## **MOSES, William**

William Moses was born on 9th December 1844, at Windsor, N.S.W., the son of Uriah (1780-1847) and Ann (nee Daley; 1809-1880) Moses.**1**

On 5th December 1847 his father, Uriah, dealer and shopkeeper, died, ‘at his residence, George-street, Windsor, after a protracted illness of some months, which he bore with Christian fortitude. Mr. Uriah Moses, aged 70, left a wife and six children. Mr. Moses was one of the oldest hands in the Colony, and universally esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were followed to their last resting place, St. Mathew's [Anglican] cemetery, Windsor.’**2**

On 14th November 1865, at St. Peter’s Church, Richmond, William Moses married Josephine Crowley, daughter of John Crowley, of Richmond. That month, his mother, Ann, of Windsor, was seeking tenders for the erection of a building.**3**

In May 1868 Josephine, aged 23 years, wife of William Moses, died at her residence in George-street, Windsor.**4**

On 24th December 1868 William married Elvina Mountford, at Windsor.

Elvina, born 1851, was the daughter of James & Mary A. Mountford.**5**

Children of the marriage were:

1870 – Josephine Elvina Mountford, Windsor [died 1964]

1875 – William Mountford, Windsor [died 1940]

1876 – Horace Mountford, Windsor [died 1882]

1878 – Stanley Mountford, Windsor [died 1902]

1880 – Hilton Mountford, Windsor [died 1961]

1882 – Helena Mountford, Windsor [died 1882]

1883 – Constance Mountford, Windsor [died 1968]

1885 – Edith Mountford, Windsor [died 1978]

1887 – Reginald Mountford, Windsor [died 1971]

1889 – Arthur Mountford, Windsor [died 1975]

1892 – Edna Mountford, Windsor [died 1981]

1894 – Harold Mountford, Windsor [died 1974]**6**

In 1902 Stanley Moses, the well-known violinist, died at Nice, aged 21 years.

His father William still lived at Windsor.**7**

In February 1921 William’s son, Reginald (late A.I.F.), was married to Ethel May Potts, of Tamworth. William and Elvina Moses were then living at Cheltenham, Sydney.**8**

On 8th January 1923 William Moses died.

‘The death occurred at "Montford,'' Beecroft Rd., Cheltenham, of Mr. William Moses, at one time a well-known business man in Windsor. Mr. Moses, who was 78 years of age, retired about 20 years ago.’

‘The deceased was for many years in business in Windsor as a grocer and ironmonger together with a bakery, and carried on business as the Hawkesbury Stores at the corner of George and Bridge streets, still known as Moses' corner. When he retired some years ago the business was taken over by his sons, Messrs. Hilton M. and Arthur M. Moses. They removed to the premises built and occupied by the late Mr. G. S. Greenwell, adjoining the N.S.W. Bank property, and Mr. Hilton Moses still carries on the store, while Mr. Arthur Moses has taken over the bakery business.

The late William Moses was associated with the early history of Windsor, and while in business here was closely identified with the rise and progress of the Hawkesbury district. He was a Justice of the Peace, and took a prominent interest in nearly all the public institutions of the town, such as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital and the Windsor School of Arts, of which he was several times President and an honorary member. All his family were accomplished musicians, and his son Stanley, who went to Italy and France to finish his studies, was one of the greatest violinists in Australia. He died in France, and his death was a sad blow to his parents and sisters and brothers, for he had almost reached the top of the tree of fame as a violinist.

After leaving Windsor Mr. and Mrs. W. Moses went to Lawson to reside, and after a few years there removed to Cheltenham.

The deceased is survived by his widow and the following children: Miss Josephine M. Moses (Cheltenham), Mr. William M. Moses (who married Miss Elsa Fischer, now Madame Stralia, the great singer, and who has for some years been in England with his wife), Mr. Hilton Moses (Windsor), Constance M. (Mrs. George Smith, of Leura), Mr. Reginald M. Moses (Commercial Bank, Sydney), Mr. Arthur M. Moses (Windsor), Mr. Harold M. Moses (relieving officer of the Commercial Bank), Edith M. (Mrs. Geo. Hyde), Edna M. (Mrs. Scholes, Strathfield).

There was no better-known public identity in the Hawkesbury district than the late William Moses during his long residence in Windsor and besides other public offices he was an alderman and Mayor of the town for several terms. He was a man of jovial disposition and made many lasting friendships while living here. He was a brother of the Hon. Henry Moses, M.L.C. who is still hale and hearty, and over 90 years of age. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the remains being laid to rest in the Church of England portion of Rookwood cemetery.’**9**

On 2nd January 1935 Elvina Moses died at a private hospital, Killara, aged 84 years. Her residence was at Lilyfield, N.S.W.**10**



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