

SYDNEY ERNEST EVERINGHAM
son of Jonathan
1865-1944

FAMILY SHEETS

[Detailed information in
Cornstalks by Valerie Ross]

12-FEB-2001
DATE

PEDIGREE CHART

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____
ON CHART NO. _____

^{JBM}
ALAN LATHAM.

BORN 9.
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

VERONICA ANNE LATHAM

BORN 2-5-1959
WHERE TARBE.NSW.
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

JEREMY JAMES NOARIE

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

3 ELIZABETH EVERINGHAM.

BORN 13-7-1937
WHERE TARBE NSW
DIED
WHERE

4 NEIL PATERSON LATHAM

BORN 1905
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE NSW
WHEN MARRIED 1930 MACKSVILLE NSW
DIED 22-5-1972
WHERE R/C CEMETERY PORT MACQUARIE NSW

5 EMILY MARY UNTERREINER.

BORN 1908
WHERE MACKSVILLE NSW
DIED 20-4-1971
WHERE R/C CEMETERY PORT MACQUARIE NSW

6 OPHIR RALEIGH EVERINGHAM

BORN 6-6-1901
WHERE TARBE NSW
WHEN MARRIED 1934 TARBE NSW
DIED 16-2-1963.
WHERE MOORLAND NSW.

7 HONOR. B. CURTIS.

BORN 1906
WHERE MILTON NSW.
DIED
WHERE

8 GEORGE H. LATHAM

BORN 1876
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE NSW
WHEN MARRIED 1899 PORT MACQUARIE NSW
DIED 24-6-1947 AGE 72
WHERE HERONS CREEK NSW

10 ADAM J. UNTERREINER

BORN 9-5-1863.
WHERE NARVIK QUEENSLAND
WHEN MARRIED 1886 NAMBUCCA NSW
DIED 1944
WHERE MACKSVILLE NSW

11 EMILY A. FORRESTER.

BORN 1866
WHERE GOSFORD NSW
DIED
WHERE

12 SYDNEY ERNEST EVERINGHAM

BORN 8-12-1865
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED 18-2-1891
DIED 1-5-1944
WHERE MOORLAND NSW

13 ELIZABETH MARION BULLEY

BORN 4-4-1871
WHERE MANNING RIVER NSW
DIED 5-12-1936
WHERE MOORLAND NSW

14 PATRICK J. CURTIS

BORN 1872
WHERE ULLADULLA NSW
WHEN MARRIED 1901 MILTON NSW
DIED
WHERE

15 MARY TEMPLE

BORN 1879
WHERE ULLADULLA NSW

16 GEORGE HENRY LATHAM

029-5-1914 AGE 94 CONT
HERONS CREEK NSW

17 ELIZABETH MARY

029-2-1914 AGE 58 CONT
HERONS CREEK NSW

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20 ADAM UNTERREINER

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21 BARBARA BOGGER

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22 ROBERT W. FORRESTER.

HARRIED 1858 GOSFORD NSW

23 ELIZABETH S.S. TAYLOR

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24 JONATHAN EVERINGHAM

8-1-1841 PORTLAND NSW

MARRIED 28-3-1859
MINDSON NSW

25 MARIA RESIA ROBERTS

10-11-1839 WALBS.

D 18-9-1920
MOORLAND NSW

26 JAMES BULLEY

1835-1917

MARRIED 1861
MANNING RIVER NSW

27 JANET SMITH

1833-1874

28 THOMAS CURTIS

01899 MILTON NSW

MARRIED 1864 ULLADULLA NSW

29 HARRY WARD

01891 MILTON NSW

30 MICHAEL TEMPLE

01898 MILTON NSW

MARRIED 1875 ULLADULLA NSW

31 NANNAN FREDERICKS

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"Bravo! Lieutenant Smith."

OUR Kendall correspondent wired as follows this (Friday) morning:—

"Councillor Smith just received word son Farquhar successful sinking German submarine North Sea."

This news will be received with great satisfaction throughout the district, and the fact that a native of the place has so distinguished himself is a matter of pride to us all. Lieut. Smith has also in some measure avenged the sinking of his old ship, the Aboukir.

Death of Mr. I. H. Latham.

WE regret to announce the death of an old district pioneer in the person of Mr. I. H. Latham, of Rawdon Island, where he had resided for 53 years. Deceased had attained the ripe old age of 86 years. He was the father of 12 children, 11 of whom (three daughters and eight sons), survive him, the eldest being Mr. P. G. Latham, of Port Macquarie. His wife pre-deceased him some years ago. The old gentleman was a native of Gloucestershire, England. We join in condoling with the relatives in their loss.

The remains will be interred in the West Port Macquarie cemetery this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rollands Plains.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Both the Plains schools and Cogo are closed for a fortnight, the teachers having gone to Kempsey to attend the School of instruction for cadet officers. (On account of Mr. W. M. ...)

Nominations for Committee must be in the Secretary's hands by 9 p.m. on Saturday, August 7th.
D. CUMMING, Secretary.

Alex. Soobie,
SOLICITOR,
Port Macquarie and Wauchope.

PORT OFFICE AT MRS. DONOVAN'S CAFE,
Monday & Tuesday in Each Week.

Port Macquarie Methodist
Church.

Centenary Sunday, August 8th, 1915.

REV. A. E. PUTLAND

WILL conduct a Special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, August 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

Subject: "A Century in the Pacific."

The Public are Invited.

A Plain and Fancy Dress and Masquerade
BALL

(In aid of the Hastings District Hospital).

School of Arts, Rawdon Island,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th.

Cold Music and Refreshments
Dancing to commence at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: Double, 4s; Single, 2s.

MRS. J. R. HUMPHREYS,
MRS. F. WALTERS,
MISS N. DOWNES, } Hon. Secs.

7-8-1915
PORT MACQUARIE NEW

FAMILY GROUP CHART

Compiled by: *T. BROWN*

Date:

ID Number:

Husband: *MATTHEW JAMES EVERINGHAM*

Birth Date: *C. 1769* Place:

Baptism Date: Place:

Marriage Date: *13-MAR-1791* ^{125/1A} Place: *ST JOHN'S C/E PARRAMATTA NSW*

Death Date: *25. DEC 1817* ^{# 292/1A} Place: *WINDSOR NSW* AGE *48*

Burial Date: *1917* Place: *ST MATTHEW'S WINDSOR, NSW*

Other partners: wid/div/sep

Occupation:

Father:

Mother:

Other:

Wife: *ELIZABETH RYMES (RYMES) (RHYMES)*

Birth Date: *C. 1774* Place:

Baptism Date: Place:

Marriage Date: Place:

Death Date: *12. DEC 1841* Place:

Burial Date: Place:

Other partners: wid/div/sep

Occupation:

Father:

Mother:

Other:

Sex M/F	Children	When Born	Where Born	Married to	When Married	Where Married	When Died	Where Died/Buried
1	<i>MARY</i>	<i>23.12.1791</i>	^{148/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>				<i>24.1.1792</i>	<i>ST JOHN'S C/E PARRAMATTA NSW</i>
2	<i>SARAH ELIZABETH</i>	<i>9.6.1793</i>	^{272/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>RICHARD WOODBURY</i>	<i>17.12.1810</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>6.6.1867</i> <i>29.3.1874</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i> <i>BRISBANE QNTD</i>
3	<i>MATTHEW JAMES</i>	<i>23.5.1795</i>	^{447/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>ANN CHASELING</i>	<i>17.2.1817</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>27.5.1863</i> <i>22.11.1884</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
4	<i>WILLIAM</i>	<i>8.8.1797</i>		<i>JANE CHASELING</i>	<i>22.8.1820</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>8.9.1847</i> <i>6.9.1859</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i> <i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
5	<i>GEORGE</i>	<i>9.12.1799</i>	^{860/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>KETURAH STUBBS</i>	<i>17.8.1821</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>29.3.1880</i> <i>15.4.1881</i>	<i>MACLEAN NSW</i>
6	<i>ANN</i>	<i>7.11.1802</i>	^{1194/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>JOHN CHASELING</i>	<i>6.7.1818</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>2.11.1876</i> <i>19.3.1849</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i> <i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
7	<i>ELIZABETH</i>	<i>10.6.1805</i>	^{1665/1A} <i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>JOHN HARMAN</i> <i>CHARLES BUTLER</i>	<i>4.5.1827</i> <i>24.6.1822</i>	<i>ST MATTHEW'S C/E WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>3.8.1826</i>	
8	<i>JAMES</i>	<i>25.11.1807</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>LAVINIA MARCIA MUSCROVE</i> <i>COLOGNE GODDARD</i>	<i>27.10.1859</i> <i>2.7.1833</i>	<i>C/E LONGER HAWKSBURY NSW</i>	<i>29.10.1892</i> <i>17.10.1858</i> <i>25.7.1895</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
9	<i>MARIA</i>	<i>6.8.1811</i>	^{#2540/1A} <i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>JAMES COTTEN</i>	<i>1.1.1827</i>	<i>C/E SACKVILLE REACH</i>	<i>22.3.1848</i> <i>24.2.1835</i>	<i>C/E SACKVILLE REACH NSW</i>
10	<i>JOHN</i>	<i>21.5.1815</i>	^{#3611/1A} <i>WINDSOR NSW</i>				<i>29.5.1875</i>	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
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3RD MARRIAGE
JOSEPH LADD
29.8.1837
WINDSOR NSW

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PARENTS OF THE CHASELINGS THOMAS & MARGARET

(SEE CORNSTALKS)

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Date:

ID Number:

Husband: JAMES EVERINGHAM
 Birth Date: 25.11.1807 Place: HAWKESBURY RIDGE NSW
 Baptism Date: Place:
 Marriage Date: 2.3.1833^{#380/17} Place: c/e LOWER HAWKESBURY NSW
 Death Date: 25.7.1895 Place: SYDNEY NSW
 Burial Date: Place:
 Other partners: HANINIA MARCIA MUSGRAVE (COSEBROVE) wid/div/sep
 Occupation:
 Father: MATTHEW JAMES EVERINGHAM
 Mother: ELIZABETH RYMS. MARRIED c/e ST JOHN PARAMATTA
 Other: 1791/1258A

Wife: COLOGNE GODDARD
 Birth Date: 1818 Place:
 Baptism Date: Place:
 Marriage Date: Place:
 Death Date: 17.10.1858^{#5792} Place: WINDSOR NSW
 Burial Date: Place:
 Other partners: wid/div/sep
 Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother: SARAH
 Other:

Sex M/F	Children	When Born	Where Born	Married to	When Married	Where Married	When Died	Where Died/Buried
1	JAMES HENRY	21.5.1834 ^{#1074/12}	LOWER HAWKESBURY	SARAH NIXON (ROGERS)	4.4.1854 ^{#209/11A}	COLD NSW	28.10.1928 ^{#1209/11A}	HASTING NSW NABIALC NSW
2	SELINA	19.8.1836 ^{#930/30}	-	MICHAEL McGRATH	19.7.1859 ^{#1209/11A}	RICHMOND NSW	8.10.1887 25.9.1916	REDFERN NSW
3	SARAH.	1838 ^{#1483/16CA}	LOWER HAWKESBURY	(THOMAS) JAMES WATT	1862 ^{#1554}	BURRAGOONE NSW	4.12.1915	MOORLAND NSW
4	JONATHAN	8.1.1841 ^{#336/15A}	FOATLAND HEAD	MARIA RESIA ROBERTS	22.3.1859 ^{#2300}	WINDSOR	18.9.1920 4.12.1975	MOORLANDS NSW MOORLAND NSW
5	ELIZABETH	24.5.1843 ^{#309/15}	WINDSOR NSW	JAMES McGRATH	28.12.1869 ^{#3217}	YOUNG NSW	1913	YOUNG NSW
6	TIMOTHY	1846 ^{#309/15}	WINDSOR NSW					
7	NATHANIEL	5.12.1849 ^{#1764}	WINDSOR NSW	MATILOA BASHAM.	1.5.1869 ^{#2533.}	WOLLONGBI NSW	1940 23.8.1940	TRABB NSW TRABB NSW
8	LYDIA ANN	23.7.1852 ^{#822/15B}	WINDSOR NSW	JAMES SLY	1.6.1889 ¹⁸⁷⁶	RICHMOND NSW		
9	MATTHEW JAMES WILLIAM	23.12.1855 ^{#3037/16}	WINDSOR NSW	MARY ANN HALLS (HALL)	24.8.1878 ^{#1152}	NEWTOWN NSW	23.2.1947 1918	DUBBO NSW DUBBO NSW
10	COLOGNEY	1858 ^{#13237}	WINDSOR NSW				1859	#5416 WINDSOR NSW
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Date:

ID Number:

Husband: <i>JAMES EUBRINGHAM (CONT)</i>	
Birth Date:	Place:
Baptism Date:	Place:
Marriage Date: <i>1859</i>	Place: ^{#3764} <i>WINDSOR NSW</i>
Death Date: <i>25.7.1895</i>	Place:
Burial Date:	Place:
Other partners:	wid/div/sep
Occupation: <i>SHIPWRIGHT</i>	
Father:	
Mother:	
Other:	

Wife: ^{MARCIA} <i>LAVINIA MUSGROVE (COSEKOV)</i>	
Birth Date: <i>22.1.1829</i>	Place: <i>BRISTOL ENGLAND</i>
Baptism Date:	Place:
Marriage Date:	Place:
Death Date: <i>29.12.1924</i>	Place: <i>SYDNEY NSW</i>
Burial Date:	Place: <i>ROOKWOOD NSW</i>
Other partners:	wid/div/sep
Occupation:	
Father:	
Mother:	
Other:	

Sex M/F	Children	When Born	Where Born	Married to	When Married	Where Married	When Died	Where Died/Buried
1	<i>GEORGE RICHARD</i>	<i>19.3.1862</i> ^{#4167}	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>EMALINE ANN NIXON</i>	<i>1886</i> ^{#154}	<i>TAREE NSW</i>	<i>1950</i> <i>1938</i>	<i>TAREE NSW</i> <i>TAREE NSW</i>
2	<i>ARTHUR THOMAS</i>	<i>14.6.1864</i> ^{#1682}	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>(MAREY) FANNY ROSE</i>	<i>1892</i> ^{#758}	<i>TAREE NSW</i>	<i>14.10.1937</i> <i>31.10.1928</i>	<i>LIDCOMBE NSW</i>
3	<i>EMILY</i>	<i>1866</i> ^{#1624}	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>RICHARD PRIOR. (RYOR)</i> <i>ARTHUR PRIOR</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>WINDHAM NSW</i>	<i>1921</i>	<i>NEWTON NSW</i>
4	<i>LAVINIA M.</i>	<i>7.6.1868</i> ^{#1782}	<i>WINDSOR NSW</i>	<i>ARTHUR F. THOMAS</i>	<i>1891</i> ^{#183}	<i>SYDNEY NSW</i>		
5	<i>ENOCK ERNEST</i>	<i>12.6.1871</i> ^{#3401}	<i>PARRAMATTA NSW</i>	<i>(SAMPER) MINNIE SANDERS</i>	<i>7.2.1897</i> ^{#7042}	<i>LEIGHNADT NSW</i>	<i>4.4.1961</i>	
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HERMAN AND HILDA EVERINGHAM

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One Saturday afternoon at the football, young Hilda Andrews sat on the grandstand and glanced with interest at the newcomer. She was attracted, especially by his long graceful *clean* hands! She set about being noticed.

Her opportunity came one evening when the Andrews Family and some others were gathered at Smiths' farm (Uncle Jim and Aunt Lucy Smith) for a party. Herman was there. The young people were playing "spin the plate," a kissing game. Hilda was flirting rather obviously with the young hire-car driver, to her family's amusement. Later, out in the paddock, she climbed into his T Ford car, and to draw his attention she attempted to drive it. He was a little annoyed, but she seemed a decent friendly girl, so he obligingly showed her how to operate the controls. After she had steered it around the paddock for a while he showed her how to bring the car to a stop. With such a "forward" girl, it was impossible to stay reserved for long!

As they talked, he discovered that she too had had a broken romance. He felt very *much at home in her* company. He became a regular visitor to "Coleraine."

Hilda's parents, widely known locally as "Uncle Willy" and "Auntie Bess," recognised the young couple's need for just a *little* private conversation. The mother would discreetly busy herself with some darning in a corner of the room and perhaps putting the children to bed. The father screened himself behind a newspaper and the teenage children were sent out to the kitchen to wash the dishes.

Dairy farming families rise and retire early, so the young man never stayed very late. Propriety too dictated that the young couple's goodbyes out at the garden gate, in the dark, must be brief. To avoid the prying eyes and cheeky comments of young sisters, and especially of young brother Doug, the obvious place for a discreet cuddle and kiss was the running-board of Herman's car — the side away from the house. One evening as they sat holding hands there, Doug set about dampening their ardour. He crept up, wet dishcloth in hand and the courting couple were surprised by the dishcloth as it sailed over the car and landed on top of them.

There was some opposition to their courtship. At least one old friend warned Hilda that young Everingham would "never amount to anything", and nominated another young man as "much more suitable". Young Doug Andrews too, then about 18, tried to protect his sister from becoming involved with the newcomer. A certain young lady had "got into trouble", and the man in the case had put about a rumour that Herman Everingham was the most likely culprit. Herman's conscience was clear, however, and young Doug's attempt to order him off the farm served only to harden his resolve. Bashful but determined, he eventually found a way to propose.

One evening (in 1921) Hilda mentioned that she'd lost her pearl ring, a present from an aunt. Herman took hold of the finger where the ring should have been, and asked: "Would you let me put another one there?" She took ten days to give him a definite "yes".

The date set for the wedding was 28th February, 1922, eleven days after her 22nd birthday.

During their engagement, they were given their first and only opportunity to go out together without a chaperone. Always some or all of the family had tagged along, until the time came when Hilda was staying for a week with a cousin in Wauchope.

She had rather modern ideas. When Herman came calling one afternoon, the hostess suggested that the young couple go for a drive — alone!

Feeling very daring, they drove down along "Port Lane" as far as King Creek and parked there at the side of the road for perhaps ten minutes. Hilda nervously cut the outing short: "We'd better go back now!"

Traditionally, weddings are expensive. Imagine Willy Andrews, preparing to provide a wedding for the first of his *six* daughters! Father and daughter discussed how to spend his limited funds most prudently. There would be a trousseau of new clothes, but no wedding "breakfast" or reception. There would be light refreshments at the house before they went to the church — tea and sandwiches for the family and a few neighbours. Then after the church ceremony, the bridal couple would change into travelling clothes and board the train for their six days' honeymoon at Katoomba, in the Blue Mountains.

The place for the wedding was the Presbyterian Church in Wauchope's High Street, a church founded largely through the work of the bride's forebears and other related families. There was to be one bridesmaid, Bessie Andrews, the eldest of the bride's sisters — a slim, very pretty dark-eyed girl. Ernie Way was to be "best man".

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Hilda persuaded the groom not to spend any money on a new shirt. He already owned a lovely white shirt of unusual damask-like material, with a fine satiny design woven in. "Bring it and I'll do it up for you," she urged. Freshly laundered, it flapped on one of the long clothes lines between two trees, in the house paddock at "Coleraine". When Hilda went to bring it in for ironing, her heart sank. Both cuffs had been chewed to shreds by a cow that liked the taste of starched linen.

Frantic, Hilda searched for a way out of the dilemma. It was impossible to match the fabric, and there wasn't another shirt like it to be found in Wauchope. Feeling sick with dismay, she set about replacing the ruined cuffs, making new ones from plain white lawn. Herman, however, was unconcerned. So it came about that he went to his wedding in a shirt with mended sleeves — which looked just fine and continued to be smart and serviceable for a long time to come. "Mend and make-do" was to be an intriguing part of the pattern for a large part of their 66 years of life together.

The years have been interesting ones. Herman has distinguished himself in many ways, not least by his determination and drive in providing for and educating four children during the Depression years of the thirties, without needing the dole. His keen inventive mind and adventures in applied science are worthy of another book — but that must wait for another time. Let's close this chapter as the young couple, he smartly-suited with a stiff stand-up collar and she in a fashionable navy-blue "travelling frock", wave good-bye to their families and friends at Wauchope station. The "best man" has had a word to the driver of the train, who usually played a "cock-a-doodle-do" (for newlyweds) on the steam whistle.

They wait to hear it — but unknown to the bride and groom, a child's coffin is being loaded into the guard's van. Out of respect for the bereaved family, the train chuffs out of the station without any newlyweds' salute. You may think Murphy's Law is operating yet again, on Herman's wedding day? However, the young couple sit and look at each other with loving eyes.

Herman can hardly believe that this warm, genuine, unspoilt girl is really his! She is a graceful, well-rounded young lady with a slim waist and masses of thick, dark hair. Her handsome features, strong cheekbones and creamy skin are dominated by eloquent grey eyes under curved dark eyebrows. The eyes speak of love and contentment.

Wedding.

Everingham—Andrews.

From Hastings Shire Gazette, April 19, 1922

There is one day in a woman's life that looms golden on the horizon of girlish dreams, and remains for ever the brightest star on the evening sky of age. Just a few short hours. A few minutes of an hour — and the supreme minute pulsing with the mystery and age-old wonder that changes the very life and being of girlhood. It comes but once in the lifetime, and we stretch eager hands to grasp its treasures and secrets, its joys and its sorrows — the woman heart glorying in its gift of self at the Altar of Love.

A wedding day, of course! And such a day has just dawned and passed for one of our most popular little ladies of the district — bonnie Hilda Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Andrews, of "Coleraine" — who on February 28th, 1922, in the presence of her relatives and numbers of friends at the Wauchope Presbyterian Church, plighted her vows with Herman Clifford Everingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everingham, of "Failford," Manning River. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Davies, and Mrs. Davies rendered appropriate music at the organ. The church was decorated by loving hands of the bride's girl friends, and the wedding bell, made by Mrs. W. Woodlands, was much appreciated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of cream jersey silk, hand-embroidered, with train of cream satin lined with marquisette and beautifully worked in true lover's knots with sea pearls; she wore the usual wreath of orange blossom, together with an oval veil of embroidered tulle. Her bouquet comprised white

cactus dahlias and pale pink asters and asparagus ferns, with streamers of pink and white satin ribbon. She also wore a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom; while the bride's gift to the groom was a gold Albert.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Bessie Andrews, who wore pale salmon fuji with eyelet embroidered grapes, with hat of cream pleated georgette trimmed with velvet flowers, and carried a bouquet of pink and mauve asters and sacred bamboo, with ribbon streamers to tone. She also wore a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. E. V. Way acted as best man.

A dainty compliment was passed to our Princess, by the fact that one of her distant and loyal subjects, a girl like herself, chose the "big event" of her life to take place on the day set aside for the solemnising of the Princess's own wedding. Though a day of unpromising weather, Dame Fortune smiled on the little bride and allowed her to reach the church without any rain falling, and later the clouds lifted altogether as the newly-married couple departed after the ceremony.

At 7.30 p.m., gowned in a frock of navy jersey silk embroidered in henna, and navy satin hat with drenched feather and touches of same shade as her frock, little Mrs. Everingham and her husband waved "good-bye" to a platform crowded with friends and relatives, and left by the train for Sydney, and thence to Katoomba, where the honeymoon was spent.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

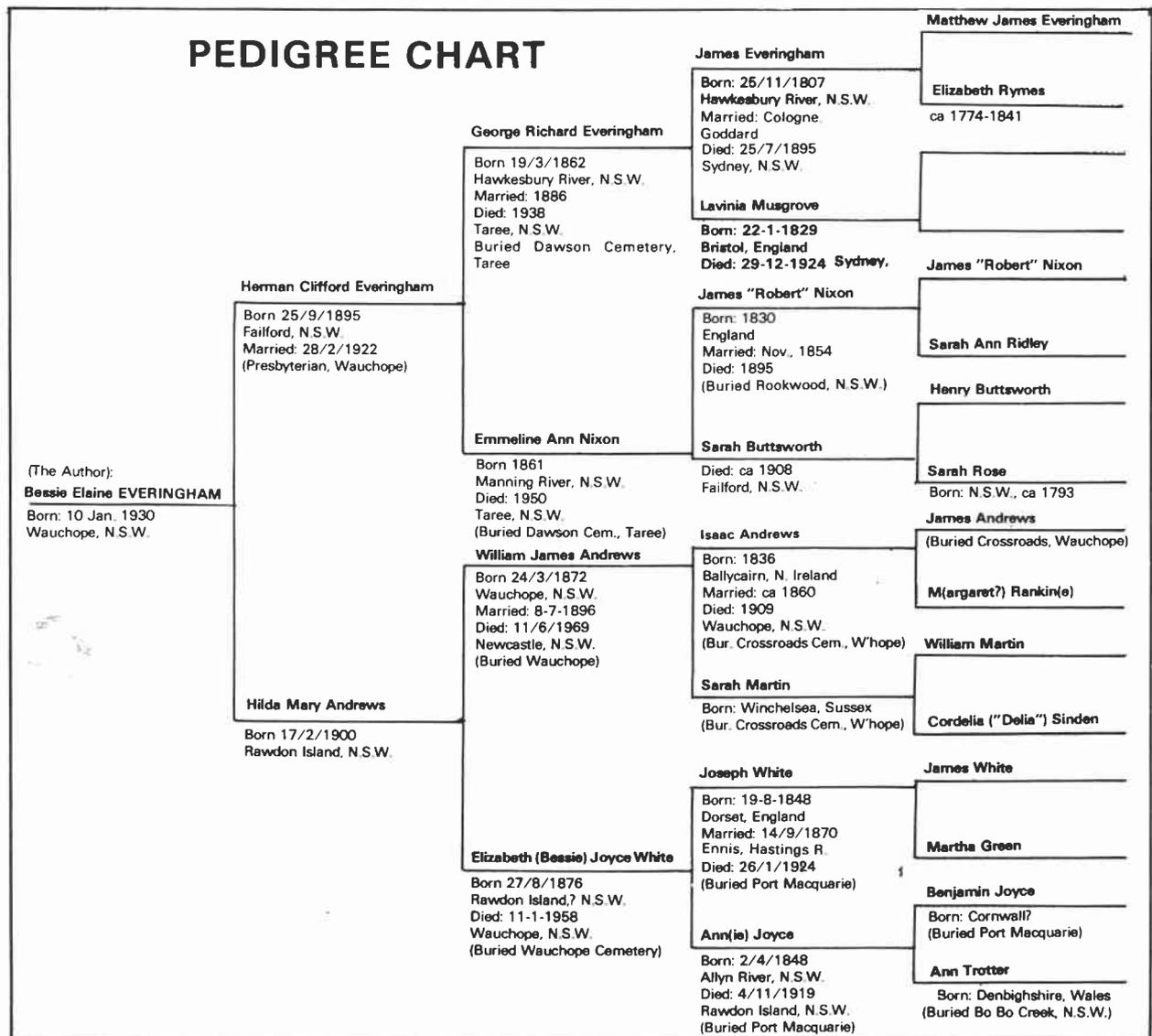
Herman's father, George Everingham, was one of a large, extended family endeavouring to live-down convict origins. That family has been extensively researched and documented, especially by Valerie Ross, author of "Matthew Everingham; a First Fleeter and his Times" (Sydney, Library of Australian History 1980).

I need not write of them here, but less has been said and written about the Nixons. So I asked my father about them. What follows is just a little glimpse into that family, gleaned from him and other relatives.

The Nixons were closely related to the Roses, the Buttsworths and the Rogers (a Sheffield family, connected with stainless steel).

The Rose family were occupiers of "Rose Cottage", a vertical-slab cottage at Australiana Village, near Windsor, for about 1792 to the 1960s, or shortly before Australiana Village was set up. (It was said to be the oldest private dwelling, still intact in Australia).

They were among Australia's first free white settlers — the first that had been farmers in England; first to receive a grant of land for farming and first free white family to have a child born in this country (their fifth child, John). Later they had a daughter, *Sarah* — *Australia's first female child born to a free white settler*. Sarah Rose grew up and married convict, Henry Buttsworth, who was assigned to her. It was their daughter, Sarah Buttsworth, who married into the Nixon family.



FAMILY SHEET						NOTES:
HUSBAND:	Herman Clifford EVERINGHAM		BORN: 20/9/1895			
BIRTHPLACE:	Failford, N.S.W. "Willow Point" farm		DIED:			
	PROFESSION: Fitter 1910-16; Soldier A.I.F. 1916; Hire Car Driver etc. (See Notes)					
WIFE:	Hilda Mary ANDREWS		BORN: 17/2/1900			
BIRTHPLACE:	Rawdon Island, NSW (Joseph White's home)		DIED:			
	MARRIED: 28/2/1922		AT: Wauchope (Presbyterian Church) NSW			
CHILDREN (IN ORDER OF BIRTH)						
Sex	Name	Born	At	Married To	Died	PC
M	Douglas Nixon EVERINGHAM	25/6/23	Wauchope, N.S.W.	Beverley May Withers (Rockhampton, Q.)		
M	Colin Clifford EVERINGHAM	12/8/26	Wauchope, N.S.W.	Margaret Younger Bower		
F	Bessie Elaine EVERINGHAM*	10/1/30	Wauchope, N.S.W.	Glen George Fowler (Fairfield, N.S.W.)		1
F	Patricia Anne EVERINGHAM	25/8/38	Burwood, N.S.W.	Leslie William Gardner (Sydney, N.S.W.)		
						<p>He was self-employed in Wauchope, 1920s, then Coolooloolook, then Nabic c 1929-34, Croydon and Burwood, N.S.W. 34-60s, Sheppards' Buses 36-70s, Government Bus Depot 37-42, Dad's Cookie factory c 42-51, 51-67, dairying at Chatham, NSW; 56-63 self-employed Taree Caravan Park at Chatham (Taree's first, on land ex- his father, G.R. Everingham's estate).</p> <p>She was intermittently self-employed shopkeeper: Coolooloolook, Croydon, Chatham (Caravan Park)</p> <p>They lived at North Haven 1964-71, returned to Wauchope and still living December, 1986, in Rocks Ferry Road/ he still working on various inventions, with some slight financial (government) assistance. [A few years ago.]</p> <p>He has been crippled (war injuries) since 1917-18, requiring walking-stick most of that time. Now two walking-sticks</p> <p>*Bessie Elaine HAYSMAN (nee Everingham) 34 Heather Street, Port Macquarie, N.S.W. (Author)</p>

FAMILY SHEET						NOTES:
HUSBAND:	George Richard EVERINGHAM		BORN: 19/3/1862			
BIRTHPLACE:	(near Windsor N.S.W.)		DIED: 1938 (Taree) Buried Dawson Cem.			
	PROFESSION: Farmer (Wallamba R., Wilson R., Rosewood, Langley Vale, Chatham, etc.)					
WIFE:	Emmeline Ann NIXON		BORN: 1861			
BIRTHPLACE:	Manning River, N.S.W.		DIED: 1950 (Taree) Buried Dawson Cem.			
	MARRIED: 1885? 1886?		AT: Failford, N.S.W. (Wesleyan)			
CHILDREN (IN ORDER OF BIRTH)						
Sex	Name	Born	At	Married To	Died	PC
M	Victor James Everingham	25/5/87	Failford, N.S.W.?	Mary (No children)	1926	
M	Harold Washington Everingham	2/6/89	Wallamba River	Gladys Irene Stephenson	19	
M	Herbert Everingham	c 1891			c 1894	
M	Henry George	1893		Lillian Howe		
M	Herman Clifford Everingham	20/9/95	Failford, N.S.W.	Hilda Mary Andrews		
M	Percy John Everingham	15/12/97	Failford, N.S.W.	Irene Dorothy Graham		
M	Clive Haddon Everingham	July, 1900	Failford, N.S.W.	Died Unmarried	c 1930	
F	Emmeline Faith Everingham	c 1903	Failford, N.S.W.	Frank? Wynter (No Children)	1971	
						<p>AT 5/3/88, both Herman and Percy and their wives are still living</p>

The Nixons

The Nixon family in Australia was founded by James Robert Nixon and his wife, Sarah Ann, nee Ridley, who were assisted migrants. They settled in the "Hawkesbury River country", with their little son, James Robert Junior, (born in 1830), and daughter, Sarah, born in 1835. Sarah was later to marry into the Everingham family - setting an example later followed by two of her brother's children.

Both father and son — James Robert Nixon Senior and Junior — were known as "Robert". It was this "Robert" (Junior) that married Sarah Buttsworth. They had eight or nine children:

FAMILY SHEET							NOTES
HUSBAND:		James Robert NIXON	BORN: 1830				Family moved from Taree to Willow Point (Failford, N.S.W.) when Emmeline was 3 years old, by bullock dray. See letter 20/8/80, H. C. Everingham to Doreen Weller, Nixon File. First Wesleyan Church service in district were held on verandah of their house. See Doreen Weller's book, "History of Two Churches".
BIRTHPLACE:		(?) Hawkesbury River country	DIED: August, 1895 "Willow Point"				
		PROFESSION: (?) Farmer					
WIFE:		Sarah BUTTSWORTH	BORN:				
BIRTHPLACE:		HAWKESBURY	DIED: c 1908, Failford,				
		MARRIED: Nov. 1854	AT:				
CHILDREN (IN ORDER OF BIRTH)							
SEX	NAME	BORN	AT:	MARRIED TO:	DIED	PC	
F	Mary Ann Nixon	1855		Lester James EVERINGHAM	Aug. 9, 1926		
F	Rose Nixon			Edwin (Ted) ALWAY			
M	John Henry Nixon			Margaret HAWKINS			
F	Emmeline Anne Nixon*	c 1860	Manning River, N.S.W.	George Richard EVERINGHAM*			*Herman's parents.
F	Alice Nixon			George SPOONER			
F	Eliza Nixon			William GRAY			
M	James Nixon			Margaret Lee			
M				HAMMOND			
							Name and Address of Family Rep.: Wilga (& R. Peter) NIXON, Hallidays Point, N.S.W. 59 2981

The Nixons moved from Taree to Willow Point (Failford, New South Wales), about 1863 when Emmeline (my grandmother) was three years old — travelling by bullock dray. They used to give hospitality to a visiting Church of England minister, who conducted services of worship in their home...until one particular Saturday when the reverend gentleman, on horseback as usual, arrived apparently drunk! He wheeled his horse around the paddock recklessly, to Robert's disgust; and from that day, the family became Methodists or "Wesleyan". So it happened that the first Wesleyan church services in the district were held on the verandah of their house. Indeed, when the Church of England minister was first told "We'll be Methodists" he is said to have replied: "Where will you go to church? - There is no Methodist Church in these parts!" - to which Robert replied, "We'll build one." And they did, on the river bank a couple of hundred yards from the house.

The fourth child of the family, Emmeline, was to become my grandmother; like her Aunt Sarah before her, she married an Everingham, George. He taught a Sunday School class in the little Wesleyan Church that was built on the Willow Point farm in the 1880's.

The only story we know about their courtship, is about a day when they were out walking. He picked a fern frond, gave it to her and asked:

"Do you know what that is?"

"It's a fern," she said.

He replied, "No, it's God's handiwork."

Emmeline's eldest sister, Mary, married Lester Everingham (1860-1929), a second-cousin of Emmie's George. Three of their children died in infancy, including twin boys. Those who survived to grow up were "May" (Mary May), later Mrs Hammond; Jimmy (Walter James) who died at 17½ with appendicitis;

Robert; Stan (William Stanley) who married Edie Newton; and Harry, who married Mildred Emmerton, from Jones's Island.

The next sister, Rose ("Rosie"), married Ted Alway. Some of their children also died in infancy. Those who grew up were: Bill (killed at the war), Ivy, Harold, Les and Milton (killed in an air crash in New Guinea about 1940). I knew this family slightly, mainly Harold — perhaps my father's closest friend among all his male cousins. He married Jean Hodgson, from Kempsey. Great-Uncle Ted, old and arthritic when I met him, was a very good-natured, gentle person with a lovely tenor singing voice. He played the piano and organ for pleasure and the church organ when required. He had spent much of his working life as a foreman mill-hand and farmer; his farm was at Moto on the Manning River. In his retirement he was a keen gardener and supplied flowers to the local hospital. He drove a two-horse buggy, a matter of some pride, I am told.

Third in the family was James Henry, Robert Nixon's eldest son. He had four children: Robert (Bert), who became a medical practitioner; John Garfield ("Garf"), who married twice, and always remained on the land; Harry who farmed Glenhaven; and Pearl (Peg).

Next in Robert Nixon's family was Emmeline Ann, my grandmother.

Then came Alice, who became a schoolteacher. She married George Spooner, a bullock driver. He worked his bullock team six days a week, spending only Sundays at home. He owned some land and in his later years a good herd of cattle, as well as his team of bullocks. He grew a long white beard, which was very old-fashioned and gave him a Father Christmas look when it turned white with age. He and Alice had three children: Bob, Arthur and Alice, who all attended Failford School. It was said that the boys were among Mr Cook's brightest pupils. Arthur's writing and printing were exceptional; his mother kept them proudly for many years. Young Alice excelled in needlework and was a good cook, a keen exhibitor in the local Shows on the Manning and Wallamba.

I met Bob and Aunt Alice a couple of times when I was a child, when they came in from the bush to visit my Grandma in Taree. Bob drove a Model T Ford — he was one of the first on the Wallamba to own one. They seemed to me to be very old-fashioned, shy and poverty-stricken. The way they spoke was strange to me: the speech of people unaccustomed to talking, I guess.

After Alice Nixon, came my great-aunt Eliza, the youngest of Robert Nixon's daughters and the last to marry. When she was being courted by Bill Gray, her brother, Bill, apparently disapproved; for some reason he never liked him. He invited another young man, a Hammond, to come and stay with them in order to cut young Gray out. But Bill Gray was not to be deterred. He took Eliza for a sulky ride, to make sure she would not be there when Hammond arrived. Bill had his way and married Eliza. Like her sisters, she was a neat slim girl with a good head of hair, fine features and intelligent clear eyes. Bill and Eliza's children were Ruby, Gladys, Bill (William Neville), Tom, Ray and Vera; and it is to Ruby Gray (now Mrs Castles) that I owe much of the information supplied here.

I know little of the next in the family, John Nixon, except that his children were named Laura, Jane, Margaret (Madge), "Isie" (Alice Isobel?), Lena, Lillian and John ("Jack") who is said to have been mill manager for the Breckenridge family.

The youngest son, Bill, was a light-hearted character. He delighted in entertaining his young nieces and nephews with stories that were frowned upon by his elders; they would warn the children: "You shouldn't listen to uncle Bill's stories!" He married and became the father of eight children: May, Olive, Percy, Lottie, Clarrie (who became a policeman), Martha, Harold and Lorna. The only one of them I ever knew was May, born about 1894; she and my father always got on well together. She was about six feet tall, even after the age of 90. She never married and when we visited her in 1984 she was in frail health, though still good-humoured and hospitable, and sharing her home with her surviving brother Harold. She died in 1986.

In this enormous tribe of aunts, uncles and cousins (plus more on the Everingham side), young Herman grew up. Most of the families were farmers and battlers, although some (like the Grays) enjoyed a regular income and lived in comparative comfort and security.

For at least some of the years of their married life, the Grays lived with widowed Granny Nixon at Willow Point. Bill Gray owned the first pushbike my father ever saw - a splendid possession! He paid £27 for it, when a week's wage was less than £2! He was a foreman shipwright with John Wright & Company, having started work with them about 1900, before his second child was born. He stayed with that firm for over 40 years, though sometimes he was on loan to Alan Taylor & Company. He supervised the building of many ocean-going ships including Alan Wood, Wallamba, Bellinger, Comboyne, Our Jack — and lastly, Teralba, which was taken over by the Americans in World War II.

My father tells a happy story about one of their vessels, the Tuncurry, built at Tuncurry by John Wright & Company as a general cargo boat. This Tuncurry was a keen rival of another coastal vessel, "Commonwealth", owned by the Breckenridge family. About 1907 they were apparently competing on a coastal run and Bill sent Eliza at Willow Point a gleeful telegram: "TUNCURRY KNOCKS SLOPS OFF

COMMONWEALTH"! The cream on his pleasure was that the Post Office at Failford, where his telegram was received for delivery, was also run by the Breckenridge family. "Commonwealth" was built mainly for carting timber; she later floundered at sea in a heavy storm, carrying a load of coal — for which she was not suited.

I understand the three Nixon sons — James, John and Bill — were each left a farm by their father (Willow Point to Bill, Red Bank to James and Brush Grove to John?). Some brush country was left to the five girls, not to be sold until the youngest was 21 — so in that interval of ten years, their three brothers felled the timber and sold it for themselves! When the time came to sell the land, it realised only £50 — £10 for each girl. The five husbands discussed the matter and two advised against selling as the value had dropped and was likely to improve later — but Mary's, Rose's and Alice's husbands said "sell", so it was sold. A sad business.

Brush Grove was about a mile past Bullock Wharf, along the river bank (east-north-east from Nabiac).

One evening about 1907 some of the family were there, including the young Everinghams — and they enjoyed a trick played by their uncle Jim Nixon. He tied a ball of rag onto a wire, soaked it in kerosene, tied it to a horse's tail and set fire to it. The horse galloped around the paddock like a comet, with the kangaroo-dogs after it, "fast enough to win the Melbourne Cup!"—It was great fun for the children to see one of the adults in trouble for a change, for irresponsible behaviour. "Kangaroo dogs", by the way, is what we called greyhounds in our family, even up into the 1930's when the only greyhounds we saw (in suburban Sydney) were kept for chasing tin hares, and certainly not for kangaroos.

One day one of Bill Nixon's boys, Harry, climbed a peach tree about six to eight feet, to carry out an interesting experiment. The tree hung over a pathway and Harry was going to attempt to make a "cowpat" on it. Just as he was in the act, his father came along the path, looked up and saw what was happening. He received no damage, only a shock — but he gave Harry the only whipping that boy remembered ever getting from his father.

Another Nixon farm, Delray, was at Sidebottom — now known as Koorainghat. Garf Nixon sold Delray to the elder Everingham boys, Victor and Harold, about 1910 — when they were about 21 and 19 years old respectively.

There used to be a certain amount of scandal, as in any family.

There was a story told about when one of the local couples was married. On their honeymoon the young couple travelled up the Manning by buggy (there were no trains then). The first night they stayed, by prior arrangement, with friends on a farm. A bedroom had been prepared. The bride retired and the groom sat on. About 10 p.m. (later than everyone's usual bedtime) the family suggested the groom might join his bride. The groom, however, kept putting it off, and finally declared: "I won't sleep with she — I'll sleep with the boys."

The boys' room was a lean-to outside against the chimney, which made it a warm place to sleep. True to his word, that was where the bridegroom spent his wedding night. Their first child, a bouncing baby boy, was born about six months later!

The family tried to shield the children from hearing family scandals, for instance the rumour that their great-grandfather Nixon had been a "freebooter" or pirate. Similarly, they carefully hushed-up the fact that Herman's paternal great-grandfather Matthew James Everingham was a First Fleet convict.

Herman's children

Fame has eluded Herman, and at times his philosophical outlook is clouded by bitterness, born of frustration and a sense of injustice.

He has, however, passed on the torch of endeavour to his children. The eldest, Douglas, became a much-loved medical practitioner, Minister for Health in the Whitlam Government and subsequently a representative of Australia at the United Nations Assembly. Herman and Hilda's other children — Colin, Bessie and Patricia — also entered caring professions. It was Herman's earnest wish that they should have the opportunity of a university education, which had been denied him; and in varying degrees they availed themselves of this. All four in their turn have raised another generation of intelligent, responsible Australian citizens. Herman's grandchildren are variously involved in teaching, medicine, nursing, engineering, computer science — and parenting. To some extent, their enterprise and achievements are fulfilling Herman's own aspirations.

More importantly, I believe, we can be sure that true merit lies not in worldly success or recognition but in the striving to be the best that we can be. Whether a person's name is written in the history books doesn't much matter; but the wise and loving influence he has brought to bear in the lives of his family and friends, through example, will go on forever like a never-ending ripple.

B.H.