
John Colquhoun Dunn

This gentleman was born in 1862 and died at the age of 85 years in 1947. He married Esther Hamment in 1885 in Glenbrook. Hamment Place in front of the Information Centre is named after Esther's parents, Richard and Sarah Hamment who came to Glenbrook in the early 1860's and lived in Park Street at the corner of Euroka Road where shops now operate.

John C. Dunn's parents had a general store at the corner where McDonalds now stand at Lithgow. The corner, in the old days, was known as Dunn's Corner. His father worked in the mills at Lithgow and made the first silk handkerchief in the mills. This handkerchief was presented to the Governor of New South Wales at that time.

John C. Dunn was a stonemason and learnt his trade from Mr. Ross (Ross Street was named after him). Ross built the two storey house in Wascoe Street now called "Ilford House" previously named "Kelgoola".

John C. Dunn built many buildings in Glenbrook as well as in other towns. They include:

1. **Hensonbrook Cottage** in Moore Street. This house was completely renovated by his son Alec in the 1950-1960's and the character was changed from the original dwelling (built for his bride Circa late 1800's)
2. **Bonnie Doone** – The present owners have restored this building beautifully and added at the rear. This house is also in Moore Street (built for the family at the turn of the century. Circa 1900).
3. **Koondroo** at the corner of Moore and Hare Streets. John C. Dunn built this building for a Mr. Horne (of Raine and Horne) in the teens of the 1900's. Mr. Horne had his house built for his sister-in-law, Miss Clutterbuck and as a weekend retreat for Mr. Horne.

These three buildings grace Moore Street so beautifully even today. They are so solidly built.

4. The part stone cottage, part of Merindal Retirement Village in King Street, was built by John C. Dunn.
5. The stone pillars at the entrance to the Park on the Western Highway were built by John in 1930 for the people of Glenbrook. These pillars now enhance the entrance to the Information Centre (there is a small plaque on the pillars)
6. A pair of stone pillars grace an entrance gate at the corner of Lucasville road and Explorer's road. These were originally the entrance to Mr. Blundell's home and are now completely built around with homes.

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