

Butler Stairs, connecting Elizabeth Bay and Potts Point
Sydney circa 1910 @ State Library of NSW



In 1960, Madeleine left the suburb of her childhood, Castlecrag, and moved to rooms at No.18 Billyard Avenue, Elizabeth Bay. To get the bus to the city and thence to university, she and I would climb the stairs directly opposite No.18. Locals called the stairs "the one hundred and one dogs". The "dogs" exited, then as now, at 32 Macleay Street.