

## Three Northcote Women

Marie E J Pitt - Lyrical romantic poet, socialist, feminist and ecologist. Clarke St leftie. (1869-1948)

1869 – Born Marie Elizabeth Josephine McKeown at Bullumwaal.

1872 – Family moves to Doherty's Corner at Wy Yung.

1893 – Marries William Henry Pitt at Bairnsdale and moves to Tasmania.

1902 – 'Song of Empire' wins London Good Words magazine competition.

1905 – Back in Victoria

1910- Commonwealth literary fund, ongoing.

1911 – Editor of Victorian Socialist Party journal. Contributor to 'The School Paper'.

1912 – William Pitt dies.

c1916 – Marie chairs inaugural Melbourne Literary Club.

Purchases 155 Clarke St. renames it 'Marienfels'.

1920 - O'Dowd moves in to Clarke St.

1920s –Both members of the Unitarian church.

1925 – Poems of E J Pitt.

1930 – Marie's mother dies and poor health for Marie from now.

1944 – Selected poems of Marie E J Pitt.

1945 – Suffers bad stroke and is bedridden. O'Dowd visits daily.

1948 – Dies aged 78. Plaque at Bairnsdale Library.

1953 – O'Dowd dies aged 87.

1985 – Biography & Poems. Doherty's Corner: The life and work of Marie E J Pitt.

## Ella Latham – Politics & Children's Hospital

Mid 1860s – Richard Tobin teaching at Wesleyan school room in High St.

1878 - Ella born in Northcote –to Richard and Fanny Tobin

1904 - Jack Latham admitted to practice as barrister and solicitor . Worked with Jessie Webb, historian, on writing an anthology of verse for matriculation students. This book was published in 1909 'Phases of Literature from Pope to Browning'. The book details lives of the poets and the circumstances about which the passages of verse were written.

1906 - Fanny Tobin dies

1907 - Married, unofficially engaged since 1902.

1908 – Latham's build first family home at 57 James St. (Four doors from Ella's family home 'Beuna Vista' at 51 James St.)

1909 - First child Richard.

1912 - Second child – Frida.

1915 - Richard Tobin dies; Lathams argue strongly for conscription. Jack appointed head of Naval Intelligence.  
1921 - Bought property 'Flete' in Flete Ave., Armadale. Also built a house in Ferny Creek - 'Buena Vista' (named after Northcote Tobin house).  
1922 - Latham enters politics taking seat of Kooyong from sitting National Party.  
1923 - Third child – Peter born.  
1926 - Ella resigns from Committee of Management to look after her Freda's diabetes.  
1930 – John Latham steps aside for Joe Lyons to head UAP.  
1933 - Ella elected President of Children's Hospital – held for 21 years.  
1939 - Sir John appointed Chancellor at Melb Uni.  
1954 – Resigns from Children's Hospital Presidency.  
1964 - Ella dies.  
1989 – From Charity to Teaching Hospital published,

#### Joan Rosanove – Lawyer: crooks and crocks

1896 – Born in Ballarat to Mark Lazarus QC.  
1917 – Gains LLB. Bar entrance delayed two years.  
1919 – Admitted to Victorian Supreme court at 21 years.  
1920 – Marries Mannie Rosanove.  
1920s – Peg first daughter born.  
1923 – Move into Northcote. Works mainly as a barrister.  
1925 – Works mainly as a solicitor.  
1932/3 – Trip to Europe.  
1933 – Sale of Northcote practice and move to Toorak.  
1934 – Kisch affair.  
Late 1930s – purchased land in Frankston and Roy Grounds architect for new house.  
1940s – Peg Larkins and son John graduate in law. Three generations now practicing law.  
1949 – Joan now practicing as a barrister.  
1950s – Assesses Australian divorce proceedings. Formalutes uniform law – not implemented until 1975.  
1964 – Joan become first female Victorian QC.  
1969 – Retires from legal practice.  
1970 – Small biography – 'Woman in a Wig'.  
1974 – Dies.  
1999 – Joan Rosanove chambers open in Lonsdale St.  
2004 – New book on Egon Kisch.