## **BOUTCHER, Albert Isles**

Albert Isles Boutcher was born abt. 1858, the son of Philip and Hannah J.

[Philip Boutcher married Hannah Jane Jewell on 10th September 1855 at Waterford, Ireland.]

Albert married Katherine [nee Murray?].

The ship *Yeoman*, sailed from Gravesend, England, and arrived in Sydney in September 1883; on board were Albert Boutcher, labourer, 24; Catherine Boutcher, 24; Elizabeth Boutcher, 16; Arthur Boutcher, 12; & William Boutcher, 17. All are described as English born.**1**

Children of the marriage, born in Australia, were:

Laura, born 1884, district of Balmain [death unrecorded]

Beatrice, born 1886, district of St. Peter’s [died 1886]

Bertha, born 1888 [died 1905]

Amy, born? [died 1919]**2**

Albert Boutcher was a chemist. In 1898 he resided at Arncliffe, and in 1904 at Wahroonga.3

In December 1904 he had recently returned from a trip to England, and had purchased a block of land on the Beecroft-road, next to 'Nicolle's Corner,' Hannah-street, and was about to build there a commodious residence and chemist's premises. By March 1905 the chemist shop and dwelling were almost complete.4

In December 1905 Miss Bertha Boutcher, daughter of Mr. Boutcher, chemist, at Beecroft, died at the early age of 17 years, from acute nephritis and heart failure. She had only been ill for one month.5

On 18th July 1917, at 52 Russell-place, Williamstown, Victoria, John Newlands, youngest son of the late John A. Newlands, Cathcart, Scotland, was married to Amy Boutcher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boutcher, of Beecroft, Sydney. On 26th October 1919 Amy Newlands died at a private hospital.6

On 22nd October 1920, Albert Isles Boutcher, died at Beecroft, aged 62 years. By then he had disposed of his Beecroft business and was having built a cottage residence at Beecroft. Standing outside the new residence, now nearing completion, talking to the assistant employed by Mr. W. Moore, who had taken over his former business, he suddenly collapsed. Dr. A. C. Holt, who was quickly in attendance, later certified that heart failure following angina pectoris from which the deceased had suffered for many years, was the cause of death. His late residence was “Hillcrest,” Hillcrest-road, Pennant Hills. He was buried at the Church of England cemetery, Carlingford, with his two daughters, Bertha and Amy.

A brother, A. E. [Arthur Edwin] Boutcher, of Constitution-rd., Dulwich Hill, was also present at the funeral.7

On January 24, 1943, at her residence, 7 Constitution Road, Dulwich Hill, Katherine, wife of the late A. I. Boutcher, late chemist, Arncliffe and Beecroft, died in her 93rd year. Buried at Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.8

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