



THE SINCLAIR FAMILY
Standing: Clarrie, Meg, Jack.
Seated: Don and Jim.

Margaret Sinclair (nee Beaton)

Margaret (**Meg**) was born on 1st October, 1871 at Copmanhurst N.S.W. and was only 8 years old when the family moved to South Australia and 21 when she travelled on to Perth with her mother and two younger brothers in 1892 on the S.S. Polynesian.

From there they went by coastal shipping to Geraldton and road to 'Beatonsfield' at Yandanooka.

In Ken's letter to his mother in Adelaide dated 1891, Ken congratulates Meg on her engagement to James Robert Sinclair. When and where they met we do not know.

THE SINCLAIR'S

This Clan is of Norman origin. Its founder was William de Saint Clair, a relation of William the Conqueror, who settled in Scotland at Roslin, near Edinburgh soon after 1066. Their stronghold continued to be at Roslin Castle even after they became Earls of Orkney.

The Sinclair's have a direct descent from William Sinclair of Roslin in Midlothian in 1280. They have a long distinguished involvement in Scottish history back to Sir William Sinclair sitting in the Scottish Parliament in 1283-4. The Sinclairs are well documented throughout Scottish History.

Australian Connections

George Sinclair and Margaret Bain

Children:

John Sinclair came to Western Australia on the 'Tartar' from Lerwick, Shetlands.

And later sponsored his brothers to join him in W.A. Two sisters went to N.Z.

Laurence Sinclair arrived in W.A. on "Dolphin" 19.1.1860.

Married Julia Playle 1879

Children : Jessie Mainland, Laurence, Ernest James, Julia Mayling, Bertie,

Leslie Norman, Cecelia Ethel, Mary Margaret.

Thomas Sinclair arrived in W.A. on "Tartar" 12.12.1863.

Married **Mary Mainland** on 13.12.1851. They had seven children.

Children: **Jessie Mainland** born 2.4.1852 died 6.2.1933

Laurence born 2.1.1854, married 9.12.1879 they had seven children.

In 1893 Laurence's horse 'Norseman' turned over a gold nugget.

Laurence called the town Norseman after his horse.

Sold the mine to an Adelaide Company for \$12,000.

Laurence died 9.12.1933

Margaret Ann born 9.7.1856 married John Cook 1874.

They held Noondoonia Station, Norseman.

Mary born 28.10.1859 died 15.2.1891

James born 30.5.1861 m Margaret McGee 4.7.1898. d. 28.8.1925.

Julia born 17.10.1864 died after fall with knife in mouth 26.9.1866.

George Thomas born 17.3.1867.

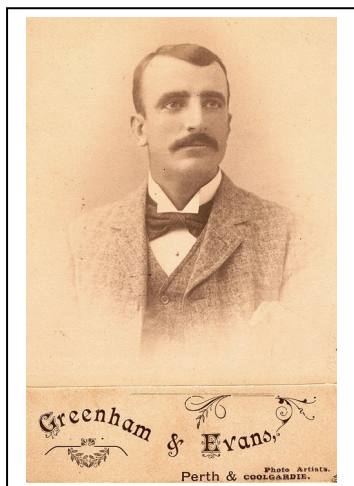
Geoffrey Ringwood and Mary Commerford Arrived in Western Australia on the ship "Pyronees" as a Private of the 58th Regiment from India with a family of 8 boys and 8 girls.

John Sinclair married **Julia Ringwood** (born Dublin 1845-died 3/5/1909) **Bunbury on 3rd October, 1861.**

Children:	Born	Married To	Died
Mary Ann	1862	17/4/1879	John James O'Connor 20/9/1925
George Geoffrey	1863	1889	Elizabeth Law-Davies 1916
Margaret	1865	1890	Fred Samuel Caporn
John Thomas			Eleanor Wisby
Agnes Maud	1878		
Albert Earnest	1878		1.Martha Witcher 2.Alice 1924
Joseph Harrington	1874		
William	1871		
James Robert	1872	12/3/1895	Margaret(Meg)Beaton 1926
Julia Catherine	1880		Edward Bartlett
Charles Augustas	1881		Emily Stubbs 1938
Alathea	1884		William Sexton
Egbert Bertram	1886		Myra Franklin
Frederick Ringwood	1889		Elsie Milling

There were 40 children born from this family of 14.

Margaret (Meg) Beaton married **James Robert Sinclair** on 12th March, 1895 in Upper Irwin District.



Jim Sinclair.



While serving as Postmaster in Esperance Jim planted a pine tree near the Post Office to commemorate Clarrie's birth in 1897. A well known fact within the family. Mistakenly this is recorded as 1902 on the plaque.



Broome social scene Above: Jim and Meg rear 2nd and 3rd from left. Undated



John Alexander as a baby and as a young boy.



Jim was employed by the Postmaster Generals Department as Postmaster.

**James Robert Sinclair's career is listed in the -
Postmaster & Postmistresses of Western Australia 1829-1992.**

Esperance Bay (Telegraph Station)	1 st December, 1885.
Guildford	1 st July, 1891
Derby	11 th October, 1893
Hamelin Pool (Telegraph Station)	1 st July, 1895
Esperance	1 st April, 1896
Midland Junction	1 st July, 1903
Kookynie	1 st July, 1906
Broome	1 st January, 1908
Northam	1 st December, 1911
Geraldton	1 st April, 1914
Kalgoorlie	1 st June, 1924
Fremantle	1 st January, 1925



THE SINCLAIR FAMILY c1905 Standing from left Clarrie, Meg, Jack. Seated Don and Jim.



*Yandanooka
Standing : Nell Brain and
Don Sinclair.
Seated L to R : Ann Beaton,
Helen Beaton , Jim, Meg
Sinclair and Togo.*



*Above :
Jim and Margaret.*



Meg.

*Meg and ?
Is it Denise ?*



Jim passed away in 1926 in Fremantle.

Meg then went to live with her son Clarrie, his wife Evelyn and their young family and remained with them for thirty years.

Meg passed away on 17th June, 1956 in Mt Lawley at 84 years of age, being pre-deceased by her husband and two of her sons.

Margaret (Meg) Beaton

Married: **James Robert Sinclair** on 12th March, 1895 in Geraldton.

Children: **John Alexander** born 26th January, 1896 ,Fitzgerald St, Geraldton.

Clarence McIntosh Ringwood born 11th July, 1897, Esperance.

Donald Cummerford born 10th February, 1899, Esperance.

John Alexander Sinclair

John (**Jack**) Alexander Sinclair was born on 26th January, 1896, and part of his schooling was as a boarder at Guildford Grammar School.

School records list the following details.

Entered : **1910** Left in : **1913** Form: **V**

Positions of Responsibility **1911-12-13 : Prefect**

Scholarships and Exhibitions : **Choir**

Academic Prizes : **Music Prize (Singing) 1913.**

Sport 1st Teams.

Team	Year	
1 st X1(Cr)	1911	SPORT CAPTAIN Football - 1913
1 st X1(Cr)	1912	
1 st X1(Cr)	1913	
1 st XV111	1910	Sports Awards Champion Athlete U16 1911
1 st XV111	1911	
1 st XV111	1912	
1 st XV111	1913	
ATHLETICS	1910	Sports Colours FULL - CRICKET FULL - FOOTBALL FULL - ATHLETICS
ATHLETICS	1911	
ATHLETICS	1912	
ATHLETICS	1913	
SHOOTING	1913	



*Sailing on the Swan
Jack on left, Clarrie at rear.*

Information and photographs from old copies of the School Journal, '**THE SWAN**' follow at the end of the chapter.

Jack was 20 years old when he enlisted in World War 1.

Information obtained from Archival Records.

SINCLAIR John Alexander

Bombardier: **27827**

25th Light Horse (Militia) October 1914 to February 1916.

Enlisted A.I.F. 12TH February, 1916.

53rd Artillery Depot, Victoria on 4th April, 1916

118th Howitzer Battery, Maribyrnong,

Victoria on 31st August, 1916.

Embarked Melbourne, 20th October, 1916 "Borda."

Disembarked Plymouth, England 9th January, 1917.

Embarked at Southampton on 9th June, 1917.

Disembarked at France on 20th June, 1917.

On Strength 10th Field Artillery Brigade on

2nd August, 1917.

Wounded in Action (Gassed) 1st November, 1917.

Returned to Duty on 27th November, 1917.

Promoted to Bdr. 23rd December, 1918.

Returned to England 21st May, 1919.

Embarked Southampton aboard the "City of Exeter"
for Fremantle, 12th July, 1919.

Arrived Fremantle on 16th August, 1919.

Medals : 1914/15 STAR,

British War Medal No 14837.

Victory Medal No 14531.





*Jack in
England*

*Family group: Meg, Rose, Jack
and Margaret.
Rose's sister and sons. Kalgoorlie.*



*Above:
The Bride and Groom.
1st September, 1923. Mt
Lawley.*



Below: Margaret, Arlene and Denise



On October 16 Jack Sinclair died, rather suddenly, but after a long illness traceable to war service. His many friends among Old Boys and others, and the School, have lost a man who was universally admired, and a most enthusiastic supporter of Guildford and all and everyone connected with it. He was present at every function that his health permitted him to attend; and his record both at school and afterwards is one which present boys and Old Boys might well envy and would do well to emulate. We ask his own family to believe the sincerity of our sympathy, and we extend to his brothers Clarrie and Don, and other relatives, our sense of grief at a loss which is theirs and ours.





Vaughan and Denise Butterly



Meg Sinclair



Rose



Rose with Arlene and George Webster.



Ken and Gwen Sinclair



L to R : Arlene, Ken, Denise, Rose, Margaret.



Margaret, Denise and Ken.

Rose Limbourn

Rosena (**Rose**) Frances Limbourn was born in England on 13th January, 1894.

Rose's two elder brothers emigrated to Western Australia. Rose waited with her sister-in-law until after the birth of her baby and then accompanied mother and baby to join her brothers in Western Australia. They left England aboard the S.S. Armadale on 20th November, 1912 and arrived in Australia on the 7th January, 1913.

One of Rose's first occupations in Western Australia was at Boan's Store in the lampshade section, where she was joined by her sister Florence.

Her next post was as home help and companion to the wife of Dr. Sutton, and their six children.

Dr. Sutton was the Director of Agriculture in W.A. The family lived at Ellesmere St, Mt. Lawley.

Rose's next position was to travel to Melbourne as companion to a lady and there she rejoined her parents and younger brother who were then at Burnley, Victoria.

In 1920 her parents and younger brother arrived in Perth.

On returning to W.A Rose became Head of the Women's Wear section of the Co-Operative Store at Moora.

While there she met Jack Sinclair, a bank clerk, working in the town.

Jack and Rose Sinclair

Jack and Rose were married on 1st Sept, 1923 at Mt Lawley.

Jack suffered ill health from the gassing he received in the French fields but continued working for the bank. The family spent some time in Kalgoorlie, during which time one of Jack's duties was accompanying gold transportation by rail to Perth. In 1928 he was appointed to the position of Bank Manager in Narrogin when he became ill and was unable to fill the position. He had to resign from the bank and tried outdoor work as a woolclasser in the hopes the country air would help his lungs. Jack spent considerable time in and out of hospital and contracted tuberculosis. This with the damage already sustained to his lungs proved fatal and he passed away at the Edward Millen Home in Victoria Park on the 16th October, 1934 at only 38 years of age. He is buried at Karrakatta.

Rose was left with a family of four aged between 10 and 4 years.

Jack and Rose had a War Service home at 106 Coode St, South Perth and from an insurance policy, (taken out before Jack became incapacitated) Rose was able to pay for the house £1000 (\$2000) and managed with the War Widows Pension. Jack's brother Clarrie also gave assistance over the years, particularly with Ken's education expenses in attending Wesley College..

Many years later Rose suffered a bad fall and seriously injured a leg, in later life this necessitated amputation.

Rose died at 93 years of age, on 25th February, 1987, fifty-three years after her husband, Jack and is buried with him at Karrakatta.

John (Jack) Alexander Sinclair born on 26th January, 1896

Married : Rosena (**Rose**) Frances Limbourn 1st Sept, 1923 Mt Lawley.

Children:	Kathleen Margaret	born 1 st January, 1924, Kalgoorlie
	Denise Frances	born 10 th December, 1925, Kalgoorlie
	Arlene Gwenyth	born 19 th August, 1927, Mt Lawley
	Kenneth Robert	born 5 th February, 1930, South Perth

Jack died : 16th October, 1934 at 38 years of age. Millen Home , Victoria Park.

Rose died : 25th February, 1987 at 93 years of age.



Left to right:
Arlene,
Margaret, Denise
and Ken.
South Perth.

Kathleen **Margaret** born on the 1st January, 1924 in Kalgoorlie.

Joined the Womens Royal Australian Airforce during WW11.as a cypher assistant.

Married: **Donald Seto** (born 2nd April, 1921) : **30th April 1949**

Donald, a Public Servant with the Customs Dept.

Donald died 16th July, 1994 buried in Mt Gravatt War Cemetery, Qld.

Died : Suddenly at 78 years of age on the 3rd May, 2002.



Children: **Alexander Michael John** 9th November, 1949 Rockhampton, Q

Darryl 23rd April, 1951, Rockhampton, Q

Donna Margaret Ann 1st April, 1955, Darwin, N.T.

Therese Mary 4th May, 1957, Brisbane, Q

Bernadette Majella 17th May, 1959, Brisbane, Q

Anthony Joseph 14th October, 1960, Brisbane, Q

Catherine Elizabeth Frances 9th February, 1965, Brisbane, Q

Alexander Michael John Chemical Engineer B.E.(Chem) M.B.A.

Married: Janice Margaret Irwin B.Arch and Landscape Arch. Grad Dip L.A.

On 8th February, 1975 in Brisbane

Children: **Vivian Alison** born 27th May, 1980. B.Sc AE.S. B.Sc E.T.

Bronwyn Anita born 1st August, 1982.

Nigel Alexander born 22nd March, 1989

Darryl Public Servant B.A.,B.Lit.Grad.Dip.Legal,Cert.Public Pol.

Married : **Shirley Gourgard** B.Sc.,B.Sc Hon.,M.Sc.Dip.Economics.

Donna Margaret Ann B.A.,Dip.Ed.Grad.Dip.Teaching

Married : Mark Andrew Hardman (Jeweller) 9th July, 1982

Children: **Andrien Seto Hardman** born 14th October, 1981.

Therese Mary Librarian

Married: Darryl James Murphy on 3rd February, 1979, Brisbane.

Children: **Justin James** born 23rd January, 1982

Adam Issac born 1st June 1985.

Bernadette Majella B.A.Hons. and Lecturer

Married : **Robin Neil Barlow**, B.A. (Hons) Public Servant. on 7th May, 1993

Children: **Nicholas Emmanuel Sebar** born 5th March, 1994

Georgina Isabel Sebar born 1st February, 1996.

Anthony Joseph Public Servant

Catherine Elizabeth Frances Ba. B. Ed. Teacher

Married : **Christopher Andrew Seto-Payne** (Acupuncturist) on 19th June, 1993

Children: **Madeleine Anne Seto-Payne** b 24th December 1993

Julian Cameron Seto-Payne born 17th June, 1996.



Back L to R: Alex, Darryl.
Middle: Therese, Donna, Bernadette.
Front : Anthony, Catherine.



Margaret Seto



Don Seto

Denise Frances born 10th December, 1925 in Kalgoorlie.

Married : Mervyn **Vaughan** Butterly, 5th April, 1947 in South Perth
Railway Officer with the West Australian Railways.

Vaughan served in the Airforce (436631) during WW11 training in both wireless and as gunner. After sailing from Brisbane, landing in San Francisco, training across America and then sailing on the Queen Mary to England 20,000 aboard and no escort could keep pace with them. Upon arrival - sent to Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Met Denise after the War.

Children: **Lynnette Frances** 25th February, 1948, Victoria Park, W.A.

Robyn Elizabeth 14th November, 1949 Subiaco, W.A.

Mervyn John 13th October, 1953, Dumbleyung, W.A.

Tonia Lee 30th January, 1964 Northam, W.A.

Craig Bradley 13th November, 1965 Midland, W.A.

Lynnette Frances 25th February, 1948

Married : **Peter James Campbell**, 19th April, 1975 at Yokine.

Children: **Sarah Kate** born 6th February, 1978 at Subiaco.

B.A.Ed (ECE) Edith Cowan University, W.A.

Melanie Frances born 21st January, 1980 at Subiaco.

Dr.Vet.Sc. B. Sc. Murdoch Uni. W.A.

Robyn Elizabeth 14th November, 1949

Married **Trevor John Freer** on 2nd July, 1971 in Subiaco.

Children: **Damien Bryce** born 1st September, 1974, Modbury, S.A.

Mervyn **John** 13th October, 1953

Married: **Jacqueline Marie Whiting**, 14th January, 1978, Sydney, N.S.W.

Children: **Samantha Jay** born 23rd February, 1980 at Subiaco, W.A.

Ryan Neil born 7th October, 1982 at Woden, Canberra.

Tonia Lee 30th January, 1964

Married: **Peter Fairclough**, March 16th, 1990.

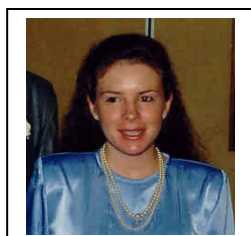
Children: **Scott** Alexander born 10th October, 1987, Osborne Park.

Amy Marie born 17th April, 1990.

Craig Bradley 13th November. 1965.



The Campbell Family



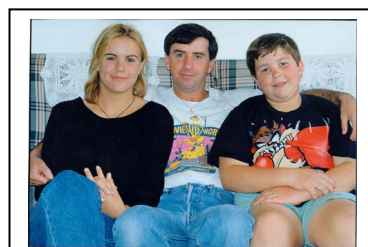
Tonia



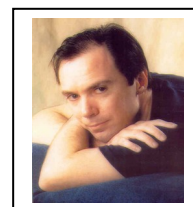
Amy and Scott



Robyn and Damien



John and his children.



Craig

Arlene Gwenyth born 19th August, 1927.

Married : George Leonard Frederick Webster (born 15th April 1925) 19th April, 1956, S.Pth.

A Men's Hairdresser had his own shop in Swanbourne.

Children : **Margaret Helen** born 14th January, 1957 Subiaco

Richard George born 27th August, 1962. Sth Pth

George passed away on 28th September 1976.

Arlene passed away on 27th July, 1996.

Margaret Helen born 14th January, 1957 Subiaco

Married : **Jeffery Chan Weng Wai** on 29th March, 1982

Children: **Kristy Leanne** born 10th August 1973 at Subiaco

Jason Leong born on 28th January 1983

Amy Lee Ling on 15th May, 1985.



George and Arlene Webster.

Kenneth Robert born 5th February, 1930 at South Perth.

Married **Gwenyth Joy Hyde** on 9th May, 1953.

Children **Gail** 12th March, 1954 Nedlands

Anne Margaret 26th July, 1956 Cottesloe

Peter 21st April, 1963, South Perth

Elizabeth 8th February, 1969 South Perth

Gail born 12th March, 1954 Nedlands

Married : 1977 **Brian Taylor**

Children: **Christopher Taylor** born 13th July, 1979

Peta Frances Taylor born 5th February, 1982

Bronwyn Taylor born 17th January 1987

Anne Margaret Teacher Librarian Dip.Teaching. B.A(Hons). Grad.Dip(.Bus.)

Married : 1976 **Tjerk Tymen Poepjes** Engineer B.Eng. M.B.A.

Children: **Michael Robert Proepjes** born 1st November, 1978, East Fremantle.

Graham Andrew Proepjes born 14th July, 1981, East Fremantle.

Naomi Anne Proepjes born 30th May, 1983, East Fremantle.

Peter P.H.D M.E. B.A.(Hons)

Married : **Jane Brigitte Walker**

Children: **Thomas Peter** born 25th January, 1996 Sydney, N.S.W.

Louise Anne born 19th April, 1999 Sydney, N.S.W.

Elizabeth born 8th February, 1969 South Perth. Dr.Vet.Sc. B. Sc.

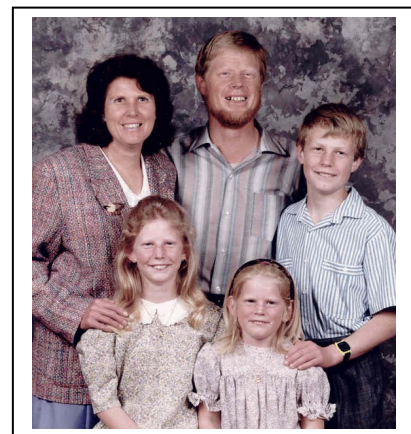
Married : **David Brown** On 5th August, 1995 at St Andrew's Church, Nedlands.

Children : **Sarah Joy** 3rd July, 2001.

: **Rowan Samuel** 3rd July, 2001.



*Rose, Gail,
Gwen, Anne, Ken
and Peter.
C1965.*



The Taylor Family

Clarence McIntosh Ringwood Sinclair

Clarence (**Clarrie**) McIntosh Ringwood **Sinclair** was born on the 11th of July, 1897 in Esperance.

Clarrie attended Guildford Grammar School from 1910 to 1915 as a boarder.

Entered :1910 Left in :1915 Form: V

Positions of Responsibility **1914:** Chapel Prefect **1915 :** Senior House Prefect

Scholarships and Exhibitions : **Choir**

Academic Prizes : **Music Prize** (Singing) **1913.** Level 1V

Sport 1st Teams.

Team	Year
1 st CREW	1915
1 st X1(CR)	1911
1 st X1(CR)	1912
1 st X1(CR)	1913
1 st X1(CR)	1914
1 st X1(CR)	1915
1 st XV111	1911
1 st XV111	1912
1 st XV111	1913
1 st XV111	1914
1 st XV111	1915
ATHLETICS	1911
ATHLETICS	1912
ATHLETICS	1913
ATHLETICS	1914
ATHLETICS	1915
SHOOTING	1914

Sports Colours

FULL - ROWING
FULL - CRICKET
FULL - FOOTBALL
FULL - ATHLETICS



Clarrie at Yandanooka.



Postcard - on the reverse:-

France Jan 7th 1918.

Dear Jack,

This is a photo of his majesty taken at Poperinghe. It is not too bad. Have not heard from home for some considerable time but hope to in the near future. Clarrie.

Service Details obtained from Archival Records

SINCLAIR Clarence McIntosh Ringwood

Application to Enlist in A.I.F. on 8th May, 1916.

Employed at Brown and Dureau, Fremantle as Shipping Clerk.

Age :18yrs 11 mths. Height: 5ft.6 1/4 ins

Exp: 4 years with 88th Inf, still serving.

After enlistment:

No 6828 A.I.F 16 Btn/22 Reinforcements

Training at Blackboy Hill.

Embarked "Argyllshire" for Devenport, 9.11.16.

14.1.17 Transferred to 4th Trg Bn, Codford.

10.2.17 Overstayed leave from 2400hrs 2/2/17 to 2230hrs

4/2/17. 48 hours detention. In custody 1 day. Total Forfeiture

5 days pay.

27.2.17 Proc o/seas France 'S.S.Invicta.'Folkstone.

31.3.17 Tranferred to 32nd Batt.

Appointed L/Cpl on 8.1.1918.

Wounded 17.4.1918.

Promoted Temo.Corporal 21.6.1918

Wounded 29.9.1918. Second occasion.

Discharged Hosp France.12.10.1918.

Disemb. S'hampton to report to Weymouth.

Returned to Aust on 'Morvada' embarked 4.1.1919.

Medals: 1914/15 STAR,

British War Medal No 15547,

Victory No 15209.

Discharged: 30.3.1919.

On his return from War Service Clarrie went on to work as a Commercial Traveller.

Clarrie married Evelyn Mildred Good on the 17th of December 1924, and they had a family of four, two daughters and two sons. One son, Alexander died during infancy.

Clarrie began his own tyre business in 1932 in the premises at 806 Hay St, eventually

establishing Sinclair's Tyre Company in the island building at the junction of Wellington and Milligan Streets in Perth.

Clarrie had a house built at 48 Clotilde Street, Mt Lawley in 1925 and resided there until 1952. His mother Meg lived with the family for thirty years until moving to full time care.

A close family, Clarrie was very concerned for both his brothers and their respective health problems, and after Jack's passing, for Jack's widow and young family. Donald was helped through employment and accommodation and of course always with regard and encouragement. Jack's son, Ken received financial assistance to enable him to attend Wesley College, South Perth. All acts show a great compassion and commitment to his own and the extended family.

In 1952, after being retired for some time, he bought an agency business in Queen St, Perth. Evelyn encouraged him in this, and a couple of years later Barbara and Bernie joined him in this venture. They stayed on, although the goods they warehoused in the agency changed over the years, until 1992 when they closed the doors and retired themselves.

Clarrie died on 29th June, 1963 at the age of 65. At this time he lived in Nedlands.

Evelyn died on 23rd January, 1984.



Marion and Barbara



1953.at Ken & Gwen's wedding.

Left :L to R: Clarrie, Nell Brain, Ann Beaton,Florrie Williams and Rose.

Clarence (**Clarrie**) McIntosh Ringwood **Sinclair** born 11th July, 1897.
 Married : **Evelyn** Mildred **Good** born 26th February, 1900.
 On: 17th December, 1924.
 Children : **Barbara Marjorie** born 12th August, 1926.
 Alexander James Good born 28th May, 1929. Died: 7th July, 1929.
 Marion Helen born 7th January, 1931.
 Gavin McIntosh born 24th May, 1934.

Barbara Marjorie born 12th August, 1926.
 Married : 6th July, 1949.
 To: **Bernard Mowbray Wheeler** born 26th December, 1926.
 Children : **Leone Marjorie** born 26th March, 1950.
 Alison Mary born 25th August, 1952.
 Jillian Mowbray born 25th Jan, 1954.

Leone Marjorie born 26th March, 1950. B.A.(Hons), Ph.D.
Alison Mary born 25th August, 1952. B.A., M.Soc.Wk..
 Married: 3rd August, 1983.
 To: **Peter Kenneth Cook** born 28th September 1935.
Jillian Mowbray born 25th Jan, 1954. B.A. (Hons.), Dip.Ed.
 Married : 19th May, 1984
 To: **Lee Allan Mather** 19th Sept, 1954. B.Juris, L.L.B.
 Children: **Benjamin Allan Mowbray** born 17th July 1985.
 Helen Louise Jillian born 17th December, 1987.
 Andrew Lee Timothy born 3rd May, 1990.

Marion Helen born 7th January, 1931.
 Married : 10th October , 1951.
 To: **Roger Henry Bardwell** born 15th June, 1926. Died 1st Oct, 1998
 Children: **Gregory Sinclair** born 1st October, 1954. Died: 15th August, 1967.
 Mark Roger born 27th July, 1957.
 John Alexander born 18th July, 1960. B.Bus.
 Re-married on: 22nd September, 1969.
 To: **Ronald Seymour Mearns** born 14th March, 1922.
 Died : Ronald Seymour Mearns 18th August, 2002.
Gregory Sinclair born 1st October, 1954. Died: 15th August, 1967.
Mark Roger born 27th July, 1957.
John Alexander born 18th July, 1960. B.Bus.
 Married: 27th June, 1987.
 To: **Paula Ditonto** born 29th July, 1964.
 Children: **Stephen James** born 9th March, 1991.
 Justin Gregory born 6th June , 1998.

Gavin McIntosh born 24th May 1934. B.A.(Hons.)
 Married : 20th January, 1961.
 To: **Heather Anderson** born 15th December, 1940.
 Children : **Byron McIntosh** born 25th July, 1961
 Duncan Alexander born 9th February, 1963.
 Re-married on : 6th March, 1981.
 To : **Wendy Blackledge** born 24th March, 1937.
 B.A., B.Sociol.(Hons)

Donald Cummerford Sinclair

Donald Cummerford Sinclair was born on 10th February, 1899 in Esperance
Donald went on to study at Guildford Grammar the same as his brothers.

Entered :1910 Left in :1917 Form: V1
Positions of Responsibility 1915 : Prefect
1916 : Senior House Prefect
1917 : Captain of School

Scholarships and Exhibitions : 1913 Govt. Second.School Schol.
1918 Govt.Exhib.(Classics) to Univ.of W.A.
1920 Rhodes Scholar

Academic Prizes : Year Level

General Work(Midwinter Prize)	1910	11
Mathematics Prize	1910	11
General Work Prize	1911	111
General Work Prize	1913	L/1V
Greek Prize	1913	L/1V
Music Prize (Singing)	1913	L/1V
Divinity Prize	1914	U/
French Prize	1914	1VU/
Greek Prize	1914	1V
General Work Prize	1915	U/1V
Greek Prize	1915	V
Latin & Greek (Sanderson Prize)	1916	V
Chapel Reading (Sanderson Prize)	1916	V1
Mathematics (Sanderson Prize)	1917	V1
Divinity (The Headmaster's Prize)	1917	V1
Latin & Greek (Sanderson Prize)	1917	V1
French (Sanderson Prize)	1917	V1

Sports Colours

FULL - CRICKET
FULL - FOOTBALL
FULL - ATHLETICS
FULL - ROWING

SPORT CAPTAIN

Cricket - 1917
Football - 1917
Boats/Rowing - 1916
Boats/Rowing - 1917

Sports Awards

Victor Ludorum - 1917
Fathers' Cup-Batting 1916
Fathers' Cup-Batting 1917
Fathers' Cup-Fielding 1917

Sport 1st Teams

Team	Year
1 st X1(Cr)	1913
1 st X1(Cr)	1914
1 st X1(Cr)	1915
1 st X1(Cr)	1916
1 st X1(Cr)	1917
1 st XV111	1914
1 st XV111	1915
1 st XV111	1916
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1 st CREW : COX	1911
1 st CREW	1916
1 st CREW	1917
ATHLETICS	1910
ATHLETICS	1913
ATHLETICS	1914
ATHLETICS	1917
CROSS COUNTRY	1911
SWIMMING	1917
SHOOTING	1915



Don (2nd left front row) seated with Prefects, headmaster and Senior Master.

In 1920 Donald was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.
Great pride was felt throughout his own and the extended family at this honour.
A faded copy of this paper is still held in the family.

APPLICATION FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP (Western Australia)

DONALD CUMMERFORD SINCLAIR

Date and Place of Birth:

February 10th, 1899, Esperance. W.A.

Brief Statement of Career as Scholar at School.

Passed Adelaide Junior with Honors 1912-13

9th Place on General Honours List 1913 (6th for W.A.)

Government Junior Exhibition 1913.

Passed Perth Junior 1914.

Passed Perth Leaving 1915-16-17

(with honours in 1916-17).

Government University Exhibition 1917.

Dux of school 1917.

Brief Statement of Career as Student at University.

Passed 1st Year Arts 1918 in English (Distinction)

Latin 1 (Distinction) Greek 1 (Distinction)

Logic Ancient Philosophy 1.

Passed 2nd Year Arts 1919 in English 11.

Latin 11 and Greek 11.

Brief Record of Career as Athlete at school.

Cricket XI 1913-14-15-16-17- Captain in 1917

Football XV111 1914-15-16-17 Vice Captain 1916

Captain 1917

Stoke of Oars 1916-17 Captain of Boats 1916-17

Cox of Oars 191

Interschool Sports Team 1910-13-14-17

Champion Athlete of School 1917

Shooting V111 1915

Swimming Team 1917

Cross Country Running Team 1911

In Tennis Team V Old Boys 1911

On School Trophies In Tennis and Swimming

Brief Record of Career as Athlete at University

Member of Cricket Club 1918-19 Vice Captain 1919

University Batting Average 1918

Played with "A" Grade Team 1917

Member of University Rowing Club 1919

Champion Athlete (Running) of University 1919

Outside Sports

Played with East Perth District Cricket Club.

1918-19 Midland-Guildford 1919-20 (A Grade)

Represented W.A.C.A. "A" Team v Combined School.

1919; Returned Soldiers 1919; Fremantle Association

1920; and Country teams 1920.

Played with East Perth League Football Club

1916-17-18-19. Trophy for Best Placein

Club 1919.

The following three lines are indistinguishable

Positions held apart from any mentioned above,

which indicate recognition of power of leadership.

Prefect of School 1915-16-17. Senior House Prefect

1916; Captain of School 1917.

President of School Debating Society.

President of School Tennis Club 1916-17-18-19-20.

Member of School Games Committee 1916-17-18-19-20.

Company Sergeant Major in Cadets.



Donald Cummerford Sinclair

Joint Editor of "Swan" 1917.

Master at C.E.G.S. 1918-19-20.

Member of Committee of East Perth Football Club 1919-20

2nd Year Arts Representative on the Council of Guild of Undergraduates 1919.

Vice President of the Guild 1920.

Elected President of University Sports Association 1920.

Held various executive positions in the University

2nd Year Arts Representative on the Council of Guild of U-graduates 1919.

Vice President of the Guild 1920.

Elected President of University Sports Association 1920.

Held various executive positions in the University Sporting Clubs.

Names of those whose Testimonials are attached.

James....., Robert Laurie .Raymond Cec.

R.Barrett. ..Crapp, Headmaster C.E.G.S.

Sportsmaster C.E.G.S., E.P.F.C., W.A.C.A.

....., Geraldton ..F.C.

Geraldton.....



Don and Gladys.
No notation of who Gladys is or
the location in England.

Entry in Rhodes House Oxford

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS RECORD OF PAST SCHOLARS ELECTED BETWEEN THE YEARS 1903-1927

1920 Western Australia

967 D.C.Sinclair

Born Feb 10 1899

C of E Gr School , Guildford ,WA
& University of W.A , BA.

Exeter Jan, 1921 - Dec 1923.

Jurispr and Cl ,BA 1923

Called to Bar 1923

1923 Practice of Law , Fremantle , W.A..

W.A. Trustee Buildings

Queen St

Fremantle, WA.

Donald, who after returning from Oxford opened his own Law practice for some time in Fremantle, sadly suffered from alcoholism which has touched other branches of the Beaton family. Clarrie remained close to Don and helped where possible. Don spent some time working on fishing boats and Clarrie also employed Don at his Tyre business.

Don lived with Clarrie and his family for some time. Don contracted tuberculosis and died a young man and was buried at Northam (136 M) on 29th July 1936, his address at this time was given as Fremantle but he was almost surely a patient at Woorooloo Sanatorium.

VALETE.

D. C. Sinclair.—Prefect 1915-16-17; senior house prefect 1916; captain of school 1917. XI. 1913-14-15-16-17; captain 1917. XVIII. 1914-15-16-17; vice-capt. 1916; captain 1917; cox of crew 1911; stroke of crew 1916-17; captain of boats 1916-17; interschool sports 1910-13-14-17; Victor Ludorum 1917; cross-country running team 1911; rifle team 1915; swimming team 1917; general sports committee 1916-17; vice-president of Debating Society 1916; president of Debating Society 1917; chairman of Tennis Club and member of Tennis Club committee 1916-17; tuck-shop committee 1916-17; School Tennis Four v. Old Boys 1911; library committee 1914; Fathers' Batting Cup 1916-17; Fielding Cup 1917; company-sergeant-major in cadets; qualified for second-lieutenant; assistant editor of "Swan" 1917; passed Adelaide Junior 1912-13; ninth place all candidates (6th in W.A.) 1913; Government Exhibition 1913; passed Perth Junior 1914; Perth Leaving 1915-16-17; Exhibition 1917; Left in Form VI.

“THE SWAN”

The Journal of the Guildford Grammar School, W.A.

No 25. May, 1915.

In this year the school consisted of 96 boarders and 50 day boys.

School Notes.

Congratulations to –

C.M.R.Sinclair on his appointment as Senior House Prefect
D.C.Sinclair, Prefect.

C.M.R.Sinclair was also listed on Tuck Shop Committee and Tennis Club Committee

D.C.Sinclair is recorded with Passes in English, History, Greek, Latin, French, Maths.

Excerpt from the ‘Report of Speech Day presentations on December 11th, 1914.’

In the Junior Public, D.C.Sinclair took 9th place on General Honours List (6th in Western Australia. 21 boys in all passed the examination, gaining among them credits in 15 subjects.

Sinclair also won a junior Government exhibition.

These results far surpass anything which the school has ever accomplished in one year.

Photo Page 13 of the Cricket X1,

Winners of the Alcock Cup, 1914

Photo Page 14 of the Cricket X1,

Winners of the Darlot Cup, 1914-15

Includes both D.C. and C.M.Sinclair

Cricket Averages: Season 1914-15

Sinclair ii : Inns 25, N.O. 3, Batting H.S. 68,

Runs 492, Aver. 22.3

Swimming:

Handicappers were Sinclair I, and Sinclair ii

Rowing: Boat race held Saturday, April 24.

On the Crew:-C.M.Sinclair 9st 8 lb.

One of the five new prefects appointed this year :

D.C.Sinclair



*Prefects at Guildford Grammar.
J.A, seated, left,*

Cricket X1, Jack back row 3rd from left.

No 27. May, 1916

In this year the school consisted of 111 boarders and 45 day boys

School Notes.

D.C.Sinclair appointed as Senior House Prefect

D.C.Sinclair was also listed on the Sports Committee.

OLD BOYS COLUMN listing enlisted persons included - 1910 - 1913 J.A.Sinclair, A.S.C.

VALETE

C.M.R.Sinclair - Prefect, 1914-15;

Senior House Prefect, 1915;

Chapel Prefect, 1914;

Crew, 1915;

X1, 1911-12-13-14-15;

XV111., 1911-12-13-14-15;

Inter-School Sports, 1911-12-13-14-15;

School Sports Committee, 1915;

Shooting Team, 1914;

Sergeant in Cadets;

Passed W.A.Junior, 1915, Left in Form V.

Leaving Certificate:

D.C.Sinclair received passes for English, Greek, Latin, French, Maths, History.

After the speeches on Speech Day, Friday December 17th 1915, His Excellency Governor Brown presented the prizes.

Sinclair ii received prizes for : A2, Greek and also his University of W.A.Leaving Certificate.

Cricket Averages: Season 1914-15

Sinclair i : Inns 8, N.O. 0, Batting H.S. 61, Runs 235, Aver. 29.37

Sinclair ii : Inns 17, N.O. 2, Batting H.S. 74, Runs 404, Aver. 26.93

Cricket Characters

Sinclair i - A very much improved bat; hit harder and had increased his strokes as well as strengthened his defence. A smart fielder.

School Swimming Sports - Sinclair was first in the Long Dive event.

Rowing- The Boat Race held on Saturday, April 29th. The Stroke was D.C.Sinclair.

Debating Society - D.C.Sinclair joined the society



“THE SWAN”

The Journal of the Guildford Grammar School, W.A.

No 32. December, 1917.

In this year the school consisted of 119 boarders and 55 day boys

Prefects : D.C.Sinclair (Captain)

Cricket : D.C.Sinclair (Captain)

Tennis Club : D.C.Sinclair

Tuck Shop : D.C.Sinclair

General Sports Committee : D.C.Sinclair

Congratulations extended - D.C.Sinclair, on gaining running colours.

Old Boys Notes:

- Wounded - J.A.Sinclair
- Enlistment numbers 201 - casualties 72 of whom 28 have been killed.
- “Fizzy” Sinclair has made a name for himself as a bayonet- operator. He was one of six chosen from his battalion, which carried off the honours from ten others ; later he took part in a display before the king.
- We were sorry to hear that Jack Sinclair had been wounded and gassed.
All good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Football Cup Match, played at Perth Oval Wednesday, August 15th.

Sinclair marked the kickoff and scored our first goal. S.C. then pressed, and scored two behinds, but we saved and attacked again, when Sinclair scored once more.

During the second quarter Sinclair was playing half back, and our forward work was not good.

The third quarter -Sinclair went half-forward and rallied our attack, but was sadly missed on the half-back line. We added three goals, two by Sinclair.

During the last quarter Sinclair went on the ball, but our team seemed played out.

Best players for us were Sinclair, of whom it is sufficient to say that he was in his best form

Athletic Sports Saturday, October 13th

Sinclair was the winner of the Headmaster’s Cup with 22 points.

One record was broken -

The Open Hurdles - by Sinclair whose time was 17 ½ seconds.

Long Jump (Open) - Sinclair 2nd

Champion Hurdles - Sinclair 1st

100 Yards Open Championship - Sinclair 2nd

440 Yards Open Championship - Sinclair 2nd

220 Yards Open Championship - Sinclair 1st

Thanks were extended to ladies and gentlemen for donations or prizes for the day.

J.R.Sinclair was among those listed.

Inter-school Sports on Saturday, October 27th on the W.A.C.A Grounds

Sinclair seemed slightly ‘stale’ but ran very gamely in the 220 and 440 Open. In the latter he proved himself easily the best 440 runner we have had here, excepting Jack Clark only.

220 Yards Open Championship - Sinclair 4th

440 Yards Open Championship - Sinclair 3rd

Cricket

Sinclair and Clarke “found themselves” in the C.B.C. and H.S. matches and gained exceedingly good averages. Played on the W.A.C.A. 30/11/17, Sinclair was bowled off his pads at 142. Sinclair’s innings was a fine one, though he began much more carefully than is his custom: his total, 103, included two sixes and fourteen fours.

Batting Averages, Cup Matches, 1917

Sinclair - Inns 7, N.O. 1, Batting H.S. 132, Runs 380, Aver. 63.6

Bowling cup matches

Sinclair - Runs 154, Wickets 19, Aver. 8.1.

Debating Society -D.C.Sinclair was again unanimously elected President.

Tennis - In the semi-finals Sinclair beat Glass; Law beat Souness, and in the finals Sinclair won from Law after a strenuous game.

Glass and Gladstones beat Sinclair and Law in the doubles.

Mr Vowles and D.C.Sinclair again handicapped; to them and all who were good enough to umpire, the club owes its hearty thanks.

“THE SWAN”

The Journal of the Guildford Grammar School, W.A.

No 33. May, 1918.

In this year the school consisted of 148 boarders and 64 day boys
Preparatory School now under the same management so including those numbers
In this year the school consisted of 183 boarders and 73 day boys

Cricket

Tennis Club

General Sports Committee

STAFF -this time an increase has been made by the arrival of Mr Sinclair and Mr Spencer, who left the School last term.

VALETE

D.C.Sinclair - Prefect 1915-16-17; Senior house prefect 1916;
Captain of school 1917, X1 1913-14-15-16-17; Captain 1917;
XV111 1914-15-16-17; Vice-Capt 1916; Captain 1917;
Cox of crew 1911, stroke 1916-17; captain boats 1916-17; interschool sports 1910-13-14-17; Victor Ludorum 1917;
cross country running team 1911; rifle team 1915;
swimming team 1917; general sports committee 1916-17;
vice-president of Debating Society 1916; president of Debating Society 1917;
chairman of Tennis Club and member of Tennis Club committee 1916-17; School Tennis Four v.Old Boys 1911; library committee 1914; Father's Batting Cup 1916-17; Fielding Cup 1917; company-sergeant-major in cadets; qualified for second-lieutenant; assistant editor of "Swan" 1917; passed Adelaide Junior 1912-13; ninth place all candidates (6th in W.A.) 1913; Government Exhibition 1913; passed Perth Junior 1914; Perth Leaving 1915-16-17; Exhibition 1917; Left in Form V1.

Old Boys Notes

From C.M.R.Sinclair (Fizzy) (25/12/'17):-

"I saw Jack again a few weeks later (about Nov. 20th), and he had a terrible cold; not long afterwards I had a letter from him telling me that he was in hospital ill. Since then I have had another letter informing me that he had rejoined his battery. While he was at the base after leaving the convalescent camp he met quite a number of old boys, among whom were Jack Edwards (with a commission), the two Colebatches, Sam Wilkerson, and W.G.Witham. I have seen Allan Hamersley, a captain in the Flying Corps, Jimmy Heron, Jerry Walter, Dick Lukin, and Mr Collisson are both away wounded, but the latter is expected back any time.

University Examinations -D.C.Sinclair, who passed the Leaving Certificate with distinction in English, French, Latin, and Greek, in addition to passing in Mathematics, was successful in gaining a general exhibition at the Perth University. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

Photo X1, -1917. Premiers Darlet Cup Competition. -D.C.Sinclair.

Cricket Characters - Sinclair -Captain till Christmas. A splendid all-round player, who by precept and example worked his team exceedingly well. As a bat he ranks among the very best ever seen in inter-school cricket; a very powerful hitter, scoring all round the wicket. Did some remarkably good things as a bowler in the latter half of the seasons. A very fine fielder, who works hard. In losing him at Christmas we lost the backbone of the team.

Old Guildfordians Financial Members (1927)

Beaton, A.R.Cogla Downs Station, Cue.

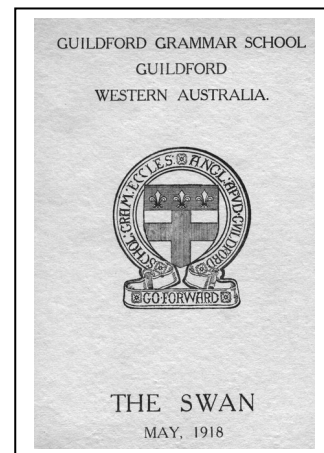
Beaton, Don C. Thundelarra Station, via Wubin.

Beaton, C. Cogla Downs Station, Cue.

Sinclair, D.C. Manning Chambers, Fremantle.

Sinclair, C.M.R.Perdriau Rubber Co, Hay St, Perth.

Sinclair, J.A.Bank of Australasia, Perth.



No 61. August, 1927.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Officers, 1927-28

President: D.C.Sinclair ,
Committee member C.M.R.Sinclair
(1910-1914)

That Jack Sinclair is not at all well everyone is grieved to know, and everyone trusts an improvement will be seen before long. He is on extended leave from the Bank and, with brothers C.M.R. and D.C. is always a keen attendant at every function. We have just heard too, the news that "Fiz" is unfortunate enough to have to contemplate surgical treatment to his throat and ears.

D.C.Sinclair is now practising Law in Fremantle. Political fervour in a candidate is a great and inspiring thing, but against the political apathy of so many electors it is no wonder that in many cases success does not meet the first endeavour of the younger man fighting an established and financial organisation.

So we would say to Donald Sinclair, with no prophetic hesitancy, the time is nigh.

It is not a visionary prospect, but a postponed certainty that we will one day have a President of the Association, and, say, a Premier of this State to look up to without seeing double.

Births-On August 19th to Mr and Mrs
J.A.Sinclair, a daughter.

Old Guildfordians Financial Members 1934.

No 81. December, 1934.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

On October 16 Jack Sinclair died, rather suddenly, but after a long illness traceable to war service. His many friends among Old Boys and others, and the School, have lost a man who was universally admired, and a most enthusiastic supporter of Guildford and all and everyone connected with it. He was present at every function that his health permitted him to attend; and his record both at school and afterwards is one which present boys and Old Boys might well envy and would do well to emulate. We ask his own family to believe the sincerity of our sympathy, and we extend to his brothers Clarrie and Don, and other relatives, our sense of grief at a loss which is theirs and ours.

*Cricket X1-
Jack seated second from right.*



John Alexander Beaton

John Alexander (**Jack**) was born in Copmanhurst NSW on 5th September, 1873.

The sixth child and third son of Sandy and Euphemia Beaton he was always known as Jack by family and friends. He would have been 6 years old when they left Copmanhurst for Adelaide, South Aust.

Jack travelled with his younger brother Kenneth on the 'S.S. South Australian' in September 1889 when he was sixteen to join his father and two older brothers on the Nullagine Goldfields.

From the proceeds of their hard work, the family bought land at Yandanooka and the Thundelarra Station at Yalgoo.

Jack is recorded as being a Road Board Member of the Upper Irwin Road Board from 1901- 3.

In 1919 Charles left Thundelarra with his young family and later sold his share of Thundelarra to Jack and Don.

Jack married Isobel Jeffreys Stubbs on 20th February, 1919.

Isobel's father was Sidney Stubbs , a member of Parliament who served for 45 years as MLA and was for a period, Leader for the Legislative Council and was awarded a Knighthood KCMC -CMG for his services.

Jack spent some years residing mainly in Perth, employing workers and sharing management duties of the property with Donald.

In 1928 the property carried 28,000 sheep and 34 windmills but then the stock market crash, fall in prices and drought seasons affected them, the same as others on the land, and all their circumstances changed.

Don Jnr. and Duncan managed the property at different times during the 30's , Duncan was still managing the property when he enlisted in the R.A.A.F.

Jack asked Stan Lines to return to the station and undertake the management of the property.

During this time of stringencies, Jack and Belle moved back to spending most of their time on the station, although they retained accommodation in the city.

The property remained in joint names until after the war, when after negotiations between all parties, Jack became the sole owner of Thundelarra .

Copies of some of these papers relating to the sale are included among the pages relating to Donald Beaton and his sons.

The original documents are held by Donald's grandson, Bruce.

Jack was a founding member of the Karrinyup Golf Club and like all the Beatons a member of the Weld.Club.

Isabel was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery on 22nd June, 1955 .

Jack died on 7th July, 1960 at 87 years of age and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery.



Jack circa 1912.



John Alexander Beaton and his bride Isabel Stubbs.
20th February 1919



Before shearing 1940's



Building the new stables, 1950's.



The dipping plant.



Stables and sheds, 1940.



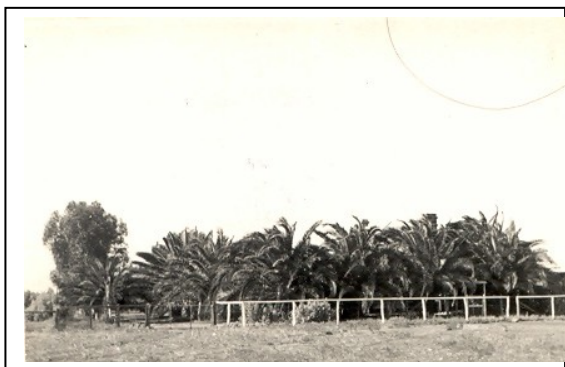
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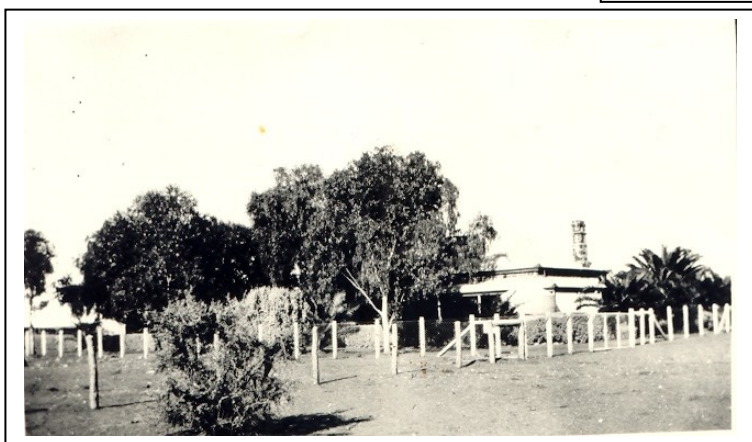
Above: Helen Lines, Belle Beaton, Bonnie Lines, Jack Beaton and Rosie



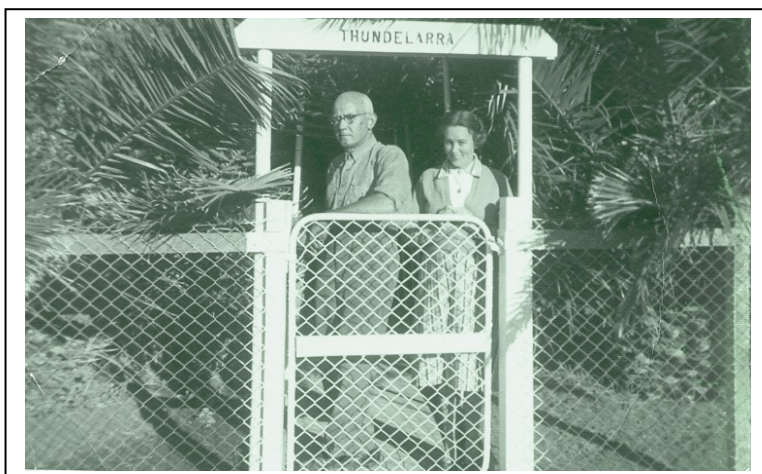
Centre: Stan Lines.



How the palms have grown ! 1950.



*Jack and Belle at the homestead gate.
c 1950's*



Ian Jeffrey Beaton

Ian Jeffrey Beaton , the son of Jack and Belle, was born on the 4th January 1920, at Claremont. Ian attended Hale School and was an under 16 Champion Runner and also a School Prefect. The Hale School Records show that in 1936 Ian held the :
 Position : School Prefect
 Passed his Leaving : Distinction in Maths A
 Champion athlete : Running, Cricket and Football.

Ian's sister Laurie, and his wife Margaret, both donated photographs and items of sporting memorabilia relating to Ian's sporting prowess to Hale School museum.



August, 1925.

Muraburra Station.

*L to R :Station Manager,
 Ian, Jack and Belle Beaton.,
 manager's wife, Ann Beaton.*

Ian enlisted in the Airforce during the War and after training as a pilot, spent quite a time at Point Cook, Victoria training others to fly, eventually seeing service in the Borneo area.

Ian married Margaret Frances Wheatley on the 19th October 1943 in Melbourne, Vic.

Ian joined the Bank of New South Wales from school and after discharge from the services rejoined the bank in Melbourne, returning to Perth for 16 years, Sydney for 6 years, Hobart for 7 years as Chief Manager of Tasmania then to Sydney as the Manager of the King and Castlereagh Sts Branch.

Ian retired from this position in June 1984.

Ian rose in the Bank to become Personnel Manager in Sydney and then General Manager of Tasmania and retired from the position of Manager of the King and Castlereagh Sts Branch in Sydney.

Ian died on the 3rd of April, 1991 at 71 years of age and is buried in St Johns, Church of England Gordon, Sydney, N.S.W.

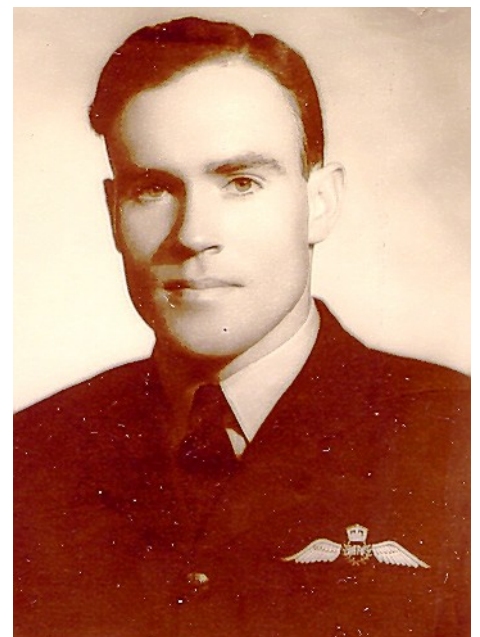
From the "Halerian's in War" publication.

Ian Beaton, a cousin of Maurice Brearley, and a fellow prefect at Hale School in 1936, also joined the RAAF. On 25/4/1945 the 'West Australian' newspaper reported:-

'Flight-Lt Ian J. Beaton, of Subiaco, has received an RAAF commendation for bravery. The official citation to the commendation reads: "Throughout a long period of instructional duties, F/L/Beaton displayed outstanding ability and keenness and, by his wide knowledge, skill and devotion to duty, helped considerably to maintain the present high standard of RAAF "training."F/L Beaton is a former well-known Hale School athlete and the holder of several athletic records.'

Later, in civilian life, Ian became Manager of the Bank of NSW in Tasmania. In 1980 he was admitted as an officer brother of the Ancient Order of St John of Jerusalem by Her Majesty the Queen. He died early in 1991.

Mrs Beaton, late in 1991, donated her husband's Hale School honour blazer and his athletic trophies (including that of 1936 Champion Athlete) to the Hale School Archives/Museum.



Four North Shore residents have been honored by the Queen for their St John ambulance and first aid work.

They are Dr Calvin Palmer of Wahroonga; Mr Ian Beaton of St Ives; Miss Ruth Beanland of Mosman; Dr Keith Sillar of Northbridge.

Extract from the article

Mr Beaton has been admitted as an officer brother. He recently moved from Tasmania where he was the State Manager of the bank of NSW. While in Tasmania, Mr Beaton was chairman and treasurer of the St John Council, the order's co-ordinating body.

The four will receive their insignia from the Governor, and Deputy Prior of the order, Sir Roden Cutler at Government House, later in the year.

The ancient Order of St John of Jerusalem was originally an international lay confraternity for the relief of the Crusaders. After the order was expelled from Malta in 1798, the grand priory of the order reconstituted in England.

A royal charter was granted by Queen Victoria in 1888. The present Grand Prior is the Duke of Gloucester.

Ian Jeffrey Beaton 4January 1920- 3 April 1991

Our thanks are extended to Professor Maurice BREARLEY (1928-1936) for this article on the late Ian Beaton's school activities. Ian passed away in April in the Sydney suburb of St Ives. Deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

My cousin, Ian, and I attended Hale School from 1928 to 1936. We were born only 17 days apart, and during our childhood we were closer than most brothers.

Ian was a natural athlete, and represented the School in cricket, football and athletics. He was unquestionably the finest sprinter in the four schools which competed annually in the "Inter-School Sports", namely Aquinas College, Guildford Grammar School, Hale School and Scotch College. In these competitions, he won every sprint event for which he was entered from 1931 to 1936, and set new records in many of them.

Ian still holds (jointly) one of these records, namely that for the 300 yards Under 15 years, which he set at 35.2 seconds in 1934. It is a record which will never be broken, as all events have since been changed to metric distances.

Because of his remarkable speed, Ian was selected to play on the "wing" in Hale School's senior Australian

Rules football team. He was the School's fast bowler in his final year, and I can still recall my amazement on seeing the degree and the lateness of his "out-swing" in the practice nets in King's Park.

In the mid-1930's, it was traditional for the Hale School's First Eleven to undertake a tour of the



South-Western towns of W.A., probably during the first term vacation. Matches were played against local country teams in a rather festive atmosphere. Having no pretensions to any sort of batting ability, Ian was invariably last man in, and as a result he remained "not out" at the end of each innings. Towards the end of the tour, the batting stars were calculating and comparing their averages. Ian piped up: "My average is better than any of yours. It is infinity, as I have't been dismissed yet."

This caused some consternation amongst the leading batsmen, and it was decided to ruin Ian's average by making him open the second innings in the last match of the tour. Only about half an hour of play remained, during which Ian defended stubbornly for a final score of 5 not out, thus preserving his average of infinity.

During his last year at School, Ian was made a Prefect. He served as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force from 1940 to 1945.

After the war he re-joined the Bank of New South Wales.

When he retired in 1984, he was Manager of one of the large branches of the bank in Sydney.



Ian and Margaret, Hobart. 1976.

John (Jack) Alexander born on 5th September, 1873 in Copmanhurst NSW
 Married : Isobel Jeffreys Stubbs on 20th February, 1919.
 Children: **Ian Jeffrey** was born on the 4th January 1920, at Claremont.
Laurie Jeffrey

Miss Laurie Beaton preferred not to have details of her life published in this book.

Ian Jeffrey was born on the 4th January 1920, at Claremont.
 Married: Margaret Frances Wheatley on 19th October 1943 in Melbourne, Vic.
 Children: **Suzanne Margaret** born 4th April, 1948, Melbourne, Vic.
Jennifer Isabel born 1st October, 1949, Melbourne, Vic.

Suzanne Margaret married **Alister Donald** in Johannesburg, South Africa
 Children: **Keith**, born in Durban, South Africa
Kirsten born in Durban, South Africa
Donald born in Durban, South Africa.
 Re-married to **Brian Frederick Brown** in Johannesburg, South Africa
 Children: **Tiffany Margaret** born 1st April, 1989 in Johannesburg, Sth A.
Andrew John born 3rd August, 1991 in Sydney, N.S.W.

Jennifer Isabel married **Alan Gilbert** 10th December, 1974 Hobart, Tas.
 Children: **Joanne Margaret** born 15th February, 1975 in Hobart
Thomas Jeffrey born 27th May, 1978 in Sydney, N.S.W.