## **LAMONT, Edward Louis**

Edward Lamont was born in October 1846 at Southwark, London, England, the son of Edward Buller Lamont (c1815-1880) and Maria Augusta (born 1816; nee Bardouleau) Lamont.

[Edward Buller Lamont was born at Wells, Somersetshire, England, the son of Captain Norman Lamont (1778-1834) and his wife Hannah (nee Porch; 1781-1840).] Norman was once M.P. for the city of Wells, Somersetshire.

On 21st February 1855 Edward B. & Maria Buller, with their six children, arrived in Sydney aboard the vessel *Abdulla*. Edward Buller Lamont’s occupation is given as carpenter - he died at Parramatta on 17th May 1880 – probate of his will and testament was granted to Mary Angela Lamont and Edward Louis Lamont. His then residence was *Westland*s, Domain, Parramatta, opposite the Agricultural Society’s Ground, near the Park. In June there was a clearance sale of his possessions.

By 1868 Edward Louis Lamont was on the staff of the Australian Joint Stock Bank (afterwards the Australian Bank of Commerce), and he served that institution for more than 49 years.

He was a foundation member of the Sydney Rowing Club, founded in 1870. He was a rower, and later became a rowing judge, and kept up his rowing until after he had passed his 80th year.

The possessor of a fine baritone voice, Mr. Lamont sang for more than 50 years on behalf of charities and at church functions [regardless of denomination].**1**

He was probably living in Beecroft by 1891 as he sang at a Carlingford concert that July.**2**

In January 1892, he was elected to the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association. In 1894 he was again on the committee.**3**

During the 1890’s he was still actively involved in his aquatic pursuits.**4**

Edward Lamont, a lifetime bachelor, was residing at “Roslyn,” Beecroft, in 1901, which consisted of 15 acres, Edward having 5 acres and his unmarried sister, Mary Angela, 10 acres for grazing or agistment.

His niece, Miss Marcie Lamont, was then living with her uncle, confirmed by a letter of outrage to ‘The Argus’ newspaper regarding the deliberate poisoning of local domestic animals.**5**

In 1902 his pug dog “Toby” was exhibited at the Kennel Club Show, winning 2nd prize.**6**

Edward was still living at Beecroft in 1914 as his niece Marcie presided on the organ at a wedding in St. John’s Church of England, Beecroft.**7**

He continued his singing at concerts, garden fetes and farewells, in duets or solos. His songs were well rendered and appreciated. His last-known rendition was in 1919.

Songs rendered, in his fine baritone voice, were “When the Wind Blows in from the Sea”1887, “The Man-of-War”1890, “The Erl King”1890, “The Moon hath Raised”1904, “A Bandit Life”1908, “The Cretan”1908, Good-night, Farewell”1908.

His niece Marcie is occasionally mentioned as providing the accompaniment to his singing.**8**

Edward Lamont moved to Blacktown in 1914 or 1915 and sang at the official opening of the Blacktown Church of England Mission Hall in 1915.**9**

His address in 1916 was “The Peppers,” Oxford Street, Blacktown, and he attended a meeting of ratepayers convened by the Blacktown Progress Association.**10**

In November 1916 occurred the death Miss Mary Angela Lamont, eldest daughter of the late Edward Buller Lamont. This was Edward Lamont’s sister, also a resident of “The Peppers”. She was involved in the musical circles of old Parramatta, and was buried at All Saint’s Cemetery, Parramatta.**11**

In January 1917 there was an unreserved auction of furniture items on the premises of “The Peppers”, presumably the property of his sister Miss Mary Angela Lamont.**12**

He was still in residence at “The Peppers” in 1920, a retired banker.**13**

In 1924 Edward Louis Lamont would succeed to the chieftainship of the Scottish Clan Lamont on the death of his cousin, Major Lamont, of the 9th Lancers, who had sold the family estates, Ardlamont and Robroyston.

[The 21st clan Chief of Lamont, Major John Henry Lamont, late 9th Lancers, was born in 1854 at Kilfinan, Argyll, Scotland, and died on 16th July 1924, North Sydney, N.S.W.]

In 1931 Edward supported the formation of a Union of Old Oarsmen, being one of two surviving foundation members of Sydney Rowing Club, founded in 1870. By 1934 he was the only surviving foundation member.**14**

In 1933 he was employed as a bailiff to serve writs, which involved walking about six hours daily. He had been employed for 7 years by the Department of Justice. In July he lost health and remained bedridden for the remainder of his life.**15**

On 9th July 1934 Edward Louis Lamont died at his residence, Robert Street, Dundas, in his 88th year.**16**

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