

The Knox Chronicles  
George Drew  
His Life as we know it so far



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## Introduction

The story of George Drew, great-great grandfather of Janet Fearby and Jane Knox is rather complex. The only official documentation we have of his life so far is from Australian Immigration documents and his Marriage Certificate with Annie Reece. His name also appears on the baptism certificates of his three children, including our great-grandmother Elizabeth Jane Drew who married Joseph Knox.

We do not know when George Drew actually left for the American goldmines. We assume it was around 1849 but have not found any records of his passage. We have discovered a George Drew with what appears to be a correct place and date of birth living in Hamilton, California in 1870—an area active in the Goldrush era.

As more records become available we will, no doubt, be able to conclude the story on the life of George Drew who left many descendants in Australia. Why he ever took off for the goldmines leaving a wife, two small children and a baby will, of course, never be known.

## **George Drew - born 1820, Limerick Ireland – died (unknown) probably in California USA circa 1900**

George Drew was born in Limerick Ireland to John Drew and Elizabeth Drew circa 1820. Elizabeth Drew was the daughter of Standish Peppard, a Solicitor (per death certificate 1876/009108 certified by William Drew, son). The name of Elizabeth's mother is unknown. Elizabeth Drew according to the certificate had been born in Dublin, Ireland. Elizabeth and John were married in Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland circa 1819 (Elizabeth Drew's death certificate shows her age at marriage as 22 years old).



## **GEORGE DREW'S PARENTS**

**John Drew** was born in Limerick Ireland c 1798 to John Drew and Sarah(?). According to Carol Baxter in the "Drews of Dromlohan" the first known member of the Dromlohan branch of the Drew family was named John Drew, born in Ireland in the mid-late 1700s in the county of Limerick. This would have been John's father. Apart from John, John and Sarah Drew may have had two other sons, George and Francis – this is per Australian immigration records but not proven. The Drews appear to be from Kilcornan parish near Pallas Kenry in County Limerick. Records would indicate they were farmers.

It is not clear when the elder John Drew died but his son John and wife Elizabeth Peppard emigrated to Australia on the Adam Lodge arriving in New South Wales February 14th 1840 as assisted immigrants. On arrival he was engaged by W Bond at Pitt Street Sydney on a wage of one pound 5 shillings without rations. The family moved to Parramatta district in 1841 and began farming at Old Windsor Road, Seven Hills.

Only four years after arriving John Drew died, aged 45 or 46 years. John was tragically killed on 13th September 1844 when his horse bolted and overturned his cart while he was returning home from market at Parramatta. A report in the Sydney Morning Herald, September 18th 1844 states that "his body was found some distance from his home, completely dead, with his cart lying on top of it". At the time of his death he was living at Windsor Road and his profession listed as Farmer. He was buried on 16th September 1844 – Parish of Marsfield, County of Cumberland. He is buried at All Saints Cemetery– Row A. E with plaque:

"Sacred to the Memory of John Drew who died September 13 1844 –aged 46 yrs also of Elizabeth Peppard, relict of the above, died April 17th 1876 aged 78 years.

N.B. It is not sure whether John Drew was 45 or 46 – but either way age differs from age shown on Immigration Documents where age was shown as 35.

**Elizabeth Drew** – wife of John Drew died aged 78 years on 16th April 1876 (date shown on death certificate differs from stone above) at Good Street, Parramatta as certified by her son William Drew of Parramatta (1876/009108). She was buried 18th April 1876 at All Saints Cemetery, Parramatta with her husband John.

In her book: “The Drews of Dromlohan” 1996 – Carol Baxter wrote:

*“John Drew married one Elizabeth Peppard who appears to have been descended from landed gentry: the Peppard of Cappagh, in Rathkeale Parish, County Limerick. The Peppards were descended from a Norman family who were known as de Pipard or Pipard when they first settled in Ireland in the mid-1100’s. They were closely “associated”\* with County Louth from the early 1200’s and a branch of the family had settled at Cappagh by the early 1700’s.*

\*word added subsequently by jk.

Elizabeth’s family background is not known with certainty. However, sources indicate that she was born in Dublin c 1798 and was the daughter of one Standish Peppard, a solicitor or clerk. As her father carried the given name Standish, Elizabeth almost certainly descended from Patrick Peppard Esq. of Cappagh House who married Faith Standish the year 1730. Faith was the daughter of Lt. Joseph Standish and granddaughter of Sir Thomas Standish. It appears that Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Patrick and Faith’s youngest son Walter who apparently married twice and settled in Rathkeale Parish where he died in 1821. Walter had an unknown number of children of whom one was possibly Standish Peppard, Elizabeth’s father. Although Elizabeth was born in Dublin where a solicitor named Standish Peppard is known to have been living between 1818 and 1835, she was residing in Rathkeale parish at the time of her marriage in 1820” (to John Drew).

The children of marriage are listed as in the death certificate:

Living\*\*\*\*

William - 52 years

Charlotte - 49 years

Catherine - 47 years

Sarah - 45 years

1 male deceased (Standish Peppard Drew)

\*\*\*\*There is no mention of George Drew in the death certificate as living or deceased, presumably indicating that the family was no longer in touch with him once he left for the goldmines in California.

## **GEORGE DREW’S OTHER SIBLINGS:**

**Standish Peppard Drew** was listed as 16 when he arrived in NSW in 1840.

On March 29 1854 he married Julia Green at the Parish of St. John in the Parish of Marsfield in the County of Cumberland. The marriage was witnessed by Sarah Drew and William Drew indicating that his older brother George Drew had left Australia by 1854. Standish Drew became a Corn Dealer – he died March 30 1858 aged 35 years. He lists his place of birth as Pallace, County Limerick. The death certificate was certified by his brother William Drew of Parramatta. He is buried at All Saints Cemetery, Parramatta. Standish Peppard Drew and Julia Green had three children:

Their ages in 1858 were:

- Frederick Robert – 3 years.
- Julia Elizabeth – 2 years
- Standish – 5 months

The following four siblings have not been researched thoroughly but we believe the following

information to be accurate according to Australian records.

**William Drew** was born in 1826 in Limerick. He arrived on February 14 1840 with his family and lived at Old Windsor Road, Seven Hills as a child. In 1849 he **married** Mary Mitchell. According to his brother's death certificate William Drew was certified living in Parramatta in 1858. He may have become an Alderman in Prospect district. It is believed he had at least 3 children including a daughter Kate who is buried close to her grandparents at All Saints, Parramatta. Row A, E: reads also Kate infant daughter of William and Mary Drew who died 23rd November 1858 aged 11 months.

Other children:

Joseph John Drew born Sydney 8 Feb 1850 died 26 Apr 1915

Charlotte Elizabeth Drew born Darling Pt Sydney 10 May 1851

John Drew Parramatta 1853?

Elizabeth Peppard Drew born Parramatta 16 August 1854?

William George Drew born 8 June 1856

Catherine Drew – (see Kate above) born 24 December 1857 or 23 Nov 1858

**Catherine Drew** was born c 1830 in Limerick. She lived at Old Windsor Road, Seven Hills as a child and moved to Good Street, Domain. She married James Bragg October 20 1847. They had six children all born in Sydney. Catherine Drew died 1912 in Waverley, and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.

- James – born 1850
- Elizabeth Ann – born 1852
- Alfred John – born 1855
- Amelia Kate – born 1857
- Charlotte Ellen – born 1860
- Louisa Ann – born 1862

**Charlotte Drew** was born December 1828 – she arrived in NSW with her family from Limerick in 1840 aged 12. She married William Goodin in 1857. William Goodin was born March 23 1812 and died December 26th 1886. It appears that Charlotte was his second wife based on burial records-his first wife died in 1855. William was considerably older than Charlotte. The family is buried at all Saints where the headstone reads:

In Memory of William Goodin born March 23rd 1812, died December 26th 1886

Also Martha Goodin born July 10th 1822, died November 12 1855

Also Charlotte born December 3rd 1828 (should read 1838), died April 14th 1918,  
beloved wives of William Goodin

Also buried at All Saints are three of their children:

Also Standish George – son of William and Charlotte Goodin-died January 18th 1905  
aged 39 years

In Memory of Charlotte Goodin died July 18th 1876 aged 16 years

Also Standish and Ethel – children of William and Charlotte Goodin

The burial plots reads: Stepped white marble pedestal on sandstone plinth lead letters.

In a family plot surrounded by a gated, wrought fence topped by a double row of “*fleur de lis*”.

**Sarah Drew** was born June 22 1833 in Limerick, arriving on the Adam Lodge on February 14th 1840. She lived at Old Windsor Road, Seven Hills as a child and after her father died, at

Good St. Domain, Parramatta. She never married and was the Matron at the Benevolent Asylum Sydney. Sarah Drew died on May 8 1928 and is buried at All Saint's Parramatta.

## GEORGE DREW LEAVES IRELAND

George Drew left the Irish shores with his parents, John and Elizabeth Drew (nee Peppard) and five siblings on the Adam Lodge, a 576-ton ship carrying 273 government immigrants which sailed from Cork on 11 November 1839.

There were 14 members of the Drew family on board this ship. The breakdown of family members appears to be as follows:

Grace Drew. Aged 50. Widow, housekeeper with son Thomas

Thomas Drew. Aged 17 (see Grace Drew, nee Moynahan widow of Francis Drew)

**John Drew.** Age 35 (see notes on John Drew) - Farmer, husband of Eliza.

Age certainly not correct – should read 41.

**Eliza Drew.** Aged 35 – (see notes on Elizabeth Drew) House servant, wife of John.

• With children:

- **George Drew**-aged 19 unmarried farmer born approx. 1820/1821
- Standish Peppard – aged 16 – unmarried (died in 1858 born approx 1824)
- William – aged 14 unmarried
- Charlotte – aged 12
- Catherine aged 10
- Sarah - aged 8
- Edward Drew – aged 22 – husband of Mary; farmer
- Mary Drew – aged 18 – wife of Edward, farm servant
- Anne Drew – aged 21 unmarried, nursemaid (possibly daughter of Grace Drew)
- Frank Drew – aged 19 unmarried, labourer (possibly son of Grace Drew)

As described in Carol Baxter's book *The Drews of Dromlohan*, the Surgeon Superintendent Alex Stewart mentioned in his journal that the immigrants included 54 Protestants (of whom 14 were members of the Drew family) and 219 Catholics; a crewmember and two children died on the voyage, one child was born. A school was established and 37 regularly attended; the surgeon noted that the schoolmaster was very attentive and many of the scholars improved considerably. The chief amusements included dancing and leap frog and these activities were always encouraged in the evenings until 9 o'clock.

## GEORGE DREW ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 14, 1840

When the immigration board inspected the Adam Lodge upon her arrival in Sydney they lodged the following report:

“The ship arrived in a healthy and clean state. Her water and provisions were very good, and the ship was suited to the service”.

The Drews already had family members in New South Wales. According to the New South Wales Census in 1841 in the District of Parramatta, John Drew was listed in the Parish of Prospect – #667 household living with his family, wife plus six children, in a stone or brick house.

- 3 Males between 7 and 14 years
- 1 Male between 45 and 60
- 3 Females between 14 and 21
- 1 Female between 45 and 60
- Married 1 male
- Single 3 Males
- Married 1 female
- Single 3 females
- Arrived Free: 4 males
- Arrived Free: 4 females
- Church of England: 8
- Gardeners, Stockmen and Persons employed in agriculture: 4
- Domestic servants: 0
- All other persons not included in the foregoing Classes: 4
- Males: 4
- Females: 4
- General Totals: 8

Above would indicate that the Drew Family of John and Eliza with their six children were all living together. However, the wrong boxes appear to have been checked – if John and Eliza were living with the children as indicated in the Passenger List it should read: 3 Females between 7 and 14 and 3 Males between 14 and 21 plus parents.

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## George and Annie Drew's Children

**a) Standish William** (1844-1879) was born in 1844 at Windsor. He died 19 Sept 1879 at Beaufort St., Strawberry Hills, Sydney. He is buried at Necropolis. Standish William Drew married Ann Elisa Clyde 15 Aug 1865, 1 Holt St., Sydney, in accordance with Presbyterian Rites. They had six children.

- **Herbert Wallace** - 9 June 1866. 1 Holt St. Sydney. Died 16 April 1958. Bundaberg, Queensland. Married Minnie Gertrude Conner, 25 Feb 1890, North. Annandale, (5 Dec 1871 – 7 March 1934).
- **Marion R.** – 1868. Married Edward Sanders, 1885.
- **Standish Harold** – 1871. Married Annie M.B. Wilson, 1899.
- **George Clarence** - 1874 to 1890.
- **Annie Mabel I** – 1876. Married George Philips.
- **Charlotte Sheriden** - 1879 to 22 Jan 1963. Married Harold D. McCredie.

**b) Elizabeth Jane** (see Elizabeth Jane Knox) – Born 30 April 1846 in the Parish of Marsfield, County of Cumberland, abode at the time Church Street, Parramatta – profession of father, Publican (see Duke of Wellington License on Church Street 1845). Died 23 Feb. 1925 “Montargis”, Wentworthville. Married Joseph Knox (see Joseph Knox) 13 June 1870 – 13 Edward Street, South Head Road Sydney. Died 6 Feb 1919. They had eight children.

- **Lilian Violet** - 1871. Married John Thomas Fearby October 5 1896 at Montargis, Wentworthville. She died 4th September 1933.  
(see Janet's page)
- **John Calvin** - February 4th 1874, Hereford Street Glebe, died 5 Feb 1935 aged 61, Eulah Creek. Dungowan Narrabri. Married Mary Isobel MacLean (McKean) 1902. 1 son Errol Leslie born Tamworth 1902 died 14th December 1969 124 Barwan Street, Narrabri.
- **Aurora Myrtle** – born 29th June 1876 Married Harry Charles Walker in Rosebery, Woollahra in 1931 She died on 9th March 1944 at Manly District Hospital. At the time she and her husband were living at Flat 2, Camberene, Victoria Parade in Manly NSW. They had no children.
- **Haldane Leslie Hillas** - born 15th January in Hereford Street Glebe, 1879 died September 30 1880, Hereford Street, Glebe aged 1 ½ yrs.
- **Acacia Renée (Renee Acasia)** - born 15th July 1881 in Hereford Street, Glebe - unmarried, died 15th April Lanchester Private Hospital, Cremorne, aged 59 years – at the time sister Ivy and Acacia were living at 4 Rycroft Hall Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay.
- **Joseph Milton Hosking** - born 27th February 1884 Hereford Street Glebe, died 12 Oct 1921 aged 37 years. “Omah” Rochester Street Homebush. Married Ida M. Dawson 1913. They had one daughter Margaret Elizabeth born February 15th 1917.
- **Ivy Jasmine Gwendoline** - born 30th October 1886, Hereford Street, Glebe – 1886. Unmarried, died 23rd June 1959, 4/17 Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay.
- **Errol Aubrey Galbraith** - born 25 June 1889 Hereford Street Glebe, died 17 Oct 1949 Woodend, Victoria (Brigadier Sir Errol Knox M.B.E. (see Errol Knox) - 1918. Married September 4 1919 Gertrude Mary, daughter of George Barnard Milbank Coore (see separate page).



**George Watson** – born 11th October 1849. He was baptised on 25th November, 1849 at the Parish of St. Lawrence, Sydney in the County of Cumberland, Surry Hills-at the time of his birth his father was listed as a butcher. He died in Wollongong on the 9th July, 1907. Married Agnes Wright in Brisbane, Queensland 1872. When he died he was a Coach Painter. His father is listed as George Drew – a “Farmer” and his mother’s maiden name listed as Annie Reece. He is buried at the Methodist Cemetery in Wollongong. In 1907 they had 10 children living:

- Minnie – aged 34
- George E.R. – 30
- David Malcolm Reece - 28
- Edith E - 26
- Irene May - 25
- Florence P - 23
- William A.R. – 22
- Donald K.R. – 19
- Richard R. W – 16
- Haldane Victor Reece - 14
- Lists 1 male 3 females deceased
- Ruby J - 1886
- Eileen G. – 1889
- ? female
- Charles B.

Still researching third son of Annie Drew as stated on her death certificate. There are limited possibilities available to be able to research this:

a) There is a James Drew born on September 30th 1846 to Ann Drew and a John Weston labourer from Chippendale. This is unlikely as 1.) Elizabeth Jane Drew was born on 30th April 1846 and 2.) We believe that George Drew was still in Australia.

b) There was a George Drew of Liverpool Street – parish of St. Lawrence, Sydney in the County of Cumberland who died as an infant aged 2 years 4 months on 4th November 1847 – father a shoemaker. There was a shoemaker named George Drew, who appears in the Insolvency Index in 1846. Initially there was a strong possibility that this could be the 3rd son and that our George Drew had become a shoemaker following being a publican. However, on further research there was a George Drew born in 1845 to a George and Mary Drew, so presumably this 2 year old George was their child.

c) There was a baby “James Drew” of Bathurst who died on 29th February 1852 and was buried March 1 1852 in the Parish of Kelso, County of Roxburgh aged 6 days old. At the time of these Chronicles, since there are no names of parents shown, there is no conclusion either way. Prior to 1856 there were only Baptism and Burial certificates and these are not always very conclusive. Furthermore we have no record of where George and Annie Drew were living after 1849. It would appear that at the time of George Watson Drew’s baptism they were living in Surry Hills, in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Sydney in the County of Cumberland.

Until it is known conclusively when George Drew left for the Goldmines it will be difficult to establish the possibilities of the 3rd son. Annie Drew may have had a child after George Drew left for the goldmines. She would have been only 28 at the time. We have no record of her address until we find her living with her daughter and husband in 95 Hereford Street Glebe.

## FURTHER THOUGHTS ON GEORGE DREW

There is a George Drew who appears to have become a Publican by 1845. The following article pertaining to a George Drew appeared in the Parramatta Chronicle in 1845:

**Parramatta Chronicle** 22 Mar 1845 P 2 Col 2

“George Drew appeared on a warrant, issued at the instance of one Michael Kilroy, “ a regular Broth of a Boy,” for having an axe in his possession with some unknown person had axed the loan of without the owner’s consent.....The Bench at once dismissed the charge - stating, that if such had been mentioned to have been the case a warrant never could have been granted, and Kilroy having had the tool handed over to him shouldered it and left the Court, complaining greatly of the stupidity of the magistrates in not intuitively perceiving what he intended to have said.....” (no evidence to know if this is same George Drew).

**Parramatta Chronicle** 7 June 1845 p 2 Col 2

“Licenses were granted: George Drew, Duke of Wellington, Church Street; Parramatta.”

**Parramatta Chronicle** 23 Aug 1845 p 2 Col 3

“George Drew appeared on summons for a breach of the Licensing Act, in selling after hours. Two constables deposed that at about one o’clock on the morning of the 11th instant, they went into the defendant’s house, and found two persons there, one of whom had in his hand a glass, the contents of which bore a great resemblance to ale. The two midnight visitors were then examined, but as they fiery materially contradicted each other in their attempt to save the publican-the Bench gave the preference to the constables’ testimony, and decreed a fine of £2 and costs.”

insert link from Parramatta Chronicles

## GEORGE DREW LEAVES FOR THE GOLD MINES IN CALIFORNIA

We know that George Drew left for the goldmines, wrote one letter home and appears to have remained in the United States. It is not clear yet how or when he left for the goldmines. Looking through all the possibilities there is one piece of evidence that George Drew may have ended up in Hamilton County of Butte – this is based on the 1870 U.S. Census report where we find a George Drew born in Ireland in 1820 (that would correspond to the right age) living with a wife and 3 children. There is no certainty that this is the same George Drew – the only coincidence is that age, location, and place of birth are all correct. He even named his oldest son John which would follow the pattern of naming your eldest son after his paternal grandfather. Further research might find marriage and death records, which could perhaps bring more information to light. It certainly seems that when George Drew’s mother Elizabeth Peppard Drew died in 1876, William was not able to list his brother as either living or deceased.

On 15th July 1870 in Post Office: Oroville Town: Hamilton, County of Butte, State of California there is **George Drew** – White Male - aged 50 - born in Ireland – Real Estate Value: \$1600 - Profession/Trade – Turner (might be Farmer) Others in household

- Delia Drew – aged 36 – “keeping house”
- John Drew – aged 8 – born California – attends school
- Mark Drew – aged 3 – born California
- Bell (or Bill) Drew (female) – aged 2 born California

*End Note: Information still needed to determine when George Drew left Australia for the Goldmines in California –perhaps circa 1849 and what happened to him after he left Australia. Also looking for the 3rd son of Annie Reece Drew – unless this was error on part of registrar.*



Janet Fearby provided this picture with inscription: “This photograph was taken in the mid to late 1800s” It is a reprint from a small photo that was in a locket that belonged to either Annie Drew (nee Reece) or her daughter Elizabeth Jane Knox (nee Drew). We are not sure who it is but was told by Heather Fearby that it is George Watson Drew (George Drew’s second son or it could be George Drew). However, when George Drew left for the goldmines in approx. 1849 he was 28 years old – and this appears to be someone in their Mid-thirties or older. It could also be Standish William – who died in 1879 age 35.

A very special thanks to Carol Baxter, Vera Briggs, Keith Johnson, Frank Drew, Nick Reddan, to name just a few, who have dedicated endless hours, weeks and years of exhaustive research into the Drew family from Limerick, Ireland. This has enabled us to conclude that George Drew and his family could be traced back to the mid-18th century to the townland of Dromlohan in the Kilcornan parish, of County Limerick. It is also through extensive research by the above that we have concluded that the Drews were Anglo-Irish and of Protestant faith, with origins perhaps in Somerset, England. Given that George Drew’s father was from Rathkeale, Limerick, we may have concluded that they were part of several hundred Palatine families from the Rhineland who were re-settled there by Queen Anne circa 1709. However, there is certainly no evidence to prove this theory at all. The information pertaining to the George Drew in our line has been obtained from Australian documents and based on Passenger Information and Australian Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates obtained from the excellent NSW Archives. This indicated that he was the son of John Drew from Limerick and Elizabeth (nee Peppard) born in Dublin, Ireland.



Birth: unknown  
Death: Mar. 23, 1875

Aged 54 years 10 months 5 days. Native of Co Limerick Ireland

Burial:  
[Gridley-Biggs Cemetery](#)  
Gridley  
Butte County  
California, USA



*Annie Drew - Great Great Grandmother*

Photo of Annie Drew - born 16th January 1821 in Parramatta to David Reece and Hannah Hillas. Baptised St. John's on 29th April 1821. Married George Drew January 9th 1843 at the Parish of Hunter's Hill County of Cumberland. Annie Drew died April 19th 1900 at Montargis, Wentworthville, the home of her daughter Elizabeth Jane married to Joseph Knox.



*Elizabeth Jane Knox - Great Grandmother*

Elizabeth Jane Drew born 30th April 1846, baptised Parish of Marsfield, County of Cumberland, 31st May 1846, daughter of George Drew and Ann Drew (nee Reece). Married Joseph Knox June 1870 at 13 Edwards Street South Head Road Sydney - according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church.



*Elizabeth Jane Knox  
1846-1925  
died Wentworthville  
23rd February 1925*



*Elizabeth Jane Knox (nee Drew)*



*Joseph Knox*  
1845 - 1919



Montargis, Home of Joseph Knox



Joseph Knox's house, Montargis, Pendle Hill  
Built in the early 1890's



Montargis, Home of Joseph Knox

# Janet Patty Fearby

Janet Patty Fearby was born on August 8 1940 to Mildred Josephine (nee Cochran) and Alan Roy Fearby and had a brother, Thomas Knox Fearby, born January 4 1942. Her early schooling was by Correspondence. She writes “ Our lessons came from Sydney. I went away to Boarding School, May 1949. I could not wait until I went away, BUT OH!! WAS I HOMESICK AT NIGHT for the first term. I had never been away from my parents at all. I stayed with Dar (Ivy Knox, my father’s aunt at Neutral Bay), from 1953 until I left school at the end of 1957. I went home to my parents, as I had been away for so long. We lived on our property until the 1970s when we moved into my mother’s sister’s house which is mine now. My father, Alan Fearby, died on 24th May 1973. Tom was married then but he came out and did the farming and cattle work. At that time the cattle prices had dropped and were very low. We joined the Junior Farmers. Tom won the NSW P&O trip to the UK in 1968. He was joined by the other 5 state winners on the Arcadia and then came home on the Oronsay. We put exhibits up at the local show and also at the Royal Show in Sydney. I have seen a number of droughts and floods in my lifetime. We reared many pet lambs and calves over the years. I loved being home with my family and I have no regrets. I have looked after Mummy and Heather of the later years. My mother was crippled up with arthritis but Bill had really good health, except the last 10 yrs of her life when she got dementia. She was in the Gunnedah Nursing Home for about 4 years. She had her 100th birthday at the Home. She received a letter from the Queen, our Prime Minister, the Governor of NSW, Governor General, our State and Federal Members of Parliament. Dar still came and stayed with us, after we left school but I think she fretted because she did not have me staying with her. She became ill and Bill (Heather) Fearby looked after her until she died in June 1959. We let the flat go but in away it was sad, because it was so handy to public transport”.

Janet is an avid researcher of her family history and has contributed enormously to these chronicles by providing photos, original texts and has spent hours in libraries pouring over family documents.



Harold Alexander with wife Margaret nee Knox and second cousin Janet Fearby



Janet Fearby (Great Granddaughter of Joseph Knox)  
Standing in Knox Street, Pendle Hill, Sydney.  
The street named after Joseph Knox who had a house  
and an orchard running onto Knox Street.

## Jane Knox

Jane Knox-Kiepura was born in Toorak, Melbourne, Australia to Peter Knox and Monica Knox (nee Newcombe) and grew up in England, Spain and Portugal. She moved to Washington D.C. in the United States in 1968 where she worked at the World Bank. In 1975 she moved to Paris, France returning to the United States in 1980. She lives in Manhattan and New Hampshire with her husband Marjan Kiepura.

Jane received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies, Magna Cum Laude, from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City. She now works as Vice President of an international aerospace company. As an avid researcher of her family history she was delighted to find that her cousin Janet Fearby shared the same passion. The initial goal was to complete Peter Knox's work that he had started in 1994 but was unable to finish before passing away in 1998. Since 1998 the internet has opened up whole new resources unavailable in those early days and Janet and Jane have pooled all their resources to complete the "Knox Chronicles".

Janet and Jane are related through their great-grandfather Joseph Knox. Joseph married Elizabeth Jane Drew, they had eight children. Janet's grandmother was Lilian Violet, the eldest and Jane's grandfather was Errol Knox, the youngest. Pamela Knox O'Connor, Errol's daughter and sister to Peter Knox, has been the constant inspiration to complete the work. She has been tireless in her support. Janet Fearby's biography appears in these Chronicles.



*Photo of Jane Knox during trip to Drumquin in December 2006 .  
Knox homestead in background.*





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