**190? BEECROFT ROAD, CHELTENHAM (“Hillside Villa”)**

**No photo available. House demolished.**

Situated between “Norella” 182 Beecroft-road and “Tyraman” 204 Beecroft-road.

The 1906 Beecroft & Cheltenham – Land for Sale Subdivision shows Miss Helen Kenway, nurse, residing along the Beecroft-road.

*[In 1903 she was residing in Boronia-avenue. Previously, in 1901, she was living in Croydon.]*



The 1907-09 Hornsby Rate Books record Helen Kenway as living in Cheltenham – land size 4 acres, 1 rood, 10 perches, owned by William Chorley.

In 1907 she placed an advertisement offering ‘COMFORTABLE HOME during accouchment, also care delicate children, wanting change air. For refs., etc., apply NURSE KENWAY, Beecroft-road, Cheltenham. Tel. 49 Epping.’

In 1907 an auction was conducted at “Hillside Villa,” under instructions from Mrs. Kenway, described as follows:

*AT THE RESIDENCE, "HILLSIDE VILLA,",*

*BEECROFT-ROAD, CHELTENHAM*

*Just 3 minutes' walk from Cheltenham Railway Station).*

*Under instructions from Mrs. KENWAY, In consequence of relinquishing housekeeping.*

*THE WHOLE OF THE SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.*1

From 1912 the house was occupied by Harold Lewis Ashurst Whittle (musician – teacher of pianoforte at both Paling’s, Sydney, and “Hillside Villa”) along with Clive Noel Parkhouse Whittle (clerk), Eric Victor Thomas Whittle (clerk) and Mary Ellen Australia Whittle (mother of Harold, Clive & Eric), with most likely Lewis Henry Whittle (husband of Mary)

In 1917 Sydney T. Holterman occupied the house, after which no information can be found.

Sands Directories 1915-1916 Lewis H. Whittle “Hillside Villa”; 1917 Sydney T. Holterman “Hillside Villa”; 1918-22 Peter Gilroy; 1923 Herbert R. Rothwell; 1924-1932/3 Fredk. Hewitt “Coo-ee”

1933 Electoral Roll: Frederick Hewitt No. 190

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1 Sydney Morning Herald, 3rd August 1907

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* 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)
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