## **WALLACE, John**

John was born abt. 1849 in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, Scotland.

Parents were Ross (1823-?) and Mary (nee Cameron; 1824-1895) Wallace.**1**

As a young man John was the champion athlete of Ayrshire.**2**

He married Agnes Gibson Ferguson Lauder on 28th August 1872, at Kilmarnock.

Agnes was born in 1850 at Kilmarnock, daughter of John (1816-1897) and Margaret (nee Craig; 1820-?) Lauder.

Children of the marriage were:

John Ross, born 10 August 1873, Kilmarnock

Hugh Lauder, born 27 December 1874, Kilmarnock

Robert, 1876

Margaret Mary (‘Maggie’), 1879, Klim, Ayrshire

In 1881 the family resided at 4 South Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland.

They arrived in Australia in December 1883, aboard the ship *Potosi* – John Wallace, 34, gardener; Agnes Wallace, 34; John Wallace, 10; Hugh, 8; Robert, 6, & Maggie, 4.**3**

Another child, Nancy Lauder Wallace, was born in N.S.W.

They settled at Randwick where they would live for over 20 years before moving to Beecroft.

In May 1906 Mr. John Wallace, flour merchant, of the city, took up his permanent abode, in Beecroft. Pending the completion of a cottage that was being built for his occupation, he rented for a term Mrs. De Meyrick's cottage in Hannah-street.**4**

In February 1907 it was reported that the weatherboard cottage being erected for Mr. J. Wallace by the Australian Building Co., in Copeland-street, was nearly completed.**5**

On 4th March 1908 William J. Lyon, son of Mr. J. W. Lyon, of Beecroft, was married to Margaret Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, of Beecroft.

The bridal party and guests adjourned to “Glenesk,” the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held.**6**

In August 1910 John Wallace was the president of the Beecroft School of Arts.**7**

In March 1913 Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Wallace, of Beecroft, were about to take a- trip to England.**8**

In April 1913 it was decided to form a club under the name of the Beecroft Bowling and Recreation Club, as a limited liability concern. John Wallace was elected President.**9**

In September 1913 Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace and Miss Wallace, of Beecroft would return from their trip to England, coming by the liner *Shropshire*.**10**

In October 1913 Mr. Wallace was successfully operated on, in the Lewisham Hospital.**11**

On 1st September, 1915, at Rowallan, Beecroft, Keith Bettington, only son of Mr. & Mrs. G. R. McEvoy, Beecroft, was married to Nancy Lauder, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wallace, *Rowallan*, Beecroft.**12**

In June 1917 John was seriously ill, but was reported on the mend, however he was obliged to retire from business – he had been a merchant for over 30 years.**13**

On 15th November 1917, at his residence, *Rowallan*, Copeland-street, Beecroft, John Wallace, husband of Agnes Lauder Wallace, died, aged 68 years.

His obituaries read in part:

‘One of the best known, and one of the most respected men in commercial circles in the city was Mr. John Wallace. For a number of years he filled the position of secretary to the New South Wales Flour Millers' Produce Company, Ltd. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the Commercial Travellers' Club. He laid the foundation of the club's promises at the corner of Moore and Castlereagh Streets, when he was president; and he was treasurer of the club for many years.

The late Mr. Wallace was an enthusiast in bowling, and while he resided at Randwick he was foremost in the formation of the local club, of which he was always proud. After he removed to Beecroft, he established a bowling club there. His bowling activities found further vent as treasurer of the Bowling Association of New South Wales. In church matters he showed characteristic earnestness, and was the first secretary of the Randwick Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder.’

‘Up to three months ago he was treasurer of the N.S.W. Bowling Association, which position he held for over 15 years.’

‘For over 20 years Mr. Wallace resided at Randwick, during which time he prominently identified himself with politics in the Liberal interest, acting during several campaigns as secretary to Mr. David Storey's committee, including that in which Mr. Storey defeated Sir Edmund Barton. Mr. Wallace had carried on business as a flour merchant for about 20 years.’

‘Mr. Wallace is survived by a widow, three sons, and two daughters. His sons are: - Mr. J. R. Wallace, managing director of the Sydney and Melbourne Publishing Company; Mr. Hugh C. Wallace, tie manufacturer, of Melbourne; and Mr. Robert Wallace. One of his daughters, Mrs. Keith McEvoy, returned to Sydney a fortnight ago from England with her husband, Lieutenant Keith McEvoy, who has been invalided home from the front; and the other daughter is Mrs. Lyon, wife of Mr. W. Lyon, of Messrs. Lyon and Milling, Ltd., importers, of Cleveland-street.’

The funeral left the residence of the deceased, where a short service was held, then moved to Carlingford Cemetery.**14**

On 28th August 1927, at her residence, Rowallan, Copeland-street, Beecroft, Agnes Lauder, widow of the late John Wallace, died - and mother of John Ross, Hugh Lauder, and Robert Wallace, Mrs. W. J. Lyon, and Mrs. K. B. McEvoy.**15**

**Carlingford Anglican Cemetery Section K62**



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