## **BIBBY, Joseph Walker**

On 14th July 1881, on board the barque Colwyn, 1160 tons, under Captain Bulman, which left London on 24th April, passengers included Mr. Joseph W. Bibby, Mrs. Annie Bibby [nee Birtles], Miss Annie Bibby, Miss Elizabeth M. Bibby, Miss Eliza M, Bibby.

Joseph W. Bibby, born circa 1837, was the son of John and Mary Bibby.1

In 1882 Joseph Walker Bibby was secretary of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society. A daughter, Beatrice M., was born in 1882, in the district of Burwood.2

In 1886 he was a landholder living in Hurstville and the following year was an Alderman of the Hurstville Municipal Council.3

In 1891 the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society was in trouble, caused by the panic occasioned by the recent failure of other Societies. Mr. Bibby, as secretary, stated that the company’s position was one of undoubted solvency. A large number of depositors asked for their money, which was refused. A large body of depositors still expressed complete confidence in the society and were willing to allow their money to run on. Those who have bought land through the institution were paying up their instalments as usual and were assured that, when the money was paid, they would get their deeds. They have a surplus of £170,000 and securities worth £200,000 in their strong room unencumbered against £300,000 owing to depositors.4

In 1892 shareholders in the society confirmed the proposal of the directors to go into voluntary liquidation and transfer the affairs of the society to a limited liability company. The liquidators, under the authority of the Supreme Court, made arrangements for convening a meeting of the depositors for the consideration and adoption of a plan for a settlement.

That year Mr. Bibby, ex-Alderman, was unsuccessful in filling the vacancy for the Bexley Ward of Hurstville Municipal Council.5

In 1895 at the fifty-ninth annual general meeting of the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY was held in Liverpool, Mr. J. Bibby, chairman of the company, presiding.6

At the end of December 1897 Messrs. Fred. Brown and J. W. Bibby were appointed to make the annual valuation for the municipal year 1898-99 of all rateable property within the Hurstville Municipality.7

On 14th June 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, Ernest Cowper, fourth son of Mr. John Riddle, of Narrabri, was married to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. Bibby, of Hurstville.8

In 1901 Mr. Bibby was having some ground cleared at Beecroft, next to Mr. John Seale’s, to build a handsome villa residence. In 1902 Frances Percy Warner sued Annie Bibby, wife of Joseph Walker Bibby, for money payable, goods sold and delivered, for labour done, and material provided, £238 12s 9d. The claim arose out of the building of a cottage at Beecroft for the defendant. The defendant pleaded never indebted as alleged except to the sum of £117, a part of the money claimed, and defendant paid that amount into court in satisfaction of plaintiff’s claim.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of £11, in addition to the amount paid into Court.

In 1903, the auction notice of the Cranbrook Estate at Beecroft Railway Station states ‘Charmingly situated, opposite the residence of J. W. Bibby, Esq., and neighboured by good properties.’9

In 1906 Mr. Bibby was appointed to represent “C” Riding, Hornsby Shire Council.

He was also appointed Deputy Returning Officer.

In September Mrs. Bibby of Malton-road, Beecroft, was advertising for let a good residence, just completed, near station, fine position.10

In 1907 the ratepayers list for “C” Riding include:

Annie Bibby, Carlingford Road, Beecroft, 75 x 172

Amelia [Annie?] Bibby, Beecroft Road, Beecroft, 40 x

Amelia [Annie?] Bibby, Beecroft Road, Beecroft, 37 x (vacant house)11

In August 1907 Mrs. Bibby of Malton-road, Beecroft, was advertising for let a fine cottage RESIDENCE, quite new, 8 large rooms, bathroom, laundry, etc, land 90 x 180, garden, close station, leading street, good surroundings.12

On 28th November 1908 at the Church of England, Beecroft, Dr. I. P, Cliff, of Macquarie-street, eldest son of Mr. W. Cliff, Bringelly, Liverpool, was married to Miss Elizabeth Maud Bibby, second daughter of Mr. J. W. Bibby, Beecroft.13

In 1910 J. W. Bibby apologized in writing to Hornsby Shire Council for having cut down some trees on a road at Beecroft, his idea, in doing so being to do away with the risk to his dwelling from bush fires.14

On 23rd August 1915 Miss Marie Bibby died at her residence at Beecroft. She was the second woman to enter the Sisterhood of the Sydney Central Methodist Mission, in 1890, under the superintendency of Rev. W. G. Taylor. She continued in the service of the mission for over 22 years, and in 1912 became an honorary Sister, still actively engaged in her work.15

In 1921 Mrs. Bibby, of Malton-road, Beecroft, was advertising, for let or sale, a 6-roomed Cottage, 3 minutes from station, garage, etc.16

On 19th September 1926, at her residence, Woonona, Beecroft, Annie, wife of Joseph Walker Bibby, died aged 76 years.17

On 12th June 1927, at his residence, “Woonona,” Malton-road, Beecroft, Joseph Walker Bibby, relict of the late Annie Bibby, died aged 90 years.18

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