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Duntroon was the property of Robert Campbell who was the second man to own land on the Limestone Plains. It became the site chosen to house the Royal Military College - construction work commenced in 1910. There were working men's two camps at Duntroon - one for married men and the other for single. There was also an Infants Primary School and one dairy.

Duntroon, The Royal Military College of Australia 1911-2001 by Darren Moore has a chapter on the building of the RMC. It begins:
The lease for Duntroon Station was signed on the 7th November 1910, and a plan for the construction was approved by the Department of Home Affairs on the same day. The college was designed by the Chief Architect of the Commonwealth, JS Murdoch, whose projects included the design of the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay, the Provisional Parliament House and many of the early Canberra homes built by the Government for its relocated public servants...

The dates of men and women working at RMC that are included in this document come from a book, *Civilians Employed at the Royal Military College of Australia from 1911 to 1931* by Ross Howarth, Archivist, RMC Duntroon November, 2000.

RESERVOIR CAMP, DUNTROON

DAY, William labourer

HAINES, William labourer

He later moved with his wife and family to 52 Westlake. Bill and his wife Ada later lived for a time at the Mt Ainslie Camp during the period of the Great Depression. Bill worked for the Canberra Brickworks and was a powder monkey in the old Quarry near Westlake. Ada Mirah Haines died 29th March 1998 and is buried at Woden Cemetery. Bill predeceased his wife and died on 6th March 1968. Their son, Cedric Thomas died 30th January 1969 and is buried at Woden. Kevin Ronald died 26th March, 1988 and is buried at Gungahlin.

Below: Bill Haines with his first grandchild - photograph taken at Westlake.

JAY, Thomas labourer

A man by the name of T Jay was kitchenman at Duntroon between 6.8.1912-30.9.1912.

JOCELYN, William ganger

SAYERS, Andrew labourer

A Sayers employed as a farm labourer at Duntroon between 5.11.1928 - 1.3.1930

TURNER, Thomas labourer

DUNTROON CAMP

Toorak originally the Home & Territories Married Quarters Camp at Duntroon

CAMPBELL, Emily & Gordon hd & steward.
G Campbell was employed as a steward at the RMC 7.2.1927 - 25.2.1931

CARLING, Florence, Frederick & Arthur hd, assistant cook & kitchenmaid. F Carling was employed at RMC as a labourer 8.6.1926-10.1.1931

WEBBER, Florence hd

Mrs Florence Webber was employed at RMC as a laundress 26.3.1917-31.3.1917 and Mrs FD Webber as a cleaner 2.7.1925-27.12.1930. Mr Frederick Alexander Webber was employed as Head Groom 8.5.1916-1.7.1925. Florence Daisy Newstead married in London in 1916 to Frederick Alexander Canivet Webber. They came to Australia and lived at Duntroon. In 1920 their only child, Winifred Thelma was baptised at St John the Baptist Church Reid, ACT. After her husband's death in 1925 Florence remained at Duntroon. She died 16th December, 1945 aged 51 and like her husband is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Her husband came to Australia in 1906 and then saw service in the First World War. He met his wife in London where they married. He died on 1st July, 1925 aged 40 years. Their daughter later became Mrs HP Hamilton. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

SCROOPE, John labourer

FEDERAL GARDENS, DUNTROON

LLOYD, Mary & William hd & gardener

RUNDLE, Elsie, Mary & Nicholas hd, laundress & steward.

G Rundle was a kitchenman at RMC 23.2.1914-24.9.1914; H Rundle a trumpeter 8.5.1924-28.4.1924; N Rundle was a steward/labourer between 12.2.1925-30.1.1931; Mrs V Rundle was a laundress 28.5.1924-14.10.1925 and W Rundle was a farm labourer 16.1924-30.1.1931. A daughter, Mary Rundle married Jack O'Brien and lived for many years at 51 Westlake. Her nephew, Frank Rundle lived with the family during the period of the Second World War and later married a Westlake girl, Marjorie Hawke.

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DUNTROON ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

ALDRIDGE, Harry groom

H Edward Aldridge 1701 1st Bn worked as a groom between 22.4.1918 – 28.2.1931

ALLEN, Dora & Leslie hd & professor of English

Leslie Allen worked as professor of English at RMC between 1.5.1918-4.2.1931.

ARNOLD, Lily & Roy hd & ps

Mr RA Arnold worked as a Clerk/Accountant from 16.6.1923 - ?

AUSTEN, Jennet hd

BAIN, Hugh steward

He worked at RMC as a Steward 12.3.1927-19.1.1931. A Mrs R Bain worked as a Cook 22.9.1930-27.6.1930.

BARTLETT, James groom

Late RFA worked as a Groom/Labourer between 7.4.1913-20.11.1930

BLEWITT, Annie cook

Mrs A Blewitt worked as a Cook at the hospital between 20.8.1921-27.12.1930. Miss I Blewitt worked as a laundress 12.11.1923-4.2.1924 and S Blewitt as a farm labourer 9.12.1924-16.12.1924.

BROUGH, Margaret, Marion & Thomas hd, hd & labourer

T Brough worked as a labourer 20.5.1924-24.3.1930.

BROWN, Albert gardener.

Two A Brown are mentioned in the list of people working at RMC. The first mentioned was a cook 25.3.1926-22.4.1926 and the second a labourer 9.7.1925-30.6.1930.

Other Brown men mentioned are: Rev A Brown, Chaplain 10.5.1913- died 19.11.1913;

Ben Brown, Farm Labourer 23.3.1921-6.7.. Ben Brown's father lived in Campbell Street, Queanbeyan;

Edward Phillip Brown, Steward 25.6.1916-29.12.1916. His next of kin was listed as his wife at 80 Bellevue Street Glebe, Sydney;

GA Brown, Groom 3.10.1914-11.1915. His next of kin was listed as father, GA Brown 65 Tate Street, Leederville WA;

John Brown, Kitchenman 18.9.1920-8.7.1921. John's next of kin was listed at his half brother Mr J Overend, Ardsley Yorkshire UK;

TA Brown, Kitchenman 20.11.1911-16.2.1912;

WH Brown 1st Light Horse, Groom 31.8.1921-16.8.1922. William Henry Brown's next of kin was listed as his father at Ilford, Essex UK.

BRUCE, Clara & William hd & mechanic
WG Bruce 32nd Bn, Mechanic between 15.9.1921-21.2.1931; Also mentioned R Bruce, Mechanic between 28.7.1924-30.10.1926

BUTLER, Lilian & Arthur hd & medical practitioner

BYRNES, Michael postmaster

CALDWELL, Barbara & John hd & postmaster
Clerk of QM Store 1.12.1922-2.5.1929

CALLAGHAN, Ross labourer
Worked as a labourer 25.10.1920-10.1.1931.

CAMERON, Ada & William hd & clerk
Mr W J Cameron worked as Paymaster 9.2.1926-

CAMPBELL, Matthew mechanic

CAMPBELL, Gordon steward
Worked as Steward 7.2.1927-25.2.1931

CAPE, Alma & George hd & military officer

CAPSTICKS, Eva & Albert hd & carter
A Capsticks was a Steward between 15.7.1913-28.2.1931; TC Capsticks was a Fireman 4.7.1923-7.7.1923 and Mrs A Capsticks was a Cleaner/Cook between 13.2.1926-13.6.1928.

When he commenced work at Duntroon Albert Capsticks was single. His next of kin was then his father at Mansfield Nottingham UK. After his marriage Albert and his wife lived at Duntroon.

Eva Flora Florence Rebecca Capsticks was the fifth child of Frederick and Alice Warwick of Duntroon and was born in 1889. She married Albert Allan Capsticks, Steward at Duntroon and had three children. She died 5th November, 1979 aged 90 years. Her ashes are interred with Alice Warwick. An inscription states *Eva Capsticks, 90 years, 5.11.79/ Mother of Lillie May, 59 years 15.12.81/ Nana of Leigh Beaver 3 days 11.12.81/ Gordon May, 67 years 12.8.88*

CARNALL, Mary & Frederick hd & storeman
Frederick William Carnall worked as a Labourer/Storeman 22.9.1915-30.6.1930. EKBP Carnall worked as a Canteen Assistant .4.1916-21.2.1920.

CARR, Anthony military student

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CHAPMAN, Ethel & Benjamin hd & gardener
Benjamin Chapman worked as a Gardener RMC
1.7.1921-13.2.1931

CHIPPERFIELD, Frederick labourer

COLES, Maud hd

COONEY, Beatrice, Marie, Matthew & Matthew
hd, hd, steward & labourer
Mr Cooney had six children and all lived at Duntroon,
Matthew was one of his sons.

Miss B Cooney worked as a Laundress 4.11.1929-
27.12.1930; E Cooney as a Labourer 1.11.1927-
10.1.1931; L Cooney Canteen Assistant between
17.12.1923-27.12.1930; Matthew Eric Cooney as
Pantryman/Trumpeter between 2.10.1914-30.1.1931;
W Cooney as Messenger/WS Boy 28.3.1923-
29.9.1928

COPPIN, Mary & Harold hd & groundsman
Harold worked as Labourer/Carter 26.4.1921-
28.2.1931

COSTELLO, Francis soldier

COTTRILL, Eric soldier

CRUICKSHANK, Ethel & Robert hd &
chauffeur
Robert worked as a Storeman Labourer 14.8.1914-
16.3.1931.

CUTHBERTSON, Elizabeth & Robert officer's
mess cook & butler.
Mrs Cuthbertson worked as a cook 14.6.1928-
5.10.1928 and Robert Cuthbertson as a Messman
14.6.1928-29.9.1928.

DARBY, Amelia hd
Miss E Darby worked as a Laundress between
27.3.1916-1.5.1918 and HA Darby 53rd Bn was Chief
Cook between 21.8.1922-26.8.1923.

DE SMET, Margaret, Albert & Charles hd,
labourer & ps
The De Smet family is an old one in the district.
Several family members worked at RMC Duntroon.
AV De Smet, Labourer/Groundsman 7.7.1913-
30.6.1930; CE De Smet, Groom/Canteen Assistant
between 11.8.1915-24.3.1930; J De Smet,
Kitcheman/Cook between 23.7.1912-6.5.1916; NJ De
Smet, Messenger 30.1.1929-17.1.1931. AV DeSmet
had seven children – 6 males and 1 female – the first
was born in 1985 and the last in 1917. Jules DeSmet
was married and lived at Duntroon. Charles
Emmanuel De Smet was a brother of AV De Smet and
lived in Campbell Street, Queanbeyan. Other family
members include, Ada Louisa, daughter of Luke

Colverwell Jr and wife of Charles Emanuel de Smet.
She died 14.7.1922 aged 43 years.

DEWAR, Arthur military student

DOYLE, Robert steward
13th Bn – worked at Steward/Cook between
24.3.1917-27.12.1930.

EASTER, Louise & Albert hd & soldier

EDWARDS, George steward

EDWARDS, George chauffeur
5th Bn Inf Bde Tnspt worked as a Groundsman/Groom
between 20.3.1911-27.1.1931.

EDWARDS, Martha hd

EDLINGTON, Jennet & Charles hd & grazier
J Edlington worked as Canteen Assistant
18.8.1926-

FOSTER, Charlotte & Adam hd & painter
A Foster worked as a Painter 24.7.1924-11.10.1930.

FOX, Bernard groom
B Fox worked as Groom/Steward 9.4.1924 – 1931.

GARROD, John market gardener

GAMLIN, Charles hd & grazier

GILCHRIST, Sarah, Archibald & Archibald hd,
bank clerk & professor.
Worked as Professor in Maths 1.1.1912-1.1.1923.

GRAHAM, Harriet, Hetty & William hd, hd &
clerk
Mrs N Graham worked as a Laundress 16.7.1923-
29.9.1923; Mr WA Graham worked as a Clerk HQ
26.8.1926-1.1.1931. A Mrs Louisa Graham of
Duntroon RMC died 27th September 1919 aged 58
years. She was the daughter of Stewart and Ann
Graham of Hobart, Tasmania.

GRIFFITHS, Edith hd
A number of Griffiths are mentioned working at
Duntroon RMC. They are:

Miss E B Griffiths worked as a Laundress 14.6.1926-
31.7.1926;

Frederick Hall Griffith worked as a Groundsman
31.1.1916-25.3.1916. 18.10.1915; S Griffiths worked
as a Groom 3.3.1915-16.8.1915. Frederick and S
Griffiths were the sons of Mrs Griffiths of *Balcombe*
Balcombe Street, Queanbeyan.

Gerry Norman Griffith 1st Pioneers worked as a
Kitchenman 29.6.1922-13.10.1922. His home address

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was c/o his sister, Mrs Williams c/o Constable Williams, Victoria Barracks Melbourne.

Lawrence Griffiths worked as a Farm Labourer 28.6.1921-2.2.1922. His wife's address was c/o Mrs Mayo, Duntroon.

LP Griffiths worked as a Labourer/Groom 27.5.1911-10.7.1911; Richard Griffith worked as a Groom 19.8.1915-

GRIMES, Mary, Edith, Christopher & Benjamin hd, hd, labourer & labourer.

BJ Grimes, 6th Light Horse, Ho worked as a Pantryman/Labourer between 13.6.1916-12.6.1925; C Grimes Labourer/Pioneer 28.4.1921-30.6.1930; BJ Grimes 35th Bn, Labourer/Groom between 29.2.1916-11.8.1919; W Grimes 2nd Depot Bn Melb, Labourer/Groom between 7.4.1911-26.4.1918.

HADLEY, Ruby & Harry hd & military engineer

HALL, Dora & Sidney hd & nightwatchman
Sydney Thomas Hall 1st Bn worked as a Steward/Cook 16.2.1920-31.3.1931

HALPIN, Elizabeth laundress
Miss B Halpin and Mrs E Halpin worked as Laundresses – Miss from 31.1.1928-5.4.1928 and Mrs between 31.3.1917-27.12.1930; P Halpin worked as a Farm Labourer 10.11.1927-24.4.1928.

HANCOCK, Irene hd
Several Hancock were employed at RMC Duntroon – Hancock CD, Cleaner between 9.3.1925-1930; GW Hancock Cook 7.2.1924-25.2.1931; H Hancock, Steward/Orderly between 1.3.1912-12.2.1921.

HANCOCK, George clerk

HANCOCK, Valston military student

HARLEY, Hylda & Thomas hd & civil servant
T Harley was a Marks Clerk 16.3.1915 to ?. A J Harley is also mentioned at RMC Duntroon – Kitchenman 5.8.1914-6.10.1914.

HAYDON, Beryl & Jeffrey hd & professor of language
Professor Haydon was employed 1.1.1912-4.2.1931. Another CM Haydon was a lecturer in modern languages 11.7.1918-28.10.1918.

HEFFERNAN, Patrick military student

HERITAGE, Rita & Francis hd & professor of language

HILL, Alfred labourer
Worked as a Farm Labourer 22.11.1926-4.6.1928

HEUDERBOURCK, Jessie & George hd & cook
George worked as a Cook/Labourer from ? until 14.1.1931.

HURLEY, Mary & William hd & labourer
William worked as a Labourer/Groom 16.7.1925-30.1.1931. There are several other Hurley who worked at RMC. B Hurley, Labourer 17.8.1925-8.9.1925; Miss B Hurley Laundress, ? – 2.11.1929

IRVING, Violet & Ronald hd & military officer

JENNINGS, Doris hd

JENNINGS, Elizabeth cook
5.5.1923-27.12.1930 at RMC. A SG Jennings was a Messenger employed between 27.12.1926-29.8.1929

JENNINGS, John soldier

JONES, Geoffrey military student

KENNA, Alan soldier

KENT, Hilda & Reginald hd & soldier

KIMBERLEY, Laurel & Arthur hd & saddler
Arthur worked as a Saddler at RMC 17.2.1921-1.1.1931

KNIGHTS, Flora & William hd & chief clerk
A Miss BE Knights worked as a typist 30.5.1927-31.1.1931

KNUDSON, Ivy & Carl hd & military force

LEE, Joseph permanent military officer

LOCKYER, Frederick pantryman
Frederick worked as a Groom/Labourer 30.4.1926-20.4.1929

LODGE, Jane & James hd & engine driver
James Barnett Lodge worked as a Fireman/Mechanic 3.5.1915-27.12.1930 and his wife as a Laundress between 18.10.1915-25.5.1925 Jane Hannah LODGE wife of James Barnett Lodge an engineer. She had two daughters, born in 1918 and 1919. The family lived at Duntroon for many years before moving to Kingston. Jane died 18th July 1938 aged 56 years. Her daughter, Phoebe Muriel baptised 1919 was accidentally drowned in the Molonglo River near Duntroon 30th December 1926. She was 8 years of age. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

LOMAX, Josephine & Claude hd & carpenter
Claude Lomax worked as a carpenter at RMC 25.11.1920-7.2.1925

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LOWE, John cleaner
Worked as a Cleaner at RMC between 16.12.1913-25.2.1931

McCRIMMON, Alice nurse

McEARCHERN, Maude & Alexander hd & soldier
An AWD McEarchern worked as a Canteen Assistant 22.9.1930-15.12.1930

MACGILLICUDDY, Ellen, Margaret & Patrick hd, hd & soldier

McINNES, Frances & Arnold hd & labourer
55th Bn Arnold worked as a Labourer/Storeman 22.10.1918-1.7.1930

McKINSTRY, Elizabeth & William hd & businessman
William McKinstry worked as a Bootmaker from 1.9.1926 to ?

McKENZIE, Bridget & Colin hd & professor of chemistry
Worked at RMC as Lecturer in Chemistry between 1.1.1912-31.3.1948

MATTHEWS, Rupert farmer

MAWSON, Harriet nurse
A Miss Harriet Godden Mawson worked as a Nurse at the hospital RMC 12.11.1921-12.12.1930

MAWSON, Muriel nurse
Worked as a Nurse at RMC hospital 24.4.1926-12.12.1930

MAYO, Alison & Charles hd & ---

MEADOWS, Gertrude & Frank hd & clerk

MUNDELL, Catherine & David hd & trumpeter
David worked as Bugler/Trumpeter 29.5.1928-14.1.1931

MURPHY, Sarah & William hd & tailor
William worked as a tailor 14.6.1915-27.12.1930.
Miss CM Murphy worked as a tailor's assistant 16.8.1926-21.8.1926 and her next of kin was listed as her mother who lived at Gundaroo.

NEWPORT, Alice & Albert hd & steward
Albert 2nd AMG Sq Kitchenman/Labourer worked RMC between 2.3.1912-8.4.1931

NICHOLSON, Vera & Henry hd & groom
5th Bn Henry worked as a Groom RMC 26.3.1918-13.2.1931

Francis Gerald, fourth child of Vera Alice Nicholson (nee Phillips) and Henry Herbert Nicholson was born in 1927 and baptised at St John the Baptist Church Reid ACT in 1928 with his twin brother Edgar Maddern Nicholson. Francis was three years old when he died 18th December 1930. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

NISBET, Annie & James hd & soldier

NYMAN, Alan military student

OATES, William soldier

OLDFIELD, Esther, Alfred & William hd, labourer & labourer
A number of Oldfield worked at Duntroon. Alfred A Oldfield, Farm Labourer worked between 10.1.1921-13.2.1932; EM Oldfield Farm Labourer, 27.7.1925-1.9.1925; OJ Oldfield Farm Labourer 14.12.1925 - ?; Miss P Oldfield, Laundress 28.4.1930-27.12.1930; William Oldfield Farm Labourer worked between 2.10.1925 - ?

ORDISH, Ada, Mary & Harold hd, hd & soldier

ORDIGE, Alma hd

OSBORNE, Coles captain Indian army

O'CASS, George labourer

O'CONNOR, John military student

PITT, Douglas soldier

POLA, John soldier

POLA, Patrick salesman
Pat Pola worked RMC as a Canteen Assistant/Clerk 17.6.1919-15.12.1930

QUINN, Matthew labourer
Matthew worked as a Steward/Labourer at RMC 2.9.1914-2.2.1925

RAYMOND, Beatrice & Albert hd & fitter
Albert worked at RMC Chaffeur/Fitter 21.6.1924-15.4.1931

REARDON, Mary hd

REDPATH, Nissie, Alexander, George & John hd, shoemaker, labourer & labourer.
John Redpath worked as a Farm Labourer between 14.9.1920-10.1.1931. George Redpath worked as a Farm Labourer 21.12.1925-27.12.1930. George Henry Redpath married Myrtle Agnes Tindale who was born in Young in 1907. She died 7th February 1935 following the birth of twins. One of the twins, a boy, was stillborn and the other, Rupert, lived for only a

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few minutes and both mother and sons share the same grave. Their names are not on the tombstone at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Myrtle was 28 at the time of her death.. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

REID, Margaret & Thomas hd & groom.
Thomas worked as a Groom at RMC between
22.7.1912 – 30.6.1920

ROBERTSON, Gordon soldier

SANDFORD, Myra needlewoman

STEPHEN, Mary & Andrew hd & soldier

STEVENS, Emily, David & George hd, cleaner
& labourer
DG Stevens (Stumpy) worked at RMC as a
Groom/Cleaner 28.9.1914-30.1.1931

SUTHERLAND, Roderick soldier

SUTHERLAND, Traill lecturer
Lectured in Maths & Physics at RMC 8.2.1926-
31.12.1930

TANSING, Leslie military student

THOMSON, Alan military officer

THORNTON, Adela hd
Mrs D Thornton worked as a Laundress between
29.9.1924-13.3.1925

TINDALE, Myrtle hd
Mrs EM Tindale, War Widow worked as a cleaner
19.3.1921-14.7.1923

TINDALE, Susan & Tom hd & farmer
Tom Tindale worked as a Farm Labourer 31.12.1920-
13.2.1931. A EL Tindale also worked as a Farm
Labourer 23.11.1925-27.12.1930

TRACEY, Jean & William hd & groom
William worked as a Kitchenman/Groom 17.9.1923-
13.2.1931

UNDERWOOD, John fireman
Worked as Fireman 5.2.1927-27.12.1930

VERNON, Donald military steward

WALKER, Robert steward
Worked as a Steward at RMC 8.2.1926-27.12.1930

WARD, Annie & Leslie hd & poultry attendant

WARDELL, Elma & Augustin hd captain AS
corp

WARWICK, Margaret, Alexander & Frederick
hd, labourer & labourer
Frederick Warwick was the third child of John and
Rebecca (nee Fairleigh) Warwick and was born in the
parish of Braidwood in 1857. Frederick married Alice
Mary Elizabeth Morris Austen at St Johns in 1881.
They had eight children. Frederick died at Duntroon
1st May 1932 aged 75. His father John is also buried at
St John the Baptist Church Cemetery . He died on 10th
April 1900. His wife Rebecca died aged 39 on 5th
January 1873. She along with three of their children
are buried at Nelligen.

A number of the Warwick family are buried at
Reiverside Cemetery in Queanbeyan. They are
Margaret M Warwick who died 4.11.1965 aged 79
years and Arthur Joseph Warwick died 27.7.1980 aged
84. He was the son of Frederick Warwick and married
Margaret Minnie Lewis.

WATSON, Maxwell military student

WASSON, William farrier
Worked as a Farrier/Floorman 7.11.1916-13.3.1929

WEBBER, Florence hd
Worked as a Laundress 26.3.1917-31.3.1917 and as a
Cleaner 2.7.1925-27.12.1930 Mr Frederick Alexander
Webber was employed as Head Groom 8.5.1916-
1.7.1925. Florence Daisy Newstead married in
London in 1916 to Frederick Alexander Canivet
Webber. They came to Australia and lived at
Duntroon. In 1920 their only child, Winifred Thelma
was baptised at St John the Baptist Church Reid, ACT.
After her husband's death in 1925 Florence remained
at Duntroon. She died 16th December, 1945 aged 51
and like her husband is buried in St John the Baptist
Church Cemetery. Her husband came to Australia in
1906 and then saw service in the First World War. He
met his wife in London where they married. He died
on 1st July, 1925 aged 40 years. Their daughter later
became Mrs HP Hamilton. Reference *St John's
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WELCH, Margaret & Roland hd & clerk
Late RFA – worked as a Labourer/Clerk 21.2.1911-
4.7.1927

WELLS, Lorna & Henry hd & soldier

WOOD, John teacher

WOODMAN, Henry labourer
Worked as a Labourer RMC 17.8.1920-30.6.1930.
Another Woodman, CG – late RFA worked as a
Groom 1.3.1913-15.3.1913

WYLIE, Mary & George hd & steward
George Wylie worked as a Steward at RMC 24.3.1919-
25.2.1931. A Mrs Mary Wylie worked as a Cook

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19.2.1921-18.4.1921 and Matthew Wylie worked as a Butler 19.2.1921-18.4.1921

YEOMAN, Elizabeth, Frances, Frederick & Walter hd, hd, rangemaker & groom

Several Yeoman worked at RMC – E Yeoman, Messenger 15.5.1926-4.6.1927; FGN Yeoman, late RFA Range Warden 22.4.1913-18.10.1930; WH Yeoman, Labourer/Groom 14.2.1923-30.1.1931.

Frederick William Yeoman, third child of Frederick George Nixon a range warden employed at RMC and Elizabeth Yeoman nee Champion was baptised at St John the Baptist Church Canberra in 1915. He died 14th November 1929 aged 14 years. His mother, Elisabeth was born in England – daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Champion. She married in England and came to Australia with her husband Frederick Yeoman in 1913. They had five children. Elizabeth died on 21st November, 1919 aged 35 years. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

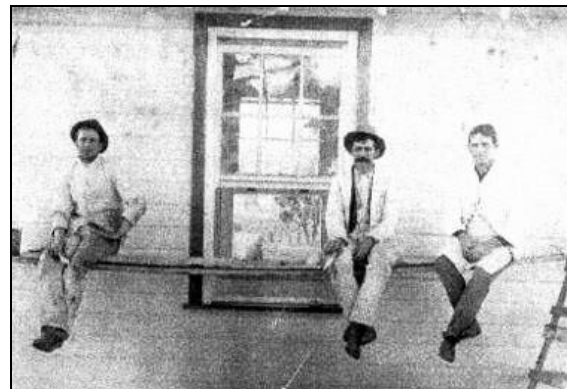
Jean Salisbury's book *St John's Churchyard* lists a number of people who lived at Duntroon at the time of their deaths. The people listed below are only those recorded in the period of the RMC. There are many who lived there in the 19th century whose bones lie in St John's Churchyard. The people who died during the RMC period (1911-1930) include:

Percy Louis BARRACLOUGH son of Lewis and Ruth Barraclough. He was born at Bourke. His wife's name was Lily. He was a painter living in the Home and Territories' Camp at Duntroon at the time of his death 29th April 1918. He was aged 30 years and father of two children. His grand daughter, Bronwen Hughes provides the following information - *My Grandparents - Percy Lewis and Lilly Priscilla Barraclough lived at the Duntroon College from about 1913 until the death of my grandfather (he was in his early 30's) Percy, in April, 1918. Lilly had to leave Duntroon as she was pregnant with my mum and was due to give birth in June, plus she had three daughters the eldest was 6. So after Percy's burial (he is buried at St. John the Baptist church in Reid, grave is unmarked at present), Lilly returned to her family's home in Wee Waa, and my mother was born on June 6, 1918. She stayed in Wee Waa for a short time then took the 4 girls to Sydney and ran a boarding house in Newtown, that way she could keep the family together, as her family wanted to put the children into care.*

Lilly Barraclough was employed at Duntroon as a housekeeper and Percy was employed as a painter, and carpenter. Duntroon was being expanded at that time. My grandmother was Frederick's eldest sister Lilly Priscilla Barton, she was born at a place called Waterloo Creek and she was the eldest of 11 children born to my great grandparents Richard and Mary Ann Barton, who lived most of their lives in Wee Waa. My grandmother Lilly Priscilla married a coach builder and painter, Percy Barraclough at Wee Waa in

December 1909. At that time Percy owned his own business in Boggabri. They were living in Merton St Boggabri. Lilly and Percy lost their first born daughter Vera a few hours after her birth. They moved on from Boggabri shortly after this. They seemed to move about a fair bit, they worked at Eulah Creek, and Merah North, before they moved to the ACT, where Percy and Lilly both worked at the Duntroon Military College. Lilly had three daughters and was 6 months pregnant with another child (my mother) when Percy had a heart attack and died. Lilly returned to the family home in Rose Street, Wee Waa, to await the birth of her fourth daughter.

Below Percy Barraclough in 1909. On the next page the top photograph – Painters at Duntroon – Percy in centre and bottom photograph Lily with friend.



Above: Percy Barraclough in the centre at Duntroon. Top photograph is Percy Barraclough in 1909 shortly before he married Lily Barton and below Lily Barton. Photographs loaned by Bronwen Hughes.

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Henry STOKER – son of Edward Alexander Stoker was born in Dublin Ireland in 1858. He married Mary Poe and the family came to Australia circa 1897. Henry became a medical officer at RMC and died on 1st December 1926 aged 68. His wife Mary died 30th August 1925 aged 55. She was thrown from a motor vehicle. Both are buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Alfred TINDALE son of Eric and Mary Grace Tindale died 4th October, 1922. He was born at Murrumburah and was 3 years and 4 months when he died. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

William Thomas HALL was an immigrant from England. He was married to Elizabeth and father of five children. He was a caretaker at Duntroon at the time of his death 1 December, 1928. He was 67 years of age. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Elsie PAYNTING – daughter of Harry Thomas Tow and Mary Ann (nee Kenny) was born Northhampton England and came to NSW in 1914. She was a housemaid when she married in 1915 to Ernest Henry Jeffs Paynting, Steward employed at Duntroon. She had two children and died 24th October, 1920 aged 29 – eight days after the birth of her son, Edmund. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

John Hodson STURDEE, son of Lieut-col Vernon Ashton Hobart Sturdee and Edith Georgina (nee Robins). He was born March 1922 at Quetta India and died 14th May, 1924 at Duntroon. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

James WYNWOOD, Son of Elias and Charlotte was born in Leicester England and came to Australia in 1906. He married Margaret Kelly in 1910 and had a daughter Hilda. He was employed at the RMC as a Steward. He died 5th August 1915 aged 47. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Loiusa GRAHAM resident at RMC died 27 September 1919 aged 58. Her parents were Stewart and Ann Graham of Hobart. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Everard Alfred SANDFORD son of William and Catherine was born in London. He married in London in 1928 to Myra Rosina and both came to Australia four years later. He worked at Duntroon as a bootmaker. He died on the 13th October 1923 aged 45 years. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Ivy Dorothy DODD, daughter of Ivy Beatrice and Ernest Dodd died 21st March 1912. She was eight and half months old and her father worked at RMC as a foreman groom. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Elizabeth Ann BRANSON, wife of Walter John Branson. She was the daughter of Joseph and Amelia Burrows and was working as a Laundress at RMC at the time of her death 18th May 1914. She was 55 years of age. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

Olive Marshall HISCOCK daughter of Captain Charles Hiscock of RMC and Lyle Hiscock was born in 1891 and died 6.1.1920 aged 28. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

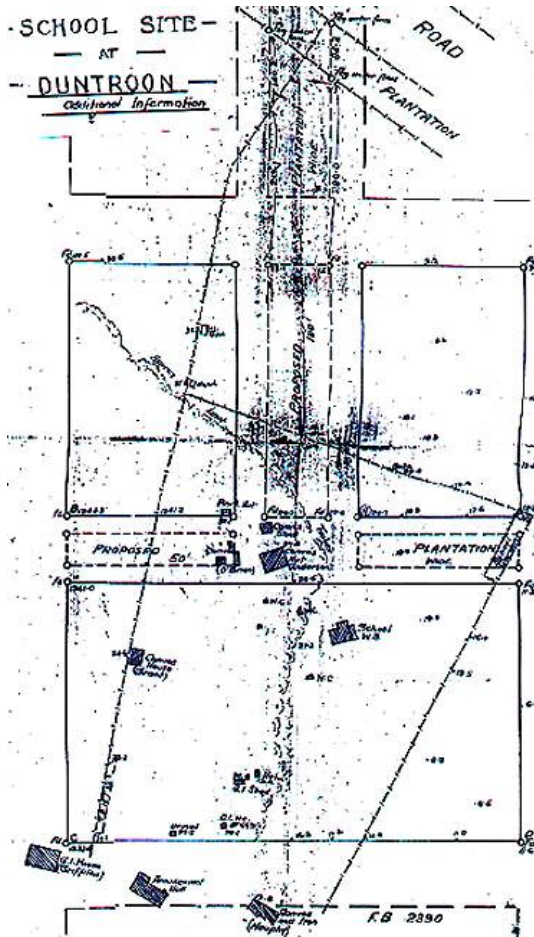
The following burials were at Riverside Cemetery, Queanbeyan:

Augustus BEARD Died 17.2.1924 aged 25, labourer, Duntroon.

Edward Francis STONE died 8.1.1922 aged 5 years

Philip Augustus DAVIES gentleman, died 26.5.1919 aged 77 years

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Above: Map of Duntroon around 1921. The school and a few early cottages still in situ in 1921. Below is a detail of the Molonglo Internment Camp 1919.



Below: Duntroon around 1912. This photograph belonged to Nairn Stuart who worked at Duntroon in the early years.



Below: Alison and Nairn Stuart at Acton in older age. Mrs Stuart was a Kinlyside of Briar Farm.

