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## *“Clifton Cottage” – Glenbrook*

The cottage known as “Clifton” at the corner of Cowdery Street and Burfitt Parade, Glenbrook was jointly owned by Edith Murray Peterkin and Viola May Anderson. Both of these ladies were retired stage entertainers and members of the well known J.C. Williamson group.

Edith Peterkin was a dancer and used ‘Edith Clifford’ as her stage name. Viola Anderson was a stage manager and known as ‘Viola Bysouth’ when they resided at ‘Clifton’. My late mother, Madge, may have shared the reason for these names as she was a great friend and neighbour to them.

Because of their talents, Miss Clifford was asked to teach dancing and Miss Bysouth, stage management for the first ‘Merrymakers’ concerts held in the School of Arts to aid the war effort.

Later Mrs McTaggart took over the role of dancing teacher and Mr. Rowe the duties of stage manager. Zora Cross held the playwright position. Of course there were many more people involved.