

Family history excerpt written by a family member of the King family on Ancestry.com

Clara bore William eight children in all, four boys and four girls. First-born, Rupert Brindley King, died at two years of age (1889-1891). Two girls followed, Laura May (1892-1971) and Ida Ethel (1894-1972).

Next came **Alfred William Vernon King**, born in 1897. As an adult, he was to become "Reuters Editor in New York" and "Manager and Editor of the Australian Associated Press". He lived for many years in New York where he died in his Long Island home in 1957. [Father of Derek King & Shirley Beed's father-in-law]

Francis Brindley King (1899-1962) became Financial Editor of the "Sydney Morning Herald". His birth was followed by that of another daughter, Alice Clara King (1902-1993), then Sydney Charles King, Editor of "Sporting Life" and the "Sunday Sun". Syd was a Wallaby Selector and a member (centre-three-quarter) of the famous "Waratah Rugby Union Team" which toured Great Britain in 1927-1928. Last of the King/Francis children was Irene Lydia King (1908-2004).

Clara Francis/King was a beautiful lady of the Victorian era. She emanated great dignity and charm and placed immense importance on the education of her children. She must have been very gratified by the considerable achievements of her large brood.