## **CRAWFORD, Annie Henzel**

On the 23rd November 1892, at the residence of the bride's parents, James Henry, eldest son of George Ferguson [and Cath] Crawford, Windsor, was married to Annie Henzel, youngest surviving daughter of Thos. [and Margaret] Stoddart, Prahran, Victoria.

[On 6th February 1884 Annie Henzel Stoddart’s sister, Margaret Boycot (Lily) married at St. Matthew’s, Prahran, Edmund Arthur, only son of Edmund Antrobus, of Prahran.]**1**

Children of the marriage of James Henry & Annie Henzel Crawford were:

Born 1894 - Walt Ferguson, district of Prahran, Victoria

Born 1895 – Harry Keith, district of Prahran, Victoria

Born 1899 – Margaret Catherine, Malvern, Victoria**2**

On 6th April 1906 James Henry Crawford, aged 44 years, committed suicide with a revolver. He had been drinking heavily for years. His body was found in the scrub at Sandringham.**3**

The following year Mrs. Crawford and her sons, Walter and Harry, and daughter Margaret, moved to Malton-road, Beecroft, N.S.W., to be near her sister Margaret Antrobus. The size of the property was 1a 3r 3p, and named “Doone.”

Her sister, Mrs., Edward Arthur Antrobus, also lived in Malton-road, Beecroft. The size of the property was 1a 2r 14p, and named “Caringa.”**4**

Annie’s son, Walter Ferguson, was a pupil of the Beecroft public school and had been elected Rhodes scholar for the year 1915. At the time he was a student of St. Paul's and was just completing his third year in the faculty of Arts. Originally there were two candidates for the Rhodes scholarship, but the second withdrew before the meeting of the selection committee. He was one of the joint holders of the St. Stephen's scholarship. He became a resident of St. Paul's College on entering the University, and represented his college in all branches of sport, having gained his “blue” for cricket and rowing.

After winning the Rhodes Scholarship he was on his way to Oxford when he decided to join the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and went to France in December 1915.

In March 1916 it was reported that he had been wounded at the front. He survived the war.**5**

Annie’s other son, Harry Keith, enlisted for military service on 20th September 1915.

In September 1917 it was reported that a private cable sent by Gunner Antrobus (Mrs. Crawford's nephew) conveyed the sad intelligence that her youngest son, Bombardier Harry Keith Crawford, had made the supreme sacrifice whilst fighting for King, country and liberty in France.  He was killed in action at Hill 60, Ypres, on 12th August 1917.**6**

On 5th August 1938 Annie Henzel [also spelt Henzelle & Henzell] Crawford died, at 93 Cremorne Road, Cremorne. She was survived by her son Walter and daughter Margaret Crawford.**7**

[Note: Her brother, Frederick William Stoddart, of Woollahra, had died in 1935.]

**Bibliography**

1 Argus (Melbourne, Vic.), Mon 5 Dec 1892; Telegraph, St Kilda, Prahran and South Yarra Guardian (Vic.), Sat 16 Feb 1884

2 Victoria Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages

3 Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Wed 11 Apr 1906; Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Wed 11 Apr 1906

4 Hornsby Council Ratepayers List 1907

5 Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Nov 1914; Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 25 Mar 1916; Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 5 Aug 1916

6 Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 Sep 1917; Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 8 Sep 1917; Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW), Tue 12 Aug 1919

7 NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages; Sydney Morning Herald, Tue 9 Aug 1938