## **DONGES, Harry**

Harry Donges was born in late 1862, at St. Pancras, London, England, the son of John C. and Mary A. Donges.1

In 1881 he was boarding in Farnham, Surrey, England, working as an assistant ironmonger.

In 1891, at Boorowa, N.S.W., he married Mabel M. Moate. Later that year he was living at Fraser-street, Marrickville.2

By 1896 Harry Donges worked for the Railways Department.3

In January 1899 Harry was elected as a committee member of the Beecroft Progress Association, after which ‘light refreshments were introduced and the President’s health drunk with musical honours in bumpers of Stobo’s hop beer.’ He was again elected committee member for the following year.4

On the 27th November 1899, at her residence, Beecroft, the wife of H. Donges, ‘was delivered of a son’ [Eric N.].5

In April 1900, Harry resigned from the Beecroft Progress Association, in consequence of his leaving the district.

At the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Courts, Harry Donges, late secretary of the club, was presented by William Birkenhead with a silver-mounted malacca cane, and a silver matchbox, with monogram engraved. The presentation was also from the members of St. John’s choir, to which Mr. Donges acted as choirmaster.6

In 1908 Harry Donges was elected as a people’s warden of St Peter’s church, Hornsby.7

On 3rd May 1930, at his residence, 5 Merriwa-street, Gordon, Harry Donges, late Railway Department, died, aged 67 years, husband of Mabel, father of Nellie, Marie, Eric, and Charles.8

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