## **CHORLEY, Henry James Alder**

Henry James Alder Chorley was born 1884 in the district of Canterbury, Sydney, the son of William & Lily Virginia Chorley. In that year his father was a coat and trouser maker, in 80a Pitt-street & 27 Hunter-street, Sydney.**1**

Henry started work in his father’s tailoring business at the age of 14 years.**2**

In March 1906 Henry Chorley, of the firm of Messrs. W. Chorley & Co., left by the ship *Orontes* on an extended visit to England. Whilst there he would work for a London tailor.**3**

On Saturday 6th March 1909, at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church, Henry Chorley was married to Miss Amy Fowler, of Chepstow, England.

During his visit to England ‘he made the acquaintance of Miss Fowler, and the young people quickly formed a deep attachment. They became engaged, and though the bridegroom was obliged by his business to return to this State, their affection one to the other remained unchanged, and Miss Fowler, at the request of the bridegroom, travelled all those thousands of miles, arriving by the *Orontes* on Friday.’**4**

The tailoring firm W. Chorley & Co. Ltd would be registered on 30th October 1919, with a capital of £25,000 in £1 shares.**5**

His mother Lily died in 1928 and his father William died in 1935.

Henry Chorley would become managing director of the company, also one of Sydney’s best-known tailors to many famous people, as well as their confidant.**6**

On 17th May 1956 Henry James Alder Chorley, master tailor, of 4 Khartoum-avenue, Gordon, died.**7**

His wife, Amy Lucy Jane Chorley died on 27th July 1976, formerly of Flat 1, Astor Flats, Boundary Street, Roseville, N.S.W., but late of Thomas House Convalescent and Nursing Centre, Park Avenue, Westmead, N.S.W.**8**

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