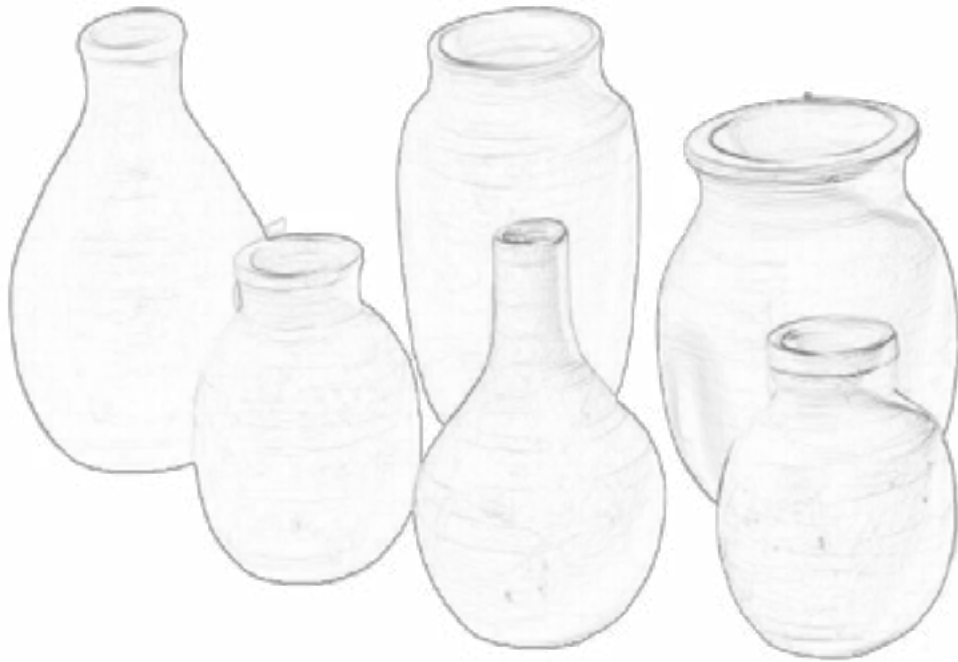# Ruth Faulkner Library and Belmont Museum

Fact Sheet

Belmont Pioneer: Charles Richard Courtland

- Charles Richard Courtland was born in Sydney in 1872. That's 150 years ago!

- Like many boyshis age, Chalres started working when he was only 14. He learned how to create clay objects, such as pots.

- In the 1890s Charles moved to Western Australia searching for gold but he wasn't successful. In an effort to make money he turned back to his trade, pottery.

- In 1903, Charles opened a factory with his friend Sam Pedersen, The Sydney Pottery Works. They named the factory after Charles's first home. The Sydney Pottery Works was located on Great Eastern Highway.

- Charles Courtland was a Western Australian pioneer. He was one of the first people in the state to make pottery on a wheel.

- The Courtlands family remained in Belmont working at the factory until 1996.

Courtland Family in their garden at Belgravia Street.

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