## **HUDSON, Thomas**

Thomas Hudson was born in 1849, the son of Joseph [1818-1888] & Eliza (nee Wallace; 1824-1907) Hudson.

On 24th January 1881, at Bathurst, he married Mary Elizabeth Wales.

Children of the marriage were:

1882 Walter Thomas, at Petersham

1884 Arthur George, at Petersham

1886 Enas Joseph, at Petersham

1888 Elsie Maude, at Beecroft

1890 Sidney Alfred, at Ryde

1893 Myra Mable, at Ryde**1**

In January 1889 Thomas Hudson and John Richard Warren had a brickyard at Beecroft.**2**

In January 1892 Thomas Hudson was elected to the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association, and again in 1894 and 1895.**3**

He also took an interest in the Hornsby, Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Beecroft, and Carlingford Horticultural Association, of which he was elected to the committee in January 1894.**4**

In February 1896 he was replaced on the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association by B. R. Gelling, owing to his inability to attend the meetings.**5**

In 1896 Mrs. [Eliza] Hudson of Beecroft [mother of Thomas Hudson & widow of Joseph Hudson] advertised for let a cottage of 6 rooms near the station. Mrs. Hudson advertised the same dwelling in 1899, 1900 and 1903.**6**

In February 1907 Mrs. Eliza Hudson, aged 83, of Beecroft-road, Beecroft, late of Newtown, died. She owned the cottage in which she lived, also the one next to it, which was rented out. She was interred at Rookwood.**7**

Thomas Hudson died on 6th April 1919.

His obituary reads as follows:

‘Thomas Hudson, for many years a resident of this district, first at Mulgrave and then at Windsor, passed away on Sunday night at 'Beltana,' Rowe-street, Eastwood, at the age of 70 years. The deceased, was a very intelligent man and took an interest in all movements for the intellectual advancement of his fellow beings, particularly the young people. He was a man of upright character, and was highly respected. Two of his sons went to the war, and are still on the other side. The burial took place at Rookwood on Tuesday.’**8**

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**NOTE**: Additional information contained within Beecroft Cheltenham History Group book ‘Beecroft and Cheltenham, the Shaping of a Sydney Community to 1914’.