## **ALLARD, Francis John**

Francis John Allard was born 24th August 1857 and baptised 9th August 1857, Filby, Norfolk, England, the son of Francis & Charlotte (nee Bately).

In 1871 the family was living at Lakenham, Norfolk.**1**

On August 29, 1889, at St. Paul's, Burwood, by Rev. Arthur R. Bartlett, M.A., Francis John, second son of Francis Allard, of Moulton, Norfolk, England, to Alice Mary, only daughter of the late William Case, of Southwood, Norfolk, England.**2**

Francis John & Alice Mary Allard then immigrated to Australia.

Children of the marriage were:

Francis N. C., born 1890, Ashfield

Gladys M., born 1891, Strathfield

Edith A. C., born 1898, district of Ryde**3**

In 1893 Francis Allard advertised as a property and financial agent [accountant], of 78 Pitt Street and Beecroft. ‘Properties for Sale in various suburbs, and at Beecroft. Loans arranged. Money to Lend on Mortgage of Property from five per cent.’**4**

In 1894 members of the Wesleyan church had met regularly for some considerable time at the residence of Mr. Mason. Francis Allard was elected secretary of committee to erect a Wesleyan chapel at Beecroft. In October a move was made to establish a Wesleyan Band of Hope in the district, with Francis Allard as vice-president.

That year a residence for Mr. Allard was being erected on the corner of the Parade and Copeland street.**5**

In 1897 & 1898, Mr. Allard and his wife Alice were teachers at St. John’s Anglican Sunday School, and were involved in a concert and fete to raise funds for a library there.

He was also a Trustee of the Beecroft Wesleyan Church, and treasurer of the Beecroft Trust and Circuit Steward, Ryde Circuit, of the Wesleyan Church.

In 1898 an acrimonious dispute arose over Trust funds and an exchange of opinions, between Mr. Allard and Mr. J. W. Moore, was published in the local newspaper. Mr. Allard continued to participate on the Ryde Circuit.

In 1898 Mr. Allard’s home was broken into and a valuable collection of jewellery was stolen, including a gold watch.**6**

In 1899 & 1900 Francis Allard was still associated with the Beecroft Wesleyan Church and read the financial statements.**7**

In 1902 Mr. Allard left his Beecroft property, supposedly for two years, to take up his residence on the North Shore line, at Gordon-road, Roseville. Later that year his Beecroft property was purchased by Mr. G. R. Harrison, at the time occupied by Mrs. Brush.**8**

On 27th September 1942, at his residence, 31 Darling Street, Chatswood, Francis John Allard, husband of Alice and father of Norman, Gladys and Aileen (deceased) died, in his 86th year. He was interred at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery.**9**

His widow, Alice Mary Allard, died in 1960, within the district of Chatswood.**10**

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**NOTE**: Additional information contained within Beecroft Cheltenham History Group book ‘Beecroft and Cheltenham, the Shaping of a Sydney Community to 1914’.