## **ANTROBUS, Edmund Arthur**

Edmund Arthur Antrobus, son of Edmund and Elizabeth, was born circa 1857, most likely in Melbourne, Victoria.

The family arrived in Melbourne, aboard the “Jane Pratt,” from Liverpool, in early 1853. Edmund senior’s brother, James, was then living in Melbourne.

[James Antrobus would become a bank manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney; he died in 1894.]

On 6th February 1884, at St. Matthew’s Church, Prahran, Victoria, Edmund Arthur, only son of Edmund Antrobus (senior), of Prahran, was married to Margaret Boycot (Lily) Stoddart, eldest daughter of Thomas Stoddart, of Prahran.

[On 23rd November 1892, Margaret Stoddart’s youngest sister, Annie Henzel, was married to James Henry, eldest son of George F. Crawford, at Prahran, Melbourne.]1

Children of the marriage of Edmund and Margaret were:

Edmund Stoddart Antrobus, born 25th November 1884, district of Glebe, Sydney. This child died on 17th April 1885, at Parramatta-road, Forest Lodge, aged 4 months and 3 weeks.

Ruby, born 2nd February 1887, Ashfield

Paul, born 1889, district of Ashfield

Arthur Frederick., born 1893, registered Ashfield2

In 1887 Edmund Antrobus senior, father of Edmund Arthur junior, died at his residence, Croydon, Perth street, Prahran, Melbourne, in his 73rd year.

Another brother may have been William Antrobus who died in 1884, aged 75 years, in the district of Parramatta.3

In 1894 Edmund Antrobus was auditor of the Horticultural Society of New South Wales.4

In 1895 Edmund Arthur Antrobus was one of first directors for the Glen-Alice Coal and Shale Mine, located near Capertee (in Lithgow area), which was registered as a liability company, with a capital of £4000 in 4000 shares of £1 each.5

In 1897 patent no. 7961 was registered by Edmund Arthur Antrobus and John Frederick Cooke Farquhar, George-street, Parramatta, Marrickville-road, Marrickville for ‘an improved apparatus for displaying certain classes of materials’.6

By 1905 the family was situated in Malton-road, Beecroft, a son then attending Beecroft Public School. The property comprised an area of 1a 3r 3p.7

In 1906 James Henry Crawford, husband of Annie Henzel (nee Stoddart) died in Melbourne.

By 1907 Annie and her three children had moved to Malton-road, Beecroft, her sister Margaret Antrobus living in the same street.8

In 1909 the 25th (silver) wedding anniversary of Edmund and Margaret (Lily) was celebrated.9

In 1910 Edmund was elected vice-president of a private Horticultural Club, under the name of the Beecroft Amateur Horticultural Club.10

On 9th October 1912, at St. John's, Beecroft, Harry Rawes, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Whittell, of “Braeside,” Beecroft, was married to Ruby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Antrobus, “Caringa,” Beecroft.11

On 17th Jan 1916 their son, Arthur Frederick Antrobus enlisted for war service and served on the Western Front. He returned in 1919 and died on 3rd February 1967.12

[In his enlistment application he states his birthplace as the village of Byrock, N.S.W., in the Bourke Shire. He had been educated at Sydney Grammar School and Barker College. Aged 23 years and single, his occupation given as station overseer, and address as Malton Road, Beecroft. His height was 6’ 1” and he weighed 162lbs. He was assigned to the Field Artillery Brigade.]

On 17th May 1916, at her son's residence, Malton-road, Beecroft, Elizabeth Antrobus, widow of Edmund Antrobus (senior), of Prahran, Melbourne, died aged 92 years. Elizabeth’s parents were William and Elizabeth. She is buried in the Carlingford cemetery.13

In 1917 the nephew of Edmund and Margaret Antrobus, Bombardier Harry Keith Crawford, of Beecroft, was reported killed fighting in France.14

[He was killed at Hill 60, Ypres, on 12th August 1917.]

On 8th February 1924, Edmund Arthur Antrobus, of Malton-road, Beecroft, died at a private hospital, Epping, aged 67 years.15

On 15th February 1928, Arthur Frederick Antrobus, son of the late E. A. Antrobus, and Mrs. Antrobus, of Beecroft, was married to Gwendolyn Jean Skinner, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. T. Skinner, of Bundanoon. The wedding took place at St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, Sydney.16

On 25th August 1942, at her residence, 1 Park Avenue, Beecroft, Margaret Boycot (Lily), relict of the late Edmund Arthur Antrobus, died in her 84th year.17

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