

Ridge Street, Gordon

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This article is a study of the origins and social history of 14 houses listed by Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council on its LEP of 4 November 1989, viz: No 27, 29, 33, 41, 43, 45, 57, 65 (Ridge Street East) and No 52, 64, 72, 74, 80 & 84 (Ridge Street West). Reasons for listing are “historic, cultural, social, group value, municipal significance.”

This discontinuous “cottage group” was identified in the *Municipality of Ku-ring-gai Heritage Study* by Robert Moore, Penelope Pike, Helen Proudfoot & Lester Tropman Associates 1987 commissioned by Ku-ring-gai Council. No 80 has since been demolished.

Ridge Street Gordon was in its early settlement a community where neighbours not only knew each other, but were likely to include extended family members. The secluded nature of the street (a dead end for many years, then part of a loop road back to Vale Street) guaranteed no streams of through traffic: anyone in the street either lived there, was visiting friends or had business there.

The early residents of Ridge Street were not generally professionals, but small business practitioners, for example carter, bootmaker, draper, builder. The street was ideally situated then, as now, close enough to the village centre to be convenient to local business, both as owner and customer.

Several families stayed for many years through more than one generation, subdividing large original lots of rural character to create housing for younger family members, or passing on the original houses - exemplified by those houses the subject of this study.

Notes on the Grimes, James, Lockley and Nuttall families appear later in this article.

Original subdivision

On 17 August 1896 **Sarah Isabella Hogg & David Kirkcaldie** became mortgagees in possession of approx 125 acres in Gordon bounded on its eastern edge by Lane Cove Road. By Deposited Plan 3337 dated 9 February 1897 the parcel was subdivided into 97 lots and marketed as the Gordon Heights Estate. Lots 70-97 fronted Ridge Street, which was created by this subdivision.

House by house

No 27 *Glen Esk*

Number 27 Ridge Street was created from Part Lots 88 and 89 DP3337. Lots 88 and 89 each measured 1 acre 1 rood and 24 perches.

Between 1911-1915 **John Gilmour Lockley** purchased Lot 88 from Sarah Hogg of Croydon, widow.¹ JG Lockley subdivided Lot 88 into two equal parcels fronting Ridge Street and sold the southernmost portion to Ebenezer Tomlinson, gardener by trade: this property would become No 25 Ridge St, *Wyndham*. Tomlinson occupied No 25 from 1913 to at least 1932.

In June 1913 J G Lockley also purchased part Lot 89 (1 rood 16 perches) from Sarah Hogg.² His remaining part of Lot 88 he amalgamated with this part of Lot 89 to create the property which would become *Glen Esk*, No 27. JG Lockley also owned Lots 79 and 91 in Ridge Street.

Mrs Jane Hamilton, sister of JG Lockley and widowed dressmaker, was resident with her two daughters at *Glen Esk* from 1916, suggesting the house was built by 1915.³ The cottage *Glen Esk* was described in the 1921 valuation as a weatherboard and fibro cottage on brick piers, four rooms, kitchen & offices (that is bathroom and toilet), and iron roof. It was valued at £423 on a land value of £297 and owned by Mrs Jane Hamilton.

The likely builder of *Glen Esk* was Ridge Street neighbour, landholder and builder, **Charles Nuttall**.

Jane Hamilton died at *Glen Esk* in 1954.⁴ Ownership passed to her daughter, **Margaret Algie Carslow Andrews** (b.1901 Petersham) who from 1955 lived in the house with her husband Kenneth Dalmore Andrews, salesman, whom she had married in 1929, and John Hamilton Andrews, student. By 1960 John had moved on and the third member of the household was Kenneth Robert Andrews, optical mechanic.

The block was subdivided in 1956. The cottage *Glen Esk*, together with a shed and laundry, retained its frontage of 99 foot frontage to Ridge Street, while the depth of the block was reduced from 460 feet to 192 feet, creating a new block behind with frontage to Craiglands Ave.nue. A second adjoining parcel, measuring 99 feet x 70 feet, carrying a double garage and workshop was retained by the Andrews.

Margaret and Kenneth Andrews lived at *Glen Esk* until 1970 in which year Kenneth died.⁵ By 1973 Margaret had left the district.

No 29 *Sandy*

No 29 Ridge Street was built on part of Lot 89 that had been purchased by **Edward Lockley** in June 1913 from Sarah Hogg in a transaction consecutive to that in which his brother, John Gilmour Lockley purchased the other part Lot 89. The cottage *Sandy* was built before the 1921 valuation, which describes it as “Fibro & weather board double fronted cottage, 4 rooms, kitchen & offices, iron roof”, situated on approximately one acre. The build date, given the Sands first listing of Edward Lockley in 1914, was probably late 1913.

Edward Lockley was a technical college manual training teacher, who owned and lived in *Sandy* from 1914 until his death in 1946. At the 1955 valuation date the house was in the name of his estate, administrator of which was John Lockley of No 57 Ridge Street.

By December 1957 the block had been reduced by subdivision to one third of an acre as two lots were created behind, one No 29a (Lot B) being a battleaxe accessing Ridge Street. In 1955 Lot 29A was owned by Philip William Scott, fireman & Mrs Helen Margaret Scott (nee Lockley – a granddaughter of Edward, the teacher), when it supported fencing only. By the 1962 valuation the Scotts were living in a house on this block. The third block, Lot C fronted Craiglands Avenue.

The house name *Sandy* appears in all formal valuations. The writer believes it may be named for Edward Lockley's second son and fourth child, Alexander Hamilton Lockley, known as ‘Sandy’, who died in September 1918 on active duty in the 4th Australian Flying Corps in World War I.⁶ When on the market for sale in 1988 the house at No 29, then known as *Lockleigh*, had been much extended and sported a swimming pool and wine cellar.

According to **Miss JG Lockley**, daughter of the owner Edward, the builder of *Sandy* was local landowner Charles Nuttall.⁷ Miss Lockley was 20 years old when the family moved into *Sandy* and therefore would have personal knowledge of the house origins.

A study of *Sands*' directory for Ridge Street (east) in 1912 shows no occupants further south than the Kendalls at Lot 93

(No 45, No 47, No 49). By 1913, there were a number of new occupants in Ridge Street (east) to the south, viz:

the Misses Martin at *Willerie* [Lot 87];

Ebenezer Tomlinson at *Wyndham* [part Lot 88, No 25];

Richard Nuttall [owner with brother Charles of Lot 90];

Albert E Stone [owner Lot 92];

and Hubert Benham [actual lot unknown].

1914 listings are:

Martin [Lot 87];

Tomlinson *Wyndham* [part Lot 88];

Charles Nuttall (builder);

Hubert Benham;

Edward Lockley [Pt Lot 89].

Robert Moffatt and Charles Foster are then sequentially listed at No 31 and No 33 (Lot 90) now sold by the Nuttalls.

This suggests that Charles Nuttall was 'occupying' part Lot 88, *Glen Esk*, while he finished building it. It is not known whether Benham was at *Glen Esk* or with the Lockleys at *Sandy*: after this year he is not seen again in the street.

Two tenders to build a cottage/s in Ridge Street naming John G Lockley as both contractor and acceptor were advertised in *Construction* in January and March 1912. A third similar tender appeared on 5 August 1913.

The earliest could correspond to *Wyndham*, No 25, to be sold on completion to Tomlinson; thereafter *Sandy*, No 29; *Glen Esk*, No 27 and possibly *Birrane*, No 37 Lot 91, to be sold to the Misses Fletcher. The foreman carpenter who organised the work was most probably Charles Nuttall, since JG Lockley was a journalist, not a tradesman.

No 33 Ridge Street: *Coolamon* later *Godalming* (*Godaloning*)

No 31 Ridge Street (*Kolya*) and No 33 Ridge Street are both sited on the original Lot 90 bought from Hogg and Kirkcaldie on 13 December 1911 by Richard Nuttall, draftsman, and Charles Nuttall, carpenter as joint tenants.⁸

It appears that the Nuttalls built two cottages simultaneously on Lot 90 while living there and subdivided the block for sale. *Sands'* listed Richard Nuttall at Lot 90 in 1913 suggesting a house existed by late 1912. This accords with the date of the Nuttalls' purchase of the land and the tender in *Construction* dated 25 Mar 1912 for a cottage in Ridge Street,

Gordon, contractor, C Nuttall. However it is possible the tender for the houses on the Nuttalls' land was not advertised, as they were probably doing the work themselves.

The two parts of Lot 90 each bore a cottage described in the 1921 valuations as "Weatherboard on brick piers, double fronted cottage, 3 rooms, kitchen and offices, iron roof". No 31 was enhanced with "Weatherboard attached laundry, iron roof".

Lot 90 was on sold in two parts by late 1913 to Charles Clement Foster⁹ and Robert Moffatt¹⁰ who are both listed in *Sands'* at this location in 1914. By 1913 C Nuttall had moved along the street to his next project.

Charles Foster called his new home at No 33 *Coolamong*: by 1921 it had a land value of £198 and improved value of £800. The 1913 electoral roll shows the adult household members Charles Clement Foster, gardener, Clement Foster, compositor, and Sarah Foster, home duties. *Sands'* shows the resident at No 33 Ridge between 1914 and 1926 as variously Clement, Charles or C Foster.

In 1925 Clement Foster sold part Lot 90 (2 roods 32 perches) to Mrs Martha Chambers, the wife of Edward Chambers. The house was rechristened *Godalming* (sometimes written *Godaloning*) and *Sands'* from 1927-1928 listed Edward Chambers the occupant.

The Chambers' ownership continued through the 1930 valuation. The Chambers' household, as listed on the Gordon electoral roll in 1926, comprised Edward, labourer, Martha, home duties, and Maisie, shop assistant. By 1928 Edward, labourer and Edward John Henry, assembler, were the only listings at *Godalming*. The 1930-33 entries were Edward, pottery setter, Martha, home duties, Mildred Elsie, shop assistant, and Edward John Henry, shearing expert. No Chambers were found on the roll in Ridge Street after 1933.

During 1930-31 Harold A Croft was *Sands'* listing as the occupant, replaced by Edward J Chambers by 1932.

By the 1940 valuation the property had passed through Daniel Spittle and Mrs Harriet Spittle of No 33 Ridge St and on to John Leonard Price of 60 Moree St Gordon. By 1955 the property was owned and occupied by John Edward Price, water service operator, carried a cottage and shed, and was then known as

Lot X in DP388549. Subdivision in April 1955 cut the block approximately in half (66 feet x 222 feet, 1r 13.25p) leaving the house *Godalming* fronting Ridge Street at No 33 as before, and creating Lot Y in DP388549 behind, fronting Craiglands Avenue.

Presently (2008) No 33 is still weatherboard with rear and side extensions, and tin roof extending over the verandah across the front. The builder undertaking the work became insolvent before finishing and the house is boarded up, with a barrier to the street.¹¹ No 31 has been demolished so no comparison of style is possible.

No 41 Ridge Street: *Everton*

On 1 September 1910 Kate Manfort Partridge Stone, wife of Ernest Stone, purchased Lot 92 from SI Hogg & D Kirkcaldie.¹² The 1913 *Sands'* showed the occupant as Albert E Stone. The electoral roll of 1913 has both Albert Stone, printer, and Kate Montfort Partridge Stone, home duties, in Ridge Street.

The builder Charles Nuttall, active in developing early Ridge Street, bought Lot 92 between 1911 and 1915.¹³ By the 1921 valuations Lot 92 had been subdivided into three equal parts of depth 460 feet, with frontages of 44 feet to Ridge Street, each under new ownership.

Part Lot 92, later **No 39 Ridge Street**, was owned and occupied at the 1921 valuations by Mrs Theresa Howard and carried a house described as "Weatherboard on brick piers, single fronted cottage, 3 rooms kitchen and offices, iron roof".¹⁴

Mrs Howard sold before 1925 to Mrs Edith Trichon. In the 1927 *Sands'* Edmund Trichon was the listed occupier of the house, then called *Lone Pine*.

The 1928 *Sands'* occupant was FG Lyle, house name *Pine Hope*. The house was not listed in the 1929 *Sands'*. By 1930 the improvements were described only as 'fence'. The owner was then Peter Lyle, electrician of President Avenue, Kogarah. There was no house footprint on this lot in the 1937 Water Board map of the street. Anecdotal evidence says the original house burned down – presumably before the Water Board survey date.¹⁵

Part Lot 92 which became **Everton, No 41 Ridge Street**: James Arthur Carter, carpenter, bought 1r 34.5p part Lot 92 between 1911-1915 and was the first

occupant of No 41.¹⁶ On 15 December 1913 JA Carter was the “contractor ... builder or owner” associated with a tender accepted for construction of a cottage in Ridge Street, Gordon, which was very probably *Everton*.¹⁷ Immediately prior to his presence at *Everton*, Carter was in 1915 living further along Ridge Street, apparently at No 27 with Charles Nuttall (*Sands*). It is possible that Carter worked with Nuttall in building *Everton* and other local housing projects.

James A and Mary Ellen Carter were succeeded as occupants of *Everton* by Joseph Adams who purchased before 1920 (1918-24 *Sands*). In 1921 the house was described as “Weatherboard on brick double-fronted cottage, 4 rooms kitchen and offices, iron roof”.

In 1923 *Everton* was bought for £750 by John Ramsay Will, chauffeur, who owned and occupied it until his death in 1960.¹⁸ In 1956 the property was subdivided into two nearly equal parts Lots C and D in DP395940. John Ramsay Will retained Lot C No 41, *Everton* fronting Ridge Street (44 feet x 206 feet) while Lot D behind, fronting Craiglands Avenue, was sold to “John Ramsay Will Jnr of No 41 Ridge St Gordon”. JR Will Jnr still lives at No 15 Craiglands Avenue, Gordon at time of writing (2008).

No 43 Ridge Street: *Elvy* later *Durobin*

The third part of Lot 92 was first occupied by the builder, Charles Nuttall (*Sands* 1916-1918), who had purchased the whole of Lot 92 for redevelopment.¹⁹

Nuttall was followed as occupant by Marion Gardiner (Mrs William) Marshall, who purchased between 1916-1920.²⁰

A tender notice naming “Mrs Marshall, contractor ... named in acceptance” for a cottage in Ridge Street was published on 18 November 1912.²¹ This tender probably relates to the Marshalls’ earlier dwelling on the west side of Ridge Street (an even number, below No 52) extant from late 1915 (*Sands*’).

It is reasonable to assume Nuttall built *Elvy*: between 1913 and 1915 there are several Nuttall tenders published appropriate for this job.

The 1921 valuation of No 43 shows John Pearce, carter, of Ridge Street, Gordon as owner. The house was described as “Weatherboard on brick double fronted cottage, 4 rooms, kitchen and offices,

iron roof”. Mrs John Pearce appears in *Sands*’ on this site from 1922-25.

Pearce sold for £675 in 1924 to Charles Edward James, labourer, of Ridge Street, who lived in *Elvy* until at least 1931 (*Sands*’). Charles Edward James’ address appeared as Ridge Street on the electoral roll from 1925, and as No 43 Ridge Street from 1930 until 1960. His wife Katherine Louise/a,²² home duties appears on the electoral roll at this address from 1930 to 1960. Norma Eileen James, presser, is also present from 1950 to 1965. By 1970 CE James was gone: his death was registered in 1975.²³

By 1955, when CE (sometimes EC) James was still the owner of No 43, the block was known as Part 92 (A), (presently Lot A in DP384888) and carried the cottage (by now named *Durobin*), a tennis court and shed. The 44 feet frontage to Ridge Street remained but the depth was reduced by 1940 from 462 feet (1940) to 206 feet, Lot B facing Craiglands Avenue (No 11) having been created to the rear.

Members of CE James’ immediate family were owner/occupiers in Ridge Street for many years at Lot 70 (No 82, No 86 and No 84).

No 45 Ridge Street: *Wonga/Boorara*

Lot 93 was first leased on 25 February 1902 by James Kendall, labourer, from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.

This lease was surrendered in March 1921 when Lot 93 was sold in three parts, each of dimensions 44 feet x 462 feet, on the same date as follows:

Part Lot 93 (1) later known as *Wonga*, No 45, was purchased by Minnie Matilda Kendall, wife of James Kendall from Mrs Hogg.²⁴ By the 1921 valuation this property was owned by Edgar Greenwood, clerk/newsagent, of Lane Cove Road and bore “no improvements”.

This property was purchased by Mrs Lillian Gladys James between 1920-1925. The valuation figures of 1930 give Mrs James’ address as No 40 Ridge Street and confirm the presence of the house *Wonga* with a land value of £176 and improved value of £700. Early residents of *Wonga* were Horace Milton Croft, clerk, and his wife Doris Evelyn (1927-30, *Sands*’), followed in 1932 by John Pinkerton Usher, breadcarter, and wife Ethel Jane, home duties.²⁵ The house at No 45 was therefore built between 1921 and late 1926.

There are three published tenders from A James (16 July 1924), WH (or WA) James (8 April 1925) and A James (15 May 1925) for cottages in Ridge Street that are strong possibilities for the construction of No 45.²⁶ The last of these specifically described the cottage to be built as ‘weatherboard, which describes *Wonga*. A definitive allocation of tender could only be achieved by further study of the nine tenders published for cottage construction in Ridge Street by the James family from 1919-1926. The extended James family were long-term owner-occupiers of Lot 70 in Ridge Street (see notes on No 43 and No 84).

In 2008 *Wonga* is a weatherboard house of square plan with a large full width, half-timbered fibro cement gable facing the street. The front veranda with projecting front door is included within the roofline and does not extend the full front width of the house. There are two sets of three casement windows to the front, one in the verandah and one in remainder front wall.

By 1940 the property, by then known as *Boorara*, was owned by Mrs Violet Ivy Evelyn Winter-Little of Woodlands Avenue, Pymble. In 1955 the owner was William Little, truck driver, of No 45 Ridge Street, from whose estate the property passed to Miss Judith Ann Allerton by 1962. The block had been subdivided further and was known by its current designation as Lot C DP375934. While maintaining its 44 feet frontage to Ridge Street, its cottage and garage, its depth had been cut to 206 feet allowing for creation of Lot D to the rear facing Craiglands Avenue.

Part Lot 93(2), later No 47, was bought by James Kendall from Mrs Hogg.²⁷ The owner chronology of James Kendall and others, Ridge Street, followed by Greenwood, followed by James Kendall is seen on the 1921 valuation card, which also indicates a house was present at this date.

The Kendalls, James with wife Minnie Matilda nee Hart, who had married in 1897²⁸ and Thomas (also a labourer), were resident at the site of No 47 from 1903, when Ridge St was first listed in *Sands*’. It seems that they had the house constructed (or built it themselves) during the earlier period of leasehold of the entire Lot 93.

James Kendall died in 1933.²⁹ Minnie Matilda and Thomas Kendall remained living at No 47 until 1939. According to

the electoral rolls, both Minnie and Thomas disappear from Ridge Street during WWII.

By 1946 only Minnie had returned, her electoral address being *Whitehaven* No 72 Ridge Street until at least 1949. From 1951 until her death in 1967, Minnie Matilda Kendall's address on the Gordon electoral roll was *Brighton*, No 74 Ridge Street.

Part Lot 93 (3), later No 49, was bought by Thomas Kendall from Mrs Hogg.³⁰ The 1921 valuation shows "Owner Kendall, J [sic] Ridge St: Shed". By 1930 this lot had been acquired by John Swan, son of David Rankin Swan, who owned and lived on the adjoining unsubdivided Lot 94 in his home *Tallandoon*, No 51 Ridge Street.

No 52 Ridge Street, *Weruna*

Lot 77³¹ was subdivided by the owner Sarah Isabella Hogg, who sold part of the lot to Henry Norman in October 1912.³² This property became *Weruna*, No 52 Ridge Street. The lot size at that time was 66 feet by approximately 340 feet, or half an acre.

Henry Norman, carpenter by trade, was a longtime resident owner together with his wife Eleanor nee Marsden.³³ He appeared in *Sands*' as occupant from 1914, in successive valuations as owner 1921-1955 and electoral rolls until 1960.

The Normans' daughter Millicent was born in 1913 and married Keith Roland Harrison in 1938.³⁴ Keith Harrison died in 1939³⁵ whereon his widow Millicent is found on the Gordon electoral roll at No 52, living in *Weruna* with her parents. Mrs Norman died in 1960 followed in 1962 by her husband.³⁶

The 1962 valuation of *Weruna* shows the property passing from the Estate of the late Henry Norman to Mrs Millicent Harrison. It then comprised parts Lots 76 and 77A and measure 60 feet by 160 feet, close to a quarter acre. The subdivision took place between the 1955 and 1962 valuations.

Mrs Harrison continued to reside at *Weruna* at least until 1984 and probably until her death in 1999.³⁷

Weruna is described at the 1921 valuation as "Weatherboard on brick piers, double-fronted cottage, 3 rooms, kitchen & offices" with a land value of £195 and improved value of £670, showing the house already present.

Two tenders (probably for the same job, given the dates) naming H Norman as contractor or owner for construction of a

weatherboard cottage in Ridge Street, Gordon, were published on 10 December 1912 and 23 December 1912.³⁸ These dates accord with the house being built in 1913 and Norman being in residence later that year, to be included in the *Sands*' listing published in 1914. *Weruna* was held by the one family for some 86 years.

No 57 Ridge Street: *Ford Villa* later *Fordville*

No 57 Ridge Street, now described as Lot 2 DP961573, was formerly part of Lot 95 DP3337 originally leased by David Rankin Swan on 15 October 1903 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.³⁹ Swan obtained title to Lot 95 on 19 February 1907.⁴⁰

David Rankin Swan was a builder, developer, local councillor and large landholder in DP3337. In Ridge Street alone, DR Swan leased Lot 94 from 15 October 1903, subsequently purchasing this on 19 February 1907.⁴¹ He purchased Lots 96 and 97 in one transaction in August 1908 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁴² DR Swan therefore owned a continuous parcel of four lots at the northern end of Ridge Street's east side by 1908.

On 2 September 1910 Swan purchased Lot 74 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie bringing his total landholdings in Ridge Street to approximately six acres.⁴³

Lots 94 and 95 (the latter including the future No 57), each in excess of one acre, were transferred by DR Swan before 1910 to his son John Swan, farmer, of Ridge Street Gordon.⁴⁴

By the early 1920s Lot 95, originally 1 acre 5.75 perches, had been re-subdivided. Between 1920 and 1925 John Lockley, electrician/engineer of Merriwa Street, Gordon purchased Lot 2 Plan A428348, being part of the original Lot 95.⁴⁵ Lot 2 had 66 feet frontage to Ridge Street and was 165 feet deep, a lot of similar size having been created behind it fronting Vale Street.

John Lockley was a son of Edward Lockley of *Sandy*, No 29 Ridge Street.

The 1921 and 1924 valuations record the only improvements to be a fence. The 1930 valuation shows John Lockley, now of No 57 Ridge Street, as owner. The valuations for land component of £231 and improvements of £725 confirm the presence of a house.

John Lockley was living at *Fordville*, No 57 by late 1925 (*Sands*'), which implies the house was built by 1925. His wife

Mabel nee Sorrie, whom he had married in England in 1916, was also listed on the 1930 electoral roll at No 57.

John Lockley died in 1969 aged 74 years.⁴⁶ Mabel lived on at No 57 until 1981.⁴⁷ She died in October 1995 aged 104 years in Golden Beach, Queensland.⁴⁸

In 2008 No 57 is a weatherboard and fibro house on brick piers, an iron roof with full width transverse ridge parallel to street that continues over the verandah. The façade contains casement windows, a centrally placed front door, a wooden front verandah along the entire frontage of the house with a return on the east side. The footprint of the house resembles that shown in the Water Board plan of 1934.

A tender advertised for a Ridge Street cottage on 8 November 1922 in *Construction* naming E Lockley, Merriwa Street, Gordon as 'contractor, builder or owner' is a possibility for the construction of *Fordville*. The brothers John and Edward Lockley, sons of Edward Lockley of No 29 Ridge Street, were in business together at a motor garage on the Lane Cove Road in the 1920s. It seems likely their partnership could extend to house construction.

Edward Lockley Jnr did not own his own home in Ridge Street; his electoral address was his father's house at No 29 until his 1937 marriage and move to Pymble.⁴⁹

The name *Fordville* possibly reflects a family passion for Ford cars. Whether the Lockley Brothers motor garage specialised in Fords is not known. Perhaps Edward Jnr and John Lockley shared the enthusiasm of their uncle John Gilmore Lockley of Killara, who

used to get around in a Model T Ford, and carried out most of the repairs himself. The contents of his workshop and shed included many Ford parts.⁵⁰

No 64 Ridge Street, *Percyville*

Lot 74 DP3337 was first leased on 10 September 1903 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie by Edward Charles Scorer, stonemason, who, with wife Annie Catherine, appeared on the Gordon electoral roll of 1903.⁵¹ The lot was subsequently purchased by David Rankin Swan on 2 September 1910 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁵²

By the 1921 valuation Lot 74 had already been subdivided into four parts, being three lots each of 40 feet frontage to Ridge Street with varying depths of

263 to 276 feet. These were later to become No 68, *Truro*, No 66 *Saumarez* and No 64 *Percyville*, and a strip 12 feet by approximately 280 feet, owned by David Swan (son of DR Swan) acting as a laneway adjoining No 64. It would seem DR Swan bought the land, re-subdivided and sold on to take the profit.

In 1921 the owner of the part of Lot 74 later known as No 64, *Percyville*, was John Goodman of 25 Eureka Street, North Sydney, who sold in 1925 to Mrs Lillian Gladys James of Ridge Street for £150. The property carried no more than a fence at this time.

Alice Thompson, of Moree Street, bought part Lot 74 (No 64) between 1928-1929.⁵³ The 1930 valuation figures confirm a cottage was present on the block. First occupants were Frederick Thompson in 1931, and Owen K B Lucas 1932 (*Sands*'). The house appears therefore to have been present by late 1930.

Anecdotal evidence reports that the building at No 64

was transported on wheels, it was originally a fireman's house. It was transported after the fire station closed on Pacific Highway, Gordon.⁵⁴

The oral history account may not be correct in respect of the 'fireman's house'. The fire station was at No 816 Gordon Road, next to the current Council Chambers, where it remained in late 1931 (*Sands*'). The new fire station on the Highway at Pymble did not open until 1935.

Nevertheless it is possible that *Percyville* was moved from the highway and installed in Ridge Street at about this time, as widening of the highway was planned and executed from 1927-1931 and several built structures were marked for removal as they intruded into the new road corridor.

The name *Percyville* may be the key to the origin of the house at No 64 Ridge Street. Examination of *Sands*' directories from 1917 to 1923 for the east side of the highway (in its former names the Gordon Road and Lane Cove Road) from Greengate Road moving north towards its intersection with Pittwater Road shows Frederick Thompson, blacksmith, in business from 1917-1923 between Mt William Street and Pittwater Road (now Mona Vale Road). In 1924 Thompson's business is no longer listed: his former premises are occupied by Lucas Bros, coachbuilders, and Owen Lucas is living in the house next door to

the north, named *Percyville*. Both properties were owned from May 1926 by Mrs Alice Thompson, wife of Frederick Thompson.⁵⁵

By 1929 the Lucas coachbuilding business is no longer listed, but Owen Lucas remains at *Percyville* on the Lane Cove Road in the 1929 and 1930 *Sands*'. Both Lucas and *Percyville* are absent from 1931. The 1930 valuation shows them to be owned by the Main Roads Board of NSW c/- 301 Castlereagh St Sydney. There are no features described on the lots at that time.

On 14 September 1929 Building Application No 703 was received by Kuring-gai Council from Mrs Thomson, owner, for a "weatherboard dwelling" in Ridge Street.⁵⁶ It seems most likely that this application relates to *Percyville*, No 64. The house may not have been 'built' in the usually accepted fashion at the Ridge Street site, but a BA would still have been required to install it thereon. This house appears to have been moved to No 64 Ridge Street in 1930, where the same Owen Lucas appears as occupant of the house on the property owned by Mrs Alice Thompson.

By 1940 Frederick Thompson had died; the house was sold by his executors to Emily Constance Hoins, address No 64 Ridge Street. In turn the property was held by William Daniel Hoins of McIntyre Street, Gordon, Mrs Hoins' executor. Walter Dyer, bootmaker and his wife Margaret Dyer, address No 64 Ridge, appear as the owners at the 1940 valuation. The 1943 electoral roll gives the Dyers' address as No 62 McIntosh St Gordon. The 1955 valuation has the owner as The Estate of the Late Margaret Dyer, Bootmaker: followed by Executrix: Goddard, Nellie & Anor: No 2 First Ave, Epping.⁵⁷

By 1962 the owners were Charles Robert Hinks and wife Winnie; the land size remained unchanged since the pre 1921 subdivision.

No 64 is today a weatherboard double-fronted cottage on brick piers, in good condition with pyramidal tin roof, short transverse ridge parallel to street and continuous over front veranda. Half timbered fibro cement infill gable facing the street over a casement window group.

Sue Kelly, former owner and resident of No 64 Ridge St Gordon tells of her family's time in the house:

We moved to 64 Ridge St Gordon in November 1970. We had started looking for a house as we were starting a family.

One day while visiting the Myer store in Gordon I looked at the view from the restaurant and thought how wonderful it was with the trees & the distant view towards the mountains. So then we concentrated on this area. The access to the train line was appealing too.

Ridge Street was affordable & we immediately liked the house when we first saw it.

It had been built about 1908 close to the Gordon Public School and transported down from Pacific Highway. It was timber with an iron roof and placed on brick piers hence the walls were all a bit crooked.

The land had a slightly rural atmosphere. The backyard had a chicken shed and was full of fruit trees and vegetable plots. In fact there were about three sheds, all fairly ramshackle. The front garden had a path with rose gardens each side and of course plenty of camellias.

The land was only 40 feet wide but about 300 feet long. There was a lane down the long side of the block which led to the back of houses on Ryde Road. This was also our access to the garage in the backyard.

The garage was large as a previous owner had been a bootmaker working from home. His clients came through a side gate in the lane into the closed-in back verandah of the house. Next to the garage, on the house side, were the toilet and a woodshed and on the other side was a garden shed (like a hothouse).

The house was small. It had two bedrooms, a lounge with a fireplace, a dining room with a fireplace, a tiny kitchen and bathroom. The closed in verandah section we used for a study. There was a front verandah with louvre windows.

The people we bought the house from were elderly and were moving into a

brand new apartment up north. He had been a carpenter.

We found everyone very friendly, there was a good communal atmosphere. Most people had lived in this street for years and there was a good mix of young and old as it had become popular for young families to move in to this affordable street. The occupations of the people in the street were very varied: there were many people in trade. Amongst the younger families moving in there were many professionals.

It was a great street for children. There was still bush to explore and room to kick footballs around. At St John's Church of England on the highway there was sea scouts available and there was a local scout group off Vale Street. There were tennis courts near Gordon Station, the local golf course, the swimming pool at West Pymble and the local library.

Shopping at Gordon was good enough. Myers had a small supermarket. For a larger supermarket one could go to St Ives or Lindfield. In the 1970s there was still a milk delivery.

The children could go to Gordon Public School on the highway. They caught a bus at the end of Ridge Street. Some children went to West Gordon Public School on Ryde Road. The public high school was Killara High and a bus was available from Gordon train station to transport the children.

We owned this house from 1970 to 1981. During three of those years it was rented while we lived overseas. On returning we found it was too small for our family so we decided to move on, although renovation had been considered. Many of the families who bought into Ridge Street in the seventies have moved on.

Most of the newer owners renovated their houses. I think most of the houses in the street have had renovations. A few houses have been completely demolished and replaced with a new building.

Sue Kelly, 2008

No 65 Ridge Street, *Franciose*

Lot 97, on the corner of Ridge and Vale Streets, was bought by David Rankin Swan from Hogg and Kirkcaldie on 22 July 1908.⁵⁸ This was one of several contiguous lots along the east side of Ridge Street purchased by DR Swan.

Between 1916-1920 builder Charles Nuttall of Ridge Street purchased part of Lot 97.⁵⁹ In the same time period Nuttall

also bought No 63 adjoining, being part Lot 96⁶⁰ this having already been subdivided into three parts which later became known as No 59, No 61 and No 63. George Ernest Porter bought the same part Lot 97 as Charles Nuttall in the same time period; the likely scenario is that Porter bought from Nuttall after the construction of the house.

The 1919 *Sands'* shows Charles Nuttall had moved from No 43 (his previous job, *Elvy*) and was now living north of John Swan (No 51) on the east side of Ridge Street, placing him at Lots 96/97. In the 1920 *Sands'* he has been replaced by Benjamin Lickley (owner of No 63 *Kemnay* at 1921 valuation), and George Porter at No 65.

The Nuttall tender published 26 Oct 1917 in *New South Wales Contract Reporter* appears relevant to this work. This was apparently the last job Charles Nuttall built in Ridge Street.

The 1921 valuation describes No 65, *Franciose* as "WB on Bk DF cott 3 rooms K & Off iron roof - W/B detached laundry, iron roof".

By 1921 No 65 was owned and occupied by Albert Trafford of Ridge Street, who sold on to LH Stiling of corner Ridge & Merriwa Streets by 1923. The 1930 and 1940 valuations show Herbert Stiling of No 50 Merriwa Street as owner: No 50 Merriwa was the very end of the east side of Ridge Street, the last house site on Lot 97.

Stiling rented out the property, early occupants being

1926-29: dressmaker Mrs Law Mrs (dressmaker);

1930: Geo Victor Law and Mrs MS Law (dressmaker).

Their daughter Miss Aura Law was for twenty-seven years an outstanding teacher at Gordon Public School. Miss Law owned the unimproved Lot 84 in 1930. According to *Sands'* listings and valuation records she owned and lived with her sister at No 24 Ridge Street (Lot 82) from 1921 to 1930.

By 1931 Mr & Mrs Law had moved on from No 65 and John Hunter was in residence, replaced in 1932 *Sands'* by John F Creek. By 1940 the house name had become *Heythorp*.

No 72 Ridge Street, *Whitehaven*

Lot 73 was the first lot purchased in Ridge Street, being purchased by William Ames, engineer, from Hogg and Kirkcaldie on 23 June 1897.⁶¹ Ames resided in Hercules Street, Chatswood in

1900 then in Essex Street, Killara with his family from 1908 at least until 1917.⁶²

Part of Lot 73 was purchased by draper Henry Shaw Clark between 1911-1915. Clark first appeared in *Sands'* listing for Ridge Street in 1915 and was in the Gordon electoral roll for the same year together with his wife Frances. Presumably they were living in *Loch Lynne*, the modest first house on Lot 73 (builder & date unknown), described in 1921 as "weatherboard cottage, double fronted, 2 rooms, kitchen & offices, iron roof".

Lot 73 was subdivided by Henry Clark in 1923 into Lot A (with frontage to Ridge Street of 60 feet) and Lot B (frontage 73 feet). The depth remained at approx 248 feet. The existing cottage *Loch Lynne* stood on Lot A (No 70); the 'proposed' cottage footprint drawn on Lot B was to become post-1923 *Whitehaven*, lot size 72 feet by approximately 248 feet, described in a valuation note of 30 June 1926 as DF Brick Cott, iron roof, land value of £234 and improved value of £1275. There was no further reduction in the size of Lot B until after 1962.

In 1926 Clark sold *Loch Lynne* on Lot A to Walter John Leaver, gardener, for £625. Leaver first appears in *Sands'* in Ridge Street in 1928 and in the electoral roll in 1930. *Loch Lynne* was occupied by JW Allen in 1925-26, presumably renting from Clark (*Sands'*).

The first valuation of *Whitehaven* was at 30 June 1926. Both properties are listed by name in the 1925 *Sands'*, this being Clark's first listing at *Whitehaven*. Therefore *Whitehaven* was most probably built by 1924.

A notice published in *Construction* of 28 March 1923 refers to the construction of a brick cottage in Ridge Street, Gordon. No contractor, builder or owner was named; this notice may relate to *Whitehaven*.

Henry Shaw Clark married Frances Grimes, a daughter of Thomas Grimes and sister to William Henry Grimes (of No 74 Ridge Street, *Brighton*). Clark moved in to *Whitehaven* by late 1924, and was owner/occupier until his death in 1943.⁶³ His wife had apparently died by 1941.

It appears HS Clark's relative by marriage, William Alfred Grimes, labourer turned gardener, was living at *Whitehaven* from 1930-1946, or at least using it as his address on the electoral

roll. Minnie Matilda Kendall, widow, formerly resident at No 47 Ridge Street, listed *Whitehaven* No 72 Ridge Street as her electoral address from 1946 to 1950.

HS Clark's executor Raymond Joseph Clark is named on the 1940 valuation card. Electoral rolls show RJ Clark, chauffeur, his wife Gladys Mabel Clark, home duties, and Marie Effie Clark, nurse, living in the house in 1950. At the 1955 valuation the owner is Russell Gordon Clark, linesman, in residence with family Kathleen Elizabeth Clark, shop assistant. By 1980 Lorraine Helen Clark is present. This household continued until at least 1989.

No 74 Ridge Street, Brighton

Lot 72 was purchased by Goddard William Ash on 22 July 1908 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁶⁴ The lot was bought by Thomas Alfred Grimes, of Rhodes Avenue, Naremburn between 1916 and 1920 and subsequently passed to WA Grimes of Ridge Street, Gordon by the time of the 1921 valuation.⁶⁵

A house was already present: "Brick on brick, double-fronted cottage, 3 rooms kitchen and offices, iron roof". The land value was £396 and improved value £810. T Grimes of North Sydney was listed as "contractor/named in acceptance" for a tender to build a cottage in Ridge Street Gordon published in the 15 January 1917 issue of *Construction*. This tender corresponds with the house *Brighton*, No 74.

Lot 72 was re-subdivided in August 1932 into Lot A/328175 with a 50 feet frontage to Ridge Street and (to the north) Lot B/328175 with 82 feet frontage to Ridge Street.⁶⁶ *Brighton* was shown as existing on Lot A. According to the Water Board survey of 1937 Lot B (No 76) was vacant.

No 84 Ridge Street, Larcom

Lot 70 was originally leased on 12 December 1896 by Mary Ann James, wife of Horace Charles James from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁶⁷ It was purchased in April 1912 by Mary Ann James and Horace Charles James as joint tenants from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁶⁸

In March 1919 Lot 70 was re-subdivided by the James together with Lots 1 and 2 DP5292, the Bellevue Estate, to form Lots A to E of DP12270, situated on the corner of Ridge Street and Ryde Road. By the 1921 valuation, part Lot 70 of DP3337 and Lot D of DP12270, known as *Larcom* at No 84, had passed to their son Albert George James, carpenter, of

Ridge Street, Gordon and was described as "Brick on stone double-fronted cottage, 2 rooms, kitchen & offices, tile roof", the land being approx 42 feet by 160 feet deep.⁶⁹

The name of the house probably derives from the name of AG James' maternal grandfather: James Larcombe Nichols. James lived at *Larcom* from 1921 to at least 1932 (*Sands*): it remained his address on the electoral roll until his death in 1973⁷⁰ following which his daughter Kathleen lived on at *Larcom* until c1989. This land was owned and occupied by the same family for at least 93 years: its present description is Lot D in DP963412.

Albert George James built *Larcom* himself, immediately following the major subdivision of the land. On 7 July 1919 an accepted tender for a cottage in Ridge Street naming AG James of Ridge Street, Gordon as "contractor, builder or owner" was published in *Construction*. In residence by 1920, he would have been noted by *Sands* for inclusion in their directory published the following year.

A G James purchased the adjoining Lot E of DP12270 at the same time as Lot D above, between 1916-1920. Later known as *Garryowen*, No 82 Ridge Street, the house was built and run as a rental property by AG James, who sold it between 1940-1955 valuations.

Some Ridge Street families:

The Grimes family

Thomas Grimes married Mary Morispin in 1863.⁷¹ Thomas Alfred, William Henry, Emily Mary and Frances Grimes were four of their children.

Thomas Alfred Grimes is the 'TA Grimes' of the valuations and probably the contractor who built *Brighton*. There is no evidence that he ever lived in Ridge Street, Gordon. He died in 1929.⁷² Despite the apparent accession of his relative William Alfred to ownership of *Brighton*, valuations from 1930 to 1962 name the owner 'Grimes Est Late TA'.

William Henry Grimes,⁷³ gardener, purchased No 68 Pt Lot 74 in Ridge Street between 1916-1920. Lot 74 was first purchased by David Rankin Swan on 2 September 1910 from Hogg and Kirkcaldie.⁷⁴

The house *Truro* was in place at the 1921 valuation, described as weatherboard on brick piers, double fronted cottage of four rooms, kitchen and offices with iron roof.

WH Grimes owned and occupied *Truro* No 68 with Alberta Louisa Grimes, home duties, from 1921. For a time they moved out of the area, returning to live at *Truro* from c1935-1946. Their daughter Elsie Florence, home duties, was living with them from c1935. The 1955 valuation shows Miss Elsie Florence Grimes as owner of *Truro* Pt Lot 74, where she lived until her death in 1961.⁷⁵

Emilie Alberta Grimes, leather stitcher, lived at *Truro*, No 68 Ridge Street from c1921-25, thereafter not found. Her position in the family is unclear. Emily Mary Grimes, home duties, lived in Ridge Street from c1921 to her death in 1927.

Frances Grimes b1863⁷⁶ married Henry Shaw Clark in 1898.⁷⁷ They subsequently built and lived at No 72 Ridge Street.

William Alfred Grimes, a labourer and gardener was born 1891 to Thomas Alfred and Ellen Sarah Grimes.⁷⁸ This may not be the TA Grimes of Naremburn). William A Grimes occupied *Brighton* from 1918 to 1925, when he disappears from *Sands*' directory. From about 1930 to 1946, he apparently lived at No 72 *Whitehaven*, the home of his aunt & uncle the Clarks, while *Brighton* was occupied by tenants: AF Burrows (1927) and Mrs HS (Clara) Hill (1928-32). By 1950 WA Grimes had returned to *Brighton* and lived there until his death on 13 October 1971.⁷⁹ No evidence has been found in the electoral roll to suggest that William A Grimes had wife or family.

There were no Grimes listed in the electoral roll for Gordon in 1975.

The James family

Horace Charles James married Mary Ann Nichols in 1885.⁸⁰ Both were born in Sydney in 1861. Mary Ann was the daughter of James Larcombe Nichols and his wife Emma.

Horace and Mary Ann had six children: Sarah M (1886), Horace GR (1887-1887), Albert George (1889), William A (1891), Edward Charles (1894) and Frank R (1896).

Horace Charles James, carpenter, first appears in Ridge Street on the electoral roll of 1903. Mary Ann James, domestic duties, appears in 1903 at Vale Street.⁸¹

Mary Ann and husband Horace Charles James lived at *Lansdale*, No 86 Ridge St from 1910. Horace C died in 1930⁸² and Mary Ann lived on at No 86 until her death in 1938⁸³. All of their surviving

children settled locally as they reached adulthood, demonstrated by the electoral roll for Gordon in Ridge and Vale Streets over time. The James' apparently built their own houses and others on land they owned, for rental or to sell for capital gain. In all there were nine advertised accepted tenders by members of the James family for construction of cottages (and another one for a garage) in Ridge Street through the years 1919-1926.⁸⁴

Sarah Millicent (or Mildred), home duties, lived at No 86 in her parents' home from 1913 until her death in 1943.⁸⁵ Her parents having already died, the house then passed to her brother Albert George.

Albert George, carpenter, and family lived at *Larcom*, No 84. AG James was on the Gordon electoral roll in Ridge St from 1913 to 1973. His wife Kathleen, nee Moylan, whom he married in 1919⁸⁶ was listed from 1925 to 1955.

Kathleen Lynette James (presumably their daughter), dental assistant, was listed from 1950 to at least 1989.

Albert G James "of No 84-86 Ridge Street" became executor of his mother's estate which included No 90 Ridge Street, corner Lot A in DP12270. This had been sold by the family by 1955. Albert also owned No 82 Ridge St, *Garryowen*, part Lot 70 now described as Lot E in DP12270.

William Arthur James, a carpenter and labourer, and Gladys Lillian his wife are found on the electoral roll at Bridge Street, Pymble from 1915 until c1925 and later at No 40 Ridge Street (part Lot 79) to 1930. Between 1920 and 1925 William Arthur James purchased part Lot 79 Lots B (site of No 40) & C (later *Chingford*, No 42).

In the same time period Gladys Lillian James purchased part Lot 93 (No 45 *Wonga*), part Lot 74 (No 64 *Percyville*) and part Lot 79 Lot A in A736033 (to become No 38 *Wyoming*), all in Ridge Street.

It is possible the James' built No 38 and their own home at No 40, *Belmont* but it has not been possible to confirm this.

Edward Charles James, labourer, and family lived at *Elvy*, No 43 Ridge St from 1925 to about 1960. EC James also owned No 88 Ridge Street, unimproved to 1937 (Lot B in DP12270, formerly part Lot 70. He had sold that property by 1955.

Frank Raymond James, carpenter, resided at his brother Edward's home No 43 from approximately 1950 to 1965.

William James (brother of Horace), gardener, and wife Anne Elizabeth nee Reffell whom he married in 1918 are listed in the electoral roll of 1921 at "the cottage, *Stonyhurst*". They were both employed on the large estate of Harry Clifford Love in Nelson Street, Gordon.⁸⁷

Thomas Alexander, gardener and wife Olivia nee Spry whom he married in 1899 were in Merriwa Street by 1913 and still at No 7 Merriwa in 1930. Thos A's place in the family is not yet known.

Cecil Gordon James, labourer, and Alfreda Kestina James are listed at *Frenella*, Vale Street in 1930. The latter was still listed there in 1981. Cecil's place in the family is unclear.

The Lockley family

John Lockley and Jane Gilmore (most often Gilmore among descendants) were married in 1862 at Chippendale. The eldest of their ten children, all born in inner Sydney, was Edward Lockley b.1863 in Waterloo (reg Chippendale), later of *Sandy*, No 29 Ridge Street, Gordon. The other offspring in descending age order were:

John Gilmore (1865), Agnes (1867), Thomas B (1869), Jane (1872), later of *Glen Esk* No 27 Ridge St, William (1874), Emma (1876), Robert (1878), Elizabeth (1880) and Henry (1883).⁸⁸

After their parents died, John in 1899 and Jane in 1913, five of the ten offspring moved to Ku-ring-gai. They stayed close together:

Edward, the eldest, settled at *Sandy*, No 29 Ridge Street. In 1890 he had married Margaret Hamilton, daughter of Alexander Hamilton and Margaret Algie.⁸⁹ Margaret (Hamilton) Lockley died in 1909, probably consequent upon childbirth⁹⁰ leaving at least 5 surviving children: Jane Gilmore (1893), John Gilmore (1895), Alexander Hamilton (1898), May B (1901) and Edward (1904).

In 1915 the household at *Sandy* included Edward's adult daughter, Jane Gilmore, and the younger children. By 1921 the

electoral roll also shows Elizabeth Lockley who was Edward's unmarried sister. 'Elizabeth Jnr,' home duties is also present: she was Edward's second wife, nee Abell, whom he married in 1914.⁹¹

By 1930 the adult household comprised Edward Snr, head of the house, still a teacher; Edward Jnr, his son, engineer; Jane Gilmore, Edward's adult daughter and 'Elizabeth Jnr'. This household continued until Edward Jnr married Fiona Alison McPhie in 1937⁹² and moved to No 8 Merrivale Road, Pymble.

Edward Snr retired in 1943 and died in 1946.⁹³ Jane Gilmore Lockley, his eldest daughter, continued to live at No 29 until her death in 1978 aged 85 years.⁹⁴ 'Elizabeth Jnr', Edward Snr's second wife, had moved away by 1960.

It is said that Mr HL Fry who was Headmaster of Gordon School from 1890 to 1922 was taught woodwork by Edward Lockley Snr. Mr Fry was enthusiastic about carpentry for the boy pupils and wood-carving for the girls.⁹⁵

Aspects of her early life in Ridge Street were recounted by Miss Jane G Lockley in an interview in 1971:

Houses were lit first by kerosene lamps and later by gas. Streets also were lit by gas. The lamplighter, a man using a long staff with a hook on one end, went round the lamps night and morning, putting them on and off. His hours of duty varied with the hours of daylight. Fuel stoves were used, which had the advantage of heating the whole house. Food was kept in ice-chests and cool-safes and butter in a butter-cooler. Fruit, grown in their own orchard, was bottled. Most neighbours had fruit trees. The keeping of fowls assured them of a good supply of eggs, but butter was bought. It was at first delivered by Radford's and later by a Mr Dale, who called with a basket. Miss Lockley remembers that blackberries were gathered from bushes in a nearby gully, but she has no recollection of any mushrooms.⁹⁶

The Lockley family history describes Miss J G Lockley as a teacher of music at Abbotsleigh College for 22 years. This source further states she had been engaged to marry a soldier who died of his wounds in WWI.

John Gilmore (sometimes Gilmour), journalist and brother of Edward was at (No 6) Springdale Road Killara by 1913 with his wife Lillian Mary (nee Mills)

and family.⁹⁷ John G Lockley was a significant early landholder in Ridge Street, Gordon and, though he resided in Killara, he was the first Lockley family member to have a presence there. In December 1911 he purchased Lot 91 DP3337 which by 1921 had been sold to the Misses Beatrice and Salina Fletcher who subsequently resided there for many years (No 37, *Birrane* Ridge St). JG Lockley also purchased Lot 79 in March 1919. As detailed earlier (No 27, *Glen Esk*), he also owned Lot 88 and Part Lot 89, and was apparently involved in the building of houses for his sister Jane and brother Edward.

John Gilmore Lockley was an energetic man of many interests apart from land development for profit. He served on the Ku-ring-gai Shire Council from 1912 to 1925, was Shire Deputy President in 1923 and President in 1924 when the 850 gas lamps lighting the Shire streets were replaced by electricity. While a Councillor he was involved with establishing Killara Park for public recreation, and in gaining approval for the Roseville Bridge. Locksley Street in E Killara was named for him, mistakenly with an 's'.

His first employment after leaving school was in the bookshop of William Maddock in George Street, Sydney and he later joined Angus & Robertson booksellers. He founded his own business the Lockley Library in Challis House, Martin Place, wrote gardening books such as *Rose-Growing Made Easy*, 1907, *Dahlia Growing Made Easy* 1908 and *Carnation Growing Made Easy* 1914, published variously by JG Lockley and Cornstalk Publishing Co, which was part of Angus & Robertson from 1924 to 1930.⁹⁸

Reminiscences of JG Lockley's early days in Gordon titled 'Old Day Tales' appear in *Volley*, the Journal of Killara Tennis Club 5 October 1933.⁹⁹ He also edited and wrote for *The Kuringgian*, which billed itself "a fortnightly newspaper in the interests of the residents of the Ku-ring-gai Shire".¹⁰⁰ The paper was "Printed for J G Lockley of Springdale Rd, Killara by the Epworth Press, 218 Castlereagh St Sydney", and its stated aim was "to be the mouthpiece of any individual or association fighting for the public good". This paper also carried advertisements for Lockley's series *The Amateur Gardener* available in instalments by post (three shillings for 12 monthly numbers) and at least one of his books, *Rose Growing Made Easy*,

available "from all booksellers or C/- the Editor for 1s 9d in stamps or postal note". *The Amateur Gardener* on occasion published original Henry Lawson poems, the poet being a friend of JG Lockley, who wrote the introduction to Lawson's *The Skyline Riders and other Verses*.¹⁰¹ Lawson wrote a poem for JG Lockley by request, called "The Stringy Bark Tree".

JG Lockley was a journalist for the *Sydney Morning Herald* for a number of years, writing a gardening column during the 1930s under the name 'Redgum'. He also gave wireless talks on gardening. As Redgum in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 1931 he wrote strongly in support of saving the Blue Gum High Forest in the Grose Valley, Blue Mountains:

To destroy the trees would be unforgivable vandalism .. if they are permitted to stay, they will stand straight and true for many generations ... Every acre on which those grey gums are growing should be reserved for the distant days, when the nation will know the true worth of the giant trees, which are not understood.¹⁰²

This fight, in which Myles Dunphy was a prime figure, was the commencement of the conservation movement which continues today. In recognition of Redgum's publicity of this cause, the Lockley Pylon, a natural pyramidal rock outcrop surmounting the eastern Grose Valley escarpment, is named for him.

JG Lockley died on 18 May 1937 aged 72, and is buried at Gore Hill Cemetery. Redgum's last column in the *Sydney Morning Herald* appeared on May 15 of that year. An obituary published after his death listed the attendees at his funeral, describing the occasion as a who's who of the Sydney media and political scene.¹⁰³

Jane Lockley married James Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton and Margaret Algie, in Sydney in 1898. Jane's brother Edward Lockley had married Margaret Hamilton, sister of James, in Glebe in 1890. James Hamilton died in 1902 in Petersham, leaving his wife with two daughters, Margaret and Jane.

The widowed Mrs Jane Hamilton owned and lived in *Glen Esk*, No 27 Ridge St from 1916. By 1921 her sister Emma, a florist, had moved in to live with her, and by 1930 another sister Elizabeth, formerly of No 29, was sharing the house. Emma disappeared from the electoral roll after 1932, Elizabeth a year

later. Emma and Elizabeth, the unmarried daughters of John and Jane Lockley, died in 1932 and 1934 respectively.¹⁰⁴

Jane Hamilton's two daughters, Jane and Margaret, maintained the Hamilton family tradition by marrying the brothers Andrews: in 1924 Jane married Geoffrey H Andrews¹⁰⁵ and in 1929 Margaret Algie Ca(r)slow married Kenneth D Andrews in 1929¹⁰⁶. The latter couple lived in *Glen Esk* for many years following Jane Hamilton's death.

Brother **Robert Lockley**, an engineer, and his wife Mary Jane (nee Trace) settled in Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield by 1913.

Brother **Henry Lockley**, variously described as a draftsman or architect, and his wife Alice (nee Cook) were at *Ashley*, Highlands Avenue, Pymble by 1921. Henry Lockley designed the memorial gates for the Lindfield Soldiers Memorial Park, corner Tryon and Archbold Roads, Lindfield in 1922, receiving an award of £50 for same.¹⁰⁷ Henry died in 1935.¹⁰⁸

By 1921 the electoral rolls show a household of third generation Lockleys in Merriwa Street in the Gordon Heights Estate:

John G (son of Edward of *Sandy*, Ridge Street), engineer and Mabel nee Sorrie, whom he had married in England in 1916 while working in submarines and munitions for WWI.¹⁰⁹ From 1925-27 John Lockley ran a business as an electrician on the southern corner of Mt William St and the Gordon Road. By 1930 John and Mabel Lockley had moved together to *Fordville*, No 57 Ridge Street. John Lockley died in 1969 aged 74 years.¹¹⁰ Mabel lived on at No 57 until 1981: she died in Oct 1995 aged 104 years in Golden Beach Queensland.¹¹¹

Edward (Ted) Lockley Jnr, engineer, appears on the Gordon electoral roll living at No 8 Merrivale Road, Pymble with his wife following their 1937 marriage. The brothers John and Edward Lockley, sons of Edward the teacher of No 29 Ridge, ran a garage, the Ku-ring-gai Service Station, on the Lane Cove Road/Mt William Street southern corner from 1928 to 1930. Mrs Gwen Tregear of No 35 Ridge Street recalls Ted Lockley testing the brakes of cars on which he was doing mechanical work by doing sudden stops in Ridge Street.¹¹²

'E Lockley' was a tenant of David Swan renting No 880 Pacific Highway Gordon

for £1/7/6 per week.¹¹³ 'E Lockley' also appeared as a witness on the Will of David Swan, storekeeper of No 888 Pacific Highway Gordon, dated 7 August 1942. Edward Lockley Jnr and David Swan were of the same generation and were neighbours for many years.

Charles Nuttall, builder

Between 1912 and 1927 there are at least fifty published notices of tenders accepted to build cottages, garages or additions and alterations in Ku-ring-gai (largely Gordon/Pymble) involving Charles Nuttall as contractor, builder or owner.¹¹⁴ No evidence has been found of Nuttall doing work for an architect.

From March 1912 to October 1917 Charles Nuttall was engaged in building some ten dwellings in Ridge Street. During this time he owned property in the street (Lots 90, 92, 96 and 97 DP 3337) and lived on the premises of jobs under construction. Together with Albert Edward Dickson he also owned Part Lot 54 on the northern corner of Ridge and Merriwa Streets.¹¹⁵

Family origins

Charles Nuttall, carpenter, was born in Longridge, Lancashire England c1879, a son of Charles Nuttall, farmer.¹¹⁶ Aged 29 years Charles married Elizabeth Ann Jackson, aged 26, of Bretherton, daughter of Thomas Jackson, merchant on 21 June 1906 in Bretherton, Lancashire UK. His address at marriage was 1215 Trafford Park, Manchester.¹¹⁷

Perusal of the UK census and BMDs reveals the following:

Charles Nuttall, mother's maiden name Houghton, born 1878 Alston district, Lancashire, registered at Preston Lancs. Alston is very close to Longridge, Lancs. Charles Nuttall (Snr) married Sarah Houghton in 1867 at the church of St Mary, Bury Lancs.

1901 census: **Charles Nuttall** aged 22, single, wood joiner born Longridge, Lancs and his mother Sarah Nuttall, head of family, married, aged 57 years, born Goosnargh Lancs, living at Bank Bridge, Tarleton West Lancashire.¹¹⁸

1891 census: **Charles Nuttall** aged 50, publican, born Tottington Lancs, living with wife Sarah aged 47 (employee) born Goosnargh Lancs and five children at the Rose & Crown, 33 Spring Gardens, Preston Lancs. The five children were: Ellen aged 21 born Tottington, Lancs; Jane Ann aged 17 born Longridge Lancs; Emma aged 15 born Longridge Lancs (all three girls

described as 'Publican's daughter'); **Charles** aged 13, scholar, born Longridge Lancs, and Richard aged 9, scholar born Longridge Lancs.¹¹⁹

C Nuttall emigrated from London to Sydney in 1912. EA Nuttall, female, apparently came the previous year, port of departure Liverpool.¹²⁰ No other Nuttalls appeared in either passenger list, which suggests the Nuttalls had family or friends already in Sydney when Mrs Nuttall arrived. This is reinforced by tender details for construction on one of the properties owned by Charles Nuttall. The purchase of Lot 90 Ridge St Gordon on 13 December 1911 suggests that Richard Nuttall arrived in Australia earlier than his brother Charles.

Land purchases and building activity

Subsequent to their joint purchase of Lot 90 Ridge Street, brothers Charles and Richard Nuttall purchased adjacent Lots 11 and 10 respectively in Section A DP4362 (the Killara Chase Subdivision, east side of Lane Cove Road).¹²¹ Bought between 1911 and 1915, apparently to replicate the 'develop and profit' strategy as already practiced in Ridge Street, these lots were each approximately a quarter acre and fronted Bruce Avenue, Killara. On 3 May 1913 there was a building tender advertised as accepted for a cottage in Bruce Ave Gordon, with 'builder or owner' given as C Nuttall. On 26 May 1913 a similar accepted tender notice appeared re Bruce Ave Gordon: the contractor was simply 'Nuttall' but the 'builder or owner' was a JR Nuttall living in Fairlight St Leichhardt (John Nuttall resided at Fairlight St Leichhardt from 1900-1915: *Sands*'). Other Nuttalls were living in inner Sydney suburbs at this time (Petersham, Paddington, Bondi, Campsie). The family connections are unclear. The Bruce Avenue tenders imply a connection between John R Nuttall of Leichhardt and Charles and Richard Nuttall of Ridge Street. Richard Nuttall was living on his property at Bruce Avenue, Gordon in 1914-1915 (*Sands*'), having moved on from Lot 90 Ridge Street when No 31 and No 33 were sold. In 1915 Richard Nuttall moved to Campbell Street, Little Coogee (now Clovelly) where he also owned land.¹²²

By 1921 both Bruce St blocks carried houses "Weatherboard on brick piers, double-fronted cottage 3 rooms, kitchen and offices, iron roof" – the standard Nuttall house. The Nuttall name does not appear on the valuation cards 1916-1927

for either property. Both blocks were for sale in 1925 as part of the Abbottsholme Estate, the subdivision of the property of the late John Fitzmaurice, principal and founder of Abbottsholme College in adjacent Greengate Road. Lot 10 (Richard Nuttall, prior owner) was then known as Lot 1 DP 13657, house named *Kookaburra*: Lot 11 (Charles Nuttall) became Lot 2 DP 13657 and carried the house *York Cottage*.¹²³

Between 1896-1900 a John Nuttall purchased property at Leichhardt, Sydney.¹²⁴

Between 1921-1925 Charles Nuttall purchased land at Anzac Parade, Randwick, and in Ryde. His wife Elizabeth Ann Nuttall purchased Lot 12 DP 6233 at Gordon Shire Ku-ring-gai in the same period.¹²⁵ No purchases were found in the period 1926 to 1932.

Between 1906-1910 a Charles Nuttall purchased at Alstonville, Parish Tuckombil.¹²⁶ Either this is a relative of the subject Charles Nuttall, who arrived in this country earlier, or the author's interpretation of the shipping lists is erroneous.

Between 1911 and 1920 Charles Nuttall also bought land in Tuckombil, Alstonville and Wardell on the NSW far north coast.

Is there a connection between Alstonville in NSW, where property was purchased by Charles Nuttall, and Alston, the area where Charles and Richard Nuttall of Ridge Street were born in Lancashire? Nuttalls live in the Alstonville area today. The author has located the name Nuttall on the Pioneer Families list of the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society and is seeking any information they have.

The establishment of "Nuttall & Morgan, Motor Engineers"¹²⁷ operated in the former Schmeising Bakery premises at Gordon, previously the first local Methodist Church (now in the grounds of Ravenswood School) next to the first Post Office on Gordon Road East. This may have been connected with the Nuttalls of Ridge Street. No other information about the business or its principals has been found.

Charles Nuttall, living and working in Ridge Street

Charles Nuttall first appeared in *Sands*' listing for Ridge Street in 1914: brother Richard was listed the previous year, living at Lot 90. Charles' first project in Ridge Street appears to have been the

construction of No 31 and No 33 on his jointly owned land, Lot 90. In 1913 Charles Nuttall, carpenter, appeared on the Gordon electoral roll for the first time in Ridge Street, together with Richard Nuttall, Ridge Street, draftsman. By late 1913 C Nuttall was living on the site of his current project, No 27 *Glen Esk*, having developed and sold Lot 90.¹²⁸ By late 1915 he had moved again and was living at (and probably building) No 43 Ridge on Lot 92, which he had purchased before 1915.¹²⁹ In the *Sands*' of 1919, Charles Nuttall was located further north on Ridge Street in the area of Lots 96/97 previously purchased, while completing houses No 63 and No 65.

After Ridge St

From 1921-1930 *Sands*' lists Charles Nuttall in McIntyre Street, Gordon. In the period 1916-1920 Charles Nuttall had purchased Part Lots 42 and 43 DP 3337 of the Gordon Heights Estate, fronting Lane Cove Road, Lot 42 being on the corner of McIntyre Street.

One of two published accepted tenders for McIntyre Street cottages dated 3 March 1919 and 28 Nov 1919 citing "C Nuttall of McIntyre St" as contractor, builder or owner probably refers to *Norbreck* at No 1 McIntyre Street, extant by 1921 and described as "Brick on stone double-fronted cottage, 3 rooms, kitchen and offices, tile roof", owner Charles Nuttall of McIntyre Street, Gordon. Charles and his wife Elizabeth Ann resided at this address into the 1950s, while he carried out numerous building works locally in the intervening years, and their son was growing up.

Elizabeth Ann Nuttall died on 17 April 1955.¹³⁰ Her husband Charles believed her death was hastened by a previous car accident sustained in June 1952.¹³¹ Charles moved between 1955 and 1960 to No 20 Nithdale St Pymble, close to his son Charles G and daughter in law in Bannockburn Road. Sharing the house with him there was Elsie Pearl Nuttall. Her position in the family is not known.¹³²

Charles Nuttall, builder, of Gordon died on 28 February 1964.¹³³ In 1953 Richard Nuttall died in Katoomba.¹³⁴

Charles Gordon Nuttall, son of Charles and Elizabeth Ann and also a carpenter, had been born on 19 April 1913 in Ridge Street (probably at Lot 90).¹³⁵ He lived with his parents at *Norbreck*. In 1944 he married Vera May Foster and thereafter they moved to 8 Bannockburn Rd

Pymble.¹³⁶ Charles and Vera lived at this address until after his father's death in 1964, whereon they immediately left the district, possibly to move closer to Palm Beach where he is said to have run a business.¹³⁷ Charles G Nuttall died on 15 Jun 1971.¹³⁸

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¹ LPI CT V.2227 F.172 and Torrens Title Purchasers' Index (TTPI).

² LPI CT V.2384 F.80.

³ *Sands*' directories updated their resident lists at year end prior to publication.

⁴ NSW BDM #9407.

⁵ NSW BDM #33674 reg. Hornsby.

⁶ Ref. *John Lockley of Stanmore etc*, family history, KHS.

⁷ According to Miss J G Lockley, daughter of the owner Edward Lockley - refer *Transcript of interview with Jane Gilmour Lockley, 17 April 1971* by M Allgood, KHS.

⁸ LPI CT V.2214 F.225.

⁹ LPI CT V.2309 F.82, No 33.

¹⁰ LPI CT V.2309 F.83, later No 31.

¹¹ Mrs Gwen Tregear, nee Scott: lifelong resident, now of No 35 Ridge Street.

¹² LPI CT V.2186 F.94.

¹³ LPI CT V.2186 F.94.

¹⁴ LPI CT V.2410 F.83.

¹⁵ Mrs Gwen Tregear, nee Scott: lifelong resident, now of No 35 Ridge Street.

¹⁶ Electoral roll 1915, *Sands*' 1916, Torrens Title Purchasers Index LPI CT V.2410 F.85.

¹⁷ *Construction*, Rieth Index.

¹⁸ NSW BDM #32732 reg. Chatswood.

¹⁹ LPI CT V.2410 F.93.

²⁰ LPI CT V. 2410 F.93 and *Sands*' 1919-1921

²¹ *Construction*, Rieth Index.

²² Nee Worthington, married 1923 #1336 reg. Chatswood.

²³ NSW BDM #18898 reg. place unknown.

²⁴ LPI CT V.3206 F.192.

²⁵ Gordon electoral rolls from 1931-1933 inclusive.

²⁶ Rieth index of tenders, unpublished ms.

²⁷ LPI CT V.3206 F.190.

²⁸ NSW BDM #5936 reg. Newtown.

²⁹ NSW BDM #6009 reg. Chatswood.

³⁰ LPI CT V.3206 F.194.

³¹ LPI CT V.2295 F.142.

³² LPI CT V.2329 F.214.

³³ NSW BDM m.1903 #1247 reg. Inverell.

³⁴ NSW BDM #1194 reg. Chatswood.

³⁵ NSW BDM #27122 reg Grafton),

³⁶ NSW BDM #23207 reg Chatswood, NSW BDM #23268 reg Chatswood.

³⁷ Electoral roll; death 22 Jan 1999 "late of Gordon" Ryerson Index; real estate agent's notes on sale, Aug 2000.

³⁸ Rieth index.

³⁹ LPI CT V.1293 F.196.

⁴⁰ LPI CT V.1770 F.32.

⁴¹ LPI CT V.1770 F.32.

⁴² LPI CT V.1903 F.33.

⁴³ LPI CT V.2087 F.194 previous LPI CT V.2055 F.235.

⁴⁴ LPI CT V.2043 F.68; Lot 95 later LPI CT V.2552 F.135.

⁴⁵ LPI CT V.2905 F.96.

⁴⁶ NSW BDM #35306 reg. Richmond.

⁴⁷ Electoral roll.

⁴⁸ Ryerson Index, death notice *SMH* 1 Nov 1995.

⁴⁹ Note that building application No 1716 was made to the Shire Council in 1922 by 'J Lockley' to build a cottage in Ridge Street. Perhaps there was only the owner/occupant involved after all.

⁵⁰ *John Lockley of Stanmore: his ancestors and descendants*, family history by Noel & Tom Lockley, self published 1993, copy held KHS.

⁵¹ LPI CT V 1293 F.196.

⁵² LPI CT V 2087 F.194 previous LPI CT V 2055 F.235).

⁵³ LPI CT V.3034 F.19.

⁵⁴ Mrs Gwen Tregear nee Cook, lifelong resident of Ridge St since 1925: confirmed by Mrs Sue Kelly, former owner No 64 1970-1981.

⁵⁵ Parts Lot 15, DP3387 Browns Estate, LCR(E) 290' x 12'/36' LPI CT V.2841 F.221 and Valuation No 1463 *Percyville*, 228' x 36'/96' "BB Smithy, iron roof, WB DF cott, 3rms K & Off, shingle roof".

⁵⁶ BAs to K'gai Council Ridge St 1922-1939.

⁵⁷ LPI CT V.3034 F.19.

⁵⁸ LPI CT V.1903 F.33.

⁵⁹ LPI CT V.2727 F.90.

⁶⁰ LPI CT V.2810 F.228.

⁶¹ LPI CT V.1224 F.106.

⁶² According to *Sands*' and electoral rolls.

⁶³ *Sands*' and electoral roll, NSW BDM #9754 reg. Hornsby.

⁶⁴ LPI CT V.1829 F.2, previous LPI CT V.1293 F.196 and LPI CT V.1903 F.232.

⁶⁵ LPI CT V.1899 F.237 and LPI CT V.1293 F.196.

⁶⁶ LPI CT V.1899/237: See plan copy from KHS.

⁶⁷ Dealing 272683, LPI CT V.2055 F.235, LPI CT V.1113 F.95.

⁶⁸ LPI CT V.2253 F.6.

- ⁶⁹ LPI CT V.2947 F.117.
- ⁷⁰ NSW BDM #64913 reg. St Leonards.
- ⁷¹ NSW BDM #77 reg. Sydney.
- ⁷² NSW BDM #8778 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁷³ B.1867 NSW BDM #14875 reg. Penrith.
- ⁷⁴ LPI CT V.2087 F.194.
- ⁷⁵ NSW BDM #2559 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁷⁶ NSW BDM #11541 reg. Parramatta.
- ⁷⁷ NSW BDM #4795 reg. Sydney.
- ⁷⁸ NSW BDM #2677 reg. Sydney.
- ⁷⁹ Ryerson Index.
- ⁸⁰ NSW BDM #1539 reg. Sydney.
- ⁸¹ Note the names Vale and Ridge were/are sometimes interchanged in respect of that portion of Ridge Street between Head of the Bay Road (now Ryde Road) and Vale Street proper, which commences at Merriwa Street (see subdivision plan DP12270, 1919: KHS).
- ⁸² NSW BDM #12558 reg. North Sydney.
- ⁸³ NSW BDM #1074 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁸⁴ Rieth index of tenders, unpublished ms.
- ⁸⁵ NSW BDM #1751 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁸⁶ NSW BDM #12886 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁸⁷ See *Historian* Vol.36 No 1, October 2007, p.73.
- ⁸⁸ Ref: *John Lockley of Stanmore: his ancestors and descendants* by Noel Lockley & Tom Lockley, self published 1993: copy held KHS.
- ⁸⁹ NSW BDM #3529 reg. Sydney.
- ⁹⁰ NSW BDM #1092 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁹¹ NSW BDM #14801 reg. Petersham.
- ⁹² NSW BDM #11539.
- ⁹³ NSW BDM #1779 reg. Chatswood.
- ⁹⁴ Ryerson Index *SMH* 30 Sept 1978.
- ⁹⁵ Lockley family history.
- ⁹⁶ Ref: transcript of interview with Jane Gilmour Lockley, 17 April 1971 by M Allgood, KHS.
- ⁹⁷ The address was later No 6 Stanhope Rd after a section of the street was renamed.
- ⁹⁸ Ref: National Library of Australia www.nla.gov.au; Administrative History of Angus & Robertson Ltd, Archives@ State Library of NSW; Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery – Biographies Vol.I, The Friends of Gore Hill Cemetery Ed. L Thomas & W Adams, 1994.
- ⁹⁹ Ref *Historian* Vol.4 No 4 p.4.
- ¹⁰⁰ Information Files – Newspapers, KHS: 8 Apr 1911 to 24 Jul 1911.
- ¹⁰¹ Published by Ferguson Ltd, Sydney & Dunedin, 1910, 155pp.
- ¹⁰² *SMH* review article, 11 Dec 2006.
- ¹⁰³ Ref. Lockley family history.
- ¹⁰⁴ NSW BDM #13100, reg. Marrickville, NSW BDM #12937 reg. Drummoyne.
- ¹⁰⁵ NSW BDM #12050, 1924 reg. Chatswood.
- ¹⁰⁶ NSW BDM #16602 reg. Chatswood.
- ¹⁰⁷ *Focus*, KHS p.45.
- ¹⁰⁸ NSW BDM #14232 reg. Petersham.
- ¹⁰⁹ Lockley family history.
- ¹¹⁰ NSW BDM #35306 reg. Richmond.
- ¹¹¹ Ryerson Index: *SMH* 1 Nov 1995.
- ¹¹² Ref interview with G Tregear, Aug 2008. See photo in *The Railway came to Ku-ring-gai* by Kerrin Cook, Genlin Investments, Pymble, 1991: ‘The brothers Lockley, J Lockley electrician.’.
- ¹¹³ See probate of David Swan.
- ¹¹⁴ Rieth Index.
- ¹¹⁵ LPI CT V.2383 F.171 purchased 1911-1915.
- ¹¹⁶ Death index gives father’s name as Richard: the author believes Charles is correct.
- ¹¹⁷ Marriage certificate No A331084 in papers *Probate Elizabeth Ann Nuttall 16 Nov 1955*: NSW State Records, copy KHS.
- ¹¹⁸ Piece 3541 F.66 p.9 Sch. No 53.
- ¹¹⁹ Parish Farington, F.102, p.7, Sch. No 32.
- ¹²⁰ www.findmypast.com online passenger index.
- ¹²¹ Lot 10: LPI CT V.2387 F.46; Lot 11 LPI CT V.2371 F.19.
- ¹²² 12.5 perches Lot 61 DP2598 LPI CT V.2229 F.189; 14.75 perches Lot 22 DP5607 LPI CT V.2091 F.229.
- ¹²³ Subdivision plan in Kerrin Cook, *The Railway came to Ku-ring-gai*.
- ¹²⁴ Lots 26 & 27 Section 10 DP2279 LPI CT V.1194 F.43 and Lot 28 Section 10 DP2279 LPI CT V.1285 F.233.
- ¹²⁵ 29 perches, LPI CT V.2893 F.134.
- ¹²⁶ Lots 16 & 17 Section 2 DP4536, 1 rood 19 perches.
- ¹²⁷ Said to exist from c1909, Kerrin Cook, *The Railway...* found as Nuttall & Martyn, Motor Engineers in *Sands’* directory 1915 only.
- ¹²⁸ *Sands’* 1914-15.
- ¹²⁹ *Sands’* 1916-18.
- ¹³⁰ NSW BDM #9253 reg. Chatswood.
- ¹³¹ See affidavit in probate papers EA Nuttall, probate No 439824 Gordon, copy KHS.
- ¹³² Elsie Pearl Nuttall, “late of Cronulla”, died 10 Nov 1972 at the age of 86: notice published *SMH* 13 Nov 1972, Ryerson Index.
- ¹³³ NC SER 3/6/679 St Leonards: father ‘Richard’, mother Sarah. Funeral, 2 Mar 1964: NC SER 3/3/301.
- ¹³⁴ Gather Charles, mother Sarah, probate 419088 Rosebery.
- ¹³⁵ Dr Thane officiating: copy birth cert in Probate EA Nuttall.
- ¹³⁶ NSW BDM marriage 1944 #8942 reg Chatswood.
- ¹³⁷ Interview with Miss G Lockley of *Sandy*, No 29 Ridge St, dated 1971: KHS files.
- ¹³⁸ Reg St Leonards: *SMH* 17 Jun 1971 p.28.