## **BALDOCK, John**

John Baldock was born about 1835, the eldest son of John Baldock (senior), watch-maker, of Sussex, England. He arrived in Australia with his parents when four years of age.

In the early days he worked on the Turon goldfields, near Bathurst. He was a resident of Sofala and Bathurst. For many years he was with Mr. Blackwood, the leading coachbuilder in Bathurst.1

John Baldock was married on 23rd September 1859 at St. Thomas’ Church, Enfield, N.S.W. to Emily Fuller, eldest daughter of William Fuller, farmer, of Windsor, N.S.W.2

Children of the marriage were:

1860 – Mary A., district?

1866 – Elizabeth S., Concord

1869 – Alice L., Concord

1870 – Edward Ernest, Concord

1872 – James R., Concord

1873 – Frederick William, Concord

1877 – John B., district?

1878 – Charles L., Concord

? – Ethel Maud3

By 1908 the family had moved from Punchbowl-road, Enfield, to “Boronia,” Welham-street, Beecroft. Their fourth and youngest daughter, Ethel Maud, was married that year to Albert Pears, at St. John’s Anglican Church, Beecroft.4

In 1909 John & Emily Baldock celebrated their golden wedding, at “Boronia,” Welham-street, Beecroft.

‘They had been old residents of Punchbowl-road, Enfield, for fifty years, till late. John Baldock held the position of sexton and caretaker at St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, for a period of 23 years. Their ages now are: Mr. Baldock, 74 years, and Mrs. Baldock, 72 years. They have raised a family of eleven children — six daughters and five sons — seven of whom now survive — four daughters and three sons, representing fifteen grandchildren.’5

By 1919 they had moved to Burwood.

John Baldock died at his residence, “Boronia,” Condor Street, Burwood, at the age of 83 years, leaving a widow and three sons and three daughters. He was buried at St. Thomas’ Church of England Cemetery, Enfield.6

On 6th July 1926, at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. A. W. Ball), “Sumatra,” The Crescent Vaucluse, Emily Baldock, widow of the late John Baldock, late of Enfield and Burwood, died aged 88 years.7

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