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Belmont Museum

Belmont Pioneer: Charles Richard Courtland

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

- Like many boys, at just 14 years old Charles went to work.
  He learned how to make clay items, like pots.

- In the 1890s Charles moved to Western Australia searching for gold but he didn't find very much. In an effort to make money he turned back to making pots.

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

- Charles Courtland was a Western Australian pioneer. He was one of the first people 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.

Colour in the clay pots