## **LANGLEY, Henry Archdall**

Henry A. Langley was born on 29th April 1867 at the Bank of Australasia, West Maitland, the son of Rev. John Douse (1836-1930) & Louisa Carruthers (nee Keys; 1843-1919) Langley.1

On 13th September 1894 at Christ Church Pro-Cathedral, Newcastle, Henry Archdall, eldest son of the Rev. J. D. Langley, of St. Philip's, Sydney, was married to Margaret Ann, fourth daughter of James Jones, Esq., of Sydney, late of Newcastle.**2**

Children of the marriage were:

Born 20th April 1895 - John Douse, at Marrickville

Born 21st February 1898 - Henry Archdall Irving, at Marrickville (died 1917)

Born 27th October 1902 – James Garth, 207 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst

Born 23rd September 1906 – Louisa Carruthers, at Ermelo Private Hospital, Dulwich, (Henry Archdall Langley (Beecroft)) [Louisa died same day] **3**

In January 1906 Henry attended the annual meeting of the Beecroft Progress Association. A map of the big shire of which Beecroft forms a part under the Local Government (Shires) Act, was produced, and an impromptu discussion ensued thereon. The result was the appointment of a committee consisting of the president and Messrs. Chorley, Tucker, Holcombe, Twine, and Langley, who were commissioned to study the map, read up the Act, and report the result of their investigations to the Association, with a view to a public meeting being convened.**4**

In June 1906 was reported ‘A SOLICITOR. - As will be noticed from our advertising columns, Mr. H, A. Langley, solicitor, of Pitt-street, Sydney, may now be consulted at his private residence, “Skellater,” Copeland-street, Beecroft. Mr. Langley is an ex-alderman of Marrickville, in the Council of which municipality he served for seven years, and he was also Mayor of that municipality in 1900. He is not a stranger to Parramatta.’

That month was advertised ‘H. A. LANGLEY, SOLICITOR, 109 PITT-ST., SYDNEY. May be consulted at his private residence, COPELAND-ST., BEECROFT. MONEY TO LEND ON MORTGAGE OF FREEHOLDS.’**5**

In November 1906 Henry Archdall Langley was declared bankrupt.**6**

In December 1906, at the Parramatta Land Court:

‘The longest case heard before the Board was that which was listed as follows, in which the applicant was A. Wooster: Inquiry as to whether Portions 823 and 824, Parish Field of Mars, County Cumber land, should be alienated.

Mr. H. A. Langley appeared for the objectors, who included Councillor C. Churchill Tucker (president of the Beecroft Park Trust) and Councillor Nixon (president of the Beecroft Progress Association).

Mr. F. W. Todhunter appeared for the applicant.’**7**

On 11th January 1907 at Coast Hospital, occurred the death of Margaret Ann, wife of Henry Archdall Langley, of Beecroft, aged 33 years. The burial took place at the Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.**8**

In February 1907 the decision of the Land Council was announced, in regard to portions 823 and 824, Parish of Field of Mars.

‘Devlin's Creek Reserve.

Following is the decision of the local Land Board, in connection with the application by Mr. A. F. Wooster that portions 823 and 824, Parish of Field of Mars, should be alienated by the Crown.’

‘The subject is one of very general interest to a large number of people residing in Beecroft and Cheltenham, who use the ground as a picnic place. It will be recollected that the matter was heard at Parramatta on the 21st of last month, when Mr. H. A, Langley appeared for the Beecroft Progress Association to oppose the proposed alienation, and Mr. Todhunter appeared for Mr. A. F. Wooster, the applicant for the land.’

The decision reads: -

“Whereas, on the 21st and 28th days of December, 1906, it became a matter for investigation before us, whether (a) it is advisable that portions 823 and 824 in Parish of Field of Mars, Co. of Cumberland, Land District of' Parramatta, and within the population area of Sydney, should be alienated, as has been proposed, and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, (b) and having made a personal inspection of the locality, we are unanimously of opinion that it is not expedient in the public interest to alienate those portions of land, and we recommend that the sale be not proceeded with, and suggest the propriety of permanently reserving the strip of land along Devlin's Creek, from Murray-road on the west to the junction of the Beecroft and Carlingford roads on the east. The reason given by the applicant (Mr. A. F. Wooster) that he may secure a safe line for boundary fencing does not carry weight, as the side of Devlin's Creek which he now owns is for the most part the safer for fencing. The water-hole known as “Frog's Hole,” is by no means the largest in the length of creek in question - there are a number of water-holes, apparently permanent, which are of use to the holders of adjacent lands, who purchased those lands by a plan on which the subject strip of land was shown as a reserve, and although they may not have a legal right, it seems to us they have a claim for consideration, which cannot be wholly disregarded. We report accordingly.**’9**

On 17th September 1908, at St. Peter’s Church, Hornsby, Henry Archdall Langley was married to Maud Florence Hamley.**10**

It seems that he had moved to Hornsby after the death of his wife Margaret in 1907.

There were no children from the 2nd marriage.

In 1909 Henry was President of the Hornsby Progress Association. That year he was also presiding at a meeting regarding the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Hornsby. It was unanimously decided to form a Lodge and call it Lodge Hornsby.**11**

On 13th July 1917, at Hawkesbury River, occurred the death of Henry Archdall Irving, second son of Henry Archdall Langley, Solicitor, Sydney, aged 18 years.**12**

He was buried at Rookwood General Cemetery.

In August 1921 Henry Archdall Langley was struck off the Roll of Attorneys.**13**



Henry died on 26th October 1928, at Wellington, New Zealand. He was buried at Karori Cemetery, Church of England 2, Plot 47K.**14**

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