The Walz's of



Walz Street

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Introduction

"One of these German settlers was Joseph Walz, who worked the sandstone of the area which Captain Cook had noted in 1770 as "VERY PROPER FOR BUILDING". In earlier times the Germans represented the largest non-British migrant group in Australia. Walz is remembered in Walz Street, Rockdale." (1)

This brief paragraph, along with a mention found in my earlier research and my memories of the Walz Brothers' shop of my childhood, led me to the research you find within. I have fond memories of, as a young girl, chatting to the brothers when I walked down Walz Street, around the corner from my family home at 31 Watkin Street. I also attended St Joseph's Church little knowing that the Walz family had originally donated the land on which it stood. I knew the name Walz but knew nothing really about the family of German pioneers who had made such a powerful contribution to the locality. Who were the Walz's and what was their story?



Above: One of the shops built by Joseph Walz in Frederick Street, Rockdale

Rockdale Local History Collection. (2017). One of the shops built by Joseph Walz in Frederick Street, Rockdale. [online]

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German Pioneers

Marc Joseph Walz

and

Johanna (nee Keicher)

Walz

and

their children

Marc Joseph Walz (1827-1898)

Johanna Keicher (1831-1911)

Joseph Anthony Walz (1855-1923)

John Francis Walz (1857-1913)

Charles Augustine Walz (1859-1908)

Philip P Walz (1861-?)

Anna Maria Walz (1863-1914)

Louis Walz (1864-1866)

Maria M A Walz (1863-?)

Mary Frances Walz (1865-1867)

Bernard Paul Walz (1867-1938)

George Peter Walz (1869-1960)

Johanna Walz (1871-?)

Peter Pius Walz (1876-1951)

Marc Joseph Walz was born in 1827, the only son of Frances Maria Metzger and Anton Joseph Walz. He married Johanna Keicher on the 2nd May 1854 in the municipality of Erlenbach, Baden-Württemberg, in southern Germany. It was and still is a predominantly Catholic region of the country. The next year the young married couple decided to try their luck in a new country and emigrated halfway across the world. Marc Joseph Walz, with his wife Johanna, arrived in Australia in 1855 on the *Undine* as a twenty eight year old assisted immigrant. State records show that the *Undine* arrived in Sydney on the 13th February from Hamburg via Melbourne.



Above: Assisted Passenger List for the Undine

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896 for Marc Walz. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/interactive/1204/IMAUS1787_081431-0065?pid=329145&backurl=https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/5138299/person/1631422455/gallery&usePUB=true&_phsrc=rxN687&usePUBJs=true [Accessed 11 Jun. 2017].

The ship the Walz family travelled on was named after the water nymph in a fairy tale by Friedrich Heinrich Karl Baron de la Motte Fouqué who was one of the first German poets of the Romantic period. His narrative was later set as an opera by greats such as Hoffman and Prokofiev and the story was translated into many languages. It has influenced many other works such as Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*. (2) It was a suitably poetically named vessel with which to sail the seas with one hundred and fifty German immigrants under the guidance of Captain Kaysor. They were escaping the political instability and turmoil of their homeland to a place of peace. However, it was not all smooth sailing on their journey to their new homeland. There were five births and four deaths during the voyage; sadly one of the deaths was the murder of a small child, which was reported in the local press.

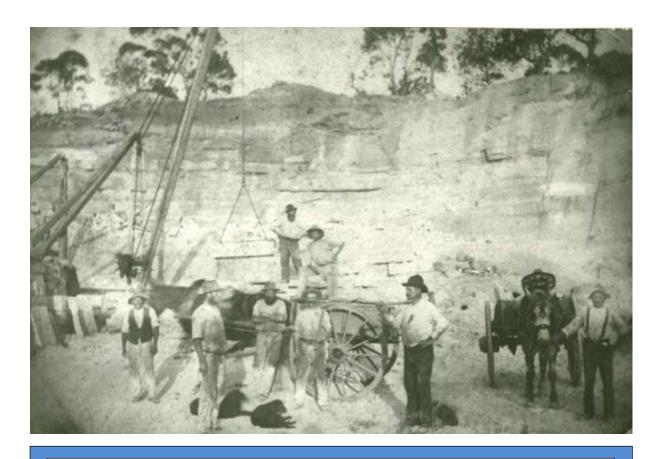
Arrival of the "Undine"- MURDER on BOARD SHIP -

The ship "Undine", bound for Melbourne with 284 passengers, put into the bay yesterday morning. She left Hamburg on the 12th September 1854 &

experienced a very fine passage. The emigrants on board were in a very healthy state when they arrived, but we regret to say the comfort of the passage had been disturbed by a revolting case of murder. It is stated that the perpetrator of the horrid deed is a young woman, the wife of one of the second class passengers. The man had previously been married & bought to sea with him a little daughter about 18 months old, the off spring of his first wife. The child, it seems was regarded with some degree of jealousy by this woman, & one of the passengers observed her piercing a needle into the child's back; but it was too late the spinal marrow had been pierced, & the child died. The child was snatched from her & she was with difficulty secured. The remains are preserved in spirits, & the woman, who escaped from the irons into which she had been placed, is now kept in a cage, which has been fitted up for her. The husband, who is said to be a drowsy helpless man, takes little notion of the lamentable occurrence. She will be handed over to the authorities immediately the "Undine" reaches Melbourne. (3)

After the murder, this was the only voyage of the *Undine* from Hamburg to Australia. After visiting Melbourne and Sydney, she visited various trading ports including Akyab in Burma before returning to Hamburg in 1856. The ship was later sold in 1866 to a Norwegian shipping firm.

The Walz parents had twelve children in twenty one years, with Joseph Anthony arriving the same year as they did in Sydney in 1855 and John Francis following two years later. One year later the young parents were naturalised on 9th October 1858 in Sydney. They went on to have ten more children, Charles, Phillip, Anna, Maria, Louis, Mary, Bernard, George, Johanna and Peter. Marc Joseph Walz became known as a stonemason and builder, an occupation stated on one of his son's death certificate. Walz, along with other German stonemason immigrants, put the superior sandstone of the area to good use in the buildings, kerbs and guttering of the locality. Even sixty years later, the prominent pioneer Walz family were noted for carrying on quarrying operations at Nanny Goat Hill in Arncliffe. They were probably the first to open up the area for commercial quarrying purposes. Marc Walz became to be known by his second, more Anglicised name, Joseph and lived on White Gum Flat, land along the eventual Princes Highway at Rockdale. (4)



Above: Walz's quarry, now Gardiner Park, Banksia

203.20.148.68. (2017). Walz's quarry, now Gardiner Park, Banksia. [online] Available at: http://203.20.148.68/LocaHis/Jpeg/004/quarries_b_002.jpg [Accessed 17 Jun. 2017].

In 1866 Joseph Walz and his wife were involved in a coronial inquiry of a fellow German stonemason. (5) Jacob Raegart was a sixty year old man who had been employed by Walz and had suffered from a severe cough for a considerable time. He had taken very ill at work, resulting in him vomiting copious amounts of blood, dying soon afterwards. After the testimony of Joseph and Johanna Walz, the coronial jury decided that other medical testing was unnecessary and ruled death from natural causes. Raegart was probably suffering from silicosis, the oldest known occupational lung disease, which is caused by exposure to inhaled particles of silica, mostly from quartz in rocks, particularly sandstone.



Above: Johanna and Marc Joseph Walz.

203.20.148.68. (2017). Johanna and Marc Joseph Walz. [online] Available at: http://203.20.148.68/LocaHis/Jpeg/004/walz_j_001.jpg [Accessed 12 Jun. 2017].

1884 saw a Joseph Walz listed as a builder at Rockdale; whether it was Marc Joseph or his son Joseph it cannot be certain. The same year saw a Joseph Walz of Rockdale applying for a conditional publican's licence for a property on the corner of Bay Street and Rocky Point Road.

PUBLICAN'S LICENSE.—I, JOSEPH WALZ, of Rockdale, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing O'urt to be holden at Central Police Office. Sydney, on the 24th day of JULY, 1884, apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Conditional Publican's License for a house situate at Bay-street, Rockdale, to contain 6 rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family, as per plan lodged this date.

Dated the 22nd day of June, 1884.

JOSEPH WALZ, Bay-street, Rockdaie.

Above: Application for a Conditional Publican's Licence.

Trove. (2017). Advertising - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 16 Jul 1884. [online]

Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search1 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572374?search2 http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13572

By 1888 the Sands Directory showed four Walz men listed at Bay Street, West Botany; Anthony and Charles both quarry masters, John, a builder and Joseph, no job listed. Walz Brothers had their tender of one hundred and forty pounds accepted by Council to build a culvert at Harrow Road the next year. (6) Due to the reported ill health of the contractor, the sandstone kerb and guttering works were put on hold until 1890.

ment. Alderman Bull wanted to know why the contract on Harrow-road was not being carried out. The Mayor stated that the contractor had been ill and could not work. The tender of Walz Brothers for kerbing and guttering for remainder of municipal year was accepted at 9s a yard. The following motions were carried:

Above: Newspaper Report of Minutes of Council Meeting

Trove. (2017). HURSTVILLE. - Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931) - 11 Aug 1890. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/113338197?searchTerm=%22walz%20brothers%22&searchLimits=I-australian=y [Accessed 12 Jun. 2017].

In 1892 the Sands Directory showed two entries for Walz; Joseph Anthony Waltz and Joseph Walz both listed living at Frederick Street Rockdale.



Above: Joseph Walz's home, Frederick Street, Rockdale.

203.20.148.68. (2017). Joseph Walz's home, Frederick Street, Rockdale.. [online] Available at: http://203.20.148.68/LocaHis/Jpeg/004/roads_fr_033.jpg [Accessed 12 Jun. 2017].

The Walz family decided that in 1892 they had sufficient funds to become a philanthropic influence to their community. Saint Joseph's School at Rockdale began in April 1892 when a church- school of St. Joseph's was erected on the corner of the Watkin and Walz Streets, the land being gifted by the German family. The land had been originally granted in 1831 to a James Chandler, who subdivided and auctioned it off to Marc Joseph Walz at a later date. The eighty eight students, both boys and girls, were taught by Sisters of Charity nuns, who had to travel from Hurstville each day. Increased enrolment numbers led to more development on the site with new classrooms being built ten years later. The Charity nuns were replaced by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1912, who formed a community in 1920, leading to the building of a new convent for them in Walz Street in 1929. All this educational and religious development came from the generosity of the Walz family's original land donation. (7) It was such a momentous occasion when the school-church was opened; the Cardinal Archbishop arrived in Rockdale to officiate at the opening and blessing ceremony.

THE CARDINAL AT ROCKDALE.

A new school-church opened.

The school-church at Rockdale bearing the name of St. Joseph was blessed and opened on Sunday afternoon by the Cardinal-Archbishop, who was assisted by Rev. C. Conway (pastor of the district) and Rev. Fr. Horgan, a visitor from Ireland. Among the laymen present were Mr. Joseph Walz— who gave the site on which the new building stands. It was explained that the structure had cost £588, and at the close of Sunday's proceedings the debt was placed to be less than £200. Mr. Lacey, Mayor of Kogarah, in speaking to the vote of thanks drew attention to the fact that the Catholics of the district, with the kindly help of their friends of other religions, had in the course of four years built churches and schools, in addition to the convent at Hurstville, at a total cost of over £4000. The Cardinal in reply said he thought their good friends Mr. Walz and Mr. John Downey should have been the recipients of the vote of thanks, for were it not for their great generosity there would be no building to bless that day. After the ceremony the visitors were hospitably entertained at the residence of Mr. Joseph Walz. (8)

The same year the church-school opened ,a meeting was held on the 16th June in Rockdale, where in the presence of the Mayor, Mr Joseph Walz forwarded a plan that a piece of land that ran from Watkin Street to Railway Street be dedicated, accepted by Council and named Walz Street.

ROCKDALE.

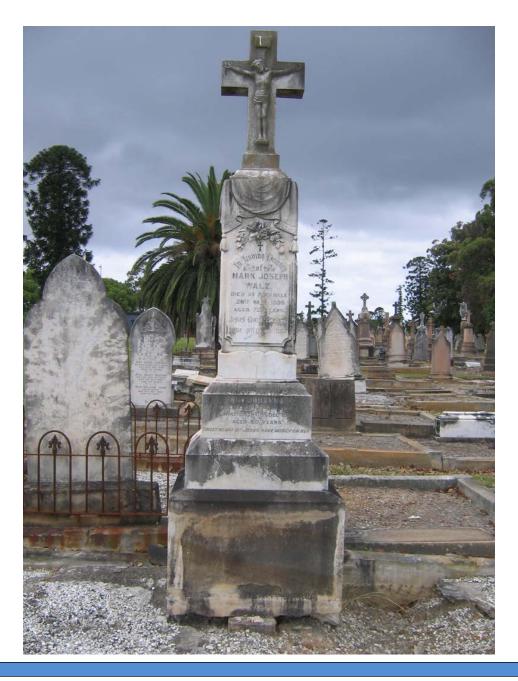
Meeting held June 16. Present: Aldermen W. Taylor (Mayor), W. Judd, E. Godfrey, Thomas, R. A. Price, J. H. Clayton, Cooke, Hegerty and T. A. Price. The Railway Commissioners intimated that the condition of the Rockdale goods siding would be looked into on their next tour through the locality. Mr. Joseph Walz forwarded a plan of a piece of land from Watkin-street, running into Railway-street, containing 3r. 53p., and requested the council's acceptance of same—it was decided to accept the dedication, the street to be named Walz-street. Mr. W.

Above: Council Meeting Report

Trove. (2017). MUNICIPAL. - GRANVILLE. - The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1923) - 21 Jun 1892. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/236167806?searchTerm=%22joseph%20Walz%20%22&searchLimits=sortb v=dateAsc [Accessed 13 Jun. 2017].

By 1897, the Walz family were heavily involved at St. Joseph's, Rockdale, with involvement in the celebration of Christmas Day. The women in the family created beautiful decorations; were in the choir and were involved in the establishment of the nativity scene crib that was admired by the parishioners. The joyous occasion gave no foreboding of the sorrow that would engulf the family within a year. Marc Joseph Walz, patriarch of the family, died on 28 September 1898 in Rockdale, New South Wales, at the age of seventy one.



Above: Headstone of Marc Joseph & Johanna Walz

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). Marc Joseph Walz 1827-1898. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/5138299/person/1631422455/story [Accessed 17 Jun. 2017].

A year later, the Parish decided to celebrate Walz's life and parish work by dedicating a large stained glass window in the church, featuring St Joseph and the Christ child. It was a fitting memorial for a man who did so much for his community. As well as making a gift of the land upon which the Church stood, prior to his death, Walz bequeathed an adjoining portion upon which the School Hall was subsequently built. The ground originally given by Walz comprised about half an acre, and eventually, a new Church was built at the top of the hill however, for the present St. Joseph's School Church sufficed.

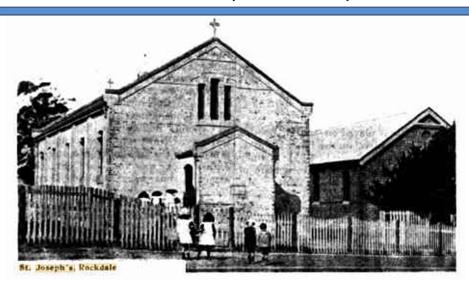
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

A pleasing celebration took place in the above church on Sunday, when there was unveiled a memorial window to the late Mr. Joseph Walz. Since this gentleman's decease his many friends have been anxious to mark him some way their appreciation of his sterling qualities, and so the erection of a stained glass window to his memory in the church, of which he was a benefactor, was deemed the most fitting testimony of the respect in which he was held. The window consists of three parts, and is a beautiful piece of workmanship. A representation of St. Joseph and the Child occupies the centre pane, while the two sides are prettily worked out in floral designs. The Rev. Father Milne Curran preached a sermon, and made touching references to the memory of Mr. J. Walz. (9)

Below: St Joseph's School Church, Rockdale

Trove. (2017). ST. JOSEPH'S, ROCKDALE - The St George Call (Kogarah, NSW: 1904 - 1957) - 18 Aug 1906. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/209634707?searchTerm=%22St%20joseph%27s%20rockdale%22church&searchLimits= [Accessed 17 Jun. 2017].



The Second Generation

Joseph Anthony Walz (1855-1923)

Mary Regina Walz (1883-1966)

Annie Catherine Walz (1885-1959)

Anthony Joseph Leo (Tony) Walz (1888-1945)

Margaret Johanna Walz (1890-1894)

Joseph Anthony Walz (1855-1923)

Bridget Annie Downey (1853-1933)

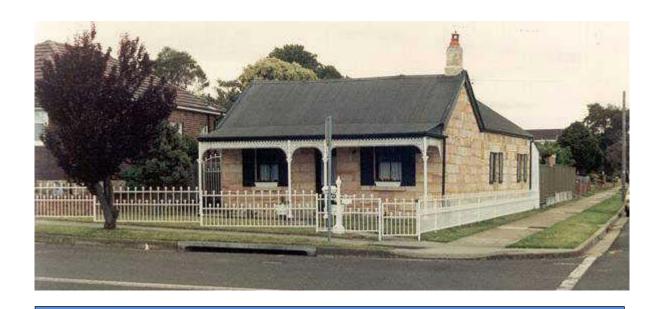
Joseph
Anthony Walz
and Bridget
Annie Downey
Family

John Norbert Walz (1892-1978)

Bernard Killian (Ben) Walz (1894-1951)

Edward Phillip A Walz (1896-1978)

The question to be asked is; was **Joseph Anthony Walz** one of the five children born aboard the "Undine"? No record is held by the NSW Registry of Births, Death and Marriages, so it can be safely assumed that he was born sometime during the voyage. In 1882 Joseph Anthony Walz married Bridget Annie Downey at Petersham in 1882 and they went on to have seven children. Bridget was the daughter of Irish immigrants John and Mary Downey, who lived at Bexley. Downey was a business compatriot of Marc Joseph, so both parents would have been happy with the match.



Above John Downey's Sandstone Cottage, Downey Street Bexley

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). John Downey's Bexley Cottage. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/5138299/person/1821605790/gallery [Accessed 17 Jun. 2017].

Three of their children were listed in the Catholic Press being awarded annual prizes at the end of school celebration at St Joseph's Roman Catholic School in 1895. Mary would have been twelve years old, Annie ten years old and Anthony Junior, seven years. Their four younger siblings were, in chronological order, John, Edward, Margaret and Bernard.

St. Joseph's School, Rockdale.

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Rockdale, was made on Friday morning, the 13th inst. The prizetakers were: — Mary Walz, Ethel Shepherd, Ruth Spring, Vera Burgess, Lily

Burgess, Cherry Shepherd, Ida Corbett, Norbert Gifford, Eva Shepherd, George Spring, Willie Girsin, Philip McNab, Annie Walz, Florrie Corbett, John McHugh, James Donnellan, John Searson, May Frake, George McNab, Katie McHugh, Annie Coyle, Daniel Lee, Daniel Carroll, Louisa North, May Mularky, Maggie Corker, Harold Dunne, May McGarry, Gladys Corbett, Albert Spring, Albert Coyle, Basil Gifford, Annie Burns, Oswald Dunne, Tony Walz, Carrie Thackeray, Ethel Shepherd, Willie Girsin. (10)

Joseph Walz was listed as a builder in 1884 in the New South Wales Government Gazette when the NSW Governor was petitioned for the establishment of the Municipality District of Kogarah. He was one of fifty two people who signed the petition for the thousand plus population who resided in the area of six miles. They wanted the Municipality not to be divided into Wards with the following boundaries:

Commencing at the intersection of the Illawarra Railway Line with George's River, on the northern bank of the said river j and bounded thence by the said Railway Line to a point between Arncliffe and Rockdale Stations, where the said Railway Line meets the Gannon's Forest Road j thence north easterly by the south-eastern side of the said road to the western boundary line of the West Botany Municipality; thence bounded on the east by the said western boundary-line of the West Botany Municipality to the waters of Botany Bay and thence on the south by the waters of Botany Bay and George's River, to the point of commencement aforesaid. (11)

The 1887 Sands Directory shows Joseph Anthony Walz listed as a stonemason living at Bay Street Hurstville and between 1892 and 1900 he was living at a Frederick Street property with his father. It was whilst living there an accident befell the family in 1894 with tragic repercussions. Joseph Walz was chopping wood at an old tree stump, surrounded by his small children, when the axe slipped out of his hands and struck little Margaret Johanna Walz in the head. The axe fractured her skull and severed arteries, leaving her with life threatening injuries. Walz carried her into the house, hoping to stem the flow of blood, but she died a few minutes later. (12) Nothing else can be found about Joseph Anthony Walz in the press after this tragic accident until his death nearly twenty nine years later. It would have been extremely difficult to recover from such a tragedy.

Joseph Anthony Walz passed away in 1923, aged sixty eight, regarded as an old and well known resident of Frederick Street Rockdale in his death notice. His funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends at St Joseph's Rockdale and his body was interred in the Roman Catholic portion of Rookwood cemetery, where his mother and father were buried. Ten years later, his wife Bridget Ann Walz died aged eighty years old, leaving sons Anthony Joseph and Edward Phillip to be executors of her will, not her eldest child Mary Regina, as was usual for the time.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES -Probate Jurisdiction-In the Will and two Codicils thereto of BRIDGET ANN WALZ late of Rockdale in the State of New South Wales Widow deceased - Application will be made after fourteen days from the date hereof that Probate of the will and two codicils of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANTHONY JOSEPH WALZ and EDWARD PHILLIP WALZ the Executors there in named. All creditors (If any) are hereby requested to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned within such fourteen days as afore said all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned HUGHES HUGHES and GARVIN (13)

Mary Regina Walz had been born in 1883 in Petersham, the first child of Joseph and Bridget. Mary took her religion very seriously and became ordained as a Sister of Charity, being known as Sister Mary Chanel RSC. She was involved with St Anne's Orphanage, which was a children's home that was opened at George Street Liverpool in 1888 by the Sisters of Charity. It was dedicated principally to the care of orphaned and blind girls, although young boys were occasionally admitted; the site later became a Westfield's shopping centre.

Right: St Anne's Orphanage

Find & Connect - History & Information about Australian Orphanages, Children's Homes & other Institutions. (2017). St Anne's Orphanage (1888 -1977). [online] Available at: https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/biogs/NE 00144b.htm [Accessed 18 Jun. 2017].



Mary Regina Walz, Sister Mary Chanel, died 20 August 1966 aged eighty three years. Her funeral was celebrated at St. Anne s Convent Chapel, George Street, Liverpool and she was buried at Rookwood Necropolis.



Above: Sister Mary Chanel Walz's Grave.

BillionGraves. (2017). Grave Site of Sister Mary Chanel Walz RSC (-1966) | BillionGraves. [online] Available at: https://billiongraves.com/grave/Chanel-Walz/12963579#/ [Accessed 18 Jun. 2017].

Joseph and Bridget's second daughter, **Anne Catherine Walz**, was born at St Peters in 1885. She married twenty nine year old James Henry Cahill in 1910 at Rockdale in a ceremony that was reported in the Catholic Press.

A ROCKDALE WEDDING.

At St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale, on May 4, Mr. James Cahill, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. .J. B. Cahill, of 'Glenroyd,' Bexley, and Miss Annie Walz, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walz, of Frederick-street, Rockdale, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father .J. J. O'Driscoll, assisted by Rev. Father P. Walsh. The bride, who

was given away by her father, wore a dress of soft paillette silk — empire style — with trimmings of chiffon and pearls. Her prettily-embroidered tulle veil was worn over a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet. Miss Mary Walz (her sister), was bridesmaid, and wore a dress of biscuit-coloured silk voile, with a picture hat, trimmed with bebe roses. Her bouquet of pale pink roses and autumn leaves, and a gold bracelet set with pearls, were gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. George Cahill attended his brother as best man. The bride's girlfriends tastefully decorated the church with palms and white flowers, and a bell of white cactus dahlias hung over the sanctuary. They also sang the music of the Nuptial Mass, the soloists being the Misses Ruwald, G. Curran, and M. Davis. Miss Logan presided at the organ. After the ceremony about 60 quests were entertained at breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents. Early in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. James Cahill left for the Mountains. The bride travelled in a costume of nattier blue chiffon cloth, braided with black; and a mole hat, with blue wings and silver trimmings. The presents were numerous and handsome. (14)

Anne and James had three sons; Ronald James, (1926 - 2007), Francis Joseph (1911 – 1949) and John. Benedict (1913 - 1965). They also had a daughter Mollie/Mary Lillian Cahill (1915 - 1982) and the family made their home at 27 Palmerston Street Kogarah. James worked as a tobacconist, based in inner Sydney and his youngest son, had to deal with a daring armed robbery in 1929.

AUDACIOUS THEFT ARMED MEN IN SHOP. TWO ARRESTS MADE.

Two armed bandits entered a tobacconist's shop in Crown Street, city, late on Friday night, and displaying great audacity bailed up a youth while people were passing outside the shop, and robbed the till of between £20 and £30. The shop was that of James Henry Cahill, and at the time of the robbery it was in the charge of the owner's son, John Benedict Cahill, aged 15 years.

He was about to rise to attend to the men, when he heard one man say "You sit there and you will be all right," He was alarmed when he looked up to see that one man was .levelling a revolver at him. The armed man beckoned to his companion, and pointed to the till. This man operated the till and extracted a bundle of bank notes. The men then decamped. Subsequently, the police made an arrest.

"The police allege that this man is one of the armed bandits who robbed the tobacconist's shop in Crown Street, Surry Hills, on Friday night," said Sergeant Napper, the police prosecutor, at the Central Police Court yesterday, when William Henry Brown. 25 years, a labourer, appeared on a charge of robbery under arms. Mr. Shepherd (S.M.) remanded Brown until August 12 on ball of £100.

Charged with having carried an .unlicensed pistol on Friday night James Bruce, 30 years, a valet, was remanded until August 5 by Mr. Cohen (S.M.). (15)



This is the tobacconist's shop in Crown-street which was held up last night by two men. Inset is Benny Cahill, who was in charge of the shop at the time.

(See story on Page 3.)

Above: John Benedict Cahill and his Father's Tobacconist's Shop

Trove. (2017). Benny Cahill - The Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954) - 3 Aug 1929. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/222956381?searchTerm=%22James%20henry%20cahill%22&searchLimits= [Accessed 18 Jun. 2017].

However, the case against the robbers collapsed when young Benny could not be certain whether they were the men who robbed him. He had originally identified them in an earlier police line-up; however, in the stress of the courtroom young Benny could not be certain they were the men who robbed him at gunpoint. That was enough to result in a no prima facie ruling by the magistrate and the two defendants were subsequently discharged.

Another son, Ronald James gained his Leaving Certificate whilst attending Marist Brothers' High School, Darlinghurst in 1937 (16) as well as qualifications in Applied Mathematics and

Miscellaneous Physics. (17) He went to achieve in the industrial chemistry and chemical engineering fields.

Their third son Francis Joseph Cahill was born in 1912 and pursued a military career as by 1946 he was an Acting Sergeant at Eastern Command Recruit Reception and General Details Depot, Victoria being awarded The Australian Efficiency Medal. (18) Francis Joseph Cahill died age thirty seven in 1949, whilst living at Kilmore in Victoria.

Name: Francis Joseph Cahill

Birth Year: abt 1912

Age: 37

Death Place: Kilmore, Victoria

Father's name: James Henry Cahill

Mother's name: Annie Cath Walz

Registration Year: 1949

Registration Place: Victoria

Registration Number: 16953

Above: Details of James Henry Cahill's Death

Search.ancestry.com.au. (2017). Francis Joseph Cahill in the Australian Death Index, 1787-1985. [online] Available at: http://search.ancestry.com.au/cgi-

bin/sse.dll?_phsrc=aSK498&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&gss=angs-c&new=1&rank=1&gsfn=francis%20joseph&gsfn_x=1&gsln=cahill&gsln_x=1&msfng=james&msfns=cahill&msmng=anne&msmns=walz&cpxt=1&cp=2&MSAV=1&MSV=0&uidh=hh2&pcat=BMD_DEATH&h=1900056&recoff=4%205%206%2022%2024%2035%2037&dbid=1779&indiv=1&ml_rpos=1 [Accessed 19 Jun. 2017].

James and Anne's only daughter, Mary Lilian Cahill married Raymond Cecil McMahon in 1942 at Redfern. Sadly the couple passed away together on the same day, the 27th of August 1982 at Brighton le Sands. Mary was sixty six years of age, Raymond was seventy one. (19)

The Cahill parents were living in separate houses at the time of their deaths. James Henry Cahill died on the 7th September 1947 at 64 Regent Street Redfern. His requiem mass was celebrated in the Church of St Vincent de Paul, Redfern Street Redfern. (20) Anne Catherine Cahill (nee Walz) died in 1959 living at 33 Frederick Street Rockdale. Strangely, at the time of her death, she had land at Gosford that was sold to cover overdue rates; lot 56, section B, Ocean Beach Road; with overdue rates of £58 4shillings.

Anthony Joseph Leo Walz was born at St. Peters in 1888 and he married Mary Lillian O'Reilly in 1922 in Rockdale, New South Wales.

Walz-O'Reilly.

A wedding of unusual interest was celebrated, with Nuptial Mass, at St. Joscph's Church, Rockdale, on Monday, 5th ult. Rev. Father J. P. Hyland officiated. The contracting parties were Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Philip O'Reilly, and Mrs. P. O'Reilly, of "Asquith," Bexley, to Anthony, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walz, "Maanbe," Rockdale. The bride, who was conducted the altar by her brother, Dr. P. M. O'Reilly, was daintily gowned in cashmere de soie, trimmed with ivory flowers and lace; her hand-embroidered tulle veil was arranged coronet fashion, and eaught with orange blossoms; she carried a shower bouquet of white cactus dahlias and carnations, tied with tulle streamers. The bridesmaids, Misses Maggie and Kitty O'Reilly, wore, respectively, apricot shot and blue taffeta, with black hats; both carried bouquets of pink carnations, which, with diamond brooches, were gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. J. N. Walz (brother of the bridegroom), and Mr. W. F. O'Reilly, groomsman. During the Mass the choir, presided over by Miss Walz, rendered Batmann's ''Mass,'' the soloists being Misses M. O'Loughlin, P. Souter, and E. McCauley. The reception was held at "Asquith, where Mrs. P. O'Reilly, gowned in black silk gabardine, and black hat, received 70 guests. The bridegroom's mother black jersey silk, trimmed with mauve, and hat to tone. After the breakfast, at which Rev. Father Hyland presided, and the usual toasts honoured, the couple left for the Mountains and Jenolan Caves, the bride travelling in a tailored costume and black celophane hat. to her marriage, the bride was the guest of honour at a linen tea, given by Mes-dames O'Loughlin and McNamee. She was also the recipient of presentations from the Sodality of the Children of Mary and church choir, with which she was actively associated.

Left: Walz - O'Reilly Wedding

Trove.gov.au. (2017). Wedding at Rockdale. Walz – O'Reilly. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107968324 [Accessed 19 Jun. 2017].

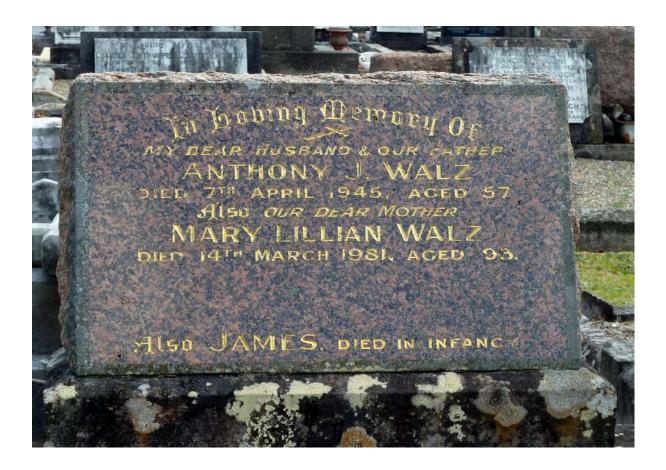
Anthony and Mary went on to have three children during their marriage; one of their sons James Joseph died in his infancy on the 18th March 1929. They had another son Philip Anthony and daughter Mary Imelda. The electoral rolls over the period 1930-1943 showed the family living at 17 Dunmore Street Bexley with Anthony Joseph Leo Walz listed working as a clerk.



Above: 17 Dunmore Street, Bexley

Onthehouse.com.au. (2017). 17 Dunmore Street, Bexley. [online] Available at: http://www.onthehouse.com.au/13102601/17_dunmore_st_bexley_nsw_2207 [Accessed 20 Jun. 2017].

Anthony Joseph Leo Walz died on the 7th April 1945 at the age of fifty seven, and was buried in Sutherland; by Charles Kinsella Funeral Home at Woronora Cemetery in the Catholic section. (21) He was listed as the dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Imelda and Phil; also the dear brother of Mary (Sister M. Chanel), Annie (Mrs. Cahill), John, Ben, and Eddie. Death notices often prove to be an interesting source of valuable information for a researcher, enabling verification of family details. Mary passed away in 1981, reunited with her Anthony, after being a widow for thirty six years.



Above: Anthony, Mary and Baby James Walz's' Grave Site

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). Anthony Walz and Mary Walz (nee O'Reilly). [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/mediaui-viewer/tree/43663358/person/27106606459/media/1fb2b033-262c-475a-915e-7dbe54b1a994 [Accessed 21 Jun. 2017].

Margaret Johanna Walz was born in 1890 at Rockdale, but sadly the little girl did not get to grow up. As mentioned earlier, in 1894 she was accidently killed in a paddock adjoining her home by her father Anthony Joseph Walz. Mr Walz had gone to cut some firewood, accompanied by four year old Margaret and two other children. She was fatally injured despite being seated about four metres away from where their father was working, cutting up a tree stump. He had been working only a few seconds when by some means the axe slipped from his grasp, and flew with tremendous force in the direction of the children, the edge striking Margaret under the right ear. The injuries proved to be almost immediately fatal, despite a nearby doctor being immediately on the scene. Joseph and his wife were "naturally almost distracted with grief". (22) The doctor made a death report for the City Coroner and an inquest followed

John Norbert Walz born in 1892 at Rockdale into the close knit Walz family. He was particularly close to his brother Anthony Joseph and followed in his footsteps when he married another O'Reilly girl, Margaret Mildred O'Reilly in 1926 at Rockdale. (23) The idea of a set of brothers marrying a set of sisters was quite common in the early twenties; the same happened in my own maternal family. This is the Walz brother I remember talking to in his shop when I was a child. This closeness continued as the two couples lived next door to each other in Dunmore Street Bexley.

The same year, the Messrs Walz Brothers Sports Depot was listed as being a place to obtain entry forms for the tennis winter competition of the Illawarra Suburbs Tennis Association. The shop was also a grocers shop, situated at 32 Walz Street Rockdale, listed in the Sands Directory from 1921-1933. The 1930 electoral roll listed John Norbert Walz and his wife Margaret Mildred living at 19 Dunmore Street Bexley. They were still at that address thirty three years later, with John still listed as a grocer. (24) They lived next door to their siblings who were at 17 Dunmore Street.

John Norbert Walz died on the 30th May 1978 and his wife Margaret died in 1982; there is no record that they had any children.

Name:	John Norbert Walz
Birth Date:	1892
Birth Place:	Rockdale, Bayside Council, New South Wales, Australia
Death Date:	30 May 1978
Death Place:	Bexley, Bayside Council, New South Wales, Australia
Cemetery:	Woronora Cemetery and Crematorium
urial or Cremation Place:	Sutherland, Sutherland Shire, New South Wales, Australia
Has Bio?:	N
Spouse:	Margaret Mildred Walz
URL:	http://www.findagrave.com/cgi

Left : John Norbert Walz Burial Details

Findagrave.com. (2017). John Norbert Walz (1892 - 1978) - Find A Grave Memorial. [online] Available at: https://www.findagrave.com/cgibin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=157260178 [Accessed 24 Jun. 2017]. Bernard Killian (Ben) Walz was the third son to be born at Rockdale in 1894 to Joseph and Bridget Walz. (25) Bernard, or Ben as he was known, worked as a salesman and ran a business in Walz Street Rockdale. His business was a victim of a father and son robbery when in 1922, Joseph John Jones, Robert William Jones and Joseph William Jones, were charged with breaking into and entering the shop of Mr Bernard Walz, of Walz Street, Rockdale. They had stolen twenty pairs of trousers, forty hats, thirty six ties and other items. This was the mention of the Walz family that started this current research.

From 1930-1933 he was living at 33 Frederick Street Rockdale with his mother, Anne Bridget, and his brother Edward Phillip Walz. In 1937 he moved out of home and until 1943 he was living at 29 Sir Thomas Mitchell Road, Bondi Beach and working as a salesman. By 1949 he had moved to 139 Morehead Street, Redfern and was working a process worker. Bernard Killian Walz passed away in 1951; he never married and had no children.

Edward (Eddie) Phillip A Walz, the last son of Joseph and Bridget was born at Rockdale in 1896 and also worked as a grocer. He lived with his parents at 33 Frederick Street Rockdale until 1936 when he moved to 19 Herbert Street Rockdale.

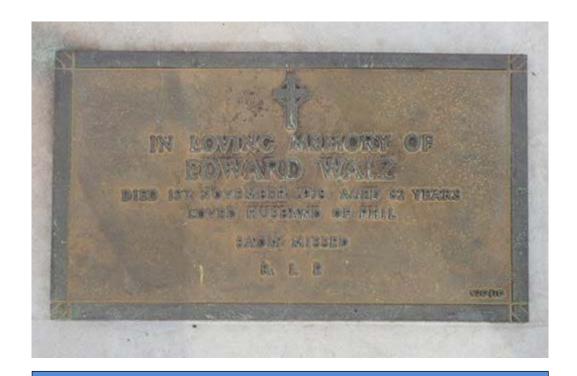


Above: 19 Herbert Street Rockdale

Realestate.com.au. (2017). 19 Herbert Street, Rockdale, NSW 2216 - View Sold History & Research Property Values - realestate.com.au. [online] Available at: https://www.realestate.com.au/property/19-herbert-st-rockdale-nsw-2216 [Accessed 24 Jun. 2017].

Initially, after his marriage to Phyllis May Robertson in 1944, he returned to the family home, until he Phyllis set up their own home in a flat at 2 Monomeeth Street, Bexley. In 1972 they moved again to 6/58 Frederick Street, on the corner of Watkin Street, where Edward and Phyllis were still listed as grocers on the electoral roll. They never moved out of the local radius of the shop during their married lives.

Edward Phillip Walz passed away on the 1st November 1978 at the age of eighty two; Phyllis May died nearly four years later on the 27th July, 1982.



Above: Edward Walz's Grave

WALZ, E. (2017). The memorial of EDWARD WALZ (- 1978) by Woronora Memorial Park at HeavenAddress. [online] Heavenaddress.com. Available at: http://www.heavenaddress.com/en/EDWARD-WALZ/1409705/ [Accessed 24 Jun. 2017].

Interestingly, when Phyllis May Walz died in 1982 the executrix of her will was Mary Imelda Leslie who had moved into 17 Dunmore Street residence by 1949.

John Norbet Walz (1892-1892)

John Francis Walz (1857-1913)

Elizabeth Margaret Downey (1856-1892)

Elizabeth Burke (1862-1905)

John Francis
Walz and
Elizabeth
Margaret
Downey
/Elizabeth
Burke

Margaret J Walz (1903-)

James John (1904-1991)

John Francis Walz was born in 1857 in New South Wales, his father, Marc Joseph was thirty and his mother, Johanna was twenty six. He married his first wife Elizabeth Margaret Downey in 1891 in Kogarah, New South Wales. Tragically, both she and their first son John Norbert Walz died the next year, the result possibly of childbirth related causes. A funeral was held in her honour.

VILE Friends of Mr. JOHN WALZ are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved wife, Elizabeth Margaret; to move from his residence, Aroer, Railway-st., Rockdale, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock, to Newtown Station, thence to Necropolis. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, 765 George-st., op. Christ Church, and Rockdale, op. station. Telephone 993.

Above: Funeral Notice for Elizabeth Margaret Walz

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1923) - 27 Jul 1892. [online] Available at:

 $\label{lem:http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/236171202?searchTerm=\%22joseph\%20Walz\%20\%22\&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc\# [Accessed 24 Jun. 2017].$

In 1893, John Walz was still living at Railway Street, Rockdale as mentioned in the Sands Directory. However, by the next year he was selling up all his possessions and the house, to make a clean break and a new life. John Francis Walz met another Elizabeth... Lizzie Lane aka Elizabeth Burke, but sadly tragedy struck again when his second wife also died. They had two children together; Margaret J Walz born at Rockdale in 1903 and James John Walz born at Rockdale in 1904. They married in 1902 and three years later Elizabeth Burke died aged forty three in 1905. She was mourned by the Walz, Burke and Lane families.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, at 11 a.m.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE by Public Auction, at RAILWAY-STREET, ROCKDALE,

opposite Railway Station, of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, FROM THE PROPRIETOR, who is relinquishing housekeeping.

including HANDSOME DINNER SERVICE

DESSERT and TEA SEA

CUT GLASSWARE, ELECTROPLATE

SUPERIOR BRUSSELS CARPETS, recently purchased

from Beard, Watson, and Co. DRAWING-ROOM UPHOLSTERED ELEGANTLY

SUITE in Tapestry and Plush
SOLID WALNUT CHINA CABINET
DINING and DRAWING BOOM OVERMANTELS

SOLID WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, in cluding Handsome Sideboard

SUITES in solid Ash and Walnut BEDROOM

HIGH-CLASS COTTAGE PIANOFORTE in handsome figured case

BEST BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTRADS and BEDDING
of superior quality
COMFORTABLE EUGENE COUCH in Cretonne

BRUSSELS STAIR CARPET and RODS

BOLID WALNUT HATSTAND Plate glass Back and Chair ENDOSSED KITCHEN DRESSER.

And Kitchen Utensile and Sundries.

TALTER BRADLEY and CO. have been favoured

from the proprietor, who is rewith instructions linquishing bousekeeping, to conduct the above Attractive Sale at his residence, Arcer. Railway-street, Rockdaie, on TUESDAY Next, 20th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m., FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.

TERMS, CASH.

Intending purchasers please take the 10.10 a.m. train. Illawarra platform, on Morning of Sale.

Above: John Francis Walz Property Sale

Trove. (2017). Advertising - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 17 Nov 1894. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13979412?searchTerm=%22Aroer%2C%20Railway%20street%20rockdale %22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc [Accessed 24 Jun. 2017].

Walding Priesds of Mr. JOHN F. WALZ are Waindly hysted to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Elizabeth; to move from his remission, Atlastic Hotel, Mort-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 to 1, sharp, for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery, via Petersham.

CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, 765 George-street, and Rockdale, opposite station. Tel., 998, and 6 Kog.

WALZ.—The Friends of Mean. ANTHONY. WCHARLES, BEN, PETER, and PIOUS WALZ and M. O'LEART, are invited to attend Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Elizabeth Walz; to move from her residence, Atlantic Hotel, Mort-street, Balmain; HIS AFTERNOON, at 1 to 1, for Rookwood Cemetery WALZ.—The Priesds of Means. MICHAEL, JAMES. Wand RICHARD BURKE fre invited to attend Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Flizabeth Walz; to move from her residence, Atlantic Hotel, Mort-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Beternham. CHAS. KINSELA.

WALZ.—The Priesds of Means. JOHN, WILLIAM, and OWEN LANE are invited to attend Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Elizabeth Walz; to move from her late residence, Atlantic Hotel, Mort-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45 p.m., for Netropolis, via Petersham, CHAS, KINSELA, Undtkr.

Above: Elizabeth Walz's Funeral Notices

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 30 Oct 1905. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14728321?searchTerm=%22elizabeth%20walz%22%20%20funer al&searchLimits= [Accessed 25 Jun. 2017].

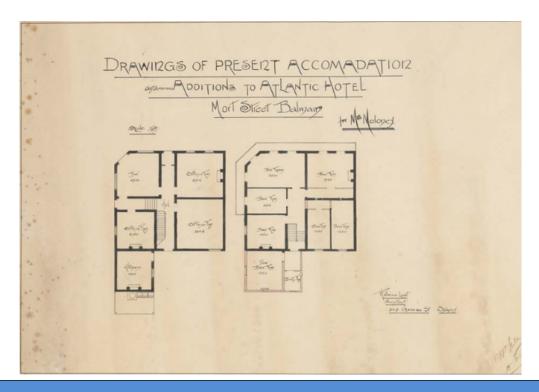
They were living at the Atlantic Hotel in Mort Street Balmain at the time of the second Mr's Walz's death; they had taken it over in 1905. John Francis Walz transferred the licence in 1906 to a Roger O'Keefe. (27)

Right: The Atlantic Hotel, Corner Cameron & Mort Street Balmain, now a corner shop.

Historian @ Work. (2017). Random History:
Atlantic Hotel. [online] Available at:
https://historianatwork.wordpress.com/2011/01/25/
random-history-atlantic-hotel/ [Accessed 25 Jun.
2017].



The Atlantic Hotel existed until probably 1908 when it lost its licence in a government initative to reduce the number of hotels in Sydney. Maybe John Francis Walz had an inkling of what was to come, however, in 1906 the new owner, Mrs Maloney, had an architect draw up plans to add an extra bedroom over the kitchen and the State Records of NSW opened access to some beautifully digitized plans, including for this work.



Above: Drawings of Present Accommodation & Additions to Atlantic Hotel

S3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com. (2017). Drawing of Present Accommodation & Additions to Atlantic Hotel. [online] Available at: https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/srnsw-public-photos/9590_62634.jpg [Accessed 25 Jun. 2017].

Mr. John Francis Walz described in the press at the time as a very old resident of Frederick Street. Rockdale, died at the Lewisham Hospital on Sunday the 19th October 1913, aged fifty six years. The funeral took place at Rookwood the following Tuesday, and was largely attended by family members and friends.

John and Elizabeth's only daughter, **Margaret J Walz** was born at Rockdale in 1903. Margaret married John K MacMillan (McMillan) in 1932 at Rockdale. The only John K Macmillan to be found in the research was in 1929 when a John K. McMillan, an accountant at the Griffith branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia, was overcome by an armed robber, Graham Rice, who bound and gagged him, took the keys and emptied the safe of £670 in notes, silver, and copper coins. Rice eventually shot himself, was captured by police and faced court for his deeds. (28)

John and Elizabeth's surviving son, twenty six year old **James John Walz**, married Doris May Booker in 1928.

WALZ-BOOKER T. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, Clovelly, was chosen for the wedding on December 1, when Rev. Father R. O'Connor officiated at the marriage of Miss Doris May Booker, eldest daughter of the late Mr. R. Booker of Fairfield, and Mrs. R. Booker, of Clovelly, and Mr. James John Waiz. only son of the fate Mr and Mrs. F I Walz of Rockdale. The bride chose an ankle length gown of tvory satin, and Honiton face, and her sauge tuffe veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossom. A long train of white rucked talle, mounted on pale pink georgette, edged with pearltrimmed lace, and studded with diamante, was carried by Betty Booker, Misses. sister of the bride Booker, Mercye Lawn and Margaret Walk were bridesmaids, and Dr. Horace Foley WILH best 13331333 MUNSTS. J Bookaliil. WATER. Downes and N. Phillips were groomsmen. The reception was held at the Coogee Bay Hotel, where the bride's mother received about 50 guests ME and Mrs. Walk later left by car for Melbourne, the bride travelling in a smart trock of pastel crepe satin with a baley same had to match.

Left: Walz-Booker Wedding Report

Trove. (2017). WALZ -- BOOKER - The Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954) - 16 Dec 1928. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/223252998?sear chTerm=%22mr%20f%20j%20walz%22&searchLimits=so rtby=dateAsc [Accessed 28 Jun. 2017].

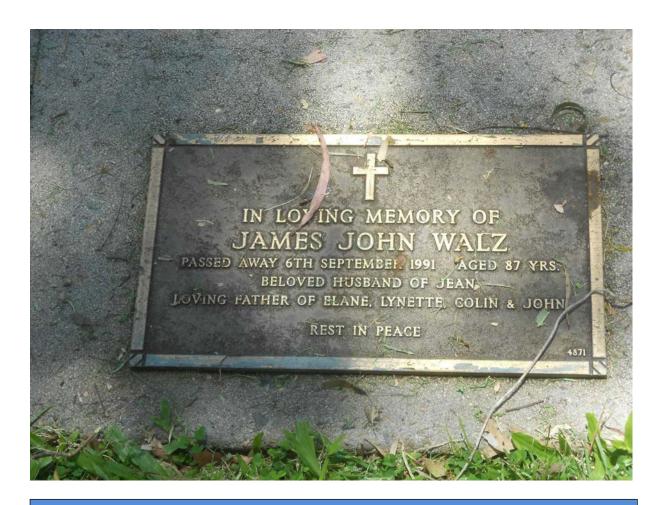
However, sadly they were divorcing just eighteen months later, with Doris citing desertion by her husband as the cause, in the Truth newspaper. (29)

HER DREAMS Did Not Come True In This Case

We've seen her from time to time, aboard boat, tram or train, the young lady in love, eyes coyly cast upon her fancywork as nimble fingers thread on the embroidery, the while the gleaming diamond ring, somehow carried so that all shall see it, catches the light and reflects it off in a thousand gleaming colors. Like all sweethearts engaged, Doris May Booker no doubt had her dreams, built her pretty castles in the air. And then, just 21, she married James John Walz on December 1, 1928. Last week, she was in the Divorce Court. From the time of her wedding till Walz left her in July, 1930— just about 18 months— they had never really settled down. At the time of the wedding, they were living in Winchester-road, Clovelly. Walz was a builder and their first home was in Francis-street, Epping, for some months, the next in O'Sullivan road, Rose Bay, the third at Kensington, where they had their first row and made it up. Finally, they were in Blandstreet, Ashfield, where he smashed it up — that is, broke up the home by clearing out. They were at Ashfield for only six weeks. Mrs. Walz said that they rowed and argued. She had properties from which she received rents. He collected the rents, but he didn't always pay in the money, so she said. 'I had an argument with him about the rents,' said Mrs. Walz, for whom Mr. Gaden (Messrs. Brady and Gaden) appeared. 'One night we had a row. He said he was going to some friends, and told me that I could shift for myself. I said I wanted the rents. He left and he hasn't been back since.' So that was that. Her dreams faded away. What does she think of the engaged girl's plans to-day — plans of a bungalow in some nice, salubrious suburb— she, the wife who moved all over the place in the 18 months of her married life? The decree nisi granted her by the judge tells a lot. (30)



James John Walz remarried in 1936 in Queensland, to Jean Thelma McCann and they went on to have six children together. He died on the 6th September in Gladstone, Queensland, at the age of eighty seven years.



Above: James John Walz's Gravesite

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). James John Walz 1904-1991. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/15120229/person/310044111144/story [Accessed 4 Jul. 2017].

Philomena Marie Walz (1900-1983)

Charles Augustine Walz (1859-1908)

Isabella MacBriarty (1869-1928)

Charles
Augustine Walz
and Isabella
MacBriarty
Family

Theresa Gertrude Walz (1902-1981)

Mary Theela Walz (1903-?)

Kathleen Walz (1906-?)

Charles Augustine Walz was born in 1859 and in 1898, thirty nine year old Charles married twenty nine year old Isabella MacBriarty at Marrickville. Isabella was one of sixteen children born to Irish immigrants. Charles was regarded as one of the best known and highly esteemed men in the Rockdale area. He was a staunch Catholic and had worked as a contractor for Rockdale Municipal Council for many years. Charles and Isabella had four daughters in the ten years of their marriage, but sadly Charles died in 1908 aged only forty nine years. His death left Isabella with four girls aged eight years and under.

MR. CHARLES A. WALZ, ROCKDALE.

Mr. Charles Augustine Walz, who died at his residence, Herbert-street, Rockdale, on September 8th, after a long and painful illness, was the third son of the late Joseph Walz. During the late cold weather he caught a cold, which unfortunately proved fatal. After a lingering illness he died fortified by the consolations of the Church. It was in Church circles that Mr. Walz's influence was most beneficially felt. He was a devoted Catholic, and took a keen interest in everything that promoted the best interests of the Church. No matter what was the call of the Church, he was already to do his part, and in doing his duty he left a bright example bet-hind him for others. His goodness was well known far beyond his own district, and many were the anxious enquiries made as to his state of health during his illness. Amongst those to visit him in his last hours was the Rev. Father Barry, of Manly, and the Rev. Father O'Brien of Mosman. He was a prominent member of the Kogarah branch of the Hibernian Society, and great sympathy was shown him by its members during his illness. The Rev. Fathers 'O'Driscoll and, Walsh were in constant attendance on the sick man, as also were the good nuns from the Hurstville Convent, and on one occasion the Rev. Mother from the Woollahra Convent paid him a visit, and consoled his hours of sickness. He leaves a widow and four children, for whom the keenest sympathy is felt. At the time of his death the deceased gentleman was in his 50th year. The body was taken from the home of the deceased to St. Joseph's Church, where Holy Mass was said at 7.30 a.m. on, the day of the funeral. As the casket containing the remains of the deceased gentleman was borne to their last earthly resting-place, the 'Dead March' from 'Saul' was' played on the organ by Miss. Mary Walz, niece of the deceased. Amongst those who attended the funeral were Anthony, Bernard, Pius, and Peter Walz (brothers), Martin O'Leary (brother-in-law), Anthony, Norbert, and Ed-ward Walz, and Martin O'Leary (nephews), Annie and Mary Walz (nieces), and Messrs. T. Carroll, President Kogarah Branch H.A.C.B. Society; J. Quoyle, J. Illiffe, T. O'Connell, G. Goode, Michael Downey (Gundagai), J. English, W. Schmidt, W. Burns, S. Burns, W. Hegarty, C. Malone, J. Coyle, Noonan. Clayton, Cahill, Kitchen. Hard'ge-, S. Schell, Bray, Geeves, M'Kay, and

Downey. At the grave the last prayers were recited by the Rev. Father O'Driscoll, assisted by the Rev. Father Walsh.— R.I.P. (31)

In 1909, only a year after Charles' death, Council resumed land from his property, probably due to rate arrears when the Mayor exercised the powers of Section 130 of the Local Government Act of 1906. The piece of land was at the corner of Walz and Watkin streets, Rockdale and belonged to the estate of the late Charles Walz. It measured a frontage of twenty feet to Walz Street and was one hundred and seventy feet deep. (32) Sadly, Isabella was left to bring their four girls up as a sole parent.

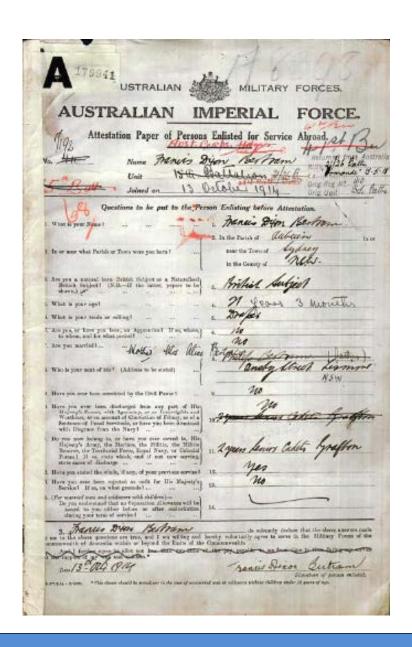
Philomena Marie Walz, their eldest daughter had been born in 1900, making her only eight years old at the time of her father's death. Like the rest of the extended family, Philomena was actively involved with her parish at St. Joseph's.

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Above: St. Joseph's Rockdale Fundraising Bazaar and Queen Competition

Trove. (2017). BAZAAR AND QUEEN COMPETITION. - St. Joseph's, Rockdale. - The St George Call (Kogarah, NSW: 1904 - 1957) - 2 Dec 1921. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/162880975?searchTerm=%22Philomena%20Walz%20%20%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc# [Accessed 6 Jul. 2017].

Philomena married returned soldier Francis Dixon Bertram in 1923 after he had come home from overseas service in World War One. He had left Australia on the 22nd December 1914 with the 15th Infantry Battalion aged only twenty one. He had suffered serious gunshot wounds to his ankle and back at Gallipoli, returned to Australia in 1915 and was discharged as being medically unfit the next year. However, Francis re-enlisted in December 1917 and faced further military service in France with the 41st Battalion, finally returning home for good in July 1919. (33)



Above: Francis Dixon Bertram's Enlistment Papers

Memorial, T. (2017). Private Francis Dixon Bertram. [online] Awm.gov.au. Available at: https://www.awm.gov.au/people/rolls/R1754288/ [Accessed 6 Jul. 2017].

The young couple originally set up home in Parramatta; however, from 1958 to 1963 they were living at 15 Kyle Street Arncliffe with three children, Marie Therese a nurse, Kevin Charles a clerk (later a quality surveyor) and Francis John an accountant. (34) The electoral roll during this time showed that Francis Dixon was employed as a draper and Philomena was involved in home duties. They had another three children: Desmond Walz Bertram, Terrence John Bertram who died as a baby in 1930 and Margaret Mary Bertram. In 1968 Francis was retired and he and Philomena were living at 15 Frederick Street Killara. Francis died in 1976 aged eighty two and Philomena died in 1983 aged eighty three.

In 1902, another of Charles Walz's daughters arrived when **Theresa Gertrude Walz** was born in Rockdale. She married William Henry Joseph Waring in 1940 and the 1943 electoral roll shows them living at 178 Deniston Road Lewisham. William's first wife, Ellen Ward had died in 1935 aged only forty three. (35) He had two sons with Ellen, Brian Joseph and Maurice William who were nineteen and sixteen respectively when their father remarried.

WARING.—July 16, 1935, at Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, Ellen Waring (nee Nellie Ward), beloved wife of Harry Waring and dearly loved mother of Brian and Maurice, aged 42 years. Requiescat in pace.

Above: Ellen Waring's Death Notice

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 17 Jul 1935. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17179033?searchTerm=%22%20ellen%20waring%22%20death&searchLimits=da teFrom=1935-01-01|||dateTo=1935-12-31 [Accessed 8 Jul. 2017].

The Warings lived at 8 Duncan Street Rockdale and William was listed as a traveller on the 1930 electoral roll and Theresa involved in home duties and being a step mother to William's sons. Theresa and William had no children together and eventually moved to Ryde, with Theresa passing away in 1981 and William seven years later.

The third daughter of Charles Walz, **Mary Theela Walz**, was born in 1903 in Rockdale. She attended St Mary's Convent School at Hurstville, with her achieving a qualifying certificate in 1917. (36) Mary married forty two year old Leonard Moran in 1933 and had a son the next year, Clement Charles Moran; Clement Moran became a medical practioner.

MORAN (nee Walz).—September 26, at Nurse Nunn's Carinya private hospital. Northbridge, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moran—a son (Clement Charles).

Above: Clement Charles Moran Birth Notice

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 29 Sep 1934. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17111971?searchTerm=%22%20mrs%20leonard%20Moran%22%201933 &searchLimits=l-australian=y [Accessed 8 Jul. 2017].



Left: Mary Theela Moran (nee Walz)

Myheritage.com. (2017). Mary Theela Walz. [online] Available at:

https://www.myheritage.com/research?formId=master&form Mode=0&action=query&exactSearch=0&qname=Name+In.M cClory&utm_source=ppc_surnamedb&utm_medium=ppc&ut m_campaign=link_thumbnail%3B [Accessed 8 Jul. 2017].

The last of Charles Walz's daughters, **Kathleen Marion Walz**, was born in Rockdale in 1906. Kathleen obtained a qualifying certificate in 1918 and was a student at St Brigid's Randwick. In 1920 she won two second year awards in English and Algebra. (37) Kathleen's scholastic successes continued in 1921:

The splendid success achieved by the students of St. Brigid's College, Randwick in the scholastic and musical arena was in evidence on Monday last, when the. Archbishop of Sydney distributed the annual prizes to many winners in recent public examination (38)

Young Kathleen won prizes in English and History; she also won awards for English, History, Latin and Religious Knowledge; in 1923 the following address of welcome to the Bishop was read by Miss Kathleen Walz:

May It Please Your Grace. — We, the Brigidine Nuns and their pupils, desire to offer you our whole-hearted welcome. It is a great honour to have you in our midst, and to have you beBtow on us, the pupils of St. Brigid 's College, the rewards we have earned by our efforts during the past year. We hear and read of your labours in the cause of religion and education, and we earnestly pray that your days may be long to carry on the great work for the Archdiocese of Sydney. Asking your blessing und prayers for our parents and ourselves, we have the honour to remain, your Grace's obedient did affectionate children, the Brigidine Nuns, and their pupils. (39)

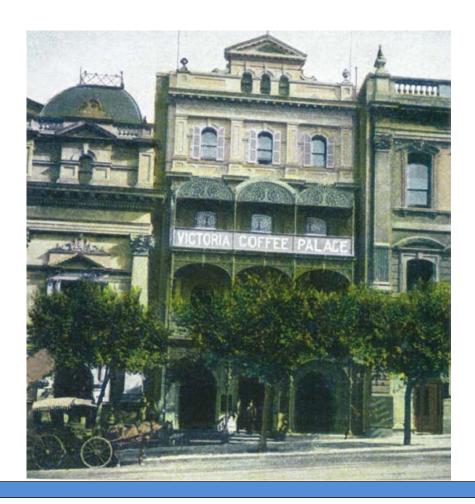
Sadly, only six years later, young Kathleen was pregnant and desperate, with nowhere to turn. In 1929 her illegitimate baby boy was abandoned in a hotel room and due to his poor health state, he later died. Kathleen had been living at the family home, 'Tyrone', in Walz Street Rockdale with her sisters when she had fallen pregnant. When her condition was unable to be hidden from others, she travelled to St. Joseph's Homes in Carlton, Victoria for the rest of her pregnancy; a duration of three months. According to a Sister Michael, she returned after the birth of her son to the home, but left again with the child, to return later without him, stating that someone else would be looking after the boy. (40)

The child was named John Eric Walz, and his father was named by Kathleen to be Harry Carman, a single man, of Hornsby Avenue. Hornsby, New South Wales. Kathleen was reported in court to have simply stated when she pleaded guilty:

"This man save me money when, he knew of my condition, end I told him I was coming to Melbourne. 'Since the birth of the child he has written to me and sent me money. My parents are dead, and I was living at home with my two elder sisters, who helped to support the home. I didn't want them to know my trouble, so that is why I came to Melbourne. The reason I abandoned the child was because if I went back to Sydney with him my sisters would know, and I thought when I left him at the Victoria that he

would be placed In a home. I left him at the Victoria because it was the best place I could afford at the time." (41)

Kathleen Walz pled guilty and faced trial for the unlawful abandonment of her child. In the court case the Government pathologist found that baby John Eric Walz had died from exhaustion owing to malnutrition; he had failed to thrive, despite artificial feeds given to him when found. Poor Kathleen obviously had failed to nurture her child properly since his birth and it appeared he had some digestive issue, which despite both breast feeding and bottle feeding, led to his eventual death. The coroner found that the child had died owing to its inability to assimilate artificial food and Kathleen was released on a bond in August 1929.



Above: The Victoria Hotel

ibis Styles Melbourne, The Victoria Hotel. (2017). Our History | ibis Styles Melbourne, The Victoria Hotel. [online] Available at: https://www.victoriahotel.com.au/a-short-history-of-the-victoria-hotel/ [Accessed 9 Jul. 2017].

By the 1930 Electoral roll the Walz girls were back living together at 46 Walz Street Rockdale; Kathleen now working as a typist; Mary Theela as a telephonist as was Teresa Gertrude. The house has since been replaced and is now a medical centre. Kathleen married John Coughlan in 1934, and quietly slipped into anonymity. (42)



Above 46 Walz Street Rockdale

Google.com.au. (2017). 46 Walz Street Rockdale. [online] Available at:
https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/46+walz+street+rockdale/@33.9512635,151.1346706,3a,75y,195.57h,90t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sCcLh44Y7DISrENqzr6yjfA!2e0!4m2!3m1!1
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Anna Maria Walz (1863-1914) **Anna Maria Walz**, twin daughter of Marc Joseph and Johanna Walz, was born in 1863 in Wellington, New South Wales. In 1898 she was involved in fundraising for St Joseph's Church when the parishioners held a Dickens' Fair.

The Dickens Fair opened last Wednesday afternoon at the Rockdale Town Hall by his Eminence the Cardinal was brought to a successful termination on Saturday evening. The charming quaint costumes of the fair stall-holders and assistants contributed greatly to the attractiveness of the scene. Some of the characters from Dickens' works were splendidly carried out. Miss Burns, the energetic hon. secretary, chose the character of Esther Summerson; Miss A. Walz, the Marchioness from "The Old Curiosity. Shop"; Miss M'Nab, Mrs. Quilp; Miss G. Burns, Little Nell; Miss A. Donnellan, Little Dorrit; Mrs. Coombes, Mrs. Nickleby; Miss Coombes, Kate Nickleby, Miss F. Doyle, Miss Squeers; Mrs. M'Neil, Sairey Gamp; Miss Courtney, Mercy Picksniff; Miss Wolloghan, Miss Miggs; Miss A. Wolloghan, Dolly Varden. The above costumes were perfectly carried out in every detail, and suited the fair wearers to perfec-Among the many attractive articles on the stalls was a model of Bleak House executed by Mrs. Lawson, Miss Burns, hon. secretary, and Mr. J. A. Burns, the structure being quite a work of art. Each evening an enjoyable concert was provided, among those contributing being Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Leeder, and Mr. Coombes.

(43)

Above: Newspaper Report on the Dickens'Fair

Trove. (2017). WOMAN'S PAGE. - MY DEAR PEGGY - Freeman's Journal (Sydney, NSW: 1850 - 1932) - 10 Dec 1898. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/115386469?searchTerm=%22miss%20A%20Walz%22%20rockdale&searchLimits=sortby=dateDesc# [Accessed 9 Jul. 2017].

In 1904 Anna Maria travelled to Cargo, west of Orange where she was farewelled with a social by the locals. Her friend Carl Logan later became a dentist and eventually set up business in Carlton, after working in the Forbes district for years. The Logan family were involved in Rockdale parish as well.

CARGO.

SCIAL -A very enjoyable social was held in the Assembly Room on Friday week when a number of friends assembled to bid farewell to Master Carl Logan (who is going back to Hunter's Hill College) and Miss A Walz of Rockdale (who has been paying a visit to this district). Dancing commenced at 8 30 and was carried openergetically till about 2 a.m. About midnight refreshments were handed round and I must congratulate the young ladies of Cargo on the excellent proof of their cooking abilities. First class music was supplied by Misses K and J Hendry and Miss Logan on the plane, and Messrs C Legan, S Bloomfield, and W Holden on the The following is a list of some of the violin. costumes :-

Mrs Logan, blue, butteroup trimmings.

Mrs Byrnes, white, black belt.

Miss A Walz, (Rockdale), white silk, lace insertion.

Above: Report of the Cargo Social

Trove. (2017). CARGO. - Molong Express and Western District Advertiser (NSW: 1887 - 1954) - 30 Jan 1904. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/139537246?searchTerm=%22miss%20A%20Walz%22%20rockdale&searchLimits=sortby=dateDesc [Accessed 9 Jul. 2017].

Anna Maria never married and appears to have spent her life working for her community. She is mentioned in 1908 attending the ball for St Joseph's Rockdale Ball, with her sister, again wearing white silk. (43) She played the organ for the local Church and was mentioned in the Freeman's Journal doing so at St Mary's Cathedral at Easter 1906. Anna Maria died

just before Christmas in 1914, on the 16th December, at her residence "Annaville", Frederick Street Rockdale, aged only fifty two. In family tradition, she was interred in the Catholic section at Rookwood Cemetery two days later.

Surprisingly, the probate of her will took thirteen years to be completed. It had been listed on the 26 April 1915, with her brother Peter Pius Walz and sister Johanna O'Leary being named as executor and executrix.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the will of Anna Maria Walz, late of Rockdals, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, spinster, deceased.

PURSUANT to the "Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898": Notice is hereby given that every creditor or other person having any claim against the estate of Anna Maria Walz, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 16th day of December, 1914, and probate of whose will was, on the 26th day of April, 1915, granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to Johanna O'Leary, the wife of Martin O'Leary, of Rockdale aforesaid, builder, and Peter Pius Walz, of Rockdale aforesaid, cab proprietor, the executrix and executor named in the said will, is hereby required to send particulars in writing of such claim to the said Johanna O'Leary and Peter Pius Walz in care of the undersigned, Messrs, Hughes and Hughes, at their office hereunder mentioned, on or before the 18th day of September, 1915, at the expiration of which time the said Johanna O'Leary and Peter Pius Walz will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they then have notice; and notice is hereby further given that the said Johanna O'Leary and Peter Pius Walz will not be liable, for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.—Dated this 13th day of August, 1915.

HUGHES and HUGHES,
Proctors for the said

Johanna O'Leary and Peter Pius Walz,
Hunter House, 26 Hunter-street, Sydney

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Above: Probate Notice of Anna Maria Walz

Trove. (2017). PROBATE JURISDICTION. - In the will of Anna Maria Walz, late of Rockdale, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, spinster, deceased. - Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW: 1901 - 2001) - 23 Sep 1927. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/219954056?searchTerm=walz%20rockdale&searchLimits# [Accessed 9 Jul. 2017].

Maria M. A. Walz (1863-?) Anna's twin sister **Maria M. A. Walz** was born in 1863 and not much else could be found regarding her. She played the organ and was mentioned doing so at St Joseph's in 1901; she sang in the Church choir as well.

Mission at St. Joseph's, Rockdale

An eight days' mission was commenced in the above church on Sunday, July 14, by Vincentian Fathers. Rev. Father Hanly preached in the morning; WAB church crowded, and seemed great impression on the The choir at the opening make congregation. rendered portion of Mozart, Gounod, Weber and Farmer's Masses, the principals being: Soprano, Miss Nora Devitt and Mrs. Murray; contralto, Miss English and Mrs. J. B. Cahill; tenor, Messrs. P. English and J. Clune; basso, Messrs. W. W. Callinan and Coombe; Mr. W. Coombe being the musical director. Miss J. Macedo and Miss M. Walz shared the duties at the organ. Millard's "Ave Maria" was sung at the Offertory by Miss Devitt with great effect. At the conclusion of the sermon the Rev. Father congratulated the people of the parish on the neat appearance of the church; also the choir for the splendid way in which they sang, adding that many churches with much larger congregations could not do so Owing to Father Hanly having to well. close the Kogarah Mission he was unable to be present at night, and the Rev. Father Boyle preached, the church being again crowded.

Left: Mission at St Joseph's, Rockdale

Trove. (2017). Archdiocesan
News. - Clerical Conference. The Catholic Press (Sydney,
NSW: 1895 - 1942) - 20 Jul 1901.
[online] Available at:
http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/
article/104513440?searchTerm=
%22miss%20m%20Walz%22&se
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[Accessed 9 Jul. 2017].

In 1911, at a Fundraiser Ball for the St George Football Club, Miss M. Walz attended, in a cream satin overdress of ninon, a filmy light material, with a pearl and opal trim. (44) Nothing else can be found for Miss Maria Walz and tragedy was to hit the Walz family regarding the next two of their children, Louis and Mary; both died as toddlers. Louis Walz was born in 1864 and died aged only two, as did his younger sister, Mary Frances Walz, who was born in 1865 and died in 1867. (45)

Bernard (Bearnhart) Paul Walz (1867-1938)

Helena Harriett Sherrin

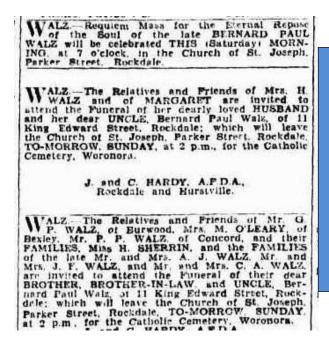
(1877-1961)

Bernard
(Bearnhart)
Paul Walz
and Helena
Harriette
Sherrin
Family

Bernard (Bearnhart) Paul Walz was born in 1867 and like most of the males in his family he was originally a stonemason by trade. In 1907 Bernard Paul Walz married thirty year old Helena Harriette Sherrin in Bombala. (46) Helena was one of twelve children whilst Bernard was also one of a dozen; however, sadly for them they were childless according to the records available.

In 1914 they were involved with the annual fundraising ball in aid of the St Joseph's Catholic Church at Rockdale Town Hall. Bernard was on the committee and among the two hundred people present on the night.

Bernard Paul Walz died in Rockdale in 1938 with his glowing biography in the press and his funeral very well attended by the local community.



Left: Bearnard Paul Walz Death Funeral Notices

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). Bernard Paul Walz 1867-1938. [online] Available at:
https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/5976047/person/25777120306/facts
[Accessed 12 Jul. 2017].

MR. BERNARD PAUL WALZ.

The death occurred recently of Bernard Paul Walz at his home- King Edward-street, Rock dale. The fifth son of Mr. Joseph Walz, one of the earliest settlers in that district, Mr. Bernard Walz was looked upon as one of the oldest living residents of the municipality, as he was born and lived all his life in the house in which he died, at the age of 70 years. Like his father before him, he was a quarry master and builder, and many of the

homes in that suburb bear evidence of his skill as a master craftsman. Closely associated with St. Joseph's Church, the deceased took an active part in all the organisations for the welfare of the church and the parish. He was a foundation member of the local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and was treasurer of that body for over 40 years. On the introduction of the Catholic Boy Scout movement, he took a very active part in the formation of the Rockdale Troop of which he was treasurer, and held the appointment of director of Scout Holdings, Ltd. As a citizen, he was held in high esteem, and his vivid recollections of Rockdale's early days made him an interesting raconteur. When the Holy Name Society was established in his parish, he was one of the first to enrol and be selected as a prefect. Later, he became an honorary member of the Irish National Foresters. Many of his later years were almost entirely devoted to works of charity, and in this direction it will be difficult to replace him. Kindly and considerate, he was always at the disposal of his Vincent de Paul conference or other mission in relieving want or suffering. His death occurred on July 8, and on the following Saturday morning Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. The Holy Name Society's Mass was offered up for him on the Sunday. During his illness he had the consolations of the Church administered by Rev. Father T. Kelleher, Rev. Fathers Collins and Coughlan and the Sisters of St. Joseph regularly visited him. There was a large and representative funeral, attended by the relatives and many of the old residents. The cortege was preceded from the church to King's Highway by the Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul men and the Catholic Boy Scouts. Mr. Walz is survived by his widow. Mr. G. P. Walz, president of St. Joseph's conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Burwood Heights, is a brother of deceased. — R.I.P. (47)

His widow, Helena Walz, was still living at 11 King Edward Street Rockdale in 1958. Helena passed away three years later. (48)

Francis Joseph Walz (1898-1971)

Johanna Margaret Walz (1899-1967)

George Peter Walz (1869-1960)

Kathleen Mary Hennessy (1867-1936)

Mary Teresa Walz (1901-1992)

George Peter
Walz and
Kathleen Mary
Hennessy
Family

John William Walz (1902-1961)

Kathleen Maria Walz (1906-2002)

Patricia Phyllis Walz (1909-1971)

George Peter Walz, the sixth son of Marc Joseph and Johanna Walz, was born in the St. George area in 1869

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In 1897, George Peter Walz married Kathleen Mary Hennesy and they went on to have six children together.

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Above: Peter George Walz and Kathleen Mary Hennesy Marriage Certificate

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After their marriage they moved to Eden on the south coast of New South Wales, where George had been employed as the local police officer, making first class Constable in 1906. (49) He dealt with some noteworthy cases such as infanticide of a baby boy whose body had been washed up by the tide in 1900. Sadly the crime of the area hit him personally in 1903 when his own daughter Johanna, was viciously attacked. This situation is the nightmare every serving police officer worries that they will one day face in their career.

A BRUTAL outrage is alleged to have occurred at Eden some days ago. A stranger, supposed to be a Swede, entired two little girls into the bush close to the town and committed a rape upon one aged four years, the daughter of Constable Walz. The other child gave the alarm and the man was caught red-handed by Constables Meck and Walz, the latter being the father of the victim. The accused, who is a man of about 45 years of age, was committed for trial at the next Bega Quarter Sessions.

(50)

Five years later in 1908, Constable Walz, who had been stationed at Eden for thirteen years, was removed to Cooma. He was farewelled by a number of friends before he left to be the lock up keeper there. When he retired in 1930 aged sixty, Constable Walz was based at Burwood Police Station. The family lived at 'My-Brasail', 21 Wyatt Avenue Burwood for over two decades from 1930. George Peter Walz died on the 16th June 1960 at home in Burwood, New South Wales, when he was ninety years old and was buried in Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

His death notice provides the names and ages of all six of his children at the time of his death; Francis J. sixty two, Johanna M. sixty one, Mary T. fifty nine, John W. fifty eight, Kathleen M. fifty four and Patricia P. fifty years old.

Below: George Peter Walz's Death Certificate

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	District of Sydney, at BURWOOD, in the Statement District Registra
1. No. in Register	691.
Christian same and surname of deceased Occupation Sex and age	George Peter WALZ. Police Constable. Male. 90 Years.
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6. Christian name and surname of father Cocupation	Mark Joseph Wels. Stonemason and Builder. Johanna Eercher.
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Name, description and residence of informant	M. Wals, Daughter, 21 Wyatt Avenue, Burwood.
10. Cause of death Duration of last illness By where certified	1. (a) Myocarditis. 1 Month. (b) Senility. M.S.Veech. Registered.
11. When and where buried or cremated	18th June, 1960. Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rockwood. W.F.Bull Pty. Limited. J.Ferrari. Roman Catholic.
13. Signature of Assistant Displet Registrar Date of registration	K. Poohee. R. Murphy. J. M. Figgott. 27th June, 1960.
RECESTRY OF BIRTIES DEATHS AND MARRIA	AGES Register in the State of New South Walter, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Peter and Kathleen Walz's first son **Francis Joseph Walz** was born in Eden in 1898. Francis Joseph Walz married Beryl Maud Cunningham in Sutherland, New South Wales, in 1928 when he was thirty years old. Beryl's shower tea was reported in the social pages of the Sunday Times.

Another bride elect entertained at the Ambassadors yesterday afternoon, Miss Beryl Cunningham, was the chief guest at a party given by her friends of the Tramway Statistical and Railway Cunningham, who is Bureau. Miss shortly to be married to Mr. F. J. Walz, wore an attractive jumper suit of beige, with a becoming hat to tone. On behalf of those present, a delightful houquet was handed over hy Miss E. Melville. The party included Mes-E. Melville. Cunningham and Pauline, and dames the Misses J. Ryan, Marie Burke, G. Cunningham, T. Scanes, D. Blanch, L. Fleming, O. Butterfield, J. Melville, D. Boyle, M. Monony, T. Wallace, R. Prendergast, M. Walcott, C. Davis, M. Johnson, J. Pont, K. Schweinsberg, I. Melville, J. Kenny, E. Fry, M. Attwill, H. Ross, I. Thompson, Harwin,

The couple went on to have a son Kevin and a daughter Marie. In 1947 Francis Joseph Walz was made a Justice of the Peace and shown to be living at 9 King Edward Street Rockdale. (52) Francis died in 1971 at Penshurst and Beryl lived to 1999; they are buried together at Rookwood Cemetery.



In 1899 **Johanna Margret Walz** was also born in Eden; sadly she was the child who had been assaulted in 1903. The perpetrator was dealt with by the court and was lucky not to face the death penalty for his crime.

Ar the Goulburn Circuit Court on Friday, Charles Johnson, a middle aged man, was convicted of an assault on Johanna Walz, aged three years and ten months. at Eden, on April 2. The evidence was of a shocking character. His Honor, in sentencing him to five years' penal servitude and two whippings of 25 lashes, said that he might have been put on trial on a much more serious charge, carrying the death penalty.

(53)

Despite the childhood trauma, life continued for little Johanna; five years later she was awarded a special prize in her First Communion class at Holy Cross Convent School. Johanna married James R. Gray in 1924 and lived an uneventful life; she died in 1967 at the age of sixty eight.

Mary Teresa Walz, who born in 1901 in Eden, the second daughter of George Peter Walz. Mary Teresa Walz, did not work in paid employment and was still living in the family home, alone in 1980. She died in 1992 aged ninety two years. (54)

Their second son John William Walz was born in Eden in 1902 and became an electrician.



Left: John William Walz's Electrical Accident

Trove. (2017). ENCOUNTERED 6000 VOLTS. ESCAPE ALMOST A MIRACLE. SYDNEY,
Tuesday. - Daily Standard (Brisbane, Qld.: 1912 1936) - 10 Apr 1923. [online] Available at:
http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/183906579
?searchTerm=%22John%20%20Walz%22%20%20d
eath&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc [Accessed 15
Jul. 2017].

He married Mary Catherine Doyle in 1933 in New South Wales; the engagement was mentioned in the press at the time. Mary's father, John William Doyle MLA was a leader of the anti-conscription movement in NSW during the First World War and in 1917 Doyle was president of the Political Labour League (the Labour Party).

Right: Engagement Notice of Mary Catherine Doyle and John William Walz

Trove. (2017). Jottings of a Lady about Town The Birthday Party. - Truth (Sydney, NSW: 1894 1954) - 11 May 1930. [online] Available at:
http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/1693860
58?searchTerm=%22john%20w%20walz%22%20
&searchLimits= [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

Engaged.

MARY, eldest daughter of ex-M.L.A. J. W. Doyle and Mrs. Doyle of "Erina," Lewisham, has a new ring, a bright new ring, well on that third finger of her left hand. John W. Walz, youngest son of the G. P. Walzs, of Burwood, is the young man in the case.

They had five children during their marriage, three sons and two daughters. Their first born Phillip died as a baby. John William Walz died in 1961 in Sydney, New South Wales, at the age of fifty nine. (55)

Third daughter **Kathleen Maria Walz** was born in 1906, also in Eden. Kathleen was a studious young woman and applied herself to her studies. She won a scholastic bursary tenable at St Brigid's College at Randwick in 1920 and attended school there. (56) Kathleen decided to become a nun worked as a clerk before taking her vows on the 2nd November 1935.

On Wednesday, 2nd inst., Feast of all Souls, a very happy little ceremony took place in the chapel of the Brigidine Convent, Randwick, when Sister M. Raphael (Miss M. Dowd, Cowra), and Sister M. Romuald (Miss K. Walz, Burwood) received the holy habit of religion from the hands of Rev. Father E. McAuliffe, P.P., assisted by Very Rev. Father M. Smith, M.S.C., and Rev. Father Kenny, M.S.C. Other clergy present were Rev. Fathers C. Troy, M.S.C., T. Pierse, J. Gallagher, J. Delaney, G. Power, C.M., J. Keenan, C.M. L. Begley, C.M., D.D., D. Galvin, C. Heffernan.

Left: Kathleen Maria Walz becomes Sister M. Romuald

Trove. (2017). Brigidine Convent, Randwick. -CEREMONY OF RECEPTION. - The Catholic Press (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1942) - 17 Nov 1932. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106350644? searchTerm=%22%22sister%20romuald%20walz%2 2%22&searchLimits= [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017]. In her calling as a nun, Mother M Romuald later Sister Romuald Walz, became the founding Principal of Brigidine College at St Ives from 1954-1956. She previously been principal at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Maroubra from 1952-1954 (57) Brigidine College St Ives began when the Brigidine Randwick Convent needed more space for their novitiates to live and train. Therefore, ten acres of land surrounded by orchards in St Ives was purchased in 1949 and 1951. Construction began in August 1953 and the Principal Mother Romuald Walz and Mother Adrian Small started teaching on the 9th February 1954 with nine girls, five in first year and four in second year. Described as a great cricket fan, Sister Romuald Walz, loved all things French and enjoyed teaching the language. Sister Walz died in 2002 after a life dedicated to the education of young women.



Left : Sister Romuald Walz

Brigidine College St Ives. (2017). Brigidine Heritage and History - Brigidine College St Ives. [online] Available at: https://www.brigidine.nsw. edu.au/about/brigidine-heritage-and-history/ [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

The last of the daughters for this branch of the Walz family, **Patricia Phyllis Walz** was born in Cooma in 1909 She married William Aloysius Doyle in 1941; he was a policeman. Sadly, William died suddenly two years later on the 31st March 1943 aged only thirty eight. The couple had just become parents to their baby son, William, known as Billy.

Doyle death of Mr. Aloyelus Doyle, Burwood Heights parishioners. The late Mr. Doyle was only 38 years of age. Joining the Police Department at an early nge, he ranked as a Constable (First-Class) at the time of his death. During his last illness he had consolation from the visits of the Rev. Father J. F. Byrne and other priests, Sisters of St. Joseph, many friends, and his comrades in the Police Force, by whom he was held in esteem. A son of the late John and Emily Doyle, of Forest Lodge, he was educated by the Patrician Brothers. join-After ing the Police Department he was attached to the Redfern and Mas-cot stations of No. 7 Division. In 1941 he was married to Patricia Walz, a daughter of Mr. G. P. Walz, president of the Enfield conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. .. The late Mr. Doyle was also an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Holy Name Society, and the Guild of St. Christopher. Headed by the Police Band, the cortege left St. Joseph's Church, Burwood Heights, for Rookwood Cemetery. He is survived by his widow and baby son; Major Frank Doyle, AIF, John Doyle (brothers), Miss M. Doyle, Mrs. J. J. Bourke and Sister M. Aidan, of the Little Company of Mary (sisters).

Left: William Aloysius Doyle's Obituary

Patricia never remarried and dedicated herself to her son's upbringing. After thirty years of being widowed, Patricia Phyllis Doyle, late of Burwood, died on the 2nd July, 1971. Her sister Mary Theresa Walz had been named the executrix of her estate. (58)

John J. O'Leary (1901-1901)

Martin Francis O'Leary (1902-1962)

Mary E O'Leary (1905-1999)

Johanna Walz (1871-1959)

Martin John O'Leary (1876 - 1936)

Johanna Walz and Martin O'Leary Family Margaret Ann O'Leary (1907-?)

Frances Agnes O'Leary (1910-?)

Joseph Bede O'Leary (1912-1975)

Clare Maria O'Leary (1915-2012)

The youngest of Marc Joseph and Johanna Walz's daughters was born in 1900. Named after her mother, **Johanna Walz** married Martin John O'Leary, a builder. They had seven children all born at Rockdale. Sadly, Martin died in 1936 aged sixty years old. Between 1930 and 1937 the family lived at 24 Arthur Street Kingsgrove



Above: O'Leary Home at 24 Arthur Street, Kingsgrove.

Google.com.au. (2017). 24 Arthur Street, Kingsgrove. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-33.9270331,151.0563261,3a,75y,71h,90t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1scAfwL_ho4O7SCMbkm1EvLA!2e0!5s20160601 T000000!6s%2F%2Fgeo0.ggpht.com%2Fcbk%3Fpanoid%3DcAfwL_ho4O7SCMbkm1EvLA%26output%3Dthum bnail%26cb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile.gps%26thumb%3D2%26w%3D203%26h%3D100%26yaw%3D71.96835 %26pitch%3D0%26thumbfov%3D100!7i13312!8i6656!6m1!1e1 [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

After Martin's death, by 1949 they had moved to 38 Mimosa Street Bexley, The family were listed in their uncle's funeral notice in 1951; six surviving children; Martin, Mary, Margaret, Frances, Joseph and Clare. Johanna and Martin's first born, **John J. O'Leary** had died at birth in 1901. (59) Johanna passed away in 1959 in Rockdale.

The second son in this family, **Martin Francis O'Leary**, was born in 1902. He married Olive Ada Murphy in 1939 and by 1949 they were living at 180 Queen Victoria Street Bexley and were still there nine years later. Martin worked as an engineer for his working life and died in 1962.

Johanna and Martin O'Leary's third child, a daughter, was born in 1905. **Mary Elizabeth O'Leary** married John Alfred Iffland in 1926 at Rockdale. In 1930 they were living at 38 Mimosa Street Bexley as shown in Sands with Mary's parents. They were still at that address in 1963 according to the electoral roll. They had one child Martin John Henry who married in 1950 at St Joseph's Rockdale. Martin was employed as a butcher and his dad John, was a bus driver as shown on electoral rolls. (60)



Left: Mr and Mrs Martin Iffland on their Wedding Day

Trove. (2017). Recent Weddings of Town and Country
Interest - Catholic Weekly (Sydney, NSW: 1942 - 1954) 29 Jun 1950. [online] Available at:
http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/146738827?searc
hTerm=%22john%20iffland%22&searchLimits=sortby=dat
eAsc [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

In 1947, the post war period had not been kind to returned airman John Alfred Iffland when he was evicted for squatting in unused housing, during a housing shortage; it appears he had taken matters into his own hands to try and home his family.

Right: The Squatting of John Alfred Iffland.

Trove. (2017). Homeless Men Net Judges Of Own Cases - The Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954) - 8 Oct 1947. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/22 8972798?searchTerm=%22%20j%20a%20 %20iffland%22&searchLimits= [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

The Special Tenants Emergency Accommodation Committee will not allow private individuals to set themselves up as judges of their own cases.

Chairman of the committee (Mr. Puddicombe) said today that the committee could not afford to do this.

afford to do this.

"We have 4300 very urgent cases before the committee at present, each of them in a far worse plight than that of the two families who squatted at Beverly Park," he said.

Mr. Puddicombe said the committee had given very careful consideration to the cases of Mr. J. A. Iffland, ex-AIF, and Mr. W. G. Penfold, ex-RAN, who were evicted yesterday from the Beverly Park Housing Commission Camp.

"We were unable to help

"We were unable to help them because the number of hutments available to the committee was insufficient to house the 43 families evicted this week by the Courts," he said.

Huts Not Vacant

He denied that the huts which were squatted in had been va-cant previously for nine weeks. Mr. Puddlcombe promised he would try to help the Iffland and Penfold families before the committee meets again in a fort-night's time.

The two young ex-servicement spent last night in a borrowed motor truck.

Their wives and four young

Their wives and four young children were given temporary shelter by neighbors.



Blood reserves o

In 1948 John Iffland was involved in a fatal incident when a colleague was drowned in flooded causeway. In the news report Iffland is listed as the proprietor of a hire car company in Tracey Street Hurstville. The extended Iffland family later ran a bus company in the area.

Killed by Flood Waters.

During the heavy rain-storm Mr. J. A. Iffland, last Sunday hire car proprietor, of Tracey Street, Hurstville, accompanied by Mr. Robert Beverly, aged 32 years, of Coronation Av., Cronulla and another man, were travelling up Macquarie Pass, between Albion Park and Robertson, at about 4 p.m., when the vehicle stalled in flood waters at the Upper Causeway. Beverly got out of the car to find a shallow place in which to cross. He was in water about two or three feet deep when he slipped and fell.

September 2009 aged eighty two.

The rushing water carried him across the roadway and over a 100 feet cliff at the roadside. The torrent then carried him across the lower causeway and another deep cliff. Several hours afterwards police found Bever-ly's body about a hundred feet from the spot where he was washed over. The body was then taken to the Wollongong Mortuary. It is believed that Beverly slipped in the fast flowing water and struck his head as he fell. companions could not reach him before he was hurled over the cliff-top. The deceased is survived by his wife and two young children.

John Iffland passed away in 1973, his wife Mary died in 1999; their son Martin died on the 6th

The second daughter of Johanna and Martin, **Margaret Ann O'Leary**, was born in 1907. Margaret married Terrence J O'Neill in 1934 at St Joseph's Rockdale with a report in the newspaper describing the event.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

O'NEILL-O'LEARY.

The church of St. Joseph, Rockdale, was beautifully decorated on January 27 for the wedding of Miss Margatet O'Leary and Mr. Terence O'Neill. The floral scheme was delightfully carried out by Misses Sandry and O'Connor. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Collins. During the signing of the register Miss M. O'Reilly sang Gounod's 'Ave Maria.'' The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Leary, of Bexley, whilst the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill, also of Bexley. Mr. O'Leary gave his daughter away. The bride wore a frock of ivory satin, featuring a long train with veil of em-broidered tulle, held in place with a coroset of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and tuber roses, with trails of frangipanni.
Mrs. J. A. Iffland acted as matron of
honour, while Miss Clare O'Leary was bridesmald, both being sisters of the bride. They were dresses of blue and pink taffeta, and carried bouquets of pink dablias and carnations. Mr. R. E. O'Neill was best man and Mr. J. B. O'Leary (brother of the bride) grooms-man. The reception was held at the Palais Grand, Rockdale. Mrs. O'Leary received the guests in a frock of black crepe romain with a black hat, and carried a bouquet of red roses and mignonette. Mrs. O'Neill was gowned in black georgette with hat to match. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and carnations.

Left: O'Neill and O'Leary Wedding

Trove. (2017). LOCAL WEDDINGS. - O 'NEILL--O'LEARY. - The Propeller (Hurstville, NSW: 1911 - 1954) - 9 Feb 1934.

[online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/235363506?search Term=%22%20j%20a%20%20iffland%22&searchLimits= [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

Ten years later, on January 1st, 1944, Margaret and Terence had a daughter, Margaret Bernadette. They were living at 25 Godwin Street Bexley during this time. (62)

Frances Agnes O'Leary was born in 1910 and lived with her parents, never married and never held a paid occupation, busying herself with home duties, the last record on the electoral roll was 1980. In June 1986, her sister Clare dealt with her will and estate.

Johanna and Martin O'Leary's sixth child, **Joseph Bede O'Leary**, was born two years later in 1912. Joseph Bede O'Leary served in the army in 1939 in Loftus, New South Wales, when he was twenty seven years old; he spent nine years in the military. He had one son, Denis John O'Leary, with his wife Edna Gladys Gall whom he had married in 1941 The family lived at 43 Eddystone Road, Bexley.

Joseph Bede O'Leary died on the 17th November 1975 in Bexley, at the age of sixty three, and was buried in Sutherland, New South Wales. Edna passed away nearly thirty years later in 2004.



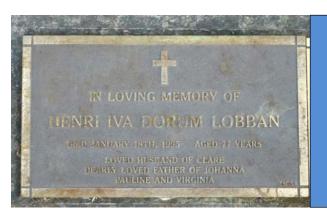
Left: Edna Gladys O'Leary

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). Edna Gladys Gall? -2004. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/35336309/person/18818 320799/story [Accessed 16 Jul. 2017].

The last of Johanna and Martin's children, their youngest daughter, **Clare Maria O'Leary** was born in 1915. Like most of her extended family Clare played piano, well enough to study at Grade VI level at the State Conservatorium of Music in 1927. (63) Clare married Tasmanian Henri Iva Dorum Lobban in 1944 at Rockdale and they had three daughters together, Johanna, Pauline and Virginia. Their first daughter Johanna, named after her grandmother, was born in 1947, with sisters Pauline and Virginia soon following.

LOBBAN - June 13 at St Margaret s Darlinghurst to Mr and Mrs Henri Lobban a daughter (Johanna Clare) (64)

Corporal Henri Iva Gorman Lobban had been in the RAAF during the war and had been accidentally injured on the 19th January 1941 whilst overseas. Henri Iva Dorum Lobban died in 1995 aged seventy seven; Clare Marie Lobban passed away in 2012 aged ninety seven years old



Left: Henri Iva Dorum Lobban's Grave

Findagrave.com. (2017). Henri Iva Dorum Lobban (- 1995) - Find A Grave Photos. [online] Available at: https://www.findagrave.com/cgibin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=156694948&Plpi=141 778771 [Accessed 22 Jul. 2017].

Clare Marie Lobban's Grave

HeavenAddress.com. (2017). Clare Lobban -HeavenAddress Resting Place. [online] Available at:

https://www.heavenaddress.com/restingplace/wor onora/clare-lobban/904459 [Accessed 22 Jul. 2017].



Joseph Michael Walz (1904-1971)

Pius Patrick Michael Walz (1904
Pauline May Walz (1905-1982)

William Pius Patrick Walz (1905-1963)

Raymond Bernard FrancisWalz (1906-1964)

Peter Pius Walz (1876-1950))

Annie Agnes Tierney (1885-1946)

Peter Pius Walz and Annie Agnes Tierney Family Gerard Aloysius (Allen) Walz (1910-1975)

Eileen Beatrice Walz (1913-1935)

John Walz (1917-1917)

Charles Walz (1917-1917)

Clement Michael Walz (1920-1996)

The last of Marc Joseph and Johanna Walz's children, **Peter Pius Walz**, was born in 1876 at Newtown. In 1903 Peter Pius Walz married Annie Agnes Tierney in Rockdale and they went on to have a large family; their silver wedding anniversary was mentioned in the press in 1928.

WALZ-TIERNEY.- May 21, 1908, at St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale, by Rev. Father Dalton, Peter Pius, youngest son of the late Joseph Walz, of Rockdale, to Annie Agnes, fourth daughter of the late Michael Tierney, of Hurstville. Present address, Wallourdene, David-street, Concord. (65)

Sadly, Annie Walz passed away in 1946 aged sixty eight years old and her death notice provided the names of her surviving children. She was living at 160 Flinders Street Moore Park at the time of her death. Her husband, Peter Pius Walz, died four years later aged seventy five after retiring as a labourer by the 1943 census.

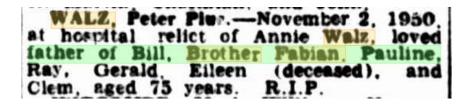
WALZ.—November 19, 1946, at Prince Henry Hospital, Annie Agnes Walz, beloved wife of Peter and loved mother of William, Joseph (Brother Fabian), Pauline (Mrs. Francisco), Raymond, Gerard, Eileen (deceased), and Clement, aged 68 years, R.I.P.

Above: Annie Agnes Walz Death Notice

Trove. (2017). Advertising - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 20 Nov 1946. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/27909409 [Accessed 22 Jul. 2017].

Below: Peter Pius Walz's Death Notice

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 3 Nov 1950. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/27568813?searchTerm=%22brother% 20fabian%20%22%20walz&searchLimits= [Accessed 22 Jul. 2017].



Peter Pius and Annie Agnes Walz's first of their ten children, twin sons **Joseph Michael Walz** and **Pius Patrick Michael Walz** were born in 1904. Joseph Michael and Pius Patrick Michael were listed as obtaining their qualifying certificate attending Marist Brothers Kogarah in 1918. (66) Joseph Michael obviously felt a connection to charism of St. Marcellin Champagnat, as he joined the order after his official schooling finished and returned to his former school as a teacher.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Walz and family, of "Wal Lourdeni," David-street, Concord, late of Rockdale, will be interested to hear that their son, Brother Fabian Joseph, after spending six years at the Marist Brothers' Training College, Mittagong, has been transferred to the teaching staff of the Marist Brothers, Kogarah.

(67)

Joseph Michael Walz was working at Kyneton Marist College in 1942, he then moved to the Marist Brothers monastery at Lismore in 1954 and Darlinghurst Marist Brothers in Sydney in 1958. However, by 1963, Joseph Michael Walz had left the Brothers and was married to Marie Therese Hennessy and living in Mosman. He died eight years later in 1971 at the age of sixty seven.

There was nothing to be found further regarding Pius Patrick Michael Walz.

Pauline May Walz and her twin brother William Pius Patrick Walz were born in 1905 in Rockdale, the second set of twins for their parents. Their father, Peter, was thirty, and their mother, Annie, was twenty seven. Pauline married William Frederick Francisco on 4 May 1929 in St. Mary's Church in Concord, New South Wales. Pauline and William were the first couple to be married in the new church. William was a grazier at a property near Cobar called Neckarboo Station in 1930. (68) By 1949 the family was living on a property Wongalee in Mungindi, near St. George in Queensland. They had four children during their marriage, three sons and a daughter. She died on the 14th August 1982 at home at Mungindi, Queensland, at the age of seventy seven, twenty years after her husband, and was buried in the Catholic section of Mungindi cemetery.

Wedding

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FRANCISCO-WALZ

A very preity wedding was celebrated in St. Mary's new Church, Parramatta Road, Concord, on Easter Saturday, when Pauline May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walz, of 'Wal Lourdene," 2 David Street, Concord, was married to William Prederick, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Domingus Francisco, of 'Nekarbio," Boom, and late of Morse.

The bride, who was very popular in the district, had the happy privilege of being the first to be martled in the new church and received from the parish priest, Rev. Father T. Barlow, who performed the ceremony, a beautiful Mother of Pearl prayer book—a time honored custem.

The bride, who entered the church on her father's arm, was attired in a very simple but charming freek of tvory ge rectte, featuring the uneven hem line. She wore a wreath and voil, and carried a bouquet of white roses, carnations and caclus dahlias tied with ribbed and rule streamers. Her freek was covered by her blue Child of Mary chak, to which Sodality she belonged, the members of the Ordey forming a guard of honor as the bride passed up the gisle of the church.

Miss Elleen Walz (the bride's sister) attended as bridesmaid, and booked charming in a dress of pink georgette and lace. Her bouquet comprised pink roses, carnations, cactus dahlias and fern, field with tulic streamers.

Mr. P. Wals carried out the duties of best man

Miss M. Tonhey presided at the crean and played the British March as the bride entered the church. At the signing of the register Miss K. Lamont ang Ave Maria, accompanied by Miss P. Delamey on the wodan, while the Westling Marsh, pealed forth as the young couple left the church.

"The promption was held at "Wat Lagrdone" where the bride's mother received her guests in a trock of nave crease do chens and lace, with hat to tone. Her posycomorated of red mees, carnations and fern.

Later the happy couple left for a four of the Blue Mountains and Jenolan Cave, the bride travelling in a sand colored crope do these frock.

a sand colored creps di chene frock, with a far trimmed velour vest and hat to match.

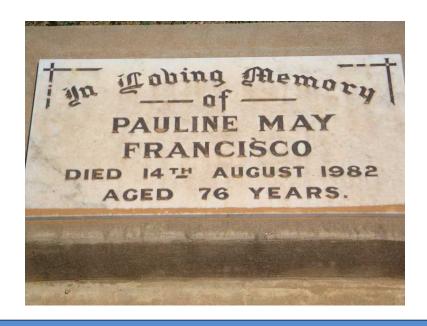
The gifts were numerous and costly and included many cheques.

Prior to the wedding, the bride was tendered a Linen Tea by her girl friends, at "Eclipse," Concord, and the bridegroom was presented with a beautiful case of cutlery by friends and well wishers from Rosmi, and also with a fountain pen from the Nekartoo Tennis Cinb.

Mr and Mrs. Francisco's Inture home will be at "Lowlands," Weemelab

Left: Report on the Walz-Francisco Wedding

Ancestry.com.au. (2017).
Franciso - Walz Wedding.
[online] Available at:
https://www.ancestry.com.au
/mediauiviewer/tree/22854144/person
/1413902637/media/a7e9a26
4-f9a9-4081-9a2a9379e866d935 [Accessed 23
Jul. 2017].



Above: Pauline May Francisco (nee Walz)'s Grave

Ancestry.com.au. (2017). Pauline May Walz 1905-1982. [online] Available at: https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/22854144/person/1413902637/story [Accessed 23 Jul. 2017].

Pauline's twin brother **William Pius Patrick Walz**, also born in 1905 and little is known about him until 1936 when his car was stolen and a youth who was in it, killed. William had stated to police that he left his car in Surry Hills on August 22nd, and missed it about 8 p.m. Later that night, around 10.30 pm he saw the car being driven down Reservoir Street with only one person in it. William then hailed another car and gave chase. The stolen car went down Albion Street at about sixty miles an hour, went straight across Elizabeth Street, struck the kerb, then a tree, finally hitting the embankment. The sixteen year old victim, a lad named Segal, had been in the company of petty thieves, drinking, earlier in the night. A fur coat was also stolen from the car that night, never to be recovered. (69)

In 1954 William Pius Patrick Walz married Heather Fraser Spindler, a divorcee. Heather Fraser Spindler (formerly Page) had divorced William Spindler, who she had married in 1930, in 1936. (70) He was listed as an engineer driver when he and his wife travelled to and from England in 1960.

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11	Heather Frager	#		P	1. 8.05			M		Domestic duties 14	at .		

Above: William Pius and Heather Fraser Walz's Travel Log

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William Pius Patrick Walz died the next year in 1961

Raymond Bernard Francis Walz was born in 1906 and was a military man and a labourer. He was a Private in the 2/19 Infantry Unit: 22nd Australian Infantry Brigade, Service Number: NX35369 in the Second World War in Malaya. He was a prisoner of war and was mentioned in the press as such in 1942.

Right: Raymond Bernard Francis Walz's Casualty Listing

Trove. (2017). CASUALTY LIST - Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga, NSW: 1911 - 1954) - 8 Aug 1942. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/144203250? searchTerm=%22%20Walz%20%22%20malaya&sear chLimits=sortby=dateAsc [Accessed 23 Jul. 2017].

CASUALTY LIST

SYDNEY, Friday. — An Army casualty list for N.S.W. issued to-day contains the names of 190 men missing in Malaya. They include!—
Pte. R. G. Row (Inf.), Narandea. Pte. W. C. Sanderson (Inf.), Gundagai.
Pte. W. C. Walsh (S. and T.), Cootamundra.
Pte. R. B. F. Walz (Inf.), Burrowa.
Warrant-Officer H. C. Webster West Wyalong.
Pte. S. L. Webster (Inf.), Griffith. L/Cpl. J. Whitty (Med.), Narandera.

Private Walz was one of 4,585 Australian prisoners on an official list of who was recovered in Singapore. The list was brought out by air by Captain J. N. Watt and Lieutenant A. K. Marshall, together with pay ledger cards and other official documents for the AIF in Malaya. The list and documents had been buried in six large steel trunks during the Japanese occupation. He had been detained at the Tangong Pagar Camp and survived over three years as a prisoner of war. (71) Raymond Bernard Francis Walz passed away on the 24th June 1964.



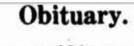
Above: Raymond Bernard Francis Walz's Grave

Findagrave.com. (2017). PVT Raymond Bernard Francis Walz (1906 - 1964) - Find A Grave Memorial. [online] Available at: https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=157258909 [Accessed 24 Jul. 2017].

Finally, Raymond Bernard Francis Walz was living at Camellia, a TPI pensioner when he died on the 24th June, 1964. His will was dated two months earlier on the 9th April, 1964 and was filed on the 4th August, 1964. (72)

Gerard Aloysius (Allan) Walz was born at Rockdale in 1910 and he was twenty three when he married Edith May Tinham in 1933. They had two daughters, Shirley and Gloria. The family lived at Five Dock with Gerard working as a fitter; he also worked as a tyre moulder. Gerard Aloysius (Allen) Walz died on the 26th August 1975 at the age of sixty five and he was buried at Rookwood Cemetery.(73)

Peter and Annie Walz's youngest daughter **Eileen Beatrice** was born in 1913. She only lived until she was twenty three, dying in 1935 in a private hospital. She had suffered an illness which lasted over a period of twelve months. Eileen had been born in Rockdale but had lived with her parents in the Concord district for the previous fourteen years. She had been a prominent member of the Children of Mary, the Sacred Heart Sodality, the Altar Society and the local church choir. Prior to her illness and death, Eileen had been living with her sister Pauline and Brother in law William at "Lowlands", Weemelah near Moree. Eileen had been her only sister's bridesmaid at her wedding. There was an inquest held on the 4th October 1935 at Mount St .Margaret's Hospital. (74)



MISS E. B. WALZ.

The death occurred in a private hospital on Wednesday, September 25 last, of Miss Elleen Beatrice Walz.

The deceased, who was 23 years of age, was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Walz, of "Wallomdene," David Street, Concord, and sister of Messrs. William, Joseph (Brother Fabian), Ray, Gerald, and Clem Walz, and sister of Mrs. W. F. Francisco (Pauline) of Weemelah.

A requiem Mass was celebrated the following Friday morning, and the funeral left the elsurch at at 2 p.m., the school children forming a guard of honour.

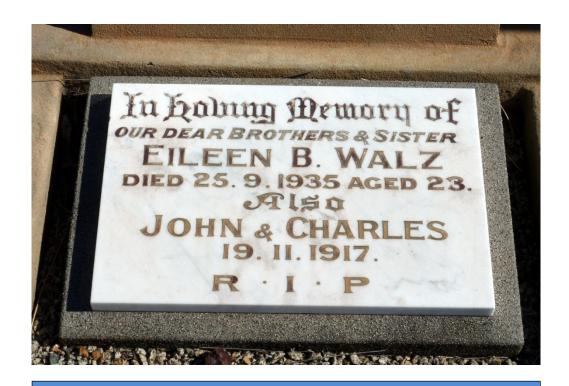
The remains were interred in the R.C. portion of the Woronora cemetery, the Rev. Fathers E. Bond, Bush and J. Meaney officiating at the church and graveside.

Left: Eileen Beatrice Walz's Obituary

Trove. (2017). Obituary. - MISS E. B. WALZ. - Moree Gwydir Examiner and General Advertiser (NSW: 1901 - 1940) - 10 Oct 1935. [online]

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Above: Eileen Beatrice Walz's Grave (also John and Charles Walz)

Findagrave.com. (2017). Charles Walz (-1917) - Find A Grave Memorial. [online] Available at: https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=157258858 [Accessed 25 Jul. 2017].

As seen in the above gravesite twins **John Walz** and **Charles Walz** died the same year they were born, possibly soon after birth.

Clement Michael Walz was the youngest son of Peter and Annie Walz he was born in 1920. and he died 1996. Clem worked as a fitter and turner/machinist and according to electoral rolls he was living with his father at 160 Flinders St East Sydney in 1943. Clement married to Kathleen Margaret Zietsch in 1948 and they set up home at 38 Waratah Avenue Randwick. Their engagement notice was in the Sydney Morning Herald:

WALZ—ZIETSCH.—The Engagement is announced of Kathleen Margaret, only child of Mrs. W. G. Banks and the late Mr. Norman Zietsch, of Grafton, to Clement Michael, youngest son of Mr. P. Walz and the late Mrs. A. Walz, of Darlinghurst.

Left: Walz-Zietsch Engagement

Trove. (2017). Family Notices - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) - 3 Oct 1947. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/18045077?searchTerm=walz%22%203%20october&searchLimits=dateFrom=1947-01-01|||dateTo=1947-12-31 [Accessed 25 Jul. 2017].

Right: Kath and Clem were Bushwalkers

Trove. (2017). All About People - Catholic Weekly (Sydney, NSW: 1942 - 1954) - 23 Oct 1947. [online] Available at: http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/146604886?search Term=%22clem%20walz%22&searchLimits=dateFrom=1947-01-01|||dateTo=1947-12-31 [Accessed 25 Jul. 2017].

BUSHWALKER Kath. Zietsch, who recently announced her engagement, was guest of honor at a dinner party at Vere Mathews, given by her many friends in the Catholic Bushwalkers' Club. Kath is engaged to Walks' secretary, Clem Walz.



Left: Mr and Mrs Clem Walz

Trove. (2017). Recent Weddings In Country And City Churches - Catholic Weekly (Sydney, NSW: 1942 - 1954) - 18 Mar 1948. [online] Available at:

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/14660 6943?searchTerm=%22clem%20walz%22&se archLimits= [Accessed 26 Jul. 2017].

Their marriage took place at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, in March 1948. After the reception at "Ballarat," Randwick, the couple left for a tour of the South Coast and Canberra. They were supported at their wedding by their bush walking friends and young Clem had already made his mark in the sport by naming a spot in the Blue Mountains. Cripple Creek was named in the mid 1940s by Clement (Clem) Walz after the town of Cripple Creek in the Marx Brothers movie Go West. As well as being a fan of the Marx Brothers, Clem was also a keen bushwalker with a sense of humour. (76)

Right: Cripple Creek

Acrossthebluemountains.com.au. (2017). Exploration of Cripple Creek. [online] Available at: http://acrossthebluemountains.com.au/article-cripple-creek.html [Accessed 26 Jul. 2017].



By 1953, Kath and Clem Walz had three sons; Gregory Joseph was the name chosen by Mr and Mrs Clem Walz, of Randwick, for their third child upon his birth at St. Margaret's Hospital. (75) Peter Gerard had been born in 1951 giving their eldest Christopher two little brothers.

Conclusion

Therefore, this is the unfinished story of the extended Walz family, a large community minded group of people who stem from an immigrant past. Their life stories are wound around the building of the Rockdale region, the houses of family and locals hewn from sandstone quarried from the family quarry and the establishment of the first Catholic Church at Rockdale. The family's importance to the region is warranted by mention in the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Preliminary Site Investigation, Banksia Priority Precinct Report of the 21 August 2015.

A search of the Australian Heritage Trust database and the NSW Heritage Inventory was undertaken and the resulting records are included in Appendix F. The search indicated that the Precinct has 13 items of heritage significance. The majority of these heritage items relate to residential properties within the Precinct. Additionally, review of the Rockdale Development Control Plan (2011s) provides information on the development requirements for any heritage items listed but does not indicate whether the Precinct or parts of the Precinct are nominated as a conservation area. Gardiner Park located immediately to the west of the Precinct boundary is noted to be listed on the NSW heritage register. Information in support of this listing provided in Appendix F has identified the following the information regarding this site:

- The site was initially part of a 38 acre property purchased at auction by George Wheeler in the 1850s. The Walz Brothers, immigrants from Germany operated a large sandstone quarry, one of three that operated in the Arncliffe area from 1885.
- The former Walz quarry site, possibly operating as Gillard's Dairy at the time, was purchased by Rockdale Council in 1911 and it is reported that the former quarry was subsequently 'filled with garbage'. In 1913, the site was subsequently opened as Hopetoun Park.
- Hopetoun Park was upgraded in the 1930s and renamed Gardiner Park. In 1931 as part of Depression Relief Work, additional sandstone rock was 'cut down in Gardiner Park'. (77)



Above: One of the houses built by Joseph Walz in Frederick Street, Rockdale.

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Above: Frederick Street garage and Joseph Walz's house circa 1947

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