## **LYON, William John Debenham**

William J. D. Lyon was born in July 1867 (baptised 18th August), at Hounslow Heath, [London Borough], Middlesex, England, the son of John William (1835-1918) and Emma (nee Parker; 1837-1872) Lyon.

[William was the brother of John Harry Joseph Lyon, who lived in Cheltenham]

1871 Census – 3 Woodville Terrace, Isleworth, Middlesex: John W. Lyon, head, ironmonger, Master employing 10 men and 13 boys, born Newington, Surrey, Emma Lyon, 34, born London; Kate E. Lyon, 7, scholar; Emma R. Lyon, scholar; Clementine Lyon, 6, scholar; John H. J. Lyon, 5, scholar; William Lyon, 3; Ernest Lyon, 9 months; and three servants.

Emma, wife of John W. Lyon, died in October 1872, at Brentford, Middlesex. Also a son, Sydney George John Lyon, was born in 1872, and died in 1879. Another son, Archibald John Lyon, born 1869, died 1869, at Hounslow.

1881 Census – 182 & 184 High Street, Heston, Middlesex: William Lyon, 13, scholar, with siblings (father not home) and aunt Mary Ann Graves (nee Lyon), Widow, book-keeper.

In 1883 Clementine Marianne Lyon died; and in 1885 Kate Eleanor Lyon died.

On 6th February 1887 John William Lyon, along with his sons John, William and Ernest, arrived in Sydney, Australia, aboard the ship *Cluny Castle*.

The daughter, Emma Rose Lyon, must have come out also as she married Carl F. Liebrand (or Lebrand) in 1891 at Leichhardt. Her father would marry Mary Hancock of Leichhardt in 1892.**1**

On 4th March 1908 William John Debenham Lyon married Margaret Mary Wallace, at Ashfield.

Margaret Mary Wallace was born c1879, at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, the daughter of John & Agnes Lauder Wallace.

‘At Beecroft, on the 4th instant, William J. Lyon, son of Mr. J. W. Lyon, of Beecroft, was married to Margaret Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, also of Beecroft. The ceremony was performed in the local School of Arts, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. H. Talbot, of Randwick, assisted by the Rev. J. Brotchie, of Beecroft. The bride was given away by her father. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Nancy Wallace, sister of the bride, and the other bridesmaids were Misses Mabel and Primrose Lyon, nieces of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Cooper, and the groomsman was Mr. Eric B. Green. During the ceremony, a combined choir from the local Church of England, and Presbyterian Churches, sang the anthem, “Oh, Perfect Love,” Miss Jean Brown presiding at the organ. The bridal party and guests adjourned to “*Glenesk*,” the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held. The wedding breakfast followed, in a large marquee, erected in the grounds, over 100 guests being present.’**2**

Children of the marriage were:

17th January 1909 - Nancy Lauder, at Beecroft [died 1960]

5th November 1911 – John Wallace, at *Strathallan*, Copeland-road, Beecroft [died 1940]

28th December 1917 – Margaret Wallace, at *Strathallan*, Copeland-road, Beecroft

1921 – Mary Joyce, at Ryde [Beecroft].**3**

In January 1914 it was reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyon, of Beecroft, intend leaving early in February for a six months’ trip to England.**4**

In November 1917, at his residence, Rowallan, Beecroft, John Wallace, flour merchant, died, aged 68 years. One of his daughters was Mrs. Lyon, wife of Mr. W. Lyon, of Messrs. Lyon and Milling, Ltd., importers, of Cleveland-street. He was buried at Carlingford Cemetery.**5**

In March 1928, at the home of Mrs. Lyons, of Beecroft, a cabaret was held to help to raise funds for the Barker College Mothers' Association fete.**6**

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1933, living at 34 Copeland-street, Beecroft; William John Debenham Lyon, merchant; Margaret Mary Lyon, home duties; Nancy Lauder Lyon, home duties; John Wallace Lyon, bookkeeper.**8**

On 25th June 1939, Margaret, wife of William John Lyon, and mother of Nancy, Jack, Margaret, and Joyce, died at her residence, 3 Reid Street, Lindfield. Privately cremated.**9**

On 18th August 1940, at *Noyl*, Newport Beach, John (‘Jack’) Wallace Lyon, husband of Hazel and son of W. J. and the late Margaret Lyon, of 38 [?] Copeland Street, Beecroft, and brother of Nancie, Margaret, and Joyce, aged 28 years. Privately cremated.**10**

On 27th March 1946 William John Debenham Lyon, importer, of Beecroft, died.

Probate was granted on 30th October 1946. Executors were John Harry Joseph Lyon and Margaret Wallace Lyon.**11**

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