

# Lilliebridges

Geneological notes from Mick O'Donnell (micko@wagsoft.com)

David Alexander Lilliebridge (sometimes Lillybridge) was born in 1850 to parents Samuel and Mary, in NSW. He had one elder sister, Charlotte (born 1848) and a younger brother, Samuel, born 1855.

(Lilliebridges were catholic – mum Barrets were proddies)

David Alexander married Bridget at some point. Bridget was daughter of William J and Bridget. She died in 1920 in Canterbury (This is possibly Bridget Foster, or Forster, who Rhonda Larter has information on). The originally lived in Redfern, but around 1874, they moved to Yass, but returned to Sydney around 1885. Rona says that he served in India, in the British Army.

They had 9 children:

- 1873 David Alexander born Redfern. Married Anna M. Roberts in 1897, Canterbury.
- 1874 Maria Elizabeth born Yass. Married John W. Barrett in 1894, in Newtown.
- 1876 Louisa (later Louise) born Yass. Later married a Nolan, according to Rhonda.
- 1878 Samuel J. born Yass (Died a year later)
- 1881 William Edward born Yass. Married Rosina Mary Foster in 1903, Newtown. They had at least one son, William Frederick D., who died in Waverly, 1941.
- 1882 Eleanor M. born Yass
- 1884 Frederick A. born Yass (died 1934 Randwick). Probably married Cecilia S. Browne in 1916 (Mosman). According to Rhonda, when he died, he was still a soldier, and possibly had a military funeral (see Sydney morning herald at death date). Rona has vague memories of her mother showing her the front page of a paper with this or similar.
- 1887 Harold A.
- 1890 Walter R J born Canterbury (died Randwick 1935)<sup>1</sup>

Rhonda mentions only the following brothers of Maria: Alec, Harold, Will, Fred. Rhonda says Maria was very close to Fred. She called her eldest surviving son Frederik after him. The 4 brothers were ay Island and Georges Heights (a army base in Sydney). Maria Elizabeth Lilliebridge was later called "Dolly". This was Rhona O'Donnell's mother's mother. Rhona says that Dolly was supposedly pregnant when she was married, which was not uncommon in those days. Looking at the records, she was married in 1894, and her first son was born the same year, although he was either stillborn, or dead soon after.

She married John W. Barrett on 8/3/1894<sup>2</sup> (see Yeaden booklet for his history). They had the following children:

Children were Fred, Marth-Hanna, May, Lorna, Dulcie, Jack and an adopted child, William

1. David W (1894) Canterbury. Died same year.
2. Frederik Y (1896) (Fred) Canterbury. Survived.
3. Martha H H (1898) (Marth-Hanna) Canterbury
4. Ivy M (1901) Canterbury<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Registered BDM as "Lillybridge".

<sup>2</sup> Ronda Later has their marriage certificate.

<sup>3</sup> Rhonda doesn't mention Ivy, so she possibly died young. There is an Ivy M Barret who died in 1902, but the mother is given as "Ellen", the father unstated. On the other hand, there is an Ivy M. Barrett who marries Herbert Bennett in 1921, Newtown, which is a possible age. Ivy M. May also be "May", who Rhonda does mention.

## 5. More.

According to Rona, her first birth were stillborn twins (both male). Another set of twins was also born, including Lorna, but the male died of appendicitis at between 8 and 10.

Rhonda gives her birthplace as Bogan Gate, a small village

Mum thinks they were married in St Phillip's, near the Rocks, probably a protestant church.

**Barrett, John William.** 1869-1946. Born in Kirk Lane, Yeadon on 6/2/1869. Emigrated to Australia with his mother when he was 9 to 12. He married Maria Elizabeth Lilliebridge when he was 25, on 8/3/1894, in Sydney. He died just after the WWII, on 29/7/1946, aged 77, in North Ryde, Sydney.  
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Story: Maria's grandfather was a convict, shot at Marrackville station. Not sure if this is the Lilliebridge or the Foster.

John Willy and his wife lived in a house called "Pioneer" in Canterbury.

Still horses there when mum was young, up till 1930.