

Husband	Edmund Rolfe	
Birth	1841	Oxborough, Norfolk, England
Marriage	Sep. 19, 1867	St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 2926/1867
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 Rolfe [Logue]	
Parents	Anthony Rolfe and Catherine Rolfe [Curtis]	

Wife	Margaret Jane Rolfe [Keeffe]	
Birth	1841	County Limerick, Ireland
Death	Jul. 5, 1918	Parramatta District Hospital, NSW, Australia.
Burial		Riverside Cemetery,
Other Husbands	Queanbeyan, NSW,	
Parents	Michael James Keeffe and Margaret Keeffe [Foley]	

Australia, Parramatta
RC Section 3 Row J
Lot 8
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." Edmund Rolfe, Ginninderra married (i) Margaret Logue 11/2/1861 (ii) Margaret Keeffe, Queanbyean 19/9/1867.

Children

1	Anthony Rolfe	
Gender	Male	
Birth	Jul. 27, 1868	"Springbank" Acton,
Wife	NSW (now ACT), Australia	
Marriage		
Death	1945	Young, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 6467/1945
Burial	perhaps not Young	

2	William Vincent Rolfe, Sr.	
Gender	Male	
Birth	Sep. 4, 1869	"Springbank" Acton,
Wife	Agnes Florence Rolfe [Cosgrove]	
Marriage	Jul. 8, 1899	St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Michelego, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 6484/1899
Death	1948	Boorowa, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 6400/1948

Burial		
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3	Alice (aka Sister Mary Pierre) Rolfe	
Gender	Female	
Birth	May 9, 1871	"Gold Creek"
Husband		Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 16571/1871
Marriage		
Death	Sep. 9, 1951	Five Dock, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 19992/1951
Burial		Macquarie Park Cemetery, North Ryde, NSW, Australia. RC Lawn N Nuns, Plot 11

4	Bridget Hibberson [Rolfe]	
Gender	Female	
Birth	Jan. 9, 1873	"Gold Creek"
Husband	James Vincent Hibberson	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 17494/1873
Marriage	Sep. 16, 1903	St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7236/1903
Death	Dec. 16, 1945	a private hospital, Chatswood, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 24016/1945 at Chatswood, late of Glenwood Station, Canberra, ACT, Australia. see Sydney Morning Herald 18 Dec 1945
Burial		Riverside Cemetery, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. Portion RC Section 3 Row M Lot 55-59 Concrete kerbing, no inscription. Terrazzo monument at 58-59 placed over end of original kerbing. Marble plaque on terrazzo desk, two terrazzo ledgers, by Rossi, Goulburn. "James Vincent Rossi died 9 May 1932 aged 65; Bridget Hibberson died 16 December 1945 aged 72." Born Canberra 9/1/1873. Daughter of Edmund and Margaret (Keeffe) Rolfe. Married James V Hibberson at Yass 16/9/1903.

5	Margaret Flanagan (divorced 1922) [Rolfe]	
Gender	Female	
Birth	Nov. 23, 1874	"Gold Creek"
Husband	Anthony Flanagan	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 18220/1874
Marriage	Jan. 27, 1909	St Peter's Catholic Church, Surry Hills, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 10375/1909
Death	Jul. 29, 1963	Brisbane, Qld, Australia Ref: QLD 1963/B60088
Burial	Jul. 31, 1963	South Brisbane Cemetery, Dutton Park, Qld, Australia. Portion P Grave 187

6	James Rolfe	
Gender	Male	
Birth	Sep. 28, 1876	"Gold Creek"
Wife	Sarah Rolfe [Rolfe [Cullen]]	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 19217/1876
Marriage	Feb. 17, 1912	St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 3092/1912
Death	Feb. 19, 1951	Orange, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 4454/1951
Burial		Boorowa Cemetery, NSW, Australia. RC A371

7	Patrick Andrew Rolfe	
Gender	Male	
Birth	1878	"Gold Creek"
Wife	Flora Australia Rolfe [Dunn]	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 21035/1878

Marriage	1907	Sydney, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 2999/1907
Death	Jun. 27, 1953	Brisbane, Qld, Australia Ref: 1953/B43990
Burial	Jun. 29, 1953	South Brisbane Cemetery, Dutton Park, Qld, Australia. Portion K Grave 21

8	Gertrude May Doust (formerly Comrie) [Rolfe]	
Gender	Female	
Birth	1880	"Gold Creek"
Husband	John Comrie	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 23077/1880
Marriage	1913	Vic, Australia
Husband	Hedley Samuel David Doust	Ref: NSW 9908/1913
Marriage	1954	Bellingen, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7069/1954
Death	Sep. 1, 1956	Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 34968/1956
Burial		Dorrigo General Cemetery, NSW, Australia

9	John Benedict Rolfe	
Gender	Male	
Birth	Jan. 26, 1882	"Gold Creek"
Wife		Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 26790/1882
Marriage		
Death	May 15, 1899	Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7061/1899
Burial		Riverside Cemetery, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia. Portion RC Section 3 Row J Lot 7-8 John Benedict Died 15th May 1899 Aged 17 years & 4 months

10	Edmund George Rolfe	
Gender	Male	
Birth	Jul. 15, 1884	"Gold Creek"
Wife	Edith Agnes Rolfe [Sheedy]	Ginninderra, NSW (now ACT), Australia Ref: NSW 30764/1884
Marriage	Apr. 23, 1912	St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 7162/1912
Death	Jun. 25, 1959	Lane Cove, NSW, Australia Ref: NSW 20938/1959 at Lane Cove, late of Boorowa, NSW, Australia. see Sydney Morning Herald 26 Jun 1959
Burial		Boorowa Cemetery, NSW, Australia. RC A375

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'Keefe, 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 Jane Rolfe [Keffe]

Obituary

MRS. E. ROLFE, SENR.

We deeply regret having to record the death of Mrs. E. Rolfe, senr., who passed peacefully away last Friday morning, 5th inst., at the Parramatta District Hospital. Deceased had been in indifferent health for the past year or so, and notwithstanding every medical care, and her own robust constitution, it became evident during the last few weeks of her illness that there was little or no hope of her recovery. While an inmate of the Parramatta Hospital she was frequently visited by her husband and children. Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly, P.P., V.F. (Parramatta), and Rev. Father Briody (Granville) were also constantly in attendance, and administered the last rites of the Church.

The late Mrs. Rolfe was the eldest daughter of an old Queanbeyan family and was born in 1841, her mother being Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe. Although deceased was 77 years of age at the time of her death, she would have easily passed for more than ten years younger, owing to her cheerful personality and her wonderful spirit and activity. She was widely known and universally respected in the Queanbeyan district, and her death removes from our midst still another of the great-hearted mothers of the Australian bush whom we can so ill afford to lose. Until quite recently Mrs. Rolfe resided with her husband and family at Gold Creek, Ginninderra, where her hospitality was proverbial, and her kindliness of heart such as to win the love and esteem of all who knew her. When the Federal authorities resumed the Gold Creek estate two years ago, she and her husband removed to their new home at Sherwood Grange, near Sydney. The coffin was brought to St. Gregory's Church, Queanbeyan, on Saturday morning, and a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Haydon for the repose of deceased's soul. The funeral, which was largely attended by relatives and personal friends representing the whole town and district, left the church at 2 p.m., the interment taking place in the Catholic portion of the Queanbeyan cemetery. The Rev. Father Haydon read the burial prayers. Many beautiful wreaths were laid on the grave. Mr. C. J. O'Rourke had charge of the funeral arrangements. The late Mrs. Rolfe is survived by her husband and the following nine children: Sister Mary Pierre (Good Samaritan Order), Mrs. J. V. Hibberson (Glenwood), Mrs. Flanagan (Sydney), Mrs. Conrie (Sydney), and Messrs. Anthony, William, James, Patrick and Edward Rolfe. '97 R.I.P.

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Notes on Margaret Flanagan (divorced 1922) [Rolfe]

Margaret Flanagan

Event date: 29/07/1963

Event type: Death registration

Registration details: 1963/B60088

Mother: Margaret O'Keefe

Father/parent: Edmond Rolfe

In transit to Australia aboard "Baltic" arrived Ellis Island, New York, USA 6 Mar 1929. 14 day stay in Seattle

* Margaret Flanagan

* Muriel Mary Flanagan

* Rosamund Flanagan

Ellis Island and Other New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957