

# Hawthorn Historical Society



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## NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2020



**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2.00 pm**

**TAY CREGGAN** - Yarra Street, Hawthorn

a magnificent opportunity to see inside this heritage home, now Strathcona year 9 campus

and to hear **DIANA LITTLE** talk about:

**PEOPLE AND CHANGES TO TAY CREGGAN.**

A book on Yarra Street by Elizabeth Love and Jennifer Bowen, will also be launched on this day.

Diana Little has been a staff member at the school for 40 years! She was teacher-in-charge from 1983 to 1991. She currently looks after the alumni.

We continue to be available in the Local History Room at the Hawthorn Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, to assist people with their research and to work on projects.

You may also use the Society's office for research on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10 am to 12 pm, and other times by appointment. It is at 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell, just behind the Council offices. Easy access by Tram 75.

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### NEW MEMBERS.

We are delighted to welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since the last list was published: Geoffrey Cole, Richard Edlin, Chris & Michaela Rowlands, Jennifer Thwaites & Douglas Milne and Geoff Southwell.

We hope you find your membership to be rewarding!

## PLANNED EVENTS.

The Hawthorn Historical Society's Committee has recently discussed some possible meetings and activities for 2020. Please note that there are not yet any firm dates for any of these events. However, hopefully the following will take place:

- 14<sup>th</sup> March A Yarra Street walk.
- 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July The Hawthorn Town Hall (Hawthorn Arts Centre) should again be a site for *OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE* and the HHS will once more conduct tours of the building.
- August It's all About the Music: Music and Musicians in Hawthorn.  
(Music will also be the theme for the August *Newsletter*.)
- September Another Valuation Day is proposed; this time as a combined event of the HHS and the combined Yarra historical societies. It is planned to hold it in the former Channel Nine complex in Bendigo Street, Richmond.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October AGM and guest speaker.
- November A twilight walk.

## RECENT RESEARCH.

Some interesting research queries have recently come our way:

- Robyn Bellinger is a professional historical researcher doing some work for the City of Boroondara, and she's looking for information about the **Burwood Road/Glenferrie Road** intersection, including its development, plans, maps and photographs.
- A query from Morwell Historical Society concerning **William Thomas Doolan** (1913 – 1942) who lived at 26 Haines Street, Hawthorn, was answered by John Torpey. Doolan enlisted in the 2nd AIF and was killed in action in Ambon. Their question centered on a World War II memorial which was proposed for Hawthorn but never built.
- John was inquiring about the **2nd Hawthorn Scout Group** which, from 1958 onwards, met in a former Tintern College building, next to the library buildings. Albert Isaacs is the author of *Scouting in Hawthorn: A History, 1909-1993*, and he was able to assist.
- Daniel was looking for photos of the area where he lives, ie near **Burwood Avenue**. We gave him some leads about where to look, and we reminded him that people were not so snap-happy before the digital age and, obviously, they didn't have cameras on their phones.
- Patrick was researching **Godfrey Bosville Mackinnon**, who lived on Riversdale Road from about 1882 until sometime in the 1890s. He kept a herd of Alderney and Jersey cattle, so must have needed a reasonably sized property. We determined that Mr Mackinnon in all likelihood rented the property Riversdale and may have grazed his cattle on the Yarra river flats.
- The owner of **27 Yarra Street** is looking for information and images of her house. She'll be pleased to know that Elizabeth Love and Jennifer Bowen have just about finished their book on Yarra Street; a companion piece to their work on Shakespeare Grove. (see above – Upcoming Events)
- Jemima was looking for images of her parent's house to give them as a gift.
- Sharynn was looking for local newspapers from the 1920s to the 1940s.
- The new owners of **57 Victoria Road** were looking for information on the premises, which contained a little shop at one stage. George Frederick Ellis (1875-1945) was a boot-maker who may have built the house, used the shop for his business and let out the residence. Rather than living there, they had a home in Rae Street in the late 1920s.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ramona de Niese

I do hope that you have all enjoyed the festive season. It was wonderful to meet so many of our members at the Christmas party that was held at the home of our secretary Liz Yewers and Robert Yewers on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend and finish the year with good cheer.

I am looking forward to 2020, and to working with the Society's hard working committee. We have several ideas for talks and walks (see page 2) and I hope that you will join in our activities. Any suggestions for events would be very welcome.

Libby Love ran a very successful twilight walk in November 2019 and we hope to do another one in 2020. Our first event for 2020 will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2 pm to 4 pm, at Tay Creggan, a Victorian Heritage house on the banks of the Yarra River. There will be a presentation about the history of the house, followed by afternoon tea.

We will continue to have research days at the Hawthorn library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 11 am to 1 pm. All are welcome to come along to share research, or seek help with your specific projects. You can also catch up with us at our office in Inglesby Rd, Camberwell, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 11 am to 1 pm, or by appointment.

Please check our webpage, Facebook and the *Newsletter* for up and coming events.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe 2020.

## MILKO'S WARS

Elizabeth Yewers

You might recall the home delivery of milk by horse cart in the early hours of the morning, and the good-old-days when you could pay the milko with money placed in the milk bottles that you left at the gate. The clip-clop of the milkman's horse was a soothing sound in the small hours. Then, if you arrived home from a night out, and actually saw the milkman, you knew that you were late indeed. Each dairy would have its name embossed on its bottles which could not be used by another dairy. Of course, before glass milk bottles came into use, the milkman would arrive with a metal can full of milk. People would leave out whatever containers they had and the milkman would fill them.

In 1900 there were 22 dairymen scattered around Hawthorn and they would all have been jealous of their territory. Some years' later, the Hyde Park Dairy in Barkers Road raised the bar by being appointed by the Hawthorn City Council to supply *Talbot Milk* in Hawthorn so as to 'Save the Babies'.

The Talbot Milk Institute was formed in 1908 to encourage the supply of clean milk for infants. It developed a high standard of conditions for the production, storage and distribution of milk to prevent communicable diseases. Concern about outbreaks of bovine tuberculosis had led to the general mistrust of milk from the backyard cow and, in 1919, the Dairy Produce Act introduced new measures for milk testing, grading, pricing and inspection.

Pricing of dairy products and a turf war were the cause of the Milko's Riot of 1922. The trouble commenced when The Crown Dairying Co. of Mount Street, Kew, began delivering milk twice daily at the reduced retail

price of 6d [*d = pence*] (5¢) a quart, the general prices in the other dairies being 7d and 8d. This led to an organised campaign of harassment. On one occasion, rival milk hauliers placed their carts in Bowen Street, Glenferrie, to prevent their competitor from passing. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1926, 26 milkos held a meeting at the Auburn Hotel. After the meeting, the men headed to Lilydale Grove, confronted a delivery lad, emptied out his cans onto the road, and interfered with the horse. The owner of the company, arriving on the scene, defended himself with a whip when he was accosted. Eight men were charged and fined £3 (\$6) each.

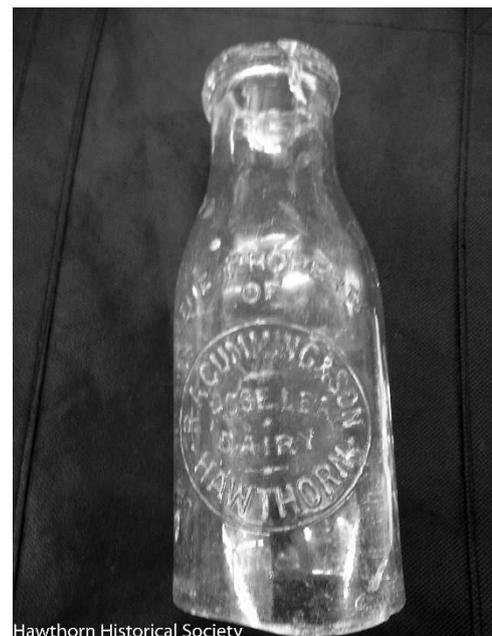


Image: a R. A. Cumming & Son, Hawthorn, milk bottle. Photo: Elizabeth Love.

**DRAFT COPY OF THE H.H.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES –  
SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019, at 2.00 pm**

**Meeting held at the Hawthorn Community Precinct, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.**

1. Welcome
2. Present & apologies  

Present: Ramona De Niese (chair) Pamela Carter, Richard Dawson, Jen Thwaites, Bruce Miller, Douglas Milne, John Torpey, Sandra Torpey, Jenny Podborsek, Robyn Kelly, Tony Michael, Pauline Turville, Judy Lawson, Jennifer Bowen, Robert Yewers, Rolf Lie, Patricia Cameron, Warrington Cameron, Shirley Ramsay, Andrae Talarico, C. Eriksen, Albert Isaacs, Margaret Randall, Jim Love, Pam Morris, Justin Morris, Colin Morris, Barney Meyer (speaker), Elizabeth Yewers (minutes)

Apologies: Anne Holmes, Mark Weller, Elizabeth Love, David Goldsworthy, Ian Scott, Jenny Scott, Peter Dyring
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting,  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2018  

Moved: Pamela Carter      Seconded: John Torpey
4. Annual Report  

Ramona De Niese read her Annual Report, reflecting on the progress made this year in organising the collection in the office. We have welcomed the help of our volunteers doing this work. We were fortunate to receive a Commonwealth Volunteers Grant to support the purchase of equipment in the office. The Society continues to work with the Boroondara Council towards development of the Tuck Stand at Glenferrie Oval as a Heritage Centre. Ramona thanked the committee for their work.
5. Treasurer's Report  

Pamela Carter presented the financial reports which were accepted  
There was a discussion concerning how to increase membership.
6. Election of Committee  

Nominations were received for the following people who were elected unopposed:  
President: Ramona De Niese  
Vice President: Elizabeth Love  
Treasurer: Pamela Carter  
Secretary & Public Officer: Elizabeth Yewers  
Committee:     David Goldsworthy  
                   Andrae Talarico  
                   Albert Isaacs (*Newsletter Editor*)
7. Forthcoming Events  

17<sup>th</sup> November 2.30 pm *Convict Era Potters in Victoria* – combined event with  
   Richmond and Burnley Historical Society  
28<sup>th</sup> November 6pm *Twilight History Walk in Hawthorn* – Libby Love  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – *Visit to Tay Creggan and Talk* – Diana Little
8. Guest Speaker: Mr Barney Meyer – Early Melbourne Photographers  

Sketch artists predated photographers in portraying Melbourne for the community in England. Barney showed a fine sketched early panoramic view of Melbourne which included details of the lives of the citizens. He described the technical difficulties faced by early photographers on top of the constraints of managing in awkward spaces high on scaffolding. There were several fine examples of views from Scots Church comparing changes over 150 years.
9. Refreshments were served

***The adoption of these Minutes will be placed before those at the 2020 H.H.S. A.G.M.***

## SYNAGOGUES IN EDLINGTON STREET, AUBURN.

Albert Isaacs.

Edlington Street, Auburn, is a small cul-de-sac off Auburn Road, between Burwood Road and Oxley Road, which leads into the back of the Auburn Uniting Church (formerly the Auburn Methodist Church). It is on the site of the Edlington Mansion, formerly the home of Judge Sir Robert Molesworth. For the past 80 years or so, Edlington Street has contained 11 homes and 12 flats (including the block of four flats on the corner of Auburn Road). Therefore, the street has a total of just 23 residences.

Currently, the eastern suburbs of Melbourne contain merely four synagogues but, interestingly, two of these synagogues started amongst the 23 residences of Edlington Street!

In 1948, a Temple Extension Committee was established at Temple Beth Israel, the Progressive synagogue in Alma Road, St Kilda, and it began to explore the possibility of establishing a Progressive Jewish congregation in the eastern suburbs. Thus, at the beginning of 1949, two eastern suburban Sunday School classes were established in the east: the senior class meeting at the home of Dr and Mrs G Katchor at 144 Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills, and the junior class meeting at the home of Mr Fred and Mrs Berta Isaacs (the author's parents) at 7 Edlington Street. A meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1949 formally established a TBI branch congregation, initially known as Temple Beth Israel Eastern Suburbs Group. The congregation has had a number of name changes, but now exists as the Leo Baeck Centre for Progressive Judaism, with its premises at 31-37 Harp Road, East Kew.



March of this year (2020) will see the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first religious service, held on Friday night (the eve of the Sabbath) on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1950. That service was also held at 7 Edlington Street (←) and was conducted by Rabbi Dr Herman Sanger and Cantor Claude Schwarz, both from TBI St Kilda. There was a choir, and an harmonium was played by Mr Paul Arndt.

My father was a singing and piano teacher, and 7 Edlington Street contained a music room that was designed so that it could be used for both one-on-one classes, and also for small concerts. It had a raised platform at one end and a small auditorium. That is why the premises were selected as the venue for the first two Friday night services. The studio was actually designed to seat 30 to 50 people but, somehow, at the time of the Sabbath services, over 100 people were squeezed into the studio and the small adjoining room. Many other potential congregants came; saw that the place was packed, and drove home again, after having to negotiate turning around in the Edlington cul-de-sac. Because of the lack of space at Edlington Street, after just two services alternate premises were found at the Camberwell Football Club pavilion in Camberwell Road. In 1952, the congregation bought its own premises; the first of three such properties consecutively owned by the congregation and, as we've seen, the last of these is in Harp Road, East Kew.

Many readers would remember Louis Economy Shop, a budget haberdashery in Main Street, Box Hill, which closed in 2015, after 63 years in business. However, how many recall that Louis was originally on the north side of Burwood Road, East Hawthorn, between Montrose Street and Albert Street?

Louis Reisner and his wife were refugees from Czechoslovakia after World War II. They opened their Burwood Road shop in 1953. Their son, Robert, took over the business in 1969, and a few years' later moved it to Box Hill.

However, let us again look back to the mid-1950s. Louis Reisner was an Orthodox Jew and, to him, a Sabbath of rest included not having to drive to a synagogue. Therefore he held Friday evening services in his own home in Clivedon Manor, the block of flats at 169 Auburn Road, on corner of Auburn Road and Edlington Street (→).



Photo credits: top – Keith Lloyd; bottom – Elizabeth Love.

**SYNAGOGUES IN EDLINGTON STREET, AUBURN. Continued.**

To conduct a full Jewish religious service, a minyan (or quorum) is required. For Progressive Jews this quorum can be made up of 10 Jews of either sex, but the Orthodox require the presence of 10 men. Occasionally, on a Friday night there would be a knock on the front door at 7 Edlington Street, and there would be Mr Reisner asking my father whether he would come and help make up the minyan. After my bar mitzvah (Jewish coming of age) at the age of 13, I was also asked to come across if numbers were short.

The services at Mr Reisner's home, along with two or three similar services at other private homes in other eastern suburbs, evolved into a formal congregation known as The North Eastern Jewish Centre. By 1965 the NEJC had purchased a house at 14 Sevenoaks Street, Balwyn, which was converted into a Jewish centre, including a synagogue. In 1972, The Hon. Andrew Peacock (then Minister for External Affairs) opened their present impressive premises at 6 High Street, Doncaster, right opposite the end of the Eastern Freeway.

There is even a very indirect link between Edlington Street and a third eastern suburban synagogue, the Kew Hebrew Congregation, an Orthodox synagogue sited at 53 Walpole Street, Kew. The current Honorary Treasurer and a Past President of KHC is Mr Victor Rosenberger, a nephew of Louis Reisner.

Interestingly, the eastern suburbs' fourth congregation, The Ark Centre, is actually situated in a street off the west side of Auburn Road, just like Edlington Street. Nevertheless, The Ark Centre is in Cato Street, quite some distance south of Edlington Street. The Ark Centre is the only purpose-built synagogue that Hawthorn has had. It originally met at Bialik College in Tooronga Road, but built its own premises in the early 2000s.

Even ignoring the oblique connections between Edlington Street and KHC and The Ark Centre, we still have two eastern suburban synagogues that did have their beginnings in Edlington Street. To put this relationship into its proper context, one must note that in the 1950s, the Jewish population of the City of Hawthorn was never more than a few hundred! Also remember that Edlington Street has only 23 dwellings!

**POSTCARDS.****Albert Isaacs.**

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, postcards were one of the main forms of communication; after one-on-one conversations, but ahead of phone-calls. In the days when most Australian cities had two mail deliveries per day, it was not uncommon to dispatch a postcard in the morning, knowing that it would be delivered that same afternoon! Postcards were also popular because one could always pen a brief message on the reverse; often in a more informal style than one would have been expected to use in a letter, in those days. In other words, in many respects postcards then filled a similar rôle to the modern email.

Good quality postcards with collectable topics illustrated on their obverse are much sought-after by deltiologists (postcard collectors) and may fetch high prices.

One of the most popular themes for such graphics were street-scenes, and sketches or photos of particular landmarks. These were mainly used by people on holidays to show what they'd recently seen, or by residents to illustrate their local area.

As the pictures below and on the next page show, Hawthorn was often portrayed on postcards, and the H.H.S. has an interesting collection of such cards.

We plan to show even more postcards in the next edition of the *Newsletter*.

➔ Auburn Road, at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, looking north across the railway level crossing, and towards Barkers Road. The photo was taken at the corner of Burwood Road, where a distinctive electric lamp post (illustrated), one of Melbourne's first, was located in the middle of what is now a very busy corner.

Credit: [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)



SOME HAWTHORN POSTCARDS. Continued.



Photos, from top to bottom:

- The Central Gardens prior to the level of the railway being raised. In the background are the Auburn Methodist Church and the Augustine Congregational Church. Note that that part of the postcard showing the gardens has been hand-painted, but that the churches remain in black-and-white.
- Glenferrie Road looking north, again showing a level crossing.
- The Rivoli Theatre, just after it was relocated from Burke Road to Camberwell Road, East Hawthorn, in 1940.

Credits: Hawthorn Historical Society, Liz Tronson, pinterest.com

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.**

Our membership year concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019; those who have not yet re-joined are invited to do so.

Current membership fees are:

**Family Membership: \$35.00    Family (concession) \$25.00    Single: \$25.00                      Single (concession) \$20.00**

**Direct Payment to our Bank account:**

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**A THANK-YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.**

**Elizabeth Love, Vice-President, Hawthorn Historical Society**



Our Historical Society, like many other groups, is totally dependent on community volunteers. This largely falls on the shoulders of the elected committee (see page 4 for the full list of names) who plan the events, publish the *Newsletter*, maintain our website and social media presence, run our office, gather and preserve our collection, collect historical material, conduct research, answer other’s research queries, advise council and community groups about heritage issues, and promote history and heritage within schools and through the Boroondara Arts network.

It is a heavy load and the committee is immensely grateful to have had the support and contributions of a number of our members over the past year: in particular, John Torpey, Carole Hooper, James Dawson, Tony Michael and Rose Blanden. Thanks to you all!

During the year we registered with the Boroondara Volunteer Centre, with some success. Mike Barbara and Richard Dawson were able to help with the technological side of setting up the office computing system, which has increased our efficiency and improved accessibility to our digital information files. Finally, a huge thank-you to retired solicitor, Frank Brody, who has done much volunteer work in our office over the past four months. He has clocked up over 20 hours so far and has been a most valuable helper, doing whatever is required to help us establish an efficient and thorough system for storing our information.

So, thank-you to our volunteers! We hope that 2020 will be a great year for volunteering and we look forward to greeting some more friendly faces in the New Year.

**↑ Photos:**

Top - the current home of many of the Boroondara Historical Societies, in Inglesby Road, Camberwell, behind the City of Boroondara offices.

Lower: A view of the Michael Tuck Stand at Glenferrie Oval, as seen from Linda Crescent. This is the future home of many of the City’s historical societies, including the H.H.S.

Acknowledgements:    Camberwell Historical Society,  
Boylesfootballphotos.net.au

## THE PONSFORDS OF HAWTHORN.

John Torpey.

*One of the fascinating aspects of local history is to research the memoirs of various families who lived in the specific area. John Torpey has done much research on some of the more interesting families who resided in Hawthorn. The following article looks at one of those families: The Ponsfords.*

Walter Silvester Augustus Ponsford, born in November 1850, joined the Victorian Public Service in December 1873, and was employed in the Justice Department as a Clerk of Courts; he was posted to Portland in March 1874. The Victorian Government Gazette of 1890 records Walter as Clerk of Courts, Portland, earning £360 (\$720) per annum. Walter's father was named John and his mother was Mary Ann Diment (or Dement). In 1879 Walter married Thirza Hannah Brown whose father was John Howe and her mother Margaret McMillan. Neither Walter nor Thirza are recorded as being born in Victoria, nor is there any record of their parents' arrival the State.

They had ten children of whom one died in infancy (Walter W., in 1881); and another, Elsie, died in July 1901 aged five years. Six were born in Portland and four in Hawthorn.

Their first Hawthorn address was 19 Robinson Road, having moved there in 1891; in 1895 they were at Launder Street. According to various Sands & McDougall Directories, they lived at 177 Glenferrie Road (now 329) from at least 1896.

Walter was promoted to Clerk and Registrar of the County Court, Melbourne, on £485 (\$970) pa. in October 1889. He assumed the additional duty of Chief Clerk in Insolvency in 1904. The last official record of Walter appears to be in the 1907 Victorian Government Gazette, when he was in the same job at the County Court, being paid £500 (\$1,000) pa. Walter died on 10 July 1908 at his house, *Aberfoyle*, Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, aged 57. Thirza, who was living with Claude in the Glenferrie Road house, died in April 1935, aged 79. Walter, Thirza and their daughter Elsie, were buried in Boroondara General Cemetery, Kew (Pres B0571).

**The Children:**

Name	Birth	Births, Deaths & Marriages Number	Place	Death	Death Registered with B.D.&M.	Place of death
Ada Thirza	1880	4303	Portland	1937	7939	Camberwell
Walter W.	1881	11488	Portland	1881	10577	Geelong
Thirza E.M.	1883	4800	Portland	1932	5893	Heidelberg
Frank Wm.	1884	11907	Portland			
Claude H.S.	13/4/1886	12799	Portland	5/1959	6334	Parkville
Ralph H.W.	1888	14433	Portland	7/1950	7510	Camberwell
Walter N.	1890	23905	Hawthorn	2/1963	1693	Canterbury
Leonard C.	1893	4391	Hawthorn	18/8/1916		France
Robert L.	1895	4043	Hawthorn	7/1996		
Elsie Margaret	1896	20433	Hawthorn	7/1901	9868	Hawthorn

If the children went to a primary school, Glenferrie Primary would have been the obvious choice, but this cannot be confirmed because class lists are not available. At least four of the boys, Frank, Claude, Walter N. and Leonard, went to Hawthorn College in Grace Park, Hawthorn. Claude was dux of the sub-matriculation class in 1898 and he matriculated in 1901. Frank qualified as a doctor in 1908 and initially conducted his practice at the family home in Glenferrie Road. Claude qualified as a dentist in 1906 and also conducted his practice in the family home. Walter N. qualified as an optician, and from 1921 to 1924 he practiced at 293 Collins Street; and from 1925 he was located at 94 Collins Street. Ada and Thirza went to Tintern Ladies College, Glenferrie Road, next to the present site of the Hawthorn Library.

Three of the boys married: Claude to Edith Winifred Shallberg in 1924; Walter married an English girl Alice Rose Lee in April 1919, prior to his return to Australia; and Robert married Jean Mortimer in 1924. Neither Ada nor Thirza appear to have married.

**THE PONSFORDS OF HAWTHORN. Continued.**

Claude died in April 1959 and Edith in October 1971, and both were cremated and their ashes scattered at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. Ralph died in July 1950 and he was also cremated and his ashes scattered at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. Robert who died in July 1996, at the age of 101, was interred at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery. His wife Jean who died in November 1982 was cremated and her ashes scattered at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

**World War I Service:**

The six surviving sons of Walter and Thirza Ponsford all volunteered for service in the Australian Army in WWI. Leonard died on active service. The girls probably didn't serve because they are not listed in the Australian Army Nursing Service Seniority List of 1918.

**Frank** enlisted in April 1915 as a doctor with the Australian Medical Corps. He served in France and Belgium and was wounded in July 1916. Frank returned to Australia in August 1918 and resumed his practice at the family home in Glenferrie Road.

**Claude** enlisted in 1915 as a dentist in the Australian Medical Corps. He served in Ismailia in Egypt, as well as in France and England. He returned to Australia in December 1919 and he, too, resumed his practice at the family home in Glenferrie Road.

**Ralph** who was a farmer on enlistment in July 1915, served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse in Egypt, Syria and Palestine. Ralph returned to Australia in April 1919 and was discharged as 'medically unfit'.

**Walter N.** enlisted in March 1915 giving his occupation as optician. He served with the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance at Gallipoli, Mudros on the Greek island of Lemnos, and in France where he was awarded the Military Medal for 'bravery in the field'. Walter returned to Australia in July 1919.

**Leonard** was at an agricultural college when he enlisted, aged 22, in August 1915. He was with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion in France when he was killed in August 1916.

**Robert** gave his occupation as clerk when he enlisted in May 1915. He was at Gallipoli with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, but transferred to the Dental Corps and served in France. Robert returned to Australia in March 1919.

**References & Sources:**

Sands & McDougall directories; State Library of Victoria [Victorian Government Gazettes]; National Archives of Australia; Australian War Museum; Victorian Births Deaths & Marriages; National Library of Australia TROVE; Boroondara General Cemetery, Kew.

**RECENT DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION.**

The Society is grateful to have received some recent donations to our collection. Maggie Linden, a descendant of Jack McKean, who was born and raised at Tay Creggan, has donated some early images of the family at home, as well as copies of certificates and sale notices of the property.

Local photographer Gaynor Robson has donated a series of original images of traders and streetscapes of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.

Member Jenny Podborsek donated a photograph of the Hawthorn Younger Set in rehearsal.

Elizabeth Love successfully scoured eBay and second-hand shops and has found postcards of the Hawthorn Bridge and of the recreational reserve, which was on the site of the Coles car-park behind Glenferrie Road. She also found two interesting books; one about Sir John Monash, and the other featuring historic houses in the St James Park area.

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