**218 BEECROFT ROAD, CHELTENHAM**

Current house built in 1960 according to Real Estate information.

Lot B DP 388804

**Hornsby Shire Council details**

**Heritage Register: (NONE)**

Sands Directories 1930-32/33 George R. Cowper, dairy

Electoral Roll 1933: George Cowper

In 1930 George Henry Cowper, dairyman, lived at this address. George was born in England in 1889 and joined the A.I.F. in October 1916.

In 1933 George Henry Cowper (dairyman) and Robert William Harding (milk carter) were at 218 Beecroft-road.

George Cowper sold the business to George Janes and Thomas George Janes, of Stanley-street, Chatswood, and 218 Beecroft-road, Cheltenham, carrying on the business under the name of Janes and Son, who would be declared bankrupt in January 1935.

Thomas George Janes and his grandfather George had purchased the dairying business in July 1933, the business consisting of 29 cows and a dairy plant, with two assistants for the milking. The price paid was £1159, which was financed by a mortgage of £600 on George’s property, and £600 on a bill of sale and stock mortgage.

Harman Turner Johnston would become the owner of the dairy. He had previously been a farmer, living at Baulkham Hills.

In 1943 occupants were Harman Turner Johnston (dairy farmer), Grace Johnston, Clive Johnson (dairy hand), Dorothy Ethel Johnston and Kenneth Harry Griffin (milk carter)

*[Harman Turner Johnston married Grace Walker in 1917, Sydney]*

In 1945 Harman Johnston, proprietor of the Cheltenham dairy, had been running it for 10 years. He was a member of a well-known family of stud breeders in the Illawarra district. His son, Norman, had joined the Navy three years previous, and had become a gunnery officer. Another son, Clive, managed the dairy, while Owen, another son, superintended the deliveries.

In 1951 the business was auctioned, due to resumption of the property for subdivision.**1**

Harman and his wife Grace would continue to live at this address and were still there in 1958. Harman’s was still a dairy farmer, though to what degree is uncertain.

Harman died in August 1958, aged 82 years.

**Bibliography:**

1 Sydney Morning Herald, 29th September 1951

**Resources available (varies):**

* Sands Directories 1858-1933 City of Sydney [Sands Postal Directory | City of Sydney Archives (nsw.gov.au)](https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/495003)
* Newspaper articles – TROVE - [Search - Trove (nla.gov.au)](https://trove.nla.gov.au/search/advanced/category/newspapers)
* Ancestry.com (subscription only) [Genealogy, Family Trees and Family History Records online - Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com.au/) – Sands Directories, Electoral Rolls, Family photos (Public Member photos), Census lists, marriage details, + miscellaneous
* N.S.W. Births, Deaths & Marriages [Family history search | NSW Government](https://www.nsw.gov.au/family-and-relationships/family-history-search) (QLD & Victoria also obtainable online)
* House photos and information via Hornsby Shire Council website for Property Search and Heritage Register [Heritage | Hornsby Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/build/heritage)
* House photos and associated information via Internet search on address via Real Estate websites (from 2005)
* “Beecroft and Cheltenham Heritage Walks” - Beecroft-Cheltenham History Group Inc. 2004 book (1st edition)
* Australian War Museum website [Home | Australian War Memorial (awm.gov.au)](https://www.awm.gov.au/)