

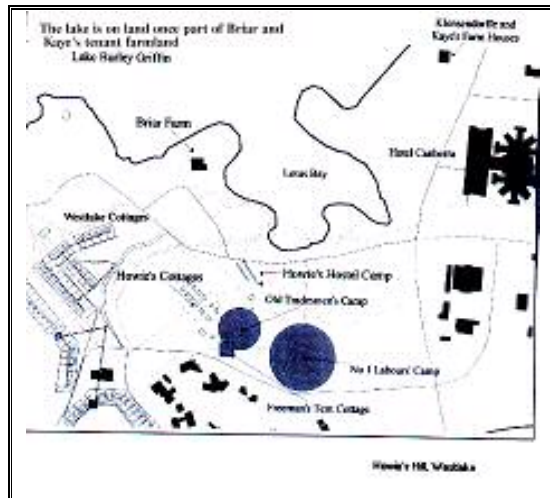
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This area today is part of Stirling Park, Yarralumla. In 1925 the population of the park area was 700. People at that time lived in three single men's tent camps, The Gap Cottages and Contractor John Howie's settlement consisting of 25 timber cottages and a Hostel Camp for his single men. Howie's men built the Hotel Canberra, Capitol Hill Hostel, first lot of Causeway cottages, Masonic Lodge at Acton (became Russell Hill School and is now Ainslie Hall in Corroboree Park) and a number of other local buildings.

Men living in the camps and The Gap cottages worked on the sewer, Provisional Parliament House & surrounds. By 1928 the camps were gone and only 13 of Howie's cottages remained. Howie's cottages were removed by the end of 1931 and the last Westlake Cottage was sold in 1965.

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

Details from residents' stories in *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge & Acton* and stories written post that period are included in the 1943 Westlake Electoral Roll Section [separate booklet].



**THE GAP COTTAGES, WESTLAKE** – Later known as *Westlake*. 61 cottages were build and the numbers ran from 1 to 62. Number 21 missing.

58 ADAMSON, Francis nurseryman

ARMSTRONG, Catherine & Henry hd & pipelayer

AVERY, Albert bricklayer

46 BAKER, Alice & Percy hd & pipelayer

24 BARBER, Lance boilermaker

BEADMAN, Annie & Ernest hd & labourer

25 BOX, Linda & Ernest hd & leading hand Mrs Linda Lucy Box was buried in Woden Cemetery on 11th February, 1939. She died on the 10<sup>th</sup> aged 45 years. Ernest William was buried in the same grave and died on 8th July, 1950. For a time during the years after World War 2 Ronald Box (son) and his wife also shared the cottage. Their son Graeme was born during the time the couple lived at 25 Westlake.

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Mr Box senior in his front garden – 1940s.

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

FEDERAL TERRITORY POLICE	
REPORT OF MOTOR ACCIDENT	
<p>1. Reason: Driver car and push bike to W. collision. Bicyclist struck by car.</p>	
Name of Person	Name: Roy Hutchinson
Address	Address: 55 Cassinway, Canberra.
Date and time of accident	Date: 10th January 1928
Place where occurred	Place: Between Capital Theatre and Waterloo bridge, Yarralumla.
Motor Vehicle	No. P.C.T. 288 Type: Push bicycle
Driver	Name: F. Buckin Address: Canberra.
Witness or other	Name: John Brander Address: 36 Westlake, Canberra.
Particulars of Accident	<p>Brander was driving motor car No. P.C.T. 288 along Cassinway, Yarralumla, in a westerly direction, towards the Capital Theatre at a speed of between twenty and thirty-five miles per hour. Hutchinson was riding a push bicycle and turned out of a side street near the theatre, into Cassinway, apparently from the north. Hutchinson was riding along Cassinway, when it was the drivers intention to turn to the left into the wide street, from which Hutchinson was riding. It would appear that Hutchinson lost the head and rode straight into the front of the car, as he was struck by the rear side window and handlebars, which were all over his head. The force of the impact threw Hutchinson about four yards away from the car. The cycle was projected upwards into the air and came down behind him. Hutchinson was struck on the head and neck on the corner side of the road and the cycle on the front side. Hutchinson was transported to the Canberra and taken to the hospital.</p>
Amount of Insured	To Insurer or proposed.
Witness Name and Address	Name: John Brander
Name of Officer or other	Name: Sergeant S.D. GIBSON
Date	Date: 10th January 1928

22 BRILL, Gladys & Leslie postmistress & carpenter  
The Brill family later moved to a cottage in Government House, Yarralumla. Gladys Ivy Brill died 7th April 1977 and is buried in the Woden

Cemetery along with her husband Leslie William who died 10th August, 1964. Another Brill, Leslie James is also buried at Weston - he died 23rd December, 1983. Stan Brill wrote a family history in *True Tales*. In it he mentioned that his father was an ANZAC. He enlisted in Tasmania and won the Military Medal at Gallipoli. He was sent to England for surgery and met Gladys Tappsell whom he later married. Mrs Brill was the second post mistress at Westlake, Mrs Law of 23 was the first. Stan was one of the first indentured apprentices at the Bus Depot in Kingston.

14 BRINKMAN, Arthur labourer  
Arthur Brinkman and his wife, Alexandra were born in Hobart Tasmania. Their son, Jim was born there and daughter, Lesley in Canberra whilst the family still lived at 14 Westlake. When they first came to Canberra Arthur Brinkman worked on the sewer and the family lived in a corrugated iron hut on the flat down below the Governor General's residence in Yarralumla. In 1926 they moved to 14 Westlake and later to No 17. By this time Arthur was employed on the roads and drains as a supervisor.

34 BROWN, Christina & Sidney hd & camp caretaker  
First tenant of 34 was Arbuttle. Sid Brown lived at Howie's Cottages for a time? John Arbuttle established the first hairdressing businesses in the ACT in 1925. One daughter, Elizabeth married Charles Chandler. Their story is told in Past Images, Present voices by Val Emerton. Elizabeth aged 17 in 1927 opened tea rooms in Giles Street in Kingston. Her husband Charles Chandler came to Canberra to work as a Printer at the Government Printing Office. Charles and Elizabeth founded Chandler's Jewellery Shop. They later expanded and in 1994 the business was closed.

24 BROWN, James labourer

28 BUDD, Helen & George hd & gardener

24 BUTLER, Thomas painter

50 BUTCHER, Lucille & Aubrey hd & plasterer  
Moved to Westlake from Howies Cottages. Aubrey

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George Butcher was buried at Woden Cemetery on 9th October, 1960.

9 BRYANT, George labourer

53 BYRNE, Margaret & Raymond hd & motor driver

13 CAMERON, Isabella & Walter hd & carpenter

40 CAMERON, James carpenter  
CHAMP, Hannah, Joseph & Samuel hd, labourer & labourer

Mrs Champ died in the late 1930s or early 1940s. For a time her husband, Sam and son Joe lived with the Keir family of 31 Westlake and later they moved to one of the Hostels for single men.

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

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



31 CLEAVER, Alice & Horace hd & car driver (First Hire Car owner/driver in FCT) *Past Images, Present Voices* by Val Emerton contains the stories of many of the people who lived in the vicinity of the Power House -the suburbs of Barton, Kingston and Manuka. Meryl Hunter has written the Cleaver Story parts of which are quoted here - In 1923 an enterprising eighteen-year-old with a love of cars began the first Hire Car business in Canberra from his parent's home in Westlake.[Cleavers lived in No 30. Next door in 29 was George Sykes who owned with his brother Gay, the first taxi service in Canberra.] A shiny red Buick car, registered in Queanbeyan because there were no facilities in Canberra at the time, carried licence plates NSW 6664. Horrie Cleaver was born in Major's Creek near Braidwood in 1905. He was one of the sons of the local blacksmith who later worked on the iron verandah railings on the original Parliament House. As a young man he was sent to Albury to live with his brother George, the detective who discovered the body of *The Pyjama Girl* under a road culvert near Albury...In 1928 Horrie married Alice Radcliffe in Christ Church in Queanbeyan.

31 CLEAVER, Mary Ann & George hd & labourer

16 CLOWRY, Edith & Francis hd & carpenter. Frank Clowry was born in 1876 and came to Canberra to work in 1923. He lived at the Tradesmen's Camp until 3rd March, 1924 when he was allocated and moved into 16 Westlake with his wife and children. He was Foreman Carpenter at the Provisional Parliament House job. Frank Clowry was a devote Catholic and Father Haydon was a regular visitor to the family home. Frank was asked his opinion about the best wood to use for the pews at St

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Christophers Church. He suggested silky oak and that is what was used. Frank and his wife Edith (nee Ffrench) were married at Ballalaba on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1910. Around 1920 they returned from Croydon Park, Sydney to the Braidwood area.

*The Hallowed High Adventure* By Alexander J McGilvray has part of a chapter on Frank Clowry part of which reads as follows: *On 11th July 1965 Mr Frank Clowry died at Canberra at the age of 89. From his early days in the Federal in 1923 he had been a most colourful capital...Mr Clowry was foreman carpenter and joiner on the building of Parliament House and he lived in one of the Trademen's Camps. His wife and children resided at Reidsdale over Braidwood way, where Mrs Clowry, formerly Edith Ffrench of Ballalaba near Braidwood was in charge of the Post Office. Every second weekend Frank cycled many miles to Reidsdale on roads that were far from good, and the journey must have taken hours. The late Frank Scott who married Kathleen Maher from Reidsdale ...often regaled his listeners with stories of "St Joseph" Clowry. It appears that one weekend, Frank Scott in his crowded T-Model Ford came across Frank Clowry making heavy going on the Canberra-Braidwood Road, and as a storm was threatening, he offered the cyclist a lift. "No thank you all the same," the old man said, "I'm in a bit of hurry." ...Like so many others of the Canberra residents in the decade before and after the formation of the first Catholic Parish, Frank Clowry was available to assist Father Haydon in a multitude of ways. In the pages of the "Angelus" over many years the name Clowry features in almost every issue. Being a competent tradesman with saw and hammer, he was always on hand to prepare in everything from stalls at bazaars and "sanctuaries" at the outdoor Masses of Pilgrimages on Cathedral Hill... Later on he brought his family to Canberra and rented a small cottage at "The Gap" at Westlake... There were five children in the family, Thomas, Felix, Helen, Paul and Patricia... Helen entered the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary as Sister Mary Paul in July 1940... Felix a member of the RAAF in World War II was killed in July 1941...The article goes on to say Apart from the Clowrys, other pioneers of Westlake were the McCanns, The*

Ryces, the Butchers, the Langers, the J O'Reilly's, the Cotterills and Tom and Mrs White. Others came later on, amongst them the Ghiradellos, the Cannals, the Coreys and the McKays.

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

Sally died on 18th February 1978 and is buried in the RC section of the Woden Cemetery. Ernie and Sally

remained good friends and both lived at Westlake. Details of Ernie's medals and citations are included at the end of the 1943 Electoral Roll for Westlake. *A Monaro Mosaic* by WC Stegeman has a chapter on Ernie Corey. *Ernie Corey should have had a VC. It was a wicked shame that they didn't give him one. Unless you saw him you wouldn't believe what he did under fire. He was so brave and so cool. He was a marvel." These words were spoken by a World War 1 Digger, Bert McDonald of Cooma. Bert had known Ernie Corey in the trenches on the Western Front during the Great War. Today in Cooma's central park is a memorial to Ernie Corey, in recognition of this soldier's remarkable feat of being awarded a Military Medal and three bars for his conspicuous bravery in four separate actions as a stretcher-bearer during 1917-18. He was probably Australia's most highly decorated soldier for gallantry of World War 1. He is certainly one of the Monaro's most distinguished sons.*

*The wording of the citations, written in the field at Brigade Headquarters for each of Corey's four decorations, conveys in the best possible way the details of his actions, and indicates something of his self-sacrificing character. The first citation, dated 29 May 1917 reads, During the enemy attack on the front line facing Queant on 15th May 1917, Private Corey whilst acting as a stretcher bearer showed great courage and devotion to duty. Although under direct enemy observation he carried out his duties*

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*continuously for 17 hours without rest, and in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. Although an untrained stretcher-bearer, he, together with the rest of the bearing party, saved by first aid the lives of seriously wounded men...*[the document continues with details of the other awards and that Ernie was wounded. He was also recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal but for some reason this was reduced to bars.]

*Ernie Corey returned to Cooma but was unable to find employment. For two years he supported himself by rabbiting and then in 1922 went to Canberra to live and work. From then on his life as a Monaro identity came to an end, for he did not return to live there again. During World War II Corey served for two years in the medical section of the 13th Garrison Battalion stationed in Port Kembla. He died in 1972, dying as he had lived, quietly and in obscurity, never having attempted to exploit the honour which was rightfully his, that of national hero...*

CUNNINGHAM, Ida & Francis hd & nurseryman

Briar Farm DAY, Frances & Charles hd & labourer  
Briar Farm was a brick farm cottage built in 1870 and pulled down in 1950. Thomas Kinlyside was the last tenant farmer in the cottage and he left with his family in 1913. From that time it was used by employees of the Commonwealth the last being Charles Foster Day and his family who moved into the cottage in 1927. Frances Day nee Gallagher standing at the gate of Briar Farm. Frances Lillian Gallagher was born on 12th March 1902 and lived most of her early life around Bywong. She married Charles Foster Day at Queanbeyan on 16th February 1920. They lived for a time at Bungendore. During this time Charles stayed at White City Camp. The family later moved to a cottage at Molonglo and in 1927 to Briar Farm. Charles Foster Day was a chainman and assisted surveyors including the Albert Hall. Charles died on 16th May, 1948 and Frances on 21st July, 1986. Reference *The Long Travail* by NJ Gallagher. Charles Foster Day was buried at Woden Cemetery 17th May, 1948. His son Albie (Alfred Charles) died of a heart attack on 5th March, 1977 aged 49 years. He is also buried at Woden Cemetery. His son Darryl Foster Day also died young - on 1st November, 1990. He is

buried at Gungahlin Cemetery. (Reference Canberra Cemetery Records)..Beryl Day, wife of Claude Day died at 9.30 am on Sunday 8th April 2001. She was 74 years of age. Her funeral was the following Thursday (next day Easter Good Friday). Her sister Norma died three months earlier.

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

15 DUFFUS, Mary & Alexander hd & labourer  
Lucy Mary Duffus died on 22nd October 1927 aged 15 months. She is buried in St John the Baptist Churchyard Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury. The Duffus family had one son, Wilfred Alexander (nickname Plum Duff) who was born 18th February 1924. He joined the Public Service. On 10th May 1943 he was in the third division.

49 DWYER, Harry bus driver

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

54 EDWARDS, Mary & John hd & labourer

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

c/o PO ESSON, Harry labourer

29 GATES, Jane & Robert hd & carpenter

GINN, Eileen hd

62 GREEN, Olive & Arthur hd & car driver

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HAWKE, Florence, Andrew & Henry hd, engine driver & engine driver.

The Hawke family came from Araluen and the men worked on the Sewer. Three generations of the Hawke family came to Canberra in the early 1920s. The patriarch was Henry Hawke and his wife Letitia. They had a family of ten - seven boys and three girls. Two of the Hawke family lived at Westlake for over twenty years. They were Henry & Letitia and their son Andy (Andrew) and his wife Florence May (nee Ginn) - married 1922 registered Goulburn. Before moving to Westlake the family lived at Molonglo. Henry Hawke senior remarried after his wife's death to an English lady with the first name of Suzie. Andy Hawke met and married his wife in Araluen where their eldest children, William (Bill 1922) and Keith (1925) were born. Bruce (1927), Marjorie (1929) and Valerie (1931) were born. The senior Hawke family lived at 18 and Andy and May first at 41 and later at 36. One of the boys, Bert, lived for a time at 40 Westlake. A number of the Hawke family are buried at Woden Cemetery ACT - they include - Andrew buried 25th June, 1957, Florence May buried 18th June, 1985, James Henry buried 20th June 1965 and Susie Barnet Hawke buried 14th December, 1962.

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

55 JOHNSON, Lucy, Henry & Henry hd, builder's labourer & builder.

Lucy Alexandra Johnson died 19th September, 1939 aged 59 years. She was mother of 5 children and is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury. Lucy married a man by the name of Rogan and another daughter was Mrs Mary Duffus of Westlake. A story told by Adrie Callan nee O'Neill who was born at Westlake is that Mrs Rogan and Mrs Duffus used to go to St John's once a week and sat near their mother's grave and had afternoon tea with her. Mrs Duffus's daughter Lucy is buried at St John's - she died in 1927 aged 15 months.

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

2 KINNANE, Betty & Patrick hd & labourer

23 LAW, Esther & Robert hd & carpenter Robert was one of the men who glued the Speaker's Chair. The glue had to be kept fluid with heat and sat on the Law's wood stove - well remembered because of the dreadful "stink". Robert Law was the son of Thomas who came out to Australia with his family from Scotland in 1846 and settled in Benambra in Victoria. Thomas married Ella Jane McKee in 1857. Robert Law married Esther Crow in 1892 at Strathbogie Victoria. They had a family of 11 children and in 1924 the family came to Westlake. Robert Law lived for a time at the Tradesmen's Camp at Westlake until 23 Westlake became available in 1924. Mrs Law was post mistress for a time. One of the daughters, Anne married George Baker. They lived for awhile at 5 Westlake. George was an engineer and worked on Provisional Parliament House. A daughter, Ruby, married a man by the name of Padrotta and lived for awhile at 18 Westlake with her parents. Another daughter, Olive married Jack Graham and for a time the family lived at 23. Son Charlie - the youngest was the 13th Scout sworn in on Capital Hill. Esther Law died 18th February 1950 and is buried in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery in Canberra. Her husband, Robert predeceased her and died on 20th June, 1945. He is also buried in the Woden Cemetery in the Methodist Section. A plaque on one of the graves refers to LL Hart (grandson) who was killed in action on 5th January 1949 aged 19 years.

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

3 LANGER, Agnes & Francis hd & labourer

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20 LEECH, Florence & Arthur hd & bricklayer  
Arthur Neville, son of Florence & Arthur Leech died

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

2 KINNANE, Betty & Patrick hd & labourer The Kinnane family lived at No 2 Westlake and later moved to 32. Betty (Bridget) Mary Stephens was born on 29th May, 1905 in Tasmania and came to NSW at the age of 3. Her parents were John and Edith (nee Harris) Stephens. In 1925 Betty married in Queanbeyan Patrick Thomas Kinnane - born in Cobar on 24th March, 1905. For awhile the newly weds lived at Molonglo where William Henry was born. Their next son Thomas Patrick was born in Sydney where Betty was sent for medical treatment.. Patrick was followed by John Joseph who was born in Horrie Cleaver's taxi, then Gloria, Keith James and Barbara. On 11th February 1950 Patrick Jr married Pauline Dominick at St Christopher's Manuka. Patrick Jr died in the late 1990s.

1 KNIGHT, Alfred hd & bricklayer Lived at Howie's Cottages before moving to Westlake. His wife Emily died on 14th July, 1928. The cause of death was TB. She was 41 years of age and had married in England. She is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury. Alfred died in Sydney in an army hospital. It was sometime after 1935.

MCCANN, Ann & John hd & labourer  
McDONALD, Melinda & Spencer hd & labourer  
In his later years Spencer moved into a shed in the backyard of No 7 and let the house out to New Australians one of whom was the Ivanovici family. The house was bought by Richard Jenkins who moved many of other Westlake Cottages on the back of trucks into Queanbeyan and other places. Jack Lette of Causeway was a driver. No 7 has been rearranged into a flat in

the backyard of Richard Jenkins' house in Caley Crescent Narrabundah.

4 MCKISSOCK, John bricklayer  
Jock McKissock remarried after the death of his first wife Jessica in 1928. His second wife, Ethel Maud died on Thursday 21st February, 1983 and is buried in the Presbyterian section of the Woden Cemetery. Jock's sons Andrew and Archiebald are also buried at Woden. Andrew died 25th March 1976 and Archiebald 11th June 1956. Below *Jock* McKissock, his second wife, daughters Belle (left) and Molly (right) and grandchildren.



McNAMEE, Margaret & William hd & engine driver

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

29 McNEIL, Andrew surveyor's foreman

47 MAKIN, Annie & James hd & carpenter This family also moved to Acton Cottages. Both are buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid ACT. *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury notes the following: Annie Aitken (nee Donaldson) born Fifeshire Scotland died 25th March, 1935 aged 55 years and her husband James died 7th February 1948 aged 65. He was born in Edinburgh Scotland.

26 MEYER, Emily & Peter hd & carpenter

6 MORRIS, Dora & Albert hd & motor driver A Harrison original tenant. For a time Doris and Albert Morris shared a house Causeway - two of nine people in the house. Following a bad

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omnibus accident after a picnic at the Cotter Mrs Morris had her hip broken. She had to lie still for around six months. The family was allocated 6 Westlake where she rested until the hip mended.

27 MUIR, Jean & John hd & ---

10 MURRAY, George carpenter

38 O'REILLY, Ethel & James hd & labourer Jim O'Reilly was one of the original tenants at Westlake. He was a great writer of poems.

56 PHILLIPS, Alberta & Walter hd & carpenter

60 PURCELL, Florence & Milton hd & motor driver

c/o PO RITCHIE, Robert labourer

43 ROGAN, Lucy & Neil hd & labourer

32 SAMUELS, Irene & Victor hd & leading hand. (Vic Samuels later moved to Acton)

10 SANDILANDS, Hobart carpenter

c/o PO SHANKS, Alexander labourer

The Gap SYMONDS, Trevanion assistant architect

19 SKINNER, Helen & Robert hd & carpenter

37 THOMPSON, Ellen & Willie hd & labourer  
Below: Thompson Brothers including Willie on the Westlake Tennis Court December 1927. Buildings in the background are L-R 61, 62 Westlake and the Westlake Hall. The photograph was reproduced in the December issue of The Canberra Community News.



9 TOOTELL, Olive & Jacob hd & engine driver  
Jacob Tootell formed the *first* bike racing club in Canberra in the 1920s. Prior to moving to

Westlake he along with his family lived at Duntroon. The family left the district sometime in 1929.

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

58 WHITE, Mary & Radick hd & ganger

57 WHITE, Maud & Thomas hd & carpenter

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

40 WOODMAN, Laura & Edward hd & foreman



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



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### HOWIE'S COTTAGES, WESTLAKE



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

3 DINNERVILLE, Caroline & Lawrence hd & boilermaker

The family later moved into 15 Westlake & then to Mt Stromlo. Lawrence's two brothers also came to Canberra and lived at Howies – Charles and Donald Dinnerville. Ken Dinnerville (see

photograph in opposite column) was the son of Charles Dinnerville.

13 FREEMAN, Ruth & Arthur hd & watchman  
Arthur Freeman moved with his family to Causeway

in 1930 and shortly afterwards died. He is buried in St John the Baptist Cemetery, Reid.

Below: The Freeman children in the backyard of 13 Howies Cottages in the late 1920s.



KELLY, Lucy & William hd & labourer

MILLER, Ethel & Harry hd & office cleaner  
PATRICK, Jeanie hd

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

2 ROSS, Grace & George hd & labourer

10 SHEEHAN, Lucy & Raymond hd & labourer  
Prior to moving to Howie's Cottages the family lived at Causeway. Lucy Jean Sheehan nee Warburton and

Raymond Francis Sheehan have two children buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid ACT. Eileen Frances was two months old when she died on 20th November 1925. The family then lived at Causeway. When their son, Robert Francis died aged four months on 19th April 1928 the family lived at Howies Cottages. Reference *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury.

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The above photograph was taken in 1927. The young scout is Ken Dinnerville who lived at Howie's cottages with his father Charles. His uncle and aunt - Lawrence & Caroline Dinnerville also lived at Howies. The cottage in the background probably belonged to the Patrick family.



Above: Some of the object dug up from Howie's dump in the old Quarry (now part of Attunga Point, Yarralumla).