**253 BEECROFT ROAD, CHELTENHAM (“Sunnyhill”)**

**Address does not exist in Hornsby Shire Council records.**

Sands Directories 1920 George A. Dorman; 1921-23 F. Lording; 1924-1926 Charles Sonter

Electoral Roll 1933: Phyllis Sonter, No. 253

George A. Dorman was occupant in 1920, F. Loring 1921-23, followed by Charles Sonter 1924-26. By 1928 William A. Sonter had become the occupant.

In 1928 Ruth Sonter, wife of William A. Sonter, of “Sunnyhill,” Beecroft-road, Cheltenham, died, aged 44 years. Between 1905 and 1922 there were seven recorded children.

*[William A. Sonter married Ruth Parkes in 1904, Sydney]*

In 1930 William A. Sonter (labourer) and Gordon Sonter (labourer) are living there.

In 1933 occupants were William Arthur Sonter (labourer), Phyllis Sonter (home duties), Gordon Sonter (labourer) and Nellie Frances Sonter (music teacher)

Members of the Sonter family were still living there in 1958.

William Arthur Sonter died in 1967, aged 83 years. His daughter Phyllis died in 1977, aged 65 years.

**Bibliography: none**

**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/)