

ARTHUR WILLIAM MORIARTY

The FCT strip maps produced circa 1913 contain on them very detailed information collected by Arthur William Moriarty in 1912. He was a stock and station agent and auctioneer based in Queanbeyan. His notes that are in the National Australian Archives in Parkes ACT give us an accurate picture of the land and what was on it before the city covered the paddocks of the FCT. As well as the name of the lessee or owner of each property he noted all the dwellings including age and condition along with information such as fences, materials used etc. His notes on Yarralumla property and part of Klensendorlffe's for example note:

[Ref: A538/2 10] ... gum trees and box throughout the land ... heavily cleared. Part of Portion 6 (next door to Klensendorlffe's) near the river and part of Sheedy's Paddock and Dairy North of fence – 15 acres alluvial deposit black soil first class cultivation. 36 acres Principally undulating red soil to sandy loam on River bank over 2 miles frontage to Queanbeyan or Molonglo River; first class grazing; 2nd class cultivation considerable number (said to 127 & 116) willows, healthy and well grown on River.

Part of Portion 6 parish of Narrabundah (Willows part of plain paddock N of main Queanbeyan Road and Gibbs paddock S of main road) 1360 acres. All red soil undulating plain country except small patch of sandy granite formation on south boundary fence of Gibbs paddock and on Yarralumla Creek. Fringe of box and gum timber on east boundary-say chains from S boundary fence. 1st class grazing and 2nd class cultivation. Balance of 1124a por 6 & 57 29 Parish of Narrubundah, Romes, Campbells & part of Donnisons and Stud pdk 1124 acres Undulating granite formation; originally box & gum open forest now almost cleared over the greater part 1st class grazing, 3rd class cultivation.

Part of Portion 145 (150 acres) **Part of Portion 7 [Klensendorlffe's] 70 acres** of Yarralumla, Quartz Paddock. Quartz iron and slatey ridge [Stirling Ridge]; stringy bark, gum, box and pine; tussocky grass; inferior country – no cultivation; 2nd class grazing. Also mentions a Dam used for water supply.

Karen Williams provided an update of the call numbers for Moriarty's Notes in the NAA. My references date from the time when the then Australian Archives were based at Mitchell. Following the move to Parkes ACT some changes were made to call numbers.

Moriarty's valuation notes - Australian Archives (ACT) Series A358/2 Item 33a, b, c, e, 42. Series A358/1 Item 32, Series 566/1 Item M1, B1

AW MORIARTY

Just who was this man Moriarty who left the Queanbeyan in 1917? Glimpses of him are found in a number of sources that include Karen Williams *Oaks Estate- No Man's Land* self-published, Canberra, 1997. Page 151

Arthur William Moriarty married Nora Marion Broughton, daughter of John Broughton, of Young in 1897 (ref: Queanbeyan Age, 8 May, 1897). During their time at Hazelbrook, a daughter was born to the family in August 1911 (ref: Queanbeyan Age, 15 September 1911), and their fourth son, Frank Alexander, was buried at Queanbeyan Cemetery. By 1919, however, Moriarty was a land valuer with a postal address at Goulburn (ref: Queanbeyan Rates Books). He remained titleholder of this extended acreage, some 41 acres in total until title transferred to Hilton Arthur Clothier, wool-buyer, of Queanbeyan, by deed dated 1st April 1925 for £1000. For a period, before selling to Clothier, Moriarty had tenants occupying the house at Hazelbrook. Maxwell was one family known to have lived there during this period.” (Mr Moriarty's cottage empty since 1st Aug. 1917, then tenanted by November 1917 – sanitation records).

Lyll Gillespie's cards (loaned by his son Neil) provide further information. Lyll Gillespie's cards hold information from many sources that include local and district newspapers collected over many decades. Following are some examples on AW Moriarty:

Mr AW Moriarty one of the local auctioneers took the opportunity during the week to join the ranks of the Bendicts. On Tuesday 4th instant at Young, Dean Pownall performed the marriage ceremony between Nora Marion Broughton daughter of John Broughton of Young and Mr AW Moriarty of Queanbeyan. The bride was given away by her father while Mr Frank Broughton brother of the bride acted as best man' Queanbeyan Age 8.5.1897

Son Harry Broughton born to Arthur William Moriarty auctioneer and Marian Moriarty of Queanbeyan on 24.1.1898 and baptised 4.3.1898 by Rev WM White. Register of Baptisms Christ Church Queanbeyan

Son William Orpen born to Arthur William Moriarty commission agent and Norah Marion Moriarty of Queanbeyan on 13.12.1903 and baptised 17.1.1904 by Rev WN(orM) White on 17.1.1904. Register of Baptisms Christ Church Queanbeyan.

Son Frank Alexander born to Arthur William Moriarty agent and Norah Marion Moriarty on 6.5.1905 and baptised 3.7.1905 by Rev WM White. Register of Baptisms Christ Church Queanbeyan

It is understood that Mr AW Moriarty, one of the oldest auctioneers in this town intends removing to Goulburn.' Goulburn Evening Penny Post (Qbn from local papers). 17.2.1917

Mr AW Moriarty has received private and unofficial information that his son Harry Broughton Moriarty previously reported missing (3 May 1917) was killed in action' Queanbeyan Age 4.12.1917

Roll of Honour Australian War Memorial Records.

MORIARTY, Harry Broughton. Service number 2941B – Rank Private died 3rd May 1917. Memorial Details – Villers Bretonneaux, France.

Other details on the net in AWA records show that he enlisted 22.5.1916 and embarked on HMAT Ascanius. Harry was 18 years of age, single, clerk, born Queanbeyan and gave his mother, Mrs Nora M Moriarty, Snierwick Queanbeyan as his next of kin. Descriptions found in the Red Cross records describe him to be between five foot six and five foot nine in height, nuggety build, fair complexion. One of the statements said 'Informant added that Moriarty was a very popular chap and was ever ready to help his mates.' He was buried where he fell and the record noted that he was Methodist.

Following is an example of one of the typed pages from Moriarty's note books. The reference to *DRAINING – PLOUGH FURROW* was one that explained the many ploughed furrows that show up in the numerous 1920s Mildenhall aerial photographs taken in the open areas in the vicinity of the tenant farms (Kaye & Kinsyde), the Hotel Canberra and Capital Hill.

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SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Field Book No.

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Nature of Improvements	Description	Position	Condition and Date of Recession	Value	Dimensions	Total Value
Planting	Originally box, gum, stringy bark & thorn; scrubby.	Holdens paddock; Yarralumla	Good, timber killed.	3/6 ac.	729 sq. ft.	127
Planting & burning off dead timber		Round S & N boundary fence.	Good.	4/- ac.	32 aers.	6
Dredging	Plough furrow.	Holdens paddock.	Good, much needed, being wet country.	10/- mile	5 miles	2
Grabbing & clearing	As though after burning off.	" "	Good.	6/- ac.	60 aers.	18
Willows	" "	" "	Pair.	21 trees	5 trees	5
Salt shed	Open sides: flat roof of Gal. iron.	" "	Pair.	218 m11e	170 chs.	38
Remoing P30, L20, O30.	6-wire fence.	S. side of main Yarralumla rd. & west side of Bulge Cr. rd.	Good, 1895.	218 m11e	170 chs.	38
Remoing O30, Q30.	2-rail & 3 wires: very old (with say 5 cheef old 108. no value)	S. bound: of Holdens paddock.	Bad, worn out: said to be 40 yrs.	25 m11e	70 chs.	4
Remoing Q30, R30, S30, P30.	6-wire fence.	Part of W. boundary: Holdens paddock.	Bad: pt. very old.	25 m11e	144 chs.	27
Remoing P30, P30.	Posts 15' apt. & 1 short hat: 6 plain No. 6 wires.	Part S. bound: Holdens paddock.	Pair, 1890.	218 m11e	144 chs.	27
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Below is a portion of a strip map of the land known as Klensendorlffe's. The area outlined and noted at Block 84, R Corkhill was the property leased by Corkhill before the family moved to Yarralumla and took over the dairy there – renamed *RIVERVIEW*. On the site of this earlier property are the buildings of the National Library, National Art Gallery and the High Court. The hill on the property is probably the one in front of the Provisional Parliament House known as Cork Hill. This hill was the one that Flight Officer Francis Charles Ewen nose dived his plane into on the 9th May 1927 during the fly-over to mark the opening of the Federal Parliament House. He is buried in St John the Baptist Churchyard. Val Emerton in one of her books about early Kingston noted that Bob Norgrove (one of the men who helped remove the hill – good brickies sand now in many Canberra homes) said it got its name because of the number of corks thrown there by the men from a nearby construction camp. I wonder if the name also had links with the Corkhill family.

Parts of the big curved track that goes to the Quarry (Attunga Point) has survived on the hill opposite Lotus Bay (Section 128, Block 3 Yarralumla.) I printed Howie's and Briar Farm on this map.



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