

"BLAMEY HOUSE" HISTORY
489 BALCOMBE ROAD, BEAUMARIS 3193
PRIOR TO 1953

PART I

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The R.S.L. have photos of the house, possibly taken in the late 1950's, but little is known about the history of this house during its occupation by Legacy and of course PRIOR TO that ownership - such as who built this large weatherboard house and finally, complete with tiled pool!

Could you possibly supply any information in regard to its very early history and the life and circumstances during its Legacy Occupation - staff, Environment, Local Traders, Transport etc. A sequence of events from the building of the place up to 1953 that would provide historical interest.

Please advise and oblige.

P.S. Any reference books relating directly to Blamey House, Beaumaris Victoria.

PART II

Limited research in a book by Mark Lyons - Legacy - the first fifty years - revealed on page 175 - More clubs acquire Homes and H.D.'s - "Melbourne Legacy had bought a second home, STANHOPE, near its first in 1945. By arrangement with the Victorian Division of the Red Cross, this house was sold at cost to the Red Cross which their ~~it~~ ^{they} refurbished it, and handed it back to the club to be used as long as it was required. Both those homes were used by children aged nine and above attending school or some form of tertiary education. This left the club facing the need to obtain a third home for very young children (up to 8 years). Early in 1946 the trustees of Blamey House - a leave centre for servicemen during the war, indicated the centre was closing and would be sold and that they would like to DONATE surplus funds to a suitable LEGACY project. They agreed that the money could be put to acquiring a property to be used as a TODDLERS home. In 1947, after a long search for suitable premises, a large house and grounds was purchased at BEAUMARIS for 12,000. It was refurbished with the balance of funds (9,000) and renamed BLAMEY HOUSE". As previously mentioned - would appreciate any information regarding this property prior to purchase by Legacy in 1947.

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Dear Sir

PART 1

Re History of "Blamey House" (Legacy)
489 Belcombe Rd Beaumar's 3193 prior to 1953.

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Cheers Kim Crouch

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20th March, 1987.

Mr. K. Crouch,
78 Grange Road,
SANDRINGHAM - 3191.

Dear Mr. Crouch,

In answer to your letter of 5th March, 1987, I apologise for the delay in replying but it has been rather difficult to trace records relating to our first Blamey House at Beaumaris.

I can now advise that one of our members who was involved with the Residence, has been able to give me the name of an elderly lady who was Matron of Blamey House during those years - Mrs. Dora Stephen, (telephone 818 8039) - and we would suggest that you telephone her, mentioning that Legatee John Grimwade from Melbourne Legacy suggested that you do so.

The other information contained in your letter I can confirm is quite correct and we can further advise that the house was originally owned by a very well known seafaring gentleman, unfortunately Legatee Grimwade cannot remember his name.

I do hope you are able to obtain the information required and apologise for not being able to supply any documents from Melbourne Legacy to help you in your research.

Yours sincerely,

(Wendy Faulkner)

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J.G.

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