

Children of EDWARD SECOMB / ELIZABETH EVA.(continued)

11. THOMAS SECOMB Born 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1865 Dondingalong.  
(REV) Died 1936, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Md. JEAN GATHERER born 1876 Echuca, Victoria.

Died 1974, Perth, Western Australia.

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GRACE SECOMBE 1845-1879 and FRANCIS FOSTER.  
CHILDREN.

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1. Herb Foster md Anne Blackadder.-----Lillias Foster md Alf Webb

2. Lucy Foster md Neville Hurst. -----Evelyn Hurst

----- Joan Hurst

----- Eleanor Hurst

----- Margaret Hurst

3. George Foster Born 1870 died 1955 Kempsey

Ms Alice Maud Sneesby.

4. Hannah Foster Born 1872. Died 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1970. Kempsey

Md 1903 (2<sup>nd</sup> wife) Cornelius Walker.

5. Ernest William Foster Born 1876 died

Md 1904 Emily Sarah Judd at Euroka.

Lived Euroka.

----- a) Melvie E Foster md 1937 Arthur Crewes.

1. Marcia Crewes md John Bate

2. Stafford Crewes.

6. Eva Foster married Herb Bailey.

*Dear baby could you let Ruth Battle see this. (Ivy my Auntie)*

## **S** x **FUNERAL SERVICE** **LARGELY ATTENDED**

Taree Methodist Church could not hold all who wished to attend the funeral service on Friday afternoon of former church organist, Mrs Evelyn Kerr. *re Trotter*

Many unable to gain admission to the crowded church followed the service from vantage points outside.

The large and representative attendance and the huge mass of floral tributes bore silent testimony to the affection and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mrs Kerr, aged 55, member of a pioneer Manning family, died in the M.R.D. Hospital on Wednesday after a long illness.

In conducting the funeral service the Rev. Wm. Hardie was assisted by an old friend of the family, the Rev. A. E. Putland, who read the lesson and spoke at the graveside.

Born Evelyn Kathleen Trotter, she was the eldest daughter of Mrs M. H. Trotter, of Albert St., Taree, and the late Mr Thomas Trotter.

She is survived by her widower, Mr Albert Kerr, sons Allan (Tamworth) and Ronald (Sydney) and sisters Lillian (at home) and Dora (Mrs Hannigan), Dorrigo.

Addressing the packed congregation the Rev. Hardie said:

"We are gathered in this church to pay our loving tribute to the memory of Evelyn Kerr and to express by our presence deep and affectionate sympathy to those who have suffered bereavement.

"This large congregation representative of all sections of the community is indicative of the esteem and high regard in which she was held by the townspeople of Taree and District.

"An active member of the Taree Methodist Church she is revered by many who were privileged to share with her in the joy and gladness of Christian Fellowship.

"We are the poorer for her passing and mourn the loss of a loving and beloved wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister and friend.

"Evelyn Kerr brought to her marriage true Christian grace and proved over the years her

support.

"In the church she served with zeal and the wideness and tolerance with which she worked is evidenced in the presence and representation of every Protestant cause in the community, at this service, as well as our friends from the Purfleet Station.

"She served the Taree Methodist Church as Sunday School teacher, Endeavour leader, Missionary collector, organist, Choir member, as well as being associated with all the Women's Groups of which she was a loyal member.

"Called in the last two years to bear much suffering she showed through those years of struggle Christian fortitude and courage.

"During her hospitalisation at the M.R.D. the staff found for her a place in their affection and I must express deep appreciation of the loving care and the solicitude shown by the nursing, house staff and doctors during her long period of illness.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the love and devotion of the family over many months and especially to Bert Kerr, whose first thought was always for his wife's comfort and well being.

"Seldom have I seen such loving care and self abnegation and as one who stood by on many occasions it was my privilege to realise something of his gracious care and tender solicitude.

"Evelyn Kerr fought a long battle against a strong physical enemy and because there were so many things to live for, she never gave in, but hoped against hope

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## **TODAY**

Annual general meeting  
Ladies' M.R.D. Tennis Association, 3 p.m.  
Taree Municipal Council, 8 p.m.

## **TOMORROW**

Ladies' Auxiliary of M.V.-S.C. Home, 8 p.m.  
Meeting to form Veterans' Hockey Club, 7.45 p.m.

## **This WEEK**

**FRIDAY:**  
Wingham Show opens today.

**SATURDAY:**  
Wingham Show.  
Official opening of extensions to Taree Day Nursery at 2.30 p.m.  
Sawmillers' protest meeting Central Park, Wingham, at 10 a.m.

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## **861 Bobs In Martin Fund**

The "Bob In" fund for Test cricketer, Johnny Martin, now stands at 861 shillings.

In addition to the list published in Monday's "Times," the collectors, Messrs. Jock Witchard (Wingham sports store proprietor) and Cec. Barnes (Pulteney St., Taree, hairdresser), announce the following contributions:

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"Evelyn Kerr brought to her marriage true Christian grace and proved over the years her loyalty and allegiance to her vows. In the love, honor and comfort which she gladly rendered she proved herself a wonderful helpmate.

"As a mother she brought to this high vocation a sense of dedication and gave to her sons both high ideals and practical insights.

"She gave to her parents obedience, love and loyalty and was a wonderful companion to her sisters, whose ministrations helped and strengthened her in her long and difficult illness.

"As a member of one of Taree's oldest families she was justifiably proud of that heritage and possessed in a great degree the spirit of the pioneer forbears who first settled this part of the Manning.

"With wise insight she sensed the historical importance of the Glen-thorne Methodist Church where the first Methodist services were held over a century ago and when it looked as if the church would be closed she gave herself, although ill in body, to seeing that its doors remained open.

"The community found in Evelyn Kerr a woman of wide and varied interests and there were few charitable and philanthropic causes which did not receive her ardent

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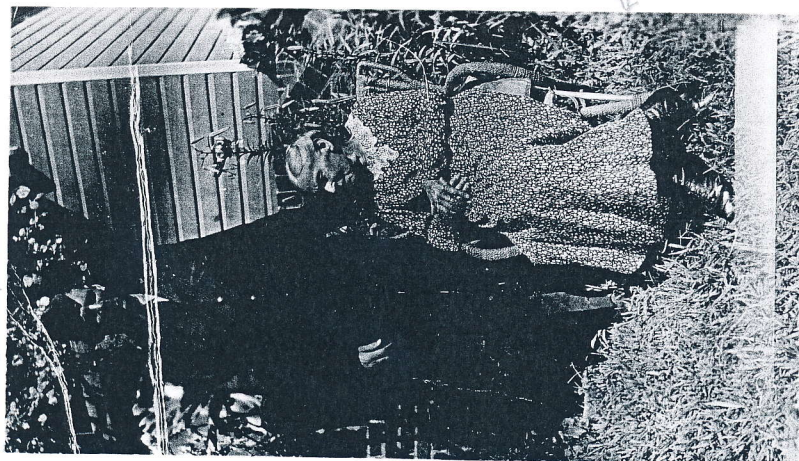
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# BILES—SECOMB.

At 2.30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon in June 30th, Dondingalong Methodist Church, prettily decorated for the event, was crowded with friends on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ethel Islet Secomb, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Secomb, of "Salem," Dondingalong, to Mr. Arthur Loftus Biles, of Carlton, Sydney, the Rev. M. L. Bembrick, officiating. The bride, given away by her father was gownned in white crepe de chene and georgette, trimmed with seed pearls and hand embroidery; and her veil was arranged with orange blossoms. Her bouquet of white carnations, pale pink roses and ferns was the gift of her sister Mrs. Adin Dornan. Miss Jessie Whiteman, of Burwood, as bridesmaid, was fricked in champagne crepe de chene, with touches of tomato and hat to tone. Her gift from the bridegroom was a gold circle brooch, set with moonstone and pearls; and she carried a bouquet of red and pink carnations and ferns, also the gift of Mrs. A. Dornan. Mr. Frank Secomb, brother of the bride, was best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a travelling case, and her gift to him was a pair of gold sleeve links. Miss Bennett of Taree was organist, and during the signing of the register, Miss Grace Smith sang "Love's Coronation." Later Mr. and Mrs. Secomb were at home to some sixty guests at "Salem" where the happy couple received the congratulations of their friends. The wedding breakfast was served on the verandah, Rev. M. L. Bembrick presiding. After the loyal toast the chairman in happy vein, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, the latter responding. "The Bridesmaid" proposed by the bridegroom, was responded to by Mr. Frank Secomb. Mr. E. P. Noonan capably handled the toast of "The Bride's Parents," mentioning the high esteem in which they were held by all who came in contact with them. Mr. Thos. Secomb feelingly replying. Mr. William Harvey gave "The Relatives of the Bridegroom," Mr. Biles responding; Mr. C. B. Bailey in experienced manner toasted "The Ladies," Mr. H. Bennett, of Taree, and Mr. Ben Fith replying thereto. Congratulatory telegrams were read from Mrs. Walker, Crescent Head; Miss Peterson, Melbourne; Mrs. Farnsworth, Haberfield; Rev. and Mrs. Putland, Young; and Nurse Fletcher, South Australia. Miss Biles, sister of the bridegroom, was present. By the evening train Mr. and Mrs. Biles left on their honeymoon, which is being spent at Jenolan Caves; and their home will be at Carlton. The bride's travelling frock was putty crepe de chene, trimmed oriental embroidery, and hat of saxe blue and putty. Numerous handsome and useful presents were received, also several cheques.

daughter of Edward Secomb + Elizabeth Eva



NO 8 Matilda Secomb and Arthur Kerr.

## MRS. MATILDA KERR

Following a paralytic seizure on Thursday last, Mrs. Matilda Kerr, of Taree, passed away in the Mayo Private Hospital at 1 a.m. on Tuesday. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Secomb, of Dondingalong, Macleay River, where she was born 81 years ago, and where she resided until 1888, when she was married to Mr. A. H. Kerr. Following marriage they went on to a farm on the Orara River, and remained there for about 20 years. They then moved to Coolangatta to live in retirement, and her husband passed away at that centre in 1923. Mrs. Kerr remained at Coolangatta for a few years, then spent four years at Inverell with her brother, and for the last 12 years she has resided at Taree with her only child, Mr. Bert Kerr. The late Mrs. Kerr was loved by all who knew her. Her happy, sympathetic nature attracted those who came into contact with her, and her friendships lasted over long periods. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and throughout life was actuated by an earnest desire to do all in her power to help others. She is survived by one brother, Mr. Edward Secomb, of Tamworth. Three brothers and one sister predeceased her, viz., Jas. Secomb (Sherwood), William Henry Secomb (Coff's Harbor), Rev. Thomas Secomb (Western Australia) and Mrs. Frank Foster (Clarence River). The funeral took place on Wednesday from the Taree Methodist Church to the Dawson cemetery. Rev. W. T. Cross officiated at the church and graveside.

Ethel Secomb / Daughter of Thomas Secomb - Jane Rogers.

30th June  
1920

Mr and Mrs Thomas Secomb

request the pleasure of

Mr & Mrs E. F. Nettles

presence at the marriage of their daughter

Ethel Islet

with

Mr. R. Loftus Baker

at the

Methodist Church, Dondingalong.

on

Wednesday, 30th June, 1920.

at 2 p.m.

And afterwards at "Salem."

"Salem,"

Dondingalong

R.S.I.P.

RECORD #4 OF 13

SURNAME	KESSY
GIVEN NAME(S)	JOHN
SEX	MALE
INDEX YEAR	1857
SPOUSE SURNAME	HANRAHAN
SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S)	MARY ANN
SPOUSE SEX	FEMALE
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	BATHURST
REGISTRATION YEAR	1857
REGISTRATION NUMBER	1385

*Came to Australia  
RENT*

RECORD #3 OF 13

SURNAME	KESLEY
GIVEN NAME(S)	* GEORGE
SEX	MALE
INDEX YEAR	1850
SPOUSE SURNAME	HINDER
SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S)	LOUISA
SPOUSE SEX	FEMALE
DENOMINATION	CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PARISH	PORT MACQUARIE, ST THOMAS' (CO. AYR)
VOLUME REFERENCE	V1850254 44B
REGISTRATION YEAR	1850
REGISTRATION NUMBER	0

*Came to Australia  
Cornwall from Cornwall England  
9. FEB. 1850 2136/2461*

*also John 24  
\* Isaiah 15. Brothers*