

Grandmother Edith married George Courtman
at Hyde in our home in North Rd in 1916. He
had been twice widowed. His second wife was
an invalid for many years ~~was~~ ^{had been} a very close
friend of Eliza & Jonathan Smith (Edith's sister
& brother in law). George sold his cottage
near Petersham - or Burwood & bought a
block of land in Boronia Av. Epping from
a ^{mutual} friend of Robert Henderson Duncan - named
Barretts who also owned & lived in a weekend
where Duncan Park ^{now} is in Epping. Barretts owned
a musical instrument shop in Broadway Sydney.
Arthur Waite a long time friend of my father
built a weatherboard cottage on the block
& it was furnished with everything new for
the new buyers. George (who had retired from
N.S.W. Railway where he had worked many
years as a railway guard) made a
showplace of the garden. Fruit trees &
vegetables - berries & flowers. They led a
Daisy & Joan life till his death in 1933?

George Courtman & Robert H. Duncan were
friends & visited. Robert H. Duncan later
(I presume) bought the adjoining block in
Boronia Av & named the "Grey House" - a
large weatherboard home - onto it ^{from the orchard} & built
"Sallawalla" in bricks on the slope above
the orchard. "Daisy Bell" Hamman lived
in the Grey House for a while & later

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It was rented to a cousin of my mother's Gwen
(Mrs Row Petersen) ^(née Kayson) related to the Kayson

George Courtman was churchwarden? at
the Petersham Congregational Church often
at Epping Congregational Church, also
a member of the Orange Lodge. He had
a son Walter of family in Newcastle & a daughter
Mrs Albert Morris of Ashfield with 2 or 3 children.
George "ran away to sea" at an early age from a
farm & worked on sailing & steam sailing
ships for many years till settling in Australia.
He went "home for a trip" just before
1st World War probably after his retirement.
His railway-pension stopped at his death &
Edith had to apply for O.A. pension. She
continued to live at "Drevell" Beronia A.
till her death in 1934 & with a nurse-
companion ~~also~~ for the last months.

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