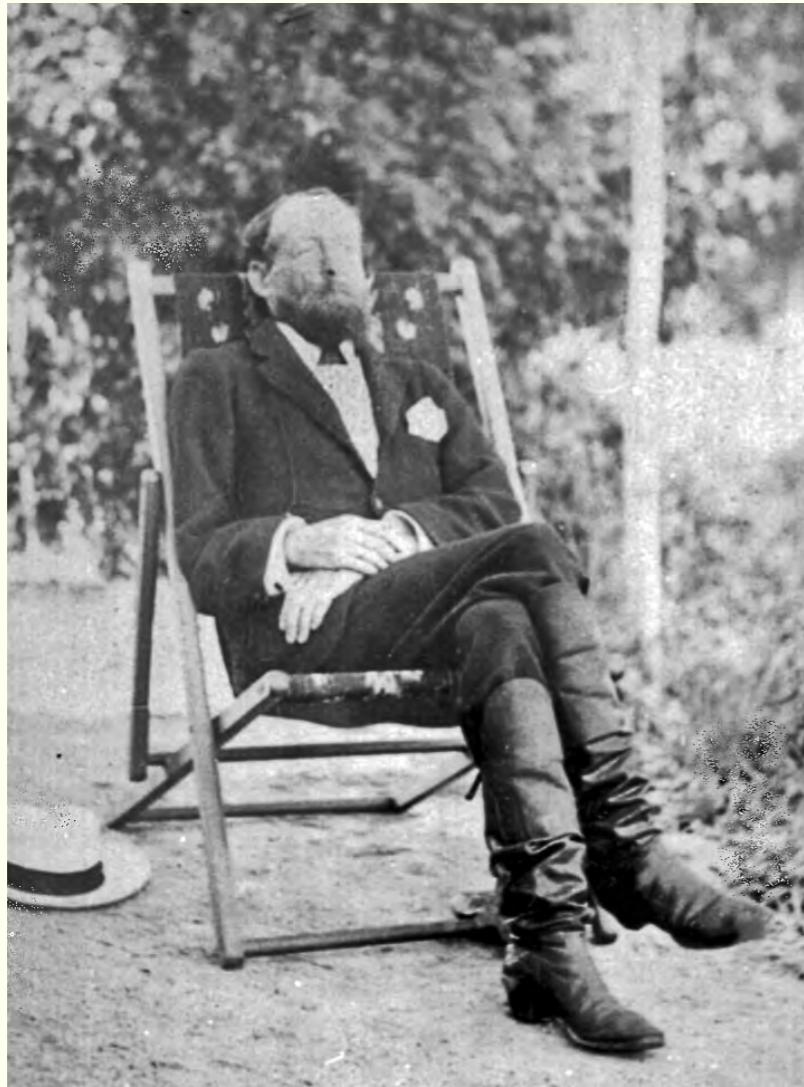


People of the Yankalilla District



Frederick Malcolm GRAHAM

1856 - 1911

Married: (1) Annabella Stewart BUTTERWORTH
(1853 - 1894)

(2) Marion Elizabeth MAYFIELD (1872 - 1951)

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1879

Settled at: Yankalilla

Occupation: gentleman

Buried: Christ Church Cemetery

Children of F.M.Graham and Annabella

Stillborn son (1887)

John Benjamin (1888 - 1961) m Lillias Emily
BODDINGTON

Children of F.M.Graham and Marion

Marion Louisa (1897 - 1984)

Frederica Emma BROWN, ALEXANDER (1899 -
1979)

Harry Robert (1900 - 1954) m Helen Ethel
MARSHALL

Gwendoline Maud WINDRED (1902 - 1980)

Lilian Florence HARRIS (1905 - 1975)

Frederick Malcolm Graham, known to his family as Mal, was born at Haus Bockenheimer at Frankfurt-am-Main in 1856. He was born with a hunch back, a harelip, and cleft palate, which resulted in a speech impediment. He was the son of J.B.Graham who was one of the original directors of the Burra Mine. His father died when Mal was twenty, and he was left a diamond ring and £20,000 in trust. His siblings acted as trustees and they also inherited the rest of the £133,500 estate.

In 1878 he sailed to South Australia to visit his uncles (Henry and Francis Rymill) and to gain experience in Australian farming. He headed north to Canowie (previously part-owned by his father) and became a jackaroo on Warcowie Station in the Flinders Ranges.

The following year he went to Yankalilla and boarded with Rev. and Mrs Morse. In 1880 he acquired Flagstaff Cottage, so called because Graham had a flagstaff, complete with crows nest, salvaged from a wreck, erected in front of the cottage and from this he flew flags from his large collection. This flagstaff was removed to Bungala House when Graham's brother, Harry Graham, purchased that house for him in 1886 from the Butterworth family.

In 1887 Graham married Annabella Stewart Butterworth, daughter of John Butterworth of Beach House Normanville. She died of diabetes in 1894 at the age of 41 (her brother John had also died of diabetes at the age of 17). In 1896 Graham married Marion Elizabeth Mayfield, daughter of James Mayfield of Botanic House Bald Hills, and they had five children.

While Graham lived at Bungala House he added to it and established it as the grand mansion of the town. The original small stone cottage had been extended by Eli Butterworth, but Graham added the side wings in 1891, which housed the billiard room and the flag room amongst other rooms. The house was surrounded by extensive gardens and there was a croquet lawn and a tennis court at the side.

Before ill-health limited his activities, Graham was a supportive member of the Yankalilla community. He was a parishioner of Christ Church Yankalilla to which he made generous donations. He helped found the Yankalilla Show and was chosen as its first president in 1882. He died on 8 May 1911 at the age of fifty-four, and was buried in the Graham crypt in Christ Church cemetery.



Flagstaff Cottage



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