**60 CHELTENHAM ROAD, CHELTENHAM (“Colriffe,” “Echallens College”)**

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60 Cheltenham Road Lot A DP 392705

49 Boronia Avenue Lot A DP 392705

**Hornsby Shire Council details**

**Heritage Register: (NONE)**

Part of Cheltenham Park Estate Subdivision 1901

**Échallens** is a municipality in the district of Gros-de-Vaud in the canton of Vaud in Switzerland.

Sands Directories 1915-19 Miss Harriet M. Jones, “Colriffe”, Echallens College

Electoral Roll 1933: Harriet Jones No. 60

The home built in 1912 and first occupied by Herbert George Beaumont (1874-1950).

**Herbert George Beaumont (1874-1950), photo 1939**



In May 1912 H. G. Beaumont advertised for a man for gardening, trenching, and grubbing for three weeks.

In June 1912 the house was one of six houses robbed by a sneak thief in a midnight raid through Mr. Beaumont's bath-room window, and relieved him of a gold watch and chain and a season ticket, also 6/- in cash. In a letter to the Editor of the “Herald” he wished to draw attention to the unprotectedness of the suburb of Cheltenham, of some 40 houses, with no police force patrolling the streets.

The 1913 Electoral Roll lists Herbert George Beaumont (accountant) and Josephine Harriet Beaumont in Cheltenham-road, Cheltenham.

*[Herbert G. Beaumont married Josephine H. Cochrane in 1903, suburb of Waverley. Herbert, public accountant, died in 1950 at Cremorne.]*

Elsewhere, in 1913, Harriet Millichamps Jones (domestic duties) and Minnie Annie Jones (domestic duties), daughters of the late Rev. John Jones, were living Madeline-street, Hunters Hill.**1**

In 1914 Herbert advertised for rent 2 new furnished, airy front rooms with the use of the kitchen. This is the first mention of the house name “Colriffe,” which may originate from the Italian word “Colfiffa.”

By 1915 Miss Harriet (‘Hattie’) Jones had set up “Echallens College,” in the house. By 1918 the school was gazetted as a private school, instructing boys to 9 and girls to 10 years of age. The school was last certified as a non-state private school in 1928. The vacant land at no. 58 Cheltenham-road was said to have been used by the school.

By 1933 the house was occupied by Harriet Millichamp Jones (teacher), Minnie Annie Jones (teacher), Ada Sarah Mansfield (home duties), Dulcie Alice Mansfield (home duties).

The school may not have been operational by this time.

In 1941 “Colriffe” was advertised for sale, described as follows:

“COLRIFFE,” No 60 CHELTENHAM RD, corner of BORONIA AVENUE comprising a DETACHED DOUBLE-FRONTED COTTAGE of brick, tiled main roof, return verandah in front hall, lounge, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, maid’s room, rear verandah. Detached sheds at rear. Land 68 feet to CHELTENHAM ROAD, 250 feet to BORONIA AVENUE.2

In 1943 occupants were Harriet Millichamp Jones (teacher), Alan Ernest Howard (R.A.A.F.), Barbara Jane Howard, Dulcie Alice Mansfield, John Archibald Campbell (no occupation).

In 1944 Harriet (‘Hattie’) Millichamp Jones died in the district of Chatswood. Her sister, Minnie Annie Jones, cannot be traced.

In 1949 the house was occupied by Norman Ernest Payne (toolmaker) and Beryl Jean Payne. By 1954 they had moved to Concord.

In 1963, up to the 1980’s, Russell Huntley Tucker (nurseryman) and Jessie Alison Tucker lived at 60 Cheltenham-road, Cheltenham. Their son was Gil Tucker who would become a long-standing Australian TV and movie actor.

**Gil Tucker (1947- )**



**1 NOTES ON REV. JOHN JONES (father of Harriet Millichamp & Millie Annie Jones):**

Various Internet references:

*The Rev. John Jones (1829-1908) was born in Worcester. He was ordained in London in 1853 and accepted by the London Missionary Society as one of the first missionaries to Mare, Loyalty Islands. He and his wife Sarah (nee Herbert) spent 34 years on Mare establishing schools, workshops, an institution for the training of a native ministry and translating biblical texts into the local language. The French expelled him from Mare in 1887.*

*In all Sarah Jones had 8 children, 2 stillborn, 2 died in infancy and 4 survived.*

In 1908 Rev. Jones sailed on the London Missionary Society's steam yacht “John Williams” from Sydney, having obtained permission to make a round trip, for a last visit to the places where his life's work had been carried on. Of late years, he had worked as a missionary in the Cook and Samoan Islands, but for the previous 18 months he had retired from active work, and resided at Hunter's Hill. However, during the voyage, he died of fever, aged 79 years, and his body was interred on Beru (atoll) in the Southern Gilbert Islands in the South Pacific.

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