## **CRAWFORD, Annie Henzel**

On the 23rd November 1892, at the residence of the bride's parents, James Henry, eldest son of George Ferguson [and Cath] Crawford, Windsor, was married to Annie Henzel, youngest surviving daughter of Thos. [and Margaret] Stoddart, Prahran, Victoria.

[On 6th February 1884 Annie Henzel Stoddart’s sister, Margaret Boycot (Lily) married at St. Matthew’s, Prahran, Edmund Arthur, only son of Edmund Antrobus, of Prahran.]1

Children of the marriage of James Henry & Annie Henzel Crawford were:

Born 1894 - Walt Ferguson, district of Prahran, Victoria

Born 1895 – Harry Keith, district of Prahran, Victoria

Born 1899 – Margaret Catherine, Malvern, Victoria2

On 6th April 1906 James Henry Crawford, aged 44 years, committed suicide with a revolver. He had been drinking heavily for years. His body was found in the scrub at Sandringham.3

The following year Mrs. Crawford and her sons, Walter and Harry, and daughter Margaret, moved to Malton-road, Beecroft, N.S.W., to be near her sister Margaret Antrobus. The size of the property was 1a 3r 3p, named “Doone.”

Her sister, Mrs., Edward Arthur Antrobus, also lived in Malton-road, Beecroft. The size of the property was 1a 2r 14p, named “Caringa.”4

Annie’s son, Walter Ferguson, was a pupil of the Beecroft public school and had been elected Rhodes scholar for the year 1915. At the time he was a student of St. Paul's and was just completing his third year in the faculty of Arts. Originally there were two candidates for the Rhodes scholarship, but the second withdrew before the meeting of the selection committee. He was one of the joint holders of the St. Stephen's scholarship. He became a resident of St. Paul's College on entering the University, and represented his college in all branches of sport, having gained his “blue” for cricket and rowing.

After winning the Rhodes Scholarship he was on his way to Oxford when he decided to join the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and went to France in December 1915.

In March 1916 it was reported that he had been wounded at the front. He survived the war.5

Annie’s other son, Harry Keith, enlisted for military service on 20th September 1915.

In September 1917 it was reported that a private cable sent by Gunner Antrobus (Mrs. Crawford's nephew) conveyed the sad intelligence that her youngest son, Bombardier Harry Keith Crawford, had made the supreme sacrifice whilst fighting for King, country and liberty in France.  He was killed in action at Hill 60, Ypres, on 12th August 1917.6

On 5th August 1938 Annie Henzel [also spelt Henzelle & Henzell] Crawford died, at 93 Cremorne Road, Cremorne. She was survived by her son Walter and daughter Margaret Crawford.7

[Note: Her brother, Frederick William Stoddart, of Woollahra, had died in 1935.]

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**CRAWFORD, Harry Keith**

**Reference: Beecroft Church of England Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour, Beecroft Public School, Beecroft War Memorial, Tony Cunneen book**

**Resident of “Doone,” Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Walter Ferguson Crawford**

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 7163

Place of birth: Prahan, Victoria

School: Sydney Grammar School, Agricultural College, NSW

Religion: Church of England

Occupation: Station Jackeroo

Address: ‘Doone’, Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 21

Height/weight: 5’ 4” 142lbs

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs A. H. Crawford, ‘Doone’, Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW

Enlistment Date: 20 Sep 1915

Rank on enlistment: Driver

Unit Name: Field Artillery Brigade 5, Battery 13

AWM embarkation Roll number: 13/33/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A34 *Persic* on 18 Nov 1915

Roll title: 5 FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] (Nov 1915)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Bombardier

Unit from Nominal Roll: 5th Field Artillery Brigade

Fate: Killed in Action 12 Aug 1917

Age at death: 22

Age at death from cemetery records: 23

Place of burial: Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) (Plot II, Row D, Grave No. 4), Zillebeke, Belgium

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial: 14

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records: Parents: James and Annie Crawford, ‘Doone’, Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW. Native of Armadale, Victoria, Australia

Other details: War service: Egypt, Western Front

 Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

**AWM (Australian War Memorial): Roll of Honour**

**Harry Keith Crawford**

Service No. 7163

Rank: Bombardier

Unit: 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigade

Enlistment Date: 20 September 1915

Fate: Killed in action

Fate Date: 12 August 1917

Date of Death: 12 August 1917

Place of Death: Belgium

Cause of Death: Killed in action

Age at Death: 23

Place of Association: Beecroft, N.S.W.

Cemetery or Memorial Details: Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

**Further references:**

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The Sydney Morning Herald, Thu 23 Aug 1917 (reported killed)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 Sep 1917 (reported killed)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Mon 3 Sep 1917 (reported killed)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 8 Sep 1917 (reported killed with photo)

The Sydney Morning Herald, Wed 15 Sep 1920 (advertisement, mother still in Beecroft)



**CRAWFORD, Walter Ferguson**

**Reference: Beecroft Church of England Roll of Honour, Beecroft Roll of Honour, Beecroft Public School, Tony Cunneen book**

**Mother residing “Doone,” Malton Road, Beecroft, NSW**

**Brother of Harry Keith Crawford**

**After winning a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford he joined the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and went to France in December 1915.**

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The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 May 1915 (Beecroft honour board)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 25 Mar 1916 (reported wounded)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 12 Aug 1916 (reported wounded with photo)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 13 May 1916 (Beecroft Public school ex-student)

The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 5 Aug 1916 (reported wounded)

