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NINA GRAY, Richmond

"THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN GEOFF CAME HOME FROM THE WAR. I HADN'T SEEN HIM FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS."



Nina on her Wedding Day, 1945



2021

Nina and her siblings were brought up by their Grandparents after the early death of their mother Florence.

Growing up in Richmond, Nina married Geoff (also a Gray, but no relation), after the war and then together they brought up a family of four in the same area.

Nina's paternal great grandfather, William Henry Gray (known as W.H. Gray) was one of the early pioneers in South Australia. He was a prominent landowner and one of the first council members of the newly establish District of West Torrens, consequently, there is a lot of literature in published books and online outlining his life and achievements.

... but this story is about Nina.

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Nina's First Years

Nina Elizabeth Gray was born 6 December 1923, in Glenelg.

Nina's sister Brenda Lesley, 5 years older, was born 23 September 1918.

Nina's younger brother, Lancelot Bagshaw (known as Jim) was born 11 January 1926.

The family first lived in Glenelg.



Lancelot Bagshaw Gray, 1926



Brenda, Florence, Nina, taken at home in Glenelg, 1923

Sadly, Florence died when Nina was just 3 years old. Nina and her siblings went to live with her mother's family, her grandparents, William and Mary Baldock and their children, in Richmond.

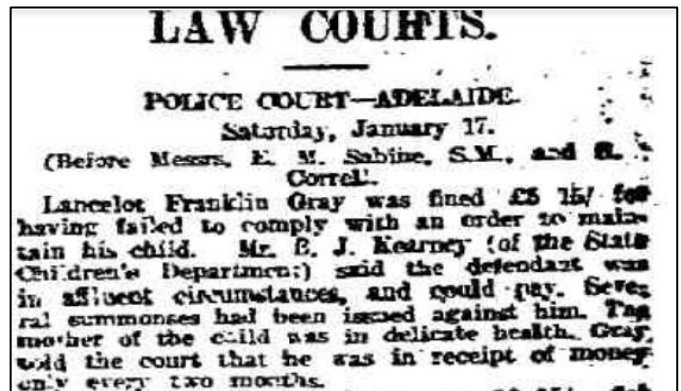
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Lancelot Gray (Nina's Father)

Nina's father Lancelot Franklin Gray was born 5th December 1894 at what was known at the time as the Reedbeds, now West Beach. He was a grandson of William Henry Gray, a prominent South Australia pioneer and landowner. (More detail of the Gray family is at the end of this document).

Newspaper searches found that in 1920 Lancelot appeared in court for failing to support his illegitimate child (Florence Baldock's child, Brenda). The case was brought forward by the State Children's Department, Lancelot was fined £5 with 15/ costs. (He later appears in other articles for brushes with the law, including speeding and reckless driving, also carrying alcohol in public).



Advertiser 19 January 1920, p13

He subsequently married Florence May Baldock in June 1922 and they had two further children, Nina and Jim.



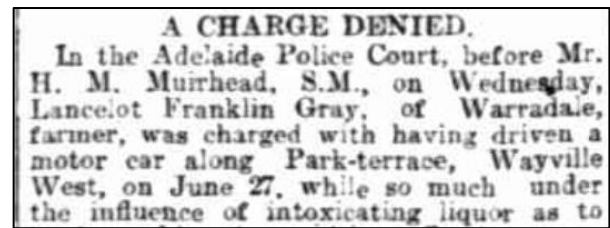
Lancelot with baby Jim, Nina and Brenda, West Beach sandhills, 1926

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After Florence died 23 February 1927, Lancelot relinquished care of the children to Florence's parents, William and Mary Baldock.

Later, in July 1927, he appeared in court with an address of Warradale, and may have been living with his sister at this time, Ulva Jean Hasenohr.



Advertiser 7 July 1927, p19

On 13 August 1929, Lancelot married Catherine Clare Scales (21 November 1908 - 29 July 1975).

They subsequently had five children:

- Ruth Maureen (known as Maureen), born 1929,
 - married Edward Crowler
 - Rosalie Anne, born 1949, married John Freer
 - Dean Gray, born 1952, married Gail Joyce Webb
- John Dean, born 1932,
 - married Janet Dorothy Couper
 - John Dean II, born 1968
 - Dyana Kristy, born 1974
- Cynthia Clare, born 1935,
 - married Franciszeka Xavier Szczerba (died in November 1956)
 - Trevor Stanley, born 1953, married Debra Taylor; married Marion Grace Tilbrook (nee Clarke)
 - Catherine Clare, born 1955, married Trevor Wayne Hewlett
 - Anna Jean, born 1956, married Phillip David Payne
 - Cynthia then married Stanislaw (Stan) Ostrenga
 - Lancelot Franklin Bagshaw, born 1960, married Christine Baron
 - Johnathon Edward, born 1966
 - Michele-Lyn, born 1968
 - All children used the surname Ostrenga
 - Cynthia died April 2009
- Naomi Carmel, born Warraweena Mile End, 1 March 1938
 - married Graham Sewell, since dissolved
 - Desmond John, born 1962
 - Lisa, born 1971
- Sue Carol, born 1944
 - married Bruce Levick
 - Kelly, born 1972
 - Tania Louise, born 1976

During the Second World War years Lancelot and this family, were recorded as living at 222 Seaview Road Henley South.



*222 Seaview Road, Henley South,
StreetView 2007*

[This may have been purchased as a result of the inheritance he received as part of his grandfather, W. H. Gray's, will instructions.]

Nina and her siblings never really knew this other family. After her brother Jim's death, Nina met them at the funeral. Half-sister, Maureen, would occasionally visit Nina.

Lancelot died on 22 September 1971 and was buried in the Catholic section of Centennial Park, Pasadena.

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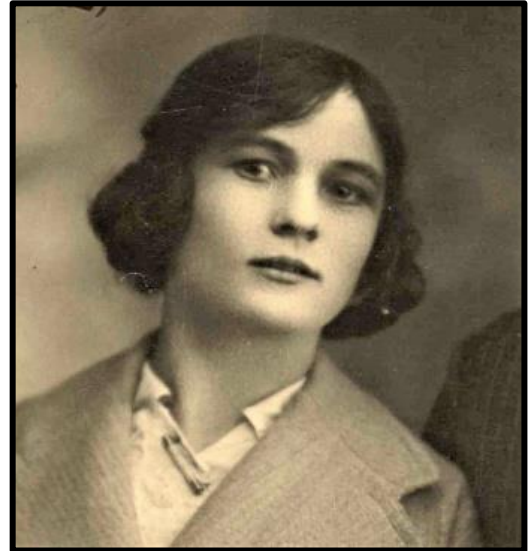
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Florence Gray (Nina's Mother)

Florence May Baldock was born 14 February 1895 in Parkside.

She was the third child of six, of William John and Catherine Olivia Baldock. Catherine died in 1900 and in 1904 William remarried Mary Barrett. William and Mary had 3 boys, making 9 children in all.

Nina doesn't remember a lot about her mother Florence but knows that, with her sisters, she worked at Moore's Department Store (Victoria Square, Adelaide).



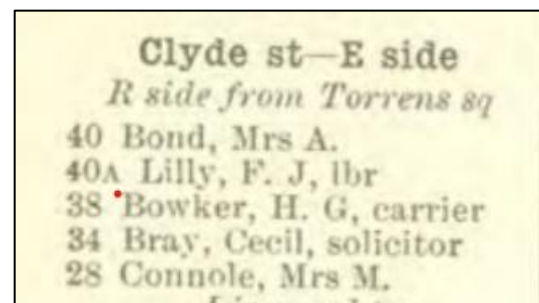
Florence May Baldock, 1914



Florence (right), 1914

Nina does recall that *my mother made all our clothes. She was a wonderful dressmaker.*

[In early 1918 Florence was living at 40 Clyde Street (now 40 Nile Street) Glenelg, in a house of six rooms registered to Mrs. A. Bond. This was likely a boarding house].



Sands and McDougall directory, 1918

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On 3rd April 1918 Florence was found floating in the ocean near the Glenelg Breakwater Jetty. Rescued and revived and taken to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, she was then charged with attempting suicide, to which she pled guilty.

She received a sentence of six months, bound over for the keeping of peace, meaning she was released after paying a fine of £5. The rescuer Philip Cornish later received a silver medal and certificate of merit.

TIED OF LIFE.

FLORENCE MAY BALDOCK
CHARGED.

The sequel to the attempt upon her life by Florence May Baldock on Wednesday of last week, was investigated in the Adelaide Police Court on Monday, before Mr. E. M. Sabine, S.M. She was defended by Mr. W. F. Owen, and acknowledged the charge of having attempted to kill herself.

Constable C. W. Pedler said that about 10.20 a.m. on April 3 he proceeded along the Glenelg Jetty in response to a telephone message. He saw a boy named Cornish rowing a dinghy in which a girl was lying, fully clad and wet, showing signs of drowning. She was unconscious. Witness carried her to the shelter shed and rendered first aid. Dr. O'Leary was called and attended the girl. After an hour's treatment she partly regained consciousness, and was then taken to the Adelaide Hospital. Witness went to the room occupied by the girl in Clyde Street, Glenelg. There was a smell of methylated spirits in the room, and on a table was a note in the girl's handwriting.

Philip John Cornish, schoolboy, residing at 16 Adelaide Road, Glenelg, said that about 10.15 a.m. on April 3 he was rowing a dinghy near the breakwater jetty, when his attention was drawn by some boys on the jetty to what appeared to be a young woman floating in the water about 300 yards off. He rowed over to the body, and found that it was a girl fully dressed floating face downwards. After a great deal of difficulty he succeeded in getting the girl into the boat, and he then rowed her to the Glenelg Jetty steps, where the police constable was waiting and who took charge of the girl. In his opinion the girl had been floating in 12 feet of water.

Mr. Owen said that the timely action of the boy had saved the girl's life.

Superintendent Priest explained that the boat used by the boy was only 9 feet long, and it was a remarkable feat that he had been able to effect the rescue.

The bench decided to bind the girl over to keep the peace for six months in her own surety of £5 and another of a like amount.

Glenelg Guardian, 11 April 1918, p1



Florence and Brenda, 1918

In September 1918, at the age of 23, Florence had her first child Brenda, at the Queens Home Maternity Hospital, later known as the Queen Victoria Hospital, in Rose Park.

Lancelot and Florence married at the Adelaide Registry Office 30 June 1922, almost four years later. Nina was born in 1923, then Lancelot Bagshaw (Jim) was born in 1926.

Sadly, Florence died of cancer in 1927, at the age of 32.

Her mother Mary promised Florence before she died that she would keep the children together.

GRAY.—On the 23rd February, at a private hospital, Florence May (Bub), beloved wife of Lancelot F. Gray, third daughter of W. J. Baldock, aged 32 years. At rest.

Chronicle, 5 March 1927, p41

Nina recalls that many years later she was on a bus with her sister, Girlie: *this lady comes from the back seat, and she said to Girlie, 'Is your name Brenda'? She said, 'I thought so, you're so much like your mother.'*

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Grandparents (Maternal) and Foster Parents



Nina's grandfather William John Baldock was born 23rd March 1865 in Adelaide, first child of William David Baldock (1840-1923) and Wilhelmina (1837-1914), known as Mina (née Nimmo).

*Grandfather
William John
Baldock*



*Great Grandma Baldock
Wilhelmina*

On 23 March 1890 William married Catherine Olivia Keating (known as Katie).

BALDOCK—KEATING.—On the 23rd March, at St. John's Church, by the Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A., William John, son of William Baldock, to Catherine Olivia, daughter of the late John Keating, both of Adelaide.

The Express and Telegraph, 25 March 1890 p2

Their children were:

Ruth Olivia, 1890-1965 (*Richards*)

Maude Lillian (known as Lill), 1892-1965 (*Stockman*)

Florence May, 1895-1927 (*Gray - Nina's mother*)

William Alfred (known as Bill), 1896-1965 (*married Eileen Lily May Bobridge*)

Frank Leonard, 1899-1996 (*married Lorna Mary Coe*)

Katie Mary (known as Kit), 1900-1953 (*Kleeman*)

Katie died 18 September 1900.

BALDOCK.—On the 18th September, at Richmond, Katie, dearly beloved wife of William J. Baldock; aged 33 years. At rest.

The Express and Telegraph, 18 September 1900, p2

William then aged 39, married 21-year-old Mary Elizabeth Barrett on 23 March 1904.

BALDOCK—BARRETT.—On the 23rd March, by the Rev. Percy Billings, William John Baldock to Mary Elizabeth Barrett, both of Richmond, S.A.

The Advertiser, 9 May 1904, p4

William and Mary had three children together:

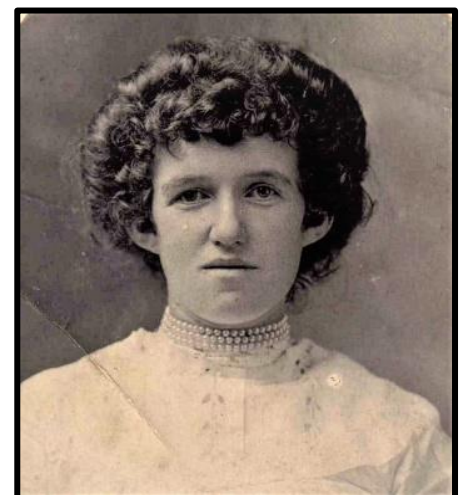
Albert Leslie (known as Les) 1904-1975

Douglas John, 1906-1960

and Alan Stanley, 1908-1998.

In 1927, after their daughter Florence died, William, aged 62, and Mary, aged 44, with their own children grown, fostered Brenda, Nina and Jim.

In 1941, Mary was recorded with an occupation of Matron.



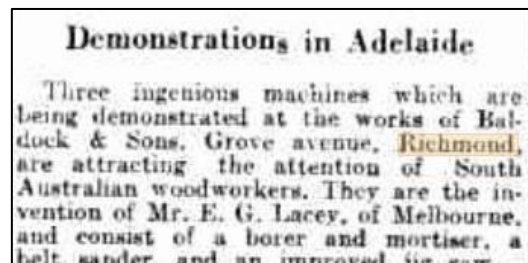
Mary Baldock, 1907

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William was a carpenter, with his business Baldock and Sons based at their home in Grove Avenue, Richmond, near the corner of Commercial Street. This area is almost all small factories and businesses now.

On 6 July 1927, The News reported 'three ingenious machines' were being demonstrated at their business - a borer and mortiser, a belt sander and an improved jig saw.



News, 6 July 1927, p12

Nina proudly recalls that William built the Richmond Village Shopping Complex and *with a couple of his sons, they built a beautiful Tudor house at 34 Grove Avenue for us, and along came the depression, and he lost it as he couldn't keep up the payments. It's still there, but it's been made into offices and all the veranda and the garden are gone.*



Daylight, 13 Nov 1927, p1



Mary Baldock, 1921

Nina remembers Mary very fondly. She recalls that she was in her late forties and had auburn hair when she took over the care of her grandchildren.

She was a marvellous woman. Most wonderful woman in the earth. She took the three of us in. She wouldn't part with any of us.

We had a wood stove, and she was a marvellous cook. My Grandma used to make beautiful scones in the wood oven, they would come up beautiful.

But I wouldn't eat rabbit. If she cooked it, I used to cry. The boys, my uncles, they were all in their late teens or early 20s, and they used to go down around where the airport is now, my great grandfather's property, and they'd catch rabbits and hang them up on the back lines to drain the blood.

When Mary died in 1957 Nina's daughter Janet was 6 years old. Janet recalls, *'When Ma was sick the ambulance came. When they opened the cyclone gates and reversed back, they took her away. I never saw her again.'* Nina remembers that *she used to have a big old, comfy chair and Janet used to stand at the back of her and comb her hair.*

William died 28 June 1951.

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Baldock Family, Nina's Aunts and Uncles

Ruth Olivia Baldock (Richards)

Born 11 December 1890 in Parkside.

Ruth married Harry Andrew Richards (1897-1955).

In 1943 they lived 68 Marion Road, Brooklyn Park.

Ruth and Harry's children were Betty, Lorna and Sybil.

Ruth was living in Brooklyn Park when she died 12 December 1965.



Ruth Baldock, circa 1910

Maude Lillian Baldock (Stockman)

Born 20 February 1892 in Parkside and was known as Lillian or Lil.

She married on 27 July 1920, at St Johns Church Adelaide, Alfred Herman Stockman (8 September 1892 - 25 March 1954).

In 1943 they were registered as living in Deacon Avenue, Richmond.



Lily, Ruth Kit and Les at Grove Avenue home, Richmond, circa 1906

Their children were:

- Joan Maxine, 1920 -20 June 1988 (*married Richmond Baptist, 22 June 1940 Brain Marr*)
- William Alfred (known as Bill), 10 April 1923 - 9 July 2011 (*married 25 November 1942 Leatrice Fay (Lea) Madden, 1924-2009*). They had three children, Robert, Kaye and Neil. Bill served in the Army in World War 2 and on discharge was listed as serving in the 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion.

Lil died 18 February 1965.

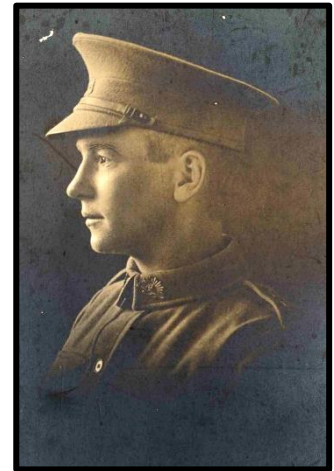
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William Alfred Baldock

Born 3 May 1896 in Parkside, known as Bill.

He served in the First World War, enlisting at the age of 18, on 16 January 1915. On discharge 11 November 1918, he was a Private with the 27th Infantry Battalion. (2nd Machine Gun Battalion).



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

Name BALDOCK William Alfred
Unit 4th Coy Infantry Base Depot
Joined on 16th January 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name? ...	1. <u>William Alfred Baldock</u>
In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...	2. In the Parish of <u>Parkside</u> in or near the Town of <u>Adelaide</u> in the County of <u>St Aust</u>
Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...	3. <u>N.B.</u>
What is your age? ...	4. <u>18²</u>
What is your trade or calling? ...	5. <u>Labourer</u>
Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ...	6. <u>No</u>
Are you married? ...	7. <u>No</u>
Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...	8. <u>(Father) W. J. Baldock, Cooper Surace, Richmond</u>



On 23 September 1920 he married Eileen Lily May Bobridge (1896-1957).

Twin sons were born prematurely on 1 February 1924 at Glenavon Nursing Home, Glenelg. One son, Jack, did not survive.

BALDOCK (nee E. Bobridge).—On the 1st February, at Glenavon Nursing Home, Glenelg, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baldock, of Glenelg—twin sons (premature).

William and Eileen's other twin, William Arthur (Bill) Baldock, went on to marry Marjorie June née Lynch (born 1925) in Nhill, Victoria in November 1946. Bill Baldock (junior) served in the RAAF in the Second World War and died in Adelaide in May 2004. Marjorie died in Adelaide in August 2012. They had children Jen, Ian and Judy.

In 1941, Bill and his family lived at 3 Argyle Avenue, Richmond. Nina recalls that *he lived in the next street over. He was a very handsome man.*

He died 13 March 1965 and is buried St Jude's Brighton, with Eileen (died 23 May 1957, aged 60 years).

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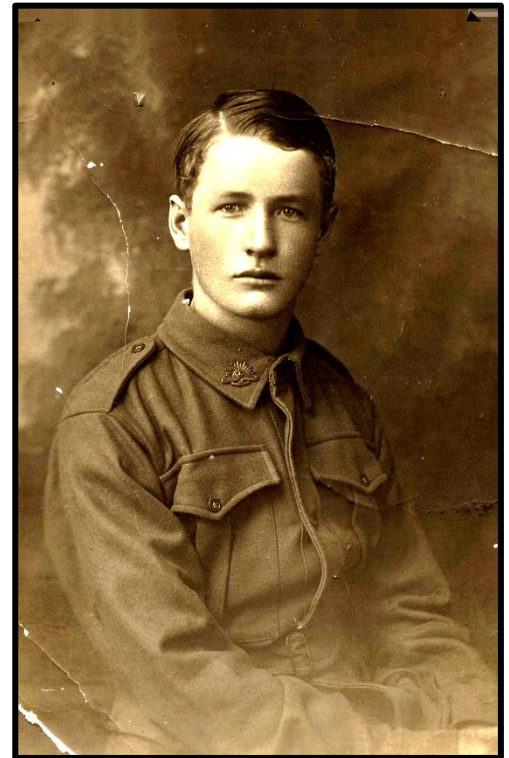
Frank Leonard Baldock

Born 23 January 1899 in Richmond.

He enlisted 12 January 1916, just before he turned 17. He had put his age up a year to serve in the First World War with his occupation was listed as Station Hand. His records show him as Private, SN 3008, 27th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Medic, Adelaide.

He was discharged as a Gunner on 11 November 1918.

Frank also served as a private and cook in the army during the Second World War. He had reduced his age to be eligible, enlisting 16 July 1940. He was discharged on 26 April 1943.



Frank Baldock, WW1

Frank Baldock, WW2

Frank married Lorna May Coe in 1945 at St James, Victoria. (Lorna May Robinson born 1903 had married Leslie Richard Coe in 1924. Richard died in 1929).



*Mary Baldock
at Frank and Lorna's
wedding, 1945*

The couple had no children.

Lorna died in Geelong, Victoria in 1991 and Frank on 30 March 1996.

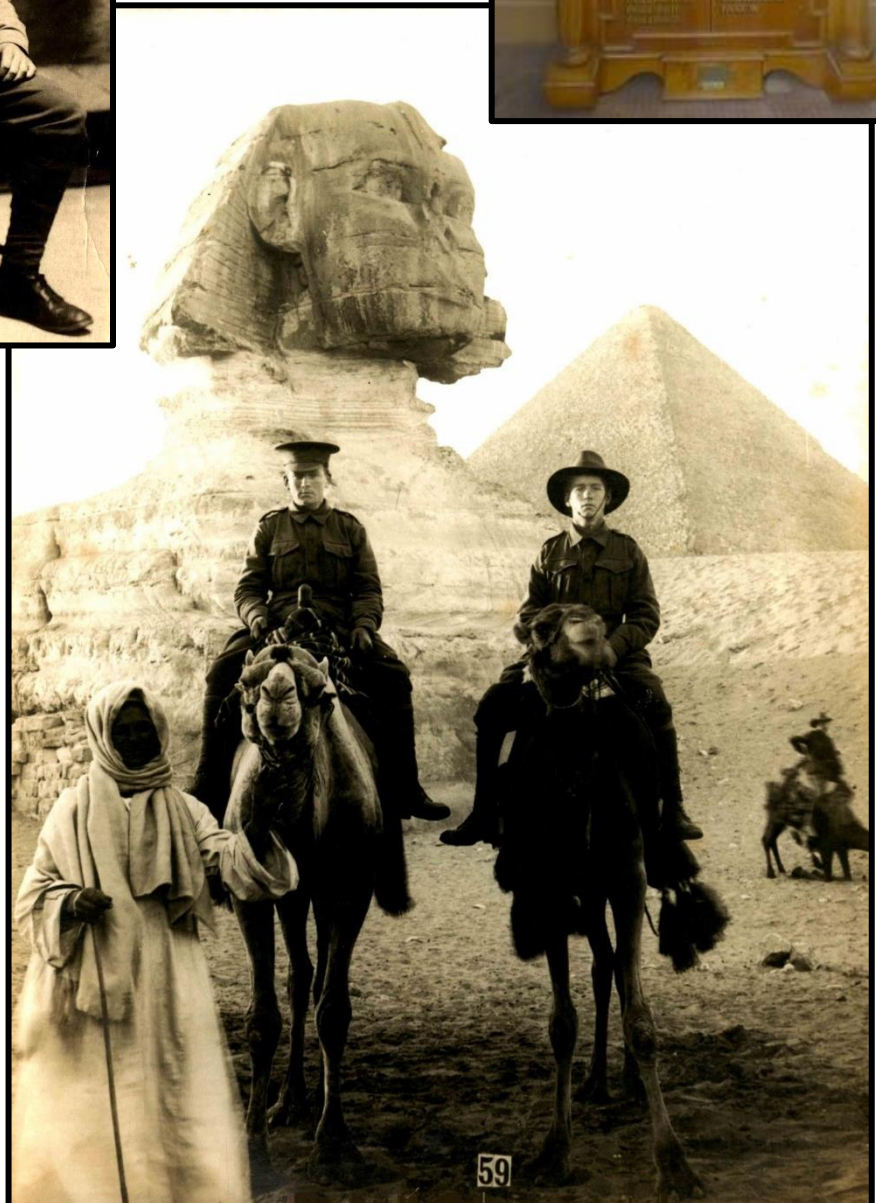
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Bill and Frank, World War 1



*Richmond Baptist Church Honor Roll
World War One*



*Bill and Frank whilst in
different battalions and on
different assignments met
by chance in Egypt.*

Circa 1916

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Kathleen Mary Baldock

Known as Katie, Kitty or Kit, born 29 August 1900 in Richmond.

She was beautiful. I also remember when I was a kid, all these boys used to come after her.

She married around 1941 to hairdresser Henry Arthur (Alf) Kleeman (1889-1965); he was an older man, a divorcé, and they lived 41 Darebin Street, Mile End.

Alf's business was on 63 Fisher Terrace, Mile End (Fisher Terrace became South Road).

Alf had served in World War 1 (1st Australian Motor Transport AIF).

During the Second World War Kit worked as a munition's worker.

The couple had no children. Kit died in their home on 4 March 1953.

Alf died on 16 November 1965 at the Daw Park Repatriation and was honoured with a military headstone inscription.



Kit Baldock, circa 1940



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Albert Leslie (Les) Baldock

Born 30 November 1904 (also known as Leslie Albert, but nicknamed Lou).

On 13 August 1929, Les married Dorothy May Wahlstead, known as Doris (1908-1974) and around 1940 they lived at 33a Redin Street, Richmond.

Baldock, L. A., mtlwkr, 33a Redin st, Rchmnd

Their children were Gwenda (born April 1931), Robert, Colin and Valda.



Les died 23 October 1975.

Baldock—Wahlstead

At St. Paul's Church, Pulteney street, Miss Dorothy Wahlstead, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wahlstead, of Keswick, was married to Mr. Leslie A. Baldock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baldock, of Richmond.

Canon Bleby officiated.

The bride was dressed in brocaded marocain and silver lace. Her tulle veil was arranged in cap fashion, and was kept in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and buds. It also formed a train, which was embroidered with silver horseshoes. A sheaf of lilies and roses was carried.

The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Wahlstead (sister of the bride) and Miss Lorna Lewis (cousin of the bride). They were gowned in lavender and lemon respectively. Both frocks were made alike with tight-fitting bodices of satin and with skirts of tulle. They wore caps of tulle and silver tissue. Bouquets to match their frocks were carried.

Mr. Allan Baldock (brother of the bridegroom) was best man, and Mr. A. Wahlstead (brother of the bride) was groomsmen.

The mother of the bride was dressed in black marocain, which she wore with a hat to match. She carried a posy of red carnations, gladioli, and maiden-hair fern.

The mother of the bridegroom was gowned in navy marocain, which was worn with a hat of the same tone, and she carried pink carnations, gladioli, and maidenhair fern.

A reception was held at the home of the parents of the bride.

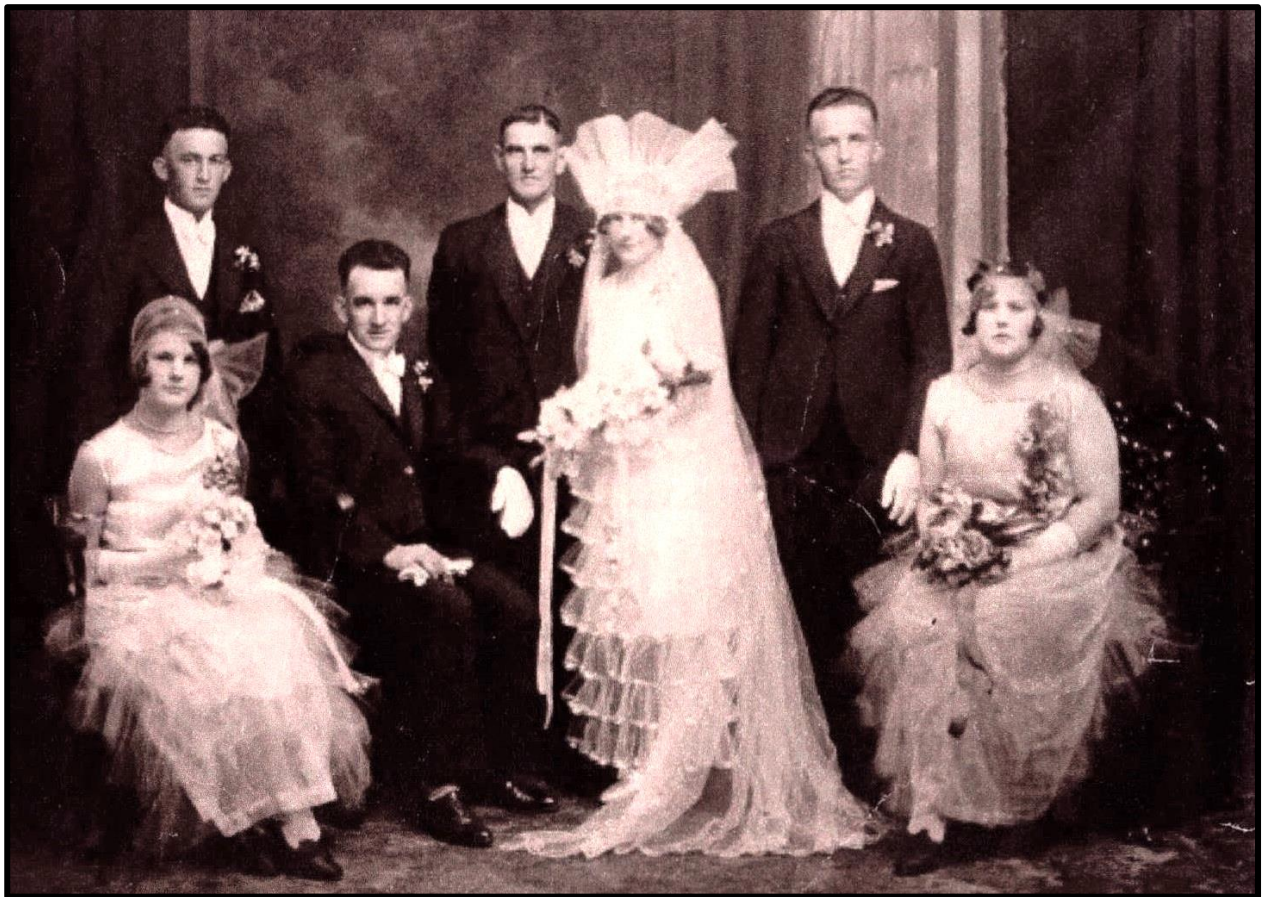
The Mail, 31 August 1929, p19

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Douglas John Baldock

Douglas was born 8 June 1906 and on 29 June 1929 at St Paul's Church he married Marjorie Maud Bennett (1907-).



(L-R) Grace Bennett (Marjorie's sister), Alan, Doug (seated), Charles Bennett (Marjorie's father), Marjorie, Les, Doris Baldock (Les's wife)

Nina recalls that Doug worked as a butcher on South Road.

In 1941 Doug and Marjorie lived at 2 Commercial Street, South Richmond. They had two children, John and Frank. They divorced in 1945.

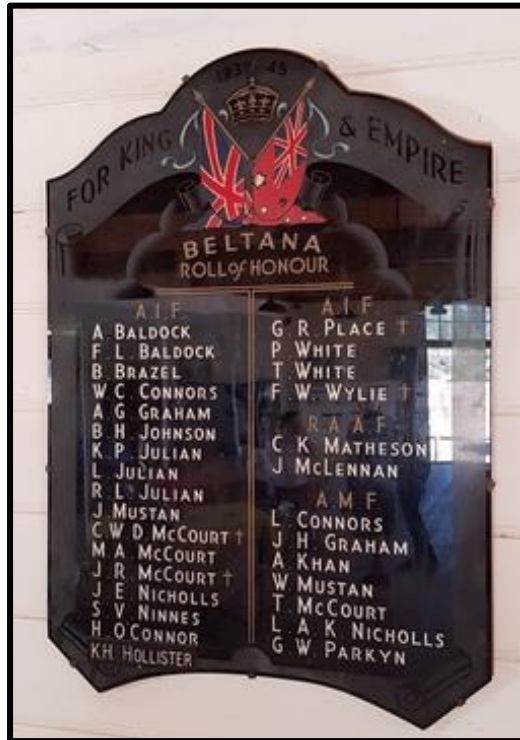
Doug died on 4 June 1960. At the time he had two grandchildren, June and Keith.

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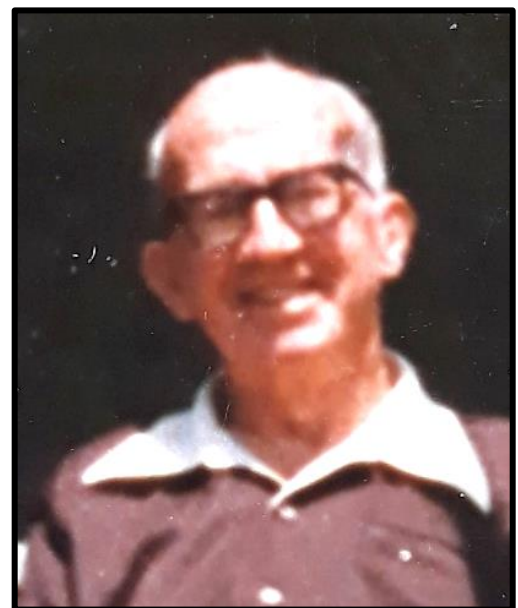
Alan Stanley Baldock

Alan was born 12 June 1908.



Alan and his older brother Frank enlisted to serve during World War 2 whilst they were living and working the Flinders Ranges area in Beltana. Alan enlisted in the Army, 23 April 1940 as a Corporal in 2nd/10th Infantry Battalion. He was discharged 25 October 1943.

Tragically, during the Second World War Alan was shot in the head. Nina remembers that *his injury was so bad he could not ever drive again, but he came every fortnight to see me without fail. He could only catch the tram because he wasn't allowed to drive.*



Alan married Dulcie Eileen Gregor on 11 September 1943. Nina recalls that Dulcie was from Beltana in the mid north of South Australia.

They had three boys:

- Brian (married Faye)
- Robin (married Kaylene)
- and Michael (married Lynette).

Alan, nicknamed 'Snowie', died in 1998.

When Dulcie died aged 89 on 9 December 1999 at the Aldersgate Nursing home in Flexistowe, she was a grandmother of twelve and a great grandmother of three.

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Uncles - Les, Doug and Alan Baldock

My uncles were marvellous. Between the two wars, they both worked up north so they could send money home to Grandma to keep us three children. She couldn't manage without their money. And they never married until later in life.

First Richmond Scouts



Outside the Grove Ave home, circa 1917

Les, Doug and Alan were members of the First Richmond Scouts.



Les, Doug, Alan, First Richmond Scouts, 1918

Nina recalls that the boys often went on trips to West Beach.



Baldock family L-R: Frank, Florence, Les (at front), Bill, Gran (Mary) holding Doug, Kit. Circa 1907

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Nina's Siblings

Brenda Lesley Gray (Elliott)

When the children were left to the care of the Baldock family, the boys (their uncles), who were still living at home, (Les, Doug and Alan), called Brenda, 'Girlie.' The name stuck and the family called her this all her life.

She was born 23 September 1918.

The family lived at 8 Alma Street in Glenelg and Brenda went to the Glenelg Infant and Primary Schools.



Brenda was registered by Lancelot at Glenelg Infant school on 6 October 1924

Gray	Brenda Leslie	23.9.18	Gray	Lancelot F. Carpenter	8 Alma St
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And then in 1927 at the Glenelg School.

Gray, Brenda Leslie	23.9.18	Gray Lancelot F.	Carpenter	8 Alma St Glenelg	- 2	Glenelg Inf.
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Girlie married Robert William Elliott (about 1937) and they lived in Richmond.

Their children were:

- Judy Laraine, born 1942
married Peter Glaister
children Brenton (1963) and David (1974)
- Vicki Ann born December 1952
died May 1998
- Jeanne, born 1955.

Nina and Girlie would go the city every Friday. She used to ride a bike and leave it propped up against a fence. Nobody ever took it until one day she'd come home, and the bike was gone.

We would browse around specialty shops and in the basement at John Martin's.

Robert died 20 November 1997 (Centennial Park), Brenda died 28 January 2020, aged 101.

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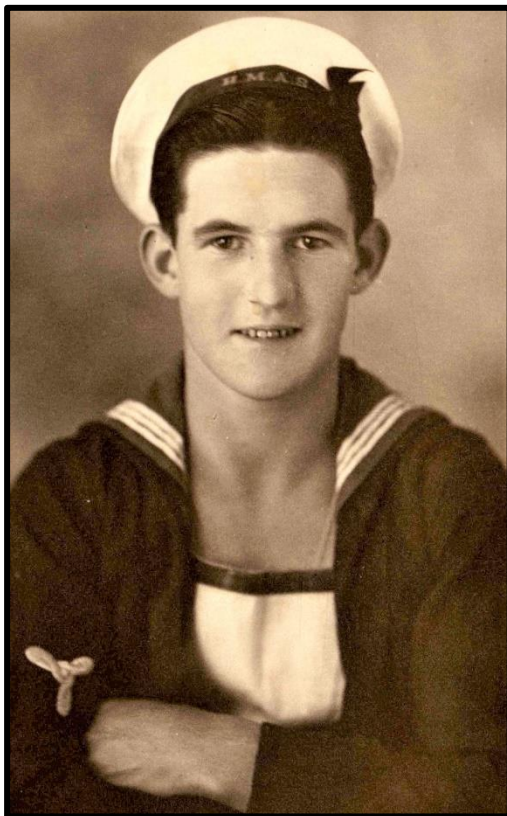
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Lancelot Bagshaw Gray



Born 11 January 1926 in Glenelg and was known as Jim.

Jim Gray, circa 1932



Jim served in the Second World War enlisting 7 June 1943 in the Royal Australian Navy as an Able Seaman, PA4051. *He was based on the Corvette Matthew Flinders.* He was discharged 16 September 1946.

Nina says he was nice looking and had the best legs on a man I ever saw.



The only time Lancelot visited his children was to sign the paperwork for Jim to go to war in the Navy in 1943. *He just walked in and said, Hello, Ma. I always remember that. Then Ma says, Hello, Lance.*

Sadly, Jim was hit by a car on 10 October 1966 when standing on the roadside near the Hilton Hotel. He died in hospital 9 days later. Nina went to the inquest and *that chap got awful trouble from the magistrate.* Nina recalls that it was at Jim's funeral that she met 'the other family' members, Lancelot's later children, for the first time. Maureen was the only one of her stepfamily that she remembers keeping in touch with her.

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Living in Glenelg, 1927

Lancelot and Florence lived in New Glenelg at 8 Alma Street and then 15 Hastings Street. (Sands & McDougall 1926 and 1927).

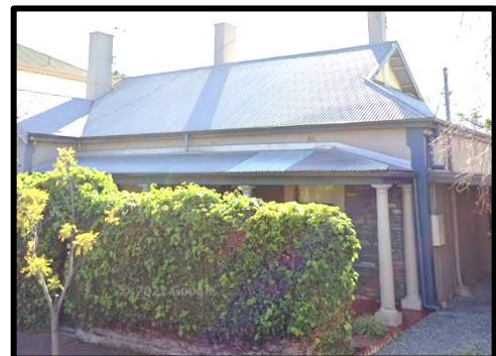
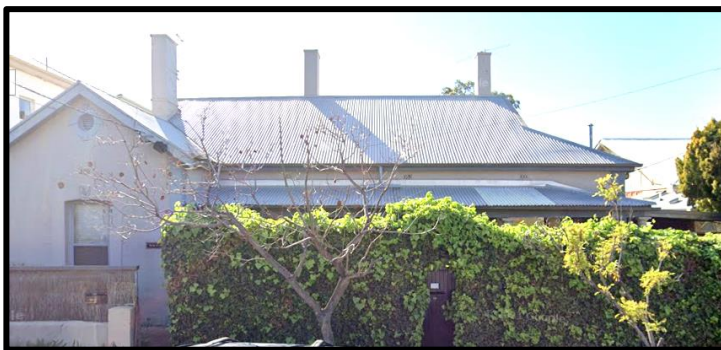
[The house numbering has been altered slightly since, and the house still stands as 8-10 Alma Street, Glenelg South (2021)]

NEW GLENELG.	
Alma st—E side	
Left side from Pier st	
4	Nicholls, Francis
6	Clarke, A, painter
8	Gray, L, crpnr
10	Vacant
Bentham st	

Hastings st—W side	
Right side from Pier st	
3	Koen, Miss Margaret
5	Upham, H, hrdrsr
7	Cant, Mrs
9	Wheaton, Mrs B.
Bentham st	
11	Spence, A. G, clerk
13	Thiele, F. J. A.
15	Gray, L. F, farmer
21	Kenny, Martin



Nina on car running board, 8 Alma Street, New Glenelg, circa 1926



8-10 Alma Street, Glenelg South, [Streetview, 2021]

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15 Hastings Street, Glenelg South [Street view, 2009]



Taken in front of S. Reid Butcher of 28 Ebor Avenue Mile End. Circa Late 1926

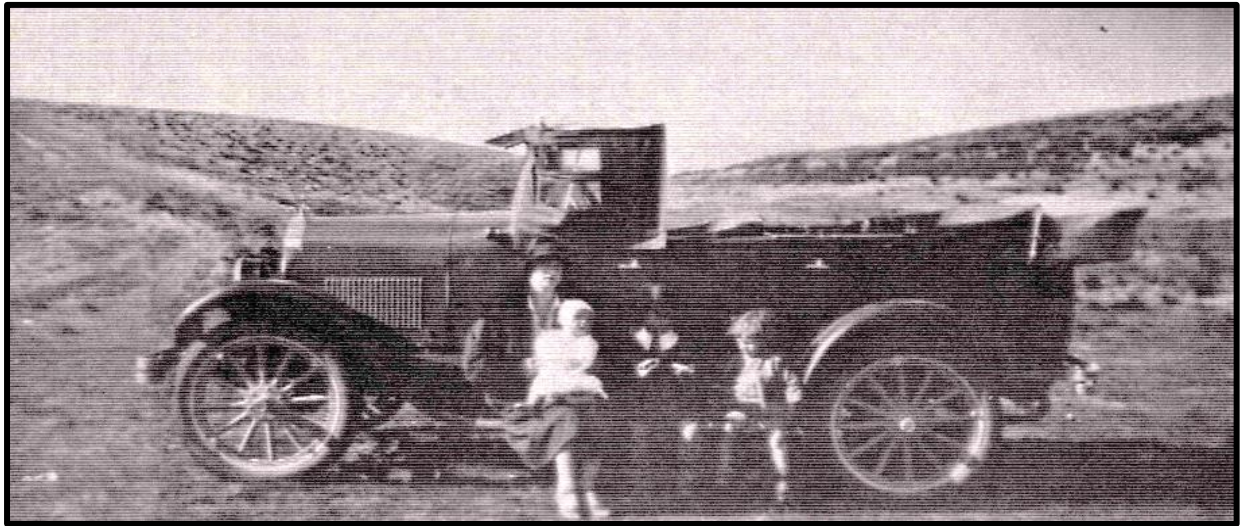
Caption on back 'Nina in front of car with Father, Girlie and Jim with Mother in back. Mother died after photo taken'.

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West Beach land

In the 1920s the land area north of Glenelg and south of Henley Beach Road was still owned by the Gray family and was largely sand dunes and swamplands. The area was part owned by Lancelot's father, Franklin Gray.



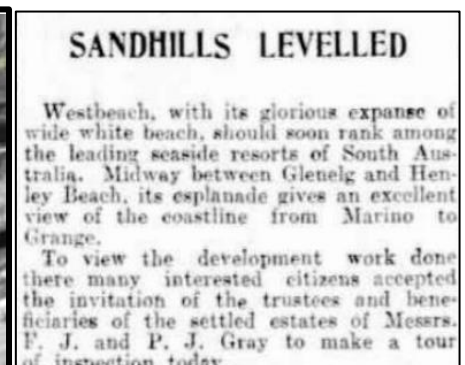
Florence, Jim, Brenda and Nina, West Beach sand dunes, 1926

Nina's grandfather Franklin and his brother Percy farmed the West Beach land, west of Tapley's Hill Road.

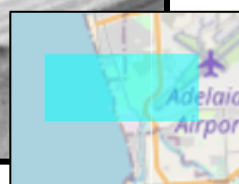
In the late 1920s it was decided to level parts of the sandhills, particularly Franklin Gray's property, and subdivide for building blocks. 50,000 tons of sand were spread to fill the swamps near Frogmore house. In those days this represented an immense earthmoving project which involved 36 men, 24 scoops and more than 100 horses. [A Residential History of West Beach (LH0231z-01)]



WestMaps Public, 1949



The News, 27 February 1929



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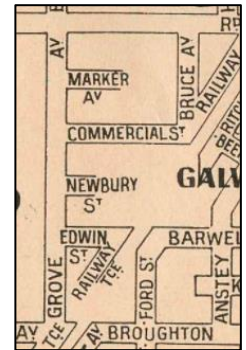
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Grove Avenue, Richmond, from 1927

When the children were taken in by William and Mary Baldock the family home was in Grove Avenue, Richmond, between Marker Avenue and Commercial Street.

Commercial st—S side
Right side from Grove av
Millikan, Jas, drvr
Downs, A, electren
Bruce av

Grove av—E side
L side from Nottingham av
Seager, C. A, prntr
Barkell, W. T, irnwrkr
Crabb, J. H, agnt
Baldock, Wm, crpntr
Commercial st
Newbury, I. G, frmr
Retallick, Mrs
Edwin st
Dick, G, crpntr
Carter, E. J, tinsmith
Grove av—W side
R side from Nottingham av
Thorpe, R. W, bldr



Sands & McDougall directory, 1925

Gregorys, 1936
Newbury now Retallick
Edwin now Barwell (cont.)

Nina remembers many of the neighbours. Mr. and Mrs. Millikan were close friends and lived at 1 Commercial Street. Their children were older than Nina. *But they all went to the Richmond School, and you knew them all. That's where everybody knew everybody in those days.*



William and Mary Baldock (back left); Mr. and Mrs. Millikan (front left) circa 1910

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At Grove Avenue, where I used to live, is offices now. The verandah has gone, all the garden and everything, and next to it there was a big paddock.



2008

34 Grove Avenue



2020 [StreetView]

Maria Georgiev and Luca, the oldest boy, lived next door to us in Grove Avenue at Dimitrov's.

Vera and Jack Barrett, they just lived around the corner in Argyle Street. This was my grandmother's sister-in-law. Vera taught piano to local children, including Nina. Nina hated it!



Nina Gray, at Grove Avenue, around 1940 (Photo sent to Geoff when he was away at the war)

Nina's recalls that father Lancelot's brother, Uncle Hallam and Auntie Lottie would occasionally visit them at Grandma Baldock's. Nina would play with their girl Glenda who was the same age. *Uncle Hallam had said to me, I'd take you if I could.* [Glenda Justine (14 June 1923 -5 July 2019), married Howard Mervyn (Merv) Baillie, and had children Janesse, Christopher and Meredith].

Nina remembers that he was the only one who visited her in hospital at the age of 3 when she stuck scissors in her right eye. (Nina has only had vision in one eye since).

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Memories of West Beach and Grandfather Gray

As a child, Nina recalls going to West Beach. The road to West Beach was straight through where the airport is now, which at the time was swamplands and sandhills.

At West Beach, Nina remembers a little stall with an iron roof, which was unlocked every day and from there they sold cold drinks and ice creams.

I was there with my sister 'Girly' one day, to get ice creams, and I went up to the counter and my grandfather Gray was there on his horse and the man must have got the paper for him every day. And he passed over the paper and he said to me, 'That's Mr. Gray. He owns all this land.' And I said, 'Yes, I know it's my grandfather.'

I love the beach, I would go quite often, as often as I could - All my life.

My brother was down there one day, and he was looking for mushrooms and this man came by on his horse. And he said, 'Get off my land.' He took his gun off his shoulder and my brother said, 'You wouldn't shoot your own grandchild.' And he said, 'Oh, whose son are you?' And Jimmy said 'Lancelot.' And he said, 'Oh, well, as long as you don't touch anything else, only mushrooms.'



West Beach. Gray family land sold for Adelaide Airport, 1951

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Schooling

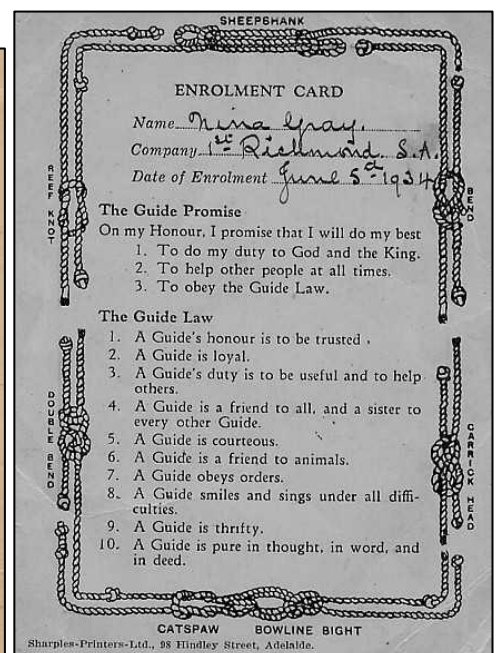
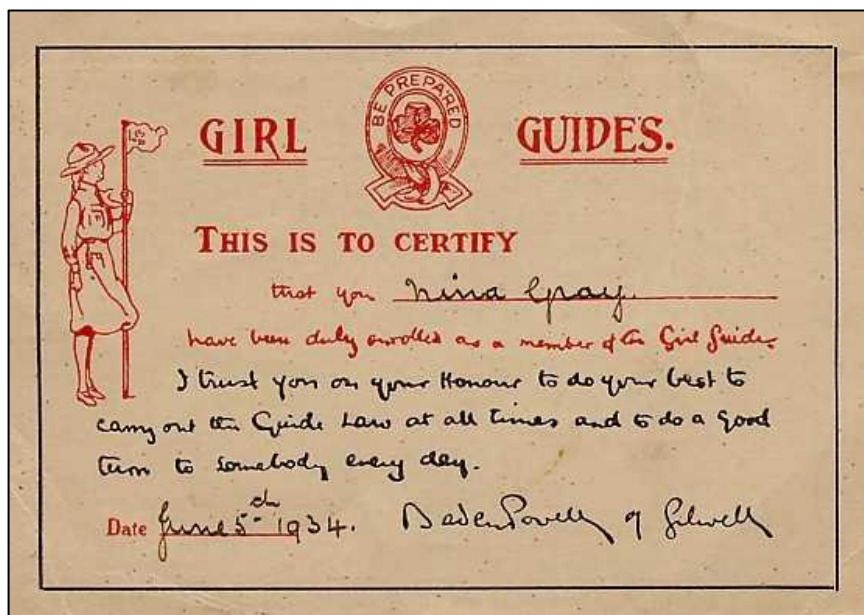
Richmond School

Nina went to the Richmond Infant School. This was opposite the Richmond Primary School, on the western side of South Road. She remembers that it was a big class of about 30 children. She then attended the Richmond Primary School until grade seven.

I loved school. The main thing I remember was the teacher, he was quite cruel, Mr. Roesler. He used to one of those big rulers and he used to come along and smack you on the hand, if you did anything wrong. I don't think I ever did anything wrong; I don't ever remember getting it.



Richmond Primary School, circa 1930, Nina second row



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Thebarton Girls Technical School

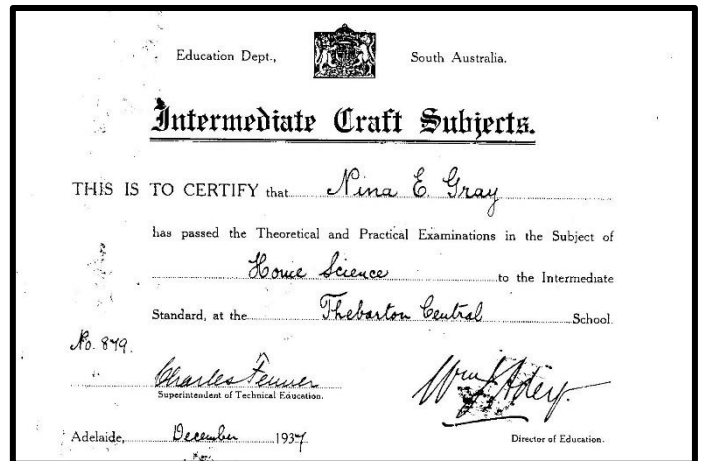
Nina went to Thebarton Girls Technical School until Grade 10.

One of her closest friends was Dorothy Barnes. Her family lived on the corner of Richmond Road and Barnes Avenue. Her father was a lucerne grower.

She remembers doing *Domestic Arts / Home Science*. This was about learning cooking, sewing and doing laundry.

One day it would be cooking. The next week would be laundry. She liked cooking the best and recalls that in those days there was only a wood fired oven.

One day someone opened my oven door by mistake and whatever I cooked, it went, pfft. I cried. I remember I was so upset.



When the girls had washing laundry week, they would bring something to wash and then learn how to iron it. The school had a wringer there used for squeezing the water from the wet items.

This was around 1937 and during the time of the depression and money was limited. There wasn't enough for daily bus fares so Nina would walk. Nina walked to school along Grove Avenue and Brooker Terrace. At the Brooker Terrace bridge over Keswick Creek, she would meet one of her teachers and walk the 3 and a half kilometres together.

My grandmother couldn't afford to keep me there, so I had to go to work.



Thebarton Technical School [SLSA PRG 280/1/27/16] circa 1919

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Richmond Baptist Church

Nina and her siblings were members of the Richmond Baptist Church when they moved in with the Baldock family. Subsequently, Nina played basketball with their team.

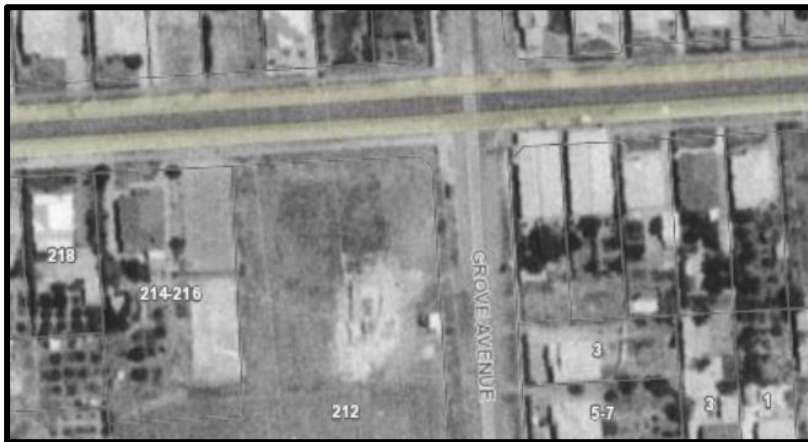


Richmond Baptist basketball team, 1946

Back: Norma Jury, June Bartholemew, Gwenda Mitchell, Lorna Anderson,

*Front: **Nina Gray**, Jean Gasmier, Hazel Plumpton*

Coaches: Murray Marks and Jack Henley



*Richmond Baptist Basketball
(Court on corner Richmond Road
facing Grove Ave)*

Many of the churches held annual picnics to the Adelaide Hills, sometimes hiring a whole train to take the large Sunday School groups to the event.



Nina (on right), Belair 1937

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Terrill's Laundry and Dry Cleaning, Goodwood

Nina's uncle Doug, a local Richmond butcher, told Nina about a job at Terrill's, as mentioned to him by one of his customers.

Nina worked at Terrill's, 19-21 Weller Street Goodwood from about 1937 until 1940.

The laundry was only done by the men. My job was to look after the drivers, making sure they had the right deliveries to take.

Debbie the lady in charge found out I did two years of laundry at school and put me to work in the office for a while.



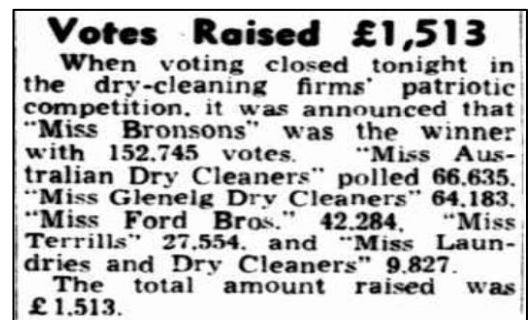
Nina, circa 1937

Nina recalls that the men would get upset if the pants weren't ready to take, as many men in those days often only had two pair of pants, one in the wash and one to wear. *They would come in and have already rolled up one pair to be washed, and they were waiting on the other pair. If they turned up and I couldn't find them, they used to go crook and I got so upset, so I went back to my old job.*

Miss Terrill

During the war Nina was voted by around 20 staff to represent them as Miss Terrills to raise money for the war effort.

I raised a lot of money, and I came fourth. We were a small place compared to big places like other dry cleaners.



The Mail, 8 May 1943 p12

I remember one night we had a dance in the Goodwood Hall. My uncle came with one of the men he knew from the army. He didn't know it, but it was one of our clean linen drivers. His name was John Mulvihill and I was so pleased to see him because I just adored him, and he was always so lovely to me.

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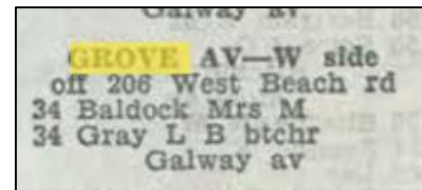
John's van got shot at and it turned over and he was killed. They all were. [during the war]. I was really upset, I had to go home from work.



Advertiser, 17 July 1943

After the war, I didn't go out to work, I looked after my grandma. Mary couldn't look after the house any longer, so Nina left Terrill's to do the housework and laundry for her.

In 1956 Mary was still living at 34 Grove Avenue.



*Sands and McDougall directory,
1956*

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Samuel Geoffrey Gray

At Terrill's Nina worked with Joan Gray. Nina met Joan's brother, Samuel Geoffrey Gray (known as Geoff). Nina remembers *he was good looking, very handsome*.

Geoff was born 16 April 1923 at Wallaroo Mines. His parents were Henry (1897-1960) and Hilda (1896-1988) Gray.

Their children were:

- Ruth (27 July 1920 – 25 April 2021). She married for only a few months to Charles Sumner Watkins (1917-1942) when he was killed in WW2. She then married Robert William Squire (1919-2002). Ruth died two months before turning 101.
- Max (18 February 1922 – 16 September 1997). He enlisted to serve WW2 on 11 Feb 1941 and was discharged 6 March 1946. On 5 March 1949 he married Daphne Yvonne Wilson (1924-2017).
- **Samuel Geoffrey (16 April 1923 – 23 November 2012).**
- Joan (15 January 1925 – 15 June 2011). On 12 November 1949 she married Brian Edmund Kinter (1927-2003).
- Brian Patrick (15 March 1925 – 5 October 1978). He married around 1954, Laurel Daphne Billing and they went on to live in Broken Hill, NSW.
- Yvonne Elma May (9 January 1930 – 11 September 2018). She married around 1953 Vernon James March (1925-1997).



Henry and Hilda Gray, 1960 (Elizabeth Street, Goodwood)

Nina remembers that she was very nervous about meeting Geoff's family but was warmly greeted with open arms. Nina and Henry enjoyed swimming, and they regularly visited 'The Bay' (Glenelg) and had very enjoyable days together. Hilda played lawn bowls for many years.

Nina and Geoff were engaged before he enlisted in 1942 to serve in World War 2.



1942, on the eve of Geoff's departure for Darwin

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World War 2

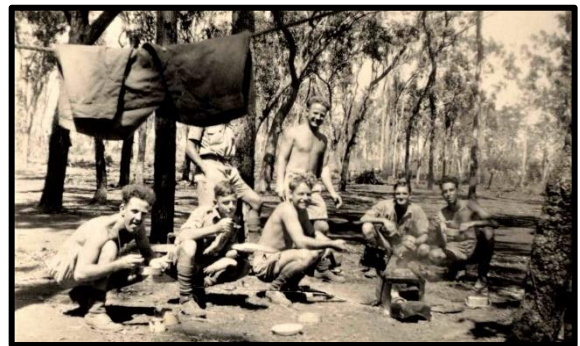
The Japanese air raids on Darwin on 19 February and subsequent raids in April, June, July and November 1942 prompted Geoff to enlist in the Army 2nd AIF on 25th February 1943. He was 19 years of age.

Geoff and the other soldiers were rushed to Darwin via road convoy. Nina remembers that they had to stand all the way in the back of a trolley with nowhere to sit down.

He went on to serve in New Guinea. Geoff had a camera and sent photos home to Nina.



Borneo Entanglements



Geoff, on end of row



I didn't see him for two and a half years; He didn't come back to Australia. They went up around the islands and everywhere after the Japanese.



Geoff was discharged on 28 February 1946.

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Geoff and Nina's Marriage

When peace was declared, and Geoff returned home he sent a telegram to Nina to make arrangements to get married. Nina had not seen him for two and a half years.



With such short notice, Nina was lucky to obtain a beautiful wedding dress.

I had an aunt that just been married, and she had this beautiful dress and she sent it to me to get married in, it was lovely. I still have it in the drawer in the bedroom.

On 13 October 1945 they were married at the Richmond Baptist Church and formal photos were taken in a studio after the wedding.

Nina says that the Geoff in the wedding photos was nothing like him, his hair had been cut short for the army and he had lost a lot of weight.

The after-wedding reception was held at my Uncle Doug's billiard room, a huge room in the bottom of this house he had built near the Richmond Road shops on Grove Avenue.

Geoff's groomsmen were his army mates, Bob Rice from Goodwood and Bob Burford. Nina's bridesmaids were her sister Brenda (Elliott) and sister-in-law Ruth (Watkins, later Squire).



The couple honeymooned in Broken Hill and they initially lived at the Baldock home with Ma (Mary) in Grove Avenue.

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After the war

Geoff's Employment, SABCO

Geoff worked at SABCO (SA Brush Co.) as a brush maker, prior to the war. The company reemployed him after and held a formal welcome home event.



Geoff at SABCO formal welcome home event, circa 1945

Established in South Australia in 1892 as the South Australian Brush Company by W. E. Hay, SABCO specialised in cleaning and garden products. It was a household name for brooms and brushes in South Australia for over a century. Initially, the South Australian Brush Company was quite small and its products were hand crafted. Over time the company grew and adopted more automated production processes. In 1930 the factory was in Flinders Street, Adelaide. It established a new factory after World War 2 in what had been a munitions factory at Hendon.

Building a home

After the war there was a general shortage of building materials, and it took about three years for their war service home to be built on Sutton Terrace.

I just remember, you couldn't have what you wanted in the shops or anything. You know, they'd be empty. Some things that you wanted; you wouldn't get them at all.

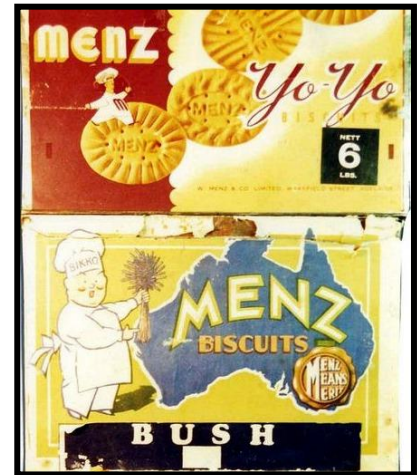
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Geoff's Employment

After SABCO, Geoff went on to work as a baker at the local Menz Biscuit factory.

In 1942 W. Menz and Company bought ten acres of what had been the Richmond Park horse stud. The land was between Galway Avenue and Lucknow Street and the company received permission to close off the section of Aldridge Terrace, running from Lucknow Street to Galway Avenue, which passed through the property. Menz began baking operations in a Nissen building (imported from England) in December 1953. In the 1960s Menz merged with other Australian biscuit companies to form the Australian Biscuit Company Ltd.



Geoff's experience at SABCO led the owner of the Lincoln Brush Company to approach him around 1960 to help them start their new business based at 22 Streeters Road, North Plympton. This business manufactured paint brushes in South Australia for over thirty years until 1981 when acquired by SABCO. The Lincoln Brush Company subsidiary continued profitably and SABCO had more than half of the Australian market for brushes and brooms. In 1993 the Lincoln Brush Company was sold back to its previous owner.



The Coromandel, 24 May 1963, p4

Nina remembers that Geoff was paid for the quantity of items produced and so that he wasn't distracted by other staff he would go in to work as early as 4am. One morning the police took him in to the station for questioning as they didn't believe he was an employee on the premises at that time of day.

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Children

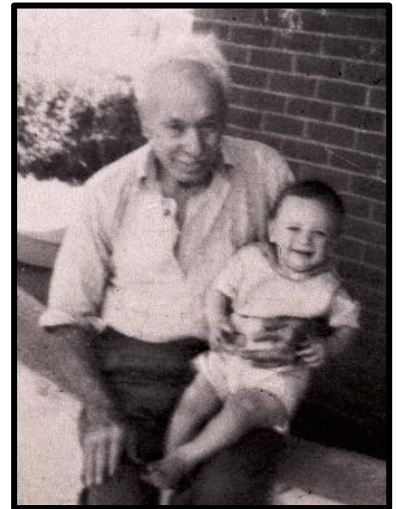
Nina and Geoff had four children.

24 March 1948 - Stephen Geoffrey, born at Chatham Hospital, Keswick. Stephen's children are Jodi Leanne (1970) and Benjamin Albert Geoffrey (1981).

GRAY (nee Gray).—At Chatham Hospital, on March 24, to Nina and Geoff—a son (Stephen Geoffrey). Thanking Dr. Hunter and all in attendance.



Stephen, Nina, and friend Norma at the Adelaide Zoo, circa 1950



William Baldock with Stephen, 1948

22 November 1951 - Janet Elizabeth, born at the Lurline Street Hospital, Mile End (later Threadgold). Janet has two daughters, Melissa Jane (1974) and Tara Kate (1976).

GRAY.—To Nina and Geoff—a daughter (Janet Elizabeth). Thanking Dr. Rushton Smith and all in attendance.



*Janet, Geoff, and Stephen circa 1951
(Pt Noarlunga holiday house)*

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9 August 1954 - Richard Henry born at St Ives Hospital, Torrensville. Richard's children are Darren Richard (1981) and Lisa Nicolle (1983).

26 May 1962 – Trina Beverley, was born at Ashford Hospital. (*later Simon*).

All the children went to school at Richmond Primary School on South Road.

I took them to Richmond School on the bike. I had one on the seat and one on the bar. Janet used to hang onto my dress and Stephen used to hang on to her. On the way there would be men clearing that paddock and I always used to get a wolf whistle every morning.

The Netley Primary School was built in 1960 on Marion Road between Watson Avenue and Harris Streets. As this was closer, Nina took the children there. She didn't need to take the bike as they could walk there.

The boys went to Thebarton Boys Technical. Janet went to Thebarton Girls and Trina went to Plympton High School.



Geoff, Stephen, Janet, Nina, Richard, Trina. Circa 2004

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Sutton Terrace, Marleston

Nina recalls that it was around 1953 that they moved into their home in Sutton Terrace, Marleston.

In her garden Nina grew her own spinach and had fruit trees.



At one time I had a beautiful apple tree and a nectarine tree. The only fruit tree I have left is the apricot tree. I had bananas up in the back, beautiful bananas and the boys next door used to come down and pinch my bananas.

Nina says she always had lawn for the children to run around, but never had chickens as she was frightened of them.

Nina recalls fruit and vegetables being delivered by horse and cart and the postman came on a pushbike once a day. There was no gas connection to the home, only electricity.

I did have ice delivered. He used to bring it in the kitchen to where we had an icebox. It was put in the top of the icebox, and we put everything underneath to keep cool to eat.

The man up the street, Mr. Shearer used to deliver the milk and ice and my son, Stephen would work for him before he went to school. He would knock on the door, and he'd be out of bed to help him. I'd leave out a can, and he put two pints in or whatever, I'd leave the money under the can.

Nina met the neighbours when she moved in as there were no fences at the time. She was pleased to hear that the Gray family neighbours were the Whites! (Flossy and George White.)

The Saunderson family lived in the next street, and they used to grow a lot of their flowers. They would bring me flowers especially flowers for Mother's Day.

The Saunderson family still has a florist shop on Marion Road.



Sands and McDougall directory, 1951

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On the western side of Sutton Terrace, opposite their home were market gardens. Nina recalls that a Chinese man, Ah Chung, grew spinach, carrots and corn there for many years.

One of the men used to always go for a walk every morning. When Richard was small, he used to hang over the front gate and this man would always come and give him a lolly. One day Richard was hanging over the gate waiting for him to give him a lolly and, as a tease, he walked straight on past. All of a sudden, the man laughed and stopped to come back and give him a lolly.



WestMaps Public, 1959

Nina recalls that in the 1960s it became a government property, and they planted all the gum trees into the street. A large building took the place of the market gardens. This went on to be used as the Marlestone TAFE Campus and was sold 2016 to a private developer. (It has been under scrutiny by the EPA to test for chemicals leaked into the groundwater when used prior by ICA Australia as a chemical distribution facility.)



WestMaps Public, 1969

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Nina's friend Betty Mules was part of family of market gardeners along Marion Road growing celery and spinach.

Betty Mules was perhaps my best friend. She sang at my wedding. She had a beautiful voice. I went over there sometimes, and they would give me this massive, big plate full of food. I couldn't eat it.

Down the end of Galway Avenue lived two unmarried ladies, they were sisters.



Market Gardens West of Marion Road, Lewis & Mules families, WestMaps Public 1959

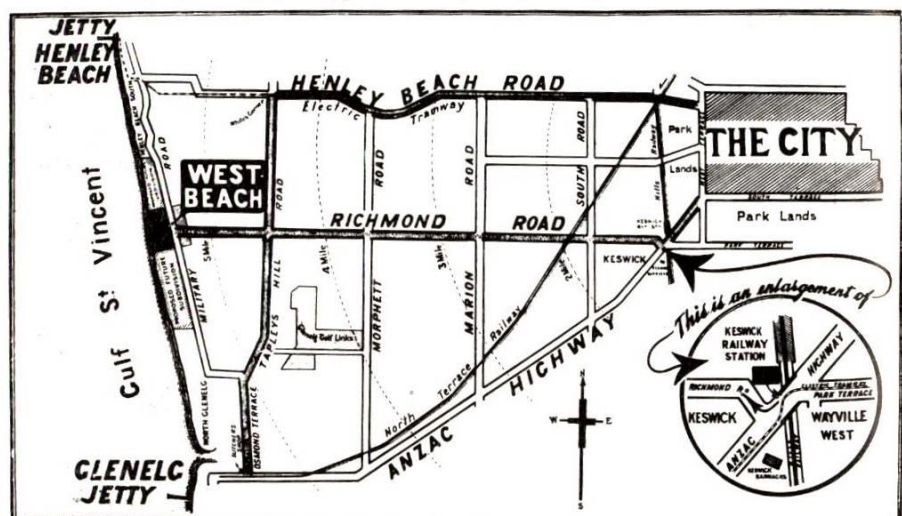


Mules' family home and garden, 262 Marion Road, circa 1920s [WTHS (LH0247-03)]

Airport

The road went straight through to West Beach through the paddocks and everything. You could go straight through. The airport took that away.

West Beach land and approaches in pre-airport days.



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1940s & 1950s Leisure

Movies

Before she married Nina and her sister Girlie would also go to the Regent cinema in the city.
We used to go everywhere together.

When Geoff and Nina were courting and after they were married they would go every Saturday night to the movies at the Roxy Theatre on Anzac Highway.



She loved the film *Gone with the Wind* released in Australia in 1940.

We had permanent seats, we just used to walk over there, every Saturday. There was a break halfway and you could go and get a drink. Later when we rode there on motorbike, Geoff went out and someone had stolen it. We used to go everywhere on the motorbike, with me on the back. Anyway, the police located it down Glenelg.

Thebarton Town Hall

Nina remembers seeing movies and a variety of performances at the Thebarton Town Hall. She recalls the comicalness of watching a cousin at a gymnastics display.

She was only three, she was the youngest and everyone was in fits, because when the others would go down, she'd go up. When they'd come up, she'd go down.



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1959 Television

We got television very early. Geoff wanted it. His mum and dad used to come over every Friday night and watch it if there was something on it they used to like.

Outdoors



Nina and Ruth (Geoff's sister) 1944



Advertiser 20 Feb 1952 p5

Driving and Transport

Nina had bad eyesight and for a long time she didn't drive a car, but instead would walk, ride, or take a bus. *The buses used to come down Grove Avenue and then go to town.*

My niece Judy Elliott, when she was a little girl, about four, I used to take her everywhere, everywhere. She loved it. We would go down to Glenelg on the bus. I don't know if it's still there but there used to be a playground. We'd catch the Ascot Park bus around the front of our house, and we'd get off there and she'd be in the playground. Sometimes on the weekends we would go into the City. She's 72 now and she was here yesterday. She still comes to see me.

When it was discovered that her daughter Trina was such a bad asthmatic the doctor, despite her eyesight, recommended that she learn to drive as she may need to have to rush her to hospital, and he ensured she was able to obtain a driver's licence. In 1965, George White next door taught her how to drive.

Nina was driving until she was 89 years old.

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Nina's Later Occupations

Myers

In 1965 Nina worked for a short time as a cleaner in Myers in the city.

Cook at St Martins, Marleston

Behind their home in Sutton Terrace is the original homestead of the Richmond Park Stud. This became part of St. Martins care facility in the early 1960s. Nina was a cook at the home for two years between 1966-1968, cooking for 25 people.

Nina recalls that at this time Trina would suffer from asthma and used this to get out of going to school.

To get off school she would say 'I can't go to school today, I can't breathe'. And the matron said to me, you can always bring a little girl here and put her on the couch. She told me later she used to put it on. She would lay on the couch for a bit and then she'd get up and talk to all the old ladies.



Richmond Park Homestead / St Martins / Regis Care Facility

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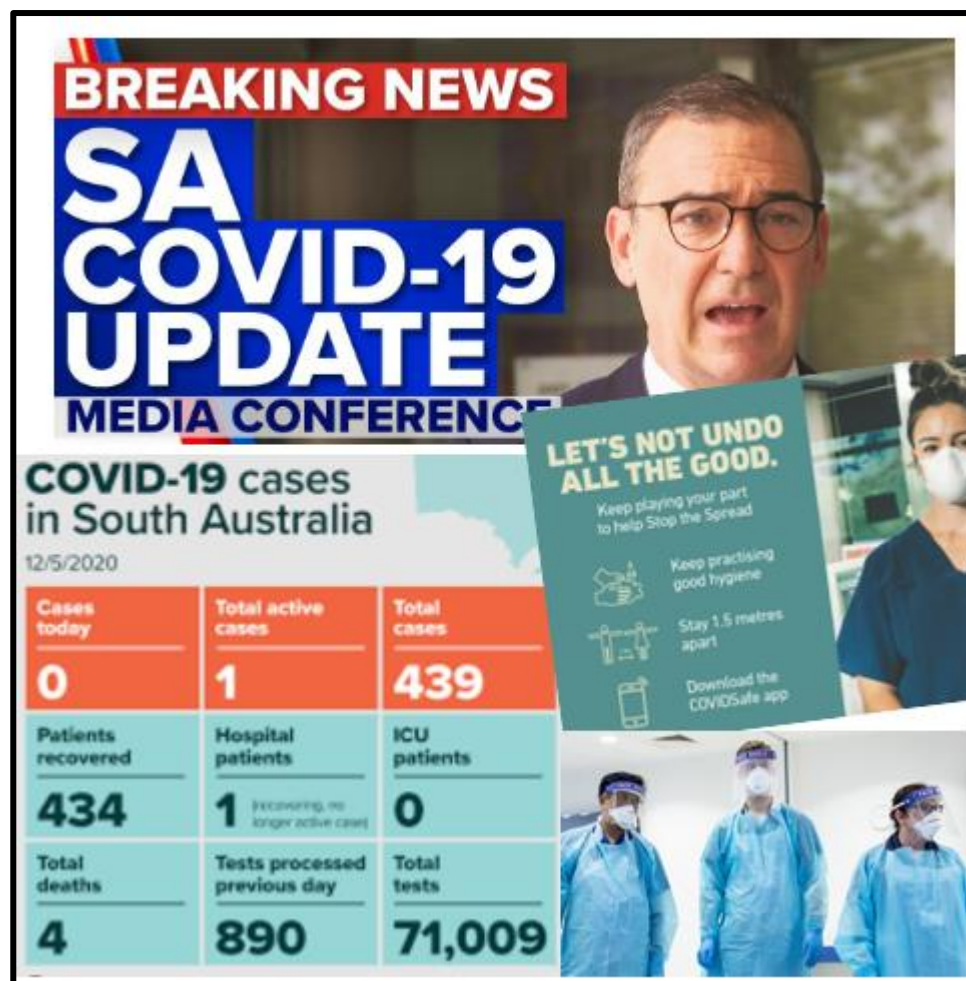
COVID-19 Pandemic

Early in 2020, the world was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Most people were at some stage required to isolate in their homes.

Like many of her generation, Nina has been through this kind of disruption before.

It doesn't worry me at all. We've had the war and different things where you had to stay indoors and block out the windows and things.

The other day I had to see the doctor, but we had to go around the back of the doctors' rooms. I laughed when she came and saw she had this big suit all over her and a thing on her head. She looked so funny. We weren't allowed in the building.

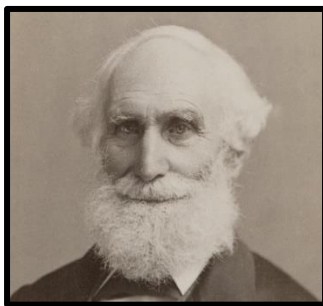


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Paternal Family Background

After the death of their mother Florence, Nina and her siblings were fostered by their maternal grandparents. Their paternal Gray family had minimal contact with the children after Florence died and they were fostered by the Baldocks, but the family had a substantial impact in the pioneering era of South Australia and for reference this is included as a part of Nina's story.

Great Grandparents (Paternal)



WH GRAY circa 1875
[SLSA PRG-331-30-2-27]

Nina's great grandfather, William Henry Gray (known as W.H. Gray) was one of the early pioneers in South Australia. Nina recalls that he was the third land buyer in South Australia. He effected the purchase whilst still in London, as he was winding up his business there.

He went on to eventually purchase the majority of the land between Glenelg and Henley Beach Road, now the area around West Beach and part of the Airport and Netley suburbs.

Plaque commemorating William Henry Gray at West Beach Trust reserve on Tapley's Hill Road.



The Reedbeds area showing Frogmore, the Gray family home, 1913 [Mapco]

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William arrived in South Australia with his sister Elizabeth and two servants aboard the *John Renwick* in February 1837.

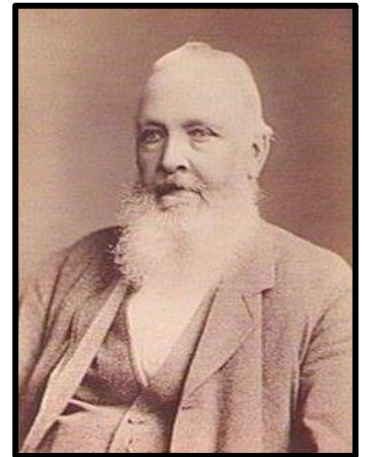
He did not marry until the age of 53, in 1861, to Rosetta Bagshaw, and this was a society scandal as she was only 21 years old.



Rosetta Bagshaw circa 1860

Rosetta was the daughter of John Stokes Bagshaw, a prominent manufacturer of agricultural machinery, (horse-ploughs, chaffcutters, corn crushers), who won public recognition by building for John Ridley, the first harvesting machine.

William and Rosetta had 12 children.



JS Bagshaw circa 1867 [adb.anu.edu.au]

The family home was in what was then known as the Reedbeds, now West Beach, and was called Frogmore. It was a house of unusual design being built of brick with thatch on the roof, stone chimneys, and a thatched roof to a bay window.



Frogmore [SLSA B 7530] Rosetta and sons Franklin (Frank) and Percy, circa 1890.

The very wealthy William died in 1896 and his will stipulated that when his sons died any remaining wealth was to be split amongst his grandchildren. After William's death Rosetta married William Wooding (1841-1919) in 1911. Rosetta died in 1918.

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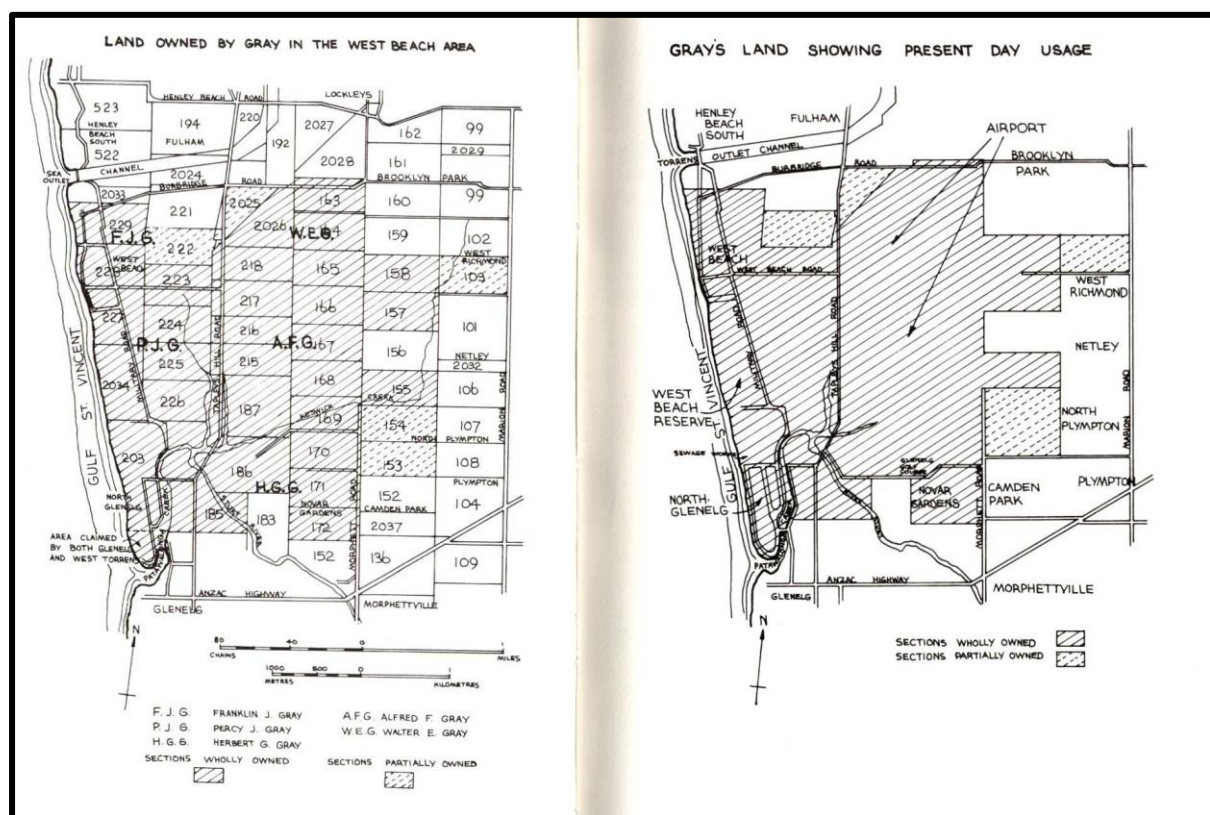
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Grandparents (Paternal)

Franklin James Gray (1862-1953) and Elizabeth Chapman (1864-1926)

Second child of William and Rosetta, Nina's grandfather, Franklin attended Prince Alfred College (1878-1880) and he worked for a time on a Queensland cattle station. Like his father William, Franklin served on the West Torrens Council (1891-1898). Franklin was a good horseman and a member of the Adelaide Hunt Club.

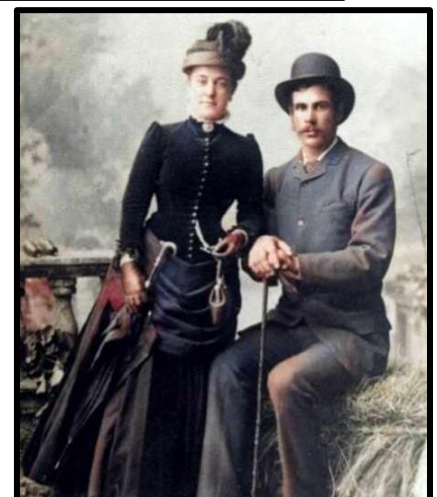
Franklin and his siblings inherited the W. H. Gray land holdings in the West Beach areas.



Franklin married Elizabeth (Bessie) Chapman in 1885. Bessie's family were farmers in the Findon area.

Franklin was given Frogmore Farm as an inheritance. He replaced the original thatched cottage with a large Victorian-type villa, complete with a ballroom. (This house was demolished in the 1960s).

In 1915, Frogmore was leased to Alfred Press, a dairyman. Press attended a Parliamentary Committee in 1917 to convey information about the Torrens floodwaters that would flow up to six feet deep over some of the paddocks. The Torrens Breakout Creek was constructed in 1937 to solve this problem.



Elizabeth and Franklin Gray
[ancestors.familysearch.org]

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Franklin and Bessie had six children:

1. William Henry II (1886-1966) married Minna Hasenohr. He was a dairyman, fisherman and beekeeper. He was recognised as a skillful and daring horseman.
2. Bruce Chapman (1889-1978) worked as a stockman for Sydney Kidman. In later years, he ran the Saltbush Riding School, on land that is now part of West Lakes. He was an advocate for animal rights.
3. Ulva Jean (1891-1971) married Oskar Ludwig Hasenohr II (1891-1971). Oskar was brother of Minna (who married Ulva's brother William). Ulva was a noted horsewoman. They had 9 children.
4. **Lancelot Frankin Gray (1894-1970) married Florence Baldock, (Nina's parents),** and later Catherine Scales.
5. Donald Royal (1897-1975) married Gertrude Veronica Smith. Donald was a Coorong fisherman and engineer. He was born the day after Queen Victoria's Jubilee hence his second name.
6. Hallam Bagshaw (1900-1977) married Charlotte Mary Scougall (1900-1985). In his early years Hallam carted stores with a donkey team in the mid north of South Australia. He was a draftsman-surveyor with the Electric Supply Company (later ETSA).



Bessie was killed (aged 62) in a tragic accident, 8 September 1926, when hit by a train at the Oaklands Station. She was living near her daughter Mrs. Hasenohr (Ulva Jean), in Barry Street, Warradale at the time.

Dr Goode of Brighton attended her injuries at the Bindarra Hospital.

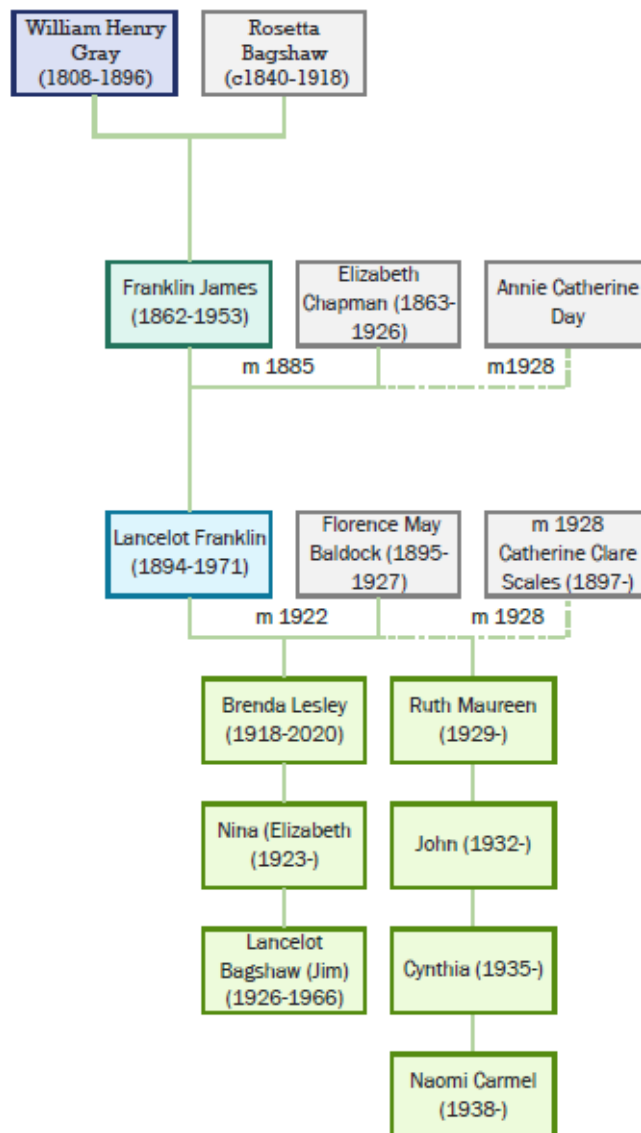
In 1928, at the age of 65, Franklin married Annie Catherine Day (1864-1946).

In the 1930s Franklin again farmed Frogmore. By the 1950s he was living in a house he had built at West Beach with his third wife. Franklin died in 1953 aged 91.

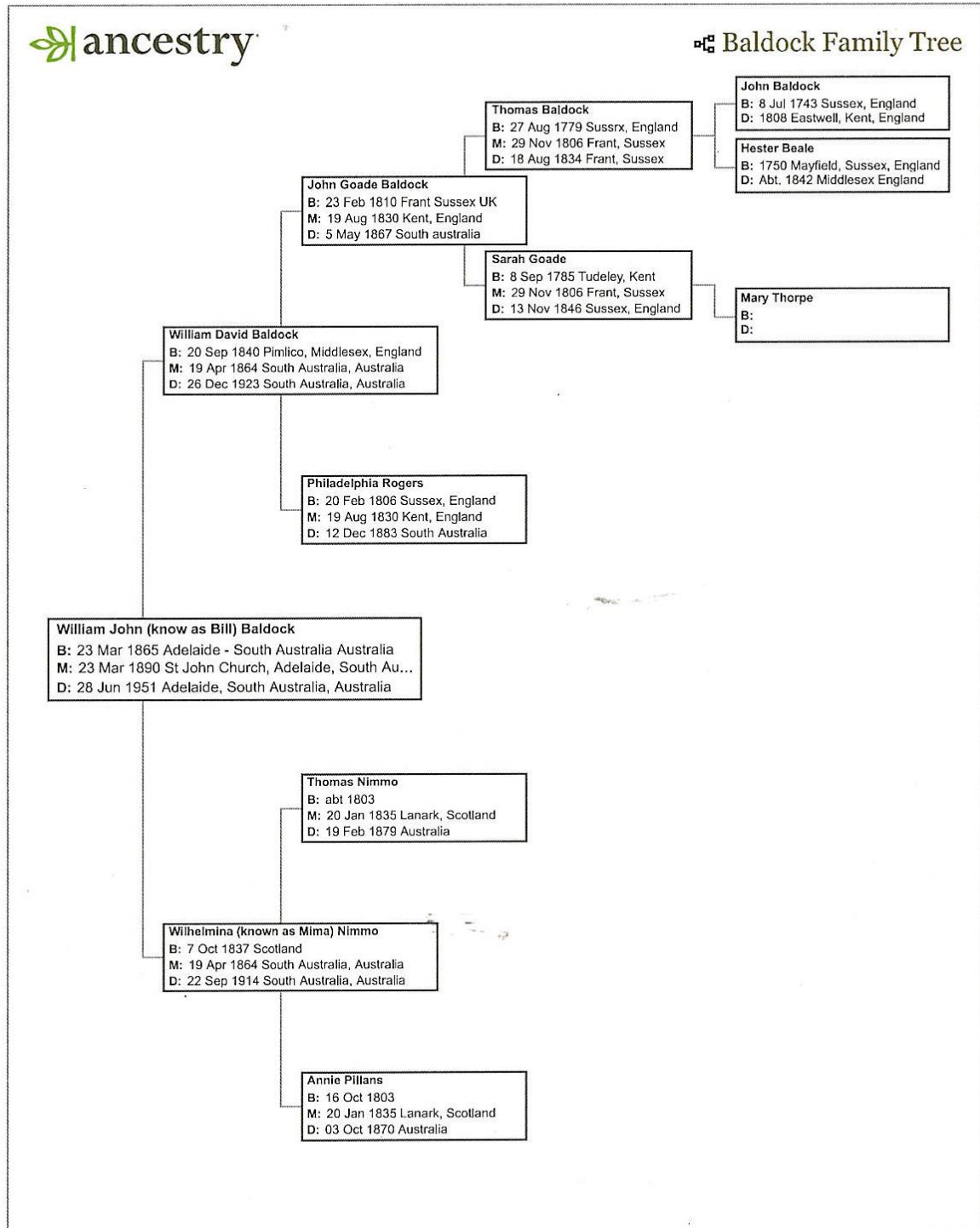
The Register, 9 Sep 1926 p9





Family Tree



Baldock family (from Ancestry.com)







William John (know as Bill) Baldock

1865–1951

BIRTH 23 MAR 1865 • Adelaide - South Australia Australia

DEATH 28 JUN 1951 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Facts

Age 0 – Birth
23 Mar 1865 • Adelaide - South Australia Australia

Age 2 – Birth of sister Annie Maria Baldock (1868–1936)
2 Feb 1868 • Adelaide

Age 5 – Birth of sister Mary Alice Baldock (1870–1952)
20 Sep 1870 • Adelaide, SA, AUS

Age 9 – Birth of sister Margaret Ella Baldock (1875–1942)
19 Jan 1875 • Adelaide, South Australia


Age 11 – Birth of brother Thomas Nimmo Baldock (1877–1881)
12 Feb 1877 • Adelaide, South Australia

Age 16 – Death of brother Thomas Nimmo Baldock (1877–1881)
5 Jul 1881 • Adelaide, South Australia

Age 16 – Birth of sister Mina Ruby Baldock (1881–1887)
16 Dec 1881 • Adelaide, South Australia

Age 22 – Death of sister Mina Ruby Baldock (1881–1887)
30 Oct 1887 • Adelaide, South Australia

Age 25 – Marriage
23 Mar 1890 • St John Church, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia



Catherine Olivia Keating
(1867–1900)

Age 25 – Birth of daughter Ruth Olivia Baldock (1890–1965)
11 Dec 1890 • Parkside, South Australia, Australia

Age 26 – Birth of daughter Maude 'Lillian' Baldock (1892–1965)
20 Feb 1892 • Parkside, South Australia, Australia

Age 29 – Birth of daughter Florence May Baldock (1895–1927)
14 Feb 1895 • Parkside, South Australia, Australia

Age 31 – Birth of son William Alfred Baldock (1896–1965)
3 May 1896 • Parkside, South Australia, Australia


Age 33 – Birth of son Frank Leonard Baldock (1899–1996)
23 Jan 1899 • Richmond, Adelaide, SA, AUS

Age 35 – Birth of daughter Katie Mary Baldock (1900–1953)
29 Aug 1900 • Richmond, Adelaide, SA, AUS


Age 35 – Death of wife Catherine Olivia Keating (1867–1900)
18 Sep 1900 • 33 Years - South Richmond, dist. of Adelaide, SA, AUS

Family

Parents




William David Baldock
1840–1923




Wilhelmina (known as Mima) Nimmo
1837–1914


Spouse and children




Catherine Olivia Keating
1867–1900




Ruth Olivia Baldock
1890–1965




Maude 'Lillian' Baldock
1892–1965




Florence May Baldock
1895–1927




William Alfred Baldock
1896–1965



Frank Leonard Baldock
1899–1996




Katie Mary Baldock
1900–1953




alan stanley baldock
1908–1998


Spouse and children



Mary Elizabeth Barrett
1883–1957




Albert Leslie (Leslie) Baldock
1904–1975




Douglas John Baldock
1906–1961

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[Alan entered incorrectly as son of Catherine instead of Mary's].

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Age 39 — Marriage

23 Mar 1904 • Residence of Rev. P. BILLINGS, Hyde Park, Adelaide, SA, AUS



Mary Elizabeth Barrett
(1883-1957)

Age 39 — Birth of son Albert Leslie (Leslie) Baldock (1904-1975)

30 Nov 1904 • Richmond Blocks, Adelaide, SA, AUS

Age 41 — Birth of son Douglas John Baldock (1906-1961)

8 Jul 1906 • Richmond Blocks, Adelaide, SA, AUS

Age 43 — Birth of son alan stanley baldock (1908-1998)

12 Jun 1908 • Richmond Sa

Age 49 — Death of mother Wilhelmina (known as Mima)

Nimmo (1837-1914)

22 Sep 1914 • Adelaide, hospital, South Australia, Australia

Age 58 — Death of father William David Baldock (1840-1923)

26 Dec 1923 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Age 61 — Death of daughter Florence May Baldock (1895-1927)

24 Feb 1927 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Age 70 — Death of sister Annie Maria Baldock (1868-1936)

13 Feb 1936

Age 77 — Death of sister Margaret Ella Baldock (1875-1942)

1942 • Perth, Western Australia

Age 78 — Residence

1943 • Plympton, Boothby, South Australia, Australia

Age 86 — Death

28 Jun 1951 • Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Burial

30 Jun 1951 • Adelaide, Adelaide City, South Australia, Australia

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The *Preserving Memories* project aim is to interview people who have either grown up in or had extensive connections to the West Torrens area and to invite them to share their memories and tell us about the events and experiences which helped to make up their life's history. It allows us the chance to reflect on the past and also to preserve those memories into the future.

Thank you Nina, and your family, for participating in the project.