

## Joseph George Tyzack

**Birth:** 27 December 1860, at Union Street, Durban, Natal

**Father:** [Richard Webber Tyzack](#)

**Mother:** [Louisa \(Hawkins\) Tyzack](#)

**Married:** [Eunice Gertrude Rowe](#) on 5 November 1890 in St Paul's Church, Durban, Natal

Joseph George Tyzack is recorded as a bachelor, of full age. He is a book-keeper, resident in Durban. Eunice Gertrude Rowe is recorded as a spinster, of full age, resident in Durban. The marriage was performed by T. A. Lindon, M.A., Incumbent, Oxon, and witnessed by Theo. ??, and Anna M. Rowe.

Joseph and Eunice signed an ante nuptial contract on 27 October 1890 ([Pietermaritzburg Estate Files 1950 #1391 film 007869158 images 1562-3](#)).

### Children:

- [Dorothy Gertrude Tyzack](#) (1891 - 1923)
- [Perla Rowe Tyzack](#) (1893 - ?)
- [Eunice Phyllis Tyzack](#) (1895 - 1895)
- [Phyllis Baden Tyzack](#) (1898 - 1923)
- [Halton Webber Tyzack](#) (1900 - 1949)
- [Joyce Bervl Tyzack](#) (1902 - 1936)
- [Desmond Rowe Tyzack](#) (1904 - 1964)
- [Eunice Josephine Tyzack](#) (1908 - ?)

**Occupation:** Accountant.

Joseph was head of Harvey, Greenacre & Co's Counting House. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Accountants.

**Notes:** Joseph attended Durban High School from 1871-2. He was known as Joe.

[The Natal Who's Who p202](#) (1906)

**TYZACK, Joseph George**, Accountant; Head of Harvey, Greenacre & Co's Counting House whose employ he entered in Oct., 1876; b. 27th Dec., 1860, at Union St., Durban; s. of Richard Webber Tyzack; m., 5th Nov., 1890, Eunice Gertrude Rowe; 6 children. Educ. Durban High School and Mr F. S. Smith's, Upper Glenwood, Berea. Res., Musgrave Rd., Durban. Was a foundation member of the Natal Wasps F.C., the first Association F.C. in Durban, founded 1879, so is a pioneer of the Association game in Natal. Won Greaves' Cup 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886. Captain 1884 and 1886. During 1888, 1889, and 1900 played for the Victoria Athletic F.C. winning the Greaves' Cup, and in 1890 the Charity Cup as well; Captain 1889 and 1890. Captained Durban in Intertowns 1883 to 1888. Played Rugby with Natal Wasps, and Intertown Durban v. Maritzburg. For many years an oarsman in the Durban R.C., and considered one of the best strokes in the club. The crews stroked by Mr. Tyzack won many prizes, the principal one being the Jubilee Fours in 1887. On retiring as an active participant in athletic contests, gladly took up the work for others that had been done for him while he was a player. How well and enthusiastically he has worked, the following posts held by him will readily show: Vice President Natal Football Association, 1888 to 1901, when he was made Hon. Life Vice-President; Vice-President Durban Football Association from its formation, 1896 to 1901, and then elected Hon. Life Vice-President; Vice-Patron South African Football Association; Vice-Captain Durban R.C., 1887-90; Hon. Sec and Treas., 1891-2; Captain, 1892-99; Vice-President Durban Amateur Athletic Association; Vice-President Durban Athletic Club; Vice-President Natal LaCrosse Association; Vice-Chairman Natal Cyclists Union; Chairman Durban Referees' Association; Official Handicapper of foot events at sports meeting for last twenty years; Chairman Durban Sports Association, the head body of all head bodies in Durban in Association football, cricket, cycling, and foot running. The position of Chairman is the head official position of the Durban Sports Association, consequently he represents the unique position of elected head of all sport in Durban. No services on behalf of sports have been more spontaneously and generously recognised and rewarded than Mr. Tyzack's, as the following will show: The Ancient Order of Foresters, in Nov., 1903, presented him with a jewel and honorary membership. In Feb., 1904, the various associations, unions, clubs and bodies of Durban presented him with a very handsome illuminated address and Mrs. Tyzack with a purse of one hundred and twenty five sovs.

**Death:** 19 June 1950 at 25 Silverton Road, Durban, Natal, South Africa, aged 89

The cause of death is listed as chronic myocarditis and arterosclerosis, of uncertain duration.

**Cremation:** 20 June 1950, at Stellawood crematorium, Durban, Natal, South Africa. Joseph's ashes were interred at West Street cemetery, Durban, in Block 43 #47, on 1 July 1950.

### Addresses:

1897: 156 Smith Street, Durban, Natal ([Natal Almanac & Directory 1897 p156](#))

1922: 39 South Ridge Road, Durban, Natal (death notice of daughter Dorothy at [Pietermaritzburg Estate Files GS film 001295224 image 00958](#))

1936: "Dronfield", 39 South Ridge Road, Durban, Natal (death notice of daughter Joyce at [Pietermaritzburg Estate Files 1936 #24830 film 007869107 image 215](#))

1950: 25 Silverton Road, Durban, Natal ([Natal Civil Records Deaths 1950 Durban #3150](#))

### Sources:

- **Birth:** [Natal Civil Records Deaths 1950 Durban #3150](#); exact date and place from [The Natal Who's Who p202](#) (1906)
- **Parents:** Death notice of mother at [Pietermaritzburg Estate Files 1899 vol 9 #263 film 004049959 image 294](#)
- **Marriage:** [Natal Civil Records Marriages 1890 Durban #671](#)
- **Occupation:** [Natal Civil Records Marriages 1890 Durban #671](#); [The Natal Who's Who p202](#) (1906); [Natal Civil Records Deaths 1950 Durban #3150](#); fellow from [Women of South Africa p1356](#) (1913)
- **Death:** [Natal Civil Records Deaths 1950 Durban #3150](#). The death certificate has initially written the date as Eighteenth June, but the word "Eighteenth" has been struck out and overwritten with "Nineteenth" and signed. The death notice at [Pietermaritzburg Estate Files 1950 #1391 film 007869158 image 1561](#) has the date as 18 June.
- **Notes:** [The Natal Who's Who p202](#) (1906); [The Durban High School Record 1866-1906](#)
- **Cremation:** eGGSA Cemetery Project; interment of ashes from eGGSA Cemetery Project



Joseph George Tyzack  
photo from [The South African Women's Weekly 29 May 1930](#)



Joseph George Tyzack  
photograph from [The Natal Who's Who](#)

## ROBARTS, William Charles Emery

**Born:** 1879 05 13

**Died:** ?

### Architect

NIA

Eldest son of WE [ROBARTS](#), Robarts was born in Durban and educated at the Durban High School after which he was articled to his father in Durban. On the outbreak of the [Anglo-Boer War](#) he served with the Colonial Scouts spending most of the war in and around Estcourt in Natal. He went to study in London in 1901 and returned to South Africa in 1903. He worked for a short time with his father as a partner in the business until his father's death in 1903. Robarts was in independent practice in Durban from 1903 to 1913 during which time he entered into partnership with WE [GALLIERS](#) (cf [ROBARTS & GALLIERS](#)). He was President of the [NIA](#) in 1913. The partnership could not have lasted long since in 1913 he purchased the 500-acre farm of one Mrs Legge in Zululand and turned successfully to farming. During the First World War he enlisted as a private in the 6th South African Infantry in German East Africa and received a commission in 1917. He married in 1919. In 1924 he was elected president of the Umhlatuzi Planters' Association, was a delegate of the South African Cane Growers' Association and was closely linked with farming in the Empangeni district. He married Molly, daughter of R King of Port Elizabeth. So far no death certificate has been found for him in Natal.

Council member of the [Natal Institute of Architects](#) 1907-8; Honorary Secretary and Treasurer 1909-12.

(NWW 1906; NWW 1934; Sport and sportsmen in SA n.d. (after 1924) :451-52 port; UNSAL)

All truncated references not fully cited in 'References' are those of Joanna Walker's original text and cited in full in the '[Bibliography](#)' entry of the Lexicon.

### List of projects



With photographs

With notes

[House](#): 1904. Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - Architect

[House Dr AS Schulz](#): 1904. Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - Architect

[Leuchar's Bldg, alt, add](#): 1909. Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - Architect

[Natal Bldg Society Bldg, alt](#): 1906. Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - Architect

[Short's Arcade](#): 1906. Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - Architect

### Books citing ROBARTS

Hillebrand, Melanie. 1975. [Aspects of architecture in Natal, 1880 1914](#). Pietermaritzburg: Unpublished MA. Dept Fine Art and History of Art, University of Natal. pp 201-202

Hillebrand, Melanie. 1986. [Art and architecture in Natal, 1910 1940](#). Pietermaritzburg: Unpublished Ph.D. Dept Fine Art and History of Art, University of Natal. pp 444-445