

WESTLAKE 1928

This area today is part of Stirling Park, Yarralumla. In 1925 the population of the park area was 700. People at that time lived in three single men's tent camps, The Gap Cottages and Contractor John Howie's settlement consisting of 25 timber cottages and a Hostel Camp for his single men. Howie's men built the Hotel Canberra, Capitol Hill Hostel, first lot of Causeway cottages, Masonic Lodge at Acton (became Russell Hill School and is now Ainslie Hall in Corroboree Park) and a number of other local buildings. Men living in the camps and The Gap cottages worked on the sewer, Provisional Parliament House & surrounds. By 1928 the camps were gone and only 13 of Howie's cottages remained. Howie's cottages were removed by the end of 1931 and the last Westlake Cottage was sold in 1965.

Work on the hill known today as Stirling Ridge indicates that a number of humpies were erected across the hillside and were probably used by married sewer workers. There is also evidence in the park of Ngunawal (Aboriginal people) use - scarred trees and rock arrangements and tenant farming. This land was part of a land grant to William Klensendorlffe in 1839. Briar Farm built in 1870 was pulled down in 1950 and replaced with Southern Cross Yacht Club.



No 8 Westlake
in 1927
Dad & Mum McCullough & only daughter Mary Ellen & eldest son
William & youngest son Joseph Michael & Catherine
McCullough

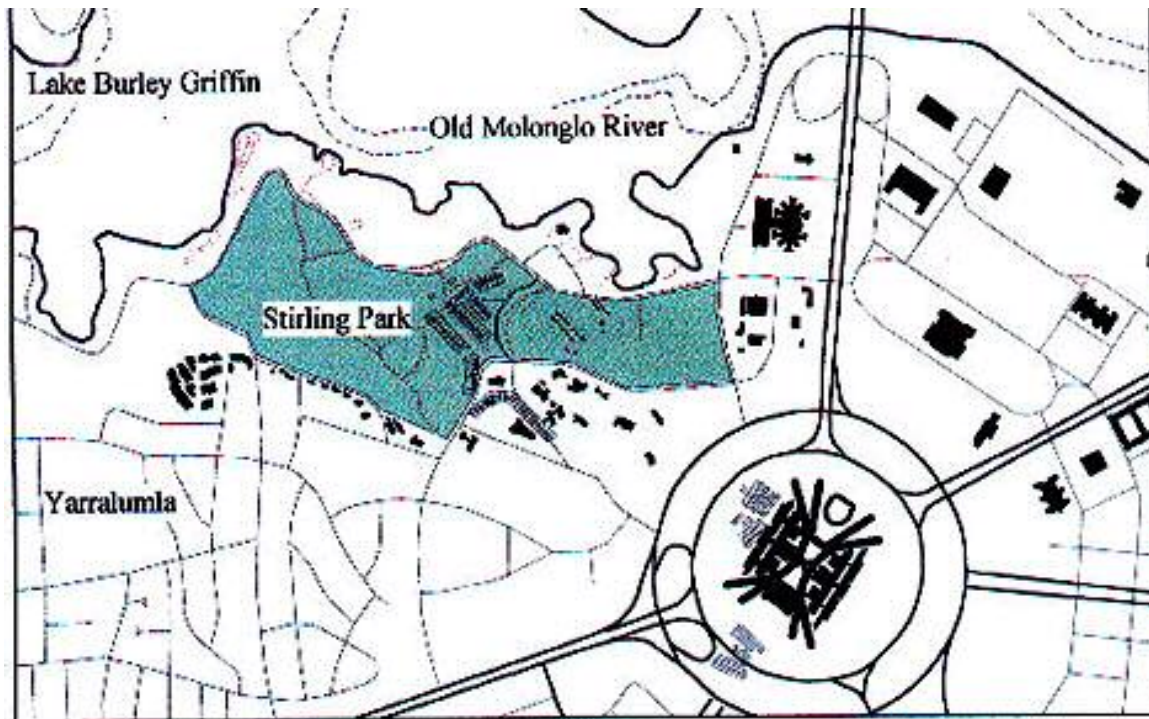
Above: - photograph: Mr & Mrs McCullough, daughter Mary Ellen and sons William and Joseph in the backyard of 8 Westlake in 1927. They later moved to Causeway and were there in 1928. Mr McCullough was caretaker at the Provisional Parliament House. Catherine McCullough was buried at Woden Cemetery 2.6.1966 and her husband, William also at the same Cemetery. He died 9.2.1972.

Below construction of cottages 21-28 Westlake in 1924. In the background is cottage 4 and 5.



The first twenty cottages were built starting in the area of what is now Empire Circuit and then turned across the bottom of the block of land now part of the Mexican Embassy in Forster Crescent and then turned up the hill in the area of modern Darwin Avenue. The first twenty were soon followed by another eight cottages and so on until there were fifty two cottages erected in *The Gap* at Westlake. Following the departure of No 3 Sewer Camp another ten cottages were erected on the sites of the tents bringing the number up to 62. The old Sewer Camp Mess remained for use as the first Westlake Hall. For a time before this hall became available Cottage No 29 was used as a community meeting place.

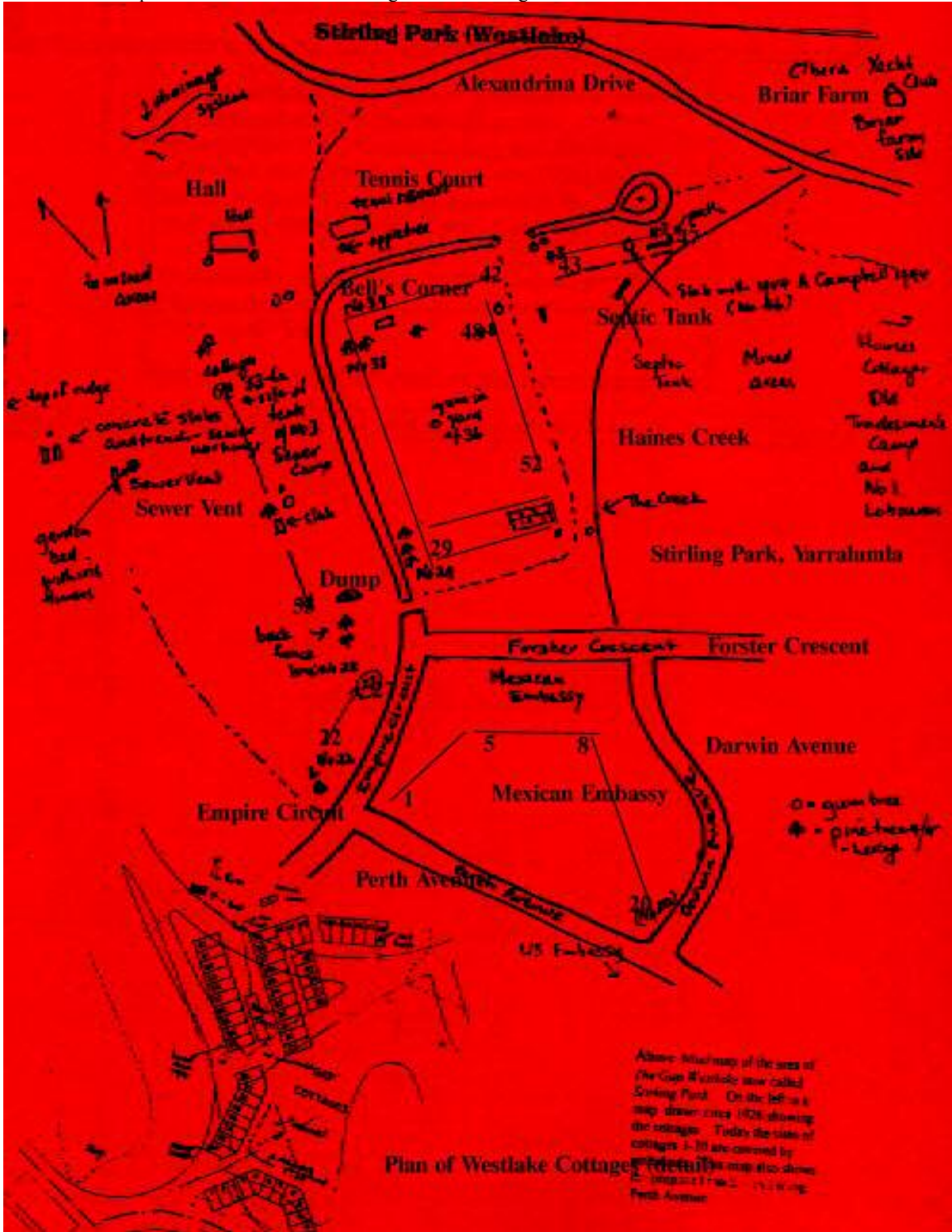
From the mid 1950s to 1965 as tenants left the houses were sold and removed to new sites. Many now sit in Queanbeyan – better than the day they were first erected. The old tin fire places have been replaced with brick and a coat or two of paint has put new life back into the old cottages erected for workmen.



**Stirling Park (Westlake)
on Klensendorff's Land
Portion 7, Parish of Narrabundah, County of Murray on the Limestone Plains.**

Above: Modern Map with the sites of Westlake cottages, Howies Settlement and single men's camps, No 3 Sewer, Old Tradesmen's and No 1 Labourers Camp. The Hostel Camp was the single men's camp in Howies Settlement. The area coloured green is the modern Stirling Park. The Westlake Cottages are the first on the left hand side of the Park. To the right of the cottages is Haines' Creek that cuts through the modern park. On the eastern side are Howie's Cottages and Hostel Camp. Further along is the Tradesmen's Camp and No 1 Labourers' Camp (built on Capitol Hill).

Below: Mud Map of the sites of Westlake Cottages etc in Stirling Park



THE GAP COTTAGES, WESTLAKE - LATER KNOWN AS WESTLAKE 1928
(61 cottages - number 21 missing - Number 62 last cottage)

58 ADAMSON, Francis nurseryman

ARMSTRONG, Catherine & Henry hd & pipelayer
Henry T Armston married in 1922 to Catherine H
Higgins Murrumburrah

AVERY, Albert bricklayer

46 BAKER, Alice & Percy hd & pipelayer
Percy Norman Baker married in 1922 to Alice A Jones
at Mittagong.

24 BARBER, Lance boilermaker

BEADMAN, Annie & Ernest hd & labourer
Annie was buried on 20th July, 1960 in the Anglican
section of Woden Cemetery. Her husband, Ernest
Albert was buried at Woden on Saturday 2nd February,
1946.

25 BOX, Linda & Ernest hd & leading hand
Mrs Linda Lucy Box was buried in Woden Cemetery
on 11th February, 1939. Her husband Ernest William
was buried in the same grave on 8th July, 1950. For a
time during the years after World War 2 Ronald Box
(son) and his wife also shared the cottage. Their son
Graeme shown in the photograph below was born
during the time the couple lived at 25 Westlake.
Linda and Ernest Box came from Victoria to the
territory around 1924. Their two children, are Gladys
and Ronald William (born 1919) Ronald married
Beryl Bailey and both now live on the South Coast.
Gladys married Ron Bailey and now lives in Victoria.



View of grandson Graeme Box in yard of 25 - 1940s

36 BRANDER, Amy & John hd & labourer
John Brander died on 30th June, 1932 and is buried in
St John the Baptist Churchyard Cemetery. Reference
St John's Churchyard by Jean Salisbury.

22 BRILL, Gladys & Leslie postmistress & carpenter
The Brill family later moved to a cottage in
Government House, Yarralumla. Gladys Ivy Brill,

Westlake's second postmistress, died 7th April, 1977
and is buried at Woden Cemetery. Her son Leslie
James died on 23rd December 1983 and is buried at
Gungahlin and her husband, Leslie William is buried
in the ex servicemen section of Woden – on 10th
August, 1964.

14 BRINKMAN, Arthur labourer
Arthur Brinkman and his wife, Alexandra were born
in Hobart Tasmania. Their son, Jim was born there
and daughter, Lesley in Canberra whilst the family
still lived at 14 Westlake. When they first came to
Canberra Arthur Brinkman worked on the sewer and
the family lived in a corrugated iron hut on the flat
down below the Governor General's residence in
Yarralumla. In 1926 they moved to 14 Westlake and
later to No 17. By this time Arthur was employed on
the roads and drains as a supervisor. Alexandra Amy
Brinkman was buried on 11th March, 1970 and her
daughter (?) Olga Vivian died 5th February who died
5th February, 1993 shares the same grave. Also in the
same grave is Sydney James Ferdinand Brinkman who
died 8th December 1996. Arthur and Alexandra
Brinkman moved to the Manuka area in the 1930s.

34 BROWN, Christina & Sidney hd & camp caretaker
First tenant of 34 was Arbuckle. This family also ran a
store in one of the camps. Sid Brown lived at Howie's
Cottages for a time? Sydney Brown was buried in the
Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 18th
December, 1944. Sidney Brown married Christina
Ogalive in Sydney at Ashfield in 1924.

24 BROWN, James labourer

28 BUDD, Helen & George hd & gardener
Buried in Woden Cemetery are Florence Daisy Budd
who died 9th March, 1972 and in the next grave,
George Budd who was buried 8th September, 1964.
George W Budd married Helen S Saker at Woollahra
in 1926.

24 BUTLER, Thomas painter

50 BUTCHER, Lucille & Aubrey hd & plasterer
Moved to Westlake from Howies Cottages. Aubrey
George Butcher was buried in the Roman Catholic
Section of Woden Cemetery on 9th September, 1960.

9 BRYANT, George labourer

53 BYRNE, Margaret & Raymond hd & motor driver

13 CAMERON, Isabella & Walter hd & carpenter

40 CAMERON, James carpenter

CHAMP, Hannah, Joseph & Samuel hd, labourer &
labourer

Hannah Champ was buried at Woden Cemetery 9.4.1942. Sam and Joe bached for awhile, then moved into a room at 31 Westlake in the Keir home and later moved to a single men's camp.

45 CHATHAM, Elizabeth & William hd & labourer (previous tenant Oakley)

Below on this page and next: Three photographs owned by Bill Convine who lived in 44 Westlake during the 1940s. Top left shows Roy Bellchambers on one of Bill's motor bike with cottages 47,46 and 45 in background. On the right is Bill Convine on the flat land between Westlake and the Hotel Canberra (just out of picture frame on left). The building in the background is Westblock near Commonwealth Avenue. The bottom photograph is Bill's brother Geoff Convine with 44 Westlake on the right and 45 on the left.



31 CLEAVER, Alice & Horace hd & car driver
First Hire Car owner/driver in FCT. Horace is the son of George Cleaver and his wife Alice died on 28th July 1996 and is buried at Woden Cemetery. She is in the same grave as her mother-in-law, Mary Ann Elizabeth who was buried on 5th November, 1968. Her father-in-law is buried in the next grave – on 24th September, 1938.

31 CLEAVER, Mary Ann & George hd & labourer

16 CLOWRY, Edith & Francis hd & carpenter.
Frank Clowry was born in 1876 and came to Canberra to work in 1923. He lived at the Tradesmen's Camp until 3rd March, 1924 when he was allocated and moved into 16 Westlake with his wife and children. He was Foreman Carpenter at the Provisional Parliament House job.
Frank Clowry was a devote Catholic and Father Haydon was a regular visitor to the family home. Frank was asked his opinion about the best wood to use for the pews at St Christophers Church. He suggested silky oak and that is what was used. Frank and his wife Edith (nee Ffrench) were married at Ballalaba on 5th November, 1910. Around 1920 they returned from Croydon Park, Sydney to the

Braidwood area. Edith Clowry (nee Ffrench) was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 2nd August 1954. Francis Joseph was buried in the next grave on 12th July, 1965. Their son Paul is buried with his father. He died on 19th March, 1989. His sister, Helen (Sister Mary) is buried at Gungahlin. She died on 8th February 1985. Thomas Philip Clowry is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery in grave 082 in the RC Section. He died 13th May, 1979.



COREY, Sarah & Ernest hd & labourer
Ernie was the "most highly decorated" man in World War 1. His medals are in the Australian War Memorial and he hailed from the Cooma district. Ernie - Ernest Albert died on Friday 25th August 1972 and was buried on the 29th. He is buried in the ex servicemen's section in the Woden Cemetery. He married Sarah Jane Fisher who later divorced him and remarried to a man by the name of Petty. Sally died on 18th February 1978 and is buried in the RC section of the Woden Cemetery. Ernie and Sally remained good friends and both lived at Westlake.

CUNNINGHAM, Ida & Francis hd & nurseryman

Briar Farm DAY, Frances & Charles hd & labourer
Briar Farm was a brick farm cottage built in 1870 and pulled down in 1950. Thomas Kinlyside was the last tenant farmer in the cottage and he left with his family in 1913. From that time it was used by employees of the Commonwealth the last being Charles Foster Day and his family who moved into the cottage in 1927. Frances Day nee Gallagher standing at the gate of Briar Farm. Frances Lillian Gallagher was born on 12th March 1902 and lived most of her early life around Bywong. She married Charles Foster Day at Queanbeyan on 16th February 1920. They lived for a time at Bungendore. During this time Charles stayed at White City Camp. The family later moved to a cottage at Molonglo and in 1927 to Briar Farm.

Charles Foster Day was a chainman and assisted surveyors including work on the Albert Hall. Charles died on 16th May, 1948 and Frances on 21st July, 1986. Reference *The Long Travail* by NJ Gallagher.



59 DE SMET, Gladys & Eugene hd & chauffeur
The DeSmet family are one of the old families of the District and for many years lived in the Duntroon area.

15 DUFFUS, Mary & Alexander hd & labourer
Lucy Mary Duffus died on 22nd October 1927 aged 15 months. She is buried in St John the Baptist Churchyard Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

49 DWYER, Harry bus driver

44 EDWARDS, May & Alfred hd & labourer
Alice May Edwards died on 19th June, 1933 aged 43 years. Alfred, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Edwards Of Adelong NSW was born in 1883. After the death of May he remarried to Edith Christine Gibbs. He died at his home at 66 Elimatta Street Braddon on 2nd December 1949. He and his first wife are buried in St

John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid Canberra.
Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

54 EDWARDS, Mary & John hd & labourer
John died 17th May, 1975 and is buried in the ex-servicemen's section at Woden Cemetery.

17 ERIKSON, Reta & Alfred hd & builder
Mrs Erikson was Mess Caterer to Old Tradesmen's Mess in 1927. The family returned to Sydney.

c/o PO ESSON, Harry labourer

29 GATES, Jane & Robert hd & carpenter
By the following year this family had moved and the house was taken over by George Sykes and his wife June.

GINN, Eileen hd

62 GREEN, Olive & Arthur hd & car driver

HAWKE, Florence, Andrew & Henry hd, engine driver & engine driver.
The Hawke family came from Araluen and the men worked on the Sewer. Three generations of the Hawke family came to Canberra in the early 1920s. The patriarch was Henry Hawke and his wife Letitia. They had a family of ten - seven boys and three girls. Two of the Hawke family lived at Westlake for over twenty years. They were Henry & Letitia and their son Andy (Andrew) and his wife Florence May (nee Ginn) - married 1922 registered Goulburn. Before moving to Westlake the family lived at Molonglo. Henry Hawke senior remarried after his wife's death to an English lady with the first name of Suzie. Andy Hawke met and married his wife in Araluen where their eldest children, William (Bill 1922) and Keith (1925) were born. Bruce (1927), Marjorie (1929) and Valerie (1931) were born. The senior Hawke family lived at 18 and Andy and May first at 41 and later at 36. One of the boys, Bert, lived for a time at 40 Westlake. A daughter, Ruby, met Henry Padrotta and married him. The young couple lived at No 18 with her parents for a time. Henry Leslie Padrotta died 24th October, 1978 and is buried at Woden Cemetery in the ex-servicemen's section.

24 IRONS, Louisa & Robert hd & bricklayer
Mr Irons was moved to a hospital in Sydney for the incurable. Mrs Irons sold all her furniture to Mr Harold Tuson and family who then moved into this cottage for about six months until the cubicle accommodation at Pierce's Creek was ready for them.

55 JOHNSON, Lucy, Henry & Henry hd, builder's labourer & builder.
Lucy Alexandra Johnson died 19th September, 1939 aged 59 years. She was mother of 5 children and is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury. Two daughters of the couple were Mary J who married Alexander Duffus in 1920 in Newtown,

Sydney and Lucy May who married Neil Denham Rogan in Hay. Both the Rogan and Duffus couples lived at Westlake. Alexander and Mary Duffus' daughter, Lucy M died in 1927 aged 15 months. She is also buried at St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Following their mother's death both daughters used to go to the cemetery where they had afternoon tea near the grave of their mother.

10 KELLY, Ada & William hd & bricklayer
This family had no children and took in boarders. Mrs Kelly was known to many as Aunty Kell. Ada Kelly was buried in the Woden cemetery on 22nd September, 1959.

23 LAW, Esther & Robert hd & carpenter
Robert was one of the men who glued the Speaker's Chair. The glue had to be kept fluid with heat and sat on the Law's wood stove - well remembered because of the dreadful "stink". Robert Law was the son of Thomas who came out to Australia with his family from Scotland in 1846 and settled in Benambra in Victoria. Thomas married Ella Jane McKee in 1857. Robert Law married Esther Crow in 1892 at Strathbogie Victoria. They had a family of 11 children and in 1924 the family came to Westlake. Robert Law lived for a time at the Tradesmen's Camp at Westlake until 23 Westlake became available in 1924. Mrs Law was post mistress for a time. One of the daughters, Anne married George Baker. They lived for awhile at 5 Westlake. George was an engineer and worked on Provisional Parliament House. Another daughter, Olive married Jack Graham and for a time the family lived at 23. Son Charlie - the youngest was the 13th Scout sworn in on Capital Hill. Esther Law died 18th February 1950 and is buried in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery in Canberra. Her husband, Robert predeceased her and died on 26th June, 1945. He is also buried in the Woden Cemetery in the Methodist Section.

48 LAW, Kathleen & Leslie hd & labourer
Leslie was a son of Robert and Esther and lived at 48 for a time. He worked on the construction of Commonwealth Avenue.

3 LANGER, Agnes & Francis hd & labourer

20 LEECH, Florence & Arthur hd & bricklayer
Arthur Neville, son of Florence & Arthur Leech died as the result of an accident - dived into the Acton Swimming hole and hit his head on the 15th March, 1930. He was 14 years of age and was born in Queensland. He is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury. Mrs Leech was buried at Woden Methodist Section on 2nd July, 1969. Her husband predeceased her by a number of years.

2 KINNANE, Betty & Patrick hd & labourer
The Kinnane family lived at No 2 Westlake and later moved to 32. Betty (Bridget) Mary Stephens was born

on 29th May, 1905 in Tasmania and came to NSW at the age of 3. Her parents were John and Edith (nee Harris) Stephens. In 1925 Betty married in Queanbeyan Patrick Thomas Kinnane - born in Cobarr on 24th March, 1905. For awhile the newly weds lived at Molonglo where William Henry was born. Their next son Thomas Patrick was born in Sydney where Betty was sent for medical treatment. Patrick was followed by John Joseph who was born in Horrie Cleaver's taxi, then Gloria, Keith James and Barbara. On 11th February 1950 Patrick Jr married Pauline Dominick at St Christopher's Manuka. Patrick Jr died in the late 1990s.

1 KNIGHT, Alfred hd & bricklayer

Lived at Howie's Cottages before moving to Westlake. His wife Emily died on 14th July, 1928. The cause of death was TB. She was 41 years of age and had married in England. She is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

McCANN, Ann & John hd & labourer

John and Ann McCann are buried in the Roman Catholic Section of Woden Cemetery in grave number 004. John was buried 20th November 1945 and Anne on 29th March, 1954.

McDONALD, Melinda & Spencer hd & labourer

In his later years Spencer moved into a shed in the backyard of No 7 and let the house out to New Australians one of whom was the Ivanovici family. The house was bought by Richard Jenkins who moved many of other Westlake Cottages on the back of trucks into Queanbeyan and other places. Jack Lette of Causeway was a driver. No 7 has been rearranged into a flat in the backyard of Richard Jenkins' house in Caley Crescent Narrabundah.

4 McKISSOCK, John bricklayer

Jock McKissock remarried after the death of his first wife. His second wife, Ethel Maud died on Thursday 21st February, 1983 and is buried in the Presbyterian section of the Woden Cemetery. Jock's sons Andrew and Archibald are also buried at Woden. Andrew died 25th March 1976 and Archibald 11th June 1956.



Archie McKissock and his father John at Westlake just before going overseas.

McNAMEE, Margaret & William hd & engine driver

This family later moved to Acton workmen's cottages. William worked at the Power House and later at the old hospital. His family mentioned that they believe that he worked at the Cotter Pumping Station and he was at one time the youngest engine driver in NSW

29 McNEIL, Andrew surveyor's foreman

47 MAKIN, Annie & James hd & carpenter

This family also moved to Acton Cottages. Both are buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid ACT. *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury notes the following:

Annie Aitken (nee Donaldson) born Fifeshire Scotland died 25th March, 1935 aged 55 years and her husband James died 7th February 1948 aged 65. He was born in Edinburgh Scotland.

26 MEYER, Emily & Peter hd & carpenter

6 MORRIS, Dora & Albert hd & motor driver

A Harrison original tenant. For a time Doris and Albert Morris shared a house Causeway - two of nine people in the house. Following a bad omnibus accident after a picnic at the Cotter Mrs Morris had

her hip broken. She had to lie still for around six months. The family was allocated 6 Westlake where she rested until the hip mended.

27 MUIR, Jean & John hd & ---
John Ferels Muir is buried in Gungahlin Cemetery. He died 18th January 1988.

10 MURRAY, George carpenter

38 O'REILLY, Ethel & James hd & labourer
Jim O'Reilly was one of the original tenants at Westlake. He was a great writer of poems. Ethel Mary was buried at Woden on 17th September 1944 and her husband James Cardinal is the same grave on 1st June, 1963 – RC Section.

56 PHILLIPS, Alberta & Walter hd & carpenter
Alberta died 11th March 1971 and is buried in grave 110 Anglican Section, Woden Cemetery Canberra with her husband Walter who was buried 24th June, 1957.

60 PURCELL, Florence & Milton hd & motor driver
Florence Ethel Purcell was buried in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery on 18th January 1963 and her husband Milton in the next grave on 7th December 1954.

c/o PO RITCHIE, Robert labourer

43 ROGAN, Lucy & Neil hd & labourer

32 SAMUELS, Irene & Victor hd & leading hand.
Vic Samuels later moved to Acton. Irene May died 29th August 1980 and is buried in Gungahlin Cemetery ACT. In the same grave is Winifred Ashley Samuels who died 28th October 1993. Her husband, Victor Oswald Samuels is buried in the ex-servicemen's section at Woden. He was buried 10th July, 1961. A Victor Bryce Samuels is buried in the ex-servicemen's section at Gungahlin. He died 20th August 1988.

10 SANDILANDS, Hobart carpenter

c/o PO SHANKS, Alexander labourer

Below: Copy of a photograph in *The Canberra Community News* c1927.

The Gap SYMONDS, Trevanion assistant architect

19 SKINNER, Helen & Robert hd & carpenter
A Robert Skinner died 12th July, 1962 and is buried at Woden in the ex-servicemen's section.

37 THOMPSON, Ellen & Willie hd & labourer
A Willie Thompson died 29th October, 1976 and is buried in the ex-servicemen's section of the Woden Cemetery.

9 TOOTELL, Olive & Jacob hd & engine driver
Jacob Tootell formed the "first" bike racing club in Canberra in the 1920s. Prior to moving to Westlake he along with his family lived at Duntroon.

52 WARREN, Eva & Robert hd & gardener
(previous tenant R Skinner)

58 WHITE, Mary & Radick hd & ganger

57 WHITE, Maud & Thomas hd & carpenter

33 WILLIAMS, Susan, William jr & William hd
painter & foreman

40 WOODMAN, Laura & Edward hd & foreman
Below: Thompson Brothers including Willie on the Westlake Tennis Court December 1927. Buildings in the background are L-R 61, 62 Westlake and the Westlake Hall. The photograph was reproduced in the December issue of *The Canberra Community News*.



FIRST CONGRESS—FEDERAL TERRITORY RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Back Row: K. Woodman (Molonglo); J. E. Jewell (Canberra); T. T. Avis (Cairns); L. Parker (Westlake); V. Samuels (Westlake); H. J. Denholm (Canberra); J. F. Butler (Ainslie); T. W. Sealdwell (Cairns); A. Barnes (Ainslie).
Front Row: J. H. Honeysett (Ainslie); W. I. Cottingham (Hon. Treasurer); R. Rowe (Vice-President); A. E. Jackson (President); I. G. Fussell (Vice-President); N. Newton (Hon. Secretary); P. J. Quigley (Molonglo).



Ann Austin feeding Lambert. In the background is 28 Westlake, home in the 1940s of the Menzies family. Photograph taken circa 1949. Today the site is the corner of Empire Circuit and Forester Crescent - in Stirling Park, Yarralumla.



Photograph of Mr Murchison and Westlake children - l-r bottom row: Ray Wilder, ?, Carmel Maxwell and girl/s in rear Gibbs girls. The photograph was taken outside the Westlake Hall 1940s. In the background are r-l Westlake cottages 39 - 42. All the old roads are still in Stirling Park. Below is the view from the Hall site in late 1990s - looking across from 39 to 43 etc.



HOWIE'S COTTAGES, WESTLAKE
(1922-1931)

Contractor John Howie had 25 two-three bedroom cottages built for his married men and 18 timber huts for his single men. By July 1927 the huts had been removed and only 13 cottages remained. Contractor Howie's men were employed to build the Hotel Canberra. Below photograph belonging to Ken Dinnerville (the Scout) – at Howie's Cottages circa 1927.



Ken Dinnerville Howie's Cottages 1927

3 DINNERVILLE, Caroline & Lawrence hd & boilermaker –
Later moved into 15 Westlake & then to Mt Stromlo Ken Dinnerville was a nephew and lived with his father, Charles.

13 FREEMAN, Ruth & Arthur hd & watchman
Arthur Freeman moved with his family to Causeway in 1930 and shortly afterwards died. He is buried in St John the Baptist Cemetery, Reid. Below: The Freeman children in the backyard of 13 Howies Cottages in the late 1920s.



KELLY, Lucy & William hd & labourer

MILLER, Ethel & Harry hd & office cleaner

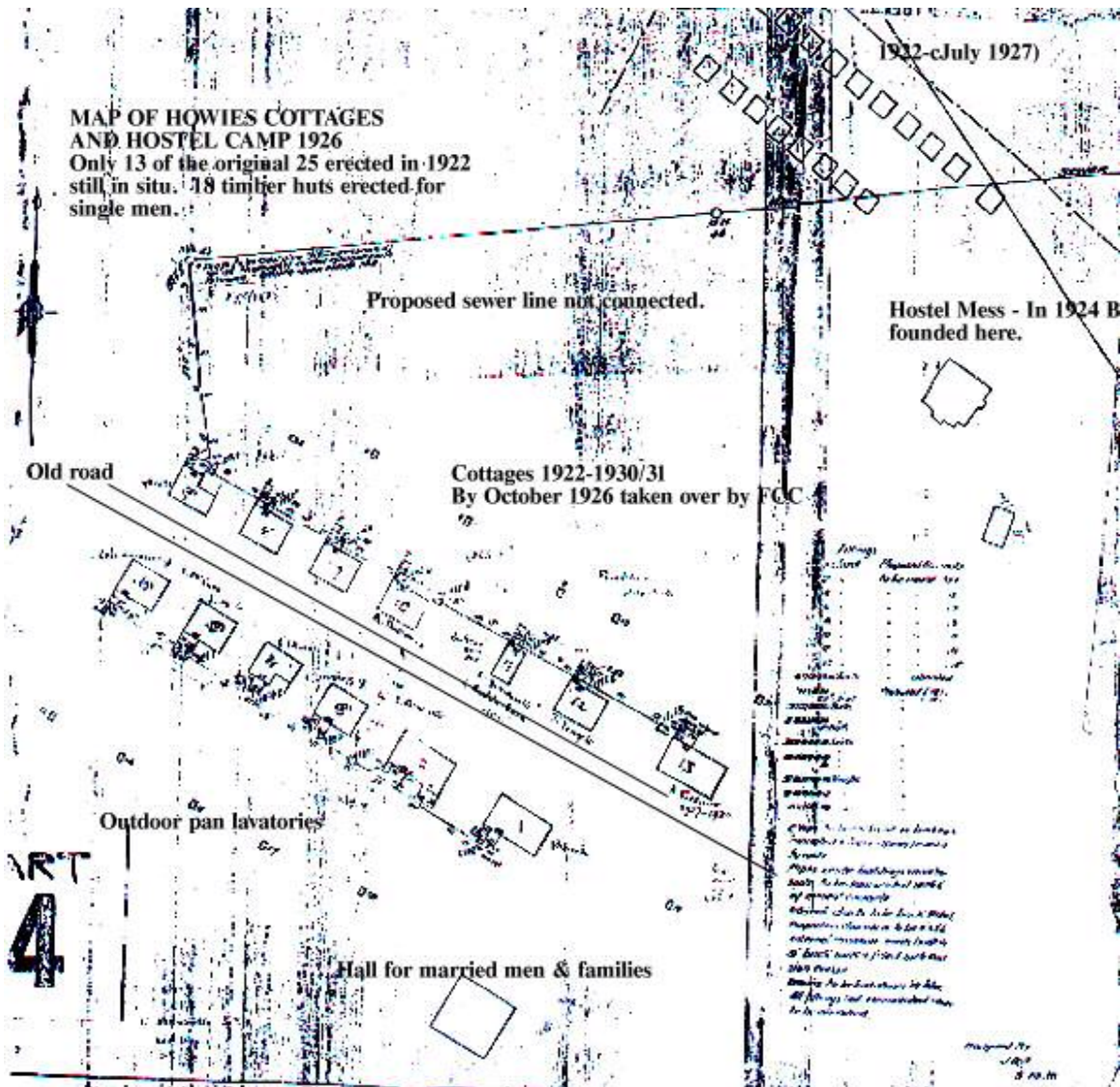
PATRICK, Jeanie hd

Mrs Patrick and her husband Patrick lived in 1 Howie's cottages and had a large family of children. Her husband was one of the men who represented Howie in Canberra. She died in early 1929 in her home. She was 42. Her husband was at the time in Sydney looking for work - the Great Depression started in Canberra after the opening of Parliament in May, 1929. She is buried at St John the Baptist Church at Reid. Her husband's ashes are now with her. Reference: *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

2 ROSS, Grace & George hd & labourer

10 SHEEHAN, Lucy & Raymond hd & labourer

Eileen Frances, daughter of Lucy (nee Warburton) died on 20th November, 1925 aged 2 months. The family lived at Causeway at the time. The family also lost a son, Robert Francis who died on 19th April 1928. He was only a few months old. The family lived at Howies Cottages at this time. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.



The houses were two and three bedroom and had water and electricity connected but not the sewer. A pan system was used. The above map was made in 1926 when a proposal was made to connect the cottages to the sewer. By this time the cottages had been taken over by the FCC. Around 1931 the remaining cottages were pulled down. A number of dumps were found near old house sites and from these items such as a woman's suspenders, catch from a suitcase, nails, toothpaste tube, old mouthorgan, a paper knife with Chinese coins, numerous beer bottles (NSW Bottle Company and Email Resch) dating between the late teens and 1927 were found along with crockery etc.



The photograph below shows Mrs Hamilton with baby Harry at Howies cottages in 1927. In the background is one of the outdoor "dunnies". A pan system was used. The building over to the left may be part of the Married quarters Hall.



By 1928 Alexander Hamilton, his wife Jean and baby Henry (Harry) born in 1927 moved from Howie's Cottages. Alexander Hamilton was born Rutherglen Scotland on 10th May, 1895 and migrated to Australia in 1923 on the SS Berima and arrived in Canberra in the autumn of that year. His first home was at the Molonglo Tradesmen's Camp. His fiancée, Jean Meikle remained in Scotland and joined him later. Alexander's Uncle David Gardner and his wife, Mary also lived in Canberra – probably at Howies. Jean arrived in Canberra in 1925 and probably stayed with the Gardners until her marriage on 15th October, 1925. On 13th October, 1924 Alexander and his Uncle David met with others at Howie's Hostel Mess to consider the advisability of forming a Burns Club on the Federal Capital Territory. Henry Russel Hamilton was born at Howie's Cottages on 25th July, 1927. His sister, Margaret Galloway Alston Hamilton (now McAuslan) was born at Crown Street Hospital in Sydney on 2nd December, 1930. The family had moved there looking for work. They later moved back to Canberra where they lived in the cottage in the grounds of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Series of photographs of objects dug up from Contractor Howie's dump in the old Quarry – now Attunga Point.



The spoons on the right were from the Attunga Point dump 1925 during the period when Howie's men were working on the second lot of pavilions. There is quite a lot of rubbish from the Hotel including these spoons thrown out accidentally.