## **OLDROYD, Charles William**

Charles William Oldroyd was born 14th March 1875.

He was the son of William & Sarah Ann Sutton Oldroyd.

After the death of his father, his mother, Sarah Ann Sutton Oldroyd married David Gray, in 1882 at Canterbury, N.S.W.

Sarah Ann Gray died in 1941 at Drummoyne. Her husband, David Gray, died in 1950, also at Drummoyne.

Charles William Oldroyd commenced work with the Department of Postmaster-General at Drummoyne.

In August 1899 he was presented with a silver watch and chain by the residents of Drummoyne, prior to his departure to Maclean, N.S.W., as a junior letter-carrier. At Maclean he became a brother of the Templar Lodge.

After 16 months at Maclean he was promoted to the position of operator in the office at Urana, N.S.W.

During his period of employment with the Department of Postmaster-General he was stationed at Drummoyne, Gladesville, Grafton, Urana and Leichhardt, before becoming postmaster at Beecroft.1

He was married in 1901 to Elizabeth Rose Belinda Groves, in the district of Balmain North.

Elizabeth’s parents were Samuel Marshall & Elizabeth Sophia (nee Biggins) Groves, who were married in Victoria 1874.

Children of the marriage were:

1902 Claude William Marshall (1902-1981)

1904 Muriel A. B., district of Urana

1906 Gladys O. G., district of Urana**2**

In 1909 applications were made to the Postal Department to establish an official post office at Beecroft, with a more up-to-date mail service.

In May 1912 the Beecroft post office was opened as an official one, under the charge of Mr. Dadly. Hitherto, it had been run in conjunction with the general store business of Mr. Savage, but that gentleman found the postal work too much of a burden.3

In February 1913 Mr. C. W. Oldroyd, of Leichhardt, was appointed assistant in charge of the Beecroft post office, vice Mr. Hunter, relieving postmaster. Mr. Oldroyd took over his new duties in early March.4

In 1933, 107 Beecroft-road, Beecroft, was occupied by Charles William Oldroyd (postmaster), Elizabeth Rose Oldroyd (home duties) and Gladys Olivia Groves Oldroyd (stenographer).

Mr. C. W. Oldroyd, postmaster of Beecroft, died on May 1, 1933, suddenly, at his residence, *Urana*, Beecroft-road, Beecroft, He was buried In the Church of England section of the Field of Mars cemetery, Ryde.

Up to the time of his death Mr. Oldroyd was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter (Epping Lodge), a foundation member of Beecroft Masonic Lodge, and a member and trustee of the Eastwood (Rechabite) Tent No. 112 I.O.R.

He was also connected with the local Church of England and the School of Arts.

He leaves a widow (Rose), son (Mr. Claude W. M. Oldroyd, of Hornsby), and two daughters, Mrs. A. R. (Muriel) Payne, of Wentworthville, and Miss Gladys Oldroyd.

His property was registered in his name - Certificate of Title Volume 2995 Folio 204, Lot 4 of deposited plan 7612 of Beecroft.5

His widow, Elizabeth Rose Belinda Oldroyd died on 10th February 1951, at Parramatta District Hospital, formerly of Five Dock.6

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