

STEP BACK IN TIME... 25-4-08

with members of the Temora Shire Council Heritage Committee

The Kiloh family and Carlton House

Temora Family History Group contributed the following piece on a slice of local history.

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William Burgess Kiloh was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and was baptised at St. Nicholas Church, Aberdeen in 1869.

He married Dolina (known as Dorothy) Gunn in 1893 and had a daughter, Winifred Mary Burgess Kiloh in 1896 at Old Machar, Aberdeen, and a son William Burgess Kiloh in 1894, but no birth record has been found.

The family is listed at 118 Brighton Place, Aberdeen in the 1901 Scotland census.

Some time after that, the family moved to South Africa before the family relocated to New South Wales, Australia and settled in Grafton where William took up work as a journalist and later editor of the 'Grafton Examiner'.

Winifred completed her education in New South Wales with the family living in Mary Street Grafton in 1913 and Victoria Street in 1916, but appear to have left the town shortly thereafter.

William, Dorothy and Winifred then appear together in 1920, 1921 and 1922 on the electoral roll living at 247 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Winifred at this stage was training to be a nurse at Royal South Sydney Hospital and in 1923 travelled to Temora to nurse a private patient.

Dr. J.M. Stewart talked Winifred into staying in Temora and she took over 'Resurgam' Private Hospital in Twynam Street - she then moved to 'The Bungalow' and then to Carlton House in DeBoos Street in 1935.

Carlton House had been built as a private res-



■ Matron Kiloh (right) and Nurse Bernhard attend to patient Olga Watt (nee Dahlenburg) at Carlton House.

idence in 1908.

On December 21, 1934, it appears that Thomas Johnson, Ellen Martin, John Johnson and Mary Carney became the proprietors of Carlton House as an estate in fee simple as tenants in common being named on a certificate of title identifying Winifred Mary Burgess Kiloh mortgaging the property to Mr. August Carl Wiencke.

It appears that the number of wards and beds fluctuated over the years from 1930 to 1952, with

the maximum number of beds being 17 in October 1938.

Winifred's mother, Dorothy, followed her to Temora and took up housekeeping at her daughter's hospital, but her father William remained in Sydney as he was living at 55 Upper Pitt Street, Milson's Point in 1939.

There would have been many staff members over those years with nurses, nursing sisters, kitchen hands, laundry hands and gardeners, but it has not

been possible to compile a complete list.

Carlton House closed as a hospital about October 11, 1952, converted into flats and Winifred and her mother lived there for some time in private retirement.

After her mother died, Winifred 'Matie' Kiloh moved to Cootamundra before moving to the Central Coast.

Winifred Mary Burgess Kiloh was cremated at Palmdale Crematorium, Ourimbah on July 31, 1978.

Golden Rules of Genealogy

1. Always work backwards from the known (yourself) to the unknown (forebears).
2. Never believe everything on a Birth, Death or Marriage certificate.
3. Never completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc.
4. Always check surname variants when researching.
5. Always have at least two separate sources of proof for each event.
6. Remember that everything is only speculation until verified.
7. Always photocopy certificates and important documents and leave the originals in a safe place.
8. If a document exists, read it!
9. Join at least one Family History Group, Genealogical Society or Historical Society.
10. Share your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers.

Source: *Australian Family Tree Connections*.