. She lived to the age of ninety five and died in 1983. For most of their married life they lived in Gippsland at Bunyip and Bairnsdale.

Hazel lived in St Arnaud until she went to the United States of America to live with her daughter who had married an American soldier.

Church of England Messenger, October 11, 1895

Obituary

Rev. Benjamin Rodda

The subject of this notice was born in Cornwall in the year 1849, and arrived with his family (parents and brothers) in Port Phillip when a child of seven years old. Never very robust in health, and of great bias to religion, he seemed to regard the Ministry as his vocation. When a lad he used to preach - or rather exhort - his companions to rights of living through faith, and his voice was heard in Church praise. Under the late Rev. B. S. Walker (who died at Prahran, St Matthew's Church being the monument of his labour), Mr. Rodda commenced to labour as a Reader, first at Gisborne and next at Newstead and Campbell's Creek, under the late Ven. Archdeacon Crawford, of happy memory. From thence after spending some months with his brother-in-law, Mr Walker, Incumbent of St. Phillip's Collingwood, he was accepted as an exhibition student for Moore College, in the year 1870, where having resided two terms, he, on returning to Victoria, received Deacon's orders, and for six months took temporary charge of Maryborough Parish, after which time the parochial district of Tarnagulla and Newbridge was offered to him, and accepted. Transferred from thence to Talbot and Amherst, after two years of work there he was offered the incumbency of All Saints', Ballarat, his near neighbour being Rev. Mr. Adeney now chaplain of two suburban hospitals. The late Rev. C. S. Perry having decided to take a voyage for health's sake to England, Mr. Rodda was accepted as locum tenens for one year or longer, the present Bishop of Ballarat, who had just entered upon his see, regretting the lost of so earnest a minister. For eighteen months Mr. Rodda had charge of St. Jude's, and kept the parish well together, and there exhibited a talent for preaching which gained him a reputation of great pulpit power. The old parishioners of St. Jude's speak of the force and power of his discourses even at the present time, though twenty years have passed since he was ministering there. On Mr. Perry's return the parochial district of North Fitzroy was offered to him, which he accepted; and from the small wooden church at the rise of the road to Clifton Hill the present substantial and conspicuous church of St. Luke's, North Fitzroy, sprang up. Here stands a monument of his zeal and perseverance, the result of faith and prayer. For eleven years he ministered here, having feeble health, yet with full confidence in the help and support from above. Here, as in other parishes, his "preaching attracted many," as the Bishop so kindly put it in his recent address. After eight years of earnest labour he felt need of entire rest, so decided to visit England in 1885, having secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Byng to take charge of his parish. This arrangement was good for the church but not for the incumbent, Mr. Byng being a most attractive preacher, who won the affections of many. On his return a new Parish of St. Michael's was formed, and many parishioners followed Mr. Byng, who had charge of the district. St. Luke's suffered in consequence. Mr Rodda's health not improving, he sought a change of work in the country. An exchange was brought about with Rev. G. T. Armstrong, of Daylesford, and for seven years Mr. Rodda laboured there. The climate in winter being very severe, together with the great grief of his life - the early death of his only son - served to shatter a system not over strong; so, still following the guidance of Providence he exchanged with Rev. Mr. Sandiford, of Echuca, there hoping to recover lost vitality. But the Lord ordered it otherwise. Commencing well, and attracting many, after six months he broke down, and only once more preached after six months' rest; then to be quite laid aside from work. Mr. Rodda was a most spiritually-minded man; he lived near to God, studied prophecy, and quarrelled with none. Loved for his genial nature and gentleness of disposition, he had many friends. Strange to relate that the two who had begun work together, and were bosom friends, should be closely connected in the closing hours of his life. The Rev. Geo. Kelly, having accepted the vacant living of Echuca, ministered to the spiritual needs of his early friend, and closed his eyes in death. On the 4th September, 1895, his spirit entered into rest. Memorial services were held at Daylesford, Echuca and St. Luke's. "Faithful unto death, he had received a crown of life."

Descendants of Benjamin and Maria Rodda

- 1 Nicholas and Jane Rodda.
 - 2 Benjamin (10.4.1842-4.9.1895) b. St Buryan Cornwall.
married 14.8.1872 St Michael's Church, Talbot.
Maria Ellen Evans (14.2.1852-18.4.1934)
 - 3 Winifred Ethel d.infancy.
 - 3 Eva Mabel Maggi (1874-1958)
 - 3 Sydney James Evans d. infancy.
 - 3 Hubert Langley Evans d.infancy.
 - 3 Olive Mildred Carolina (11.9.1879-27.3.1965)
married Foster SALTER (7.12.1876-2.5.1954)
 - 4 Alwyn Bernie (31.7.1905-)
married c 1932
 - i 1932 Edna Butterworth died 1933.
 - ii 19.4.1938 Evelyn Cohoghoic
 - 5 Gabrielle Patricia Salter (15.12.1933-
married
 - i Neville MORRISH (dec)
 - ii Patrick TYDINGS
 - 6 Renata (3.6.1951-)
married
 - 7 Son
 - 7 Son
 - 7 Son
 - 6 Mark (6.5.1963-)
 - 6 Danielle (21.4.1966-)
married
 - 7 Son
 - 7 Son
 - 7 Son
 - 6 Jack Tydings
 - 5 Athol Theo (11.7.1939-)
married
Margaret
 - 6 Paul Keith (6.6.1969-)
 - 6 Jane Margaret (7.9.1971-)
 - 5 Keith Foster
 - 4 Geoffrey Wilson (6.6.1907- 1.1978)
married 27.2.1937
Lucy Stockwell
 - 5 Gillian (9.6.1938-) Trained Nurse
married

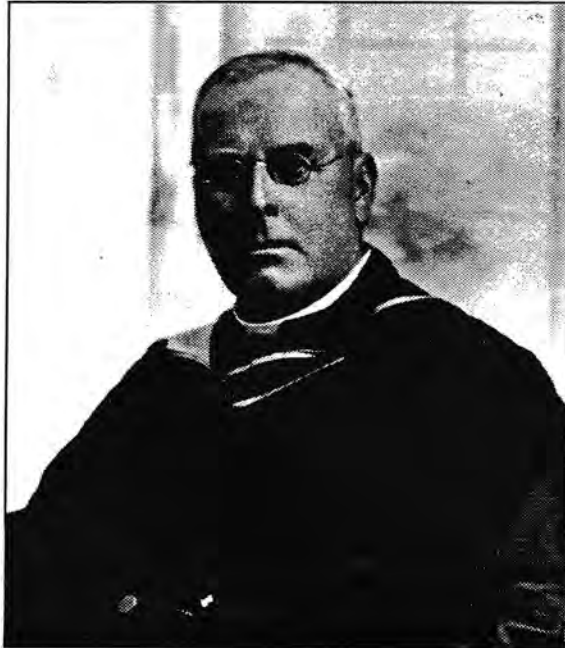
- 6 Rebecca (2.8.1965-)
- 6 Frederick (17.4.1967-)
- 6 Samuel (12.4.1968-)
- 5 Geoffrey John (10.5.1940-)
married
Eve Acocks, Separated, Physiotherapist
 - 6 Rachael (31.10.1969-)
 - 6 William (11.8.1971-)
- 5 Carolin Margot (26.8.1943-)
married 26.8.1967
Nicholas COOPER U.K. Medical Artist
 - 6 Thomas (13.2.1971-)
 - 6 Joseph (19.11.1973-)
 - 6 George (16.6.1975-)
 - 6 Lillie (25.6.1983-)
- 4 Hilary Mabel (22.3.1913-) Trained Nurse
married 20.9.1941 St Andrew's Brighton.
Leofric NORTH (25.7.1898-24.6.1972) Grazier, Wivenhoe Q.
 - 5 Diane Guildford (8.12.1942-) Nurse
married 18.4.1982
David McBlair GLOAG (23.12.1932- Grazier
 - 6 Andrew John (10.3.1983-)
 - 6 Megan Constance (20.6.1984-)
 - 5 Leoffric Dudley (8.5.1945-) Grazier
married 20.9.1969
Mary Lynette Meyer
 - 6 Antonia (20.6.1971-) Medical Student.
 - 6 Shay (21.1.1973-) Arts Student.
 - 6 Bronte (18.4.1978-)
 - 5 Pamela Carolin (26.1.1949-) Vetinary Technician.
married 25.11.1968
Ivan Murray WALKER (26.11.1945-) Builder
 - 6 Kerry Ann (23.8.1969-) Radiologist
 - 6 Sandra Marie (20.11.1970-) Nurse
 - 6 Murray John (24.6.1973-) Marketing Trainee.
 - 6 David Lawrance (26.12.1975-)
 - 5 Ann Hilary (27.3.1953-) Osteopath. Nurse.
married 1981 in England.
Paul HEYMANS Senior Probationary Officer
 - 6 Son (.5.1991-)
- 4 Graeme Foster (11.10.1916-) Medical Practitioner
married 13.6.1942
Alice Letitia Anson (24.3.1922-)

- 5 Ann Margaret (9.4.1943-)
 married 10.10.1968
 Ian CUNNINGHAM M.D.(28.4.1941-)
 - 6 Benjamin Stuart (27.6.1970-)
 - 6 Lucy Anne (16.9.1972-)
 - 6 Chloe Alice (26.8.1976-)
- 5 Wendy (11.6.1946-)
 married. Div.
 Russell HARWOOD
 - 6 Walter (29.7.1977-)
 - 6 Timothy (27.6.1979-)
- 5 Robert (25.1.1951-)
 married 24.4.1981 Div.
 Jan Copley (10.8.1952-)
 - 6 Amy (30.10.1982-)
- 5 David Foster Anson(12.12.1953-)
- 3 Raymond Langley Evans d. aged 9 years.
- 3 Ivy Constance Jane (1886-1960)
- 3 Myrtle Daylesford Geake (11.1.1888-6.10.1983)
 married 5.5.1913
 Frederick Charles ROSENBROCK (19.3.1888-6.10.1983)
 - 4 Raymond George (12.4.1914-12.9.1944) Army.
 Unmarried. No issue.
 - 4 Margaret Ellen (Peggy) (15.11.1916-23.12.1971)
 married 6.2.1942
 Robert BROWNELL (6.2.1916-)
 - 5 Robert Andrew (21.1.1945-)
 married 8.11.1989
 Elizabeth Louise Smith (1947-
 - 5 Mark Raymond (12.10.1945-)
 married 5.8.1977
 Patricia Cocks
 - 6 Phoebe (20.1.1988-)
 - 5 Jonathan Charles (19.8.1952-)
 married Marylyan Sugimura
 - 6 Robert Satori (20.6.1984-
 - 6 Nicholas Keisuke (16.2.1988-)
 - 4 Nance Muriel (12.2.1926-)
 married 3.7.44
 Colin Hampton CLARK (21.3.1917- .1.1991)
 - 5 Joanna Sue (16.5.1952-)
 married
 i(div)
 ii Peter BOURNE
 - 6 Ferguson Bourne

- 6 Cassidy (3.8.1986-)
- 5 Melanie Jane (3.9.1956-)
married
i div.
ii div.
- 6 Shorell Louise KERR
- 6 Lucas John KERR
- 6 Daniel KERR
- 4 Betty (23.3.1922)
married 17.2.1945
Harold Frederick MATTHEWS (7.3.1916-)
 - 5 Timothy Charles (20.7.1950-)
married 13.11.1971
Noelle Christine Sorrel (6.11.1950-)
 - 6 Rebecca Elizabeth (5.12.1978-)
 - 6 Daniel Charles (16.8.1980-)
 - 5 Sally Ann (6.10.1954-)
married 30.12.1977
Walter MELHART (27.3.1946-)
- 3 Hazel Hai Hektenkaten (1890-1975)
married
Harry KEMPSON
 - 4 Molly Knowles K. (19.9.1914 - 5.12.1988)
married 26.9.1944
Ray LAIRD. lived in Texas USA.
 - 5 Sally (11.2.47 - 10.5.73)
married 5.4.68
John.H.Ivey Jr, Alpine Texas
 - 6 Johnny H³
 - 5 Barbara Knowles (17.3.49 -)
married 3.10.73
Cecil LANCE (2.4.41 -)
 - 6 Matthew (30.4.80 -) El Pasco
 - 6 Katie (21.5.85-) El Pasco

REV. EDWIN RODDA

Born Trevello, Paul, Cornwall 5th April, 1844.



Edwin, the youngest of the family of Nicholas and Jane was five years and four days old when the *General Palmer* arrived in Melbourne. James, his eldest brother was fifteen. Leaving the ship, taking up a place in the immigrants' depot and possibly deciding to depart for Port Fairy must have been a bewildering time for the family. Edwin would be eleven before they settled in Research.

He received most of his education while at Research. He did not attend the school at Eltham which was nearest to his home but may have gone to Kangaroo Ground - or he was taught at home. Certainly the whole family had scholarly abilities.

Establishing the fruit garden from which to make a living, providing for the needs of the growing family, establishing the older members in their vocations, and married life meant a busy time for all. As time went on records show the way they supported one another as they attended the various marriages and baptisms, this often meant travelling long distances.

Following the example of brothers Richard and Benjamin Edwin was preparing for his life as an ordained minister in the Anglican Church at an early age. The three boys were companions of Barnabus Shaw Walker, also an Anglican Priest, who married their sister, Mary Jane.

In 1865, aged twenty-one, Edwin was confirmed at St Philip's Collingwood, possibly his formal admission into the Anglican Church. Although the parents, Joseph and James were all active Methodists there seems to have been no objection to the boys entering the Anglican ministry. From 1868 his appointments were as follows:-

1868 Reader at Duckponds, Parochial District of Station Peake.

Reader at Bacchus Marsh.

1870 Reader at Steiglitz.

1874 At Moore College, Liverpool, NSW.
Graduated.

Deaconed at St Andrew's Sydney for Melbourne.

1875 Deacon at Beechworth and Sale.

1875 Priested at St James' Old Cathedral for Ballarat.

1875 Curate at Wangaratta

1876 Milawa

1877 Bright

1879 Benalla

1880 Incumbent Benalla (elthamhistory.org.au)

1891 Rural Dean Wangaratta

1891 St Saviour's Collingwood

1898 St Jude's Carlton

1902 Missioner at Sorrento.

On the 11th May, 1875, Edwin married Elinor Willis, daughter of Richard and Jane Eliza Willis, at St Mark's Church, Kensington Bellarine (now Leopold), where the Willis family lived. The ceremony was conducted by Barnabas Shaw Walker (brother-in-law) and Benjamin Rodda and witnessed by Richard Henry Rodda.

The Willis farm was at Moolap, later they moved to Gippsland. They were a large family with whom Edwin and Elinor continued to have happy contacts. Later a niece of Edwin's, (Olive, daughter of Benjamin) married Foster Salter, grandson of Jane and Richard Willis, giving two Rodda links with this family.

Edwin and Elinor had four children, Arnold, Charlotte, Cuthbert and Vera Elsie all born during the time in the Riverina. They retired in 1914 from Sorrento and lived in various places, Camberwell, Hawthorn, St Kilda and Brighton.

Edwin died on 22nd August, 1917 and is buried in the Kew cemetery. Elinor lived another ten years. During this time she was cared for by her son, Arnold, and the Salter family. She died on 18th February, 1927 at Malvern, aged seventy seven and is also buried at Kew.



Elinor Rodda

Church of England Messenger, September 21, 1917 Obituary

Edwin Rodda

"The Rev. E. Rodda, whose death was announced in our last issue, will be remembered in the diocese as a kindly, faithful parish priest who went through life, trying to do his duty, and without making an enemy. On his ordination in 1874 he was licensed as curate to the late Ven. Archdeacon Tucker, who in addition to his archdeaconry, had charge of the parish of Holy Trinity, Wangaratta. The curate's duties in those days included the responsibility of taking charge of the parish during the frequent absences of the incumbent on archidiaconal duty, the care of such churches in the neighbourhood at Milawa, Tarrawingie, Eldorado, etc., where the deceased is still remembered for his diligence as a visitor, and the kindness of his character. For seventeen years he served the Church in the North Eastern district at Wangaratta, Bright and Benalla, during which period he became deeply interested in freemasonry, of which he was an able and accredited exponent. No Masonic function in those days from the Murray River at Wodonga to Seymour was thinkable without his presence. In 1891, on the death of the Rev. C. M. Yelland, he became incumbent of St Saviour's Collingwood, and later incumbent of St Jude's Carlton, and last of all minister at Sorrento, Dromana, etc. retiring in the year 1914. The happier years of his life were spent in the country, which gave him time for study, opportunities for hospitality and spheres of congenial work. He kept open house, to which brother priests were ever welcome and endeared himself to his people, and while holding his principles as a broad-minded Anglican he earned the respect and esteem of the clergy and people of all denominations.

A Memorial window and plaque can be found in the Anglican Church of St John's Sorrento.

The Children of Edwin and Elinor

Arnold, the eldest child of Elinor and Edwin, was born in the Milawa Parsonage in 1876 and died in 1931. He was buried at Kew. He was a keen naturalist and became Secretary of the Naturalists' Society, contributing articles to their magazine and attending field excursions etc. He was also well informed in geology. At one time he worked for the Mines Department and was at Walhalla as secretary of the Long Tunnell Mine. After the war and his father's death Arnold lived with his mother, known to her nieces and nephews as Aunt Lena, in a flat above the Salter family home in 400 Hampton Street, Brighton. His other addresses were Princes Street, St Kilda and 221 Drummond Street Carlton. He did not marry and his death was considered due to war effects.

From *Victorian Naturalist*, 1930-1932.

The Late Mr A. E. Rodda

A heavy blow has fallen upon the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria by the almost sudden death on August 16th of its esteemed Hon. Sec. Mr. A. E. Rodda.

Mr Rodda as mentioned elsewhere, filled the breach when the late Mr L. L. Hodgson was taken ill and continued most successfully until he himself was compelled to take a rest from his office work in the Mines Department at the beginning of August. He was well versed in Natural History matters and from his departmental duties had a good general knowledge of the features and characteristics of the state.

He was perhaps, too unassuming in his manner and thus was not so well known to members of the club as he deserved to be.

After acting as substitute for the late Mr Hodgson during the latter part of his term of office Mr Rodda was elected Honorary Secretary in June 1929 and had been reelected yearly since.

He acted as leader of many excursions even so late as the visit to Daylesford district at Easter. He had also done good work at the various exhibitions held during his term of office and especially at the public functions last year. He was elected a member of the club in November 1921 and had contributed three useful articles to *The Naturalist*:

- “A Naturalist at Bethanga” Vol 42 p 164
 “Around Yan Yean” Vol 43 p 184
 “Walhalla revisited” Vol 47 p 87

An undated newspaper cutting with a story by A. E. Rodda has been preserved in part, for this he won the prize of 5s. At that time Arnold was living in 221 Drummond Street Carlton.

“Hunting of the Bunyip”.

Mr Clarence Fitzgerald was a new chum, and, consequently, at first he endeavoured to conceal the fact as much as possible, being determined not to allow himself to be made the object of those practical jokes or to stray into any of those pitfalls which are popularly supposed to beset recent arrivals in the Antipodes.

He was agreeably disappointed therefore, on landing at Sydney to find that there was no apparent difference between himself and the majority of the inhabitants whom he met, and, being charmed with the welcome accorded him, he had allowed himself to a certain extent, to lapse into unwariness, not that he had ceased to be cautious of his sayings and doings, but having discovered that nothing had happened to ruffle that sense of dignity which every Englishman cultivates so assiduously, he began to think that his good common sense had tided him over the doubtful period, and that, barring a few disillusion, he had begun to adapt himself very well to the customs and manners of a new country.,

Behold him, therefore, a few months later lolling at his ease under the broad verandah of Lake Weerup station, listening with calm appreciation to the conversation of half a dozen gentlemen, the majority of whom, like himself, were enjoying the hospitality of worthy Squatter M'Vean, and indulging in an after-dinner smoke in the cool of the summer evening.

Through the open window floated the strains of a waltz, played by the skilful fingers of the squatter's handsome daughter. All else was still, save the occasional “creek, creek” of the little tree frogs in the garden shrubs, which chimed in not unmusically with the notes of the piano, and added to the peculiar sense of restfulness which the fragrant weed inspires.

Right in front of the house, about a hundred yards away, lay the placid waters of Lake Weerup, from which the station took its name - a broad expanse of clay-coloured water, about 350 acres in extent, surrounded mostly by low melaluca scrub, and fringed with rushes, rippling dazzlingly in the day time, but now calm and still under the gleaming stars of the night.

Such a pond would be signified by the name of “lake” nowhere else but in Australia, and in its present condition might more appropriately be termed a swamp.

Lake Weerup, however, never dried up, even in the hottest seasons, for it was fed by a small creek, which, in the wet season, brought down a sufficient supply of water to last all the rest of the year.

There was good shooting, too on the lake, for, being the largest sheet of water for 60 miles around, there was generally a fair number of water-fowl in occupation, which gave plenty of sport to the squatter's guests.

Clarence was an ardent sportsman, but, having in England shot nothing larger than pheasants or grouse, he was delighted with his first day's bag, which included such big game as pelicans, black swans, and native companions, so that, on the whole, he was feeling very satisfied with himself this beautiful evening.

Seated near him were the squatter himself, his nephew Harry, Dr. Shorter from Melbourne and a couple of other gentlemen, friends of the host, and an animated discussion was taking place which aroused Clarence's attention and interest.

“It is my opinion,” Dr. Shorter was arguing, “that the bunyip is a myth, and always was a myth, as geological research has never brought to light - in Australia at all events anything that at all conforms to the aboriginal idea.

Savage races, as you all know, are intensely superstitious, and among a class of beings such as our blacks, who do not possess the art of writing, tradition is handed down from generation to generation, with hardly any variation from the original; but I must say that, of all the aboriginal traditions that of the bunyip is most peculiarly universal over the eastern portion of the continent, and in my opinion it is synonymous with the “debble-debble,” and equally imaginary.”

“Well, I hardly agree with you,” said the squatter, giving the doctor's elbow a warning touch, for he could see the manifest interest in the expressive features of Clarence, and was wickedly cogitating some scheme for the mystification of his young guest, “for I once got old King Jacky, of Burrawallm, to draw for me his idea of the bunyip, and, although his artistic abilities were

somewhat below the average, yet his production was a remarkable one; for, although his picture somewhat resembled a swan, it was without wings or feet, but had, instead, four paddles like those of a seal, and, in fact, it was almost exactly like the restored drawings of one of the extinct fossil fish lizards that the geologists call the-

“Plesiosaurus?” put in the doctor, interrogatively. “Yes, that’s it,” replied the squatter relieved. “And, what’s more, I have

And unless someone else has the end of the story we shall have to take up the challenge and write one ourselves - in true Rodda style of course. Arnold was a great story teller.

The second child of the family was **Charlotte Violet** who was born at the Parsonage in Bright and died in Johannesburg South Africa aged fifty eight years. She married Blair Douglas but had no children. Lottie features in many family photographs and is remembered as “Aunt Lottie” by nieces and nephews.



Charlotte Rodda 1877 - 1935

Cuthbert Tremayne was the third child of Edwin and Elinor. He was born at Bright in 1879 and baptised on 21st November, 1879. The ceremony was performed by his uncle Benjamin who was, at that time, priest at Ballarat. The next twenty years were spent mostly in the Riverina at Bright, Benalla and Wangaratta.

In 1900, aged twenty one, Bert was stipendiary reader at St John’s Bendigo. When Edwin and Elinor moved to Sorrento in 1902 he went with them and studied for the ministry under his father’s direction. He also attended the Theological College at Wangaratta.

Eltham District Historical Society (elthamhistory.org.au)

The following were his appointments:

- 1913 Catechist at Tocumwal
- 1914 Deaconed at Hay, NSW
- 1915 Curate in charge of Balranald
- 1917 Ordained priest at St Paul’s Hay, NSW
- 1918 Urana
- 1921 Myrtleford
- 1923 Bethanga
- 1926 Chiltern
- 1934 Broadford
- 1939 Violet Town and Dookie
- 1946 retired

In 1917, aged 38, Cuthbert married Jessie Katherine, the daughter of Octavius and Jessie Lawrence. The Lawrence family were early settlers in Launceston, Tasmania where some of them still live on original properties. Octavius, Jessie and their children lived a sheltered but happy family life in Hawthorn. Octavius, a medical practitioner, had his practice in Fitzroy. After marriage Kitty was subjected to the very demanding life of the wife of a country parson in one of the hottest, driest areas of NSW. Their house on the hot plain of Urana was made of corrugated iron unsheltered by trees. The clergy stipends were small and Kitty used her expertize cooking, preserving etcetera to stretch the income. As well as the domestic and family responsibilities Kitty was always a tremendous help to Bert in his parish work, supporting and encouraging him in every situation. In spite of the hardships Bert and Kitty functioned very faithfully and creditably as Parish priest and wife, and parents of five children

Parish visiting and travelling to and from branch churches was at first by horse and buggy and then a T model Ford, a Rugby and an Austin. The family has vivid memories of going on holidays to visit relations in the early cars - in particular securing all the luggage on the outside running board and rear folding luggage carrier. They were happy years and as the family entered boarding schools the bonds strengthened. During the second world war the two boys enlisted, Lloyd serving in the Middle East and New Guinea and David was taken prisoner at Singapore.

Retiring from Violet town in 1946 Cuthbert and Kitty moved to Kilsyth and then to Brighton where Kitty died of cancer in 1955. Cuthbert suffered some disability after a stroke and died in Mt Royal Hospital in 1963.

In 1922 Cuthbert presented a paper on the "Out Back" to the Ruridecanal Chapter of Wangaratta. The paper outlines the life of a priest in the remote areas of the Riverina. He touches on the lives of the people on the stations, in the Pubs and in particular on the vastness of the country. The following is a selection of extracts:-

The Riverina Diocese was originally part of the Diocese of Goulburn. It owes its existence chiefly to the liberality of a New South Wales Churchman, who in 1884 contributed ten thousand pounds towards the endowment of a See.....

Its Eastern boundary touches the Diocese of Goulburn and Bathurst its area being 115,387 square miles, and its population in round numbers was then about 98,000. The average number of Clergy was from twenty-two to twenty five including Catechists. There are now twenty one parishes, but many of these are altogether too large.....

The Archdeaconry comprises an area of 43,200 square miles and takes in with it Broken Hill, the townships of Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Minindie, Silverton, Milparinka and Tibooburra.....I never met the Vicar of Broken Hill...for him to visit the Episcopal headquarters he had to travel through Adelaide and Melbourne before he reached Hay.

The Diocese unfortunately does not attract men on account of this isolation, the long distances to travel, heat, dust, droughts, flies, mosquitoes and high cost of living.

.....While I was at Tocumwal I had little conception of the vastness of the Riverina, or the experiences that were before me. The diocese is said to be as big as England, and when I was appointed to Balranald on the Murrumbidgee, I began to realize it ... take Murginde as a typical example of many outback homes. The inhabitants swelter in a temperature well over the hundred in the summer months, and then sometimes have to don their thickest overcoats to protect them from a biting westerly. For month on month they gaze on parched and sunbaked plains and then when the rains do come go out and slither and sink in unbelievable slimy and glutinous black mud. The black soil when wet has to be seen to be believed. It is the most affectionate clinging type of soil to be found anywhere

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The Rev. Cuthbert T. Rodda 1879 - 1963

on earth. To go out in shoes is disastrous. It just wrenches them off your feet.....

One always seems to be on the move in this Diocese. Traveling takes up more time than anything else. While you are away a parishioner may become ill and die, and his funeral all over by the time you return. I have always been able to arrange for a Churchwarden to take a funeral during my absence otherwise the Presbyterian Minister will oblige and you do the same for him. There are some stations such as Till Till that you may only be able to visit twice a year. On Till Till it takes ten acres of land to maintain one sheep, the pasture consisting mainly of salt bush but the wool compares most favorably

with some of the best in the world. Salt bush is a wonderful standby in drought.....

If taking a trip to real "Out Back" the first thing to do is to obtain from someone who knows it, a sketch of the route you desire to take, with the tracks, gates, stations and settlers' holdings carefully shown. The gate is a most important land mark in the back country and there are endless varieties of gate. No better test for a man's temper on a boiling hot day exists than opening and shutting gates. You may have to get down and open from thirty to forty gates on an ordinary trip and much mischief may be done if they are not properly closed. If you can take a man with you who knows the country he will add to his usefulness as a guide by acting as a gate opener. Provisions must be taken in case one gets lost.... A substantial water bag is most important and of course some sweets for the children. The plan has to be followed carefully, otherwise a wrong turn may land you anywhere by evening. You lunch at a settlers twenty five miles out, and stop at night at a station about forty nine miles from home. If nothing out of the way happens you have done well. Dinner at the station at 7 p.m. gives one a long afternoon for visiting. In the evenings at some places all hands are called to the house where a service is held in a room which contains a piano.....A great deal depends of course on the example set by the owner or manager. a number of men spend Sunday for the most part in washing and mending their clothes, others indulge in the great Australian gamble known as "two up" and you may be asked to have a spin....Next day you push on further north, and begin to reach sandy and undulating country, where

it is not uncommon to hear of people being lost and not found until it was too late. How like the ocean becalmed the plains are.....not a tree anywhere just salt bush and sand.

I remember on my first trip out taking a wrong track and travelling on for about half an hour before I realized that something was wrong as the track faded out. Out on the plains this is where the compass comes in.....

No town could be more unattractive to live in than Urana, situated as it is for the most part on a barren plain. There was no regular water supply and in times of drought water had to be carried. The parish however contained some of the most wealthy station owners in the Riverina and contributions to the Church were more than liberal - Here are some straight out gifts - one hundred and sixty five pounds to cover cost of removing Vicarage to the Church site, (it was a mile away) Three hundred pounds for electric light, including a power house, sixty pounds to restore the inside of the Church, six hundred and sixty five pounds for a Memorial Sanctuary completely furnished. One thousand pound bequest towards endowing the stipend. You can imagine the pleasure it was to get things done there with such help forthcoming."

Cuthbert made his first home with his new bride at Balranald where their first child, Elinor, was born. From there they went to live on the hot, barren Urana plain. Brenda was born there.

Elinor, who trained as a nurse, married Fred Buckland and lived, until retirement in Mansfield when they went to Cairns.

They have three children, Lawrence, Victoria and Clive, and five grandchildren. For many years Elinor suffered with Parkinson's Disease and died in 1991. Fred continues to live in Cairns with his daughter Victoria and granddaughters Jane and Jill Hobby.

Brenda, also a nurse, served with the Church Missionary Society in Tanzania and married the Rev. George Tooth. In Australia they served in churches in Victoria and New South Wales. Their four children are David, Philip, Keren and Nigel and they have eleven grandchildren.

George died in 1988 while they were living in Manley Queensland. Brenda is currently living at Coronet Bay Victoria.

Lloyd, after war service went to New Zealand where he still resides. He has five children, Edwin, Katherine, Rosemary, Jill, and Bronwyn.

David studied medicine after returning from the war and Prisoner of War camps in Singapore, Burma and Japan. After graduating he served for ten years with the Church Missionary Society, in Tanzania where he married Gwen Slade. They have four children, Brenda, Marcus, Graham and Helen and three grandchildren.

Returning to Australia in 1965 David worked in General Practice, Psychiatry and specialized in Geriatric medicine.

Rosemary is single. After training as a primary school teacher and working with the Church Missionary Society in North Australia she trained with Wycliffe Bible Translators.



The Wedding of Cuthbert Rodda and Jessie Katherine Lawrence.

Edwin Rodda, Arnold Rodda, Cuthbert Rodda, Kitty Lawrence, Helen Lawrence, Bruce Lawrence.

Elinor Willis and Jessie Lawrence.

Now an experienced translator and administrator she has worked in the Philippines for over 35 years.

The youngest child, of Edwin and Elinor Vera Elsie, was born in Benalla Vicarage and died in Sydney when only thirty five. She married Rupert Willis and had two children but was always sickly and subject to headaches and fits. The family moved to Sydney looking for improvement in her health in 1920 but she died in 1925 leaving two children. After the death of Vera, Rupert and the two children were cared for by Aunts and Grandmother. Rupert re-married a family friend, Hildegard MacDonald.

Edwin Brand, the older child was born in 1916 he was killed on active service with the airforce in 1944. The younger, Kathleen Vera lived with her father and stepmother in Clarke Road, Ivanhoe. She became a legal secretary and married solicitor Cedric Candy. They live in Kew but spend considerable time at their MacRae home where, with their two sons, Edwin and Graham and their families they have always been involved with sailing and the sailing club. Graham Candy achieved some fame sailing Catamarans.

The descendants of Edwin and Elinor Rodda.

I Nicholas and Jane Rodda.

2 Edwin (5.4.1844-22.8.1917)

married 11.5.1875 at Kensington (Leopold) Vic.
Elinor Willis (25.9.1850-18.2.1927)

3 Arnold Edwin (30.4.1876-18.8.1931) naturalist.
unmarried.

3 Charlotte Violet (30.12.1877-12.11.1935)
married

Blair DOUGLAS lived in Johannesburg S.A. No issue.

3 Cuthbert Tremayne (20.10.1879-25.6.1963)

married 19.4.1917 at St John's Camberwell.

Jessica Katherine Lawrence (30.6.1881-4.4.1955)

4 Elinor Jessie (4.2.1918-25.7.1991)

married 1942

Frederick William BUCKLAND (1918-)

5 Lawrence John (17.2.1944-) Public Service Canberra.

Unmarried.

5 Victoria Katherine (12.4.1946-)

married 29.8.1970 div.1991.

David HOBBY.

6 Jane Katherine (12.6.1974-)

6 Jill Miranda (27.1.1978-)

5 Clive Frederick (6.10.1949-)

married 8.4.1972 Mansfield Vic.

Janice Robertson

6 Emma Louise(-)

6 Scott Frederick (26.1.1979-)

6 Rebecca Anne (26.1.1979-)

4 Brenda Katherine (20.10.1919-)

married (12.11.1947-)

Wm. George A. TOOTH (- 27.6.1988) Anglican Priest.

- 5 David George Tremayne (16.8.1950-)
 married 11.11.1978 All Saints, Clayton.
 Karen Grundy (4.3.1950-)
- 6 Jonathan David T. (23.7.1981-)
- 6 Joanna Helen T. (3.6.1983-)
- 5 Philip Charles Tremayne (16.11.1952-)
 married
- i 16.11.1973 div. Susan Mary Riley
- ii 25.3.1989 Bundaberg Q. Desley Christianson
- 6 Daniel Philip T. (8.2.1978-)
- 6 Meghan Katherine T.(3.9.1979-)
- 6 Whitney Colleen T.(28.3.1990-)
- 5 Keren Rosemary Tremayne (15.7.1955-
 married 11.8.1979 at Eumundi Q.
 Peter Lyndon GILLESPIE.
- 6 James Arthur (22.7.1982-)
- 6 Katherine Jane (11.4.1984-)
- 6 Andrew Lyndon (24.9.1985-)
- 5 Nigel Richard Tremayne (13.10.1958-)
 married 10.5.1986 at Koo-Wee-Rup Vic.
 Patricia Gayle Kelly (20.3.1960-)
- 6 Joshua Richard T. (6.1.1988-)
- 6 Nicholas William T.(27.7.1989-)
- 6 Kaitlin Patricia T. (10.1991-)
- 4 Lloyd Tremayne (11.12.1921-)
 married
- i 11.2.1955 Elizabeth Jenkin Stewart Island N.Z. Div.
- ii 2.5.1989 Rosita N.Z.
- 5 Edwin (13.9.1955-) Marine Engineer.
 married 13.10.1990 Evelyn Flanagan in Dublin. Living in France.
- 5 Katherine (29.10.1956-)
- 5 Rosemary (12.4.1958-)
 married
 Selwyn PRICE. Div. 1990. Lives in England.
- 5 Jill (30.3.1959-)
 married
 Ken FRANCE
- 6 Timothy Robert
- 6 Daniel
- 6 Victoria
- 5 Bronwyn (14.1.1964-)
- 4 David Vernon (4.9.1923-)
 married 29.9.1958 in Tanzania
 Nonie Gwendoline Slade (18.1.1926-)
- 5 Brenda Elisabeth (9.7.1959-)

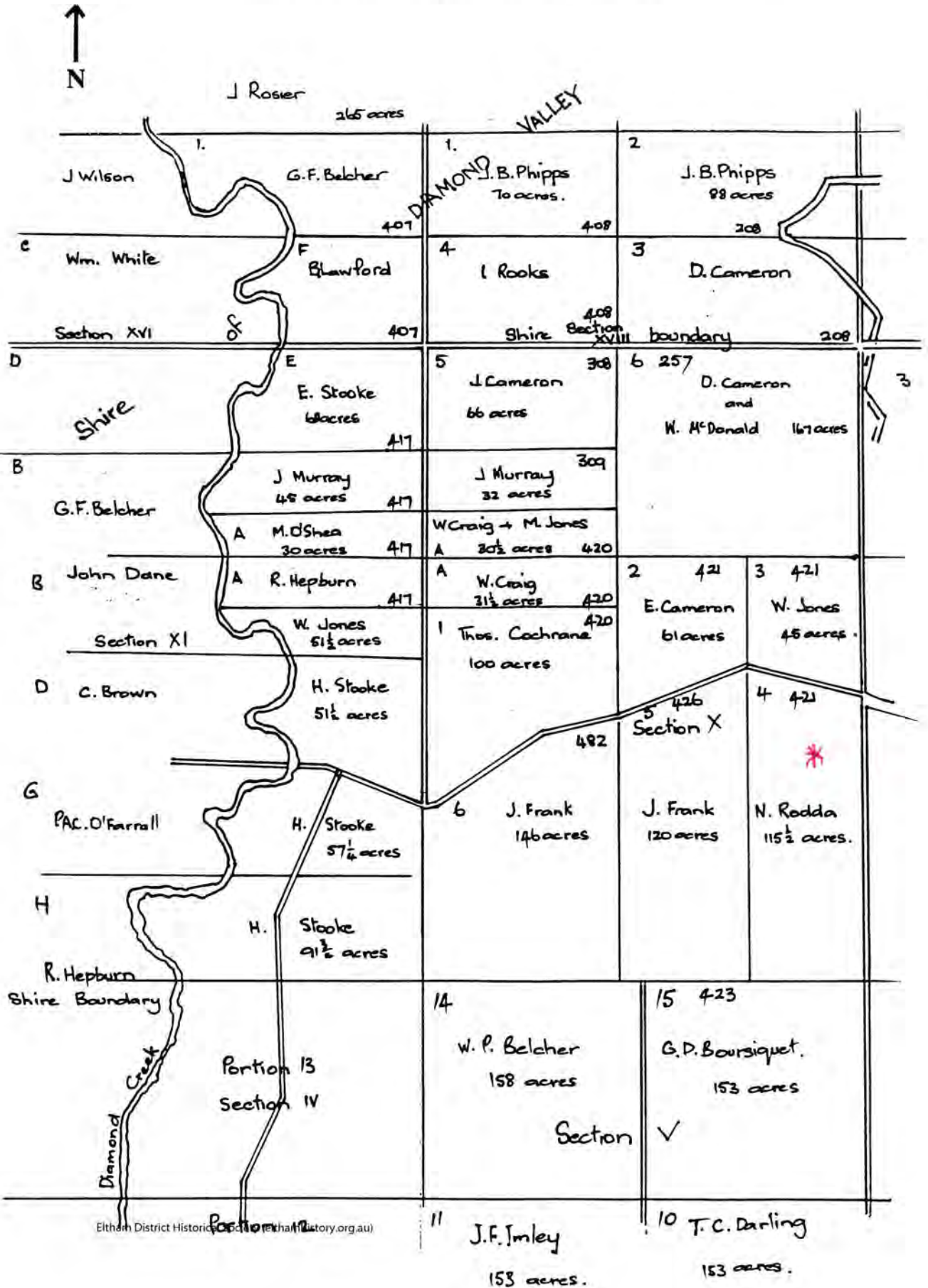
- 5 Marcus Alexander (27.5.1961-)
married 18.1.1985
Vivienne Jean Caroline (2.11.1960-)
 - 6 Thomas Hugh (2.12.1985-)
 - 6 Nicholas David (2.9.1988-)
- 5 Graham Lloyd (26.11.1962-)
married 1992 Susan McCarthy
 - 6
- 5 Helen Katherine (19.7.1964-)
 - 6 Jacob Darcy (5.12.1991-)
- 4 Muriel Rosemary (13.3.1925-)
Unmarried Linguist, Bible Translator.
- 3 Vera Elsie (7.1.1890-1.1.1925)
married
Rupert WILLIS
 - 4 Edwin Brand (10.10.1916-1944)
died serving with R.A.A.F.
 - 4 Kathleen Vera (10.1.1918-)
married 1940
Cedric CANDY (23.10.1917-)
 - 5 Edwin Ralph (23.2.1944-)
married Veronica Hull
 - 6 Owen Ralph (1979-)
 - 5 Graham Leslie (17.2.1946-)
married Janice Dudgeon
 - 6 Kane (fostered)
 - 6 Chelsea (1975-)
 - 6 Seona (1979-)



Rosemary, Brenda Cuthbent, Elinor, Kitty, Loyd, David.

Grants of Crown land - showing the original grant to Nicholas Rodda

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