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William Thomas Price was probably named after his two grandfathers – William Price and Thomas Cooper. He was born on 16.7.1819 and was baptised at St John's Parramatta. He died 20.4.1895.

Below Caroline Price nee Martin and
William Thomas Price.



William Thomas married 7.3.1840 to Caroline Martin – daughter of Robert Martin Jr and his wife Mary Elizabeth nee Merrick. Caroline was born 19.5.1824 and died in her 54th year on 3.12.1878. The cause of death was exhaustion following an asthma attack that lasted one month. She was buried on 5.12.1878. The undertaker was S Boughton and the minister J Monohan of the Wesleyan faith. The witnesses on her death certificate were William Thomas Price and James Price. Three years later in 1881 William Thomas Price married Elizabeth Isaacs. There were no children of the second marriage.



Above: Caroline Price (nee Martin) and two of her youngest daughters, Emma Eliza and Alice Ann



Photocopy of original photograph of
Alice Ann Price.

William Thomas Price was buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery at Londonderry. *The Nepean Times* 27th April 1895 contained the following obituary;

Death of an Old Colonist. On Saturday last there passed away at the ripe old age of 75 years at Richmond Mr WT Price, a native of the District, who has resided nearly the whole of his life within its boundaries. At one time he took an active part in public matters, and was ever foremost in all movements that had their aim the welfare of the

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district. He was an alderman of the borough more than once, and carried out his duties assiduously. Of late years he lived a retired life, but was venerated by old and young alike, until his death claimed him for his own. Mr Price was associated with the temperance and other bodies and his funeral was largely attended by all classes of the community. He had been a great sufferer during his declining years, and only recently underwent a painful operation...

Gazette 27 April 1895

...The genial Steve Dunstan in his ever obliging manner drove a coach conveying a number of residents to the funeral free of cost. A number of the deceased's relatives were present at the funeral, including his son Mr Roll Price, and Mr W Sullivan and his wife from Maitland were also present. The funeral reached from Mr Percy Cornwell's residence in March Street to Mr John Cornwell's adjoining the common...



Photocopy of an original photograph of William Thomas Price and one of his sons.



Above: Photocopy of Caroline Martin and her youngest son taken in 1875. The boy died the next year.

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CHILDREN OF WILLIAM THOMAS & CAROLINE PRICE

WILLIAM ROBERT PRICE was born on 5.7.1841- a day before his father's birthday. He died on 13.1.1889 aged 46 years.

On 30.1.1867 William Robert Price married Elizabeth Young 11.12.1847-13.3.1933. She was the sister of Joseph Young who married William Robert's cousin Marianne Crisford. She is buried in the Penrith General Cemetery and her grave has the following inscription: *Elizabeth Price In Loving Memory of our dear Mother Elizabeth, widow of William Robert Price died 13th March 1933 aged 85 years. Lead Kindly Light. [Also] Jessie May Price passed away 18th August 1943 aged 75 years. Abide With Me.*

The Nepean Times 2nd February 1889
We regret to have to chronicle the decease of one of our townsmen, Mr William Price who died on Wednesday night at the comparatively early age of 47. Mr Price had been ill for 14 months with cancer in the stomach, having been through the Sydney Hospital but to little purpose. He was last attended by Dr Scott, and although he had been a great sufferer, having to be fed by injection, his end, which came about 6.30, was a peaceful one, surrounded by his uncle and most of his family. He leaves a widow and six children, four boys and two girls to mourn his loss, the eldest being 20 and the youngest but one year old. He several times expressed his anxiety to be taken away and so terminate his sufferings. He also desired that there should be a post mortem held

on his body, if it would be any benefit to the community, but to this his uncle objected stating that there were plenty on whom they could operate in Sydney who had no friends, and therefore this step was not taken. Mr Price was born in Richmond whence he came to Penrith about three years ago and set up in business as a blacksmith in Henry Street and he was a Wesleyan.

The move to Penrith from Richmond was reported in the *Hawkesbury Chronicle and Farmers Journal* May 15, 1886.

Mr WR Price lately an alderman of the borough left for Penrith. Another good man gone! Not far however – only to Penrith. Everyone knew the famed 'Vulcan' of March Street – Mr WR Price – lately Alderman of the Borough. Well William has at last given Richmond best. He was a bit of a character, but nevertheless had his own anvil to convince against his will. It is hoped that Penrith will agree with Mr Price better than Richmond ever did and he will meet as many genuine men there as himself.

Nepean Times 18th March 1933.
A most estimable citizen of Penrith, Mrs Elizabeth Price, relict of the late Mr William Robert Price, died at her residence Hemming Street Lemongrove on Monday evening at the age of 85 years. A very worthy representative of an old Nepean-Hawkesbury family of honourable repute and good name, is thus lost to the district.

The late Mrs Price was born at Richmond on 11th December 1847 and

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was educated at the Ladies College in that town, the late Mrs MS Tipping of Penrith who died a few months ago being a school mate. She was the daughter of Edwin and Ann Young and with her late husband came to live at Penrith 46 years ago. He died about a year later. She is survived by two daughters and four sons, viz:- Miss Jessie Price (Penrith), Mrs H Messer, Jr (Earlwood), and Mr Nelson Price (Penrith), Mr Leslie Price (Young), Mr Harold Price (Chatswood) and Mr Stanley Price (Penrith). There are 13 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Deceased was the sister of the Rev Joseph Young (Epping), Mr WH Young (late Deputy Registrar), Mr Rowland Young, Mrs Bowes (Dulwich Hill), Mrs Pierce (Marickville) and Miss Young (Epping) and of the late Mr EJ Young (Deputy Post Master-General) and the late Mr Albert Young (Maitland).

The funeral took place on Tuesday when the remains were laid to rest in Penrith General Cemetery. Prior to the cortege leaving the home, Rev AE Putland (Methodist) conducted a brief but impressive service. He also conducted the service at the graveside. Many beautiful wreaths were received including one from the Penrith Council and one from the Board of the Nepean District Hospital. Three grandsons, Messrs Rowland, William and Arnold Price and great-grandson Kenneth Harvey were pall bearers.

CONDOLENCE

At the meeting of the Board of Nepean District Hospital on Monday evening the chairman (Mr D Finch) said that he was

sorry to convey to the members the information that the mother of Mr Nelson Price, a member of the board, had passed away that evening. He asked members as a token of respect to an esteemed member to stand in silence.

This was done, and the secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Board to Mr Nelson Price.

At the meeting of the Penrith Council on Tuesday evening the Mayor (Alderman Alf Hand) made sympathetic reference to the bereavement suffered by Alderman Nelson Price. The condolence of the aldermen was expressed by standing in silence.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM ROBERT & ELIZABETH (nee Young) PRICE

1. JESSIE MAY 1868 18.8.1943

Nepean Times 28th June 1943

Miss Jessie May Price, a very highly respected citizen of Penrith for nearly 60 years, died in hospital at Springwood on 18th inst after a long illness at the age of 73 years. Deceased was the daughter of the late William Robert Price and Elizabeth Price coming with them from Richmond to Penrith in her youthful days.

Miss Price was connected with the Methodist Church since her arrival here and took a very active part in advancing the welfare of the church and Sunday School. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years and was a collector for the annual picnic. At the garden fetes held for many years in the grounds of 'Beuna Vista' Lemongrove the property of the late Mr Arthur

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Judges, Miss Price year after year with others conducted the refreshment stall, a service which she continued in later years when the fetes were held elsewhere.

2. NELSON 1871-22.9.1949. 1893 he married Edith May Herbert circa 1873-1.9.1961.

Edith May and Nelson Price are buried in the Penrith General Cemetery in the Methodist Section. The following inscription is on the graves: *In Loving Memory of my dear Husband and our Father, NELSON PRICE Passed away 22nd September 1949 aged 78 years and our dear Mother Edith May Price passed away 4th July 1961 aged 88 years.*

Nepean Times January 2, 1914

POLICE COURT THURSDAY
Before Messrs WH Wrenach and EC Burrows JP's William Barker Cusack Kaye was charged with that being the bailee of a horse of the value of 12 pounds the property of Nelson Price, Penrith, he did fraudently convert the same to his own use.

Constable Walsh of St Mary's deposed: - On the evening of the 16th inst I went to Sydney. I then went to Inglis and Sons's Saleyards Camperdown and there saw accused standing in a ring. I arrested him by virtue of a warrant (produced) and charged him with larceny as a bailee of a horse valued at 12 pounds, the property of Nelson Price of Penrith. I cautioned him. He said, "Do you know who I am?" I said, "I do." He said, "I'll have you sacked in 24 minutes." I said, "What about Price's horse?" He said, "I know nothing about that." I then took

him to the office of the saleyards. I searched him and found 7 pounds 14/11d. Reginald Inglis said in accused's presence, "This man sold a turnout here today for 7 pounds." Accused said, "I've never spent one shilling of the money; it is all there." I then escorted him to Camperdown lockup and while there he said "I do not wish to give you any trouble, I sold Price's turnout for 7 pounds to a shearer who was going up country. I took the accused to Penrith lockup the same night. I recovered the horse the same day in Sydney.

Mr Nelson Price deposed: - I am a livery stable proprietor. On the 15th of this month there was a horse hired out of my stable. My son took the horse to a gentleman who had rung up. I did not see the horse after that until it was brought back by Constable Walsh...

The article continued with a deposition by Mrs Edith Price and their son Roland and the details of proposed trial.

Nepean Times August 27 1915
MOTOR ACCIDENT

A rather serious motor car accident happened at Kurrajong Heights on Saturday. Mr Nelson Price of Penrith was driving an Overlander Car and was taking Mr Eric Bowden, ex MP for the Nepean, Mrs Bowden, Miss Bowden, his sister and his five children up to Mrs Peck's Boarding House. Going up a steep pinch to the house the car stopped and the brakes refused to act, it ran back and over an embankment, turning over twice. The driver of the car was seriously injured about the chest and side, and is still too bad to be shifted from Mrs Peck's where he is being

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nursed by his daughter and attended by Dr Donovan of Richmond. Mrs Bowden received slight injuries and suffered very much from shock, while Mr Bowden's back was injured. The others escaped with slight abrasions. The car was stopped in its somersaulting down a gully by coming in contact with a tree and was badly damaged. It was pulled out on Tuesday afternoon, and taken away after fixing it up with several new parts.

Hawkesbury Gazette Saturday March 31 1917 – Obituary of Edith Price's father.

We regret to have to report the death of Mr William Herbert father of Mrs Nelson Price of Penrith and former resident of the town for many years, the sad event taking place at his late residence of Botany Street Redfern on Saturday 17th instant [March]. The deceased gentleman who was in his 66th year has been ailing for sometime with that dread complaint diabetes and we understand that his condition grew so serious... Employed by the railways...

Nepean Times September 29th 1949.

*THE LATE MR NELSON PRICE
Mr Nelson Price who died at his residence 480 High Street Penrith on the 2nd instant at the age of 78 years was one of the district's most estimable citizens. He was known to practically all residents in the district and was regarded as a generous affable gentleman whose friendship was highly valued.*

He was a conspicuous figure in the community by reason of his calling. As funeral director in the business so long

known as John Price and Son, he came in contact with countless people. He possessed personal qualities that fitted him in high degree. Sympathy, tact, kindness and a wonderful aptitude for doing the right thing distinguished this splendid citizen. His upright bearing, symbolical of the character will long be remembered and many will mourn his passing.

The late Mr Price became ill about twelve months ago and in January of this year made his last appearance public at a funeral. He failed gradually, sustained by faithful and homely attention.

Deceased was the eldest son of William and Elizabeth Price and was born at Richmond. His boyhood days were mostly spent in that town, and he came to Penrith with his family when he was about 15 years of age. They lived for sometime in Castlereigh Street North, in the premises at the rear of the present Melrose House.

As a lad, Nelson Price entered the railway service and became a fireman. After four years he left the service and became an apprentice to the late Mr WH Starling as a blacksmith [whose] business [is] located next to the Federal Hotel. He continued at that work for some time, and about forty years ago bought the livery stables in Station Street Penrith from the late Mrs Priddle with residence.

Some 25 years ago he bought out the undertaking and monumental masonry business of John Price and Son, at that time conducted by the late

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Mr Leo Price in High Street near the picture theatre. The business had its beginnings way back in 1855. For a time deceased operated from the Station Street home but in 1927 removed to 280 High Street which became his final residence, and from which he conducted his business till about six months ago, when it was sold to the Rural Bank and immediately afterwards sold to Mr WR Smith (Penrith Motors) who is now in charge and who was the funeral director on this occasion.

Fifty six years ago Nelson Price and Edith Mary Herbert, daughter of William and Sarah Herbert of Penrith were married in Penrith Presbyterian Church by the late Rev James McKee. Deceased is survived by his esteemed wife and two daughters, Ruby (Mrs EG Field of Castlereigh) and Maud (Mrs T Harvey of Penrith). His son Roley died about four years ago. His brothers and sisters are: Leslie (Willoughby), Harold (Penshurst), Stanley (Penrith) and Gladys (Mrs H Messer Penrith). Another sister, Jessie, predeceased him.

There are eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Deceased took a considerable part in public affairs of the town and district. For six years he was an Alderman of Penrith Council, an indication of the high esteem in which he was held in the community was the fact that he twice topped the poll at municipal elections. He was a member of the Hospital Board of the Nepean District Hospital for a time and a committeeman of Nepean Show Society. He gave fine service in all these positions making helpful and commonsense contributions. He was a

member of the Penrith Fire Brigade for a number of years.

A very companionable trait of the deceased gentleman was his sense of humour, and his little pleasantries were such as to make the salt of life.

In wet weather the funeral took place on Friday afternoon. A well attended service was held in Penrith Methodist Church conducted by Rev IE Brooks assisted by Rev WA Watts Rector of Emu Plains. In the congregation were Rev AJ Barrett, Presbyterian minister at St Mary's and Rev AE Hodgson Rector of Penrith.

Rev LE Brooks in an address said that the presence of the clergy there that afternoon was a tribute to the respect and admiration that they had for the late Mr Price. "After I came here about 18 months ago," said Mr Brooks, "It was not long before I came to be associated with Nelson Price in the work here, and I was struck with the very fine efficiency and calm and reverence with which he carried out his duties. He seemed by his bearing the way in which he moved and his personality to suggest a kind reverence for the last rights."

The Reverend gentleman spoke of his association with Mr Price when he was well and when he visited him during his last illness. "If you want to know completely a man's qualities you don't want to go to him when he is in full health; you must be with him in some prolonged trying time. When Mr Price was ill he still revealed that gentlemanly bearing that he revealed in his active life." He said.

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"We bury his mortal remains, but after all, there is consolation in the thought he has entered the gateway of a larger life and fuller experience. It was a pagan poet who said

*'Out of the night that covers me
I thank whatever Gods there be.
For my unconquerable soul.'*

In a sympathetic message to the relatives the minister quoted the words of John 14-1. "Let not your hearts be troubled."

Deceased's favourite hymn "Brief Life is Here Our Portion" was sung. "The Long Day is Closed" was played by Mrs Honey at the piano and Mrs Gilbert at the organ. They were accompanists for the service. At the graveside also the service was conducted by the Rev LE Brooks.

Deceased was a member of the Lodge Warragambe No 541, UGL of NSW and there was good attendance of members. The ritual of the order was read by Wor Bro H Dennison WM of the Lodge.

Among the many beautiful wreaths forwarded was one from the Mayor and Aldermen of Penrith Council.

COUNCIL SYMPATHY

At the meeting of Penrith Council of Thursday evening the Mayor (Ald Toarnaors) referred sympathetically to the passing of Mr Price one the town's oldest residents and an ex-alderman. Council stood in silence as a token of esteem and sympathy.

CHILDREN OF NELSON & EDITH PRICE

1. RUTH MAY 1894. She married sometime after 1926 to EG Field. The couple had five children, Roland, Nelson, Keith, Joyce and Jean.
2. WILLIAM T 1896-1896
3. EDITH MAUD 14.12.1896 (registered 1897). She married Thomas Arthur Probert HARVEY and the couple moved to Junee. Their daughter Audrey married Thomas Carter and also lived at Junee.

Nepean Times April 24 1941

Mr and Mrs Thomas Carter of Junee are holidaying in Penrith being the guests of their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Nelson Price. Mrs Carter will be better known as Miss Audrey Harvey daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Havey.

Nepean Times 24th July 1941

Mr and Mrs Tom Harvey and daughter Gwendoline called at Penrith during the weekend on their way to Queensland.

Nepean Times 7TH August 1947.

The Methodist Church Penrith was nicely decorated on July 12 for the marriage Gwendoline Doris younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T Harvey of High Street Penrith to Donald Barry younger son of Mr and Mrs MJ Horstman also of High Street. The Rev GA Little performed the ceremony and Mrs HM Gimbert officiated at the organ.

The bride who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a gown of full silk lace, with full length embroidered

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tulle veil and carried by her cousin, Miss Joyce Price, who chose a frock of powder blue silk taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and pink camellias. Mr Max Lovelock was best man.

During the signing of the register Miss Mavis Hopkins rendered beautifully "Oh Promise Me."

The reception was held at Mrs Elston's Café where the bride's mother, dressed in a suit of grey boucle with brown accessories and a shoulder spray of yellow roses assisted by the groom's mother, who wore a cyclamen ensemble with hat to match and wore a shoulder spray of sweet peas, received the guests.

The happy couple left by car for Katoomba, the bride wearing a powder blue American crepe frock with hat to match and black accessoried.

4. ROLAND WILLIAM 1899 – 24.9.1945. He married 1914 to Elizabeth May Thompson who died 17.12.1971. Both are buried in the same grave in the Penrith General Cemetery.

Nepean Times Saturday April 20 1918

At Penrith Police Court before Mr TB Clegg PM Roland Price was charged with driving a motor vehicle without lights between sunset and sunrise. Accused pleaded guilty. Sergeant Ryan said he did not wish to press for a heavy penalty but just sufficient to serve as a caution for future. Fined 5/-, 6/- court costs.

Nepean Times Thursday October 4, 1945

DEATH OF MR ROLEY PRICE

Mr Roland William Price, the only son of Mr and Mrs Nelson Price died at his residence 380 High Street on Friday at the age of 46 years, after a distressing illness extending over twelve months. Roley Price was a native of Penrith in which he lived all his life, and his passing is deeply regretted by many friends.

He was married at St Mary's to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr Leslie Thompson of St Mary's. He leaves three sons and a daughter – Roley (Penrith), Keith (AIF abroad), John and Joyce. He also leaves two sisters, Ruby (Mrs EG Field Castlereigh) and Maud (Mrs Tom Harvey Penrith).

Deceased worked for his father for many years in his well-known business of this town and was a good tradesman. He is a member of a historic family associated with the Hawkesbury-Nepean district through several generations.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon and was well attended. A service in the Penrith Methodist Church was conducted by the minister of the circuit, Rev GA Little, Mrs BC Field presided at the organ.

The cortege proceeded to Penrith General Cemetery. Rev GA Little again conducted the service there. A number of floral tributes were forwarded in respect to 'the

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deceased citizen cut off practically in manhood's prime, and in sympathy with the esteemed family.

CHILDREN OF ROLAND & ELIZABETH MAY PRICE

- A. ROLAND NELSON circa 30.7.1920. He enlisted in the AIF 16.5.1941 at Penrith and was discharged on 1.5.1943. Roland married 18.6.1949 to Elizabeth May Abbot, daughter of Mrs F Batten of Vaucluse and Mr R Abbot of Melbourne. The bestman was Max Lovelock. In 1940 Roland bought Mr RT Jane's hairdressing business.
- B. KEITH 22.7.1924. He enlisted in the AIF at Cora and was discharged 26.9.1946.

Nepean Times 17.8.1939 reported the broken ankle of Keith playing football and that he would soon be able to return to school.

Nepean Times 20.10.1949 notice of engagement of Keith Price to June, eldest daughter of Mr J Lister and the late Mrs Lister of Queen Street St Mary's. In 1950 the electoral roll showed that Keith, Roland Nelson and his wife lived at 380 High Street. His profession was Undertaker's Assistant.

C. JOHN

D. EILEEN JOYCE

Nepean Times 2.1.1947 – the engagement of Joyce, only daughter of Mrs R Price and the late Mr R Price of Penrith to Maxwell Clifton Lovelock (RAAF) was announced. The couple married 17th April 1948. The bride was given away by Nelson Price and was

attended by Betty Abbot. The bestman was Roland Price. The birth a daughter Diane on 14th December 1949 was announced in the paper. The family still lived in Penrith in 1979.

3. LESLIE PERCY PRICE 26.8.1873-6.7.1953. His place of death was in an asylum. He married Maisie Simpson in November 1902.

In 1949 Leslie lived at Willoughby. He worked for the Post Office and moved circa 1898 to Albury. At the time of a family wedding – Margaret Price to Walter Newell in 1899 Leslie was courting his wife to be. During his time in Albury he wrote at least three letters to the *Nepean Times*. One printed on January 1 1898 follows:

The Township of Albury

We have received the following from Mr Leslie Price late of Penrith Post Office and now of the Telegraph Office Albury.

Now that I am comfortably settled in Albury, perhaps some of your readers would like to know a little about this pretty border town. I believe I am not far wrong when I say that Albury is the prettiest town in New South Wales. It is indescribable and must be seen before one can understand what it is really like. Most of the public buildings are splendid structures. The Railway Station is second to none outside Sydney. The Post Office is also a credible building fitted with a tower in which is faced four faced clock, consequently it is of much importance to the townspeople. The Telegraph Office is erected on the corner of the Dean and Kiewa Streets whilst the Telegraph Office stands at the corner of Dean and

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Olive Streets. Between the buildings are the Court House, Crown Lands Office, Council Chambers, Mechanics Institute and the Volunteer Fire Station.

The Mechanics Institute is a fine spacious building, the concert hall in connection with it being a first class one. The library also is a good one and I should think contained books by the best authors of the day.

I cannot say that the other buildings in this block are creditable ones; true the Courthouse is a substantial building but not in keeping with modern architecture. The Council Chambers look rather out of place and should be placed away in some unfrequented place, instead of taking up such a valuable site in this the anticipated "Federal City". The AJS Bank site occupies another good position and is a substantial building.

The Bank of New South Wales stands right back off the footpath and is almost hidden by trees and a hedge in front. A few brass plates fastened to the gateway notify the public that business is transacted within and one would have to look within to see where the bank was.

We have flour mills, butter factory, breweries and plenty of hotels. I suppose there must be about 30 of these places and if the breweries supply all the beer that is consumed at these 'pubs' the companies should soon be able to declare large dividends.

Some of the stores are very nice. At first I was not greatly impressed with them but on looking round further I came

across Mate and Co's large warehouse. This is the place of the town. The outward appearance of this place does not impress one very much. I was fortunate to be introduced to a gentleman who is employed in this warehouse, he was good enough to show me round, and in many respects one is reminded of Anthony Horden's. They do a wholesale and retail business something like 65 hands being employed. Had I time I could give you a column of what I saw in this place alone.

So far I have not seen the hospital or gaol, and I hope to be fortunate enough to miss an introduction to either of them.

The Gardens are worth a visit. These are under the control of the municipality and are exceedingly pretty though I am at a loss to understand why they have no tennis courts laid out, for there is ample room. In these Gardens is erected a monument to the memory of Hume, the Australian explorer.

Within a short distance from this cool retreat on the New South Wales bank of the Murray River grows a tree – a historical tree for in it is carved the words "Howell Nov 7 '24". Those of your readers who are acquainted with Australian History will understand that Howell was an Australian explorer and the first white man to cross the Murray River. Under this tree Howell camped for a night cutting his name and date in the tree before leaving. The tree is still healthy and with the devotion it receives should see a good number of years yet.

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The Murray River is but a narrow stream, but the current is very strong in fact it puts me in much in mind of the "Rapids" of the Nepean. A good deal of fishing is indulged in and very often good hauls are made.

The water supply for this town is exceptionally good. The force of the water is sufficient when forced through a hose to throw a good stream over the highest building. There is not the necessity for a fire engine. The reservoir is situated some distance out of town being built in one of the high hills that surround this town.

The sanitary arrangements are good and Penrith has a lesson to learn from here. The pan system is adopted by instead of the objectionable cart as in Penrith, airtight pans are placed over pans which are taken away and thoroughly cleaned. Of course this necessitates the use of two pans instead of one, one being left whilst the other is taken to the depot to undergo the cleaning process.

The town is lit by gas – rather dull light after being accustomed to the electric light. Private dwellings as a rule do not go in for it as they find it much cheaper to burn oil etc.

One thing I notice is the almost entire absence of wooded buildings, a red brick being used which makes the town look better and is in less danger of fire.

The streets are something like streets – plenty of space being given to both roadway and footpaths, though the earth is of rather a sandy nature, which

causes plenty of dust. I suppose there must be thousands of beautiful trees planted in these streets, giving the place a most picturesque aspect.

I forgot to mention before that the Public School is a splendid building and several of the Church buildings are also good structures.

Nearly any kind of fruit grows in this District – grapes and walnuts in abundance. Agricultural pursuits are one of the main features of the District, but so far, I have not had an opportunity of seeing the large farms under cultivation.

The 'Stripper' is largely used by farmers, it being a great labor-saving implement. I saw one the other evening and was informed the cost of same would be 65 pounds so you see business must be brighter here than at Penrith.

Influenza has been prevalent here since my arrival, dozens being laid up with it and dozens of deaths have been reported mostly caused by congestion of the lungs.

There are five doctors here so I am told, and a couple of private hospitals. There are three newspapers kept going, viz, "Albury Banner," "Daily News" and "Border Post." The "Banner" is a very large paper the price of which is 6d per copy. I think it is published every Friday.

We also have a Museum but so far I have not been inside the building. A big surprise is the absence of a decent looking fountain. There is a place to drink at, but it is merely a pipe fastened

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to a short post with a tap on it. Here is placed one solitary pot out of which I would not care to drink. Perhaps the people here do not need a drinking fountain, at least not one with water laid on, as there are so many "hot hells." Water troughs for horses to drink out of are erected at convenient places – this is another lesson for Penrith.

We have had a few very hot days since I came, one day last week reaching 107 degrees in the shade. The heat is far different to that in Penrith. Rain is badly needed. We did get a nice storm on Sunday, but four or five days steady rain is sorely needed.

I think I have told you enough this time. I forgot to mention that the "Bike" is the rage here. Dozens of men, women and children ride them. The Municipal Council have been compelled to make by laws etc to deal with what they term the nuisance of riding on the footpaths. Many have been the indignant letter to the papers – owing to the Council's action – but what effect they will have remains to be seen.

You will be pleased to hear that so far I am getting along splendidly. My health is keeping very well and I'm having a real live time. I was even at a social party conducted by chinamen. It was in connection with the Chinese Mission conducted by the Presbyterian people. I must say I thoroughly enjoyed it, the Chinamen proving very interesting. Several of them are getting along famously with English grammar and one or two can compose a very nice letter – and Yes, can sing hymns too!

My endeavor friends will be pleased to hear that we have two Societies in this town – one Presbyterian Church and one at the Wesleyan. I received a most cordial welcome from the combined Societies at a social one night last week. I would like to remind any of my friends that should they want to spend a real nice holiday not to forget Albury, and to be sure to let me know when they intend coming.

Wishing you Mr Editor, as well as all at Penrith, A Happy and Prosperous New Year, I will conclude.

Nepean Times Saturday March 12 1898.

ALBURY

*ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER
FROM MR LESLIE PRICE*

We have received the following from Mr Leslie Price, late of Penrith Post Office but now of Albury...

Political matters receive a good deal of handling by some whom I have met. Of course you are aware that this is a Freetrade District, and the supporters of Freetrade are confident, that it will still be so after the next General Election. The member for this constituency (Mr Ball) is spoken highly of, and evidently gives great satisfaction to the people generally. For the people of this district to be supporters of the Freetrade needs a great amount of what is termed 'pluck'. They are indeed heavily handicapped owing to the Sydney market being so far from them, and Victoria is a protected colony. Farmers must feel it hard for their produce etc cannot go into Victoria without first paying a heavy tax thereon.

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Many also complain of the manner in which a traveller to Victoria is treated. He cannot pass the border until his luggage has been ransacked so as to prevent smuggling; whilst the traveller from Victoria can come over here unmolested.

In many ways it is unfair and the only remedy is for Victoria to hoist the Freetrade flag, for the majority here are determined to return Mr Ball at the next election. Of course the Federation would greatly benefit them. A Federation which would give intercolonial Freetrade and protect foreigners from competing with them.

What is considered another great drawback to the district is "Land Monopoly". The best of the land has been taken up by the wealthy squatters who in many cases has taken the land from the poor struggling farmer or selector and is now running a paltry number of sheep on the land, the area of which were it cut up into nice farm allotments would keep 80 or 90 families going.

As I said before, the choicest of the land has been monopolized by the wealthy land grabber, as he is termed; whilst the farmer has been forced to take up land away from the river where unfortunately he finds it hard to work to manage and by what I am told his lot is not altogether an envious one. Instead of the farmer occupying the banks of the river so that by irrigation of his land could be kept in first class order and his labor rewarded by fruitful harvest, the wealthy man has these parts in his possession and makes but poor use of

them. I'm sure sir, were you to take a run through the district you would agree that these people have just cause for complaint...

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*Though fools spurn Hymen's gentle
pow'rs,
We who improve his golden hours
By sweet experience know
That marriage, rightly understood
Gives the tender and the good
A paradise below
....Cotton*

The rural village of Wilberforce was agog with excitement on Wednesday last, when one of the fairest flowers of the Hawkesbury – the home of beautiful women – was led to Hymen's altar. We refer to the marriage of Miss Maysie Simpson, eldest daughter of Mr LH Simpson JP. From childhood the bride has been a favourite over the countryside; and none are held in higher esteem than her good parents; therefore it was not surprising that Miss Simpson's marriage quite marked an epoch in a social calendar of the community.

Upright, broadminded, generous hearted, high minded, conscientious, true as steel to whatever cause he espouses and as straight as a gun barrel in all his dealings, withal modest and unassuming – these are a few of the attributes of Mr LH Simpson's character; all of these are eulogies are true also of his good wife, whose gentle and charming manner, graceful deportment and hospitable disposition make hearts warm towards her and her interesting home circle. Like parents the child is an

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adaptation which admirably portrays the character and the disposition of the bride of Wednesday last, for she is a worthy daughter of worthy parents.

Although a thoroughly domesticated girl, yet accomplished; utterly devoid of those frivolous ideas and petty inconsequentialities affected by too many of our girls which while they might attract the shallow minded are despised by all who love to meet a rational and (if the expression will be permitted) "solid" woman.

Parental influence and wholesome home training and an exalted conception of filial duty are deeply engraved in her nature – and few have daughters like her to give away.

What about the bridegroom who has taken this good woman to be his mate through life "for better or worse"? Is he worthy of her plighted troth? His name is Leslie Price and he is a scion of a family honored and revered in the neighboring Nepean district. His father was the late Mr John Price [sic William] of Penrith and his mother still resides there. What those who know Mr Leslie Price best think of him is told below and on these credentials most people will be prepared to accept him.

The wedding was fixed for 12.30 pm but long before that hour the Wesleyan Church at Wilberforce was filled with invited guests (for whom special seats were reserved) and a large assemblage of others who were there to see the marriage. At the portals of the sacred edifice there was an arch of willow. Inside were other arches formed of

willow boughs entwined with ferns, Christmas Bush, ribbon grass and flowers. From the second of the second arch was suspended a wedding bell while the initials of the contracting parties were worked on the willow in tiny marguerites. These decorations were the work of the Bride's girlfriends.

Precisely at the appointed time the bridal party arrived and were joined in the church by the bridegroom and his best man, Mr Harold Price (brother) and groomsman, Mr Harcourt Simpson (Bride's brother). As the beautiful bride walked up the aisle on her father's arm the choir sang the wedding hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden," Mrs EJ Buttsworth presiding at the organ. The bride was attired in ivory with Japanese silk, the skirt trimmed with Bretonne net, frills and tucks, the bodice being prettily trimmed with lace and tucks with transparent point lace yoke (her own handiwork, as indeed was the whole of her wedding garment and trousseau) and rosettes of satin ribbon folded belt, streamers of net, the collar being fastened with two gold doves, the gift of the bridegroom. She also wore an orthodox veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a lovely bouquet of white carnations, roses and flannel flowers arranged in negligee fashion and relieved with sprays of asparagus fern, with streamers of white satin. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorrie Simpson, sister of the bride (chief maid), charmingly attired in a gown of ivory white Japanese silk shaped flounced with frills and tucks, the bodice with net appliqué and wearing gold initial brooch the gift of the bridegroom; Miss Gladys Price wearing white Indian Linen

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trimmed with torchon lace insertion and uncrushable ribbon, a gold initial ring, gift of the bridegroom; Miss Linnie Judges wearing white linen trimmed with torchon lace insertion and uncrushable ribbon, a gold initial ring gift of the bridegroom and carrying a shower bouquet of crimson carnations, roses and asparagus and maiden hair fern. The other bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink carnations and asparagus fern.

The marriage ceremony was solemnised by the Rev B Dinning of Penrith. This was in fulfillment of a long standing pledge. When Mr Dinning was ministering in the Windsor Circuit years ago Miss Simpson once said to him "If ever I get married I hope you will marry me." And it is a coincidence that Mr Dinning is now stationed in the town whence the bridegroom hails – though Mr Price's home is now at Albury where he occupies a position in the Post Office. As soon as the ceremony was over the newly wedded couple received the warm congratulations of their friends and were besprinkled with copious showers of confetti. Then the wedding guests repaired to the residence of the bride's parents. Here the guests were received by Mrs Simpson and Mr and Mrs Price received many more fervid good wishes.

At 1.30 pm about 50 guests sat down to a sumptuous and substantial wedding breakfast. The following is a list of those present:- Mrs Simpson, mother of the bride wearing a black brocaded silk skirt, black corded silk blouse and appliqué collar; Mrs Price (mother of the groom) black cashmere, silk strappings; the bride and bridegroom, the three

bridesmaids; Miss Jessie Price floral delaine, tucked with insertions and appliqué collar; Miss Murial Price sage green canvas voile, trimmed guipure insertion; Mrs Nelson price floral muslin flounces insertion and cream lace collar; Mrs JJ Paine (Mayoress of Windsor) in a becoming costume of sea-green silk voile, tucked corsage with collar in d'esprit net, edged with twin colored garland guipure lace; Mrs Dinning deep cream crepe delaine nicely finished with insertion and cream ribbon; Mrs Fischer (Strathfield) gray modernized lawn deep flounce collarette of spotted net and lace; Mrs Buttsworth white Indian line prettily trimmed with torehon insertion and pink bebe ribbon; Miss Buttsworth, white linen appliqué collar, pink bebe ribbon; Mrs Biddell (Sydney) blue mercerized lawn, tucked corsage collar of twin coloured net and lace; Mrs F Colinson pink linen elaborately trimmed with twine colored insertion, black belt; Mrs Alfred Buttsworth floral delaine insertion, cream lace collar; Mrs Denman cream... edged with white satin ribbon with fancy...nicely finished with tucks and lace; Mrs Arthur Chaseling (Sydney) blue floral delaine cream silk vest, strappings of blue eatis(?) ribbon, cream appliqué trimmings; Mrs J Simpson black voile skirt, black guipure insertions, black inched silk blouse appliqué collar; Mrs F Campbell black voile skirt silk strappings, pale blue striped Japanese silk blouse, tucked yoke with crossings of insertion. The gentlemen present were Mr LH Simpson JP (bride's father), Mr Brinsley Hall MLA, Mr JJ Paine JP (Mayor of Windsor), Rev B Dinning, Messrs Harold Price, Nelson Price and Stanley Price (Penrith) Page Price (North Richmond), Harcourt

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Simpson (Casino), L Simpson and Masters Colin, Cecil and Norman Simpson (brothers of the bride), Messrs WE Newell (Sydney), F Collinson and F Campbell.

After full justice had been done to the breakfast – which was laid in large marques which was draped and festooned with flags and greenery – a few short speeches were delivered.

Rev B Dinning asked the company to charge their glasses and drink the health of the bride and bridegroom; and he hoped they would do it heartily. He expressed great pleasure at being there and believed that next to the happy couple just united in matrimony he was the happiest person there. He had made the couple happy that day, and nothing made him happier than making other's happy. The day reminded him of two other occasions when he proposed the toast of the bride in Wilberforce – and he did not know where they could get handsomer brides than in Wilberforce. He was glad to be there on account of having known Miss Simpson so long. Nine years ago he met her in their little church, when he was in that circuit he was always glad to see her face among the congregation. He had watched her growth – not physically but mentally – and he was glad to know that she stood on the solid platform of Christianity. She would make a grand wife; and he knew Mr Price would make a good husband – he could tell that by his face – and the home they would make would be a good one. He wished them all happiness and hoped God would abundantly bless their marriage. (Applause).

Mr Leslie Price responded feelingly on behalf of himself and his wife. It was good to hear the good things said about his wife but none of it was fresh to him for he had found all that out long ago and believed that he was doing the right thing that day. He thanked Mr Dinning for his counsel. He was glad to have met that day some old friends and to have made some new ones, and he felt particularly pleased and honored in the presence of Mr Newell, one of his very best friends. He thanked them all sincerely for their good wishes. (Applause).

Mr B Hall MLA proposed "The Host and Hostess," and passed a graceful eulogy on Mr and Mrs Simpson. Mr LH Simpson returned his thanks in a feeling manner. He said that Mrs Simpson and himself had derived much pleasure from the meeting of so many friends on that day. But their pleasure was tinged with sadness for they would feel the separation from their daughter, though they realised that she had got a good husband and would be happy. If she only made him anything near as good a wife as she had been a daughter Mr Price would have no reason to complain; for there was not better daughter in New South Wales. (Applause).

Mr JJ Paine JP proposed "The Bridesmaids," and made one of his characteristic happy speeches. He testified his esteem for the bride and her parents and wished the happiness. Mr Harold Price responded for the bridesmaids.

Mr Newell expressed pleasure at being present to do honor to his dear friend

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and brother and his dear wife. He had called him brother because they had been companions from childhood's happy days – they had played together, sat together in school and when they grew up and became separated, they had kept up regular correspondence, and he hoped that it would never cease. He could not speak too highly of Mrs Price and rejoiced with them on their wedding day, and wished them God's richest blessings.

Mr F Campbell proposed "The Mother of the Bridegroom," and took the occasion to add his eulogy of what had been said of the bride. Mr Leslie Price responded for his mother.

The wedding presents were a magnificent lot, all being of good quality and of the useful kind. Besides those displayed in the drawing room of the bride's late home, of which we give a list, others were at Albury. Bride's parents afternoon tea set; Bridegroom's mother pair of cane drawing room chairs; Miss Murial (Dorrie) Simpson, silver and cut glass cruet; Mr L Simpson (brother) afternoon tea and salt spoons; Mr Harcourt Simpson, set of carvers; Mr Harold Price, cheque; Mr Stanley Price, cheque; Mr Nelson Price, cheque; Mr & Mrs E Brewer, drawing room carpet; Mr & Mrs E Buttsworth, cheque; Mr & Mrs Brinsley Hall, silver cake tray; Mr & Mrs Chaseling (Sydney) silver pin tray; Mr & Mrs Frank Campbell, silver dinner gong; Mr AJ Buttsworth, dinner set; Mr & Mrs Arthur Judges (Penrith) half dozen each, dinner and dessert knives; Miss Crisford, pair of vases; Mrs J Go, half a dozen each jelly and custard glasses; Mrs J Price set of carvers in case; Miss Gladys

Price, pair of bread plates; Miss Lily Rose, glass water jug; Miss Booth, silver serviette ring; Mrs Sullivan (Maitland) 4 silver serviette rings in a case; Mr & Mrs WG Simpson (Casino) silver biscuit barrel; Mr & Mrs Alcock, silver and glass honey jar; Mr & Mrs G Dunstan silver butter knife; Mr & Mrs E Buttsworth pair of vases and jug; Mr & Mrs EJ Warburton (Milthorpe) silver butter dish and jam spoon; Miss Hazel Bennett silver bread fork; the Misses Hilda & Leta Alcock and Master Bennett, silver jam spoon; Miss McClennan, silver photo frame; Master Fred Norton water colour painting; Misses Norton pair vases; Mr Douglass pair salad plates and celery jar; Miss Edna Bowd silver and glass jam dish; Mr & Mrs W Biddell half dozen afternoon tea cups; Miss Lucy Buttsworth tea set; Mrs Newell (Penrith) pair of silver and glass salt cellars; Miss Mattie Greentree, fruit stand; Miss Ransley table centres and D'Oyleys; Mr & Mrs JJ Payne silver and glass butter dish and knife; Miss Linnie Judges silver cake saw, ivory handle; Rev and Mrs Dinning silver mounted purse; Mrs Lorrimer and Mrs Kermode silver egg cruet; Miss T Beddie silver butter knife; Mrs Cambridge and Mrs Price silver and oak salad bowl with fork and spoon; Misses Ruby and Lily Buttsworth pair of silver mounted photo frames; Mrs Fletcher half dozen serviette rings in case; Mr & Mrs Clothier silver and cut glass pickle jar; Harry and Page Price pair of silver butter knives; Mrs Collins silver bread fork.

A large number of friends saw Mr and Mrs Price away by the 4.26pm train from Windsor. They were fairly smothered in confetti and rice as the

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train left that night they proceeded to Albury by the express train. The bride's going away dress was of gray voile French tucked silk strapping and silk stitching, cream silk front, Dech...lace collar and pale blue fancy ... hat trimmed with forget-me-nots lace...

The wedding was also reported in the *Nepean Times* in the edition of Saturday December 6 1902. This report was of more colloquial vein – *Les is now stationed at Albury in the Postal Department, and if reports are true, takes back with him a young lady who will be a power of good in the community...*

Nepean Times May 2, 1903

Mrs L Price (nee Maysey Simpson) who has been spending holidays with her parents at Wilberforce was called home to Albury on Tuesday on account of the illness of Mr Price.

The couple had two known children:

1. KATHLEEN YENTIVE 15.10.1905 Albury – 1980s. She trained as an Infants' teacher 1923-24. She began her service in Granville 27.1.1925; Young 30.10.1925; Junee 23.5.1928; Lindfield 9.10.1931; Mortdale Girls 13.1.1933; Young 11.1.1934; Correspondence School 29.6.1934-31.1.1966.

2. WINIFRED DORIS SIMPSON circa 1919. She worked as a typist/clerk. She married 9.1.1943 to Robert H Dougherty. This event also reported in the *Nepean Times* February 4 1943.

The Methodist Church Clanwilliam Street Willoughby, beautifully decorated by the sisters and friends of the bride

with masses of pink, blue and white hydrangeas, agapanthus and pink roses was the scene of a very pretty wedding on January 9 when Rev T Manning-Taylor BA, President of the Methodist Conference of NSW and minister of the church officiated at the wedding of Mr Robert H Dougherty of 29 Sydney Street Willoughby and the bride is the younger daughter of Mr Leslie Price who for many years was a resident of Penrith and Mrs Price who now reside at 76 Laurel Street Willoughby. The bridesmaids were Miss Joyce Trickett and Misses Olive Campbell, friends of the bride. Mr G Morn of Willoughby was best man and Mr Brian Howe groomsmen. After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the Memorial Hall Chatswood. Mr and Mrs Dougherty will make their future home in Lithgow..

4. HARRY WILLIAM PRICE 17.1.1875-1875.

5. HAROLD PRICE 1876-12.5.1974. He married May Elizabeth Starling who died 4.12.1934. Harold was best man at his brother Richmond Stanley Price's wedding in 1903.

Nepean Times Saturday June 8 1918 has an obituary of Mrs Elizabeth Starling, mother of May Elizabeth Starling who married Harold Price.

Among the several deaths we have to record this week is that of Mrs Elizabeth Starling wife of Mr William Henry Starling of Warwick Street Horneyswood the sad event taking place on Monday last. [3rd] The deceased lady who was 67 years of age was a native of Luddenham

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being the eldest daughter of the late James and Agnes Hughes who were numbered among the early pioneers of that village. At the early age of 19 years she was married by the Rev B Kenney at the Luddenham Primitive Methodist Church to Mr Starling (who first arrived in St Mary's in 1861 with his father and came to Penrith the following year.)

Mr and Mrs Starling resided in Penrith for 18 months and then went to St Mary's for five years and returned to Penrith in 1877 where they remained. Deceased who had been a great sufferer for many years was very highly respected ... retiring...She took a great interest in horticulture and in her younger days secured various prizes at flower shows – her garden being one of the best in Penrith...

Nepean Times February 19, 1943 has the obituary of William Henry Starling.

A very estimable citizen of Penrith one of the oldest residents of the district, Mr William Henry Starling past peacefully to rest at his home Warwick Street Penrith on Monday morning in his 93rd year...Born in Littlebury Essex England on March 26 1849 deceased was the son of the late Joseph Starling who died at the age of 88 years. His mother, formerly Catherine Mary Drignal, died when he was only two years of age, he being the only issue. His father married again.

With his father and step-mother he left England on the sailing ship "Constitution" on February 16th 1855 for Australia and on the trip out his step-

brother – the only issue of the second marriage – died and was buried at sea.

There was an outbreak of small pox on the boat and five passengers died at sea. On arrival at Sydney at the latter end of May the newcomers were quarantined for six weeks. On the trip the deceased slept in the same berth as a small pox patient, but did not contract the complaint, having been vaccinated before embarkation.

After being released from quarantine Mr Starling's father and mother took quarters at Parramatta River Depot, afterwards removing to Parramatta. They removed to the old Parramatta railway yards in 1855 when the railway from Sydney to Parramatta was opened. In the same year they removed to Sydney where deceased's step mother died.

His father joined the railway service as a bridge and timber carrier when the railway was extended to Liverpool. Deceased was sent to a boarding school in Sydney.

In 1875 his father married for a third time and they took up residence at Cabramatta, afterwards going to Ashfield, thence to Wentworthville (where they remained for two years) and again to Parramatta. In 1860 Messrs Starling senr and junr went to the Snowy River diggings at Kiandra where they remained only a short time. The family came to St Mary's in 1861 where the deceased accompanied his father on several trips in NSW. Mr Starling's second step mother died at the age of 94.

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The late Mr Philpot Robbins conducted a large coachbuilding and horseshoeing business in High Street adjoining the site that is now Memory Park, and in 1864 deceased was apprenticed to the trade. Mr Starling was a member of the Old Volunteers and when disbanded was given a small grant of land.

Mr Starling married Miss Elizabeth Hughes, eldest daughter of the late James and Agnes Hughes of Luddenham. Five years later he opened a business in St Mary's and returned to Penrith in 1877. His wife died in June 1918.

Mr Starling was a constant supporter of his church and was a trustee of the Penrith Methodist Church ...Deceased leaves three sons and two daughters, viz: Ernest, Stella, Edwin, Ector and Elma. Two sons and three daughters predeceased him – William, Mary (Mrs Cockbain), Ada (Mrs G Stewart), May (Mrs H Price) and Harry.

Nepean Times Saturday 15th December 1934.

By the death of Mrs May Elizabeth Price, wife of Mr Harold Price of Penshurst which took place at a private hospital Hurstville on Tuesday afternoon 4th inst, at the age of 58 years. Mr WH Starling of Penrith (father of the deceased) has suffered three bereavements within two years – first Mrs G Stewart, then Harold Starling and now the abovementioned. Although she had not been in the best of health for sometime previously, her death was unexpected. She attended to various light household duties that morning, and about 9.30 o'clock had a

sudden seizure; and was removed to hospital where she passed away at 2.30 pm.

The late Mrs Price who was the third daughter of Mr WH Starling was a native of St Mary's but came to Penrith with her parents when only a baby. She received her education at the Penrith Public School where afterwards was a pupil teacher, later on being transferred to Emu Plains, Grenfell and Jindalee. Thirty years ago she married Mr Harold Price who for many years was the letter carrier in Penrith. After leaving Penrith they resided in Kempsey, Waughope. Kyogle, Thirroul, Clifton, Killara and latterly, Penshurst. Mr Price is now postmaster at Ultimo. Deceased and her husband and daughters were always interested in church work.

The late Mrs Price is survived by her husband and two daughters, viz, Mrs Alan Graham (Bigga) and Miss Freda Price. Messrs Ernest, Edwin and Ector Starling (Penrith) and Mrs E Cockbain (Newcastle) and Misses Stella and Elma Starling (Penrith) are brothers and sisters. Mr Price is a brother of Messrs Nelson and Stan Price and Miss Jessie Price of Penrith.

The body was brought to Penrith and placed in the Methodist Church where a service was held on Thursday afternoon prior to the funeral.

*Nepean Times May 5 1917 – Report of Methodist School
Mr Price an old Penrith Sunday School Boy who has been away from Penrith for the last nine years said it was a pleasure for him to speak of his association with*

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Mr and Mrs Tarn 21 years ago. He regards the happiest 2 years of his life to stand up with their pastor in the street and help him in church work as he had done years ago.

*Nepean Times 17th August 1939
Mr Harold Price after spending three months with his sister Miss Jessie Price of Lemongrove has returned to his home at Penshurst. It is 30 years since Mr Price resided in Penrith. He was formerly a letter carrier eventually advancing to position of Postmaster from which he has just recently retired. He is a brother of Mr Nelson Price...*

CHILDREN OF HAROLD & MAY PRICE

1. FRED A MAY 25.6.1905 Penrith. She married at Hurstville Baptist Church at 3pm Saturday 14th January 1939 to Albert Stacey. The couple had two children, Eunice and David.
2. CLARICE She married in 1934 to Alan Grabham and lived at Bigga. The couple had at least one child, Elizabeth May born circa 1939. *Nepean Times* 10.1.1952 mentioned that Elizabeth Grabham aged 13 won First Prize in the Children's Writers Competition held by the ABC Weekly. The article mentioned that the family lived at Chipping North but formerly of Yeoville. Elizabeth married Robin Savage and had four children, Katie, Jennie, Matthew and Christopher.
3. WESLEY HAROLD He died 17.3.1919 aged three years.

6. RICHMOND STANLEY PRICE 14.8.1878 – 8.9.1975 Penrith. He married Alice Maude Ransley on 30.9.1903. Alice Maude Price died 27.8.1968 aged 85.

Nepean Times Saturday October 3 1903 reported the wedding of Richmond Stanley Price and Alice Maude Ransley. The bride was given away by her father, and was dressed in a frock of white figured silk, white chiffon hat with ostrich feathers, and carried a bouquet of marguerites. Ethel Ramsay was chief bridesmaid and Gladys Price second bridesmaid. Both wore white Indian Linen trimmed with lace insertion and hats to match. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents and the bride and groom later retired to their own home. Presents were numerous and serviceable.

Nepean Times October 1, 1953
*Golden Wedding Celebrations
Four Generations Present
Well deserved honour was accorded very well-known and highly regarded residents of Penrith, Mr and Mrs RS (Stan) Price at their home 318 High Street Penrith on Saturday Evening by their family in celebration of the 50th anniversary of their wedding. It was four days ahead of their jubilee, which they attended yesterday. (September 30).*

The gathering of about 35 adults and 17 children was representative of four generations in addition to an aunt of Mrs Price, Mrs Gendenning of Plumpton, only survivor of her generation of the Ransley family.

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During the evening a report appearing in the Nepean Times of Saturday October 3 1903 recorded that on Wednesday September 30 of that year St Stephen's Church of England Penrith "was the scene of a pretty wedding when Mr Richmond Stanley Price, youngest son of Mr William Robert Price of Penrith was married to Miss Alice Maud Ransley second daughter of Mr George Ransley of Penrith by the Rev H Holliday, Rector."

Present at the party were the bridesmaids of that wedding, these being Mrs Wall of Waltara (nee Ethel Ransley) sister of the bride and Mrs H Messer of Penrith (nee Gladys Price) sister of the bridegroom. They were accompanied by Mr Wall and Mr Messer respectively.

Best man was Mr Harold Price, brother of the bridegroom, now living at Penshurst, who was unable to attend owing to ill health, but Mr Herbert Ransley brother of the bride, groomsman who lives at Bellambi (South Coast) was there with his wife.

Others present included Mrs Stan Price's sister, Mrs Edith Robinson of Newtown and her brothers and sister-in-law Mr and Mrs E Ransley (Annandale) and Mr and Mrs C Ransley (Lithgow).

The three daughters and two sons of the guests of honour were there, viz. Mrs R Andrews (Ethel) of Thirroul, Mr William G Price of Penrith, Mr Arnold A Price of Towradgi (South Coast), Mrs Greenhalgh (Dorothy) of Penrith and Mrs P Kinsella (Peggy) of Penrith. They were accompanied by their spouses.

TWO SETS OF TWINS

[At]The gathering also were the twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren of Mr and Mrs Stan Price. The five "greats" included two sets of twins.

A beautiful three-decker birthday cake was made by Mrs R Andrews and at an appropriate stage was cut by Mrs Stan Price. The children of Mr and Mrs Price presented them with a dinner service and a very beautiful posy of marigold and stock (made by Mrs Stolvold of Penrith). The grandchildren's gift was a supper set and that of the great grandchildren a lampshade.

Games were played. Solos were contributed by the three Ransley brothers and Mrs Ivery was pianiste. A sideline, but important, was the celebration of a 21st birthday, that of Colin Andres, a grandchild who had a cake of his own, and received a coming of age key.

It was an occasion of great rejoicing and happy reunion – a fine tribute to a business man and townsman of sterling worth and his very estimable lady. It can safely be said that the good wishes of the whole district was theirs.

The death of Alice's mother was reported in late 1925 paper. Penrith has lost one of its most loveable citizens and one who for nearly four score years and ten had been a member of the community by the death of Mrs Caroline Ransley wife of Mr William Thomas Ransley, which occurred at her residence "Duckenfield" Henry Street in the very early hours of Monday morning. Mrs

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Ransley whose health had been indifferent for years was confined to her bed for the last fortnight. She was 75 years of age at the time of her death.

To her family deceased was ever endeared and brightened their lives by sweetness and exemplariness of her own. She was known very widely in this district in which no one was held in higher esteem. Kindness was her nature and she spoke ill of none. The memory of her life will remain precious possession with her family and numerous friends. She died with all her family at her bedside and testimony to the gentleness and lovingness of her thoughts it gave in her last words – “Suffer little children to come unto me.”

Mrs Ransley was a native of Taunton Somersetshire England, and came to Australia with her parents, the late Mr and Mrs James Priddle, when she was only seven years of age. Those were the days when the world was wide and the sailing vessels moved leisurely on their long trips dependent on the vagaries of wind and weather. It is interesting to note that Mr and Mrs Priddle were booked to sail on the Dunbar on her ill fated voyage...but owing to some delay they sailed on the Samendra...

On arrival in this new land the family went to the late Mr John Heaton's farm at Frogmore near (?) Orchard Hills and remained there for a number of years. Then Mr Priddle came into Penrith and for a time was in the service of Mr Weakley, butcher of this town, afterwards going to Yorks Estate...and then to Kingswood... Deceased was married to William George Ransley in St

Stephen's Church...Mr and Mrs Ransley lived in Penrith for the whole of their married life...about twenty eight years being spent in “Duckenfield”...

RS Price advertised in *Nepean Times* as a carrier and lived in High Street. The advertisements that I noticed were in the papers during the 1930s and may be in other years as well.

Richmond Stanley Price and his wife had a family of eight children:

1. ETHEL AMY 14.8.1905-14.6.1980. She married 23.6.1923 to Reginald Andrews. This couple had three children.

2. WILLIAM GEORGE 24.8.1908. He married Lenore Roots who in 1990 still lived in Penrith. The couple's marriage was reported in *Nepean Times* June 1936.

St Stephen's Church Penrith was tastily decorated by the CWA Younger Set for the marriage on 25th May of Miss Lenore Roots, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Percy Roots of Lethbridge Street Penrith to Mr William (Bill) Price of High Street Penrith. Rev JW Ferrier officiated.

The bride's gown of ivory windswept moss crepe was fashioned on classical lines to form a long train, over which fell her billowy veil embossed net which was arranged from a coronet of orange blossom. Her bouquet was of tuberose with trails of stocks and sweet peas. The bride was attended by six bridesmaids – Misses N Roots, I Roots, D Price, T Millen, R Plunkett and J Ellery, each of whom wore frocks of pink g....(georgette?) bearing trains and

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carried bouquets of white camellias and carnations. The frocks were made by Miss T Millen (one of the bridesmaids) from Hornsby. Mr A Price was best man and Messrs D Plunkett, B Spence, E Richards, B Kearne and M Sam acted as groomsmen.

During the signing of the register Mr C Ransley kindly rendered "All Joy Be Thine". Mr W Roberts was organist. The Younger Set, of which the bride was a member, formed a guard of honour.

The reception was held at Dungowan Penrith where the bride's mother received the guests in navy blue crepe de Chine with hat to tone, carrying a bouquet of red roses and carnations. Mrs Price chose navy blue georgette. Her posy was of autumn toning. The guests numbered approximately 150 and after the breakfast the guests engaged in dancing to Mr Smith's orchestra.

The bride and bridegroom left on a motor tour of the North Coast the bride's travelling costume being of brown metallasse with hat and shoes to tone. The wedded couple were recipients of many valuable and useful gifts. They intend making their home in Penrith.

William and Lenore had at least one child, Barry who in 1961 lived in the same cottage at 44 Evan Street Penrith with William and Lenore.

3. ALICK JAMES 1.10.1910. He died in infancy.

4. ARNOLD EDWARD 6.5.1912. He married another teacher, Nancy Scott on 17.1.1948. Arnold joined up in January 1941. 10.12.1942 Gunner Arnold Price son of Mr and Mrs RS Price of High Street who was reported in the last issue in a hospital at a northern battle area has since returned to Sydney and at present in No 130 AG Hospital.

Nepean Times January 22 1948.

The wedding was celebrated on Saturday last, January 17 at Ashfield Presbyterian Church of Miss Nancy Isobel Scott, eldest daughter of the late Mr J Scott and Mrs F Scott of Ryde to Arnold Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs RS Price of Penrith.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr Norman Scott. She was dressed in a trained gown of white lame with a fingertip tulle veil, held in place with a coronet of lace and orange blossom and carried a bouquet of carnations, gardenias and Cecil Brunner roses. With her gown the bride wore a pearl necklace and earrings, the gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Jean Peacock attended the bride, gowned in pink marquisette and carrying a bouquet of delphiniums and Cecil Brunner roses. The bridesmaid wore an opal pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by Mr Ron Buck of Maclean.

During the signing of the register Mrs Murchinson, a friend of the bride, rendered two songs, "I'll Walk Beside You" and "A Blessing".

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After the service the guests were received by the bride's mother at Jonre Ashfield. Mrs Scott was dressed in a navy suit with matching hat and accessories and wore a shoulder spray of red carnations. Mrs Scott was ably assisted in this duty by Mrs Price wearing a blue ensemble with navy accessories and a shoulder spray of red roses.

At the reception the Rev Cruickshank proposed the toast of "The Bride and Groom" to which the bridegroom responded on behalf of himself and Mrs Price. Numerous telegrams were read by the bestman also a cable from friends in London. After the cutting of the cake, the happy couple left for their honeymoon, the bride gowned in a frock of pale blue crepe with brown hat and accessories. The honeymoon to be spent at Malacoota Victoria.

The Nepean Times February 27th 1950 announced the birth of a daughter to the couple.

Arnold's teaching service and training is as follows:

Sydney Teachers College 1919-1930

Westmead School 2.2.1931

Dorrigo 14.3.1936

Riverstone 5.12.1939

Enlisted in Australian Infantry Forces 6.7.1940

Discharged 12.12.1945

Penrith 28.11.1945

Richmond 29.1.1946

Wollongong 9.12.1948

Keira BH 30.11.1960

Towradgi 28.9.1966

Retired 5.5.1972

5.DOROTHY 5.7.1914. In 1938/39 she lived in High Street Penrith and had the occupation of stenographer. She married Jack Greenhalgh.

6.BERYL 23.9.1922. She married Leslie Kinsella 10.1.1948. Both her engagement and marriage was reported in the *Nepean Times*. The former in the paper dated May 16 1946 that noted that Leslie Phillip Kinsella was the younger son of Mr and Mrs H Kinsella of Penrith.

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The boys and girls section of the Air League Penrith, formed a guard of honour outside St Stephen's Church Penrith on Saturday afternoon January 10th, for the wedding of Company Commander Beryl (Peggy) Price, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs RS Price of Penrith to Mr Leslie Phillip Kinsella second son of Mr and Mrs Kinsella of Castlereigh Street Penrith. The Rector Rev AE Hodgson officiated.

The bride who was given away by her father wore eyelet French sheer over taffeta with beautiful veil lent by Mrs Martin of Emu Plains and bouquet of gladioli and frangipani. The bridesmaids were Miss Esther Allan and Miss Margaret Kinsella both in white taffeta floral marquisette over taffeta with white taffeta picture hats trimmed with floral marquisette. Their bouquets were of pink gladioli and tiger lilies. Jennifer Greenhalgh and Helen Price, nieces of the bride were flowergirls. They were in pink floral marquisette with pink taffeta bouquets trimmed with marquisette. Both carried baskets of pink flowers.

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The church had been nicely decorated by the bridesmaids and Mrs Corby with beautiful flowers the gift of Mrs Corby and Mr John Walford. Dr Faulder was organist, Mr Bruce Walker of Mt Druit sang "I'll Walk Beside You" while the register was being signed.

Mr Jack Kinsella, brother of the bridegroom, was the bestman and Mr Arnold Price, brother of the bride was groomsman.

The reception was held in the Masonic Hall where about 83 guests were received by the bride's mother in powder blue crepe with navy accessories and shoulder spray of red roses.

Mr W Trask, President of Penrith Amateur Players of which the bride and bridegroom were active members, presided. He contributed admirably to the gaiety of the occasion with appropriate reference to the bride and bridegroom as Players.

Mr Bruce Walker delightfully sang "Smiling Through" with Mrs Honey as accompanist. Miss Lucy Burke provided the pianoforte music for the occasion. Many telegrams of congratulations and good wishes were received. Leaving for the honeymoon the bride wore a wine and cream figured frock with white accessories.

7. CLARISSA ANN 14.8.1881 - 1882

8. GLADYS ELLA 3 (or 2).1.1883 – 19.4.1986. On 27.3.1912 at Penrith she married Harry Messer. He died 22.8.1946.

Harry Messer's mother died on 7.6.1949 and her obituary was written in *Nepean Times* June 16 1949.

THE LATE MRS H MESSER

Exceeding in homely qualities and beloved by relatives and numerous friends, Mrs Mary Jane Messer, wife of an esteemed citizen, Mr Henry Messer, died on 7th instant in the Nepean District Hospital at the age of 84 years, after a short illness.

Mrs Messer was born at Harley Vale and was the second daughter of Thomas and Mary Costello of Lithgow. Thomas Costello engaged in the time-honoured occupation of blacksmith in that district. Mary Jane was one of a family of ten. She was the second last to go, the sole survivor is her brother, Mr Harry Costello who lives at Chatswood.

Her childhood and adolescent years were spent in Lithgow, and it was on June 9 1886 that she was married to Mr Henry Messer at Newtown. Her death came three days short of her 63rd wedding anniversary.

After they married Mr and Mrs Messer lived at Bathurst for about three years where the two eldest members of the family were born. From there they came to Jamisontown and after a year or two they removed to a house in Jamison Road Penrith where they continued to reside till the calling home of Mrs Messer.

Six daughters and three sons survive, viz, Maggie (Mrs Harry Starling Bulli), Harry (Hemming Street Penrith), Stanley (Derby Street Penrith), Elsie (Mrs J

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Peterson Penrith, Gladys (Mrs Gordon Willoughby), Beatrice (Mrs Eric Fulton twin sister with Gladys, Corncord West), Eric (Merrylands), Doris (Mrs Perce Fulton Willoughby), Clarice (Mrs Roy Phillips Evan Street Penrith). Another son Fred was killed in action in World War 1. Daughter Elsie and her husband left Auburn five years ago to come and live with her parents at a time when they were in ill health and continued with them.

There are 34 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. The funeral was largely attended took place on 8th instant. After a service conducted by the Rector Rev AE Hodgson, the cortege proceeded to Rookwood Crematorium where the rector also officiated assisted by Mr Harold Messer, a lay reader nephew of Mr H Messer senior. Among the wreaths forwarded was one from the management and employees of John Vicars Ltd. The family wreaths were brought back to Penrith and placed on the rotunda in Memory Park under the memorial plaque bearing the name of Fred Messer.

Harry and Gladys Messer had the following children:

1. MARJORIE MESSER 3.6.1913. She married first William H Turner in 1935 (registered Canterbury) and second to Sinclair McDowell. He married Val Oliver.
2. RONALD ARTHUR MESSER 3.1.1925 Dulwich Hill. He married Mavis Hopkins. The couple did not have children, but their marriage was reported in the *Nepean Times*.

5th February 1948

Miss Mavis Hopkins daughter of Mrs Hopkins 229 Henry Street and the late Sergeant Hopkins is to be married to Mr Ron Messer, son of Mr and Mrs Messer of Hemming Street at St Stephen's Church next Saturday February 7 at 4 pm. Miss Hopkins attended a surprise party last week at her mother's home from Grace Brothers Parramatta where she has been employed and by her friends.

The following week the paper reported the wedding.

Two more Penrith Amateur Players have been united in holy matrimony. They had taken prominent parts in the performances of the talented organisation.

St Stephen's Church Penrith was crowded on Saturday afternoon for the marriage of Mavis, second daughter of Mrs Hopkins and the late Sergt Hopkins to Ronald Arthur, only son of Mr and Mrs Messer of Hemming Street Lemongrove, Penrith, Rev AE Hodgson Rector officiating.

Donations by friends of the bride, the altar in white and elsewhere lemon and red colours were beautifully effective.

Preceded by the choir of which the bride was a member, the bride entered the church with her cousin, Mr Cecil Smith of Sydney who gave her away. She wore a deep cream satin with pearl embroidery, a veil hand made and lent by Mrs H Messer which she had worn at her own wedding with true lovers knots and forget-me-nots. The frock had a long

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scalloped train. The headgear was of orange blossom and the bouquet of deep cream frangipani, gladioli and carnations. The bride also wore a pendant the gift of the bridegroom.

Bridesmaids were Miss Coral Hopkins sister of the bride, Miss Joyce Yates of Parramatta, a friend of the bride and Miss Betty Taylor of Pymble, a cousin. Each wore lemon spotted organdie and carried a bouquet of deep red roses. Each wore a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and a large picture hat.

Marlene Hopkins, sister of the bride and Fay Turner, niece of the bridegroom were flower girls in blue spotted organdie with picture hats to match and carried baskets of red roses. Each wore a heart shaped pendant.

Mr Ken Drayton of Earlwood was bestman and Mr Bruce Carlisle Sydney and Mr Brian Roberts of Parramatta were groomsmen. Miss Amy Kemp of Parramatta nicely sang "My Prayer". The reception was held in Dungowan Theatre Penrith where the bride's mother in blue crepe, embroidered in red, with black accessories and carrying a red posy assisted by the bridegrooms' mother, in beige crepe with brown accessories and carrying a posy of autumn tints received some eighty guests.

Mr Eric Parmenter of Ganmain was the chairman and the usual toasts were honoured. The three-tiered cake was made by Mrs Innes of Penrith. Going away the bride wore pale blue pleated crepe embroidered in blue and accessories. The honeymoon is being spent at Nambucca Heads whence the

bride and bridegroom travelled by plane. The numerous presents included a block of land from the bride's mother and a very valuable wireless set from the bridegroom's parents.

MARY ELIZABETH PRICE, second child of Caroline and William Thomas Price was born September 1843 and died 17.9.1929 aged 86 years. In 1880 she married Daniel Collins 24.9.1835-24.9.1896 aged 61 years. His profession was that of teacher and in November 1877 he was at McDonald's River. In October 1880 he was at Mulgoa where he remained until his death. The *Nepean Times* reported his death.

September 26, 1896

Death of a Prominent Resident – We have this week to record the death of one of our best friends in the person of Mr Daniel Collins, who has had charge of the Mulgoa Public School for a period of 16 years. The sad event took place at Mulgoa about mid-day on Thursday, after a brief illness, the cause of death being pleurisy. Mr Collins was 61 years of age at the time of his death and leaves a widow and one son. His remains were interred at Windsor on Friday...

October 3 1896

Last week it was our painful duty to record the death of Mr Daniel Collins of Mulgoa, which sad event occurred on Thursday of last week. At the time we were unable to give particulars of his life. We now give a short description of the life of one of our best friends, and one whom we so highly appreciated. The late Daniel Collins arrived in this

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Colony from the old land with his parents when only a child of about four years of age, therefore at the time of his death he had been a resident of NSW for about 57 years. Being of a very observant disposition and having a varied experience during his early manhood and towards middle age, it was no small pleasure to get into a conversation with him. He was also a powerful debater and writer upon many subjects, and wielded an influence for good wherever he was located. As a mining expert in the Bathurst district he became possessed of a fund of mining information, which was for an extended period communicated to and published by the Bathurst Press. He witnessed the Lambing Flat riots and his description of thrilling experiences in various parts of the Colony commanded breathless attention.

The writer has frequently enjoyed many interesting and profitable chats with him during his residence in the Nepean District. It is pleasing to observe such excellent testimony to his great worth as a writer and citizen in the recent issues of the Bathurst papers. He was possessed of much scientific knowledge of agriculture and for a considerable period worked a farm at Oberon. A keen observer of insects and fungus pests and the difficulties to life, his advice was much sought after by the struggling settlers where he resided. At about 48 years of age he determined to offer himself as a candidate for appointment as a school teacher under the Public Instruction Department of this Colony and was accepted. During his 18 year service he was a successful teacher. For the past 16 years he had charge of

the Mulgoa school where many pupils past and present, and a large proportion of the inhabitants of that village will doubtless gratefully remember his name. Delicate health prevented him for encouraging ambitions to reach the high rank in the service. During the past eight years he suffered many severe attacks and his life was despaired of more than once. His last attack seized him Saturday fortnight and terminated fatally on Thursday 24th September. Strangely enough he died on his birthday which event he remembered in the early morning. His remains were taken from Mulgoa to Richmond for internment. A number of his friends forwarded floral tributes and many of them followed the procession to various long distances of over 20 miles. The Rev Dr Cameron (Presbyterian) assisted by Rev M Blackett (Church of England) read the burial service and the former delivered an impressive address at the grave. Messrs Arthur and Nelson Price conducted the funeral arrangements.

Nepean Times 21st September 1929 recorded the passing of Mary Elizabeth Collins (nee Price). Mrs Mary Collins relict of the late Daniel Collins formerly of Mulgoa died at "The Old Home" March Street Richmond on Tuesday at the age of 86 years. Deceased was the aunt to Messrs Nelson and Stan Price of Penrith. Her husband was a school teacher at Mulgoa years ago. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the internment being in the Presbyterian portion of Richmond Cemetery.

One relative has notes that mention that WH Collins died 23.4.1909; Geoffrey Collins died 1903 and Charlie

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Collins died 12.1.1909. These notations were in Mary Elizabeth Collin's notebook. The name of the one son mentioned in the obituary of Daniel Collins is not known.

JOHN FORBES THOMAS PRICE third Child of Caroline and William Thomas Price was born 8.6.1844 at Richmond and died 8.5.1930 at Barwon Street Narrabri. The cause of death was malignant disease of the tonsils over a period of twelve months. His death certificate notes that the informant was his son WC Price who lived in Barwon Street Narrabri. He knew the name of his grandfather but not that of his grandmother.

In the late 1870s John Forbes Thomas Price was a storeman at Dubbo. He married in the Congregational Church at Gulgong on 24.4.1872 to Susannah Wheeler. Her occupation was dressmaker and his, miner and at that time lived in Church Street Mudgee. The witnesses to the marriage were William Faux and Louisa Dormer.

Susannah was born 4.8.1851 at Homebush and was baptised on 24th August 1851 in the Parish of St Thomas, Cumberland County. She died on 11th January 1935 in the District Hospital at Narrabri and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery Narrabri.

Susannah's parents were Charles Wheeler (alias Walker) who was born circa 1797 and arrived as a convict on *Fortune* 2 11.6.1813 and Mary Anson (Hanson) who arrived on the ship *Borneo*. She was a widow and married

in the Parish of Narrelan 23.9.1833 to Charles Wheeler.

A newspaper cutting – paper unknown – that recorded the obituary follows:

GULGONG GOLD

MADE WEDDING RING

A wedding ring made of gold mined in Gulgong was used to be worn by Mrs Susannah Price, aged 84 years, who died at Narrabri recently.

Deceased was the widow of the late Mr John Price of Narrabri. The Narrabri Courier says:- The late Mrs Price was born at Penrith and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wheeler, and she married Mr John Price in Gulgong in 1872, where Mr Price had a claim at the Gulgong goldfields. Her wedding ring was made of gold mined at that centre.

Mrs Price acted as a nurse in those days and attended many sick people during her lifetime. The late Mrs Price was devoted to her church and always tried to set a good example to the young people.

Great tribute was shown Mrs Price at her last resting place. The late Mrs Price is survived by her two daughters, Mrs Ben Carter of Wallah and Mrs Bert Baker of Boggabri, sons William and Richard Narrabri and other members of the family in various parts of the State. Her late husband was a member of a very interesting family whose grandfather Mr Price came out from England during Governor Phillip's time. John Price was born at Richmond where his father conducted a large cabinetmaking business. Some of the members of the family still carry on to

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the present day. Mrs W Price, mother of Mr John Price was born at Government House Parramatta¹ her father having come from England with Governor Phillip and was his first coachman in the new Colony.² Mr J Price trained as a monumental mason but in 1851 was one of the first on the famous Gulgong goldfields. Later he was employed as a stone mason and helped to build the Dubbo Gaol. He constructed the cell in which Newman was confined and who was the first man to be hanged at Dubbo. Price had an order permitting him to witness the hanging and he intended to do so but when he came to the door he changed his mind. Price was once held up by Fred Ward (Thunderbolt) while driving cattle near Maitland.

Susannah's death certificate information was provided by Richard Price of Barwon Street Narrabri. He did not know his grandmother's surname. Cause of death of Susannah was Cerebral Softening – duration of one month. Children listed – Ernest J 61 years; Mary E 60; Albert 57; Ada C 54; Martha 52; William C 45; Richard 42; Arthur 40 living, 1 male and 3 females deceased.

¹ Caroline Martin, daughter of Robert Martin Jr and his wife Mary Elizabeth nee Merrick.

² Robert Martin Jr along with his parents – Robert Martin the Elder and wife, Mary nee Cooper arrived in Australia on *Experiment* that arrived in June 1804. Robert Jr was around six years of age. However, he did run off with Mary to marry in time for the birth of their first child, Robert Cooper Martin who was born at Parramatta - Government House – 1822.

CHILDREN OF SUSANNAH & JOHN FORBES PRICE

1. ERNEST JOHN 7.2.1873 – 7.2.1966 Boggabri. He married 1902 to Annie DORAN (other documents state Amy Marcella Doran – the latter name – Annie – is recorded in BDM). Annie died 22.4.1958 at Boggabri. Annie was born in 1872 – birth registered Gulgong, daughter of William and Kate (Catherine nee Lonerigan) who married at Carcoar in 1868. Ernest married 2 Mary Evelyn Harrison. The couple had four children.

- i. Stanley 1903 Boggabri
- ii. Ivy M 1904 Boggabri
- iii. Alma 1906 Barraba
- iv. Ernest John 1909 Barraba.

2. MARY ELIZABETH 13.4.1874 Lahig's Creek near Dubbo. She married 15.12.1888 to Dick Eustace Smith at the Wesleyan Church Gunnedah. He was a carpenter born circa 1861 Basinstoke Hampshire. His father was a vet named Alfred Smith and his mother was Matilda Hibbet. Dick died 5.12.1924 Mandowah Shire near Warrabah Station and is buried in the cemetery at Manilla. Mary died 1959 at Tamworth. The couple had nine children.

- MATILDA E SMITH 1890. She married in 1908 registered Uralla to Ab (Albert A) Tolley
- MAUD M SMITH 1891. She married Tom Taylor. BDM states that Maude EJ Smith married at Gilgandra in 1915 to James E Taylor.
- DICK EUSTACE SMITH 13.4.1893 Mudgee – 19.4.1973 Taree.

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2. Joyce Mary Smith 21.8.1922 Manilla. She married Benjamin Wearne. The BDM register notes that Joyce Mary Smith married in 1943 – registered Tamworth – to Bevan Gai Wearne.

*MARY A SMITH 1894-1938. She married Paddy Grant. BDM stated that Mary A Smith married in 1921 – registered Paddington – to Cyril K Grant.

*SUSANNAH SMITH 1896. She married 1. Ted Tolley and 2. (cousin) Jack Carter. BDM register notes that Susanna married in 1908 to Albert A Tolley. Uralla

ALICE SMITH 23.7.1898-26.3.1976. She married William Berry at Kingstown in 1915. Registered Uralla. Oral history states that they were the first couple to marry in the Kingstown Church.

- JOHN (JACK) SMITH 8.2.1900, Texas Queensland. He married Gladys Doreen Jane Lancaster 12.7.1926 at Manilla. He died 21.8.1928. Gladys was born 21.12.1906 and died in November 1990
- WILLIAM (BILL) SMITH 1903. He married Winn.
- RUBY MAY SMITH 31.1.1906 Barraba. She died 29.12.1937 at Manilla aged 31 years. On 3.11.1926 she married Victor George Grant who was born 29.11.1904 at Tingha NSW. He died 18.12.1949 at Barraba.

NELSON SMITH 1907. He married Meg Alley.

ANNIE SMITH She died young.

3. ADA PRICE 1875-1877

4. ALBERT PRICE 1877 –

5. JOHN PRICE 1880-1930-35

6. CAROLINE ADA PRICE 9.7.1880 – 16.5.1966. She married in 1900 (registered Gunnedah) to Albert Samuel Baker 6.7.1870-24.8.1950. This couple had three children –

- Linda I Baker 1901
- William J Baker 1902-04
- Albert Francis Baker 4.1.1906-4.10.1967.

7. MARTHA PRICE 31.7.1882 – 18.7.1975. She married 1902 to Benjamin Carter and three children are known – Minna M 1903, Benjamin 1904 and Jack who married Susannah.

8. VIOLET PRICE 1885

9. SILVER (Sylvia) PRICE 1886

10. WILLIAM C PRICE 1889-1889

11. GEORGE PRICE 1890-1891

12. RICHARD PRICE 1892. BDM records note the marriage of a Richard J Price in 1918 registered Wellington – to Nellie E Croft.

13. ARTHUR PRICE He was born at Boggabri 11.11.1894 and died 11.10.1957 at Gunnedah. He married 9.5.1917 at Narrabri to Ester (Hester on birth certificate) May Sims born 13.5.1900 Forest Farms Armidale and died 11.10.1969 in ACT – buried Liverpool Sydney.

The couple had eleven children.

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SYLVIA IRENE PRICE 3.12.1918

Narrabri. She married 17.11.1937 Narrabri to James Reuben Riley 11.11.1918 Wee Waa and died 1972 at Newcastle. The cause of death was cancer. Sylvia married 2 to David William Hadley. He was born 24.7.1919 NSW and died at Taree 1985 of emphysema.

VIOLET (PEARL) PRICE 10.8.1922

Narrabri. She married 10.11.1939 to Eli Manning Hutchen born Barraba. He was killed by a train whilst working on railway in early 1947 Bell NSW. Violet Hutchen then married Ronald Leslie Sayer born 4.5.1920 NSW.

NOELINE ESTHER PRICE. She was born 28.12.1924 Narrabri and married 19.12.1942 Paddington Sydney to William Noel (Bill) Turner 27.6.1922-October 1985.

BETTY CLARE PRICE was born 31.5.1927 Narrabri. She married twice. Her first marriage was 22.12.1943 Paddington to Wilfred (Fred) Ison born 14.8.1921 Nowra. married 2. Colville Tilacence (Col) Lloyd born 13.4.1927 – 6.9.1969 Sydney.

CLARENCE JOHN (Jack) PRICE was born 29.4.1930 at Tamworth NSW and died (heart attack) 5.7.1985. He married 13.5.1952 at Paddington Sydney to Patricia May Colliss born 29.11.1931 Prahran Melbourne. She died 30.8.1995 in Sydney.

LORNA JEAN PRICE born 29.5.1931 Narrabri. She married 20.1.1951 at Paddington Sydney to Eric Howard Bodkin born 30.4.1927 Sydney

GLADYS MURIEL PRICE was born 22.9.1933 Narrabri. She married twice – the first on 1.8.1951 Paddington Sydney to Frederick Clive (Fred) Stevenson born 28.12.1928 New Zealand. She married 2 on 26.1.1980 in Auckland NZ to John Edward James Gallagher born 15.4.1933 Burma. He died in Auckland 16.8.1985.

SHIRLEY ANN PRICE was born 11.1.1936 Narrabri and married 24.10.1953 Paddington Sydney to James Adrian (Gordon) Kemble (nee Jones) born 6.6.1930.

AILEEN JUNE PRICE born 6.6.1938 Narrabri.

BERYL JOYCE PRICE 1939 – 1939 aged 6 days.

[The information about Arthur Price and his descendents comes from Carole Donaldson)

JAMES PRICE born at Richmond 2.5.1847 and died 28.1.1917. His first marriage to a Richmond girl, Eliza Jane Allen, took place in New Zealand in the early 1870s. She gave birth to a daughter, Eliza Jane Price (known as *Tub*). His second marriage was to a widow, Emily Evans nee Lucas [Luckies] from Cornwall.

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The above photograph of Mr and Mrs Harper taken circa 1867 was given to Eliza Jane Allen probably prior to her departure from Richmond.

Emily Evan's first marriage was to James John Evans of Bungle Gully who died after a train in which he was seated by joined by an engine. He was thrown from his seat and died from head injuries on 12th December 1971. He was the son of James Evans who arrived on *Asia* in 1822 and Mary Collis. The *Nepean Times* March 8, 1919 has an article about the early days of Penrith written by Edward Carroll of Canbelego who was at the time around 84 years of age.

In 1859 the Terminus of the Great Western Railway was at Parramatta, but the line was under construction further westward, and I think Penrith became the terminus in the year 1864. However that may be, I know it remained there for some considerable time till the fine bridge that now spans the Nepean was completed. While the terminus remained in Penrith it was always a lively little place. Before the railway came there we used to have horse racing, foot racing and other sports then in vogue. Day and night

navies were all over the town spending money freely in all the business places. The four or five hotels that were then in Penrith did a big trade. There was no six o'clock closing in those days; it was often after midnight before the house was cleared of crowds. But the carriage of merchandise over the Blue Mountains in the early sixties was an important industry; and nearly all the landowners in the neighborhood of Penrith had teams of horses engaged in this work. Single shaft drays (with two or three horses) were the most in use in the early sixties; but later on the big wagons got on the track with six and eight horses each. There were two of the Colless brothers, George of Emu Plains and Jim of Castlereagh with two big teams. Jim Evans, Johnie Jackson, Bob Lamrock, the Reddan brothers, and many other of the farmers down the river, all had teams on the road hauling goods over the mountains to centres of population in the west. Sofala and Tambaroora were big places in those days..."

Emily Evans, nee Lucas and later Price has an interesting history. She was baptised on 14th October 1838 at Gunwolloe Cornwell and circa 1839 travelled with her parents, William and Elizabeth (nee Opie) to New Zealand as settlers. Their surname was originally Luckies. It was changed to Lucas. A relative, Ethel Barton has given the following information:
Emily Lucas [Price] went to live with her family when old. She died up Mereweather at her daughter's home...I believe the marriage to James Price was a happy one...now my aunt married James Evans from Bungle Gully NSW and they resided there and were very

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comfortable...their eldest daughter Ada Evans married Arthur Price, younger brother of James Price...Arthur lived in Penrith and was a businessman and estate agent...He and Ada had about six children all born at Newtown and Stanmore. They moved to the Newcastle area...I have a letter written to me by my great aunt, Elizabeth Lucas (she lived to 104 and half years old)...but it is about money seems a tight squeeze came about and Arthur Price required some thirty pounds years ago to pay some rates on his land up Emu Plains or Penrith to pay this property, and he needed a hand to pay this as he had stock on the same not yet ready for market, so Aunt Elizabeth (Lizzie) sent him this money.

Arthur Price was a lay Methodist Preacher in Penrith. He also had an eye for attractive ladies...Price children...I know that one was indeed a Methodist Preacher. His wife died and Winnifred Price (Mrs Smith) looked after the two sons. She lived to be 106 and died two years ago...

EMILY EVANS (nee Lucas). Her first husband James Evans, died of typhoid 12th December 1870.



Below left photocopy of original photo of Emily Lucas circa 1856. The couple lived at Bungle Gully. Emily and James Evan's children were:

1.ADA ELIZABETH EVANS 28.6.1861. She married Arthur Price and her family is detailed in the section under Arthur Price – son of William Thomas Price. The *Nepean Times* 29th July 1882 has a description of the marriage of Ada Elizabeth, daughter of the late James Evans of Namoi River to Arthur Price. The wedding took place at the residence of James Price.

2.CLARA AUSTRALIA EVANS 27.6.1862. She was baptised at Emu Plains – her father, James' occupation was *squatter*. Clara married Dr Harry R Cliff in 1881 (registered Dubbo) and had a son, Cuthbert S born in 1884. The child died the following year. The family moved to USA and kept in contact with their family members. Whether or not any other children were born is not known.

3.BLANCHE EVANS She was probably born circa 1863. She married Harry Banfield and had a large family. One, (Colin) Evan Banfield was a friend of Kenneth Evan Price and he served in the First World War as a medical doctor.

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Photocopy of original photograph of
Blanche Evans.

4. LUCILLA EVANS (she was known as *Lovie*) was born 1.5.1865 and was baptised 15.11.1865. She married Frank (Francis) Haddan in 1885 - registered Newtown. The index BDM for NSW indicate that the couple had several children – Horace W 1886; Pearl E 1888; Nellie 1889; Frank C 1893; Lesmore C 1894; Norman E 1902 – others?

5. ALBERT JAMES EVANS 3.12.1866 and baptised 20.12.1866. Albert married Lily Burt. The index of BDM has the marriage in 1892 and the bride's name as Lilian A Neale. Registered Murrumburrah. As a young man Albert visited Fiji where a number of photographs were taken. BDM index of NSW indicate that he and Lily had the following children – Darcy R 1892; Lillian P 1894; Olga M 1896; Elma M 1899 plus?

6. MARY GERTRUDE EVANS *Minnie* was born 6.8.1868 and baptised 8.10.1868. Minnie married William G Caldwell in 1898. He committed suicide and the reason is not known as he was

according to relatives a money lender and quite well off.

7. LUCINDA *Linda* was born 29.3.1870 and baptised 27.5.1870. She married Charles Rabone in 1893. The BDM index notes the birth of two children, Edna 1894 and Hazel M 1897. Relatives mention another daughter, Ivy, who died on Christmas day (year?) – she was a young woman at the time of her death.

SECOND MARRIAGE - & FAMILY.

James Price, second husband of Emily, died 28.1.1917 and his obituary appeared in the *Nepean Times* 10.2.1917.

We regret to record the death of Mr James Price, uncle of Mr Nelson Price of Penrith, the sad event taking place at the deceased's residence Glebe Sydney on 28th ultimo.

Deceased who had reached his 69th year had been ailing for some years and in measure his death was not thus unexpected by his family circle...Deceased had been an officer in the Customs Department had carried out his duties of his calling in a number of centres having been stationed in Sydney, Brewarrina in Northern River Towns etc, and was a gentleman of great stability and character, holding the confidence of his department and community. He took much interest in sporting and athletic doings and had been a noted cricketer, having played against All-England teams as a member of a county 22s and 18s in his earlier years. Deceased had actively interested himself in political matters and was one

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of the most ardent and conspicuous supporters of Mr TR Smith in that gentleman's early contests for the representative of the Nepean Constituency...



James Price as a young man.

Windsor Richmond Gazette September 16, 1932.

The death occurred at Newcastle on Friday of Mrs Emily Price who was well-known in the Richmond District at the ripe age of 95. Mrs Price visited Mereweather a few weeks ago to attend the Golden Wedding of her son and daughter-in-law Mr and Mrs Arthur Price³ of Richmond... There are ten surviving children.

Arthur and James Price were often mentioned in articles in the *Nepean Times*.

Friday March 3, 1882

Motions: Alderman Smith moved – "That a committee be appointed to co-operated with the Government and the Commissioner for Railways to consider

³ Arthur was her brother-in-law and son-in-law. Her daughter Ada married Arthur Price, brother of James.

the water supply for the town of Penrith... Alderman James Price seconded the motion.

Standing Committee

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman John Price [uncle of James and Arthur Price] the following were elected standing committee – Alderman Smith, James Price and C Evans.

Finance Committee: The Mayor, Aldermen Besley and John Price.

Friday March 17, 1882

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Finance Committee

Alderman Jas Price proposed the first resolution which was as follows:- That the sum of 2 pounds 10/- be granted to supplement a like amount from the Castlereigh Road Trust to make way down the river at the end of Durbin's Lane and in doing so said that it was the first motion he moved in the Council. There was an undoubted want in that particular neighbourhood for a watering place for cattle. Alderman Smith strongly supported the motion.

Friday March 31, 1882

CORRESPONDENCE

LANDLORD AND TENANT

To the Editor of the Nepean Times

Sir, - I do not think I am stepping beyond the bounds permitted in newspaper correspondence in bringing under your notice one aspect of the relationship in which landlords and tenants stand to each other – I mean

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what I may with property call a moral one. Ordinarily this connection is purely a business one; but at the present time and owing to circumstances over which human will and energy have no control, the moral aspect of the relationship which unites the two classes above named forces itself on our attention.

It is only in seasons like the present one that we can intelligently apprehend the phrase that "ownership of the land entails duties and obligations distinct from ownership in any other property". Not many years back, the principle which governed most landed proprietors in renting their land might be briefly stated in the following words:- land is private property, in the strictest sense of individual possession and is rented, that is its productiveness is sold at a certain annual value; the contract therefore on this basis is as much as a commercial one as it would be if the article were a bale of wool or a shipment of merchandise.

That a radical change is taking place in the minds of at least the British statesmen in regard to this question is clear, from the manner in which the land of the part of that country is being dealt with at the present time, and the change here alluded to is said to be rendered necessary because landholders refuse to recognise their moral obligation.

Happily for all concerned in this colony no state of things exist here; agents and absentee landlords have not become an 'institution with us' – our landlords and tenants have direct and in most cases personal and friendly intercourse.

Abundant evidence of the sympathy which subsists between landlord and tenant in this colony could be collected. I could name many who are now in comfortable circumstances, but who would have been in poverty at the present time had their landlords refused at least a forbearing hand. I know it is easy to be generous with other men's money; but this is just the point of my letter – the moral obligation that attaches to the ownership of land. The generosity of this colony is proverbial when foreign distress is brought to the fore, for even now we are helping the maltreated Jews of Russia; but generosity at home is a primary virtue. One of the most trying seasons this district has passed through for years is before us, and forbearing hand, just what is most needed, may prevent the breaking down of a true man, and the breaking up of a happy family. These few remarks are offered without the slightest desire to dictate what perhaps many landlords have already determined to do.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES PRICE

*Nepean Times October 14 1905
Thanks. Mr and Mrs James Price of North Richmond beg to express their gratitude to Mr Thomas Wheeler, Mr WL Allen and other friends for the valued aid on the occasion of the recent accident at the well on their farm, also to thank numerous residents for kind enquiries regarding the care of the sufferers who are now convalescing.*

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Emily Evans (nee Lucas/Luckies) and James Price married on 28.3.1876. The delay in marriage may be related to the fact that Emily lost control of her deceased husband's property on remarriage?



Two of the Evan's girls



Above – one of the photographs in the Evans/Price collection. May be Emily nee Lucas?

CHILDREN OF EMILY AND JAMES PRICE

1. VIDA PRICE born 2.4.1876. She married in 1901 to Norman McCredie 1879-1943. His occupation was chemist.

DONALD BOYD McCREDIE born 17.2.1902 Brewarrina – 17.12.1946. He married Blanche Marion Anderson at Roseville in 1926.

CHARLES WILLIAM BROWN McCREDIE born 12.1.1905 Brewarrina. He died on 22.6.?? In 1928 he married Alma May Miller at Hurstville and in 1970 at Wauchope he married Elma Kelly.



Previous photograph: Family of James Price. His brother, Arthur is second from the right and his mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Emily Price is the elderly lady second from the left.



Detail of photograph showing Arthur Price in centre.

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Below: Detail of photograph – Ada Price nee Evans on left and Albert on right.



2. WINNIFRED PRICE 25.8.1878 at Emu Plains. She married 22.3.1899 to Ashley Arkell Smith. The couple did not have children.

3. EMILY CAROLINE PRICE 1879-1880



Above: Uncle Harry and Alston Price photograph loaned by Alston Page Price (Mick)

4. HARRY PRICE 22.1.1881. He married Margaret Wearne 1887-5.6.1918 aged 31 years.

Windsor Richmond Gazette November 4 1905.

Mr Harry Price, son of Mr James Price of North Richmond, who after a short study for the Methodist Ministry at York Street Centenary Hall was sent to Mudgee as assistant minister and was last week unanimously recommended by the Mudgee Methodist congregation to sit for the Synod Examination which he passed.

Record of Service

1906 Narrabri

1907 Theological training at College Stanmore

1908 Burwood – 2nd Minister

1910 Ballina

1911-1913 Stanmore – 3rd Minister residing Marrickville

1914-15 Muswellbrook

1916-18 Bourke

1919 Sydney Central Mission – 2nd Minister

1920 At the Conference Mr Price Voluntarily Retired from the Ministry.⁴

Harry and Margaret Price had two children –

- James Warren Price 1914 at Roseville. He married Lillian Payne and had two children, Margaret Ann and John Richard Warren
- Harrington Warren Price. He died in a flying battle over the North Sea 20.6.1942.

5. WILLIAM PAGE PRICE 16.6.1882 – 31.5.1953. He married Florence Ilene Martin, daughter of Colin and Elizabeth Martin of Penrith on 5.5.1917.

⁴ The reason I have been told is that he wished to remarry and the lady was a divorcee.

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Detail of wedding photograph of William Page Price and Florence Ilene Martin. (Loaned by *Mick Price*).



The couple had two children –

* Gavin Graham 16.10.1918-20.9.1962. He had a heart problem from birth.

* Alston Page Price 21.8.1922 Leichhardt.⁵ He married 16.4.1956 to Joan Hamberger. She died 9.8.1986 following complications after surgery for breast cancer. Many years later *Mick* remarried.

LOUIS MARSHALL PRICE was born at Richmond 24.3.1854 and died 7.5.1923 aged 68 years. On 4.7.1878 he married Catherine Parkes⁶ who was born 18.11.1855 and died 30.6.1938 at Chatswood.

⁵ Mick Price lived at Panania in Sydney and was the keeper of many of the documents of WT Price line – in particular those of James Price and his second wife Emily – whom he referred to as *Little Mother*. He had the wedding certificate of James and his first wife Eliza Jane Allen. A number of photographs were given to Eliza from her friends before she left Richmond for New Zealand. Copies of this collection are in the library at Windsor.

⁶ A family story states that she was the niece of Sir Henry Parkes.

Louis Marshall Price joined the teaching service. He trained at Wheeny and Colo – haltime from May 1873 to January 1876 when he was at Titiany. In February 1877 he moved to Sussex Street and in June 1883 to Blayney and Bega where he remained until November 1889. From there he moved to Adamstown and in April 1891 he moved to the Junction. This was his last school. He retired 24.9.1906. He and Catherine had a family of six children.



Photocopy of original photograph of Louis Marshall Price taken sometime between 1875 and 1879.

1 & 2 LEWIS CARLTON PRICE 10.5.1879-14.7.1879 & CLARENCE SYDNEY PRICE 10.5.1879-20.6.1879. The twins were born at Ramorie Grafton on the Nepean River.

3. HARCOURT CLARENCE PRICE 8.5.1881 Chatswood. BDM register has Maclean. He died 20.6.1972 at Roseville and was cremated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. Harcourt married 15.10.1906 to Julia Woodville White who was born 21.3.1893 at Bathurst and died at Chatswood 20.6.1972. Harcourt Price was a chemist. The Chatswood Central Uniting Church has a

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commemorative window to Harcourt and his wife. The church was formerly a Methodist one and Harcourt Price was one of the original trustees of the church and both he and his wife were pioneer members of the church. The couple had two sets of twins.

- Twin sons stillborn 1908
- Twins 23.3.1909. Frank Marshall Price died aged six weeks. Harold Searle Price survived and on 19.12.1936 he married Betty Loudon Wright. His occupation was Post Master (1928).

Charles Edward 28.6.1914 at Gordon. He married 14.10.1971 to Eunice McPherson and they had two children, Caroline Gai 9.1.1976 and Melissa 13.11.1977.

- Mary C Price 27.5.1911. She married in 1947 to Amadeus Leopold Abrahams. The couple had one son, Robert David 5.10.1951. He married 6.11.1976 to Christine Ann Colman and has three children.
- Marjorie Price 17.2.1914. She married 29.1.1968 at Chatswood to Ronald Pugh. The couple have two children. She married 29.1.1968 to Graeme Stanley at Willoughby and has two children.

4.AUBREY LEIGH PRICE 22.9.1883 Blayney. [BDM shows registered at Carcoar.] He died at Chatswood 24.4.1967. In 1919 in England he married at Cambridge to Mary Ellen Cork. He served in the AIF in World War One. There were no children of the marriage.

4. ANNIE CAROLINE PRICE
25.3.1886 Blayney. On
23.3.1920 she married Samuel
Claude Colman who died
27.6.1959.

Windsor Richmond Gazette November 4 1905

Miss Annie Price, daughter of Mr LM Price of Waverley, who is the brother of Mr Arthur Price, obtained the Union Sunday School Examination open to the whole state. Her younger sister came third.

Annie and Samuel Colman had three children.

6.HENRIETTA ALTHEA PRICE 8.6.1888 [registered Blayney] – 13.5.1974.

7. MABEL DORIS PRICE 5.1.1894 Newcastle – 30.4.1982.

ROWLAND (ROLAND) ALEXANDER PRICE was born at Richmond 3.11.1856 and died from cancer at his brother Louis's home 28.10.1911. He is buried at Richmond. He married Mary Jane Mitchell 1.7.1875.

The couple's Silver Wedding Anniversary was reported in *Windsor Richmond Gazette* July 4 1903.

July 1st 1878 at Glebe by the Rev Charles Creed Rowland, 5th son of Mr William Thomas Price of Richmond to Mary J, eldest daughter of Mr Henry Mitchell of Mollymoke [Mollymook], Uladulla...

Mary Jane Mitchell's parents were Henry Mitchell and Ellen nee Donlin.

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She died on 12.5.1915 and is buried with her husband in the cemetery behind the RAAF base near Richmond. At the time of his death of Rowland Price's obituary featured in the papers - the *Windsor Richmond Gazette* and *Nepean Times*.

Windsor Richmond Gazette November 11 1911.

The death of Mr Roland Price well and familiarly known in Richmond took place in Taralga (sic it was Sydney) on Monday the 30th ult at the age of 55 years. For the past 25 years the late Mr Price had charge of Taralga School...The late Mr Price had been ailing for the past few months with an internal growth, but the cause of his death was diagnosed a few days before his death. Deceased was a good man, charitably disposed towards his neighbours both in words and actions and his good deeds he was known and esteemed. The pleasing reference made by the Rev John Calvert of Bondi which are printed on another page of this issue at the burial showed the character of the man that has gone. He served them all for he had lived a most exemplary life. The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week the remains being conveyed by train to Richmond thence to the Methodist Cemetery where the internment took place. The burial service was conducted by the Rev G Thompson assisted by the Rev J Branch (Waverley), Rev John Calvert (Bondi) recent Methodist Minister Taralga...

The Late Rowland Price

We sympathize with Mrs Cambridge of Richmond and our old friend Mr Arthur Price in the death of their brother,

Rowland, a Christian gentleman, whose memory will be revered for long years by all who knew him. At the Burial. The Rev John Calvert of Bondi said he felt it a privilege to be permitted to speak of the late Mr Rowland Price. In 1905, he (the speaker) was appointed to the Crookwell Circuit of which Taralga where Mr Price resided is an outpost with monthly services. When on visits to that place he almost invariably made his home at Mr Price's house. There he was received with uniform and persistent kindness. Mr Price had been cradled in Methodism and therefore aided her enterprises in the town in which he dwelt. The speaker bore witness to the fact that Methodism in Taralga owed much to his sympathy and co-operation. The services in his own church being only monthly, the opportunity was afforded him of showing his brotherly spirit to Anglican and Presbyterian churches. This opportunity he embraced to a generous degree. The presence at his funeral of the Rev W Martin who for 28 years had been the Church of England clergyman...Mr Price had been a ... hearted husband and a true father, and would be greatly missed in his home. There was in addition to this a gap which would be hard to fill as regards to the town of Taralga. He had been a teacher of the Public School for a quarter of a century. He had also occupied many positions of trust there in district affairs; and in the absence of a medical man, he had set bones, or rendered other valuable aid to the suffering. Circumstances had called out in him a stalwart self-reliance and readiness or resource, and had developed varieties of necessitous calls for assistance. He had been a great

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lover of cricket, and this influence had been for good.

Nepean Times Sunday November 11 1911 - additional detail. The deceased's first ailment was about seven months ago when he began to suffer with some internal complaint; but he continued to carry out his duties. At Michaelmas (September holidays) he came to Sydney to attend one of his son's wedding, and while there thought to consult a Doctor, after which he remained in Sydney under doctor's treatment, but apparently gradually became worse and expired suddenly on the bovementioned date, at his brother's (Mr Louis Price) of Waverley...

Rowland also became a teacher, but spent most of his years at Taralga, a small country town near Goulburn. His attempts to remove to a town closer to his old home proved fruitless and details of his long battle to get improvements made to his living and teaching conditions are detailed in numerous letters held by the Department of Education. Some examples follow.

Rowland began his teaching training in 1877 at Richmond, Silverdale and Chareville. This was still the era of teacher training on the job.

From September 1880 to April 1881 he was on halftime at Wiseman's Ferry before being transferred to Leets Vale. In January 1883 he moved to Camerloy [Comleroy?] Road and in June 1887 to Taralga where he remained until his death.

Prior to leaving for Taralga Rowland was involved in the Teachers' Union and one can but wonder if this activity contributed to his move. A report of the foundation of the union in the Hawkesbury area is reported in *Hawkesbury Advocate* November 22, 1884.

Teacher's Union – A meeting of teachers of the Hawkesbury District was favourable to the formation of a Local Branch of the above was held at the Superior Public School Richmond on Saturday 15th instant. Owing to the exceeding shortness of the notice given and the fact that an important meeting of the Union was being held in Sydney the same day, the attendance was only moderate. Mr JH Klein (Yarramundi) was voted to the chair. After expressing his thorough concurrence with the object sought to be obtained he called upon Mr Flannery (Richmond) to read the rules of the Union as established in Sydney. This having been done it was proposed by Mr Anderson (Windsor) and seconded by Mr C Doyle (N Richmond), "That steps be taken to form a branch of the Union, such a branch to be known as the Hawkesbury District Branch." Carried. Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Walker (Freemans Reach) seconded "That subcommittee consisting of Messrs Klein, Anderson, Walker, Flannery, Reid (Castlereagh), Louder (N Kurrajong), Price (Commerloy Road) and the mover be appointed to frame by-laws for presentation at next general meeting and also to obtain full information on various matters from the Metropolitan Branch..."

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Examples of letters written by Rowland Price from Taralga to the Department of Education follow:

Public School, Taralga 11th November 1890

Representing necessity for repairs and additions

*JH Murray Esq
Inspector of Schools*

Sir

I beg to state that the Public School building sadly need some repairs and the addition of a verandah along the back of the house to prevent the rain from drifting under the doors and windows.

1. Verandah

The building is one of the oldest in the district, being erected by convict labor, as a residence for one of the overseers in the old times. What is now the back of the house was originally the front, but since getting into the hands of the Government it has been reversed, and a verandah erected at the front. Different alterations have been executed at various times to render it for school purposes. It is now about five and half years since the last additions and repairs were done; viz, a new class room and lavatory and the boarding of the ceilings of the school room. The windows the house are so constructed that they open by folding into the house, or on the French light principle, and when it rains the water runs into the house thus causing the plaster to fall and injure the premises. I here submit different views of the building and

*show verandah required in red ink.
Specifications for the same enclosed.*

2. Repairs.

- a. The room 'parlor' on Ground Plan requires papering and ceiling calcimined.*
- b. The passage through the house requires the plaster made good in several places where required.*
- c. The room, 'Dining Room' also requires the plaster made good in several places where required.*

Posts and plates to receive three coats of the best white lead and oil in approved colours, also guttering and down pipes to receive two coats of paint.

Make good the plastering where required. Clean off and raise all walls and ceilings of two rooms (Parlor and Dining Room) and passage. Calcimine ceilings and paper walls of approved patterns (paper not to exceed 1/3 per roll. The fireplace of the Dining Room to be made good.

Make good all plastering where required. Clean off and raise all walls and ceiling of No 1 and 2 bedrooms and kitchen and calcimine walls and ceilings.

Clean down and paint in two coats all internal woodwork, provide one "Y" carpenter's patent lock and fix same. Ease one door. Take out present oven

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and fix stove in kitchen fireplace (Stove to be provided by the department).

Fix ridge cappings and stop leaks in two valleys on the roof. Paint all external walls and limewash in two coats, to be well fastened on.

Clean down and paint in two coats of the best white lead and oil in approved colours and external woodwork, except classroom. Inside lavatory also to be painted same as outside.

Clean down and paint the Bell Post. Clean down and paint same as other all guttering, downpipes and tanks. The tank stands to be tarred (coal tar).

*Make good five panes of glass...
Public School Taralga, 7th September
1887
JH Murray Esq
Sir*

In compliance with your memo bearing dated 5.9.87 I enclose return showing names and particulars of fees owing by persons as per records, who affirm that they are not indebted to accounts against their names.

2. Receipts. Enclosed is an exact copy of receipts held by Mrs James Wearne and signed by the late teacher, bearing date 25/6/87. This is the only receipt I can hear of.

3. Firewood. With reference to the subject I may state the Chairman Mr Whiting Jr, informs me that the sum of 25/- was collected from the children by the late teacher with the purpose of supplying firewood for the school. When he (the late Teacher) was leaving

Taralga he handed to Mr Whiting a statement signed by himself, that Mr McNeilly would supply five loads of wood for the 25/- and that he had paid him that amount in advance. I waited upon Mr McNeilly with reference to the matter and he denies having received any money from the late teacher. No wood has been supplied by any person...

*Public School Taralga, 22nd March 1887
Applications for Repairs and Alterations
JL Smith Esq, BA
Inspector of Schools
Crookwell*

Sir,

The corner of the return court of screw of the girls' WC has decayed off the ground and I have to support it with stones for the time being to prevent the whole from falling to the ground and exposing the entrance of the WC to the boys in the playground.

2. The water in the well has failed owing to the fact that the supply is merely derived from soakage and not from a spring and the long continued dry weather has exhausted the supply. As a result we have been greatly inconvenienced, being compelled to beg water for household purposes which places a person under obligation that they may be refused at any moment. The supply to the school I think could be made permanent by conveying water from the roof since it is now covered with iron instead of shingles, into a well, instead of allowing it to run to waste. The well is according to those who excavated it, about fifty feet deep and the latter 25 or 30 feet is through solid rock, thus making a kind of underground

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tank. The only work required to convey the water from about three-quarters of the roof into the well is changing of the downpipe from its preset position to one about 8ft from the well and supplying and connecting underground piping to the well.

4. *The heavy fall of snow which occurred in June of last year caused one of the joints in the front guttering to break. I repaired same myself...*

Public School Taralga 11th October 1898
APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL
To the Honorable
The Minister for Education
Sydney

Sir,

I beg to make application for the removal from this school in consequence of the small number of children now attending and the great possibility of the school being reduced thereby from a Seventh Class in which it now ranks.

There is growing up in this locality a great inclination among some parents to have their children taught at home, thinking it more aristocratic and at present there are no fewer than four families comprising of fourteen children receiving home instruction.

During the last eighteen months some eight families have left the district owing to the bad times, and have taken fourteen children, who were regular attendants, so that, from the above causes, together with a convent school as well the number of children

remaining is not sufficient to maintain a Seventh Class Public School.

I have been in the Service of the Department for upward of twenty one years, the last eleven in charge of this school, and I would urgently request that the matter of my application receive your favourable consideration...

This request was denied. When one reads about the condition of the house and water supply it must have been extremely difficult for Mary Jane Price to run the house and bring up a large family. The weather in winter is bitter and in summer very hot.

Rowland was also the subject of warnings about his standard of teaching – He was informed twice – 28th November 1895 and 27th August 1896 that if his standard of work did not improve that serious action would be taken. These threats arrived at a time following the deaths of two of their babies – 1891 and 1892 and the arrival of a new baby in 1894.

A document dated 9.9.1899 listed Roland's appointments to that time.

Age 43 years.

Appointed teacher of Mulgoa Forest Mountain and HT 1.1.1877

Awarded class 3C (exam) from 1.9.1877.

Promoted to class 3B 1.5.1880

Removed to Australian Farm and HT 1.9.1880.

Instructed to act as teacher of Aust. Farm Public 14.4.1881.

Promoted to class 3A (exam) from 1.3.1882.

Removed to St Albans Public 24.1.1883.

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Removed to Comerloy Road Public
11.1.1884.

Removed to Taralga Pub June 1887.

Present Salary 171 pounds and
residence valued at 35 pounds.

CHILDREN OF ROWLAND & MARY JANE (nee Mitchell) PRICE

1. CLAUDE EGBERT 31.7.1879-3.8.1941
(Marrickville). The month after his
father's death Claude Egbert Price
married Hilda May Biddle. She was born
24.2.1885, daughter of William Biddle
and Helen nee Stevenson. Hilda May
died 15.5.1968. (NB a direct
descendent, Harry Price, has the birth
date of Hilda May as 31.12.1886. BDM
Reg 23651/1886.) The couple had five
children –

*Rowland William Price
24.8.1912 Parramatta and died
22.2.1981. He married Catherine Mary
Melville around 1937. She was born
15.12.1916 and died 20.10.1984. The
couple had three children.

*Henry Noel 14.12.1913
Granville – 3.8.1986. He married
Lurlena (Lurle) Mavis Moss circa 1939.
She was born 26.8.1914 and died
29.7.1996. The couple had two
children, Sandra and Noelene.

*Thorpe Egbert (Aub) 24.3.1915
Lidcombe. He died at Box Hill
11.5.1997. He was cremated at
Springvale Crematorium. He
married in 1936 (registered Blaney)
Ruby Louise Funnell, daughter of
Frederick Funnell and Susan Sophie
Ada nee Judd. She was born
27.6.1936 Blayney. Ruby was born

17.12.1912 Blayney and died at Box
Hill 7.1.1999 and was cremated at
Springvale Crematorium. They had
four children.

*John (Jack) Edwin 26.12.1918
(or 1917?). He married Eunice May
Stevens around 1938. She was born
10.11.1918 and died 15.4.1991. The
couple had five children.

- Lionel Mitchell 13.2.1920. He
married Doris Chaffe. She died
27.2.1985 and is buried at St Marys.
Doris was born in Tomago, daughter
of William and Susan Mary nee
Amos. Lionel married 2 Sylvia May
Dawes around 1939. The couple had
four children – Frederick Claude;
Susan Hilda who married Brian
Wasson; Elizabeth Anne who
married Ian A Maurice and Kathryn
Doris who married Geoff Lee
Benson.

2. CLAYTON CARLTON CECIL PRICE
28.2.1881 Richmond. He died
25.9.1927. He married in 1907 to Ethel I
Bowtell. The marriage is recorded at
Bombala. A family bible notes the
following children: Mary Enid born
21.3.1910 and Doris Elaine born
12.12.1911. Others mentioned with
Carlton's name near them are – Sydney,
Dick and Betty.

3. SYLVIA ESTELLE PRICE. She was
baptised Lydia Estelle on 27.3.1883 at
Kurrajong. She died 14.6.1919. She
married William Oliver 23.6.1908. A
silver teapot was presented to her from
the children of Taralga School on
22.7.1908 to mark her coming marriage.
(note discrepancy in month). She

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walked from her house to the church. A carpet was put down for her to walk on. It was snowing at the time. The cause of her death was a leaking valve in the heart. One daughter, Dorothy Maud was born circa 28.8.1909. She married to Max Brame and then to Robert Lee who died circa 1974. Maud had two children, Vicki who married and had Ben and Emma and Keri who married and had Derek and Kirsty.

4. LIONEL CUTHBERT PRICE 10.5.1885. He died 15.3.1900 in Taralga. The cause of death was diphtheria aged 14 years.

5. CAROLINE (known as Carrie) ELLEN PRICE 17.3.1887 Kurrajong and was baptised there 29.5.1887. Roland was transferred this year. The 1908/09 Electoral Roll shows that Caroline lived at Taralga. She was known as *Carrie* and married on 13.6.1914 to Thomas H Spencer. The couple had three children: Coral Ivy 7.3.1916; John Alfred 30.5.1917 and Allan Henry 14.6.1919.

6. CRECY BOYNE PRICE 15.2.1889 Taralga and died 11.3.1900 at Taralga. She may be the one who died on 11th March 1900 from diphtheria?

7. D'ARCY CONRAD PRICE 11.10.1890 Taralga – 14.7.1891 registered Goulburn.

8. ARMINE LOUIS PRICE January 1892-26.5.1892.

9. AUDREY CLAIR PRICE 11.3.1894. She married Alexander B Oliver 10.12.1927.

10. MYRTLE ENID PRICE 18.1.1897. She married Walter ER Tinson 13.12.1923.

Information given to me states that she has a daughter, Carol who married Harry Edie and they have five children.

EMMA ELIZA PRICE born 7.9.1858 – 1942.

She married 9.4.1881 to William Richard Sullivan who was at the time a storekeeper's assistant. The family later moved to West Maitland where William bought a store. He was born 24.5.1857 and died 18.2.1927. His father was Thomas Sullivan who arrived in Australia in 1839. In a report on the Golden Wedding Anniversary of William's uncle and aunt [William and ?] in *Hawkesbury Herald* June 10, 1902 some mention of Thomas senior was made: *The late Mr Thomas Sullivan was one of Richmond's earliest school masters, and among his pupils were Mr CS Guest JP and others. Mr William Sullivan [uncle] was one of the founders of the Richmond School of Arts, with Messrs William Price, Caleb Crisford...*



Emma Price circa 1875.
William and Emma Sullivan had three children.

*Ruby Melanie Sullivan
18.1.1882 – 26.8.1979. Single. She is buried at the Richmond Methodist

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Cemetery behind the RAAF base near Richmond.

*Albert Richmond Sullivan
4.8.1883 – 1937. He married Frances Margaret Ainsworth and has three children.

William Richmond Sullivan. He married Margaret Wood and has three children, Dianne – married with 3 children; Helen married with 4 children and Henry Richmond (Rick) married with 1 child.

Harold Richmond Sullivan 1.3.1914. His profession is dentist and he married Nina Ruth Basil Jones. Harold died 1960. The couple have one son, Timothy Richmond Sullivan who married Melinda Jill Buckland.

*Ina Sullivan 1886. She married Allan McIntosh. No issue.



Above: Ruby and Albert Sullivan

ARTHUR PRICE He was born 27.12.1860 and died 24.9.1937. He was buried at Sandgate two days after his death. He married Ada Elizabeth Evans born 26.8.1861 Namoi River on 26.7.1882. (see James Price section).

Arthur and his wife were keen participants in the life of the district in particular the council and the church. Many of the activities were reported in the local papers.

The SAG newspaper Vol 14, page 351 Col 8 states that Arthur Price was born 24.10.1860 and died 26.10.1937. His surviving siblings were Emma (Mrs WR Sullivan Cremorne), Alice (Mrs C Cambridge Rose Bay). The other siblings were Louis, Roland, James, John, Mary and Albert. It continued *His paternal grandfather came from England as a young man and married Ann Cooper who resided at Parramatta. Miss Cooper was born on 21.6.1801. [sic – date of birth was 21.1.1801]. They settled at Richmond and William Price became the first Postmaster.*⁷ Arthur married Ada Evans of Bunglee Gully station on the Namoi in 1882. They had five children, Albert and Ken, Richmond, Murial, wife of P Vercoe and Jessie, wife of Dr A Lamb, Hamilton and Clara, wife of Arthur Moore, deceased.

Hawkesbury Herald Saturday August 4 1883.

It is satisfactory, however, to know that Alderman Kelly scored a win the other night, in the matter of locking the Park gates – having carried the motion by a good majority – much to the discomfiture of Alderman Cobcroft and Price who may probably have looked

⁷ According to reminiscences in the local papers it appears that William was both the first and fourth Postmaster. Allison James, a family researcher checked with GPO records that state William was the fourth Post Master, however the reminiscences note that he held the position twice.

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the enclosure as their own particular squattage. It is a pity men won't vote when they think they are the right track and had Alderman Kelly voted with Alderman Price on the infamous footballers' banquet motion, a wrong would have been prevented, as the division would have been equal and we can hardly believe that the Mayor would have given his casting vote for the expenditure...

Hawkesbury Chronicle, The Farmers Advocate October 4, 1884. Sunday School Examination. On Sunday last the annual examination of the children of the Wesleyan Sunday School was held in the Church. These events are matter of great import, not only for the children and young men and maidens who form the teaching staff but for the old people who, naturally enough like to see their children and grandchildren come in for honours, as they probably in their early life, did themselves.

The Rev J Clifton of Parramatta was the preacher of the day, and in the morning preached to a large congregation of old and young what may be considered a children's sermon – from Proverbs XXII, 6 verse, "Train up a child the way he should go."

In the afternoon the examination took place and the platform erected around the pulpit was filled with happy looking children of all ages and singers from the choirs of several churches in the Circuit, among whom noticed from Windsor the Misses Linkley and Messrs WC Gambrill and W Lane; Miss Wisby, from Enfield, Miss Owen, Miss Ducker and Mr J

Ducker, Stanmore, Misses Sullivan, Ducker, Price, Parker and Crellin – while Mr RH Ducker led the choir and Miss Bessie Crisford presided at the harmonium.

The Rev W Moore⁸ Chairman of the Circuit examined the children in the Scripture; and Mr Ducker the School Superintendent examined the senior girls and boys in catechism the answers being fairly given and showing a good knowledge of the subject. Several recitations were given very creditably – notably by Misses J and E Sullivan, Morris, Elsie Price and Martha Biddle; and Masters O Sullivan, G Borne, H Price and H Hill; and a dialogue was well rendered by three of the older boys...

*Hawkesbury Herald 10.3.1898
Mr Arthur Price has erected over the remains of his father and mother at the Wesleyan Cemetery Londonderry a magnificent tombstone which reflects great credit on him as the whole of the work is from Mr Price's own hands.*

*Robert Farlow in Hawkesbury Herald April 29, 1904 also referred to the last resting place of the family.
...there in a quietude of primeval forest, they find the small God's acre fenced in with a good substantial fence, the Western boundary being contiguous to the main road.*

Opposite the place of sepulture may be seen a few buildings fast crumbling to decay. The locality is certainly suggestive of the rest belonging to the

⁸ He was the son of Sarah Cooper, sister of Ann Cooper who married William Price.

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departed, though if sentiment stand for out it is not a very respectable place for those who have played a prominent part in the early history of Richmond to sleep – for death afterall, is but a sleep.

Anyhow the consecrated place is no disgrace to the Wesleyan community of Richmond for I have seen many a cemetery within a borough in much greater disrepair. A few ornamental trees had been planted, which, I suspect was the thought and handiwork of my valued friend, Mr Arthur Price...Here are some [tombstone inscriptions] to members of the Price family.

*In Memory Of
Benjamin Arthur Price
Who departed this life
November 5th, 1854
Aged 20 years
(verse obliterated)*

*ALSO
Ann Price
Born January 21st, 1801
Died May 10th 1856*

*ALSO
William Price
Born December 25th 1792
Died May 28th 1877
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.*

*ALSO
Rebecca
Sixth daughter of the above
Who died July 21st 1880
Aged 37 years.*

In an enclosure of the most up to date masonry to be found in the cemetery I find a few names familiar to me:

*William Thomas Price
Died 20th April 1895*

*Aged 75 years.
"Dear Father"*

*Caroline
Beloved wife of
Died 3rd December 1878
Aged 54 years.*

*"Dear Mother"
Albert*

*Youngest son of
William Thomas Price
Died 4th April 1876
Aged 10 years.*

*William Robert Price
Beloved husband of
Elizabeth (nee Young)
Eldest son of WT Price and Caroline
Price,
Died 30th January 1889
Aged 47 years.*

Mr William Price here mentioned as "Dear Father" was the father of our intellectual and progressive citizen, Mr Arthur Price. I remember the old gentleman well, and he and I were the best of friends. Many a morning I met him in Cox's lane as early as half past five, and always received a friendly, "Good morning Robert!" from him. In later life I knew him more intimately and we had many a pleasant chat together.

William Robert Price who carried on a blacksmithing establishment in Richmond for many years, I knew also, and many a time I have been to his shop with some portion of a farming implement when I was a boy. I knew him later as an Oddfellow, and claimed him as brother, and we all regretted his death while still in the prime of life. He died at Penrith but I was pleased to see

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they brought him over and laid him to rest with his parents, and that he was accorded an Oddfellow's funeral.

As I stood with their grave at my feet I thought of the time when we all foregathered under pleasant circumstances; thought of the days when a few pounds were nothing to us; thought too, of the attention that my valued friend, Mr Arthur Price, has given to their resting place. In this attention he has set a noble example, and proves that their memory is still dear to him. He has enclosed their resting place with a unique and ornamental masonry of Waratah blue stone, which works up admirably, and is very much superior to the majority of freestone available for monumental work. The corner stone weigh one ton each, and the other sections are proportionately substantial, while in the centre stands an ornament of the same material, the remaining portion being covered with beautiful bronze gravel.

Nothing remains today of the tombstones. However their lives are remembered in the inscriptions on bronze plaques in a burial section in a family plot behind the RAAF base at Richmond.



The inscription reads

WILLIAM PRICE
HEAD OF THE FAMILY
FIRST POSTMASTER AT RICHMOND
DIED 28TH MAY 1877
AGED 84 YEARS.

Nepean Times February 17, 1900
Mr Arthur Price is the possessor of a splendid collection of curios from the South Sea Islands. They comprise pieces of coral, native head gear, miniature canoe, specimens etc. They are pretty and valuable ornaments, and adorn a corner of his home.

Nepean Times January 18, 1902
Mr Arthur Price of Richmond will offer by auction at Yarramundi this Saturday afternoon at 3 pm the comfortable little property belonging to Mr Edward Stinson..

Nepean Times January 18, 1902

WESLEYAN BAZAAR

The Bazaar opened on Wednesday last at the Richmond School of Arts in aid of the circuit fund, has up to the present time been a big success financially and otherwise, and our Wesleyan friends are deserving of this reward – for when the function was decided upon and they set to work and were determined that neither time or labour would be spared in making it a success. Mr Arthur Price, secretary of the movement, and the executive committee are to be complimented on their efforts in working up the bazaar in the manner they did – in fact every member of the church appears to have been ‘on the go’ for weeks past preparing the thousand and one articles that go to make up a bazaar, and to some extent their

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appeals to outside helpers met with ready response. Through the instrumentality of Mr B Hall, MLA a plant was obtained with which the school of Arts was lighted by electricity. The magnificent flood of light with the many tinted glass shades and ornamentals was in itself a great attraction. The building was handsomely decorated with fern palms, etc and was transformed into quite a fairy dell. The stage with the aid of a number of choice pot plants looked very handsome and on every side it was evident that the deft fingers of the ladies had been at work. Looking round on entering one might have said in the words of the power:

*'Abundant and diversified above all
number
Were all the sources of delight.'*

And from rusty laughs and the cheerful faces of the patronizing crowds of people we imagined that they must have come to the conclusion that the writer was not far wrong when he said –

*Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt
And every laugh, so merry, draws one
out.*

If the couplet be true then at the School of Arts many a coffin was in danger of being ruthlessly pulled to pieces, or of falling asunder from the lack of the wherewithal to keep its boards together.

Everywhere was brightness and delight. A brief stay at the Bazaar – sent one away recuperated in body and mind. If not in purse – though there was the

satisfaction of knowing that the cause was a good one.

THE OPENING

By four o'clock a large and fashionable gathering of the ladies and gentlemen had assembled including Mr Brinsley Hall, MLA, Rev AS Swift, the Right Rev the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (Dr Cameron), Revs J Howell-Price, JJFL Fergusson, MA, Mesdames E Campbell (Mayoress of Richmond), Swift, Fergusson, and others. On the stage Mr Hall and the clergymen mentioned occupied seats. Proceedings were commenced by singing a hymn after which the Rev JJFL Fergusson engaged in prayer.

The Rev AS Swift during the course of a lengthy speech said they had met that afternoon to open their bazaar. Their modesty last year would not allow them to call the function a bazaar, so it was called a Bazaarette: but they felt themselves strong enough this year to call it a bazaar. A glance around the room would show that a great deal of trouble had been gone to and they were indebted to all members of the Church and others who had worked to make the transformation before them. The primary objective of the bazaar was to assist to carry on the religious work of their Church and district. They fully recognized the good work done by the sister churches and in order to maintain their religious ordinances they wanted funds like others. Many people recognised this and helped liberally to carry on the cause of God. Some people said that bazaars were not necessary, but it was hard to come up to one's

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ideal. It was a mistake to refuse anything that was right and good because like many Christian people [gave] goods as well as money. If they objected to bazaars why not do away with the Sunday collection and put a box at the door of the church. The idea was to put the right hand into thy pocket and not let the left hand know what thou givest! They could not do that but had to resort to a bazaar as an expedient. There were many good reasons for holding bazaars. They gave opportunity for the exchange of thoughts and sentiments and were a sort of technical school for young people as there were competitions contests. He would not delay them longer and would call on Mr Hall to declare the bazaar open.

Mr B Hall, MP who was greeted with applause said it afforded him much pleasure to take part in that function, because he felt now that he had a special interest in every church-body in the district. He congratulated Mr Swift on the numbers of workers he had in his field of labor and this was demonstrated by the large and beautiful assortment of things around the building. The stall holders should be remunerated for the way they had worked, and he proposed to give a prize of one guinea for the stall holder who collected the most money during the bazaar – but one condition he wished to make was that the one guinea should go into the general fund. He then declared the bazaar open amidst great applause.

Little Miss Dorothy Cambridge, daughter of Mr C Cambridge here stepped up and presented Mr Hall with a pretty buttonhole of roses and ferns.

The Rev Dr Cameron said he was pleased to be present, as he was always glad to meet his old Methodist friends amongst whom there were many whom he admired and esteemed. They had been fortunate in securing Mr Hall to open their bazaar and that gentleman was always ready and willing for any good work. If all the other Members of Parliament were like Mr Hall it would be well for their country. He congratulated the ladies on their splendid displays and thought the stalls were an improvement on last years. In times like the present it was difficult for all the churches to find money to carry on with, and it was a good thing for them to unite in assisting to bear each other's burdens. Bazaars were the most popular and the least objectionable when conducted in the way they should be. He was sure that in the hands of his Methodist friends everything would be right and in order. He congratulated the Methodist body on their successful negotiations of the union. He had the privilege of being present at the meeting of the Council of the Churches in Sydney on Tuesday, and one matter touched on the droughts that they were experiencing. He was sure that they would all be pleased to hear that all had been resolved to ask the Premier to set aside a day for humiliation and prayer. He hoped the same cordial relations and good understanding would always prevail between the Methodists and the Church to which he belonged and hoped the bazaar would be crowned with abundant success.

The Rev AS Swift returned thanks for the sentiments expressed by the Rev Dr Cameron and said as Methodists they

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appreciated them. He then read apologies from Mr E Campbell (Mayor of Richmond). Hon W Walker MLC, Mr JJ Paine JP (Mayor of Windsor), Rev A Dandie and Dr Callaghan JP.

The Rev J Howell-Price said he felt rather awkward because of the stand he took regarding bazaars of certain kinds, and then came there to show there were bazaars and bazaars. There was no objection to a bazaar where sale of work was carried on but he detested one into which the gambling spirit entered. He was there to throw out a suggestion. It was the wider union of the various Protestant Churches. The Primitive Methodists and the Wesleyan Churches throughout the Commonwealth had united and why stop there? There was some talk of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches uniting and it was a desirable thing, but why not go one step further and secure a union of the four Churches to which he referred? Then perchance the Church of England may be induced to fall into line. One Protestant minister should be enough for Richmond and towns of a similar size. The burden of supporting the church would be lessened, and the progress of general enlightenment of broader spiritual sympathies would yet demand it.

The Rev JLF Fergusson said it was very kind of Mr Swift to ask him to say a word and it would only be a word as he was under terror of a petticoat government (laughter) and did not want to go out with rags on him, as he may get it when he went home. (Laughter.) He congratulated them that through the help of Mr Hall they had secured the

greatest illumination possible to light their bazaar and he expected to see it in all its glory that evening. He quite agreed with Mr Price's remarks and hoped the gentleman would be spared to see his prophecy an established fact. He wished the bazaar every success.

The Rev A Swift expressed thanks to Mr Hall and the visiting clergymen for their attendance. Their kind utterances were very encouraging to him. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors which was carried out by acclamation.

The singing of the Doxology concluded the opening ceremony and Mr B Hall, the visiting clergy, Mesdames Swift, Fergusson and Campbell (the Mayoress) were entertained to afternoon tea.

THE STALLS

Taking a tour of the building one hardly knows where with safety to commence, and where everything was beautiful it is difficult to particularize.

'COMMONWEALTH' was appropriately named in keeping with its size for it occupied the greatest space and contained all sorts of handsome fancy goods including cushions etc, ladies and children's clothing etc. Mrs Swift was in charge and had as her assistants Mrs JW Chandler, Misses Booth, Simpson, F Biddle and Eunice Myers.

'LOLLYPOP' was the name of a stall in charge of the Misses Lindsley and Sullivan assisted by Miss E Swift, and here a most tempting display of home made confectionary was to found arrayed most artistically.

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THE PRODUCE STALL was not the least important, and to look at the fine collection one would not think a severe drought had been experienced in the Hawkesbury. Messrs Albert Price, Raymond and Frank Meyers presided over this stall.

The Post and Telegraph Offices were established. One inside the main building and another in an ante-room. Mr A Williams of the Richmond Post Office in charge of the former and Mr W Bull the latter. Mr William's assistants were Misses M Price and C Hanigan. The following is a copy of the first telegram received "To Mr B Hall Esq, MLA. – Thanking you for your assistance today. Hope we will have a successful bazaar. This is the first telegram sent within the building." (Signed) A Price, Secretary. The telegram was handed to Mr Hall during the opening ceremony.

The "Bran Pie" was in charge of misses Elsie and Hilda Biddle, Jessie Price and Olive Myers.

The trip around the hall ended with a visit to the soft drink stall under the management of Mrs Collis. Here one might slake his or her thirst without damage to their temperance principles and we guess Mrs Collis did well.

There were various side shows and amusements including a shooting gallery (kindly lent my Mr JH Bloome of Windsor) and the tailless donkey etc – all of which were responsible for much of the success of the undertaking.

Among those who deserved special praise for the manner in which they worked in decorating the building etc

were Messrs Sep Ezzy, W Giddins, Albert Price, B Meke, K Price, R Myers, T Biddle and others. The ferns etc were obtained by Mr Sep Ezzy.

The secretary, Mr Arthur Price, was here and there and everywhere and much of the success of the bazaar is due to his untiring efforts and undoubted administrative ability.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

The electric installation was supplied by Mr CH Ausburn assisted by Mr Bert Marlin, Messrs R & W Alderton and Mr Arthur Hughes. The plant consisted of a six horse power portable engine by Marshall and Sons (kindly lent by Mr E Scott), one 12 unit and compound dynamo, by Thos Parker obtained on loan by Mr B Hall MLA, switch board fitted by Mr Ausburn and co-workers, with latest colt meter and ammeter. The main cables were carried from the rear to the front of the building and were divided into two circuits, one illuminating the refreshment room and the other out places; the other the main hall, where various designs and motors were brought into prominence. The stage was controlled by a separate switch, all poles carefully protected by fuses. The word WELCOME was most artistically arranged in enchanting lights in front of the stage drop scene, and the stage arch was most magnificently illuminated with lights of various colours, peeping through a background of greenery and palm ferns. There were other colored designs at the outer entrance door and within the building. Without a doubt it was the first spectacle ever witnessed in the School of Arts. Mr Ausburns great enthusiasm in

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matters of electric illumination is being emulated by the young men of the HA College, who are under his influence mastering the intricacies of the profession. They deserve the greatest possible credit for the treat they have given those patronizing the bazaar. A feature of Wednesday night's proceedings was the rendering by Sunday School Scholars a cantata entitled "The Coming of the Flowers" the interference with the acoustic properties of the hall by the various stalls and trappings, the crowded state of the available space and somewhat lengthy pieces to be rendered did not give the children the best opportunities of showing with what care they had been trained by Miss Myers...

Nepean Times February 21, 1903

METHODIST CHURCH A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

A representative gathering assembled at the Church of England Sunday School Hall on the 11th inst, when a bazaar in connection with the Windsor Methodist Circuit fund was formally opened. A large number of invitations had been sent out for the opening ceremony and the response was a fairly good one. Soon after 8 pm the bazaar was declared open by Mrs Brinsley Hall.

There were on the platform Rev JW Winspear, Rev A Dandie, Rev SG Fielding, Mr B Hall MP, and Mrs Hall, Mr JJ Payne (Mayor of Windsor), Mr E Campbell (Mayor of Richmond) and Mr Arthur Price Circuit Steward.

Among the gathering in the room we notice:⁹

Mrs B Hall wearing black figured voile, white tucked silk vest, collar edged with black guipure lace and pretty straw bonnet trimmed with black chiffon ribbon white carnations and ospreys;

Mrs JJ Payne (Mayoress) green silk voile French tucked trimmed with black chiffon ribbon and white and yellow roses;

Mrs Hutchinson wore black voile, black ruffle tipped with white and black bonnet.

Mrs Dandie wore coat and skirt of black cloth and black bonnet.

Mrs T Lobb black silk voile, twine embroidered collar edged with black toque trimmed with chiffon sequin and black tips.

Mrs RA Pye navy blue spotted voile, prettily trimmed with twin Chantilly Vandyke lace, black toque.

Mrs L Simpson black brocaded silk skirt black corded silk blouse and appliqué collar; black straw hat with silk and black tips.

Mrs Beazley wore a black merveilleau bodice profusely tucked, black lace collar over white satin; black toque.

Mrs Price (Richmond) black merveilleau jet trimmings pale blue chiffon tie, jet

⁹ The original document has the lines running into each other. I have separated them for ease of reading.

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bonnet black tips, rosettes of white chiffon and ospreys.

Mrs Holdsworth black voile skirt, cream Japanese blouse tucked guipure insertion, collar of chiffon, black hat and chiffon tips.

Miss Batchen, black voile skirt, silk strapped, cream silk blouse tucked, cream straw hat with folds of pale blue silk.

Mrs Lane black brocaded silk with lace cape and black bonnet.

Mrs Clarke (North Richmond) attired in black silk jet and lace trimmings, black hat with black tips ribbon and lace.

Mrs W Gibson black voile skirt, silk strappings, black and white striped silk blouse, lace collar, upturned sailor's hat, trimmed with black ribbon.

Mrs Chandler attired in voile skirt, black merveilleau blouse tucked, black hat.

Miss Gibson wore a pretty dress of duck egg green voile trimmed with Chantilly lace embroidered collar and black toque.

Miss Clarke in a frock of pretty green striped voile, French tucks and bebe ribbon, white hat with silk and ostrich feathers.

Miss Lily Buttsworth wore navy blue costume, lace collar, floral hat.

Mrs Wood sage green costume, black chiffon collar and hat with tips and red roses.

Mrs Biddle black voile skirt purple blouse, lace collar, sailor hat.

Mrs Gilbert black voile floral skirt front.

Mrs Buttsworth black skirt, black and white striped blouse.

Miss Dulcie Hall white Japanese silk blouse, appliqué trimmings, black spotted voile skirt.

Mrs Wheeler (Richmond) black voile skirt black corded silk blouse lace collar.

Mrs Smart pink crepe cloth and black hat.

Miss Cross green serge dress, white hat with flowers and chiffon.

Miss Ruby Buttsworth black cashmere tucked lace collar, black hat trimmed with silk.

Miss Williams peacock blue blouse, black voile skirt, straw hat.

Miss Rose wore a black voile skirt, pale blue silk blouse, appliqué trimmings.

Miss Lucy Biddle floral muslin; Miss Cissie Hume cream silk blouse, navy blue skirt, Miss Kathleen Lobb wore a pretty green check frock tucked. Miss Wheeler grey dress, trimmed with lace.

Mr A Price first explained the object of the bazaar. They were unable to command sufficient money to meet the circuit liabilities. Owing to the bad season and the exodus of Methodists from the district, their finances were not as bright as they could desire, and they

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hoped to raise sufficient to enable them to wipe off the debt. He might mention that there would be no attempt at 'fleecing'. They had held one or two bazaars before and worked on the same principle and found that people spent money just as liberally without being badgered into it.

Rev SG Fielding expressed his hearty good wishes for the success of the bazaar and expressed sorrow for the losses the district had sustained by deaths while he was away.

Mr JJ Payne wished the bazaar every success. He saw no harm in resorting to properly conducted bazaars in order to keep the church free of debt.

Rev A Dandie hoped the people would put their hands pretty deeply in their pockets and help the good work undertaken.

Mr E Campbell was pleased to be present. He wished the bazaar every success and made a short and pithy address.

Mr Brinsley Hall then came forward and said: I have much pleasure in now declaring this bazaar open and hope it may prove a great success.

Miss Beryl Chandler the little daughter of Mr and Mrs JW Chandler then presented Mrs Hall with a lovely shower bouquet which came from Searle's.

Mr A Price moved a hearty vote of exclamation and conveyed to Mrs Hall by Rev JW Winspear.

Mr B Hall returned thanks for Mrs Hall. He was one of those who had no objections to bazaars, for they were invariably held for laudable purposes and did much good in a social way. He wished the undertaking every success.

Operations were then commenced. The stalls were nicely laid out, and the hall presented a neat and pretty appearance. The Refreshment room was gaily decorated with flags etc and was a very cozy spot. Mr Jack Chandler built the stalls and among the other workers were Mr A Price, Mr JW Chandler and Mr A Williams. Following is a description of the stalls.

Macquarie Lolly Stall – Miss Lane in cream brocaded silk appliqué trimmings ,hat to match: Miss Alma Mackenzie white frock, tucked collar, floral hat.

"Myree" Flower Stall – Miss A Chandler wore white Swiss muslin, silk blouse, valenciennes lace, crinoline hat trimmed with ribbon. Miss Ranger in white shower of hail, Tuscan straw hat, red roses. Miss Mackenzie, white muslin tucked bodice and collar, white hat trimmed with pale blue silk and flowers.

"Bric-a-Brac" Fancy Stall – Miss Biddle attired in green pingpong muslin, French tucked lace collar. Miss Sullivan, blue floral muslin frills and Chantilly lace trimmings. Miss Mary Smith (Enfield) blue silk blouse, profusely tucked, appliqué collar, navy blue sergette skirt. Miss Edith Smith (Windsor) white shower of ...ail muslin tucked.

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Fruit department known as "Jumble Stall" Mr Harry Chandler and Mr F Myers.

Lucky Dips – Misses Minnie Cupitt, Ellie Cupitt and Mary Sowden.

Refreshment Stall – Mrs A Price, black voile skirt, merveilleau blouse, lace collar. Mrs Mackenzie dress of India linen, miniature tucks and appliqué trimmings, black toque.

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Miss E Buttsworth black voile skirt, blue veiling blouse, white floral hat.

Miss Simpson pink floral muslin blouse, point lace collar, black voile skirt, white hat with flowers and tips.

Miss Anderson (Kurrajong) floral muslin frills and lace. Miss Taylor white crepon valenciennes lace trimmings. Miss M Dunstan black voile skirt, French delaine blouse. Mrs Knott navy blue costume. Miss N Sowden floral muslin. Misses Gilbert (2) in black and dark green frocks, with black silk strappings respectively.

Misses Murial Price, Linda Knott and Myers had a fish pond and this brought in a fair amount to the general funds, as did the bran pie in charge of Misses Mary Sowden and Nellie and Minnie Cupitt also.

Mr Scott ran off a lot of shooting competitions with an air gun and was largely patronized.

During the progress of the bazaar instrumental and vocal selections were given by several ladies and gentlemen. Miss Ruby Buttsworth gave violin selections, Miss Gibson and Miss Lane sang, and pianoforte selections were given by the Misses Eunice and Olive Myers, Miss Sullivan and Miss Murial Simpson.

The joint Hon Secs were Misses A Chandler (Windsor) and M Myers (Richmond) and they certainly are deserving of a deal of praise for the way they worked.

THE COMPETITORS

The nail driving and other competitions created much interest. In nail driving Mrs E Buttsworth won a pair of vases given by Messrs Beard and Co, and an alarm clock given by Mr E Sandoz; Miss Florrie Biddle won a lace collar; Miss A Chandler won a silver belt and cushion; Mrs A Price won a patch cushion; Miss May Dunstan a cushion; Mrs A Chaseling a tray cloth.

Miss A Chandler guessed nearest to the number of grains of corn in a pickle bottle and won a cruet given by Messrs Nannat Bros; Miss Chandler's guess was 1575 and the actual number was 1630. Mr Chester won a silver mounted whip in a shooting competition; the whip was presented by Mr J Hall; Mr Albert Price won a silver butter dish and Mr Aubrey Price won a case of passion fruit also for shooting.

The hat trimming prize was won by Mr Albert Price, Mrs P Charley and Miss

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Dulcie Hall being the judges. Buttonhole making was won by Mr Ezzy.

The bazaar closed on Saturday night, and we understand that the net precedes amount to upwards of 50 pounds.

Nepean Times March 14, 1903.

AN EX-ALDERMAN IN TROUBLE
Henry Leavers was charged with that he did on the night of 27th deposit a quantity of faecal matter, to wit night soil, in West Market Street. Mr Walker appeared for the accused, and Senior Constable Illingworth prosecuted for the police.

Mr Walker said that according to Dalley, the only magistrates who lived within the town limits could sit on the case. He had no personal feeling in the matter, and would prefer to see the whole bench adjudicate, but thought it well to point this out.

The PM looked the ruling up in "Wilkinson" and said it appeared strange to him that no reason was assigned for such a ruling. The bench would go on as it was and take that risk. Mr Walker said he would take no objections.

Senr-Constable Illingworth deposed that between 12 and 1 am on the 27th February he went in the company of the Mayor to West-Market Street; there he saw the defendant with others; he was throwing lime on some matter in the street; saw what appeared to be night soil, which had not been covered over; went back to the police yard and there

saw a horse attached to a dray; and in the dray were three or four square boxes; they had apparently contained night soil, and there was some in the bed of the dray; defendant said he had had an accident which caused the night soil to come out; at two or three places in the street there were evidences of night soil.

Alfred Sly deposed that between a quarter and half past eleven on the night in question he got up out of bed; a stench that came into the house caused him to get up; went out and saw Leavers' horse and cart close by; saw a lot of night soil in the street in front of his door; it was 3 or 4 feet in length and the same in width; the matter was lying all about the street; the night soil appeared to have been recently spilt there; the smell was so bad he could not stand it and went and informed the Council Clerk; went along the street with Mr Price and they met Leavers coming back with the dray; witness said, "Harry, this is a nice thing to drop in front of a man's door." He replied, "Yes, But I'll have it cleaned up before morning." Examined the cart and saw three beer or porter cases on it; they were not all air tight; there was night soil all over the dray.

By Mr Walker: Leavers put lime over the stuff about an hour afterwards; the Council Clerk did not attempt to stop Leavers from covering it up till the police and the Mayor saw it.

Arthur Price deposed that he was awakened between 11 o'clock and midnight by Mr Sly; they went along West Market Street and saw a dampness along the street in a well

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defined track; saw a large pool of bad smelling stuff at the exit of the police yard and another one in West Market Street; in Lennox Street saw Leavers driving a cart; Sly said "What's this Harry?" Leavers replied, "It's an accident." Leavers drove from Lennox Street to West Market Street; witness went away and came back. Leavers was scattering lime over the sloppings near the police gate; he had a broom and was covering the dust of the street over what witnesses took to be night soil; at a spot near Sly Leavers approached and witness ordered him not to interfere with the matter at present; he said, "If it is such a nuisance it must be covered up." He proceeded to use the broom and witness again warned him to put himself before the broom; this was so that the stuff would not be touched till the police saw it; saw the dray; it was slopped all over with foul material; there were boxes inside the dray; they were in a filthy condition and looked like beer boxes; the openings were stuffed with what looked like rag and paper; they were not tin lined.

By Mr Walker; Leavers has ill feeling towards me; I did not take off my coat to fight him over the recent election; I attempted to do so; don't know why Sly came to me; I knocked the broom out of his hand on the night in question; did not see the lids of the boxes inside; it was not moonlight; saw the cart in Lennox Street returning from the outskirts of town; saw the cart in the police yard afterwards; Leavers returned apparently from emptying a load of the stuff; the stuff was partly liquid and partly solid; Believed Leavers said he

would clear it away before morning ; I suppose it was lime he had.

Edward Campbell, solicitor and Mayor of Richmond deposed that on the night of the 27th or the morning of the 28th ultimo from information received he went with Senior-constable Illingworth to West Market Street; from the police yard back gate, across the footpath into West Market Street and long the street on past to Mr AW Sly's residence he saw droppings and should same positively from the smell it was night soil; saw defendant in the street; he seemed to be sweeping up and throwing lime over the deposits; defendant was trying to cover up what was on the road; came back to the police yard and saw a cart in which three empty wooden beer cases; in the interstices of the cases there had been a rough attempt at packing which was dripping and the body of the cart was dripping; the cart had no tail-board or front-board; the back of the cart was drawn up to a cess pit, which defendant said he had been emptying; in looking again he saw in one of the boxes a bit of tin or dark board; the cases were not tin-lined.

By the Bench; The Council has no duty to authorized person to remove night soil.

By Mr Walker: James Buckton is the Inspector of Nuisances; Buckton was sent for; the boxes were not filled in with cement; Leavers never said he went over a log and knocked the lids off the boxes.

This closed the prosecution.

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Henry Leavers deposed that he remembered the night of the 27th; he was employed to clean a WC out by the contractor who was doing the repairs to the post office; he went there with three boxes in a cart; they were beer boxes but before he used them he stuffed the cracks on the side and bottoms with bits of rag and wedged them with deal strips; got some cement and made a grout and grouted the insides of the boxes to make them watertight; went to do the work at 11 pm; filled the boxes with liquid matter out of the pit; laced the lids on them with some pieces of bagging; while filling he put a chock in front of the wheels and forgot to remove it; ran over the piece of wood and that shifted the lids; this caused the stuff to slop over; stopped the horse to shut the gate and that caused such a deposit in one place; then led the horse as far as Mr Alfred Sly's and did not notice the spilling; there he got up in the dray, when he first noticed that the stuff was spilling; went on and emptied what was left in the boxes and then returned to remove what was spilt; he limed it.

By Mr Walker: The boxes had no lids; if I had not run over the log I do not think any would have been spilt; it was only spilt out of one box; I have had rows with some of the witnesses in this case; filled the boxes to within 6 inches of the top; did not purposely spill the stuff in front of Sly's; have been emptying cess pits for many years and was never prosecuted before.

By Senior-Constable Illingworth: I cemented the boxes the morning I used them about 10am.

Mr Walker submitted that accused was not aware he was spilling the stuff in the street and therefore was not guilty. Even if the Bench deemed him guilty a small fine would meet the case because immediately he discovered what had happened he got a broom and lime and did his best to remedy the evil until the Council Clerk took the broom away. The primitive method of emptying cesspits had gone on for years, and nothing had happened until now and in light of what had recently occurred – for everyone who read the papers knew of the rows that had taken place – it looked very much like spiteful prosecution. He asked for a dismissal.

After a retirement of about five minutes on returning the PM said the Bench were unanimous for a conviction but thought that a small penalty would meet the case. No doubt primitive methods had been adopted for years and what occur at any time had happened. Most modern Councils had a contractor for that sort of work who was responsible for everything that happened. Mr Walker's contention that there was animus in the case had nothing to do with the matter for it was not the Council that was prosecuting but he police. They would inflict a fine of 5/- but if a similar case came before him in Richmond he would be inclined to treat it seriously and impose a heavy fine.

The costs were 7/4d and one guinea for a witness was applied for and granted. Then the fine was reduced to 2/6d or three days lockup. One week allowed to pay.

Nepean Times March 31, 1903

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The committee appointed to carry out the Saturday collection in aid of the Drought Fund did exceptionally well, collecting nearly 19 pounds, which will be sent to the Lady Mayoress's fund. The committee who carried out the arrangements were Mrs E Campbell (Mayoress), Mrs Howell-Price, Mrs A Price and Miss Holmes with the Rev J Howell-Price as treasurer. Mr A Price secretary... A list of people who donated also included in the story.

*Nepean Times April 25, 1903
Mr Arthur Price was warmly congratulated by the Council upon the voluminous note he prepared for the guidance of the valuer's solicitor in the recent appeals cases. He made out seven sheets of foolscap all tabulated and full of points and information. It involved a great amount of work and was clear in Mr Price's usually neat clean and concise style.*

*Nepean Times November 7 1903
Straight talk by Mr Arthur Price at the Public Meeting on Tuesday night. While he was willing to do all he could (as one of the Hon Secretaries) to help along the movement of the inaugural ceremony of the new bridge, he would not act as secretary to a guzzle party.*

*Hawkesbury Herald November 6, 1903
On Wednesday a very enjoyable reunion of the Christian Endeavour Societies of Windsor, Richmond, North Richmond and Wilberforce took place at a bend of the river near Buttsworth's Mill. A cool breeze took off the water gave zest to the more active exercises of the afternoon. An open air service was held when addresses were delivered by Rev H*

Jones, Messrs A Price and C Clarke and V Jenkyn, interspersed with singing and prayer. After the service some amusements were indulged in such as boating etc. Tea was prepared in a cozy nook, and in hearty picnic fashion a pleasant hour was spent.

Adjoining to the Methodist Church a full programme was enjoyed of CE addresses with anthems by the Richmond Choir, solos by Messrs C Clarke, McCoy and Miss Lane and various selections of sacred songs for the congregation. Rev H Jones presided. The speakers were Messrs L Barnett, J Lane, C Clarke, McCoy, A Price and L Simpson. The church was well filled and the proceedings marked by earnestness and enthusiasm throughout. Altogether the event – the first of its kind held in that neighbourhood, was a complete success, offering great encouragement to the societies concerned.

During Mr JT Leafe's visit to the Hawkesbury in connection with the recent mission, he happened to mention that he had never seen the Australian emblem, the Waratah, so Mr Arthur Price of Richmond secured a fine bunch, and also some mountain moss and sent them along to him at Nyngan, where he has been missioning. Mr Leafe has been doing well as far as his work is concerned but casually mentions in a letter to a friend that he has been suffering great inconvenience in consequence of the heat, flies and mosquitoes.

*In the same paper –
As a result of the recent Tent Missions held at the Hawkesbury, Parramatta*

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and Ryde, the actual Church membership has increased by 143, and an additional 42 on trial members – nearly 200 all told – that have given undoubted evidence of their identification in church membership.

The sub-committee consisting of Messrs E Campbell, H Sculthorp, WT Charley, G Cobcroft, CS Guest, GE Woodhill, A Price and Rev Dr Cameron (representing the absentees) R Sculthorp and H Stevenson, who were appointed to carry out preliminary arrangements in connection with the opening ceremony of the new bridge, met on Tuesday evening...

Hawkesbury Herald May 1 1903

RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH WELCOME TO REV H JONES PRESENTATION TO MISS EUNICE MYERS THE CHURCH ORGANIST

On Friday night last a most pleasing and enjoyable social evening was held at the Richmond Methodist schoolroom. The function had been arranged for the previous evening but owing to the inclemency of the weather had to be postponed. However Friday night was even worse, and many who would like to have been present were prevented from doing so.

It was arranged for two objects, that of formally welcoming Rev H Jones to the charge, and also to make a presentation to Miss Eunice Myers – on the eve of her marriage – in recognition of her long and valued services as an organist at the church, and her splendid assistance in church work generally.

Speeches and musical items formed the programme whilst an excellent array of dainty edibles were provided and passed round by the ladies during the evening. Proceedings were commenced by the singing of one of Wesley's hymns after which an appropriate prayer was offered by Mr Milton Myers.

Mr Arthur Price, the circuit steward, on behalf of the adherents of the cause welcomed the Rev Mr Jones as their minister...

Mr Arthur Price, in addressing Miss Myers, said that on behalf of her many friends in the circuit and on the eve of a very important event in her life, it had fallen to his lot to make her a presentation of a marble clock...

March 5, 1904

At the request of the Aberdare Company which in conjunction with the Australian Agricultural Company has constructed a private line of railway from Abadare Junction to Cessnock a distance of 20 miles from Maitland, Mr Arthur Price has consented to make a monthly audit of the accounts of this new line. Mr Price has already made the first examination of the accounts and the Board of Control have expressed their satisfaction with Mr Price's capabilities. We might say that Mr Price for many years was engaged in the NSW Railways and was transferred from a lucrative position in the Commissioner's Office to take up duties of Chief Clerk in the then newly created Department of Agriculture.

May 14, 1904

Mr Price secretary to the Liberal Reform Association.

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May 26 1904

*HAWKESBURY ELECTORATE
MR BRINSLEY HALL'S CAMPAIGN
BIG MEETING AT RICHMOND*

Mr Brinsley Hall, the sitting member for the old Hawkesbury electorate addressed the first meeting of his political campaign on Tuesday night, in the Richmond School of Arts. All the available seating accommodation was fully taxed and a large number of people remained standing during the whole of the proceedings which lasted over two hours...

Mr Arthur Price: In the event of there being no possibility of a coalition will you declare which side you will support if elected?

Mr Hall: I would be independent to this extent. I certainly give Mr Carruther's credit for saying he will not take office unless his party is strong enough to be independent from the Labor Party... The banter continued between Arthur Price and Mr Hall.

*Nepean Times October 7 1905
Richmond. Mr Arthur Price and family leave Richmond for West Maitland on Tuesday.*

*Sunday October 14 1905
The usual meeting of the Kurrajong Progress Association was held on Monday night last at Mr Pitt's store, Wheeney, when a good deal of business was done. The attendance was much below average on account of sickness and the send-off to Mr A Price at Richmond which demanded the*

presence of some of the Association's best workers...

Mr and Mrs Arthur Price left on Tuesday for their future home at West Maitland. On Monday night prior to their departure Mr and Mrs Price were the recipients of some valuable presents which have been during the week displayed in Mr C Cambridge's window.

*Presentation to Mr and Mrs Price
After a programme of music had been rendered the company took leave of Mr and Mrs Arthur Price and family who have since left for West Maitland and several presentations were made as mementos from the bodies they had so long and faithfully served. By request members of the APD Associations were permitted to join the function and they presented Mr and Mrs Price with a beautiful marble clock.*

Rev H Jones in the course of a lengthy speech eulogized Mr and Mrs Price's good and estimable qualities, and voiced the feelings of the congregation. He dwelt upon their unstinted generosity and hospitable treatment to all who had served in the work.

Mr Milton Myers read the following address:-

*Richmond 6th October
1905
To Arthur Price Esquire*

Dear Sir,-

Regarding with deep regret your approaching removal from Richmond, your many friends in the town and

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Windsor Circuit desire to place on record their high appreciation of the services you have rendered to the community at large, both in the sacred interests of the church you have so ably and loyally served, and in the spheres of social civic and philanthropic activity. We gladly recognize that your conspicuous gifts of mind and heart have been placed at the command of every worthy movement, always nobly assisted by the unstinting energy and self sacrificing liberality of you estimable wife and family. While deploring the loss your departure will mean to ourselves, we rejoice that the change promised material advancement in your favor and congenial field of widening influence for good. While fully recognizing that we can offer no adequate return for all the obligations we have received at your hands the many pleasing associations in which we have been privileged to share. Most heartily wishing for yourself and Mrs Price all the members of your household every possible blessing, we sincerely bid you God speed in all your future movements.
(signed)

*John Lane (church
Milton Myers (stewards
H Jones Superintendent.*

The address was an elaborate piece of work, executed by John Sands and is framed in oak...

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR AND ADA (nee
Evans) PRICE

1. ALBERT ARTHUR PRICE 1883-21.1.1962. He did not marry.

Albert Price also featured in the local papers. – Following are some snippets of information.

April 30, 1904 – Albert Price & R Fallow members of Oddfellows.

January 7 1905 – Albert was appointed salesman for Osmond Little Marvel Washer for the Richmond District.

November 4 1905 Albert Price who has been acting Council Clerk since resignation of his father has been elected to the office – there were no other applicants.

December 4 1907 Albert Price resigns from Council.

February 22 1908 Albert Price appointed as Hon Treasure of Kurrajong Trotting Club – Mr HC Ezzy had resigned.

February 13, 1909 He resigned from the above mentioned position.

January 23 1914 Albert Price contemplating installing irrigation plant on his farm at the Bottoms.

22nd January 1915
Kenneth and Albert Price purchased a property of 71 acres at Tennyson originally owned by Mr John Murray.
Friday, January 15, 1915

PROPERTY SALES

At North Richmond on Saturday last Mr AA Price of Richmond held his maiden auction sale when he disposed of the orchard property containing 8 acres, 2 roods, 30 perches on which are growing 600 fruit trees belonging to the late Michael Stephen McMahon. The buyer

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was Mr Percy Scott of North Richmond who secured the property for 270 pounds...

11th March 1921

CRASH AT CLARENDON Passenger's Account.

Mr Albert Price writes:- The account of the aeroplane smash in which I was a passenger, as contained in your issue of the 25th ultimo, is a revelation to me and contains so many inaccuracies that I would kindly ask you to publish the following:- When I got into the machine I took the back seat, the pilot (Lieut Doust) and Mr Kerr the mechanic being in front of me. The machine started but before it had left the ground 4 feet (not 100 feet as stated) it took a half circle swerve, almost immediately dipping its nose into the ground and smashing the propeller and undercarriage. Nobody was thrown out, but I quickly got out as I wanted to get to Sydney and Captain Percival kindly motored me across to Clarendon where I caught the train. I didn't interfere with the wires in any way, nor did I know there were any wires...

December 19 1924

Mr Albert Price who went abroad to see the Wembley Exhibition has since been connected the Belgium Film Studios in connection with production of moving pictures at Brussels is a passenger on PO liner Mooltan which is due to leave London on December 15th.

February 6th 1925

We are glad to welcome back Mr Albert Price who left Richmond last April on an

extended trip abroad. Mr Price returned by the Mooltan which arrived in Sydney on Saturday. With him came his respected parents and his sister, three of whom stayed with his sister Mrs Vercoe of North Richmond. Our good friend has had a wonderful experience during his sojourn abroad which took him among other places, the Holy Land, and scenes of great Biblical interest. He looks as bright and jovial as ever.

February 1962

The death occurred in hospital on January 28 after a long illness of Albert Arthur Price of Richmond aged 78 years.

The descendent of an early Hawkesbury family, deceased followed the calling of a farmer and was the son of the late Arthur and Ada Price of Newcastle formerly of Richmond.

He was unmarried and is survived by his sister Murial (Mrs H Watson, Eastwood), Jessie (Mrs AC Lamb, Hamilton), also his brother Kenneth (Richmond). One sister Clara (Mrs Moore) predeceased him.

2. MURIAL PRICE 8.11.1884 – 8.11.1982
Killara. Her first marriage was to Percival Vercoe who died in 1941. Her second marriage was to Harold Rendall Watson 21.4.1955 in Sydney. He died in 1961.

Murial's marriage on 7.12.1910 to Percival Vercoe was reported in the Nepean Times December 24 1910 issue.

On Wednesday 7th instant, a wedding took place at West Maitland Methodist Church, the contracting parties being Mr

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Percival Vercoe, son of John Vercoe of Balmoral and Miss Murial Price of 'The Cottage' Lorn and late of 'The Cedars' Richmond.

The ceremony took place at 10.30 am. The bride entered the church on her father's arm as the choir rendered 'The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden' and looked charmingly petite gowned in crème crepe de chine over glace, trained skirt, which hung in graceful folds with tucked side pane and bodice inlet with embossed silk roses and net. She wore a long tulle veil off her face with tiara of orange blossoms and carried a white shower bouquet of narcissi, asparagus fern and satin streamers which with the pearl and diamond bracelet she wore were the gifts of the bridegroom.

She was attended by two bridesmaids – Misses Jessie and Clara Price (sisters) and train bearer Miss Edie and Master Ray Vercoe. Miss Jessie Price was smartly attired in a pale salmon pink silk crepe skirt with broad pink satin charmeuse band and draped bodice relieved with cream silk net and appliqué, large droop hat of cream silk straw trimmed with flat satin bows and trails of pale pink bebe roses. She wore a solid 'Nellie Stewart' bangle and carried a shower bouquet of dark red roses with cream streamers – gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Clara Price also wore pink trimmed with malines and hat of white silk straw and carried a bouquet of red roses, which with her hoop brooch of pearls and rubies were gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Effie Vercoe was dressed in white silk, hat to match and carried a basket of red carnations. Mr Will Vercoe (Sydney) acted as bestman

and Mr Albert Price (Richmond) was groomsman.

The church was most artistically decorated with white flowers and ferns and a huge white floral bell, by girl friends of the bride. As the bridal party adjourned to the vestry Mr Archibald Ribee rendered 'Because' in a most effective manner. After, the wedding reception and breakfast were held by the bride's parents in the Methodist School Hall – the stage being turned into a drawing room. About 40 guests – only the near relatives of the contracting parties – sat down to a sumptuous repast. The usual toasts were honored and the bride and bridegroom left by the 1.30 train for Tamworth, their new home. The bride's travelling dress was pale blue striped silk eolienne, slightly trained, bodice relieved with cream lace and black velvet, large black hat lined with pale blue and trimmed with forget-me-nots and trails of pink bebe roses and long black suede gloves. She also wore a tussore silk motor coat, as motor cars conveyed the guests to and fro.

*Some of the dresses were as follows:-
Mrs A Price (mother of the bride) silver gray striped eolienne voile, cream lace vest, peacock blue toque;
Mrs J Vercoe (mother of the bridegroom) black glaze silk white lace vest, black toque with long white feather and long white gloves;
Mrs J Price (North Richmond, grandmother of the Bride) black glaze silk, Maltese gray bonnet and osprey;
Mrs W Caldwell (Bondi) champagne crepe de chine tunic overskirt, edged with oriental embroidery, relieved with lace vest, hat to match;*

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Mrs McCredie (Lindfield) black and white silk, floral skirt vest, brust straw hat with pink roses;

Mrs F Collard maroon striped silk tunic skirt, oriental embroidery, toque en suite;

Mrs W Vile white linen coat and skirt trimmed with Irish crochet, black hat, ostrich feathers;

Mrs I Vercoe cream silk voile trimmed with guipure champagne toques and pink roses;

Mrs Alf Vercoe pale gray silk voile, chiffon toque, white osprey;

Miss Ena Vercoe white Japanese silk, marlines burnt straw hat trimmed with pink bebe roses;

Mrs Halse Rogers black glace silk, touches of pale mauve cream vest, gray toque relieved with mauve;

Miss Sharkie pale blue crystal line silk, cream vest burnt straw hat trimmed with forget-me-nots;

Miss Olga Evans (Penrith) white book muslin Valenciennes lace, pearl straw hat pink roses;

Miss Alma Nash nattier blue striped glace silk relieved with white San Toy hat, floral ribbon and lace trimmings;

Mrs D Price (Waratah) cream silk cream chip straw hat pink roses and foliage;

Miss Carrie Phipps white organdy inlet pieces embroidery trimmed with malines, large white picture hat, ostrich feathers and large splash bow, Chantilly lace, lace streamers with pink bebe roses.

The presents were numerous and costly and included a silver backed brush and comb presented by the choir (Methodist) of which the bride had been an active member and soloist during her residence

in Maitland and also a silver toast rack and butter knife from the Sunday School (Mr P Vercoe).

The following is a list:

Cheque Bride's father;

Piano and house linen – brides mother;

Tea set Mr and Mrs F Vercoe;

Silver mounted breadboard and knife...

3. KENNETH EVAN PRICE 10.5.1886 – 7.9.1973. He married Neta Sly in 1925. She died 14.7.1926 following childbirth. Kenneth married second time on 5.9.1936 to Marjorie Allerton.



Photograph - standing - Kenneth Evan Price and seated his cousin (medical officer) Evan Banfield. His mother was Blanche Evans.

The Australian War Memorial now has on-line the embarkation records of all enlisted men who served overseas. Kenneth Evan Price was a Private aged 26 years at the time he enlisted 9.6.1915 and his address was given as Lorn West Maitland. His next of kin was his father who lived at the same address. His religion was Methodist. His occupation prior to enlistment was accountant.

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Henry Evans Banfield was 28 when he enlisted 28^{6.1915}. His address at that time was 184 Cavendish Street Stanmore and his occupation was accountant. He was single and gave his next of kin as his father Mr H Banfield Pt Kembla NSW. His religion was C/E and he sailed on HMAT Argylessshire on 30.9.1916. Both men (from memory) worked in the ambulance section of the AIF.)

Windsor Richmond Gazette July 1926 has an obituary to Neta Ursula Sly.

MRS KENNETH PRICE

Something in the nature of a sensation was caused in Richmond on Tuesday afternoon of last week when the painfully sad death of Mrs Kenneth Price (nee Miss Neta Sly) became known. A baby daughter, Neta, was born on the 8th instant and although the event gave cause for great anxiety, it was not until early last week that anything of a serious nature was anticipated. The late Mrs Price was one of the most lovable and most popular ladies of the district, and before her marriage was connected with practically every social event in Richmond. A daughter of Mr and Mr H F Sly of Richmond, she was only 33 years of age at the time of her death. The popularity and esteem in which she was held was demonstrated in no unmistakable way at the funeral on Wednesday week when a great concourse of relatives and friends followed the remains to St Peter's Church of England Cemetery where the rector (Rev FJ Dillon) paid a loving tribute to the life of the deceased.

Neta was born in 1893 – daughter of Henry Francis and Sarah Ann Sly. The

obituaries to both parents appeared in the local papers.

Windsor Richmond Gazette April 12 1940

It is with deepest regret that we record the passing of a widely popular veteran Richmond resident in the person of Mr Henry Francis Sly, the sad event taking place at his home in Windsor Street on Monday last at the age of 79 years. A staunch friend and devoted father the deceased was a fine type of citizen of the old generation who with his late wife, reared a family which continues to do credit to their precept and training, and his death is generally mourned by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. General sympathy is extended to the surviving family of two sons, William (Parramatta) and Kenneth (Richmond) and three daughters, May (Mrs H Teale-Gosper Arian Park), Clara (Mrs HF Dunston Richmond) and Vera (Richmond). Another daughter, Neta, having predeceased him. A largely attended funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the internment being conducted at St Peter's Church of England Cemetery, Richmond.

Nepean Times November 25, 1932.

LATE MRS SARAH ANN SLY

Profound regret was expressed on all sides when the death of Mrs Sarah Ann Sly, wife of Mr Henry Francis Sly of Windsor Street Richmond became known on Friday week. Mrs Sly had been receiving medical attention for heart trouble for sometime, but so cheerfully did she bear her indisposition that those nearest and dearest to her were not aware of the seriousness of it so that

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when the end came early on the morning of Friday November 11th it was in the nature of a shock and as the news spread through Richmond where she had been known and respected for many years expressions of sympathy were to be heard from all sides. Of sanguine hearty temperament, Mrs Sly ever took the cheerful view of life and was out and about her ordinary household avocations right up to the day of her death.

Born at Wollombi 72 years ago the late Mrs Sly who was one of a large family of Mr and Mrs John Willis came to Richmond as a girl and 52 years ago she married to Henry Francis Sly by the late Dr Cameron, a distinguished cleric of Richmond half a century ago. For many years Mr Sly conducted the hairdressing business in Richmond now conducted by his son Ken...

Other articles in the local papers refer to Kenneth Price's achievements and life.

March 7, 1903

Mr Kenneth Price (son of Arthur Price) who has for sometime laboratory youth at the HA College has left that institution as his father saw there was no scope for promotion. The young man was given an excellent testimonial by Mr Potts the Principal. His father has now sent him to Mr Richards who has been very successful in training lads for public examinations and we feel sure that young Price will do well at the school...

June 24, 1904

Master Kenneth Price son of Mr A Price has received an appointment on the

staff of the 'Sydney Morning Herald'. He commences duty next week.

Nepean Times March 5, 1920

THE TENNYSON SHOOTING CASE

At Parramatta Quarter Sessions last week before his Honor Judge Armstrong, James Joseph McMahon charged with, on the 12th instant of January last, at Tennyson, maliciously wounding Kenneth Evan Price, pleaded not guilty. Mr HE McIntosh for the accused.

The case for the Crown was that on the day in question, McMahon had sought to go through Price's property. There had been disputes about a road through this property before, and serious trouble arose. However, McMahon after going through Sweet's property wanted to go through Price's. Price warned him not to persist, whereupon accused said he was going through, and [Price told him to ?] proceeded to go about it in a proper way. Accused replied by pulling a gun from a bag and said, "Get you" He then fired at Price and another man with him were retreating. He then fired a second shot. Price then drew his revolver and fired at the accused. He was still in a retreating position, and accused advanced on Price's property and fired a fourth shot, which hit him. Accused fired three shots altogether and Price fired three. The second shot accused fired hit the witness (Price)...

Prisoner was sentenced to two months imprisonment in Goulburn Gaol with hard labor, sentence to be suspended under First Offenders Act on recognizance of self and brother...

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Kenneth Price joined the AIF on 9.6.1915 and was No 2870 WOL AA Pay Co. He returned to Australia 4.7.1919. Kenneth had four children.

Neta Price (daughter by his first wife) 8.9.1926. She married James Henry Duncan 9.6.1951 and lives (in 1990) at Gosford.

4.JESSIE PRICE 30.12.1888 – 17.10.1968 Newcastle. She married Dr Cecil Lamb 24.11.1925. The couple had two children –

*June Alberta Lamb 19.9.1926 Hamilton. She married 23.2.1951 at Hamilton to John Bell Stanger and has four children

* Elizabeth Jean Lamb 28.6.1928 Hamilton. She married David Hallett Morse 28.10.1955 and lived in the Scone area.

5.CLARA PRICE 1.12.1892 – 23.9.1929. She married in 1927 to Arthur Irvine Moore who died 4.1.1983.

ALICE ANN PRICE. She was born in 1863 and died 27.10.1946. At the time of her death she lived at 47 Curlewis Street Bondi.

At the age of 29 in 1892 she married a widower, Charles Cambridge. His occupation was that of baker. Alice was also a bridesmaid for her step cousin, Ada Evans when she married her brother, Arthur Price.

BDM records note that Charlie Cambridge was born in 1893 – registered Lithgow. Charles Cambridge

was born 1895 registered Lithgow and Colin Charles Cambridge in 1897 registered Lithgow.

His embarkation details note that his name was put down as *CHARLIE* Cambridge and that he enlisted 23.9.1914 and embarked from Sydney on the HMAT Southern. He was a corporal in the Light Horse Field Ambulance and at the time of joining was a breadcarter aged 21 years. His address was given as 'Dora' Cheletenham Road Croydon. His next of kin was his father of the same address and his religion was Methodist.

His brother, Colin Charles Cambridge 11.8.1915 and sailed on the HMAT Kanowna. He embarked from Sydney on 12.12.1915 and was assigned to the Dermatological Reinforcements. At the time of enlisting he was a draper aged 18 years and had the same address as Charlie. He gave his mother as next of kin.

The Cambridge family also featured in the local papers.

Windsor Richmond Gazette 19th May 1916.

Mr Charles Cambridge of Burwood has not heard from his son Corp Charles Cambridge who was five months at Gallipoli for over three months. It is assumed that his letters went down in the torpedoed Sussex. Charles contracted enteric and was sent to England to convalesce. He also visited Scotland. A younger brother Colin has left for the front.

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Nepean Times Saturday January 8 1919

RICHMOND POLICE COURT
Thursday January 6
Before Messrs DL Maitland and A
Matheson JP

ATTEMPTING TO STEAL
William Tierney was charged with attempting to steal from the shop of Charles Cambridge, baker, Richmond on 22nd December.

Plea of Not Guilty.

Mrs Cambridge and Albert Price gave evidence as to seeing defendant go in the shop, push the sliding window back and attempt to take a cake from the window valued at 5/-. Mrs Cambridge sang out "What are you doing there?" He replied, "I only want to buy some lollies."

Defendant said it was his usual custom to go there to buy lollies. Sen-constable Ross said defendant was the worst character in his district and scarcely ever did any work. Sentenced to two months without option of a fine...

November 4, 1905
A cake for the William Biddle wedding on Wednesday was made by Mr C Cambridge. It was a beautiful specimen of the confectioner's art, being a monster three tier surmounted with pretty bunch of flowers suspended from which were two wedding bells. The centre tier bore the initials of the contracting parties right round and delicate icing was splendid.

Windsor Richmond Gazette June 22, 1923 – Obituary to Charles' mother.

Last week we referred briefly to the death of a dear old Windsor Resident – Mrs Elizabeth Cambridge – who passed away at Petersham on the 9th instant, at the great age of 93 years. Born at Somerset England her maiden name was Elizabeth Lawrence and at the age of 17 years she came out to this country with her married sister Mrs Ree. They sailed from Plymouth on May 12 1849 in the sailing ship 'Victoria' and reached Sydney on 2nd August the same year.

She went to Kiama but only resided there a short while, and then came to Windsor district where she had resided ever since, only going to Petersham a few days before she died.

She had lived 75 years in the Windsor district. Soon after her arrival in the district she went to service at Rouse Hill in the home of the original George Rouse. She was also in the service of Rev HT Stiles at St Matthew's Rectory Windsor and from there she married the late Thomas Cambridge in February 1850. Her husband died about 1885. Their family consisted of the following children:- Mary Ann (Mrs L Todd of O'Connell), Miss Maria Cambridge of Parramatta; Thomas of Windsor; John of Penrith; Charles of Bondi and formerly of Richmond; Samuel of Helensburg; and Alfred who died 10 or 12 years ago.

Three of the sons, Thomas, Samuel and Alfred started life in the Windsor Post Office and the first named is our present obliging postman. Samuel is the Postmaster at Helensburg South Coast.

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John went to the Sudan War with the NS Wales contingent and every eligible grandson of the subject of this notice served in the recent Great War, and two of them were Anzacs.

The late Mrs Cambridge had been almost helpless for some time before she died but was affectionately looked after by her sons. For many years before feebleness overtook her some years ago she was a maternity nurse in Windsor. She was a most kind and gentle nurse, and the mothers who were nursed by her loved the dear old lady. Indeed she was loved by the whole community for her goodness of heart and fine womanly instincts. Her remains were brought to Windsor she loved so much – old St Matthews – on the 9th instant. The service was conducted by the acting rector Rev EC Knox assisted by Rev AH Garnsey, warden at St Paul's College within Sydney University...

The Cambridge family hold a unique record in the postal department and no family in the district is more highly respected. Windsor Post Office has had for its postman a Thomas Cambridge for about 86 years. The present postman has been in the service for about 36 years; his father Thomas Cambridge, had 26 years and his grandfather, also Thomas 24 years service, each serving the whole of their term in Windsor...[The first Thomas came from Cork Ireland.]

CHILDREN OF ALICE ANN & CHARLES CAMBRIDGE.

1.CHARLES CAMBRIDGE 24.8.1893 Harley Vale. He was a bachelor. He enlisted in the AIF in World War One and his papers describe his as being

aged 21 years on enlistment on 25.8.1915. He was 5ft 4 inches tall, weighed 11 stone, chest measured 33 inches – dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair. He had a mole on his right ankle and vaccination marks. His religion was Methodist. He was in the Light Horse Field Ambulance and in 1915 caught typhoid. He was initially given the rank of Lance Sergeant but found to be over establishment and had his rank accordingly reduced on 9.9.1914. On 21.9.1914 he rose to Corporal and then in France 4.3.1918 was promoted to Sergeant to complete establishment. His birthplace was noted as Hartley Vale and at the time of enlistment his occupation was breadcarter – living in Cheltenham Road.

In 1952 Charles lost his Returned Soldier's Badge during a trip to New Zealand with an Anzac delegation. He applied via a Stat Dec for another 13.11.1952. At that time he lived at Rose Bay Sydney.

2. DOROTHY MAY CAMBRIDGE 4.2.1895 Harley Vale. In 1938 she was still single.

3.COLIN CAMBRIDGE December 1897. He too joined the AIF. His date of enlistment was 11.8.1915 and his age was 18 years 8 months. He put his mother's name as next of kin and at the time her address was Cheltenham Road Croydon. He spent four years in the ANC and 26th Light Horse. At time of enlistment Colin was 5 foot and half inches tall, weighed 130 pounds, 36 inch chest, brown complexion, hazel eyes, hair fair, and like his brother put down Methodist for his religion. He was

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wounded in action 11.5.1917 but stayed in action. On 5.2.1918 he had to enter hospital with dynasty. He returned on the Karoa. At time of enlistment his occupation was draper.

4.LAURENCE PRICE CAMBRIDGE 1899?
He married Eleanor May.

5.CARRIE CAMBRIDGE 1900 single

5.MONA CAMBRIDGE 1904 single

ALBERT PRICE 1864-7.4.1876.

His tombstone states that he was aged 10 when he died. However the year of birth suggest that he was either 11 years of age or 12.



Above is a photograph loaned by *Mick Price*. It is either a Price home or Evans. Following is a photograph showing three of the Price brothers – Arthur, Louis and John. Susannah is Price nee Wheeler.

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Above are photographs loaned by a member of Louis Marshall Price's family.

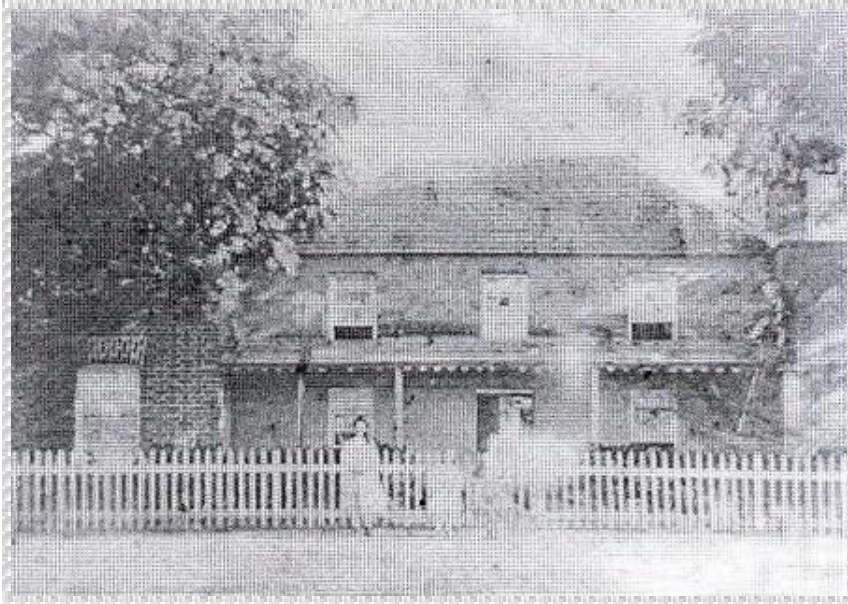


Above: Robert William Price and sons, Leslie and Nelson? The photograph is dated August 1880.

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Below is a photograph loaned by a member of the Thamm family showing the Price home at Richmond.



Photographs from the Thamm family – descendants of Harcourt Price (son of Louis Marshall Price and Julia Woodville White).



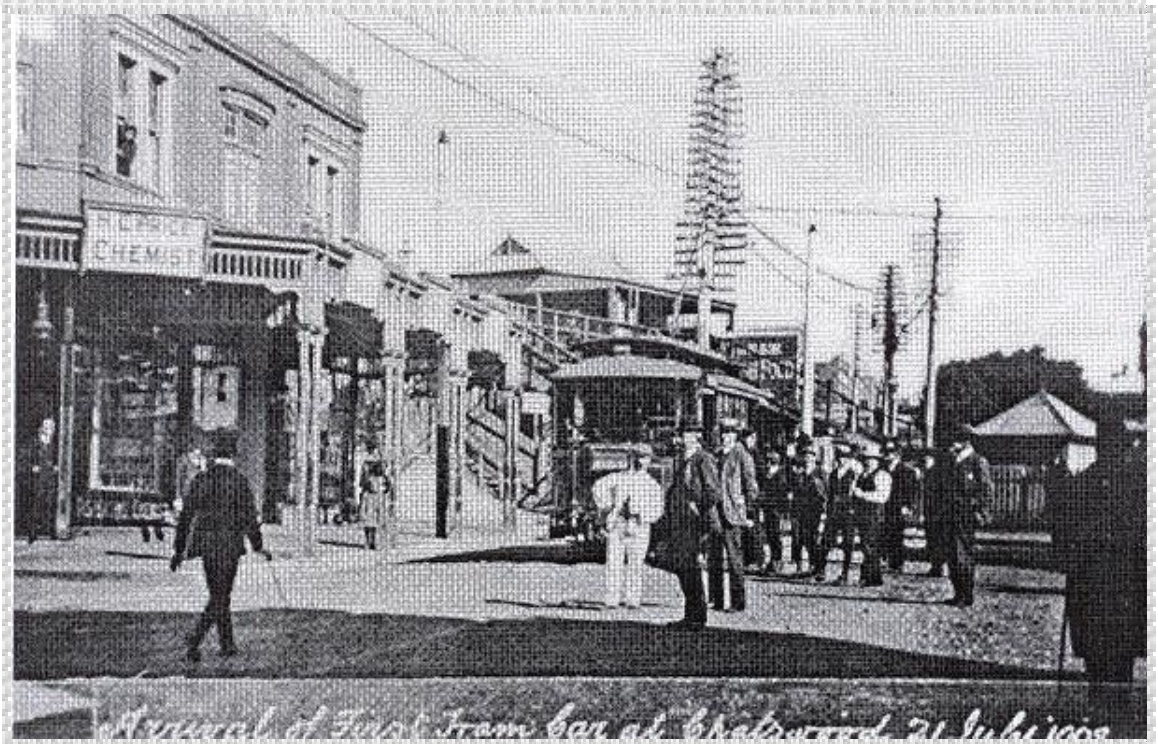
Because of computer crash I lost some of the information. These photographs were all loaned by one of the Thamm girls and I think these captions are correct. Above right – wedding photograph that may be the marriage in 1906 of Harcourt Clarence Price to Julia Woodville White. The photograph on the right may be the wedding photograph of his parents, Louis Marshall Price to Catherine Parkes in 1878.

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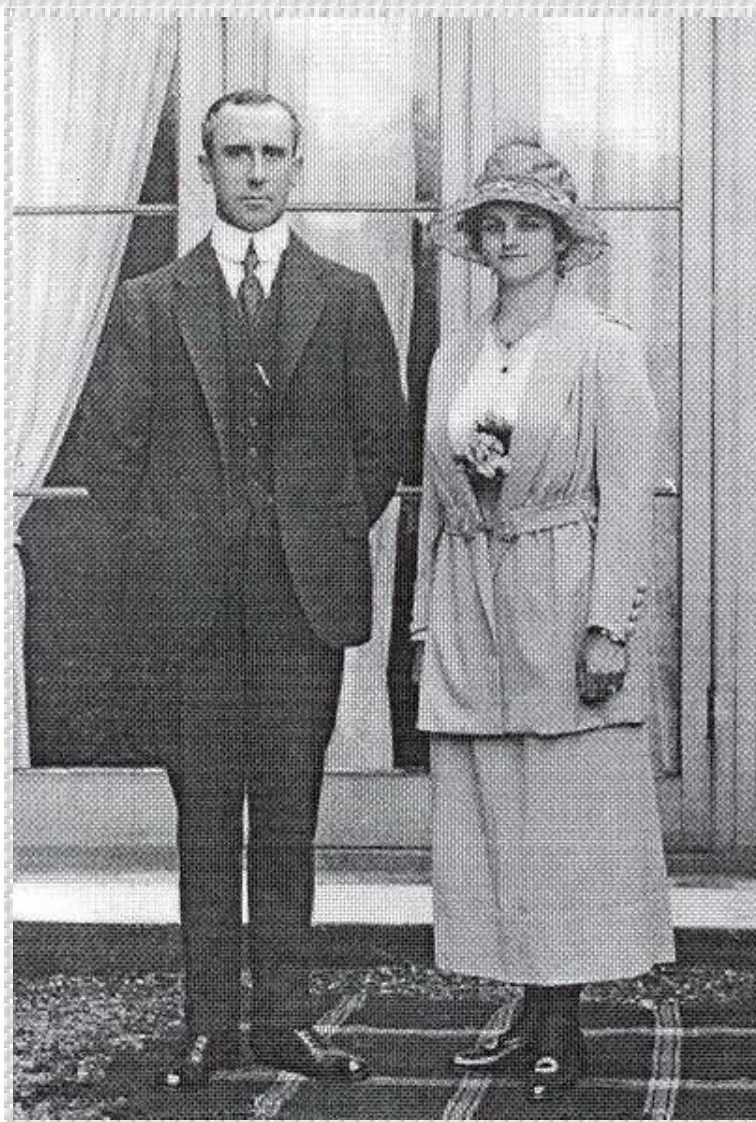
Above is a photograph of the chemist shop owned by Harcourt Clarence Price in Chatswood. The next photograph shows the arrival of the first tram car in Chatswood.

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The above photograph was taken in the early part of the twentieth century.

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I think the above photograph may be that of Annie Caroline Price after her marriage to Samuel Claude Colman. They married on 23rd March 1923.

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Above Thamm photograph taken in the early 20th century?

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Above – five Price brothers. Rowland Alexander Price line – photograph loaned by Harold Price – descendent of Rowland Alexander Price. The boys are back row – l-r – Rowland, Thorpe and Henry (Harry). Front row l-r – Lionel and Jack.



Above left, Arthur and Ada (nee Evans) Price and Right *Grandmother Lucas*.

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Above William Price Senior when very ill and right Albert Evans as a young child.