

Charles Trimby Burfitt

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Local roads are sometimes named after people who had a connection with the area. Burfitt Road, Riverstone was named after Charles Trimby Burfitt, who was also known as C T Burfitt. C T was for a period of time an auctioneer/land agent. He handled the sale of a number of land estates around Riverstone including Marsden Park, Lincoln and Blenheim. The following 1927 newspaper obituary provides an insight into Charles Trimby Burfitt.

"DEATH OF FORMER DUBBOITE

MR. C. T. BURFITT.

The death occurred on Saturday, 27th ult., at his residence, Glenleigh, Victoria-road, Bellevue Hills, Sydney, of Mr. Charles Trimby Burfitt, who for many years was a prominent member of the Royal Australian Historical Society, he was at one time president and secretary.

The late Mr. Burfitt, who was 78 years of age, was the son of the late Mr. James Burfitt, of Rodstone, Somersetshire, England. Mr. James Burfitt was one of the pioneers of the western district of New South Wales, where he had extensive business interests. Mr. C. T. Burfitt was also a grand-nephew of the late Dr. James Ingram, president of Trinity College, Oxford.

Born at Springfield, near Orange, he was in his younger days a store keeper at Dubbo, arriving in 1869. First he was employed by Messrs. Tait and Smellie, but a year later entered storekeeping on his own account in partnership with a Mr. Thompson. The first business premises were on the site now occupied by Bebarfalds Ltd., but afterwards Mr. Burfitt had his store on what is now the Exchange Hotel corner.

He married Miss Fitzmaurice, aunt of Mr. E. J. Stevens, now clerk of the Talbragar Shire Council, Dubbo. Going to Sydney, he carried on business as an auctioneer. He retired about 20 years ago. For many years past he had been a recognised authority on Australian history, and had written a book on the wool industry, which was used as a text book by the Department of Education. He had also made a study of the language and customs of the aborigines. He was a member of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Mr. Burfitt is survived by Mrs. Burfitt, two sons, and two daughters. The sons are Dr. Walter F. Burfitt, of Macquarie-street, and Mr. James Ingram Burfitt, solicitor, of Sydney; the



Marsden Park Estate Plan.

Burfitt Road runs parallel to the bottom of the map.

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MARSDEN PARK

The Public are respectfully informed that the
of the VALUABLE ESTATE, in area between
acres, near Schofield's Platform, formerly the
the late REVEREND SAMUEL MARSDEN
constructed CHAS. T. BURFITT, 359, George-st
divide the said property into blocks of about
FIVE ACRES EACH,
suitable for homesteads, vineyards, orchards
offer the same for sale by Private Contract, of
most simple and liberal yet offered to purcha
estate.

An inspection of the Vineyard will convince
purchasers that the soil of
MARSDEN PARK
is quite equal to that of the properties in the H
and other districts so famed for the quality of
produced in them.

TRAINS pass throughout the day within 300 y
Estate.

The Fare per day by season ticket is only Eight
TERMS—£5 deposit and £2 per month. No In
Discount of 10 per cent. will be allow
purchaser.

A PLAN of the proposed Subdivision can be s
Offices, 359, George-street.

LOTS may be SECURED IN ADVANCE if

The Evening News, 3 November 1882.

Note as the terms of sale differ, the advertisement may not match the subdivision plan.

daughters, Miss Frances M. E. Burfitt and Dr. Mary Burfitt Williams (wife of Dr. Grosvenor Williams, of Macquarie-street). There are 15 grandchildren.

The funeral took place in the Waverley Cemetery, the service at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. Father O'Reilly (parish priest) and Dr. O'Reilly (rector of St. John's College, Sydney University).

The principal mourners were Mr. J. I. Burfitt (son), Dr. Grosvenor Williams (son-in-law), Messrs. Walter S. Burfitt, Maurice Burfitt, David Burfitt, Thomas Burfitt, and Desmond Burfitt (grandsons), and Harold Gill, Gabriel Gill, and Peter Cahill (cousins)."

Dubbo Dispatch and Wellington Independent, Tuesday 6 September 1927, page 4, Accessed via Trove. <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228213363?searchTerm=burfitt#>

C T Burfitt also promoted land sales around Blacktown. The following promotional lithograph advertised the virtues of becoming a resident of Blacktown. Readers could obtain details from C.T. Burfitt.



Freeman's Journal, Saturday 3 August 1889, page 8. Via Trove. National Library of Australia.
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article115382994>.

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