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OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP

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Gungah Bay,

Thur 29th Nov. 2001

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Gordon Andrews

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Rayma Papworth

(obtain Glenn's recording).
or Alec's notes.

C. + J. Crane

Glenn Stevens 22 Miller Rd
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Glenn, thanks a lot for sending me a copy
of the Heritage Group Newsletter which I
appreciate, I was wondering if Sam Perry
was the boy I remembered who lived in Ritchman
St. with his Grand Parents, I delivered milk
there from a dairy which was on the corner
of Hurstville Rd & Woonona Rd. there was thirty cows.
Gungah Bay, The people I knew there was the
Cousens, Gylers. Freddy now lives at Peakhurst
M'Dougals Baby lives at Lauriston. Tommy Emery?
There was an old Bloke we used call Professor
because he had long hair. No males had long hair
in those days, he owned a block of land no house
he used to sleep underneath a bath ~~tub~~ tub,
then was Sylvester's bath. which was built in the
first world war by Sylvester, over looking Georges Riv.
I remember Emma Pickering well she was Kola
Bolbourne Aunt. she was the N.S.W sculling
champion for many years, I'll close by saying
that it would be a pleasure for me if I could
see Batley as it is today, all the best for
Christmas and I wish you all Well. Billy Brooks

*Families who lived in Gungah Bay
Pre and Post World War 2 years.*

Presented to the **OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP'S** meeting: Thursday 29th November 2001.
By: Anne Meakins

**Recollections of Anne and Laurie Meakins, together with John Westren, of families living
In Gungah Bay pre and post War years.**

Anne and Laurie Meakins of 3 Southern Street. Laurie arrived in Oatley at the age of seven in 1927 from Abbotsford. His family consisted of Rose and Reg, his mother and father and two brothers Reg and Jim. They resided at 76 Llewellyn Street. Anne and Laurie were married in 1945 and built in Southern Street in 1947.

John Westren, resident of 68 Llewellyn Street and 24 Yarran Road Oatley from 1939 until 2000.

John and his family moved from Woronora Parade to 68 Llewellyn Street in 1939, into a newly built house. The family consisted of John's mother and father, Agnes and Les, and sister Barbara.

It is situated on the southern end of Llewellyn Street known then as Lot 15, Section 29. The block from Llewellyn Street to the water was approximately 345 feet deep (about 105 metres). The house was constructed 176 feet (53 odd metres) from the street. It had commanding views across to Jewfish Point and to the end of Gungah Bay.



Towards Jewfish Point



*68 Llewellyn St Oatley
Approx. 1940*



*Looking in Gungah Bay.
Photos: Courtesy of Iris & John Westren*

Listed are a great deal of the families who lived in the area before the war and early post war years. Starting from Llewellyn Street around John's area, along to Mimosa Street mainly on the Gungah Bay side and return from John's end of Llewellyn Street on the eastern side. John continues along Waratah (Boorara Ave) and finally along Yarran Road where Iris and John spent most of their married life at No24. It is noted that Victory Road was not made until approximately 1941.

Adjacent to Westrens on the southern side were the families listed below.

No 70 Packers Alice and John, children Hilda and Arthur.

No 72 Jefferies the family had four children.

No 74 Harrisons (1928) then Whites.

Harrisons leased the waterfront to Harry Vaughan who conducted a Marine Engineering Business, later in partnership with Gibbons they had a motor parts Business in Oatley Avenue near where John Post's Hardware is now.

No 76 Meakins. Rose and Reg, children Reg, Jim and Laurie.

Sold in 1952 to Gilchrist's

No 76 is now No 23 Southern Street.

On the northern side, working towards Mimosa Street were

No 66 Garvan. Flossy and Laurie. Son Jack served in Second World War.

Garvans were probably the first family in Gungah Bay to own a car.

No 64 There was a weekend shack on the water.

Birtle. Enid and George, family George, Les and Dorothy

No 62 Stokes. Alice and Jarvy, family (Sid and Billy Everett, Alice's first Marriage)

Billy lived across the road.

This property received attention in a Sydney Sunday paper recently when it was sold for \$1.2million. The original Stokes house, built in 1920, is still standing..

No 60 Murray . Children: Lou, Charlie, Jack, Lily, Nellie, Phyllis & Jean.



Gungah Bay from Jewfish Point. Approx. 1930

Photo Courtesy : Anne & Laurie Meakins.

The next house along the street, was distinguished by a large red emergency fire box on the footpath. There were the Dendels, Marjorie and David , family Anthony and Neil. There were two houses on the block. Mother, Mrs. MacDonald, lived in the other. Opposite, she owned a couple of blocks of ground. A shed on one of these blocks was used as the Polling Booth and the meeting place for the NES during the War.

Moving further along on the waterside were families well established such as the Andrews. Children: Allan, Gordon, Norman, Lesley & Betty.

The Packers were prior to Mackays on the next block, children Sam, Grace and Albert. Steeds, then Vaughan. Nellie and son Arthur. Brother Harry being the Vaughan in Vaughan and Lane new car dealership in Hurstville in the post war years.. Continuing along the eastern side were Crawfords, Gwen and Jack, then Dodds lived in No 36, now Bill Mason and at 34 Wunderley's.

There were many vacant blocks in Llewellyn Street. McKechnies were the next past a vacant lot, then Horsefields. In the front of the house they had a small general store. Another house was located by the water. Wedged somewhere there were the Firths and Mannings, then Holderness, Phil and Fred, No 14 where Drakes were. Barbara and Robert recently moved after forty-one years. Loveridges, Hockings with a daughter Norma about John's age. (1933models). The last couple before Mimosa Street was the family of Milham.

Going along Mimosa Street were Woods. Gwen and Ken (Gwen Allsop), Macnellys, son Don (1933 model), they were in the house before the lane opposite Yarran Road. Down the lane was Mrs. Wright.

Back in Llewellyn Street taking in the families on the eastern side from John's end towards Mimosa Street were Everetts, Lou and Billy, children Lyn, John and one other. Stewarts, The block with the

shed used for the polling booth, Beresfords (now the corner of Victory Street, followed by Ambrose and Allsops.

A vacant block followed this, then Merrell. They had two sons, one being Colin, and another 1933 model.

The next family that John could recall was the Courtneys No21. Before them was a German gentleman who kept goats and next door an old house with a family of girls (John you're getting old when forgetting girls names). Moving on from Courtneys was Hawkes, Wife Francis and children Hubert (Paddy), Royle, twins Jacqueline and Sid and Frankie. Next was a vacant block then Thew. Mrs. Thew was confined to a wheelchair. Again another vacant block. Then came the Wright family, Stan and Elsie who were residents for many years.

All of the above properties in Llewellyn Street continued into Waratah Street, (Boorara Avenue) from here to Mimosa Street they were divided with blocks facing Waratah Street.

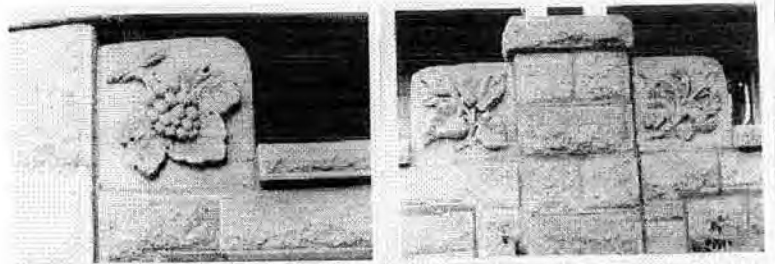
The family of Keens, and Wunderley, son Tony occupied these properties.

Returning along Waratah Street from Mimosa Street on the eastern side were the Swinfields, children Colin, Irene and one other, followed by McDougals, Simmonds (son Stan still living in the house No39). Working along between the vacant blocks were the Painters, Carpenters, Stonestreet with daughters Irene (John's year) and then the Andrews, husband Alan.

and Valda

On the western side at the Mimosa Street end were Redezkys.

To continue our recollections, we move into Yarran Road, as we progress down the road Anne's and Laurie's knowledge of the area prevails. Starting at the Mimosa Street end on the eastern side was Mr. Hedges, the music teacher. The Wallings family whose daughter Joyce married Jim Meakins, lived in the home which is now occupied by the Quinlans. Continuing on were the Cavanoughs, followed by the Goulds, (No 11), daughters Muriel and Margaret in a beautiful cut stone house. (Muriel Lind now lives at No 9)



Photos: Courtesy of Muriel Lind & Margaret Wray.

Sid Everett was a late comer in 1950 to move next door.

Still on the eastern side were Miss Chauncey, Thomases, the Scorses, then Lephards, Mrs Riley and Keelers who died in their late nineties.

On the western side of the Road were the Hodgsons (Aub and family), ~~were~~ the Milhams, Harold and Elsie who lived next door, residents of Yarran Road for many years. Then came the Sherlines, the Roberts, children Bruce, Lyn and one other, the Wrights, O'Neills, Caseys and the Davidsons with son Robbie. (These last six homes occupied which was originally the cricket pitch for all the local lads.

One could not forget Clarry and his horse. Oatley's tramp and character in the war years. His shanty was located in what is now Simpson's Reserve. This reserve was named after Charlie Simpson who

headed the local Progress Association, he fought hard to acquire this land as a public reserve. (Charlie first lived in Southern Street but later built his own home at No. 79a Yarran Road.).

Past the reserve is Hagans, No70, the original house is lived in by Nancy Hirt, then in the latter post war years came Jim Loveridge, John Clark, Barbara Butler, McLures and the Hawkins. (Flo was the daughter of Keelers who lived opposite). To add to the closeness of the families, son Dave Keeler built in Boorara Avenue. DAVIES

Southern Street wasn't really developed until after World War Two. The remains of Silvester's Castle which had occupied the blocks from No 1 to 7 remained until the Swans - Georgina and George (No1), Meakins, Anne, Laurie and daughters Marie and Adrienne No3 and Packers - Margot and Charlie built from about 1947. These properties command wonderful views of the Georges and Woronora Rivers overlooking Como.

Still on the Southern side and moving down the hill were the Wrights, then Humbys (the original boatshed is still standing), followed by Farrells - Iris and Fred, children Noel and Estelle and at the bottom were Wrights with Stanfords moving in later.

On the northern side of Southern Street working down from Yarran Road was another old resident (original ^{house} still standing) Mr. Harry Boucher and his family, daughters Joan and Fay. Joan married Ken Fidden whose folk owned the Radio Theatre Oatley. Fay and Terry Higgins lived next door to the original home.

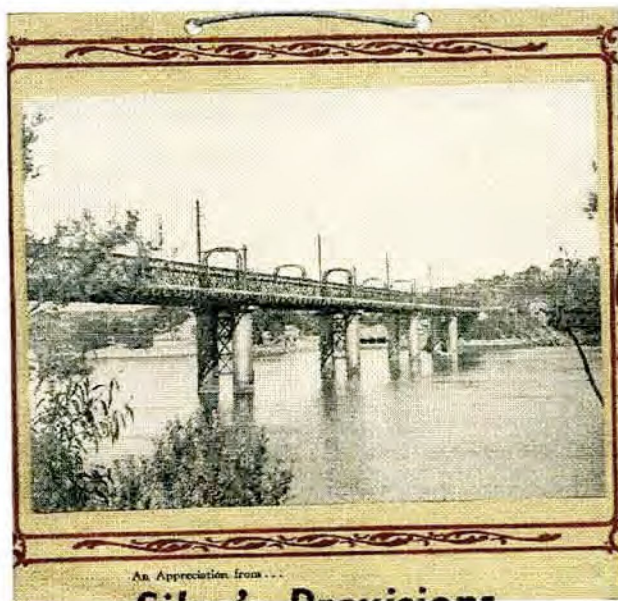
At the southern dead end of Boorara Avenue were the Hepburns, Snows, Williams and Kings.

The last few houses going down Southern Street were McDonalds, Don, daughters Heather and Ann, The McDonalds had a church in their backyard.

Dionnes, Squires - Ailsa and Arthur and finally the Seccombes - Bernard and family.

A special mention should be made of Gungah Bay's contribution to the war effort.

The Army observation post positioned in Yarran Road at the end of Southern Street was manned by the Army stationed at Oatley Park.



*Como Bridge taken approximately 1948
(From a Silva's Provisions calendar)*

This was set up to monitor Como Bridge and if the situation occurred the bridge would have been blown up. It was considered to be vulnerable if it were to fall into enemy hands.

Gungah Bay is a unique section of Oatley. The Illawarra railway bounds it on its eastern flank, whilst the Georges River encloses it from the railway on the southern side and Gungah Bay on western side.

Finally, socially Gungah Bay is unique, as for the last few years the local community organises their special Australia Day celebrations at Simpson's Reserve. Awards are made to the residents ranging from the oldest resident, youngest resident, youngest person etc. It is a fun filled family day, The organisers are to be congratulated for keeping the community spirit alive, which is a difficult task in this changing world.

Compiled by Alec Leach who appreciated the patience of Anne, Laurie and John.

Gungah Bay.

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Back Row: Mr. Bouchier, Arthur England, ??, Alistair Hawkins
Middle Row: Jim Aldred, Joan Bouchier, Daphne Hurst, Mrs Hurst,
Yours truly, Sam Pavey
Front Row: Fay Bouchier, Mr Hurst, Dare Hurst, Billy Hurst.

Glenn a lot of this is from memory. I am sure of all the Hurst family because Dare lives part time at Yamba on the 38ft steel yacht he designed & built, & when not on the yacht, at his 300 odd acre property at Ramornie, which is about 14 Km west of Grafton on the Gwyder H'way. He goes home when his wife Val rings him (curse those mobiles) & tells him there's work to be done. He used to call at our place for a "cuppa" on his way home. Not too sure of the Bouchiers but think I have the names right and I believe they lived in Yarran Rd. The Hurst had a waterfront (at high tide) property in Gungah Bay Rd & this is where the photograph was taken, probably about 1940/41. Dare & Daphne Hurst are I believe, the only survivors of the Hurst family in the photo.

Arthur England lives at Burrill Lake with his wife Betty & we still keep in regular touch. I believe his three sisters are also still with us - Marge, the youngest, Nancy then May. Hard to imagine what the old property now looks like. I remember the poor old Sani man used to sometimes get tired on his way up the track with the cans.



Alistair Hawkins was no relation of the Oatley Hawkins as far as I know & I believe came from Kogarah. Just a mate of ours - likewise another mate Jim Aldred, also from Kogarah I believe. I kept in touch with him when he lived at Heathcote & we lived at Engadine - he died quite young.

Sam Pavey is another who we have kept in touch with over all the years. He was at one time Deputy Principal & Head Teacher of fitting & machining at Gympie Tech & lived all his married life at Kirrawee. He died on 11th August last.

I mentioned the Oatley Hawkins - from memory the last house on the right in Yarran Rd - overlooking Sylvester's Castle where, as kids, we spent many self-destructive hours.

I presume you have record of Alf Hawkins whose father was at one time Canteen Manager on the old HMAS Moresby & then on HMAS Perth. Alf went to sea at 16 yrs of age & was actually employed by his father in the canteen, and became P.O.W. of the Japanese when the "Perth" was sunk. He survived but his father did not. Alf ultimately crewed, and I believe skippered, tourists cruises out of Mackay. He died some years ago.

E.O.E !!

Norm Elliott.

Gungah Bay
for the 28th Nov 2001

28th November, 2001.

Dear Jan,

Firstly my apologies for the lateness in submitting this report to you re Gungah Bay. I felt I had so long to type it up, that I forgot about it and only realised the other day that it still had to be done.

Jan, I will not be attending the Heritage Meeting to-morrow night, I have a dinner to attend, but hopefully Keith will be there. If not, you might offer our apologies please. I wanted to get the spiel to you though so that you could have a quick look through it before the meeting and know what you wanted to use.

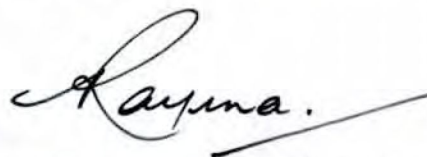
My cousin, Lillian Johnston (nee Regnier), originally lived in Wyong Street with her parents. After her father died, her mother re-married and became Mrs. Ireland and moved to Llewellyn Street. After that, Lill boarded for quite a few years with the McDougalls in Waratah Street (now Boorara Avenue.) During the war she married a navy man from Tasmania and went there to live for some time before returning to Sydney, where she lived at Regents Park. She is now widowed and lives on the Gold Coast with a married daughter. Lill was born on the 13th June, 1920, so I would say her years at Oatley School would have been 1926 to 1932 inclusive, this is my guesswork only, but I could find out for you if needed.

I copied the attached texts from two letters which she sent me. Some of the names could be spelt 'phonetically', I really don't know, but if there is a reason to double-check, I can always do this later on. Maybe there will be people at the meeting able to fill you in?

I hope the night will be interesting, I'm sorry I had to miss it, but at this time of year dates are filling up. Do hope to be at the next meeting though.

Best wishes for a happy and Holy Festive Season.

Kind regards,



(Rayma Papworth 9580-2351)

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Kean - two girls.

Hudson. Two girls. The **Hudson family** were the icons of Gungah Bay. **Mrs. Hudson** played the piano for all school functions and any concert that was on at the Oatley School of Arts, where we held school balls, bizarrs etc. for the Red Cross.

Wright Three boys and girl.

McDougall. 4 boys and 4 girls. A great family, well liked.

Bradfield. Two boys and a girl.

Steadman. Two boys and one girl.

Hawkins. **Mr. Hawkins** and his one son were in the Navy and on the 'Perth' for a long time during the war. The authorities never knew where they were - they were taken prisoners of war. Mr. Hawkins died, but his son came home. The war affected a lot of those families believe me, but 'the Gunyah' has moved on.

The **Milyms (? Milne)** were tilers and builders. A well liked lot.

I've forgotten the street name up by Silvestors - (Southern Street) - but there was a family there and they had two girls and down the end of that road was the

Meakins, they had two boys. One of the boys Laurie, used to write beautiful compositions at school - a great scholar and a likeable chap.

Not forgetting: The **Carpenters, Loveridges, Browns, Everetts, Redescies, Gwen & Ken Woods**, and the **Doasies (?)**. And as well we had our own S.P. bookmaker on the sly!! And also remembering the 16 year old girl who swam across the Bay - Lillian Regnier, (who supplied the information contained herein.)

Must say also about Silvester's Castle where we all climbed and played at weekends. We could never fathom it out, the way it was laid out, a bit here and a bit there. A lot of houses built their verandahs from Silvester's stone, believe me.

We all attended Oatley Public School which went up to sixth class; then if you passed your Q.C. you went on to St. George, Sutherland or Hurstville to finish your schooling, then onto work in the City, 11 miles away. We thought that was a long way out - now they travel much further out by far. Trust this brings memories to some of Oatley.

Lillian Johnston (nee Regnier).

Following on from the above: Oatley was a great money raiser for the St. George Hospital. You know all the oldies of Gungah Bay gave their time free just to help others. No one ever thought of being paid money - well there was never much

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around - so you just helped out when you could. Mum was a great one for doing for people when anyone was sick. And at Christmas time she always took a bunch of Christmas Bush up to the shop people at Oatley. Reg Prescott the local barber, everyone loved Reg; the butchers - we had two butchers; two fruit shops, two grocery shops; one bootmaker; one chemist and two ham and beef shops and of course Mrs. Seymour the one and only haberdashery.

If you couldn't get anything at Oatley, the next port of call was Hurstville and late night shopping on Friday night. To go to Hurstville was tops - a milk shake at Purves Milk Bar was the cream of the week; pictures at Mortdale, Saturday night and swimming at Sandy Beach on Sunday. We sure had a great time, even though not much money.

Was a big deal if you could get a 'bob' off the boys until pay day to go to the 'flicks' Wednesday night, and you know you saw Newsreels and two movies for your 1/-d.(10 cents). When you went with a boy, and if you went upstairs, that was big time!! And of course to go to the Hurstville Savoy Theatre and hear Night Barnett play the organ before the movies and again at interval - that was something too.

You were grown up by then and heading for the 21st birthday scene. In the winter, it was dancing - not the flicks. Mortdale Masonic Hall was a great venue. You danced to piano, played by Mrs. Rodgers, a great player, together with a violin and drums and sometimes a sax player- great beat! The Colburns, Sid & Vera, were a great couple to get the Gum Nut Club going - dancing at the Masonic Hall and picnics to Cronulla on Sundays. But then the war came and that altered our free and happy days, as most of the boys joined the forces, and then quite a lot got married and scattered from Oatley. Things were never the same again, as after the war most of the locals had gone to other parts of Australia, but occasionally we'd come back for a visit. It's always nice to see Oatley - Frederick Street will always be a great memory of a past era for many I'm sure. When I think of the people, each and everyone of them, they all made Oatley grow! It is one of Sydney's great suburbs and a pretty spot on the map.

Lill.

P.S Forgot to mention, my brother John Joseph Rollands (Jack) owned the oyster lease in Gungah Bay from approx. 1936 to early to mid 1980s. They sold the lease to John Derwent, 29 WYONG ST.

**NOTES PREPARED BY MR. LAURIE MEAKINS: 3 SOUTHERN STREET,
OATLEY: ?? ?? 1997**

When our family came to Oatley in 1928 I was seven years of age.

We had purchased a block of land at the foot of Southern Street, together with a weekender which then became our home.

At the top of Southern Street and the corner of Yarran Road on the southern or river side of Southern Street, was situated what was known as *Sylvester's Castle*.

This consisted of a block of land with a frontage of approximately 200 feet to Southern Street and running back to George's River.

The Castle which occupied the land was not one, but at least three stone and concrete constructions which at that time were in various stages of disrepair.

A tremendous amount of work had been expended on the estate, obviously over many years, with the all the stone quarried on the site, and superbly cut, I believe, by Italian stonemasons prior to World War I.

Very extensive walls had been constructed mostly from the beautifully cut stone. Some of the pieces were huge, I remember some at least 10 foot long and two foot square and the whole perimeter of the land had been fenced in stone except on the river boundary.

The quality of the work on the top end of the block was superb, however it deteriorated somewhat towards the river.

On the north -western corner of the estate a lot of concrete had been used in the construction of the walls using sandstone aggregate and steel reinforcing. Many of these walls were still standing and in good condition, though others had collapsed.

Of the buildings on the estate only the tower was in good condition. This was situated approximately 50 foot from Southern Street, and on the Yarran Road boundary. It was of a two storey construction with an additional cellar constructed mainly of fine stone. However, some concrete interior columns were used and at the southern end on the top of the building was a concrete water tank.

The other main buildings were about 120 foot down Southern Street and approximately 50 foot from the street and another near the north western corner of the block.

These buildings both lacked roofs, however most of the walls were still in a reasonable condition. They were both single storey. Both had been badly gutted by fire.

Over the following years much desecration and vandalism and outright stealing of the stones occurred.

Also, of course *the Castle* was a great attraction for us kids as a playground and venue for games and we would frequently climb to the top storey and play on the parapet.

About March 1943 I bought one of the blocks, the estate having been subdivided and in 1947 we built our home there. Then about 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Swan bought the Yarran Road side block and built on it.

Shortly after the whole area had been occupied.

Though nothing remains above ground of the original buildings many of the lower sections of the walls remain visible.

During excavation and site work and gardening on our block we would frequently expose many signs of the original occupation.

GUNGAH BAY.

Mr Ken Tyler.

The Tyler family lived for many years in Gungah Bay - moved to Mortdale in 1939.

Mother and friend (or sister) walked from Balmain to Circular Quay to buy land at Gungah Bay, site unseen, for 13 guineas.

The land was from Yarran Road to Llewellyn Street - Boorara Avenue not developed at that time.

Family used rock to build their home as there was so much on their land. They had no made road - tarred

only to bridge over railway line at Mimosa Street. Of the children (7), the eldest boy went to Oatley School when it opened.

Sister Jo and brother Fred and Ken are likely to come to the meeting in November, 2001 for the topic of Gungah Bay. Older sister became Frances Hawks.

Compiled from telephone conversation with secretary,
Glean Stevens.

Gungah Bay

The author of the attached poem, Mr. Claude Clarke, resided at 114 Mi-Mi Street from the early 1930's until 1951 when the property was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Dorothy Taylor. Mrs. Taylor still lives at this address.

Mr. Clarke's granddaughter, Valerie, mentioned in the attached paper, was the eldest child of his daughter and son-in-law, Claude & Dorothy Fordham who lived next door to the Clarks at 116 Mi-Mi Street.

Mi-Mi Street is a "dead end" road which terminates at a cliff face at the northern end of Gungah Bay. At the time Mr. Clarke lived in Cattery there was a lot more undeveloped bushland surrounding Gungah Bay than there is at the present. Fortunately, however, there is still much of the terrain remaining which Mr. Clarke wrote about in his poem although there have been many changes in the bird life population in the area.

I reside at 105 Mi-Mi Street and from my front deck looks down on Gungah Bay and across the water to the mangroves at the mouth of the Wooroola River. Twilight on Gungah Bay has not lost any of its charm and at the end of the day and in the twilight hours the bay is still just what Mr. Clarke depicts in his poem.

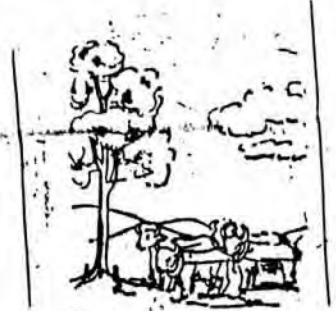
Jim Keating.

Mr. Jack Coulter has advised the Society about a poem printed in "The Over 50's Travel and Leisure Guide." This was written by his friend, Mr. Claude Clarke, who lived for many years in Mi Mi Street, Oatley. It is dedicated by the author to his granddaughter, Valerie.

TWILIGHT ON GUNGAH

Down the Glen we wander,
 through the braken green and high.
 The last bar of golden sunlight,
 has faded from the sky.
 We hear the Mopoke calling,
 across the river shore
 We watch twilight fall on Gungah,
 we remember evermore.

The chatter from the tree tops
 that comes from feathered throng,
 The perfume of the flowers,
 the Thrush's evening song;
 The last notes of the Woodlark
 to speed the parting day,
 Ah the romance of the twilight
 that falls on Gungah Bay.



The magic of the shadows,
 we watch them softly pass;
 The waters in the bay below
 are just a looking glass;
 Reflecting all the trees and flowers
 their beauty all so clean,
 When twilight falls on Gungah
 to us a memory dear.

The Boo Book flirts on silken wings
 on his nocturnal flight;
 we listen to his mystic call
 that ushers in the night;
 Through the scented Bushland,
 homeward we wend our way,
 We are loth to leave the twilight
 that falls on Gungah Bay.

In Gungah's woods are fairy folk,
 who love the twilight hour;
 The dryads glide so silently
 beneath a leafy bower;
 The music, and the laughter,
 the gnomes and nymphs they play
 The witchery of the twilight
 that falls on Gungah Bay.

When you have left the years behind you,
 and I, have crossed into that bourn;
 Through the portals of Valhalla,
 from whence no traveller returns
 Always treasure in your memory
 when we watched a close of day,
 The Glorious wonder of the twilight
 as it fell on Gungah Bay.

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Gungah Bay

Yarvan Road - from Mimosia St - first, or nearest to

(L.H.S.) first house - Mrs. Watson - moved here from rental premises at 7 Russell St. Oatley in the 1940's ^{about}

- Muriel Lind / Thomas

- Thomas ^{family} - daughters Margaret + Veneta (who attended Hurstville Opp. School with J. PEIR, Men St. Geo High ...)

Margaret m'd. a man called ~~Callow~~ CALLOW (Tony?), who after marriage bought house in Boshara Ave. near Mimosia St end - had 2 sons?

POWERS - dau. Jill, simple house (sister?) fibro house? - 2 steps up to it, natural bush garden

GABRIEL family

name something like EVAN LEPPARD ~~LANESTON~~ ... ?

TAYLOR --

Mew + Peggy HURST - Margo / David / Laynon (born later?) + Peggy's mum?

abt mid - WEIDNER, Neville late 50's

51 SOLTAU - Cowle - (groc. store in Fred. St.) RILEY & COLLE'S

BOB + KRISTIA YOUNGER - Dan Jay, 2 boys, girl

MITCHISON, Ron + Peggy - Gary + Pam

85 LEATE, Jock

CHARLIE + EDIE SIMPSON - Son Philip: Charlie bobbed for vacant land now named Sempian reserve

67A CLIFE + MART HILL

BILL CAMPBELL Scottish

Billy Williams + 4 daughters - hinda, Yvette, Bernice + ?

BRANCOURTS ROGER RENTON ^{Robert Williams}

WEST

EAST

14 Huliy + Ern Spencer, 2 sons Ross + ?
 16 Downey, Lou + J. now Letitia St.
 18 Williamson, Graham + Pat, ^{Stewart, Ross,} Craig, Selena
 O'Brien, Owen
 Best, Stewart ^{son John Best} ^{dan Sue Best}
 Merriell ^{son Dennis}
 Sullivan, John + Beverly + Stephanie, ^{400.}
 Michael (dec.) Peter, Nicholas, Christopher.
 became Priestly, Bill + Peggy, ^{dan Kay}
 sons John + Greg Priestly. ^{500.}
 HOPKINS, Col + Mrs, son Hugh. ^{500.}
 PATON'S, Doug + Alice, ^{dan.} Anne, ^{son} Jeff. ^{Vict. Chr. ?}
 dau. Veronica
 Sunny, Barmirid.
 44 Peters, John + Val - ^{children} Julie, Therese, Matthew
 Sandra.
 sold to.
 44 Campbell's - Graham, wife, ^{child dan.} Fiona, Barry, ^{2 boys}
 46 Hamilton - Alan + Jean, ^{child.} Susan, Judith. ^{500.}
 48 Crane, Cliff + Jan ^{child.} Gabrielle + Matthew ^{1959 to}
 sold to Arnold Coxon + wife ¹⁹⁶⁵
 over valley, child Anneliese, Dutch family

Wilson, Bill + Niton - boy + girl.
 Percival, John
 Callow, Tony + Margaret, 2 sons
 21 Coughlan, then Munro
 Stevenson, John, worked N.C.R.
 31 Cranney, B + Jim, ^{Captain} Fire Brigade ^{Jim, Mark, Karen}
 Grant
 Stonestreet, dau. + then Valda
 Healy, Steve + Dorothy
^{son Ian}
^{cur. vic.} Andrews, Gordon.
 opp. ^{cur.} Andrews, Andy + Carol, ^{Jodie, 2} Jillian
 Donnellans, John + Beryl, ^{neg. handy girls 3 - Louise, Frances, Joan} ? middle ~~middle~~
 Lacey's - Dossie, Tom - ^{Brian + Sue}
 Jebout, Alan + Jane, 2 boys + Pal
 71 Wards ~~the~~ child, Kingsley + ?
^{500.}
 became Conways, John + Gabrielle, ^{2 boys} Greg + Steven
 73 Peir, Clif + Peg, 50s. then,
 Payne, Bill + Moira. then,
 Rohl, G + Julie, ^{dau. + son.}
 75 Chambers, Fred + Les, ^{child - Christine,} Lee, + baby girl.
 then Johnson, Keith + wife + dau.
 77 Williams - dau. Joy 2 boys
 81 Kings taxi driver, dau.