

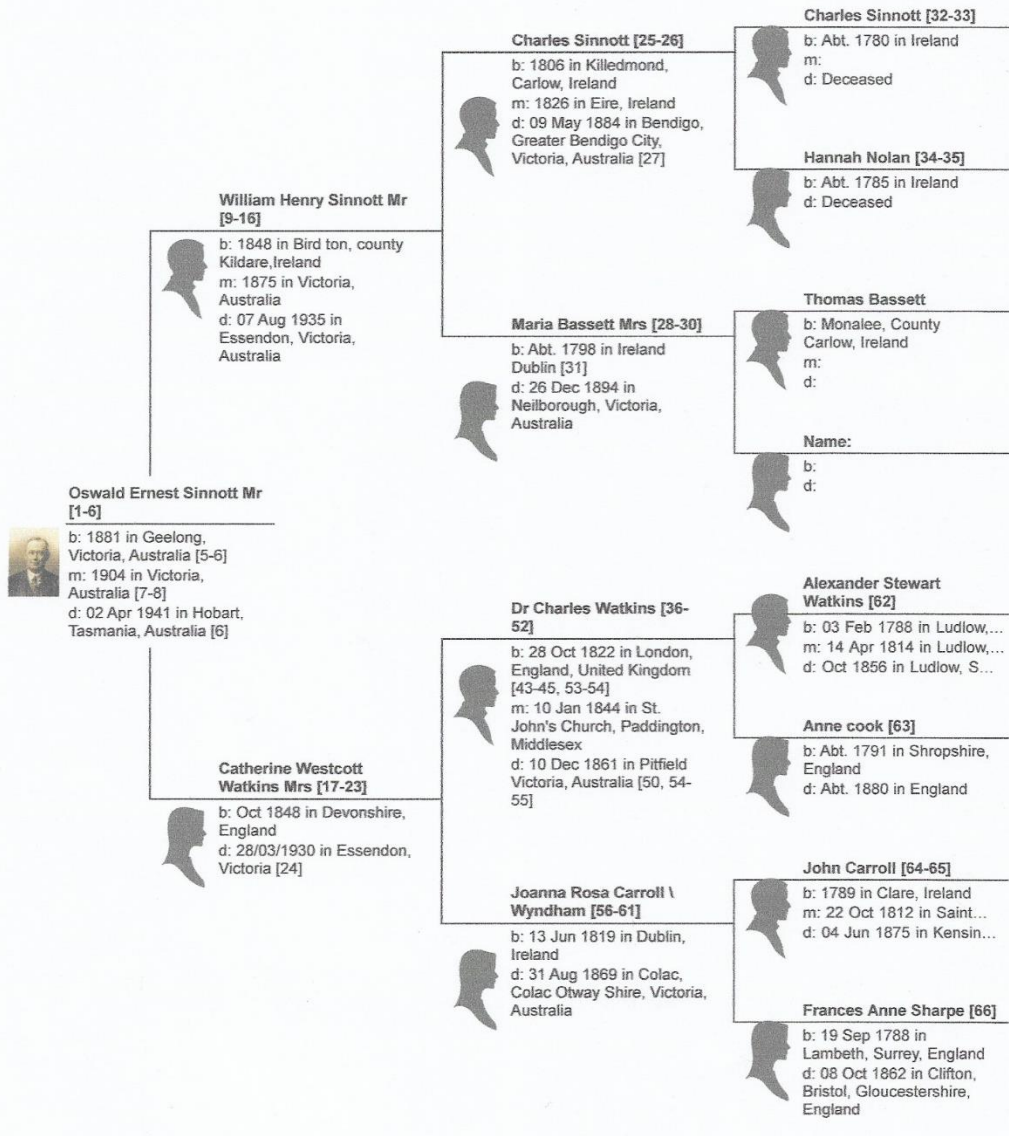


# OSWALD ERNEST SINNOTT



LIVED IN TASMANIA 1914 TO 1941

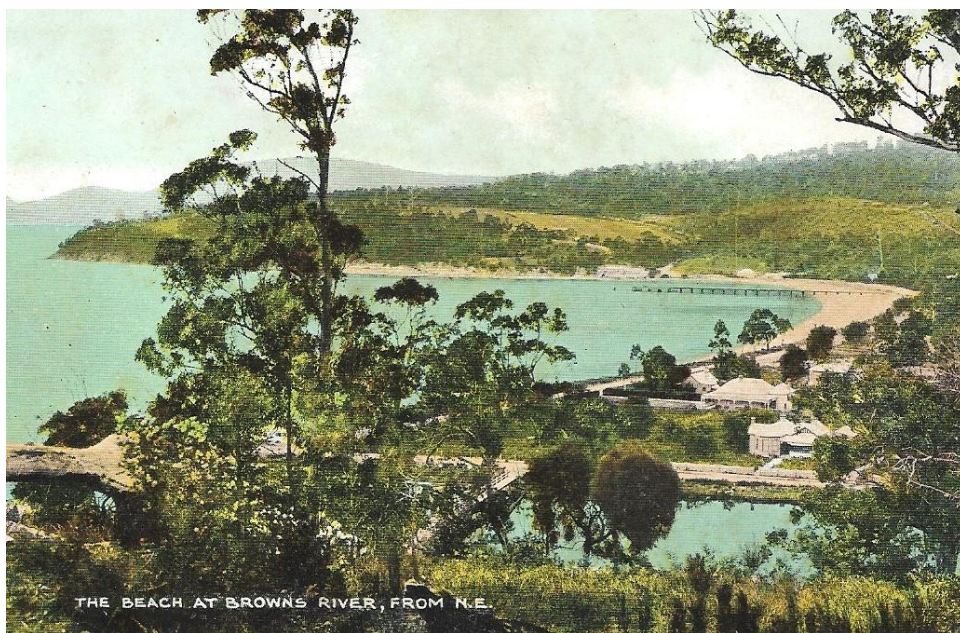
**Pedigree Chart for  
Oswald Ernest Sinnott Mr**



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POSTCARD TO STELLA SINNOTT, TASMANIA 1915.



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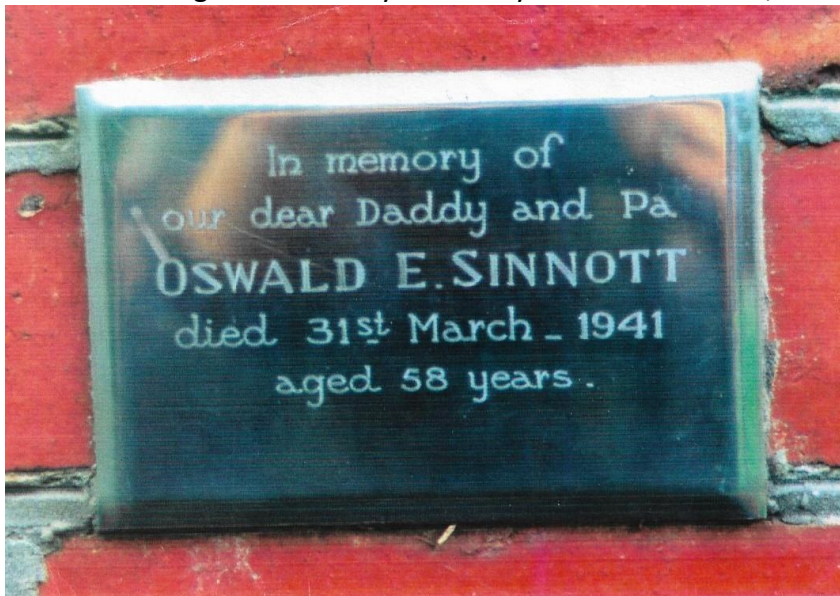
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## CHAPTER 1: FAMILY AND MOVE TO TASMANIA

My grandfather, Oswald Ernest SINNOTT was born in Geelong, Victoria and died suddenly, at his business premises Sinnott's Service Station, Argyle Street, Hobart on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1941 at the age of 56 as noted on his Death Certificate. Also recorded in the Index of Deaths Volume 8 1941-1950 compiled by The Launceston Branch of The Genealogical Society of Tasmania. There are varying records of his date of birth. For instance, a photo of his grave memorial citing Cornelian Bay Cemetery and Crematorium, Hobart



states, 'In memory of our dear Daddy and Pa OSWALD E. SINNOTT died 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1941 aged 58 years.' His date of birth cited between 1881 and 1885 in various articles.

His parents; William H Sinnott was born in Kildare, Ireland 1848 and Catherine Watkins, born Devon, England in

October 1848. They married on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1874 in Geelong, Victoria and went on to have nine children. Oswald being the sixth. William Sinnott was employed by the Post and Telegraph Department in Geelong 1865 to 1874.

After attending Geelong Grammar School, Oswald was employed by the Department of Attorney General in 1900. (Indicating he may have been born early 1880's) He was employed by the Department of Lands and Survey. (No record of his school attendance has been located)

In 1904

Oswald married Isabella Mary Stewart, who was born 1876 in Prahran, Victoria and they had three daughters, Stella born 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1906 at Gertrude Street, Windsor, then twins Mary and Jessie born 1911 in Prahran.



In 1914 the family moved to Tasmania and bought a home in St John Street, Launceston. They kept their existing residence back in Melbourne and seemed to travel

between the two states regularly as the girls went to school at Windsor State School in Melbourne. Isabella and her daughters lived in Melbourne much of the time it appears.

While Oswald developed his career in Tasmania, firstly, as a Commercial Traveler with William Adams, then moved to the Texas Oil Company as their Tasmanian Manager. Here he developed links with Government agencies, many associations, similar businesses both in Tasmania and Victoria, regularly attending meetings. Oswald got to know Tasmania through his travels. He became highly regarded within the industry and also supported by the workers. They also celebrated winning the Texaco Cup by Tasmania.

Personally, their family life could have been quite challenging with the time spent in both Hobart and Melbourne. However, his three daughters once in their 20's seemed to spend much of their time in Tasmania, travelling around and making friends. Then at times back with their mother in Melbourne where Jessie and Mary studied at a Commercial College gaining high results. So, there was a lot of toing and froing by the looks of it.

In the early 1930's Oswald had met Emily Foley and they became close. In those days to divorce it appears you needed to go to the Supreme Court so many people did not change their legal status but got on with their lives however circumstances unfolded. In 1933 Oswald made a Will leaving his estate to Emily so they had become partners. His three daughters started to marry and have their own families. Stella married three times and had two boys, one born in Hobart 20th January 1927. Mary married and had three sons. Jessie lived with her mother in Melbourne from around 1935 till she married my father in 1939. They had a boy and a girl.

1933 16<sup>th</sup> May: OSWALD SINNOTT MADE A WILL which left everything to EMILY M FOLEY 68 VIEW ST HOBART TASMANIA.

1934 10<sup>th</sup> February: JESSIE SINNOTT became ENGAGED:  
Examiner, Launceston:

The engagement is announced of Jessie Catherine, twin daughter of Oswald Sinnott, Launceston to Geoffrey W. the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Wilfred C Swinson of Rotherwood, Mosman NSW.

(However the marriage did not proceed)



**Victorian Addresses** (Official records)

1909 7th June, JOHN STEWART, father of Isabella died suddenly at his residence, 30 James Street, Prahran, Victoria. Aged 68 years.

1910 Sinnott, Oswald E, 10 Sutherland Rd, Armadale.

1912 Sinnott, Oswald E, 30 James Street, Prahran. (family home of Isabella his wife)

1914-1919 Sinnott, Isabella Mary, 38 Lewisham Road, Prahran (between this period) home duties

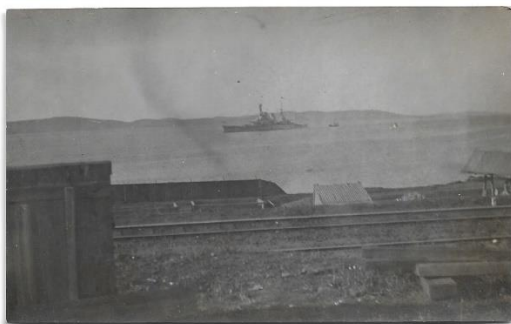
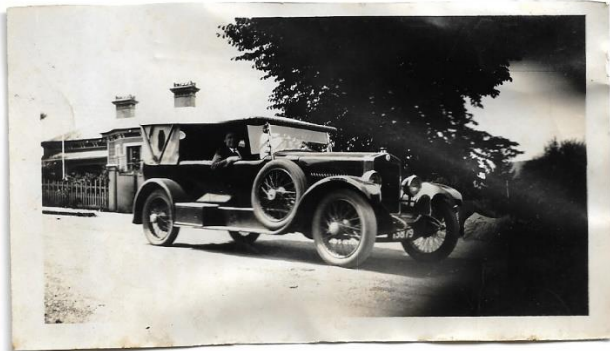
**1914 The family moved to TASMANIA first residing at:**

109 Canning Street, Launceston.

1915 213 St John Street Launceston West.

1916 the family moved to 64 Frederick Street, Launceston.

During this time he was working as a Traveller.



1917 Oswald was employed at William Adams of 33 Cameron Street, Launceston. As their Tasmanian Agent until 1924 when he moved to Texas Oil Company as the Manager until 1935. He then ran his own service station in Argyle Street, Launceston until his death in 1941.





### Residences recorded

1918 SINNOTT, Oswald E. Newcrest, Prn

#### **1919 Division of Balaclava :**

SINNOTT, Isabella Mary, 38 Lewisham Rd, (Armadale, Victoria) - Home Duties

SINNOTT, Oswald, Ernest, 38 Lewisham Rd, (Armadale, Victoria) Traveller.

1922, 1928, 1936 Division of Launceston East. SINNOTT O.E. 35 Abbott Street. Commercial Traveller.

#### **1939 Com'wealth – Henty State - Brighton**

SINNOTT, Catherine Jessie, 29 Crisp Street, Hampton. Clerk F.

SINNOTT, Isabella Mary, 29 Crisp Street, Hampton. Home duties F.



**ISABELLA SINNOTT with her twin daughters Mary and Jessie**

Prince at Hobart,



**PHOTOS 1920 of the visit to Tasmania of the Prince of Wales,  
Edward V111 1894-1972**

## CHAPTER 2: NEWSPAPER REPORTS

Oswald was in constant contact with newspapers to announce business updates, to promote his hobbies, express his opinions, encourage others to be proactive and to seek government change.

He became involved in Associations and attended many conferences which enable him to have a voice. The idea of a bitumen road between Hobart and Launceston seems to of developed from his firm and he lobbied council for the work. However, the articles show Texas Oil Co were not awarded the contract. Being outspoken Oswald voiced his disappointment.

Another major business event which he was passionate about was the introduction of Sunday Petrol Trading and he was President, Automotive Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Service Stations Association of Tasmania. Many articles are available where he expresses his extreme dislike of petrol stations staying open on Sunday. In fact, this probably had a huge impact on his health.

Oswald even appealed to the public not to support Sunday Trading on religious grounds.

To unwind and get back to nature Oswald had a pet Koala which he would put on display in the local City Park in Launceston seeking financial donations to the Launceston City Mission. He also supported the idea of Free Kindergartens suggesting godfathers and godmothers donate to the Free Kindergarten Association of Hobart. He was a patron of the Mowbray Pigeon Club and regularly displayed his talents around handling pigeons.

In 1935 Oswald left Texas Oil Company to concentrate on running his own service stations; Sinnott's Service Station, in Argyle Street, Hobart and New Town Service Station, in New Town. At the time of him leaving Texas Oil he was held in high esteem and well supported by management and workers.

Emily had been running the Sinnott's Service Station in Argyle Street up until when Oswald joined in the management and day to day running of the business. Previously Emily had been the Licensee of the Carlton Club Hotel which her husband, Alfred had been the proprietor until his death in 1922. Emily and Alfred married in 1913 in New Town, Tasmania where Alfred had grown up. They then lived in MacQuarie Street, Hobart South and the couple did not have children. Alfred had two children from his previous marriage.

The extensive articles that follow show the depth of Oswald's drive and determination to proactively encourage the many changes which he supported. The sale of petrol on Sundays seems to of been a passionate issue of his which may have affected him greatly. After several letters to many Newspapers seeking public and political support to stop Sunday Trading he seemed to fold, his Sinnott's Service Station went up for Sale and a week later he suffered a massive heart attack and sadly passed away at his business premises in March 1941.

1917 LAUNCESTON 11<sup>th</sup> October Daily Telegraph. WILLIAM ADAMS & CO LTD, OSWALD SINNOTT, TASMANIAN AGENT. 33 CAMERON STREET, LAUNCESTON. This well-known firm of engineers and suppliers of all engineers' requirements, whose head office is situated at 521-3 Collins Street, Melbourne, exhibited a varied and comprehensive assortment of the many lines handled by them. ....

1919 LAUNCESTON – Oswald Sinnett reports property stolen from a shed at the rear of the Cornwall Hotel on the night of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant; about 8 cases of petrol, supposed 'Shell', "Plume", and "Red Crown" brands, cases have "O.S." over "L" in diamond shape on sides; aggregate value 11 pd; cases only identifiable.

1924 January: C.T.A – Commercial Travellers Association appoints O.E. SINNOTT as one of



the three new Vice Presidents of Tasmania.



1924 24<sup>th</sup> October Huon Times. THE HOBART-LAUNCESTON ROAD. A proposal put by Mr O. Sinnott of Texas Oil Company to construct a bitumen motorway.

1924 8<sup>th</sup> November. Examiner Tas. Letter from MINISTER considering scheme.

1925 22<sup>th</sup> July Examiner (Launceston Tas) THE BITUMEN CONTRACT letter to the editor from OSWALD SINNOTT. Expressing disappointment at Texas Oil not getting the contract.

1925 24<sup>th</sup> July Examiner Tas. Letter from THE MAYOR ;BITUMEN WEIGHT OF DRUMS NO MISCALCULATION SAYS ENGINEER

1927 October 19: Examiner Newspaper Tas. A letter to Mr Oswald Sinnott, Manager for Tasmania the Texas Oil Company (Australasia) Ltd Launceston, from Mr von Alwyn who was travelling with "Miss Australia 1927". The letter was in testimony of the sterling qualities of Texaco motor oil and spirit.....

1928 January 25: The Mercury Tas. OIL COMPANY'S REQUEST. The Manager for Texas Oil Company (Australasia) Ltd (Mr O. Sinnott) wrote that the company had secured the lease of railway land adjoining that leased to the British Imperial Oil Co. and request the board to hasten the reclamation of Murdoch Street to the line of piles separating the railway and

Marino Boards property, as such reclamation was necessary before they could level off the land leased and commence building operations.

1932 30<sup>th</sup> Sept The Mercury Hobart. Letter to Editor: FREE KINDERGARTEN from Mr. O. Sinnott suggesting an unlimited company of godfathers and godmothers donate to the Free Kindergarten Association of Hobart.

1932 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Examiner, Launceston: KOALA FOR EXHIBITION. Native Bear owned by Mr. O. Sinnott to be exhibited at City Park for donations to Launceston City Mission.

1933 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. Examiner, Launceston: Article covering the Texas Company (A/asia) Ltd on behalf of the Tasmanian organization presented the Manager, Mr O. Sinnott with a handsome case containing a Waterman pen and pencil intended to convey the high esteem in which he is being held by the employees and to mark the occasion of winning the Texaco Cup by Tasmania.

1934 23<sup>rd</sup> May The Mercury, Hobart. PORT AFFAIRS article regarding INFLAMMABLE OILS on the discharge of oils at Hobart. A Conference attended by a number of managers from Oil companies including Mr. O. Sinnott, Texas Oil Company.



1935 7<sup>th</sup> March, The Examiner, Launceston. MOWBRAY PIGEON CLUB held its annual meeting at the Park Hotel. The patron (Mr O. Sinnott) was in the chair.

1935 17<sup>th</sup> May, The Mercury (Hobart) Mr Oswald Sinnott for many years manager for Tasmania of the Texas Oil Co (Aust) Ltd, is to retire this month.

1935 2nd August. The Mercury, Hobart. COURT REQUESTS, Claims at Launceston. A claim arising from a promissory note in a transaction over a motor vehicle. A verdict by consent for 18pd 7s 6d damages against O.E. Sinnott.

1939 3<sup>RD</sup> June The Mercury (Hobart) Letter to the Editor; SALE OF PETROL. Restriction of Hours and Sunday Prohibition.

1939 26<sup>th</sup> June The Mercury (Hobart) letter from Mr. O. Sinnott: THE LATE PREMIER suggesting Mountain Monument.

1939 9th Aug. Examiner (Launceston) LICENSING GARAGES. Melbourne meeting between Mr O. Sinnott, Southern Section of the Tasmania Automobile Chamber of Commerce discussed with Retail Motor Dealer's Association of Victoria today, matters relating to a draft bill for regulated hours of trading, the licensing of garages and service stations, and other trade interest to be brought before the next session of Parliament.

1939 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Mercury (Hobart) PETROL PROFITEERING. Letter from Mr O. Sinnott, President, Automobile Chamber of Commerce claiming there have already been instances where resale prices have been increased to the public.

1939 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Mercury (Hobart) PETROL PROFITEERS. Another letter from Mr. O. Sinnott condemning certain retailers for increasing prices.

1940 16<sup>th</sup> March The Mercury (Hobart) BUSH FIRE RELIEF. Donation of 1pd by Sinnott Service Station.

1940 24<sup>th</sup> July. The Advocate (Burnie) GIFTS AND INTEREST FREE LOANS to The Commonwealth Sub-Treasury by O. Sinnott 1pd.

1940 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Advocate, (Burnie) GARAGE AND SERVICE STATIONS Decision to Close on Sundays Unanimous by Garage and Service Station Association.

1940 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Examiner (Launceston) SUNDAY PETROL SALES. Decision to Close on Sundays Unanimous by Garage and Service Station Association.

1941 16th Jan. The Mercury (Hobart) Service Stations Association of Tasmania. A meeting was held at Kings Hall, Launceston to discuss Sunday trading hours. A decision from the Government is expected soon.

1941 10th Feb. The Mercury (Hobart) Letter to the Editor from Mr O Sinnott. PETROL CONSUMPTION. Fuel rationing was taking place due to the War and people are encouraged to minimize fuel consumption.

1941 20<sup>th</sup> March The Mercury (Hobart) LETTER TO THE EDITOR: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We appeal to Motorists NOT TO BUY PETROL ON SUNDAY. Be loyal to your King and your faith and be true to yourself. Don't get your name on the pickets' list. GARAGE AND SERVICE STATION ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA. A.J. FULTON, Gen. Sec. O. SINNOTT, President.

1941 26th March The Mercury (Hobart) FOR SALE: SINNOTT'S SERVICE STATION, 160 Argyle Street, Phone ..... 104 New Town Road Phone W..... SINNOTT'S SERVICE SATISFIES. REG. C.T.A. STATION.

1941 28TH March The Mercury (Hobart) LETTER TO THE EDITOR: SUNDAY PETROL

Sir, - The practically unanimous response to the appeal to motorists to refrain from buying petrol on Sunday last, the National Day of Prayer, and letters in "The Mercury" from "Motorist" and Mr. .... condemning the sale of petrol on Sundays, encourage the hope that the public will continue to avoid unnecessary work by others on Sundays, thus honouring the commandment. "Six days shalt though labour."

Bishop ..... able exhortation cannot fail to make us realise the futility of loudly proclaiming that we are fighting to preserve Christianity if we persist in un-Christian practices.

Hobart                      OSWALD SINNOTT.

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Page 183 Item 103 TASMANIA INSURANCE CO LTD

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## **EMILY MINTERN FOLEY**

1913 8<sup>TH</sup> April Emily Mintern BROWN married Alfred FOLEY, New Town, Tasmania, Australia Emily born 1885 in Fitzroy, Victoria to George Fyfe Brown and Mary Price. Alfred Foley born 1883 in New Town, Tasmania to Daniel Foley and Ann Rooney. Marital Status quoted as Widowed.

1916 residence : 171 MacQuarie Street, Hobart South, Tasmania.

1922 16<sup>th</sup> January death of Alfred FOLEY born 7<sup>th</sup> February 1882 proprietor of the CARLTON CLUB HOTEL.

He was on holiday for a few days on the mainland when his death occurred. Previously he worked with his brother Mr M.J. Foley having a leading tailoring business. Several horses have carried his colors on the turf. The deceased who was married a second time, leaves a widow and two daughters.



1922 June Mrs Emily FOLEY, Licensee, CARLTON CLUB.

1934 FOLEY, Emily Mintern, 68 View Street, Sandy Bay. Home Duties. (Subdivision of Nelson)

1936 FOLEY, Emily Mintern, 68 View Street, Sandy Bay. Or 68 Regent St HOBART (item 33)

1939 FOLEY, Emily Mintern, 77 View Street, Sandy Bay. Home Duties (Division of Franklin) (same for 1941)

1943 FOLEY, Emily Mintern, 2 French Street, Hobart. Home Duties. Subdivision of Nelson

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1918 23rd August, Mercury Tasmania. Emily FOLEY against Huon, Channel and Peninsula Steamship Company Ltd for the recovery of ....., in respect of damage to plaintiff's motor car whilst in charge of the defendant .....

1919 29th March INCOME TAX PROSECUTION, Alleged False Return by Alfred FOLEY, tailor of Liverpool Street, challenged by the Commonwealth Taxation Department on April 22 last, was alleged to have contained a discrepancy of 2312pd. Refer to : <https://trove.la.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article-187742094.txt?print=true> for complete background to this case.



1920 12th October Hobart, Tasmania: INCOME TAX PROSECUTIONS. Several prosecutions on the part of the State Taxation Department resulted in convictions being recorded against defendants who had neglected to furnish returns for the year ending June 1919, after being requested in writing to do so. EMILY FOLEY of Hobart was among those ordered to pay a fine of 1pd and 6s 6d costs.

1929 1st March, Sinnott Argyle Street, Service Station petrol pump alight. The Advocate.

1929 28th November. Cyclist's Death collision intersection of Collins and Argyle Streets with vehicle driven by Emily M Foley residing at 68 View Street, Sandy Bay.

1934 30th January. Court Case against Emily M Foley – Claim for damages of 300pd to go to Trial 19th February 1934.



## CHAPTER 3: TRAVEL

It is hard to present an overview of travel between Tasmania and Melbourne with just the following few travel records located from various sources. However, it appears Oswald may have visited Tasmania for the first time in 1909 before settling the family in Hobart in 1914.

The family seem to of travelled back to Melbourne at various times and the three daughters may have travelled back and forward together between school times and holidays. Isabella by herself for stays in both states probably coinciding with her daughters at most times.

Records show they resided at various times in property in both states.

Oswald travelled between the two states either by ship mainly the Loongana or flying for business on some occasions. In 1935 after leaving Texas Oil Co and having the two service stations which need to be managed, he travelled to Japan for a six-months holiday. There is an article dated 21st October 1935 in The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld) (included below) which Oswald wrote.

His daughter, Mary with her husband and three children were living in Tasmania and working for him managing the service stations.

### **The following trips have been located, others may have occurred.**

1909 13th January, aboard the LOONGANA is recorded the name SINNOTT. Melbourne to Launceston.

1924 1<sup>st</sup> May: arrival of the ship NEIRANA from Melbourne to Launceston passenger names include: E. FOLEY, O. SINNOTT.

1926 10TH Sept. Advocate Tas. Mr. O. Sinnott travelling through Railton by train.

1927 6th May Examiner, Launceston. Monthly Meeting of Evandale Water Trust attended by Mr. O Sinnott.

1929 11<sup>th</sup> August, The Mercury, Tas. the LOONGANA from Melbourne arrived Launceston with passenger SINNOTT. WAREATEA S.S. arrived over the weekend from Melbourne. She leaves tomorrow on return. DRYNJE M.B. left Beauty Point yesterday morning for Burnie after discharging a quantity of timber and oil for Hinman, Wright, and Manser, and Texas Oil respectively.

1934 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. The Mercury Tas. AIR SERVICES WESTERN JUNCTION AERODROME Departed August 31. MISS LAUNCESTON left for Melbourne at 9.30am and reached there at 1pm. Passengers included: O. SINNOTT.

1935 4<sup>th</sup> June The Mercury Tas. Mr O. Sinnott, formerly manager of the Texas Oil Co Launceston, left Launceston by the TAROONA yesterday for Melbourne, en route for the East. He will be absent about six months.

1935 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld). P13 – Cheap Taxi Fares in Japan. Article written by Mr. O. Sinnott now retired official of the Texas Oil Co. from Tasmania talks about the wonderful taxi drivers and cheap fares. A postcard of the Nippon Yusen Kalsha S S “NIKKO MARU” was amongst his daughter’s photos.

During travelling to Japan his daughter Mary and her husband, Harry managed the two service stations. They lived in Tasmania for a few years and worked for him.



ARTICLE WRITTEN BY O.E. SINNOTT AND FEATURED IN THE TELEGRAPH (BRISBANE QLD) P 13 21ST OCTOBER 1935 CHEAP TAXI FARES IN JAPAN

According to Mr. O. Sinnott, a retired official of the Texas Oil Co. from Tasmania, taxi fares are wonderfully cheap in Japan. A trip which would cost about four shillings in Melbourne may be done for 9td in Japan. The taxi drivers of Japan are in his opinion the best traffic ‘dodgers’ one could see anywhere. He marvels at their skill in winding their way in and out of the rapid and slowing moving vehicular traffic in the crowded thoroughfares. He was told that the beautiful harbours of Japan are in most instances the work of German civil engineers. From reliable sources this traveller learned that the Government must receive 51 percent of the holding before any foreign motor manufacturing concern could commence operations. He is a passenger in the Nankin.

1935 21<sup>st</sup> October WANTS TO TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA. JAPAN WILL SUPPLY OUR WANTS. HOBART MAN’S VIEWS. ‘Japan is out to do a lot more trade with Australia than in the past,’ said Mr. O.E. Sinnott, of Hobart, who returned from the East by the Nankin today. Mr Sinnott said that Japan was bonding men down in Australia and would keep sending them just to find out what Australians wanted. They will the see that we get it. This was not unreasonable, on account of the amount of stuff she bought from Australia. However, that was mostly wool, and they had to get it from .... He also spoke highly of the quality of goods manufactured in Japan.

1935 22<sup>nd</sup> October PASSENGERS BY THE NANKIN – Following is a list of passengers on board the liner Nankin which is due to arrive at Sydney on Wednesday October 23 from Japan – (list includes Mr O Sinnott).

1937 3<sup>rd</sup> April arrived In Launceston from Melbourne by Air Services Mesdames Sinnott. LOONGANA departed from Melbourne, 2.45pm Mesdames Sinnott. LOONGANA for Hobart 3.50pm Mrs E. Sinnott.

1940 14th Nov., The Age Melbourne. Mr O. Sinnott, president of the Garage and Service Station Association of Tasmania who is on a visit to this State, was welcomed at a meeting of the Council of the Retail Motor Dealers Association of Victoria.

## CHAPTER 4: DEATH

1941 1<sup>st</sup> April Examiner  
(Launceston)

### **Mr. Oswald Sinnott**

One of the best-known commercial travellers in Tasmania for many years. Mr Oswald Ernest Sinnott, of View Street, Sandy Bay died suddenly at his business premises, the Argyle Service Station, Hobart, yesterday. (31<sup>st</sup> March 1941)



Mr. Sinnott was well known in the North, where for many years he was Tasmalian Manager of the Texas Oil Company. He took a great interest in the affairs of the Commercial Travellers' Association. At one time he was Vice-president of the committee for some years and was a member.

He was born at Geelong, Victoria, 56 years ago and received his education at the Church of England Grammar School in that city. He came to Tasmania 27 years ago as a traveller for the firm William Adam. Then he became associated with the Texas Oil Company. At the end of his term with that firm he took a trip to Japan and shortly after his return settled at Hobart, where he established the Argyle Service Station, and later the New Town Service Station, which he conducted till the time of his death.

A prime mover in the establishment of the Garage and Service Station Association of Tasmania, he was state president of the association until the time of his death.

Mr Sinnott was a keen bird fancier and won many prizes in the North with his poultry exhibits. He also raised pigeons as a hobby and was a member of the Hobart Homing Club. Interested in bowls, he played often with the City Club. He was a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 8 T.C. (Launceston) and Perseverance Lodge, I.O.R., Melbourne. (1941 2nd April Similar Tribute in: The Mercury (Hobart))

### **DEATH NOTICE**

SINNOTT- Suddenly, on March 31, 1941 at Hobart, Oswald Ernest Sinnott, of 77 View Street, Sandy Bay, dearly loved father of Stella, Jessie, and Mary and loved grandfather of Ossie, Bobbie, Harry and Reggie and beloved friend of Emily (Mrs Foley, Hobart). Aged 56 years. Rest in Peace.



## CHAPTER 5: PHOTOS



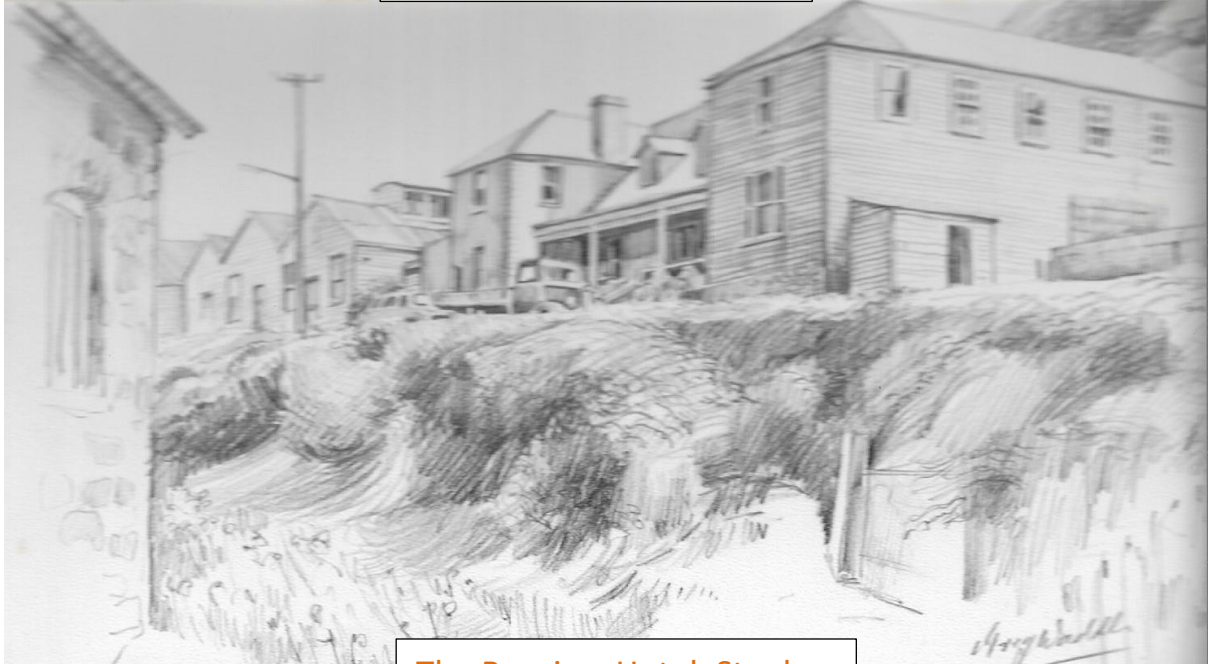
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Highfield, Stanley



Highfield Chapel, Stanley



The Bayview Hotel, Stanley

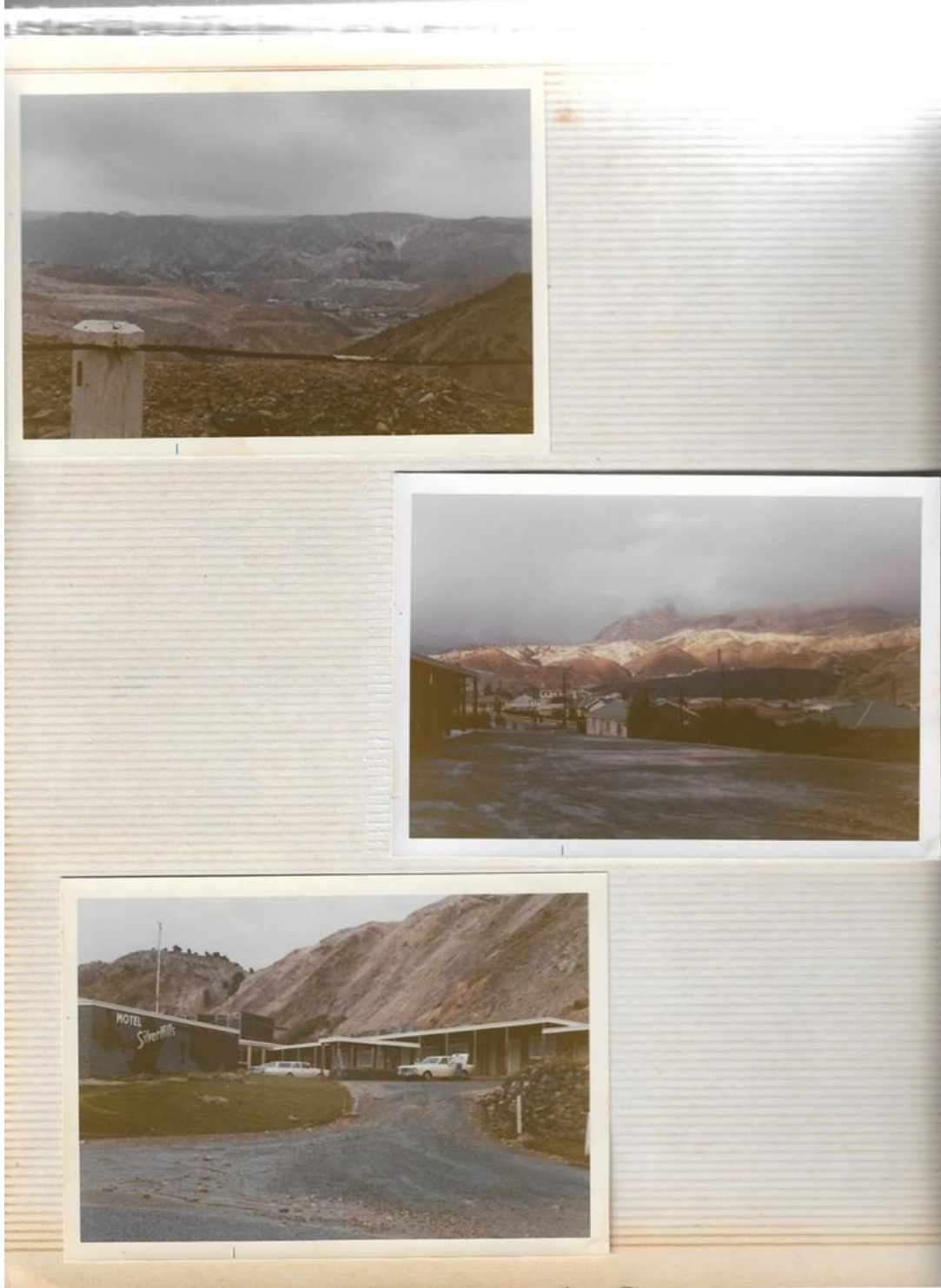
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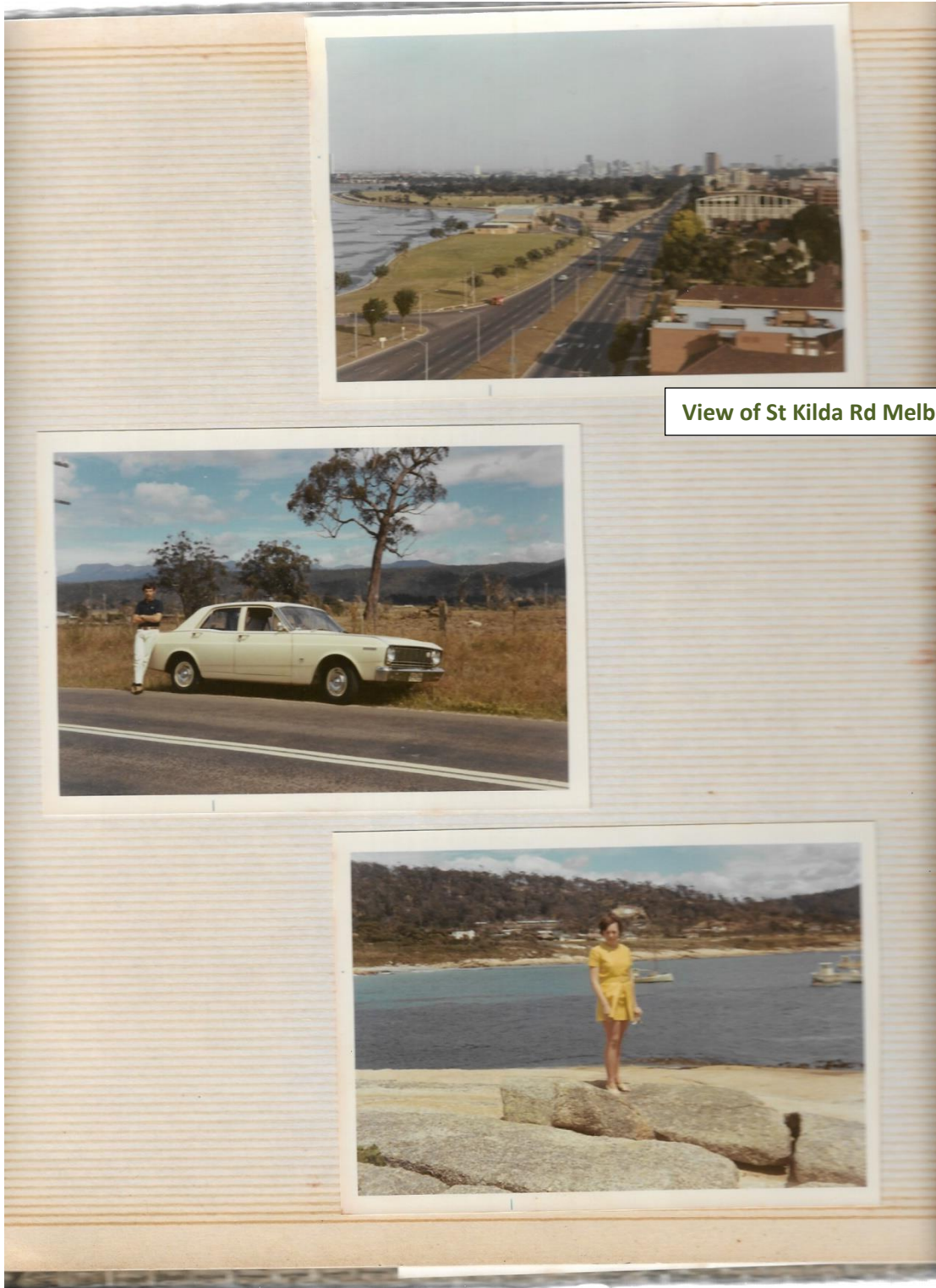


1969 DECEMBER

HONEYMOON AROUND TASMANIA BY HIS GRANDDAUGHTER

DIANE CASBOLT MARRIED 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO PETER OLSZAK





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The story of Oswald Ernest SINNOTT's life while living in Tasmania was inspired by the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. seeking family stories for the Lilian Watson Family History Award 2024.

There are a few snippets of how the family managed and Oswald was a Commercial Traveller when he first moved to Hobart he worked for William Adams prior to becoming the Tasmanian Manager of Texas Oil Company. Oswald and his wife Isabella moved between Melbourne and Tasmania for a number of years.

There are newspaper reports covering Oswald's work contribution, his hobbies, travels and the changes to his personal life. Family photos are included relating to Tasmania.

Oswald travelled to Japan in 1935 which was a few years prior to the war and he was apparently there for six months. Research continues to try and determine if he was involved in any oil negotiations while in Japan.

He owned two service stations which he managed after leaving the Texas Oil Company. Oswald suddenly died at the Sinnott's Service Station in Argyle Street, Hobart, 31st March 1941.

There are twists to the story in his work and private life which lead to a further story of intrigue.