## **LOVELL, Joseph Andrew**

Joseph Andrew Lovell was born on 26th December 1866, in the district of Ryde, son of George (1832-1921) and Eliza (nee Dowzer; 1834-1914) Lovell.**1**

On 26th December 1888 Joseph Lovell married Isabella Amy Franks in the district of Central Cumberland. Isabella Franks was born in 1864, the daughter of George and Isabella Franks, in the district of Ryde.

Children of the marriage were:

George Henry (1889-1930)

Mary F. (1891-1937)

Ethel Lilly (1892-1951)

Walter Charles (1894-1974)

Margaret Eliza (1897-1967)

Isabella Amy (1900-1995)

Lovel Ernest (1905-2006)**2**

Joseph and Isabella Lovell moved to Beecroft in 1890.

In 1895, 1896, and 1897 he was elected to the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association.**3**

In July 1896, at the Thornleigh Show footraces he won the Committee race, causing considerable amusement.**4**

In 1898 the young men and youths of Beecroft decided to form a boxing club, consisting of some 20 or 30 members. Mr. J. Lovell’s shed was selected as the rendezvous.**5**

In 1899 he became vice-president of the Beecroft Progress Association and in March was unanimously elected president for the remainder of the year upon the resignation of Mr. Gelling who was due to depart for England on business. Joseph Lovell’s position of vice-president was filled by Mr. Abram, whose position on the committee was filled by Mr. A. Murray.**6**

In 1900 Joseph Lovell became a magistrate. During that year he was elected to the position of secretary of the Beecroft Progress Association, after the resignation of Harold Cadell in May.**7**

In April 1901 the following news was announced:

SOLD OUT. – Mr. Joseph Lovell, who has been a resident of Beecroft for the past 11 years, and who has identified himself will all the public movements in the district, has disposed of his well-known orchard property, dwelling, etc., to Mr. Leslie Herring, and will leave the district at the beginning of the month. He has bought another orchard property from his father, Mr. Geo. Lovell, J.P., in the vicinity of Curzon Hall, Marsfield, and is having a new dwelling erected thereon. With the exception of the secretaryship to the Willis Memorial Committee, a position which he intends to retain to the end, he has resigned, or is about to resign all his Beecroft positions, including his connection with the Beecroft Progress Association, trustee of the Park, ditto of the Village Green, etc. It may be taken for granted that Mr. Lovell will make his presence felt in Marsfield before long.**8**

In 1902 he was an alderman for the West Ward of Marsfield Council.**9**

In 1905 he acted as secretary in the Marsfield Progress Association, in 1906 he became its vice-president, and in 1907 he became president. Also, in 1907 he was re-elected president of the Marsfield School of Arts, at the first annual meeting, held in Agincourt Hall, Eastwood (late Marsfield).**10**

In 1911 Joseph Andrew Lovell, was elected an alderman for the West Ward of the Municipality of Eastwood. His tenure as alderman came to an end when he was defeated in the 1922 municipal elections.**11**

In 1930 his wife, Isabella Amy, dies at her residence, Pembroke-street, Eastwood. There were seven surviving children.**12**

In October 1931, his old cottage in Pembroke-street, Eastwood, which he had occupied until after the death of his wife a few months before, was destroyed by fire. About a month earlier he had moved to his son’s house, but had still left most of the furniture in the cottage, pending letting it. The house was under-insured, and the furniture was not covered by insurance. The cause of the fire could not be determined.**13**

On 12th March 1947, Joseph Andrew Lovell, aged 81 years, died at his daughter’s residence, “Hillcrest,” Vimiera Road, Eastwood. There were five surviving children from the marriage.**1**4

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