

Sources Of information On Riverstone Residents

+ ELECTORAL ROLLS

STATE ELECTORAL ROLLS (PRIOR TO 1900)

Rolls are held for the period 1859 to 1899. Riverstone is found in the electoral division of The *Hawkesbury*.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ROLLS (FROM 1901 ONWARDS)

Riverstone is found in the following Commonwealth Electoral Divisions:-

1901-1911 *Parramatta*

1912-1921 *Nepean* -1922-1931

Parramatta 1934- 1948

Macquarie 1949-1950

Robertson 1951- 1966

Mitchell After 1966 No details are shown on the index card in the State Library.

* Prior to 1900 only men were listed on electoral rolls. The rolls give details as to whether they were leaseholders, freeholders or householders.

* From 1900 onwards the rolls list the occupation of the elector.

* From 1913 the elector's street address (no house number) is shown

New South Wales and Commonwealth Electoral Rolls are kept at the State Library on microfilm and are available for public use.

Where to Find the Electoral Rolls

At the Blacktown Bicentennial Museum there are lists of Riverstone residents, collated from information from some of the Pre-1900 rolls, as well as photocopies of the rolls from 1901 to 1928.

+ NEWSPAPERS

(The following is a guide only, contact the libraries to confirm details.)

THE WINDSOR AND RICHMOND GAZETTE

The best known of all the local newspapers for local historians, this paper contains a wide variety of information from articles, obituaries and advertisements. For many years, a special column appeared written by a correspondent from Riverstone.

The Gazette was first published in 1888 and has continued to the present day. Copies of the papers are kept on microfilm in Windsor Library and copies can be made from the microfilm using a special copier. (Currently 60 cents per copy).

OTHER NEWSPAPERS HELD AT WINDSOR (sets are incomplete)

The Australian September 1873-1896

The Hawkesbury Chronicle November 1881-May 1888

The Hawkesbury Advocate October 1899-December 1900

The Hawkesbury Herald May 1902-1904

The Hawkesbury Courier July 1844- 1846

Windsor & Richmond Advertiser January 1 899-May 1 899

Windsor Express May 1843-May 1844

THE CUMBERLAND ARGUS AND FRUITGROWERS ADVOCATE

Copies of this newspaper from 1888 to 1935 are held on microfilm at the State Library. Microfilm copies are also held at the Parramatta Library, from 1893 to 1962. From 1963 the paper became the *Parramatta Advertiser* and bound copies are held at Parramatta.

THE BLACKTOWN ADVOCATE

Copies of this newspaper are held at Blacktown Library and the State Library. The copies available commence from around 1949, though the set is incomplete.

THE RIVERSTONE PRESS

Copies of this newspaper are held at Blacktown Library. The years available are from March 1979 to November 1985.

+ ALMANACS

SAND'S DIRECTORY

At the Museum there are copies of the Riverstone entries in the 1901 to 1933 Sand's Directories. The listings tend to be mainly business people in the town. A complete set of Sands Directory Microfiche is kept at Windsor Library.

MOORE'S ALMANAC

Contains lists of business people in towns throughout New South Wales, including Riverstone. Copies of the Riverstone entries from 1891 to 1940 are kept at the Museum. The complete Moore's Almanacs are available in the Mitchell Library.

WISES' NEW SOUTH WALES POST OFFICE DIRECTORY

Available from the State & Mitchell Libraries. c. 1886 to 1950. Contains lists of business people in towns throughout New South Wales.

+ BOOKS

FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORIES

Blacktown, Riverstone and Windsor Libraries have a variety of books which contain references to the Riverstone District and local residents. A number of these are collated in a later chapter in this journal called *References to Riverstone in Print*.