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Lindsay Hassett in 1989

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Lindsay Hassett in 1953

>>> Adelaide "Adelie" Mary Hassett b.1907 Geelong; d.1997; unm.; bur. Eastern Cemetery (RC); lived in the old family home at 199 Noble Street (demolished 1973, site now has 20 housing units) / engaged to Flight Sergeant Keith Charles Birdsey b.c1912; of Newtown, Victoria; served in RAAF during WWII (No.400523); d.5.3.1943 in bomber crash; bur.Chittagong War Cem. (grave 1.G.1.), No 19 Basha Mia Road, Dampara, Bangladesh

>>> Richard "Dick" Joseph Hassett b.1909 Geelong; d.16.11.2006 (see note "Hassett or Blennerhassett", top left) m. Eileen Coburn d.c1982 Melbourne

>>> Vincent "Vin" Xavier Hassett; b.1912 Geelong; d.25.10.1998 / Good cricketer, renowned locally and awarded the title of "Living Legend" in Geelong for his cricket / m.c1947 Shirley Jeanette Evans of Geelong

>>> (Arthur) Lindsay Hassett MBE (1953); Cricketer; of Batemans Bay, NSW; b.28.8.1913 Geelong, Vict. d.16.6.1993 Batemans Bay / Edu. with his brothers Dick, Harry & Vin at "Madame Clancy's" (Catholic boys' school at Geelong); then at "Geelong College" in Noble Street, where he was Capt. of cricket & football; The school named their Gymnasium after Lindsay; during WWII he served as gunner (Warrant Officer, 2nd Class) in Artillery, 2/2 Anti-Aircraft Regt. in Egypt, Palestine & New Guinea; an enthusiastic fisherman; retired to Bateman's Bay, NSW; his godson John Kellett donated some of Lindsay's cricketing memorabilia to the Melbourne Cricket Club museum, for public display / m. Tess Davis

LINDSAY HASSETT - Outstanding Australian Cricketer

"...a glorious right-handed batsman..."; his first class career was in 1932-53, playing in 43 test matches; achieving 3073 runs in Test Cricket at an average 46.56; Capt. "Australian Services Team" 1945; touring England (1938,1948,1953), India (1947-8) & Australia; Played for Victoria 1932-53, Capt. 1946-47; Played for Australia 1938-53, Vice-Captain under Sir Donald "Don" Bradman, Captain 1949-53, succeeding Bradman; captained Australia 24 times (14 wins; 4 losses; 8 draws); the highest of his 10 centuries was 98 not out, against India at Adelaide; "No Australian team exceeded this one in popularity, nor has any captain left behind warmer feelings of regard and affection" (obit. in the UK "The Daily Telegraph" 17.6.1993 p.23); In retirement he ran a sports goods store & reported on test cricket for ABC & BBC; The "Australian Services Cricket Association" in 1991 bestowed on him it's highest honour, making him their "12th Man in Perpetuity"; See "The Complete Who's Who of Test Cricketers" by Christopher Martin-Jenkins, published by Orbis Publishing, London 1980/83; Lindsay Hassett's godson John Kellett donated some of Lindsay's cricketing artefacts to the M.C.C. (Melbourne Cricket Club)

