

# JOUBERT HOUSES IN HUNTERS HILL

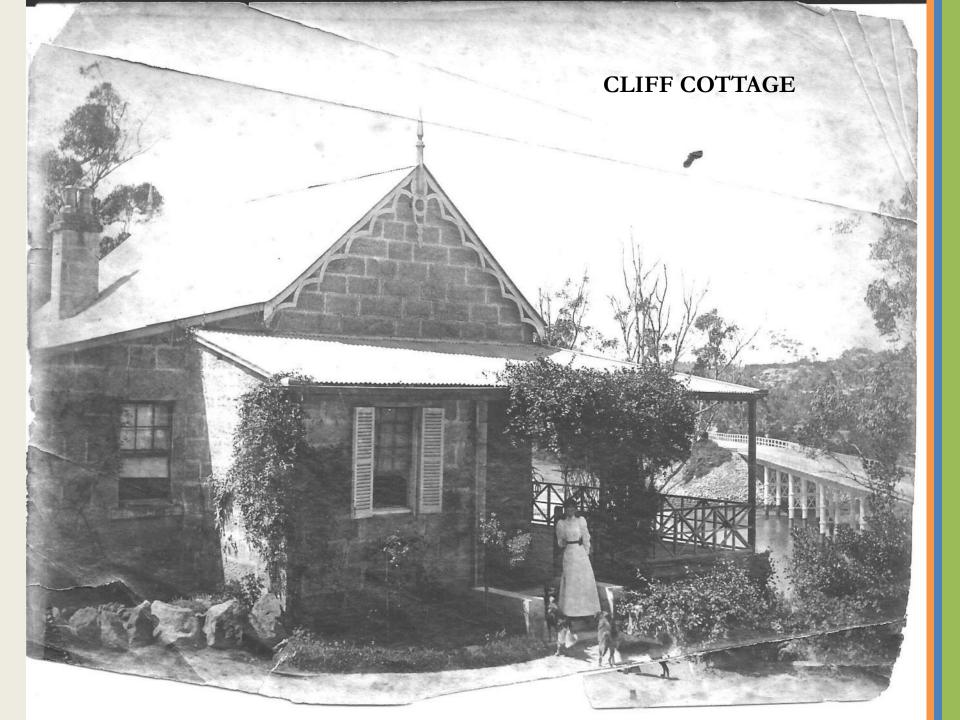
### **DIDIER AND JULES JOUBERT**

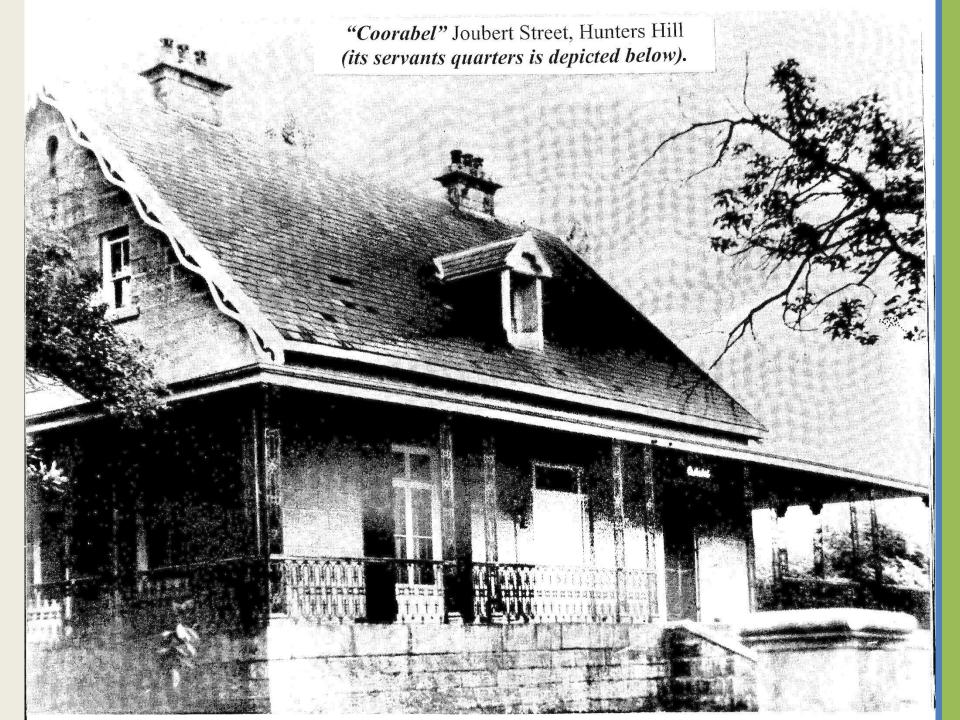
The Joubert brothers, of good family and well educated, were from Angouleme, a town in the Charente in south-west France.

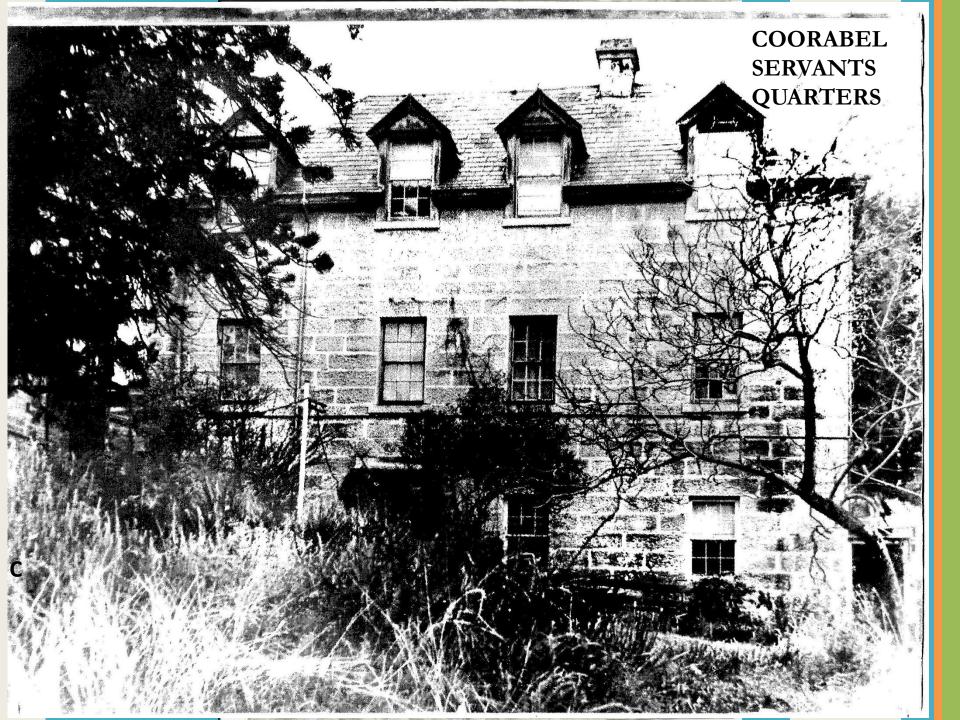
Didier was the first to leave France, arriving in Sydney in 1837 as agent for wine and spirit merchants Barton and Guestier of Bordeaux. After making an unwise investment in land in New Zealand, where he married Louise Bonnefin, he returned to Sydney in 1839 and formed a partnership with Jeremiah Murphy. They traded successfully as wine and spirit merchants for many years.

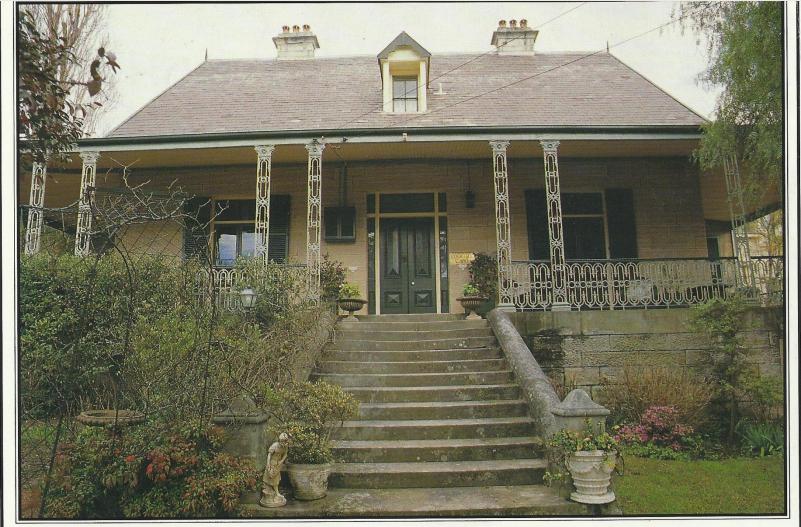
Jules Joubert, just 15 years old, arrived in Sydney in 1839, via New Zealand. In the early 1840's he was appointed chancellor at the French Consulate, a post he held until 1848 when he married Florence, the daughter of solicitor and politician, Robert Owen. Over the next seven years Jules made and lost money in Adelaide, where he spent time in prison for debt, and on the goldfields in Victoria, among other enterprises. His first wife and two infant children died in Adelaide in 1850. In 1855 he returned to Sydney, where his brother Didier had already begun investing in land at Hunters Hill.

From Pictorial History Hunters Hill by Linda Emery









## THE MYSTERY, MAGIC & HISTORY THAT IS "COORABEL" – 1850

MAGNIFICENT SANDSTONE RESIDENCE WITH ADDITIONAL STONE COTTAGE & SWIMMING POOL

"Coorabel" is reputedly the first home built on Mary Reiby's Figtree Farm estate by Frenchman Didier Joubert...who with his brother, is responsible for Hunters Hill's legacy of sandstone residences.

Today "Coorabel" stands rejuvenated, wide, stone verandahs...ceilings soar to 18 or so feet...richly burnished Tallowood floors.

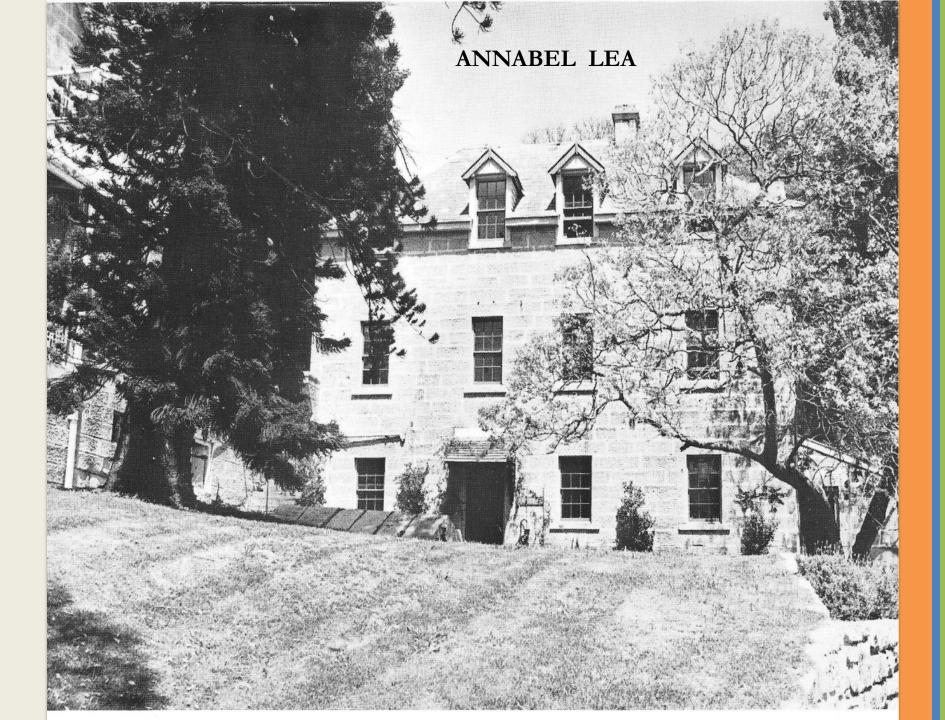
WATER RATES: \$295.00 per quarter COUNCIL RATES: \$317.95 per quarter

VIEWINGS: Saturday & Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm

TWILIGHT INSPECTION: Tuesday 13th

September 6.30-7.30pm

AUCTION: 19th September 1994 at 6pm, Ritz-Carlton Hotel 33 Cross Street, Double Bay





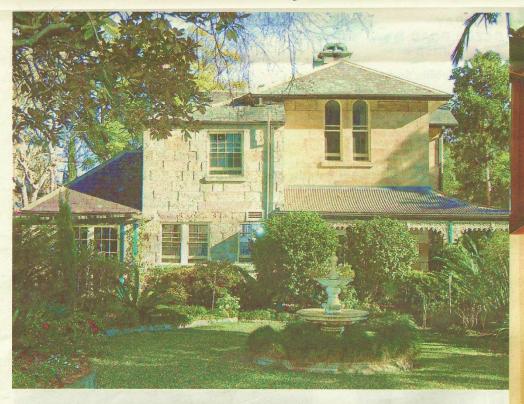
Passy (Photo Hunters Hill Trust)

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(Sydney Morning Herald, 26th December 1858)



### THREE OF THE BEST Margie Blok





Green, clean and serene, Hunters Hill peninsula is a waterside treasure.

eafy, historic Hunters Hill peninsula is one of the oldest and prettiest residential areas in Sydney, with Lane Cove River on one side and Parramatta River on the other.

Known in its earliest days as "The French Village", the area owes much of its distinctive character to three French real-estate investors – Jules and Didier Joubert and Count Gabriel de Milhau – who used their own resources and those of their countrymen to build houses of local sandstone. The success of the district was confirmed in the 1850s, when the French Consul, Louis François Sentis, built the

"At the moment, buyers for houses at this level are being measured about what they will buy and how much they will pay. They're not prepared to compromise on price or what they want."

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The market for homes priced between \$1 million and \$3 million remains buoyant, however. "On the peninsular side of Hunters Hill, there haven't been many houses for sale in the under \$3 million bracket. However, on the 'other side of Hunters Hill' there have been a lot of sales between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million."

Hunters Hill is very much a family market. "This

Historic gem ... Maruna is the first "marine villa" built by one of Hunters Hill's founding fathers, Jules Joubert.

## HUNTERS HILL MARUNA, 12 FERDINAND STREET \$3 million +

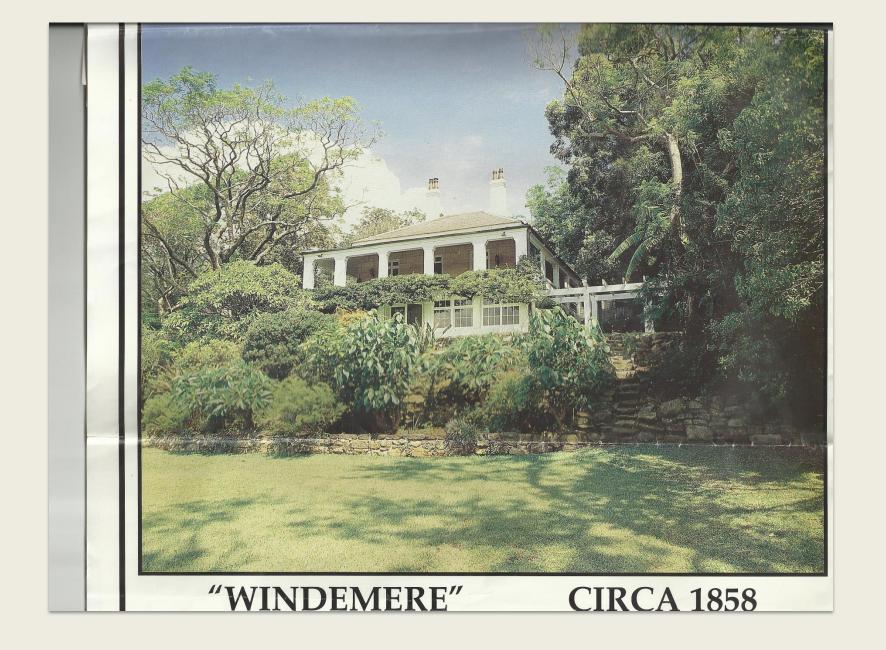
**House** 4 bedrooms, 31/2 bathrooms, study, pool, cellar, parking **Built** 1856 renovated 1990s

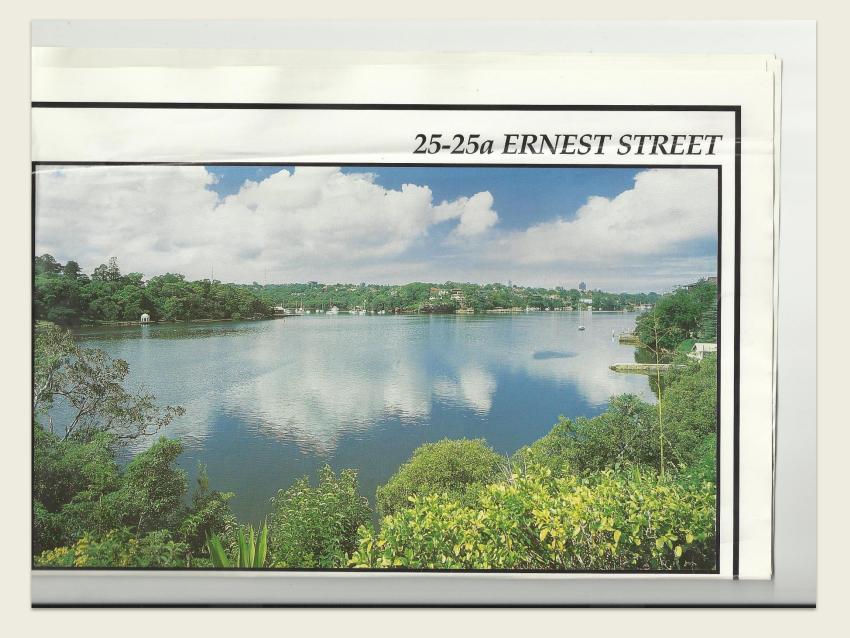
**Land** 1037 sq m

For sale by private treaty Inspect By appointment

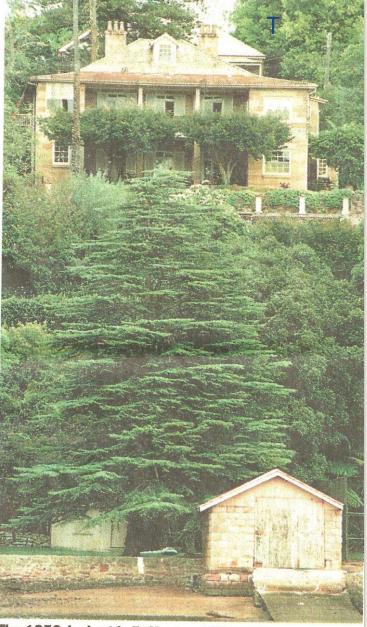
**Agent** Ward Partners 9816 2277 or 0418 236 222







VIEW OVER THE LANE COVE RIVER FROM WINDEMERE



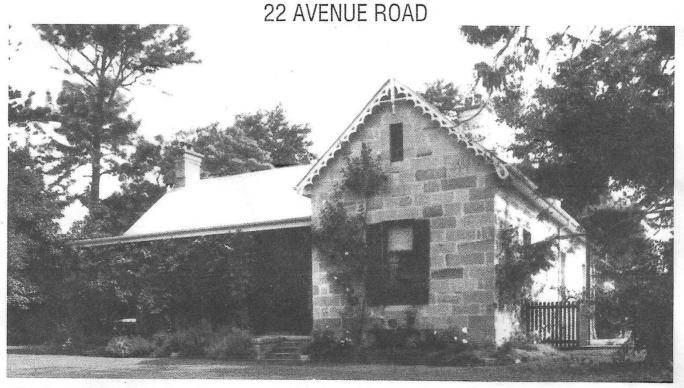
The 1859 Joubert-built Hunters Hill riverfront estate, the Haven, formerly known as Asseroe.

# THE HAVEN 1 McBRIDE AVENUE

#### HUNTERS HILL HISTORIC RESIDENCE

**CIRCA 1879** 

"THE BUNGALOW"



"The Bungalow", completed by 1879, was the last house built by Didier Joubert before his death in 1881.

