

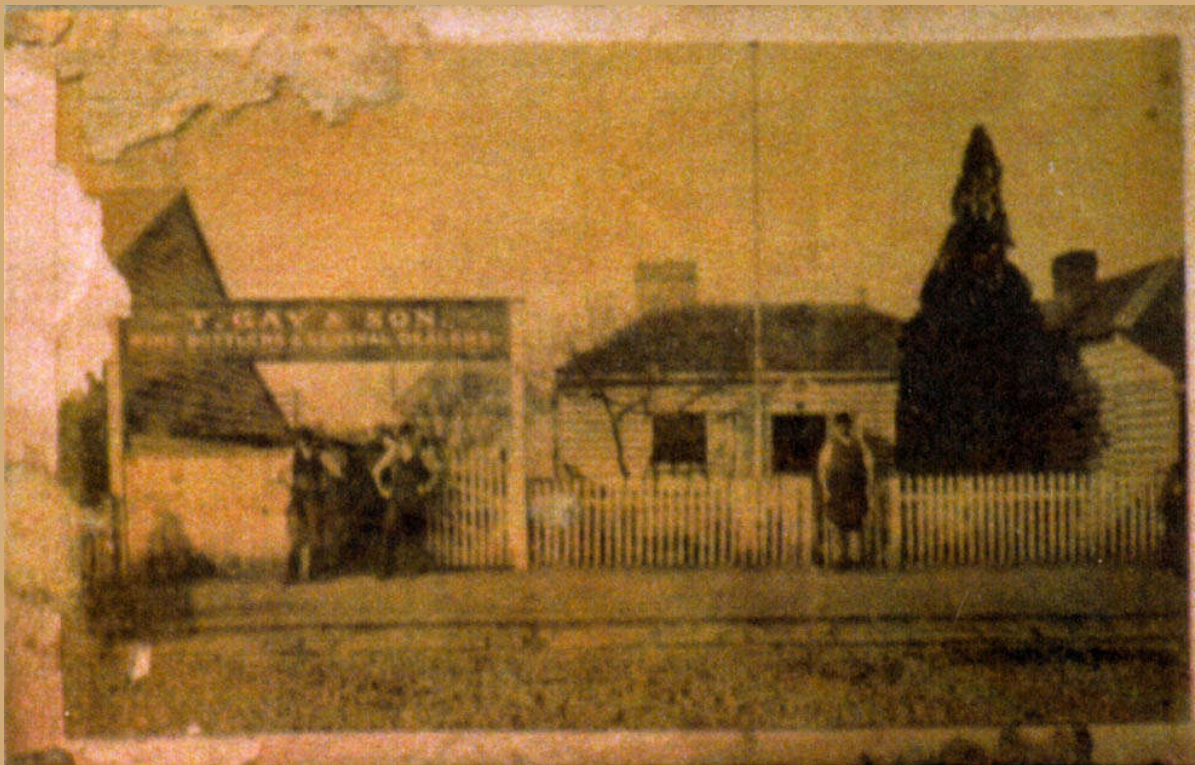
The Gay Family

The Gays became part of our family when Kevin Joseph Judd married Caroline Gay at St Mark's Church, Fitzroy on the 3rd April 1883. Caroline was the daughter of a local dealer Thomas Gay and his wife Susannah, nee Mills. Kevin is described on their marriage certificate as a dealer too. He may have worked for his father-in-law. Thomas Gay was from the Gloucestershire Town of Stroud or more accurately an outlying village called King's Stanley. His father, Richard Gay, was a labourer and a dyer in the woollen industry but eventually rose to become a farmer and owner of a farm with two houses. He had been an agricultural labourer there.

Thomas was living in Stroud when he married Susannah Mills in 1843. He and his brother Peter were probably cloth workers in Stroud. Peter left England for Australia in 1841. This is ten years before the gold rushes that brought most of our other ancestors to Australia. Peter and his wife and son took advantage of a government scheme that paid for the passage in order to increase the labour supply in the colony. Peter became a brewer and eventually owned his own brewery in Collingwood. He died in 1875 and was then described as "Gentleman".

Thomas and Susannah had arrived in Melbourne in 1848 on the ship Lady Peel. They too were assisted passengers. In this ship's records he is described as a dyer of wool. The family first lived in Little Bourke Street Melbourne, Thomas working as a maltster. They then lived in Flinders' lane before moving to East Collingwood in 1851/52. The 'East' in East Collingwood was subsequently dropped, Collingwood lies North of Victoria Parade between Smith St. and Hoddle Street.

The Gay's daughter Caroline was born in Collingwood in 1855 so she nearly five years older than Kevin, although on their marriage certificate the difference is reduced to one. She is listed as 25, he 24.



T. Gay and Son

Wine Bottlers and General dealers

The Gay Family

The Gays lived in Wellington St. In different references he is described as a maltster, bottle dealer, wine bottler, eventually he established a business with his son called Thomas Gay and son, Wine Bottler and General Dealer. The business appears to have been run from a building next to his home.

Kevin and Caroline lived in Wellington Street with Thomas and Susannah Gay it seems. Kevin was the informant on Susannah Gay's (Caroline's mother) death certificate on 29th January 1883, two months before his marriage to Caroline. His address is 220 Wellington St. on the death certificate which is also the address of the Gay house and business. By 1885 Kevin and Caroline had moved to nearby Napoleon St. before moving to Northcote by 1888 when their son Kevin was born. Kevin may have worked with his father-in-law; his brother-in-law Joseph Gay was male witness at Kevin's marriage which indicates they were close.

The Gay family have a history of self improvement over several generations. Kevin married into a family that while they started out as labourers they eventually were able to run their own enterprises and buy land and houses of their own. Something that Kevin was to repeat himself.

Caroline Gay and Kevin had a family of five, their first two children Matilda and Alice died as infants Matilda was less than a year old and Alice just one year old. Both would have died when the family were at Napoleon Street. Three sons were then born while at Smith St. Northcote, Kevin Joseph, born 1888, Albert Thomas, b 1890 and Harold William, b 1892. Their mother Caroline died in hospital with an umbilical hernia which resulted in strangulation of the bowel; she was 47 years old.

The Collingwood Connections.

There is a distinct possibility that three different families that Kevin Judd was associated with knew each other.

Elizabeth Dillon, Kevin's mother, married a James Marshall and there was a James Marshall living at 173 Wellington Street East Collingwood, then Palmer Street then Raphael Street in the period 1863 - 1877.

The Gay family lived at 174 Wellington Street, East Collingwood. The number changed to 220 Wellington Street in 1872 but it was the same house.

When he was adopted (1969) Mary Phillips' address was given as 15 Down Street East Collingwood, and later a Mrs Mary Phillips lived at 39 Down Street (later 37^{1/2} and 35 Down street) from 1878 to 1889. Down street is the next street parallel to Wellington Street and the Phillips house may have been right behind the Gay house.

Kevin and Caroline lived at Napoleon Street in 1886/7.

We cannot be sure the James Marshall living in Collingwood was Elizabeth Dillon's husband. We cannot be sure that the Mrs Mary Phillips who lived for eleven years in Down Street was Kevin's adoptive mother. However the circumstantial evidence is pretty strong that Kevin and Caroline may have known each other in childhood. We can hope that is the case as it would be a positive part of Kevin's often unhappy story.

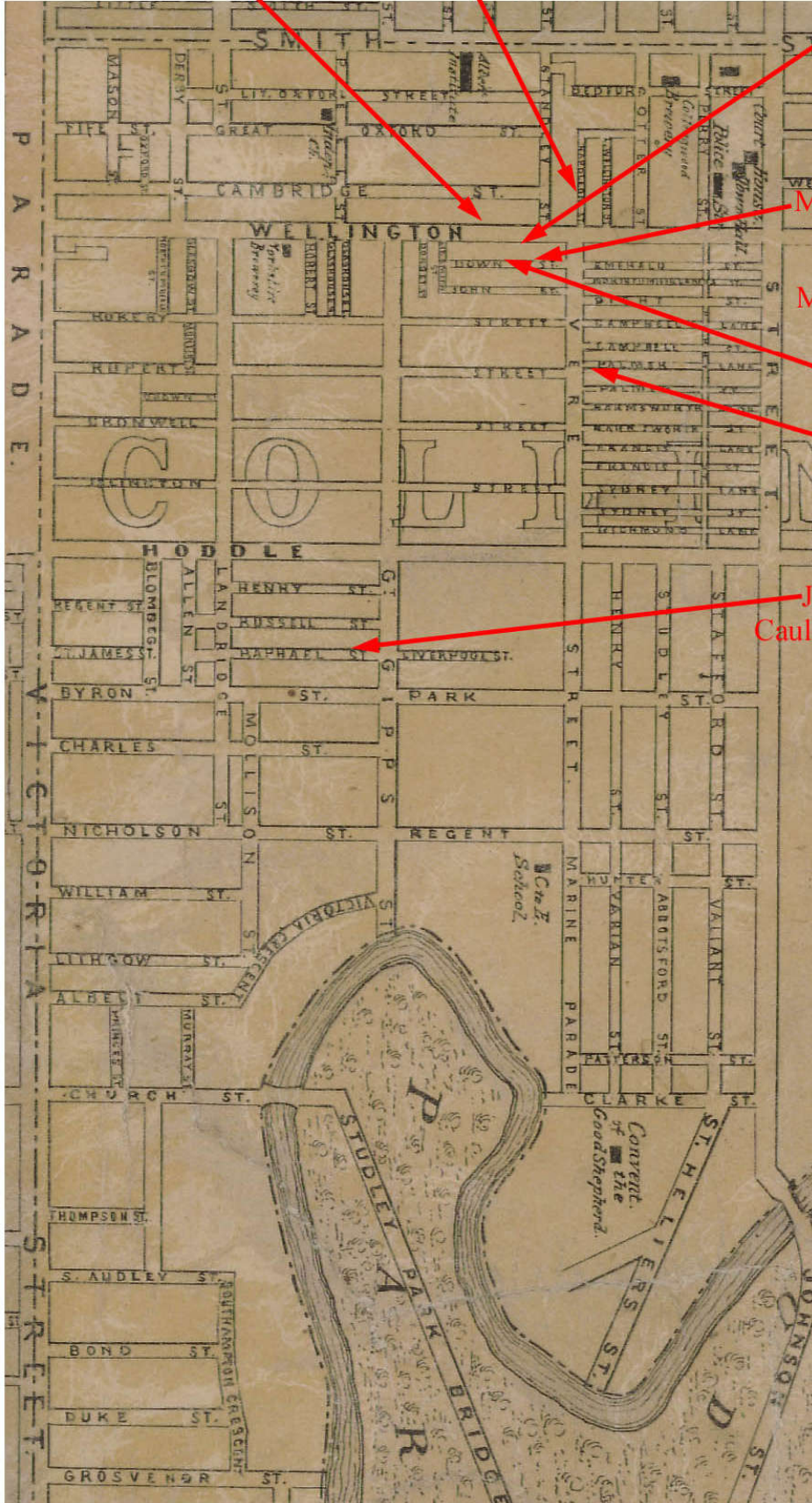
The map on the next page shows the approximate positions of the different dwellings these people lived at.

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James Marshall
173 Wellington St.
1863/64

Kevin Judd
19 Napoleon St.
1886 /87

Thomas Gay
174 Wellington St.
1859 - 1885



Mrs Mary Phillips
15 Down St.
1869

Mrs Mary Phillips
39 Down St.
1878 - 1889

James Marshall
Palmer St.
1869 - 1874

James Marshall
Caulfield Arms Hotel
Raphael St.
1875 - 1877