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An Introduction to the author

Perhaps you are wondering why someone named Cohen should be writing about an Anglican Church, so I shall explain. My maternal grandfather and grandmother with their three daughters and two sons moved into 24 Goodhope Street, Paddington in 1906. Some years later my mother who was the eldest daughter married Edward Cohen and they had one child, a daughter - me.

By 1924 my grandmother had died and the two sons and another daughter had married and left home, so there were only my grandfather, his widowed daughter and her young daughter living in a very large three-storey house, so they decided to move into a smaller house in Stephen Street.

Later that year, my parents bought a two-storey weatherboard house in Glen Street and we moved there. My father died in 1928 and my mother in 1960, but I lived in the same house in Glen Street from 1924 until 1984 when I moved to a Retirement Village only a few bus stops away.

Actually the ministers at St. George's Church don't seem to have made much impression on my memory until the Rev'd Le Huray's period of service, when I was a Sunday School Teacher until war was declared. I remember Mr Le Huray very clearly and the ministers following him, but it was not until my mother died in 1960 that I joined the Ladies' Guild and I was secretary of the Guild until 1970 when I went overseas for

three years. When I returned in 1974 I became Treasurer of the Guild (a position I still hold) and secretary of the Parish Council, which position I held for 14 years. In 1988 I did not stand for re-election to the Council as I wanted to write this book in time for the Church's 100th anniversary and the research it required was even more than I had imagined it would be.

If you are not interested in matters associated with the everyday running of a church, you may decide to just glance through the last five chapters, but I am sure you will find some items of great interest in the first six chapters.

I hope you will enjoy reading the book, for I have had much pleasure in writing it and remembering days long past.