

The other son Austin kept on his Father's Grocery business but had a major operation when he was 40 & died, May Pratten was very well off lived in a nice house & kept a companion, The 3 brothers used to sit in Uncle Oph's sitting room every afternoon & drink tea until Uncle Herbert's death, People who have returned from Australia have told us there is a Park in Sydney called Pratten Park, but they gradually stopped corresponding & have not heard about them for years, Aunt Rose kept house for Uncle Oph many years but one day when on holiday with her niece May Pratten suddenly died, it was a great shock for her brother but May found him an excellent house keeper, a nice woman who suited him well as she was very careful, May Pratten married a widower when she was 50ish, they had been friends for many years, she played the organ at the Baptist Chapel & he Mr Reese was the conductor of the choir, she bought a very nice house at the bottom of Wernhill Road where they lived after she married, it was her money kept the house going with 2 servants, but after 3 yrs she had heart trouble & became an invalid, having for months 2 have 2 nurses in attendance, it was sad to see her become so frail & after a few years of great suffering she died, while her husband who benefited from all his money lived in the house until he died, he was a few years older