## **CADELL, Harold**

Harold Cadell was born in 1866, son of Thomas and Sophia R. Cadell, in the district of Maitland.1

On 23rd July 1889, at St. Alban’s Church, Muswellbrook, N.S.W., Harold Cadell, of Tamworth, second son of Thomas Cadell, of Sydney, married Ethel H., daughter of Cyrus E. Doyle, of “Dartmouth”, Muswellbrook.2

A daughter was born on November 15th 1890 at Tamworth N.S.W. at home. On 6th January 1893 this daughter, Birralee, died, aged 2 years, at Tamworth. A daughter [Myall] was born later that year at “Dartmouth”, Muswellbrook.3

In May 1896 Harold imported Indian runner ducks which were kept for a few years, then gave up breeding them, but not because he found them unsatisfactory.4

In 1897, a son [Thomas Broughton] was born at their residence, “Wotonga,” Bonnyrigg, NSW.5

In 1898 Harold Cadell, after successfully conducting a poultry farm at Bonnyrigg, left the district for Beecroft, to follow the same occupation.6

In January 1899, Harold Cadell, of “Wotonga,” Beecroft, was advertising poultry for sale. These were of various breeds (Minorca, Wyandottes and Indian Games), for farming, show or stud. His birds would win prizes at Bathurst and Maitland Shows.7

In January 1900 Harold Cadell was elected Honorary Secretary of the Beecroft Progress Association. However, in April 1900, he wrote to tender his resignation.8

In February 1900 he was elected to the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales.9

In June 1900 he won more poultry prizes at the annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W.10

In September 1900 a reporter visited Harold Cadell’s property to inspect the poultry. He made the acquaintance of Mrs. Ethel Cadell and their children, Mayall and Tom. His report states that ‘Wotonga nestles delightfully between sheltering forests of eucalyptus, which are interspersed with golden wattles now in full bloom. The grounds are 18 acres in extent, and the homestead presents a lovely panorama. The aspect is easterly, and the natural slope of the ground assists the rain in carrying off droppings and refuse.’ That month he was advertising eggs for sale, at 20 shillings per dozen, freight paid. An illustrated catalogue was also available.11

In 1902 Harold had sold his Dorking fowls, limiting his attention to Minorcas, Buff Orpingtons, and White Wyandottes.12

Between 1902 and 1905 he wrote, on a number of occasions, to the newspaper, The Argus, regarding the state of the roads and train services.

In February 1903 Harold Cadell had purchased and moved to Mr. A. W. Hayes’ property, near Epping station. This property he would also name “Wotonga”.13

In 1906 he wrote to Marsfield Council, drawing attention to the state of Pembroke-road, from his gate to Terry’s Creek bridge, which was almost unpassable with a loaded vehicle. Half the trouble in connection with the portion of the road referred to arose from the drainage from Mr. Cadell’s own property.14

In April 1907 Harold Cadell, appeared in court in answer to a summons. He had supposedly underpaid a servant employed to look after his garden and fowls. Harold Cadell, deposed that he was a farmer residing at Epping, and was destitute. The case was dismissed, without costs.15

In April 1908 he appeared in court for failing to send his son, Thomas, to school for the required number of days. He was fined 5s.16

On 7th June 1908 Harold Cadell died quietly in his sleep at his home, “Wotonga,” Epping, and was buried at Waverley cemetery. He was aged 42 years and had suffered from heart trouble. He left a wife, Ethel, and two children, a daughter [Myall] and son [Tom].

It was said that ‘he had followed the occupation of a poultry-breeder for many years and was a most successful exhibitor at the Royal and other shows about Sydney and in the country districts.’ A letter of condolence was sent from the Epping Progress Association.17

On 17 December 1942, at her residence, 32 Cowper Street, Randwick, Ethel Harriet, widow of Harold Cadell, died, aged 75 years, leaving behind her children, Myall and Tom.18

On 18th December 1946, at Killara, Myall Cadell died suddenly, leaving behind a brother, Thomas Broughton Cadell.19

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