

Husband	Edmund Rolfe		
Birth	1841	Oxborough, Norfolk, England	
Marriage	Feb. 11, 1861	St Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 2723/1861	
Death	Oct. 7, 1918	Merrylands, Sydney, NSW, Australia late of Smithfield and Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. see Sydney Morning Herald 9 Oct 1918	
Burial	Oct. 9, 1918	Riverside Cemetery,	
Other Wife	Margaret Jane Rolfe [Keeffe]	Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. Portion RC-Section 3 Row J	
Parents	Anthony Rolfe and Catherine Rolfe [Curtis]	Lot 7-8	

Wife	Margaret Rolfe [Logue]		
Birth	1843	Murrumbidgee, NSW, Australia	
Death	Jun. 13, 1867	Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7556/1867	
Burial	Jun. 15, 1867	Riverside Cemetery,	
Other Husbands		Queanbeyan, NSW,	
Parents	Bryan (Barney) Logue and Margaret (Kitty) Crinigan (formerly Logue) [McElroy]	Australia. Portion RC Section 1 Row N Lot 19	

Children

1	Bernard Rolfe		
Gender	Male		
Birth	May 15, 1862	"Springbank" Acton,	
Wife	Maria Jane Rolfe [Blewitt]	NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 12772/1862 Bryan Rolfe in birth index	
Marriage	Jul. 14, 1887	St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7497/1887	
Death	Mar. 1, 1935	Casino Memorial Hospital, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 3558/1935 Bernard Rolfe see Northern Star (Lismore, NSW) 2 Mar 1935	
Burial	Mar. 2, 1935	Kyogle Cemetery, NSW, Australia	

2	Maria T Hibberson [Rolfe]		
Gender	Female		
Birth	Jan. 15, 1864	"Springbank" Acton,	
Husband	Joseph James Hibberson	NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 13949/1864	
Marriage	Aug. 16, 1884	St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7382/1884	
Death	Apr. 20, 1903	at residence of Mrs Glasscock, East Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7538/1903 Late of Hillston, NSW, Australia. see Queanbeyan Age (NSW) 22 Apr 1903 and Freeman's Journal (Sydney, NSW) 2 May 1903	
Burial	Apr. 20, 1903	Riverside Cemetery, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. Portion RC Section 1 Row N Lot 19 (beside her mother) Sandstone upright slab. "+/ Ellen Loague/ Daughter of Bryan Loague/ Who departed this life/ 19th June 1851/ Aged 6 years/ also to/ The Memory of Brian Loague/ who departed this life the 26th of/ dec 1869 aged 48 years/ Born in the County of Tyrone, Ireland/ also Margaret Rolfe/ who departed this life/ June 16th 1867/ Aged 24 years/ Requiescat in Pace. Amen/ Also Maria Hibberson/ Died 20th April 1903 aged 39 years/ Also Margaret Creningan/ Died 12 April 1904. Aged 90 years."Maria Hibberson, Furlong, Whealbah, near Hay, eldest daughter of Edmund Rolfe, Gold Creek, Ginninderra. Died from dropsy at the residence of Mrs Glasscocl, East Queanbeyan 1903 and buried beside her mother.	

3	Mary Rolfe		
Gender	Female		
Birth	Sep. 15, 1865	"Springbank" Acton,	
Husband		NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 14356/1865	
Marriage			
Death			
Burial			

4	Catherine Corkhill [Rolfe]		
Gender	Female		
Birth	May 3, 1867	"Springbank" Acton,	
Husband	Robert Corkhill	NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 15251/1867	
Marriage	1893	St Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 6151/1893	
Death	Sep. 15, 1952	Canberra, ACT, Australia Ref: ACT 20001822	
Burial		Riverside Cemetery, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. Portion RC Section 3 Row K Lot 4 Granite desk and sandstone kerbing, marble slab on floor. "C Corkhill died 15 September 1952 aged 82; Robert Corkhill died 4 June 1954 aged 91." Of Riverview Dairy, Canberra. Robert Corkhill married Catherine, daughter of Edmund and Margaret (Logue) Rolfe.	

Notes on Edmund Rolfe

Gold Creek Homestead is a 140-year old stone and brick building located off Gungahlin Drive in Ngunnawal a north-western suburb of Canberra, the Australian Capital Territory, Australia. The Gold Creek Homestead Complex refers to a group of four buildings including the 697m2 homestead, a stone and timber cottage, a buggy shed and an entertainment and function centre (formerly a machinery shed). The Gold Creek Homestead Site is a 41-hectare parcel of land, specifically Block 1 and 2, Section 23 Ngunnawal upon which the aforementioned complex is situated. In 2005 a portion of the site was nominated for a second time for inclusion on the ACT Heritage Register. A listing would have placed certain planning controls on the site to ensure its protection. In June 2009, after four years of deliberations, the nomination was rejected by the ACT Heritage Council and as a result, none of the buildings are protected and most will inevitably be demolished. Gold Creek Homestead was at one time at the centre of 'Gold Creek' a sprawling 1,594 hectare (3,940 acre) rural property, the largest in the Ginninderra district. Portions of the former property are or will be occupied by parts of the suburbs of Ngunnawal, Nicholls, Harcourt Hill, Moncrieff, Casey, Kinlyside and Taylor. The Gold Creek Homestead Site is currently leased by John Starr for his rural tourism venture which has been especially popular with tourists from the US and Europe.

Rolfe family Edmund Rolfe, Gold Creek's founder c.1895. In 1849 Anthony Rolfe, an English farm labourer, arrived in Australia from Oxborough, Norfolk, England with his wife and five children. The family migrated to the new colonies under one of the Bounty schemes subsidised to the British Government and was part of the wave of free settlers to follow the convict era. After working for 10 years as a tenant farmer at Joseph Kaye's "Springbank" rural property, Anthony established his own property Tea Gardens, on 130-hectare (320 acre) of land in 1857. The remnants of that homestead is located in presentday Ngunnawal near Ginninderra Creek which is now part of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Course. Anthony's second eldest son Edmund Rolfe spent his early working life as a teamster, transporting building materials e.g. sandstone, wool, wheat and even drinking water from and to as far afield as Camden and Braidwood. He was the principal transport contractor for the tower reconstruction work on St John the Baptist Church (in present-day Reid). Edmund Rolfe's first wife Margaret (née Logue) died during childbirth in 1867 and he later married Margaret O'Keefe. Edmund Rolfe fathered 14 children - Bryan (b.1862), Maria (b.1864), Mary (b.1865), Catherine (b.1867), Anthony (b.1868), William (b.1869), Alice (b.1871), Bridget (b.1873), Margaret (b.1874), James (b.1876), Patrick (b.1878), Gertrude (b.1880), John (b.1882) and Edmund George(b.1884). Anthony Rolfe financed the initial purchase of 60 acres (24 ha) of land which abuts the present-day "Gold Creek" Homestead Site and transferred the land title as part of a much larger 320-acre (130 ha) parcel to his son Edmund in 1872. During its first few decades "Gold Creek" was devoted to cropping predominantly wheat and later the Rolfes diversified into merino sheep and later still beef cattle

The Rolfes were major beneficiaries of the depression of the 1890s. Rising mortgage rates left many farmers servicing bank loans at rates of seven, eight and even ten per cent. With their previous mortgages paid out, the Rolfes were better placed than most. With five fit young men carrying out a program of cropping, animal husbandry and sheep grazing activities, the property remained profitable while neighbouring farms floundered. When one of the Rolfes' long-time neighbours forfeited on their mortgage payments in 1897, they snapped up the land. The superior quality of the Gold Creek livestock was underlined by a purchase concluded in December 1903. Mr E. Hudson, the manager of the Duntroon estate, paid £2100 for 2100 merinos and 900 lambs.[citation needed] They used the cash to secure mortgages on further land purchases. Over a period of several years, he snapped up at foreclosure sales various parcels of land, extending his family's land holdings. By 1907 the Rolfes presided over a rural property 3,940 acres (1,590 ha) in size, the largest in the Ginninderra district. Edmund Rolfe was very active in local politics in the two decades prior to the Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. He served for a number of years as the treasurer and later the vice president of the Ginninderra Protection Union, the forerunner to the Protectionist party. He was also a committee member of the Ginninderra Agricultural Show, the forerunner to Canberra's Royal Easter Show. The Rolfes also hosted a number of balls and dances at Gold Creek in support of St Benedicts, a Catholic Girls School in Queanbeyan. Edmund Rolfe was a fundraiser for Ginninderra St Francis Church and its replacement, Hall's St Xaviers Church. The "Gold Creek" Rolfes were amongst a handful of local farming families including Frederick Campbell (of Yarralumla) that lobbied the Federal Government for improved compensation during the land acquisition process in the lead-up to the creation of the Federal Capital Territory (now the Australian Capital Territory).

"Gold Creek" was built in the 1860s by Edmund Rolfe. By 1883 it covered 1000 hectares and there were sheep, cattle, horses and pigs. Lived near father at "Gold Creek", Ginninderra Nov 1915 land acquisitioned. 20 Mar 1916 retired to Merrylands

Obituary EDMUND ROLFE, SEN.

News reached Queanbeyan this morning that Mr. Edmund Rolfe, formerly of Gold Creek, Ginninderra, passed away at Merrylands, near Sydney, last night. The deceased, one of the best-known old time residents of this district, had been ailing from nearly the time of the decease of his wife, which occurred in the Parramatta hospital early in July last; so that her husband survived her just about three months.

The remains of Mr. Rolfe will be entrained for Queanbeyan per mail train tonight, and on arrival here tomorrow morning will be taken to St. Gregory's Church, whence the funeral will proceed to the old Roman Catholic cemetery at 3 p.m.

The deceased was brother to Mr. George Rolfe, for some years an innkeeper in Queanbeyan, but now, and for a long time past, following the same occupation in Cooma. The Rolfes are the children of one of Queanbeyan's earliest pioneers, and no one in the early days of settlement in this district was better known or more worthily respected than old Anthony Rolfe of Ginninderra. And by marriage the links in the chain of pioneer families were strengthened. Mrs. Edmund Rolfe, who as already said, predeceased her husband in July last, was a daughter of Mrs. Margaret O'Keeffe, the widow of another pioneer settler. She (the daughter) was born in Queanbeyan as far back as in 1841.

The subject of this obituary notice was born at Ginninderra, and his entire life was spent in this district. He was one of our most successful graziers and farmers, and was like many others, driven from his home by the resumption policy of the Federal Capital Territory authorities, Gold Creek being within that territory. However, like his excellent wife before him, in the soil of their native district, as is befitting, their mortal remains will repose till the sound of the Great Archangel's trump shall call them to the resurrection unto life immortal. Nine children survive their departed parents, viz., Sister Mary Pierie (Good Samaritan Order); Mrs. J. V. Hibberson, Glenwood, Ginninderra; Mrs. Flanagan, Sydney; Mrs. Conrie, Sydney, (daughters); and Messrs. Anthony, William, James, Patrick, and Edward Rolfe (sons).

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) 10 Oct 1916 DISTRICT COURT MONEY LENT Edmund Rolfe, of Sherwood Grange, Smithfield, grazier, sued Anthony Flanagan, of the Robert Burns Hotel, Bathurst and Sussex Streets, innkeeper, for £174 8s 3d money lent and interest thereon. The defence was never indebted. His honor returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount claimed. Mr Allworth of Messrs Allworth and Weaver, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr Chubb instructed by Mr H Smith, for the defendant. Anthony Flanagan was a son-in-law who deserted his wife about the time of this action.

Headstone Inscription Granite kerbing. Lot 7, Marble upright stone. By Ziegler, Cooma. "Margaret, wife of Michael Keffe, died 29 June 1907 aged 98 years, 6 months." Lot 8, Granite cross on squared granite base, inscription on east face. "I.H.S./ Have Mercy on the Souls of Edmund Rolfe/ Died Oct 7th 1918/ Aged 77 years/ And his wife/ Margaret/ Died July 5th 1918/ Aged 75 years/ Also their Son/ John Benedict/ Died 15th May 1899/ Aged 17 years & 4 months/ Requiescant in Pace." Formerly of Gold Creek, Ginninderra. Died at Merrylands. Son of late Anthony Rolfe, Ginninderra. Married (i) Margaret Logue 11/2/1861 (ii) Margaret Keffe, Queanbeyan 19/9/1867

Notes on Margaret Rolfe [Logue]

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Notes on Bernard Rolfe

Listed in birth record as Bryan but throughout his life he was known as Bernard.

Notes on Mary Rolfe

Unable to locate any further information on Mary Rolfe. Other researchers similarly draw a blank. Could it be that she was stillborn where only birth OR death needed to be registered? Perhaps buried on the farm.