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Fortunately Charles Glover's son Gordon, was interested in becoming part of the firm.



Gordon Glover was born on 17th March 1917, and lived with his parents in the house which was immediately in front of the aerated water factory. There were four bedrooms, a dining room, kitchen, bathroom and a cellar. Each year, the cellar and the double storey factory building were white-washed inside. The cellar was used for keeping drinks

cool, and there was also a Coolgardie safe in which the yeast was kept for manufacturing the brewed drinks.

Gordon Glover would spend almost the whole of his playing and working life at 31 Chapel Street. Father Charles enrolled Gordon at the Gravel Hill State School on the 11th of September 1922, young Gordon being written into the roll as pupil number 2134. It was a

relatively short walk to school. Leaving the house turning right, into Chapel Street, the first big building was that of P. W. Bruechert coach builder on the corner of Lyttleton Terrace, which Gordon crossed over, then over Myers Street and into Bramble. Henry Iser's house loomed large, then the home of Ernest Baumgartner; from then the houses were closer together, Frederick Widmer's, Frederick Beyer's, Miss Mary Malone's. Crossing to the school side Gordon entered the side gate and walked up to the red brick school building.

Gravel Hill State School catered for pupils up to grade eight; Gordon Glover was to have two head-teachers during his time, William M. Rowe for his first two years till 1919, then James P. Cummins. The pupil catchment area of the school was East Bendigo, Kennington, Bendigo proper as well as a small number from Quarry Hill. Gordon was to have the distinction of being the first pupil at the school to own a bicycle. A photograph taken about 1926 shows the boy and his bicycle outside the



house and factory. Note the sign over the gateway still carrying the name Phillips, from whom the factory had been taken over nineteen years earlier.

Gravel Hill's Choir was renowned amongst the school choirs at this time and as Gordon Glover progressed through to the more senior grades, he too had the distinction of serving in its ranks. Our second photograph is of the school choir taken in 1932. Back row, from left

to right, C. Hughes, F. Sly, R. Webb, G. Glover, A. McDonald, - Hartley, L. Allen and R. Mellis. Middle row, - Smith, R. Graham, R. Thomas, A. Manning, J. Knight, T. Iser and F. Hillman. Front row, K. Robinson, F. Ansett, W. Ellis, B. Clark, B. James, J. Manning and G. Masters. Those readers familiar with Bendigo will recognise a number, if not many, of the names of these pupils.

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