



# The Genealogist

FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINE

Autumn 2024  
Vol. XVII, No. 9  
\$15.00

Official magazine of AIGS Inc. trading as Family History Connections



A portrait of Dr Alice Garner, a woman with curly grey hair and black-rimmed glasses, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

# 2024 Annual Lunch with Guest Speaker Alice Garner

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Box Hill Golf Club

**Dr Alice GARNER** is an historian and performer based at the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Education. Her historical research has ranged from 19th-century French history based on archival research to Australian 20th-century educational, cultural and labour history drawing on oral history.

Her 2001 PhD in French History from the University of Melbourne led to its publication with Cornell University Press. She was then commissioned to write a memoir of her undergraduate years, *The Student Chronicles* (MUP, 2006). More recently, she co-authored *Academic Ambassadors, Pacific Allies: Australia, America and the Fulbright Program* (Manchester University Press, 2019) with Diane KIRBY.

Alice is an experienced oral historian, and currently volunteers as President of Oral History Victoria. She has used oral history to research educational exchange, union education, workplace mentoring and biography. Some of her oral history interviews are held in National Library of Australia collections. She is currently researching the life and times of Mavis ROBERTSON AM (1930-2015) for an audio documentary series and was awarded an ANU Australian Studies Institute fellowship in 2022 to consult ROBERTSON's papers, and a National Library Fellowship in 2023 to draw on their rich oral history holdings.

Alice has worked as an actor since childhood, and is probably best known for her roles in *Love and Other Catastrophes*, *SeaChange* and *Secret Life of Us*. She recently performed as her ancestor Fanny FINCH in the historical play, *Finding Fanny*

**Alice will talk  
about oral history  
practice, drawing  
on her experience  
recording long  
whole-of-life and  
shorter project-  
based interviews.**

Finch, recognised in the 2021 Victorian Community History Awards and turned into a podcast on ABC RN's History Listen. She also plays cello in the alt-country trio Sunshine Tip, which just released its debut EP 'We were the endlings'.

**She will explore approaches to  
interviewing, how to ensure good  
quality audio recordings, and  
offer some ideas for preserving  
and presenting oral history.**

For reservations and further details, please contact the Office Manager (Mon – Wed) during office hours or by email to [info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au](mailto:info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

Dr Alice Garner | Continuing, Vocational and Educational Policy (CVEP) Research Hub | Melbourne Graduate School of Education

**The Genealogist Cover Image:** "Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland"  
Photographed by Darralyn Cusack

# The Genealogist

Vol XVII, No. 9 | Autumn 2024

## Contents

President's Report	2
A mystery solved	5
Leonard Alexander RIAL: An unlikely hero?	6
The day the war came to Kilsyth	10
Surnames and their meanings	12
Legacy Family Tree	14
Do you have family in Selkirk Scotland?	19
Interest Groups	20
About a cover: Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland	22
Letter From England	24
Charles Brooks: Convict & Brewer	26
Down the Rabbit Hole (A Condition of Family Research)	28
Cornwall Online Parish Clerks	29
Friends in other places	30
Renovare	31
New Resources	33





# President's Report

February can often be quiet as members start to return to their research after the January break. This year was an exception with several interesting events taking place.

The first was the two-day Irish research seminar presented by two research officers from the Ulster Historical Foundation, which is based in Belfast. Those of you who attended their seminar eight years ago, will know what informative and knowledgeable presenters Gillian HUNT and Fintan MULLAN are. What they don't know about Irish records is not worth knowing.

This time we formed a planning committee with representatives from the Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV). The Family History Connections (FHC) members on the committee were Russell COOPER, Lyn THORNE, Darralyn CUSACK and Stephen LOCKREY. The committee was very efficiently chaired by David DOWN, a past president of the GSV. It was decided to hold a two-day seminar on Sunday and Monday, 18th and 19th February at two different venues with two different programmes.

Participants were offered a discount for booking both sessions. The Sunday session was hosted by the GSV and held in the Docklands Library in the city; Monday was held in the Blackburn RSL hall and hosted by FHC.

Due to their careful planning and hard work, everything ran very smoothly on both days at the different venues. Fintan and Gillian were very pleased with all the arrangements. The participants came away with many new ideas to help with their Irish research and several people were able to spend a few minutes with either Gillian or Fintan who generously gave advice. The

Q&A sessions provided extra suggestions for research into more specific areas while not addressing any one family. The presentations could be summed up with this expression – they both have “the gift of the gab” and a great sense of humour!

## Council for 2023

### Executive

President	Gail WHITE
Vice President	Carolann THOMSON
Vice President	Gregor MASON
Treasurer	Ron GRIMES
Secretary	Pauline TURVILLE

### Responsibilities

Education	Gail WHITE
Interest Groups	Bronwen BENNETT
Magazine	Carolann THOMSON
Membership	Darralyn CUSACK
Network	Gary FITZGERALD
Events	Mary CLEARY
Resources	Gail WHITE
Social Media	Susan HURLEY
Volunteers	Wendy ELDRIDGE

An Honorary Life Membership was presented to David COTTON, after his nomination by the Bendigo Family History Group, approval by Council and approval by members at a General Meeting held via Zoom on 13th February. The award was presented to him at the Bendigo Group's Annual General Meeting held on 17th February in the Bendigo Library. David is only the 31st person to be an Honorary Life Member in the fifty years of the organisation. The citation for David's award reads as follows:

*David Cotton, Member Number 3118, joined the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies on 18 February 1989 at Hartwell. When the library moved to its current premises in Blackburn, David became the Research Team leader, and was also in charge of Library Assistant training. He and his wife Pat moved to Bendigo in 1996. As soon as he introduced himself to the Bendigo Family History Group as a retired bank manager, he was snapped up quickly for the position of*

### Other Responsibilities

Maintenance	John WISHART
Newsletter	Cheryl HEAZLEWOOD
Research	Diane PACKER
Website (General)	Linda FARRELL
Website (Members area)	Gary FITZGERALD

*Treasurer, from which he has now resigned after twenty seven years. Over the years he has held other executive positions on the committee. He was Area Coordinator from 2005 to 2009, and from 2001 he also became the Research Officer, which has been a passion ever since.*

*David has been active with his contacts in the community on behalf of the Bendigo Family History Group, being interviewed about their activities on the local ABC and Community Radio, along with interviews in the Bendigo Advertiser. It has been through his exploration that the Group has joined in many community promotions and made donations towards the restoration of the Vahland fountain in 2014; the restoration of the historic No. 7 tram in 2017; and the Bendigo Military Museum redevelopment in 2018. All these activities have helped increase the visibility of the Group in their community.*

*Over the past years David has given many talks about starting family history to local community groups. He spends many hours every week expanding family knowledge for the researchers who visit the Group in the Bendigo Library. With the research requests which come via email, David always goes beyond the question, finding some fascinating family stories and solving many mysteries in the process.*

*President's report continued over page>*



David Cotton receiving his Honorary Life Membership, with Gail White



VicGUM is a not for profit organisation which provides technical support to its members with their use of family history software.

VicGUM members receive a monthly newsletter, connection to Gumnet (which is a member's only web-based chat site) and ongoing technical support.

Our regular user group meetings for FTM and Reunion are now being held using Zoom.

This allows any interested member to log in. Monthly events are also scheduled to be held using Zoom. They will be recorded and will be viewable by members through the member's section of the website.

For details of member benefits visit the web site:

[www.vicgum.asn.au](http://www.vicgum.asn.au) and join on line

email: [info@vicgum.asn.au](mailto:info@vicgum.asn.au)

PO Box 509 Mooroolbark Vic 3138



## Alexander Henderson Award

For the best Australian family history



## Don Grant Award

For the best Australian historical biography with a family history focus

For details and application forms for these awards, please visit our website:

[www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.





Fintan (3rd from left at back) and Gillian (front, left) with members of the organizing committee from FHC & GSV at the Ulster Seminar.

## President's Report

Continued from page 3

*Many of these have been published in The Genealogist over the years. When he meets a new person, within five minutes he is mentally drawing up their family chart.*

*David has continued to be enthusiastic about family history and has been a great mentor for everyone in the Bendigo group. It is this sort of enthusiasm that has made the group so vibrant.*

Council was delighted to approve David's Honorary Life Membership and wish him well into the future. Readers will remember the many varied stories which David has contributed over the years.

New members were also welcomed into the Resource Centre at a morning tea in February, giving them an opportunity to share some of their research aims and brick walls and to meet like-minded people, all eager to uncover those missing relatives and their stories. Events such as these enable our members to meet socially and many a shared experience has revealed hints for further research as well as new friendships.

- Gail WHITE

## FHC Services Writing your Family History

Writing up your genealogical research is a big step but the members-only Write Now discussion group will help you make a start and provide encouragement along the way.

This informal group of beginning writers is guided by experienced authors keen to help you make the most of your research and ensure it is collated in a professional, engaging and informative way. Yes, you do need an index! Write the next Award-winning biography or family history. Join in today. New aspiring writers are always welcome.

Visit the FHC website [www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au), then choose **Interest Groups** for full information.

# A mystery solved

Kim CRANE

Several years ago my husband John CRANE, showed me a book that he had received when he was 13 years old. The book was *The Art of Cricket* by Donald BRADMAN. Inside the book was a slip of paper which read:

*To John,  
With Best Wishes,  
W M WOODFULL*

We knew that a WOODFULL was also a famous cricketer like BRADMAN but was this WOODFULL related or just a friend of the family with a great name? I vaguely remembered the name WOODFULL in his family tree and so my search began. My investigation turned up not one, but three famous sportsmen who were all descendants of the following couple.

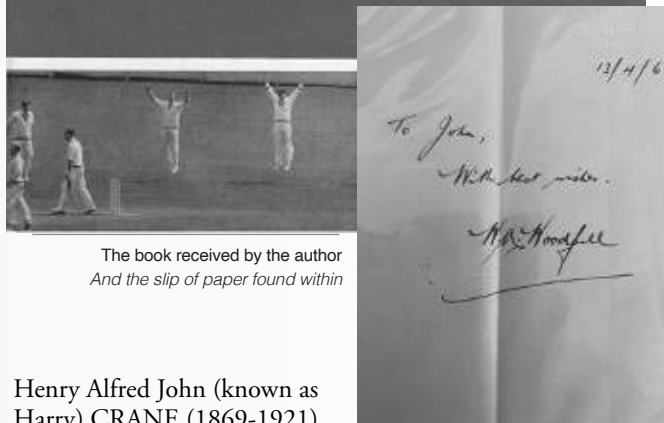
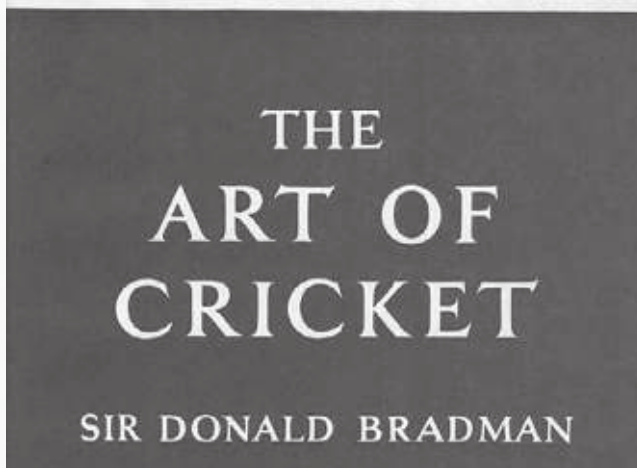
Josiah William BRITTINGHAM was born in 1801 in Briston, Norfolk on 31st December 1805 and died on 15th February 1885 in Newstead, Victoria. He married Cecelia BAYS, although I can't find any record of their marriage. They then left for Ontario, Canada and had 8 children there: Josiah William (1834-1890), Sarah (1835-1922), James (1837-1885), Elizabeth (1839-1841), George (1841), Samuel (1842-1920), Mary Ann (1849-1903) and Mercy (1852-1896). At some time between the birth of Mercy and that of their next daughter Cecilia (1858-1957) they moved to Muckleford, Victoria. I haven't been able to find any shipping records for them moving to Canada and then Australia, but various certificates have confirmed these places.

I then found Cecilia's Will which confirmed that her daughter Sarah had married a WOODFULL. Bingo! A starting point for my research and also confirmation of most of her children, except for two who had died at a young age.

Sarah married Thomas Staines WOODFULL, at the age of 20 in 1855 in Victoria and had five children, Thomas Staines Brittingham (1863-1941), William Henry (1866-1871), Ettie Amelia (1870-1944), Alfred Holmes (1875-1954), Mary Stapely (1860-1944) and Kathleen Elizabeth (1868-1931).

Thomas Staines Brittingham WOODFULL married Gertrude Lillian ABEY (1872-1941) in Deloraine, Tasmania in 1891 and they had 7 children, one of them being William Maldon WOODFULL (1897-1965) known as Bill WOODFULL, a famous cricketer who captained both the Victorian and Australian cricket teams and was part of the team during the controversial "bodyline" tactic used by the English cricketers. W M WOODFULL was the name on John's book! He was his second cousin once removed.

Sarah's brother Samuel BRITTINGHAM married Mary SUTTON (1850-1920) in South Yarra in 1872. They had nine children, William C (1873-1874), Percy (1874-1955), Ethel (1876-1878), Elsie (1878-1967), Sydney (1881-1886), Ernest (1884-1947), Stanley (1887-1970), Bessie (1896-1975) and Henry (1894-1976). Elsie BRITTINGHAM married



The book received by the author  
And the slip of paper found within

Henry Alfred John (known as Harry) CRANE (1869-1921) and they had seven sons, including twins who died in infancy. Harry CRANE played several games for Carlton in the late 1800s when Carlton first became part of the VFL (he's not one of the famous people). Their eldest son was Henry Keith CRANE (1900-1953) who is my husband's father and the youngest was Kenneth Leo CRANE (1917-2002), who is the father of Garry CRANE. Garry is a well-known Carlton footballer and was named in their team of the century. He is my husband's first cousin.

The last claim to fame is the grandson of Percy BRITTINGHAM, Elsie's brother. He married Rose SIMMONDS in 1897 and had three children: William Ernest (1898-1968), Elsie (1899-1970) and Samuel John (known as Jack) (1915-1978). William Ernest married Iris BUTTERS (1901-1988) in 1923 and they had two children William Basil (known as Bill) (1923-1996) and Edna (1924-2007). Bill became a three-time premiership player at Essendon FC in 1946, 1949 and 1950. His career spanned from 1943-1952 and he played at both full forward and full back during his career. He is my husband's second cousin.

Researching one thing takes you on so many twists and turns!

*Ed note: see The Genealogist Spring 2023, with Flinders Street Station clock tower on the cover; for further mention of Bill BRITTINGHAM in Eric PANTHER's series on growing up in Bendigo.*



# Leonard Alexander RIAL – an unlikely hero?

Fred FORD

Discovering our family hero was a deserter in the Great War was shattering. His life story and the investigations to vindicate his actions are worth sharing.

**Part 1-The beginning:** the year is 1893. Four Mile Creek is a sheep station twelve miles southeast of Germanton (later Holbrook) in southern NSW. Leonard Alexander RIAL becomes the fifth of eleven children born on the property to his loving parents Edith and George RIAL, married in Albury in 1887. The property measures 12,000 acres, established in the 1850's by Len's grandfather William RIAL, a convict transported to Australia in 1835 for stealing two gallons of cider from his employer in Worcester, England. The daub-and-wattle Four Mile Creek homestead and nearby outbuildings contain seven bedrooms and a schoolroom.

Young Len goes to Albury and the little Albury Public School for the last part of his primary education but his true love is to be at Four Mile Creek, riding around the farm, helping his brothers and father. George dies in 1906 aged 41 and his large family move into Albury in 1908. Len continues his schooling at Albury Grammar. He becomes one of the Coronation Cadets going to London for the coronation of King George V in June 1911. His letters to his mother are long, detailed and well written, the first indication of his literary ability. Returning home, Len, now 19 years old, takes a job as a clerk in the Union Bank in Albury.

In June/July 1914, the Great War breaks out in Europe. In early August, Britain declares war on Germany and therefore Australia follows suit. The declaration of Australia's involvement is met with great enthusiasm across the country. Len immediately resigns from his Albury bank job and takes the train to Sydney to enlist in the army, along with thousands of young men across the nation.

It is viewed by them as a great adventure. Len's enrolment form describes him as having a "*fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighing 147 pounds*". His four years' experience as a cadet is also mentioned. He is enlisted as a Driver, a rank similar to a Private, whose role is the control and care of the horses used for transporting guns, stores and ammunition.

The *HMAT Argyllshire*, along with 34 other ships, departs Sydney on 18 October 1914, loaded with large numbers of soldiers and horses, and heads to Albany WA, then north to Aden. Len's letters are addressed mainly to his mother Edith and brother Norman. Eventually the fleet reaches the coast of Egypt at Alexandria on 8 December 1914 where they are then transported to Mena Camp near Cairo. They will wait there, undergoing training, until 4 April 1915.



Leonard RIAL



Len being shaved at Mena Camp, using the Union Jack as a towel  
Len was in Mena Camp from December 1914 to April 1915





Heights of Gaba Tepe looking towards sea - British aeroplane ascending.



Rugae track & over Indian mule carts.



A view of beach from Gaba Tepe heights, a V.T. bomber on sight.



Courtney's post looking up from the foot of Monash Gully.



Monash Gully from Courtney's post.



View looking out to sea from Courtney's post - the big valley beneath is Monash Gully which runs into the sea at the foot of the hill.



Courtney's post taken from the top of the hill which we used to cover water.



Rest ledges on Courtney's



The firing line on Courtney's - one soldier is using a periscope rifle - the other a periscope.

Leonard RIAL's photographs and descriptions of wartime conditions

Finally, orders are given to embark. On 7 April, the troops and horses with their Drivers leave by ship for the island of Lemnos where they spend ten days practicing for the landings. On April 24, the day before the landings, Len on *HT Indian* is offshore at Gallipoli. The Drivers, on board with their horses, watch the artillery bombardments and wait, expecting to land on the narrow beach of the mountainous coast. But it is not to be. On 12 May, orders are given to return the Drivers and their horses back to Egypt. The terrain on Gallipoli is unsuited to horses. Donkeys and mules yes, horses, no.

In Egypt, the Drivers watch through May, June, and July as the hundreds of sick and wounded Australians evacuated from Gallipoli are returned for treatment. Frustration leaps out from Len's 20 August letter to his brother Norman at home

*"Alexandria is still very full of wounded men and as a result of the recent heavy attacks at Gallipoli they have been pouring in thicker than ever. The Dardanelles are costing Britain a deal more lives than ever she anticipated".*

And towards the end of the letter:

*"I will soon have to close but before doing so have got something to say which may be interesting. I fancy that I may get an opportunity of going across to Gallipoli before long and I'm going to push my chance for all it is worth. I'm sick of this column and if possible, I intend to get a transfer into the infantry where a fellow*

*may get a chance of seeing something. I don't intend mentioning it to Mother just yet, but I think you could say when writing home that I mentioned to you the probabilities of my going to the front at any time. After I get settled, I will write home then".*

Len's next letter to his brother, dated 9 September, is headed "The Trenches" and marks a major significant change in his circumstances, pivotal to this story. It is a short two-page letter in pencil and advises a change of address and unit. He also writes

*"However here I am old chap, well amongst the scrapping, and candidly speaking I at present at any rate feel far more contented than when I was in Egypt".*

And then

*"The trenches we are in possession of at this particular spot are less than a stone's throw from the Turks".*

He adds

*"...the range we occupy is a stiff climb".*

He also mentions the accuracy of the snipers and the need to keep one's head down.

*Continued over page>*

# Leonard Alexander Rial – an unlikely hero?

Continued from page 7

Subsequent letters home from Len on Gallipoli are less frequent, although photos he sends home show him at Quinn's Post, Courtney's Post, and Russell's Top. One letter, undated but thought to be early December 1915, vividly recounts the temporary truce some weeks before between the soldiers of both sides and the exchange of rations before resuming hostilities.

The evacuation of the Australian forces from Gallipoli begins on 12 December 1915, and Len returns to Egypt on 22 December. There he remains until March 1916 before being shipped to Marseille on the south coast of France. The troops travel by train north to Calais. He writes to his mother Edith from "Northern France" on 14 May 1916, the last letter that we have from him

*"At present I am principally engaged in looking after telephone lines in company with another chap. Just our own units of course and as there are plenty of them to take care of, a linesman's job is fairly busy. The lines go everywhere, across crops, fields, ditches, and hedges so the bikes are of little use in that connection".*

On 22 July 1916, a week after his 23rd birthday, Driver Leonard RIAL and two mates are killed by an exploding shell near Pozieres and they are buried together there. His death notice appears in the Albury Border Morning Mail on 8 August 1916. The letter from his C.O. to Len's mother after his death describes Len as "popular and fearless". His family are distraught. Their hero is dead.

**Part 2-The revelation:** It was May 2020. Twenty-six years after my mother had died in 1994 and I was finally writing a book on the history of our family, based largely on her old suitcase containing dozens of photos, documents and family memorabilia. In my book, Mum and her ten sisters and brothers were each to get two pages: two photos and then a one-page biography. I planned to give a special lengthy chapter devoted to Mum's brothers Len and Owen RIAL who both died in France during the Great War.

First step, research Len's war records on the National Archives of Australia (NAA) website. Then BANG! On page 4 of Len's 56-page army record the words **DESERTER**, **EGYPT** in very clear red ink. One of our two family heroes? A deserter? With all its associated inferences of cowardice and disloyalty to his mates? Devastation.....Disbelief..... Disillusionment. This cannot be true....

What to do with the information? Nobody in our family knows. Maybe it is better to leave it alone; let sleeping dogs lie? Just write the original two pages and forget about the special chapter? A week passed before my decision was made. I could not leave it like that; there must be more to the story.

The search for an explanation began with reading Dianne de BELLIS' excellent 2014 Ph.D. thesis "Stories of Australian

*Deserters in World War One*". More research before a huge breakthrough. I contacted an eminent university history professor with a deep knowledge of the Great War. He responded quickly and enthusiastically, dispelling my depression and negativity. He suggested that this may have been one of those rare instances of an Australian soldier "deserting to the front" and urged me to search the individual war diaries of the 1<sup>st</sup> AFA Brigade Ammunition column in the Australian War Memorial records.

The search was time-consuming and complicated but eventually, there it was. In pencil: a list of the names of 27 men who in the month of August 1915, had been "*absent without leave – believed to have gone to the front*", signed by C.O. Major Horace KINGSMILL. And one of them was Driver Leonard RIAL. Cautious optimism! It was slowly beginning to make sense.

On page 44 of his 56-page army record, it states that Len was subject to a Court of Inquiry (CI, similar to a Court Martial but for lesser offences) in September 1915. He was charged with breaking camp and being absent without leave from 30th August until 8th September 1915. Len received a sentence of FP2 (Field Punishment No. 2), his wages docked and several other restrictions. A tiny slap on the knuckles compared to the harsh penalties usually handed down for Desertion. Photos received by Len's sisters showed that between October and December, Len was fighting at ANZAC locations such as Quinn's Post, Courtney's Top and Russell's Top. He returned to Egypt on 22nd December at the end of the Gallipoli evacuation.

But to be labelled a "Deserter"? This young man, one of 27 (22 were Drivers) had somehow managed to get from Egypt to Gallipoli. How did he get there? The only possibility was a long journey by ship.

The next clue came thanks to Trove. In late 1915, Keith MURDOCH, the Australian Special War Correspondent, wrote several fascinating articles in the Melbourne *Herald* newspaper concerning his experiences during his short time on the Gallipoli Peninsula and the Australian soldiers fighting there. An article, published on 11 November 1915, leapt out at me. Headed "*To Lie Beside A Pal Preferred To Safe Post*", in part it read

*"Tales of hardship from Anzac act more as a magnet than as a repeller. There are magnificent cases of men left in charge of horses or for base duties at Alexandria, stowing away on transports in order that they might reach their comrades...I have met some of these - a bright youthful group of fourteen on a troopship, all artillery drivers, who could no longer stand the shame of having been left out. They made a vivid impression amongst the British troops on board, so keen were they for battle, so frank and sincere in their statements that they had lost so many good pals in Anzac, that to die and lie beside them would be for them a holy ending".*





Ground held by the Turks  
in front of Courtney's



Our rest bldgs. on Courtney's  
Post - famous Chest  
board Turkish trenches in  
distance.



Turkish Trenches on Courtney's



Jack Lames + self after  
several days in the trenches



Church service behind the  
firing line - Courtney's  
Post.



Jack Lames at work with  
a periscope. - Courtney's



Turkish Trenches in front  
of Courtney's



Sikh - his mules at  
Ayaz.

Leonard RIAL's photographs and descriptions of wartime conditions

Next step: examine the NAA records of all the 27 young men who went to Gallipoli in August 1915. Eighteen were subject to Court of Inquiry and found guilty of Desertion but for nine of them, there was no CI and no finding of Desertion. It was war and the inconsistency is sad though understandable. Finally among them was the record of Walter BROOKSBANK. In 1967 Walter wrote to Central Army Records in Melbourne when applying for his ANZAC Medallion. About the events of 1915 he wrote

*"Along with about a dozen other Drivers, I stowed away in the Transport 'Beltana' and arrived at ANZAC on 1<sup>st</sup> September. On the following day we were reattached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> B.A.C."*

The search was over. Was Len's action one of Desertion? Technically perhaps yes but his motivation was honourable and brave beyond words. I wish I had known Len. He must have been a ripping young man and he is more than ever our hero.

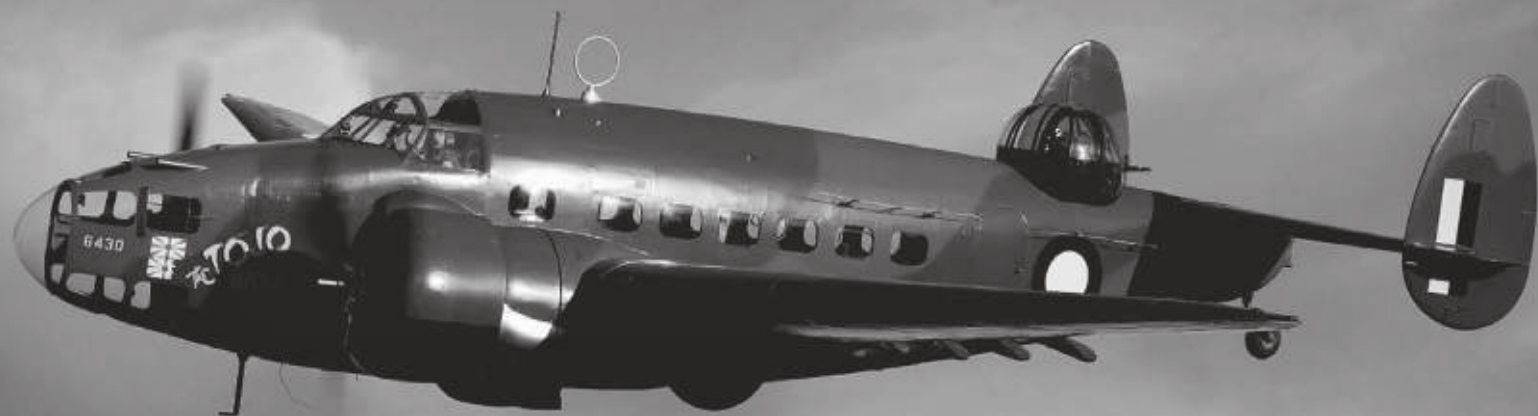
Rest In Peace, Len.  
Lest We Forget.

*Author's note: This article was submitted to the Family History Society, ACT for their E.M.Fletcher writing competition. There were 109 entries and while this one did not win, it was a great experience to record the life of my wonderful Uncle, Len RIAL.*



A young Leonard RIAL





RAAF Hudson A16-139

Retrieved from <https://www.airforce.gov.au/community/event-participation/air-force-heritage-aircraft-fleet/lockheed-hudson>

# The day the war came to Kilsyth

Lynda REID

The Lockheed Hudson airplane has been described by the Australian War Memorial as the workhorse of the RAAF. While the Spitfire captured the imagination of the populace during WWII, the Hudson could be used as a transport, a bomber, or for reconnaissance. They could be adapted to carry lifeboats for rescues. In between January 1940 and May 1942, the RAAF received 247 craft from America.

On Thursday 26th March 1942, a RAAF Hudson A16-139 of the 7th squadron flying with 2 or 3 others on a seaward training mission became lost in bad weather. Visibility was poor, and their fuel was low. Hoping to land at Laverton Airfield, the pilot Flying Officer A. E. ADAMS put his head out the window to search for familiar landmarks. He saw large gum trees and pulled the plane up but clipped the top of one. It is reported that he saw a paddock ahead through a gap in the clouds and decided to land there.

The plane apparently clipped a pine tree then slid on its fuselage across a paddock coming to rest against two large pine trees near a farmhouse. The plane and its occupants were a long way from Laverton because the paddock was in Kilsyth, a sparsely populated farming area near the outer eastern township of Croydon. Fifty years later, the pine trees bearing the scars of the crash were still standing.

Fortunately, only one airman was injured: Pilot Officer Brian HANCOCK had badly bruised ribs, whilst the Pilot ADAMS and Sergeants B. R. BRIGHT and B.K. CHANDLER escaped unscathed. The RAAF report indicated that there was no need to inform the next-of-kin.

One of the other Lockheed Hudson planes made it back to

NAA: 1705, 163/35/172

Laverton but crash-landed on the airfield fortunately without injury. Of course, being wartime, the papers were not allowed to report the incidents.

The people of Croydon had heard the plane circling overhead, looking for a safe landing for some time before the



**SECRET** R.A.A.F. Form PT.81 (NOVEMBER 1941)

**PRELIMINARY REPORT (INTERNAL) OF FLYING ACCIDENT OR FORCED LANDING**

Air Force Orders (10/D/2 & 18/E/1) Serial No. **877** Period: **1941/42**

(a) AIRCRAFT:	Type: Number:	HUDSON A16-139
(b) UNIT:	No.7 Squadron.	
(c) LOCALITY:	Place: Date: Time:	KILSYTH, near Croydon 25.3.42 1400 hrs. E.A.S.T.
(d) PILOT:	Rank: Name: Condition:	Flying Officer A. E. ADAMS. Normal.
(e) CREW:	Rank: Name: Condition:	Pilot Officer B. L. HANCOCK - Probable injured No.407841, Sgt. BRIGHT, B.R. - Normal. No.21351, Sgt. CHANDLER, B.K. - Normal.
(f) NATURE OF ACCIDENT:	Forced landing.	
(g) PROBABLE CAUSE:	Weather conditions, bad rain and low visibility.	
(h) EXTENT OF DAMAGE:	Airframe:	Information will be forwarded when aircraft inspected.
	Engine:	

Date: **27.3.42.**

Copies for information to:  
C.A.S.  
A.M.P.  
A.M.O.E.  
Secretary, AIR BOARD  
D. Production  
D.M.S.  
D.T.S.  
I.A.A.  
D.T.  
D.S.D.  
File (D.T.)

*R. R. M. Smith*  
Air Commodore,  
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

NAA: A9845, 136 p35

crash at 2pm. My grandfather told my father when he got home from school, to ride his bike out to Kilsyth to see the site. He can still remember the furrows across the paddock, and the damage to the leading edge of the wings caused by the impact with the pine trees. It was obvious that the pilot had struggled to stop the plane from hitting the farmhouse. By the time Dad had got there, crew were starting to dismantle the twin tail fins on the plane. He said it was the first time he had ever seen a Phillips head screwdriver!

My grandfather, William James BURNS was the doctor in Croydon. He attended the crash site and brought two of the uninjured airmen home, prescribing hot sweet tea as the best treatment for shock. I imagine them sitting around my grandmother's table drinking cups of tea and eating her homemade biscuits. Did they have to wait for officials to arrive out from Laverton?

Anyway, they were so grateful for the hospitality shown to them that they returned later and gave my 5-year-old aunt a gift of a chocolate parrot. This was wartime and chocolate was rationed – truly a special gift. The parrot itself was so beautiful however, that Yvonne could never bring herself to eat it, so it has lived in her fridge ever since!



Yvonne's Chocolate Parrot

## References

- <https://www.airforce.gov.au/community/event-participation/air-force-heritage-aircraft-fleet/lockheed-hudson>
- [australianaviation.com.au/2022/08](https://www.austliianaviation.com.au/2022/08)

- <https://www.ozatwar.com/ozcrashes/vic92.htm>
- NAA: A705, 163/35/172
- NAA: A9845,136 Lockheed Hudson accidents (part 3) pg 35

# FHC Services “ANCESTRY” Data Entry

Minimum 2 hours • \$25/hour members • \$40/hour non-members

Have you purchased your own copy of Ancestry but not yet entered all or any of your family details?

Unsure of where to start, how much to add and what data goes where? Let our team do it for you. The researcher will require Editorial rights (from you) to complete your entries. Entering the correct data for a big family is a long process and you must be prepared for the time this will take. Add branches as your budget allows and share your data with family in Australia and beyond.

Visit the FHC website [www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au), then choose **Research** for full information and application forms.

# Surnames and their meanings

James A BAINES

Large numbers of migrants from Germany arrived in South Australia from the 1840s, first brought through the initiative of George Fife ANGAS. They eventually spread beyond the borders of that colony, in particular to the Wimmera in Victoria as well other groups such as in Holbrook NSW and Grovedale Victoria (each formerly known as Germantown) and Bundaberg in Queensland. Up until the 1920s, surnames with German origin outnumbered all others of foreign background. They were gradually surpassed by names with Italian and Greek origin as migration from Europe increased after WW2.

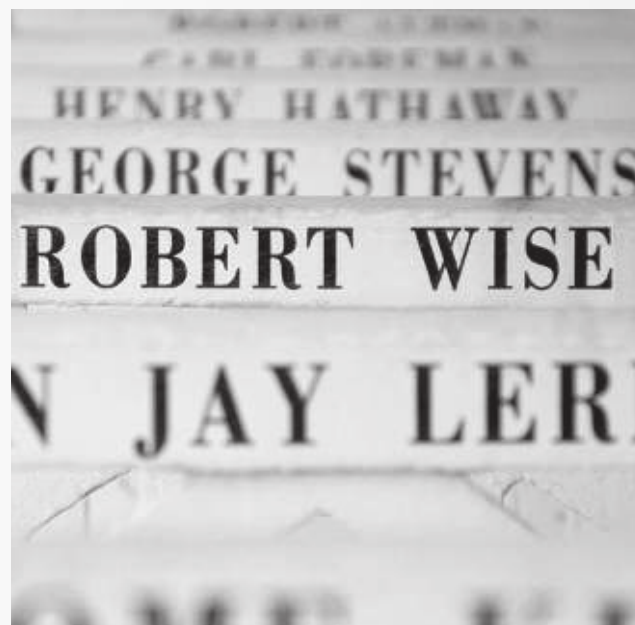
Surnames may be categorized by being occupational, topographical, filial, or from nicknames. Some examples of European surnames and their meanings are listed here, divided by their country of origin and category. The hundreds of variations in spelling which abound today cannot be addressed succinctly. The origins of your particular surnames and the many and varied ways to spell each example are all part of the obstacles which will likely tantalise and frustrate you for years to come.

## Examples of occupational surnames:

*(Germanic)* BAUMGARTNER (orchardist, literally a tree-gardener), FIEDLER (a fiddler), FISHER (fisherman), KLEMPERER (a tinker or tinsmith), MAHLER (a painter), PFITZNER (a pumper of water), SCHNEIDERHAN (John the tailor), SCHUMANN (a shoemaker), SCHUBERT (originally SCHUHWIRT, a shoemaker), TAUBER (a pigeon-fancier, dove breeder also a trumpeter or any “blowing” musician), WAGNER (a waggoner or coach-builder), WEBER (a weaver), WEINGARTNER (a vigneron, literally a wine gardener), KREISLER (a hair-cutter), BACKHAUS (a bake house, used for a baker), BAUER (a peasant farmer), BURGMANN (a castle guard), FLEISHER (a butcher, literally a flesh-man), FORSTER (a forester), MUELLER (a miller), NAGEL (a nail maker, hence also English surnames such as NAYLOR and NAISMITH), SCHMIDT (a smith), SCHNEIDER (a tailor), SCHREIBER (a writer or scribe), SCHULTZ (a village magistrate), TEPPER/TOPFER (a potter), TAPPER (a barman), ZIMMERMAN (a carpenter).

*(Italian)* PELLEGRINI (pilgrim), PALMIERI (palmer), MURATORE (mason or bricklayer), GIUDICE (judge), PANETTIERE/PANETTIERI (baker), TESORIERO (treasurer or bursar), FABBRO/FABBRI (smith), MAGNANA/MAGNANI (locksmith), OREFICE (goldsmith), CRIVELLI (a maker of sieves).

*(Spanish)* ARQUILLA (one who operated a kiln), CARRETERO (a carter), CARNICERO (a butcher), CABALLERO (a horseman), GONZALES/GONZALEZ (a metal-worker or smith), GUERRERO (a warrior), HERRERO/HERRERA (an iron-worker or smith), PANADERO (a baker), PINTO (a painter), ZAPATA/ZAPATERO (a shoemaker).



*(Dutch)* ACKERMAN/AKKERMAN (ploughman; akker meaning field), BAKKER/BEKKER (baker), BLOEM/BLOM (flower-farmer), DEKKER (roofer or tiler), KETELAAR (boiler-maker), KOOPMAN (merchant), KORVEMAKER (basket-maker), KOSTER (verger or sexton), KRAMER/KREMER (a pedlar or hawker), KRUGER/KROGER (a publican).

## Examples of topographical surnames:

*(Germanic)* BACK (dweller by the brook), BEETHOVEN (of the beet farm), BRUCKNER (dweller by the bridge), BRUCH (swamp or bog, also broken ground), HADYN (an Austrian form of HEIDEN, a dweller on the heath), HAMMERSTEIN (hammer stone), OFFENBACH (from Offenback near Frankfurt-am-Main, an open brook), SCHONBERG (beautiful mountain), BECKLER (dweller by a little brook), EICHLER (dweller by an oak tree), FALSTEIN (fallen stone), HAGUENAUER (inhabitant of Hagenau, Bavaria), HALLENSTEIN (porch-stone or hall-stone), Von HUGEL (of the hill), KAVEL (a dweller near the boundary), KLEINECKE (small corner), KRAEHENBUEL (crow's hill), ROSENTHAL (rose dale), SCHILDBERGER (a man from the Shield Mountain).

*(Italian)* ROMA/ROMANO/ROMANELLI (from Rome), NAPOLI/NAPOLITANO (from Naples), GENOVESES (from Genoa), MILANO/MILANI/MILANA/MILANESE (from Milan), VENEZIA/VENEZIANO (from Venice), PISA/PISANI/PISANO (from Pisa), FIORENTI/FIORENTINI/FLORENTINO (from Florence), BOLOGNA/BOLOGNINI (from Bologna), MANTOVANI (from Mantua), VERONESE (from Verona), PADOVANI (from Padua), PUGLIESE (from



Apulia), PALERMO, MESSINA, SALERNO, TARANTO, BARASSI (from BARASSO in Lombardy), LATORRE (the tower), GIARDINA (garden).

(*Spanish*) CAMPO (in the field), CASTILLO/CASTRO (servant in or dweller near a castle), DELMAR (of the sea), FLORES (dweller among the flowers), MENDOZA (from Mendoza in cold high mountains), SILVA (the forest), SIMA (a hole in the ground or the top of a hill), RIO/RIOS/DEL RIO (of the river), VARGAS (from Vargas, also meaning a steep hill), VASQUEZ (from Basque country), VEGA (a meadow), VILLA (a large estate).

(*Dutch*) van de BEEK (of the brook), van den BERG (of the mountain), BERGHUIS (mountain house), BOS/BOSCH (forest or wood), BRUGGE/ter BRUGGE (at the bridge), BUITENKAMP (outside the camp), van DIJCK/van DYCK (of the dike, bank or dam), EIKENHOUT (oak wood), van VLIET (of the brook), van VOORST (of the forest), VRIES/de VRIES (from Friesland/Friesian Islands), van WINCKEL (of the corner).

#### Examples of filial surnames:

(*Germanic*) BRAHMS (son of Abraham), GIESEKING (of the family of GIESKE), HANDEL (little Hans), HEINZE (affectionate form of Heinrich or little Henry), HUMPERDINCK (of the family of HUMBERT), MENDELSSOHN (son of Mendel, a short form of Immanuel/Emanuel), MARTENS (son of Martin), MICHAELIS (son of Michael), NITSCHKE (little Nicholas), PHILLIP (the German form of Philip, Greek for horse-lover), SALLMAN (German-Jewish form of Salomon or Solomon).

(*Italian*) GIACOMO, GIACOMETTI, GIACOMAZZI, GIACOMI, GIACONE, GIACON, GIACOMINI, GIACOMELLI, GIACOMOTTO, GIACOTTO, GIACOMINATO, GOACOMELLO, GIACOBBA, GIACOBBE, GIACOPPO, GIACOMOLO, GIACOMUZZO, GIACOMUSSO, GIACCARINI, GIACONELLI, GIACOPONE, IACCARINO, IACINO, IACOBACCI, IACOBACCIO, IACOBOZZI, IACOBUCCI, IACOMINI, IACONO, IACOVELLA, IACOVELLI, IACOVINO, IACUONE, JACOBI, JACONO, JACOVELLI are some of the various forms of James (from the Hebrew for Jacob); DI CESARE (son of Caesar), DIPIETRO (Peter's son), TOMASETTI (little Tom), FRANZI, FRANCESCHI, FRANCESCA, FRANCESCHINI are various forms of Frank or Francis; FILIPPONE (from Philip), GIULIANI/GIULIANI (from Julian), GIUSEPPINI (from Joseph).

(*Spanish*) DIAZ (a form of Diego meaning James), ALVARES (son of Alva, also white), GARCIA (form of Gerald, also firm spear), HERNANDEZ (son of Hernando or Ferdinand), MARTINEZ (son of Martin), MERCURIO (from the god Mercury), RODRIGUEZ (son of Rodrigo, a form of Roderick), SANCHEZ (son of Sancho or Sanctus, the holy one).

(*Dutch*) ALBERTS, ARENDS, ARENDSSEN, BERENDS, BERENDSEN, BRAAM/BRAAMS (son of Abraham), HENDRIKS/HENDRIKSEN/HINDRIKS, JANSSEN/JANSZON (son of John), KLAASSEN/KLAASSENS (son of Nicholas), TASMAN, WILLEMS/WILLEMSSEN.

#### Examples nicknames in surnames:

(*Germanic*) ADLER (eagle), FRIML/FRIMMEL/FROMMEL (pious one), GLUCK (good luck, happiness), FRIND/FREUND (friend), KERN (hero), REGER (a long lean man), SCHNABEL (beak), SCHWARZKOPF (a dark-haired person), STRAUSS (ostrich), WOLF (having the characteristics of a wolf), ALT (old), BEITZEL (literally little biter), EBELING (diminutive of EBERHARD meaning strong as a boar), FINK (finch), GRAMP (a small man, stunted in growth), GSELL (comrade), HAHN (rooster), HART (hard), HAASE (hare), KATER (tom-cat), KLUG (wise), KRAFT/KREFFT (strength), LEICHHARDT (body-hard), PREISS (worthy of praise), RESCH (quick, lively), ROTH (red), SPECHT (woodpecker), STAHL (steel), STOLLE (lump, block), STOLZ (proud), STUBENRAUCH (room-smoke), SUSSKING (sweet child), VOGEL (bird), VOSS (a form of FUCH or fox), WITTENOOM (wise uncle), WINDERLICH (rare and charming, literally wonderly), ZORN (anger), ZWAR (sure).

(*Italian*) BEVILACQUA (water drinker), MANGIAMELE (honey-eater), MANGIAFICO (fig-eater), MAGGIORE (bigger), LO PICCOLO (the little one), BELLOFIORE (beautiful flower), BOVO (ox), CAPRA (goat), PECORE (sheep), PORCO (pig), TORTORELLO (turtle dove), GAZZA (magpie), GRIFONE (vulture), CAGNI (dog), ORSI/ORSELLI (bear), CAVALLO (horse), TROTTA (trout), LUPINO (wolf), VESPI (wasp), ZANZARA (mosquito), POLVERE (dust or gunpowder), GOBBI (hump-backed).

(*Spanish*) DUARTE (rich or guardian), FIGURA (one with unusual face or appearance), LOPEZ (wolf), MORENO (having a dark complexion), PARDO (grey-haired), PINTO (one with a scar or blemish), RENO (reindeer), ROMERO (pilgrim), PELAYO (hairless), VELASQUEZ (slow, sluggish or weak person), ESPINOSA (spiny or thorny).

(*Dutch*) BEZEMBINDER (broom-maker), BOER/de BOER (farmer), BOOMGAARDEN (orchardist), BOOTSMAN (boatman or boatswain), BOUWMAN/BOUMAN (a builder's labourer), BOUMEESTER (master builder or architect), BROUWER (brewer), FABER (smith), FOKKER (cattle-breeder), GROOT/de GROOT (big, tall), JONG/de JONG (young), LEEUW (lion), VOS (fox), WIT/de WIT (white).

(*Parts of this article first appeared in The Genealogist, Vol 1, Nos 5, 6 & 7*)

# Legacy Family Tree

Lesle BERRY

There are 2 versions of Legacy Family Tree. A free version and a 'full' paid version. The main difference between the two are the printing options.

As with most genealogical programs you start with a person, add children/parents and go from there. People can be added in the Family View or Pedigree View.

To access the views use the **Tabs** at the top of the screen view.

**Family View** shows parents, children, grandparents.

**Pedigree View** shows ancestors of an individual.

Descendant View shows all descendants.

**Chronology View** shows all the details of an individual.

**Index View** shows a list of all individuals in your file.

To change the information shown click on the column headings in Descendant and Index Views.

## Customize the program

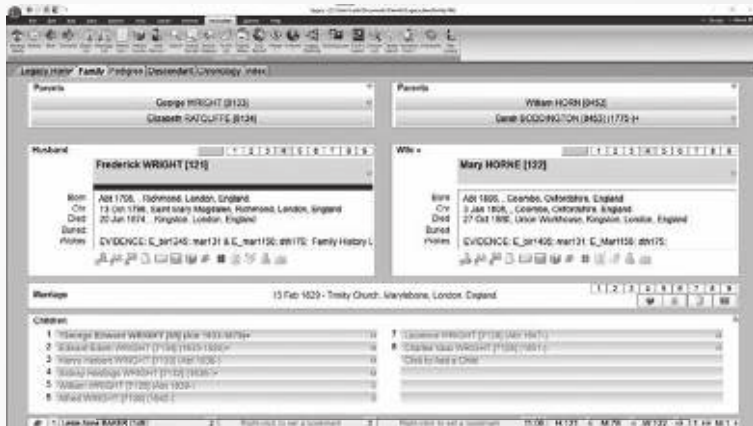
Click on the **Customize** button on the Options Toolbar. Here you make adjustments to how you use the program. For a full list of options and where to find the setting click [Options Index](#) at the bottom of the list.



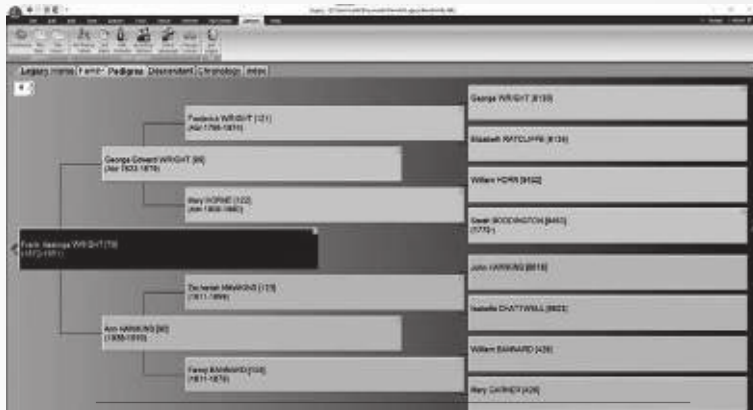
Customize the program's operation by adjusting a variety of parameters

## Ribbon Toolbars

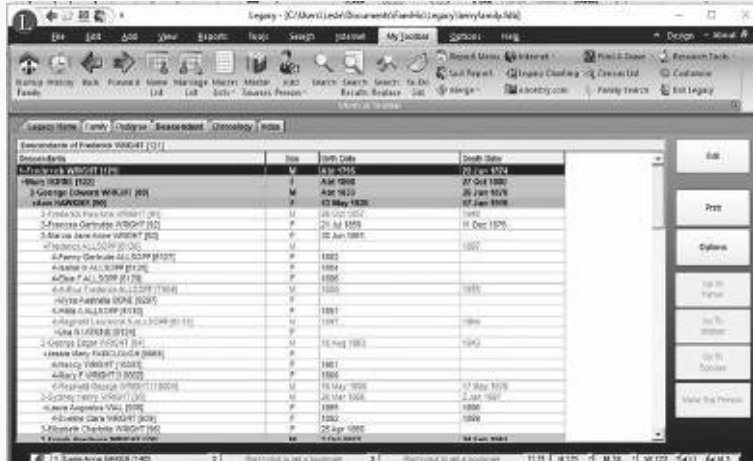
To change the look of the Ribbon Toolbars click on **Design** in top right hand corner. Just to the right of the word Design is an arrow. If facing up the Ribbons will show. If facing down they do not show until you click on the menu words at the top. You can also change the colour scheme from this button.



## Family view



Pedigree view



Descendant view



Chronology view



## My Toolbar

You can set the program to open with your preferred toolbar. The "My Toolbar" on the ribbon can be customized to have those links you use most frequently.



My Toolbar customization screen

At the top it will show the icons you have chosen.

- To remove an icon from the toolbar, click on it and drag it to the blank area below.
- To change the order of the icons, simply click and drag to desired position.
- To reset to default, use the Reset Default button.
- To add an icon, click on the available icon required and drag it to the position where you want it to show.

## Status Bar

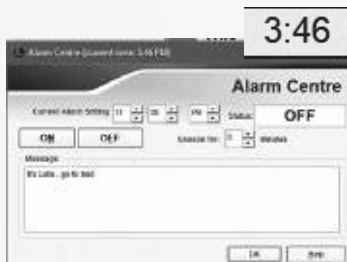
The Status Bar is located at the bottom of the Main Application window and contains the following areas:

### QuickBookmarks

These can be used to set three frequently used individuals that are always visible.

### Current Time and Alarm

To the right of the help message area, the current time is displayed. If you click on the time, Legacy pops up the Alarm Center where you can set an alarm time and message.



H:9342 ± M:2767 ± W:9343 ±

### ID Numbers

The identification numbers for the husband, the marriage and the wife are displayed here. If you know the ID number for an individual you want to display, you can click on a number and then enter the ID you want to see.

### Modification Date

When you hover to the right of the ID numbers it shows the date of the last modification to the current individual. If you click on the area, a window displays showing the last modification date, the date the record was originally added and whether the record was imported, for the husband, the marriage and the wife.



## Search Options

From the search screen you can:

### Query by Example

Fill in any field information you want to search for

### Detailed Search

Select the type of Individual, choose the field to be searched, then How to Look, (Equal To, Not Equal To, Before and After, (for finding dates) Contains, Starts With, Sounds Like, Wildcard.

### Miscellaneous

Various categories of search

### Missing Sources

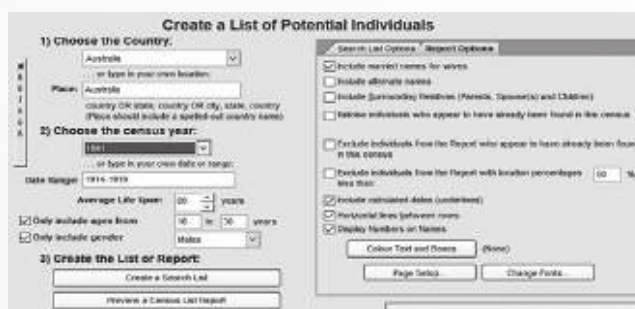
Search for sources to specific source types

### Missing Information

Check box/boxes to do a list of missing information

### Census List

This allows you to search for a specific country, date range, age and gender. The following criteria would give you a list of all males in Australia 1914-1918 between 16 and 30 years of age. This is a list of possible men who enlisted in WWI.



Create List detailed screen

## Options for Search List

### One at a Time

Shows first individual who meets the criteria in the current Family or Pedigree View; press F3 to move to the next person matching the search. Shift-F3 moves backwards through the group.

### Creating a List

Create a list containing all the individuals who match the search criteria, you can either begin a new list, add to an existing list or search a previously created search result group.

### Clear List before this search

Clears any existing search list before doing the current search. The resulting search list will only contain the people from the current search.



### Add results to existing List

Any previous search list is kept and the current search results are added to it, allows you to combine two or more subsets of people into one list.

### Only search the Search List

Restricts search to existing search list.

# Legacy Family Tree

Continued from page 15

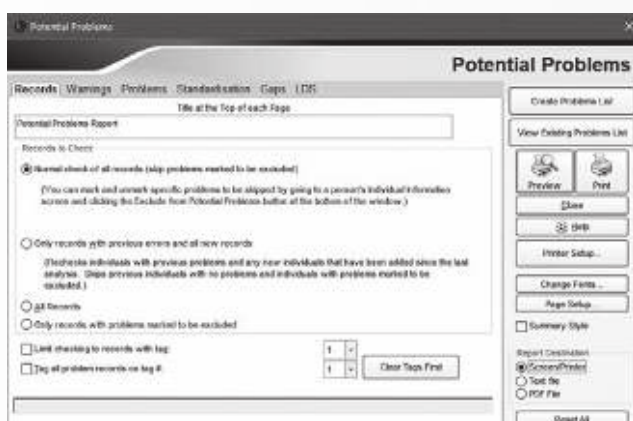
## Tools

### Set Relationships

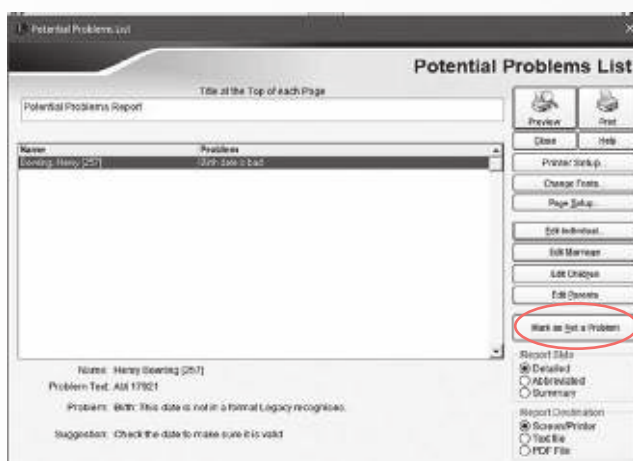
Select an individual and choose how to show relationships. You can also adjust colour of background and text.

### Potential Problems

You can adjust many parameters that will be used to list problems. You can also exclude an individual issue. If there is a problem a red exclamation mark will show next to the name.



Run a conflict diagnostic through the Potential Problems panel, configuring parameters to target specific issues



Where necessary, override conflicts with the above button: "Mark as Not a Problem".

Click on it to see what the 'problem' is. Adjust if necessary. If, however, it is correct click on 'Mark as not a problem'. This is particularly helpful when you have a child born before a marriage or a big break between children.

### Advanced Tools

Here you can utilize Tags. These can help with selecting a specific group, a search list or other options.

## Search

There are many options to use to search, you can also create a search list and then search within the result list.

## Merge

It can be easy at times to add duplicates, it is also possible that the program will list people who are not duplicates. This can happen when a parent and child have the same name and the dates are not shown on one of them. Under the options button you can exclude that combination as a duplicate and it will not appear in the merge list.

You can

- Do a manual merge
- Find duplicates
- See the list of excluded individuals, and remove them if you made an error

## Events

An Event can cover many things pertaining to the individual or extended family. A census record can be attached with the head of the house and 'shared' with other family members. There is a list of default events but this can be added to or edited to suit your records. For example I added the date to the UK census events. This was simply because I could not remember the date and it made it much easier to use the Event. Try to give enough detail to allow the source to be found again if necessary.

## Locations

By default the program uses 4 levels for places. So that would be: Blackburn, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

I strive to keep the 4 levels and do that by adding a comma if I only have 3 levels, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. In this way my location lists use a place name only once. You can adjust how they sort to suit your preference. If you are consistent with place names as you start to type a place it will automatically complete. You can see all individuals who have a place name, tag, check and/or print. You can also print a complete list of place names, with or without the individuals associated with that place, but this can be many pages.

## File Maintenance

It is a good practice to regularly run File Maintenance. You will find this on the File Menu.

## Check and Repair

While the check/repair is running just leave it alone. Sometimes it can take several minutes to run. If there are errors Legacy will ask you if you want to see the error log. You always want to look at it to see what is there.

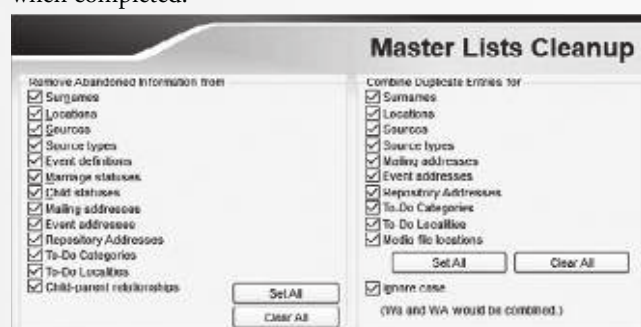
Always run the Check/Repair twice. Most of the errors you see on the log file are ones that Legacy has already fixed. The next time you do the Check/Repair it should come back



clean. If it doesn't, that is when you need to print the log file and address the errors. You will be given RIN and MRIN numbers to find the person(s) with the error(s). After you have addressed them, run the Check/ Repair again to make sure it comes back clean.

### List Cleanup

This will remove duplicates, mke sure you check the log file when completed.



Perform file-wide tidying with specific targets

### Compact Family File

This is like a Windows defrag.

### Set File Sorting Order

Ts different countries vary in sorting order this allows you to choose how to sort.

### Rebuild Source Citations

This is important if you use citations with links to FamilySearch.

### Icon Toolbars on Individuals

If an icon is coloured on an individual then it has been used for that person. The red dot means there is a shared event.



### Right to left

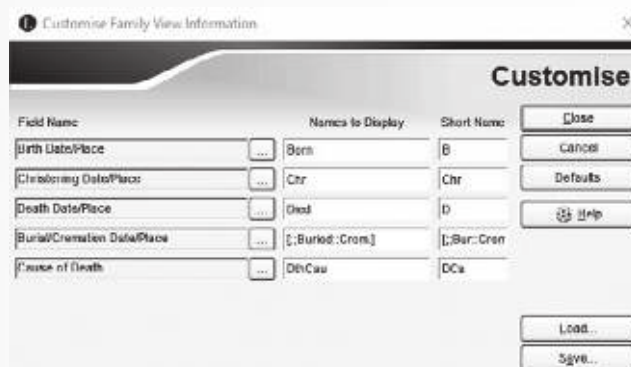
Spouse, parents, siblings, notes, stories, media gallery, sources, aka (other names), hashtags, events, to do list, research guidance. If the To-Do icon has an "O" on it, there are Open research or correspondence items existing for this person.

### Customize the Family View

By defaults the field on an individual are, Born, Chr, Died, Buried Death Cau.

These are customizable, simply click on the area and this screen will show. To change one of the fields click the little square to the right that has the ... in it and select what you want to see.

You can save up to ten layout lists you might like to use. Once you have saved layouts clicking on the shown list will allow to choose from your saved lists.



Customize the viewable fields in the Family View Customise Section

### Rotating through family members

- Clicking in the space between the Husb and Wife displays the next sibling of the current person (whoever is highlighted).
- Clicking in margin to the left of the Husb switches to his next spouse.
- Clicking in margin to the right of the Wife switches to her next spouse.
- Clicking to the left or right of the Child List box moves the Preferred child (usually direct-line) up to the main Husb/ Wife position.
- Right-click on the relationship text lets you set the text color and background color of the relationship wording. If you are using a textured background for the Family View, you can set the relationship text background to transparent.
- Right-click on an individual to get a list of available options.

### The Customize Window

The Customize window in *Legacy* is provided to allow the user to customize the program to his/her own preferences. The Customize screen is reached by choosing Customize from the Options tab on the Ribbon bar. The Customize screen is displayed, where you can make many types of changes to the program interface and appearance. Following is a brief description of each tab. Click the corresponding link to view a full description of each section.

#### 1. General Settings

How would you like the program to look when started? Should the main window be maximized? Which view would you like to see? Which family file should open? Who should

*Continued over page>*

# Legacy Family Tree

Continued from page 17

be displayed? How would you like the surnames formatted? Do you want birth-death years added to names? How many columns of children should appear? What kind of pop-up help do you want to see?

## 2. Data Entry

Control how you enter things on the screen. These include verification of new names and locations, jumping directly to notes after entering information, who is presumed to be dead, text formatting codes, the behavior of the Enter key, field highlighting behavior, and ancestral and descendant interest fields.

## 3. Data Format

Control how things look on the screen. These include letter case formatting of names and locations, child list indicators, living indicators, christening terms, and potential problem indicators.

## 4. Data Defaults

Set the default behavior when entering information. These include living defaults, note types, reuse of RINs and MRINs, default latitude and longitude directions, character ribbon settings, units of measurement, and time format.

## 5. Dates

Legacy supports many different formats for both inputting and displaying dates in the program. You can enter dates in almost any conceivable format and they are reformatted to a consistent format of your selection. You can also include several prefix modifiers including Before, After, About, Between, Circa, BC, and AD. Legacy also recognizes several abbreviations of these modifiers.

## 6. Locations

Set or change the default locations of your family files, media files and temporary files.

## 7. Sources

Choose settings for AutoSource, Source Surety, and whether or not to print Master Source and Detail Source text and comments on reports.

## 8. View

Choose options for how things look on the screen. These include birth-death range at the end of names, RINs, AFNs or IDs at the end of names, showing ancestor colors, short location names, how many columns of children to display, user interface style, master location list style, showing thumbnail pictures on the Family View, headings to use on the Family View, potential problem displays, relationship term variations, how to show that children have spouses and children, and displaying of Hints.

## 9. Colors

You can change the background color of some of the main input forms.

## 10. Fonts

You can change the fonts used for screen forms and printed reports.

## 11. Launch

Legacy offers to start your web browser, word processor, or text editor to view web pages or reports that you have generated. Normally, the default program for your computer is used. You can override these settings and use a different program to view the results by filling in one or more of the program fields.

## 12. Other Settings

Miscellaneous settings concerning message boxes, report credits, RIN number warnings, automatic backup at program exit, at what age people should be presumed dead, toolbar location, custom ID # setting, and toolbar picture size.

## FHC Services Writing your Family History

**Writing up your genealogical research is a big step but the members-only Write Now discussion group will help you make a start and provide encouragement along the way.**

This informal group of beginning writers is guided by experienced authors keen to help you make the most of your research and ensure it is collated in a professional, engaging and informative way. Yes, you do need an index! Write the next Award-winning biography or family history. Join in today. New aspiring writers are always welcome.

Visit the FHC website [www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au), then choose Interest Groups for full information.



***Tasmanian Family History  
Society Inc.***

**2024  
Lilian Watson  
Family History Award**

for a **Book**

**however produced or published on  
paper, dealing with family or  
biographical history and having  
significant Tasmanian content.**

**Entries Close 1 December 2024**

Further information and entry forms  
available from

TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries

or

**[www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org)**

or

The Secretary

PO Box 326 ROSNY PARK  
TAS 7018

email: **[secretary@tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@tasfhs.org)**

# Do you have family in Selkirk Scotland?

## Family History Connections

Mr. John BAKER was in the Resource Centre recently with an interesting story. John was a friend of the late Mr. Christopher REEKIE.

Christopher was born in Selkirk, Scotland, the son of Christopher REEKIE and Mary MOYES. He came to Australia sometime in the 1920's. He lived for many years in Humphreys Avenue, Nunawading, before moving into the Inala Village in Middleborough Road, Blackburn South. He died aged 94, in 1986.

Christopher worked at Johns and Waygood Ltd, South Melbourne, during the 1950's and 1960's before retiring. He was well-known in Blackburn and surrounding areas, where he played the organ at Presbyterian Church services and he was in



demand at other churches in the area. He was a member of the Blackburn Masonic Lodge No. 420 for a number of years, where he was their organist.

John has a number of photos from Selkirk and many from the 1980's, which he would be pleased to pass on to someone who may be researching Selkirk, or who may be interested in Christopher. Some of John's photos are included here.

John may be contacted at [jobaker@tpg.com.au](mailto:jobaker@tpg.com.au)





## Family History Connections Interest Groups



### Early Victoria and Tasmania

**Hybrid Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00am (Feb-Nov)

From first settlement, through the convict years and up to present day.

**Convenor:** Bronwen Bennett  
bronwen@usec.com.au

**Onsite Venue:** RSL Clubrooms, South Parade, Blackburn

### London & Home Counties

**Hybrid Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm (Feb-Nov)

London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex

**Convenor:** Lynda Melen  
chalford27@gmail.com

**Onsite Venue:** Resource Centre meeting room



### DNA Research

**Zoom Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month by Zoom. 7:30pm-9:30pm

Investigating and troubleshooting DNA

**Convenor:** Christine Collins  
chriscollinsconsulting@outlook.com





## Scotland

**Zoom Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

### Exploring Scottish ancestry and history

**Convenor:** Merrin Evergreen  
questeve@optus.net.com.au

**Newsletter:** Kristee Grosvenor  
kmgrosvenor1@gmail.com

## South West England

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 12 noon for lunch; meeting at 1:30pm (Feb-Nov)

**Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset,  
Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Somerset,  
Wiltshire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

**Convenor:** Jill Davies  
jilliandavies52@optusnet.com.au

**Onsite Venue:** Resource Centre



## Ireland

**Zoom Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm (Feb-Nov)

**The loss of Irish records in 1922 makes  
researching Ireland an interesting challenge**

**Convenor:** Russel Cooper  
coop.gen@optusnet.com.au

**Editor:** Vicki Box  
victoriabox39@gmail.com

**Hybrid Meetings coming soon**







Drum Castle

Retrieved from <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/drum-castle-garden-estate-p254211>

# About a cover: Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

Darralyn CUSACK

The Royal Forest of Drum was granted by Robert the Bruce to William de Irwyn, his armour-bearer, in 1323. The defensive Tower which stood on the estate at the time is one of the oldest and best-preserved 13th century medieval square towers in Scotland. The thick-walled, crenellated tower house stood for 400 years before the three storied Jacobian wing was added in 1619 with further additions in the Victorian era. It was in the hands of 24 generations of the IRVINE family for nearly 700 years until the estate was handed to the National Trust of Scotland in 1975.



Drum Castle

Photographed by the author

The Tower roof is reached by the original spiral stair way of undressed stone and unglazed windows (depicted on the cover of this edition). The view from the top is the reward for the climb where round turrets and the castle courtyard



The view from the Tower roof

can be seen. The turrets with conical slated roofs are an interesting architectural feature. They could well come from the French influence brought to Scotland by Mary Queen of Scots. At the behest of her French mother, she spent a decade in the French Court in her formative years. Mary's brief marriage to the Dauphine ended with his death in 1559. French masons were also brought to Scotland bringing their French Renaissance style.

The family treasures and memorabilia are equally as interesting. In the 1500s, family wealth was kept safe in strongboxes. On display was an amazing example of the craftsmanship of metal workers of the era. The intricate locking mechanism would have deterred the most persistent thief.





Various nooks and crannies hold evidence of the rich history of the castle and it's many occupants

In your own adventures you may have discovered some beautifully decorated screens, often with embroidered panels but do you realise their significance? These parlour furnishings, always near the fireplace, had a practical purpose along with a decorative one. Poultices and creams had been used by both men and women for centuries to cover blemishes, provide a smooth complexion or to lighten the skin. The lead-based whitener associated with Elizabeth 1 was superseded in the 1850s, when ladies discovered the popular Crème Celeste. The product, a cold cream, was a mixture of white wax, spermaceti (from the sperm whale), almond oil and rosewater used to beautify the skin. Women also liked to apply a clear balm (like beeswax) to their lips for a shine. You can image the effect of a fire's warmth on those Victorian faces. The screens were essential to help ladies 'save face'!

The Castle is full of nooks and crannies as levels, walls and windows had been altered by successive lairds. The spinning

nook is a pleasant, if crowded, space. The library occupies the space of the medieval Hall in the Tower and holds 4,000 books, the oldest being an ancient Roman Law Code. The Old Wood of Drum provides a link back to a time before the tower was constructed. Remnants of the ancient Caledonian Forest which once covered the north-east can be seen in the huge oaks and pines scattered around the estate.

You might like to find out about the hidden chamber and medieval garderobe

<https://www.scottishcastlesassociation.com/news/articles/drum-castle-hidden-chamber.htm>

or view the exterior of Drum Castle and its beautiful gardens

<https://youtu.be/ws73siXRQ2Y>

## References

• Drum Castle  
<https://canmore.org.uk/site/18550/drum-castle>

• Early Victorian Era Makeup  
<http://www.katetattersall.com/early-victorian-era-make-up/#:~:text=It%20was%20during%20this%20decade,provided%20a%20light%20smooth%20complexion>

• History Extra – Mary Queen of Scots  
<https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/mary-queen-of-scots-life-death-rule-facts-biography/>

• Scotiana  
<https://www.scotiana.com/scotianas-favourite-castles-in-scotland-drum-castle/>

• Scottish Baronial Architecture  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish\\_baronial\\_architecture#:~:text=French%20Renaissance%20also%20kept%20the,to%20work%20on%20royal%20palaces](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_baronial_architecture#:~:text=French%20Renaissance%20also%20kept%20the,to%20work%20on%20royal%20palaces)

• Secret Scotland  
<https://www.secret-scotland.com/place/drum-castle>

• Visit Scotland  
<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/drum-castle-garden-estate-p254211>



# Letter from England

Peter BENNETT

pkbennett@btinternet.com

Back in November, and without any fuss or publicity, our General Register Office released a large tranche of death entries for downloading.

Previously we could only have downloads of deaths to 1887. Now they are available for entries to 1957, so those entries will now join the birth downloads at £2.50 each, which is a great saving for family historians. This is as far as the GRO have digitised, and there are no plans to do more, so later entries will cost £7.00 for a PDF.

Not that death certificates here have anything like the information you are used to in Victoria, but I always feel it is good to get them for the direct ancestors at least. They should confirm I have the right person, the informant's name is often useful, and notes of inquests are of course invaluable.

Findmypast have been adding parish register transcripts, which are always good to see, being the backbone of our pre-1837 research.

They include some 330,000 entries from Oxfordshire, largely baptisms. These are already on Familysearch, and of course they should all be on Ancestry, which has pretty well all the parish registers from the county. But as ever, this will be a second index to the registers and with Ancestry's record of indexing that can only be good. I should add that much of the poor indexing of the Oxfordshire registers on Ancestry has been improved in recent years.

There are also some 230,000 baptisms from Berkshire, new to Findmypast, but again coming from other sources, this time from Familysearch, Berkshire Family History Society and a few from the College of Arms.

I have interests in the far northwestern counties of Cumberland and Westmorland so was very pleased to see some new registers from those counties on Findmypast.

The Cumberland records are from the College of Arms, but those for Westmorland largely from Familysearch. The former at least should be new to us as there has been little for that county online to date.

Ancestry have the main collections of parish register transcripts and images for London, but Findmypast have been working hard to add to their own records for the capital. Now they have added close to 400,000 burials from the Southwark area, I guess building on their link with Southwark Archives which I have mentioned previously. They are almost all transcripts, but valuable all the same.

In October, Findmypast announced a massive addition to their Manchester electoral registers. They put up another 25 million records, taking the total in this set to some 42 million records. For anyone with ancestors from Manchester and the nearby area, they now have an even better chance of finding their people.

Both Ancestry and Findmypast have huge collections for Norfolk and Ancestry have announced indexes to probate records and marriage licence bonds for the county. These date from 1371 to 1858. It is a large collection, and good to have if you are using Ancestry for your Norfolk research, but the index is already available on Findmypast, and both sites direct you to the Norfolk Record Office catalogue.

So we are not much advanced, but I would advise following the link to Norfolk, for there is sometimes a little more information such as residence given. And you will have the option of obtaining a copy of the record.

Another 'new' database available elsewhere is an index to Irish wills and administrations 1515 to 1858. That sounds good for Irish researchers, but read on and you will find that they are also on the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland search page <https://apps.proni.gov.uk/ProniNames/IE/SearchPage.aspx>

If you are using the Ancestry index, do follow the link to PRONI, for that will tell you if the record survives and guide you to the eCatalogue. There you can enter the reference and discover the source of the information. Just be careful, the reference given in the probate index will be something like T/808. If you are searching the ECatalogue, just enter the reference as T808 or you will not get the result.



Ancestry have also added records of Royal Air Force officers 1918-1919. These are from The National Archives, class AIR76. You can already search for and view the records at TNA (log in to get a free download of this and many other records) and they are also on Findmypast.

Those with ancestors in the upper levels of society, especially in the 16th and 17th centuries, should have come across the visitation records. These are records of families entitled to bear arms. Many of the records have been published, and a few are available on Ancestry. There is a good list of those which are online on the Medieval Genealogy site <https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/sources/visitations.shtml>

All the original records are held at the College of Arms, and they have just published a list of visitation records, at the College and elsewhere, and whether or not they have been

published. Some people are going to be lucky and take their research back, always on the lookout for inconsistencies of course.

I have just picked out the more substantial new records which are likely to help us, but all the time the major sites are adding small collections so it is worth keeping an eye on what has come along. Ancestry helpfully arrange their data sets by the date added, but for Findmypast I find their weekly summary in the 'What's New?' section of the site to be useful.

It is still a pity that so much 'new' material on these major sites is not so new at all, but repeats of what is available elsewhere. It is useful to get the record while you are making a search, but I hope that all family historians cast their net wider than the big players. From local museums and research groups, to national repositories, there is such a huge range of places we should be looking for our ancestors.



## FHC Services Sources Check

Minimum 2 hours • \$25/hour members • \$40/hour non-members

### What to do when a search of the FHC library catalogue or the list of New Resources shows some possibilities for your family, but you're unable to get to the Resource Centre?

Take note of the book (title, author, call number) or the exact details of the fiche or film (its title and any identifying numbers) and ask our team to look for you. You must have the exact reference details to allow our team to find the exact item you identified to enable a search for your family. Tell us what you want us to look up in the source (book, fiche, film, map, index etc) and receive our report by email. One more source eliminated, one more box ticked!

Visit the FHC website [www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au), then choose **Research** for full information and application forms.



St Michael's Church, Flixton

Retrieved from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_Michael%27s\\_Church,\\_Flixton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Michael%27s_Church,_Flixton)

# Charles Brooks: Convict & Brewer

Stephen LOCKREY

Early in 1818, three young Lancashire men decided to burgle the home of Adam HOWARTH of Lostock. Adam was from a moderately well-off farming family. Modern Lostock is a residential district of Bolton within Greater Manchester. Whether the young men were successful is uncertain, what is sure is that they were apprehended and brought to trial. Their names were Charles BROOKS (aged 21), John BROOKS (aged 21) and John FRIERS (aged 28). It is probable that John and Charles BROOKS were related (perhaps cousins?) but the link has not yet been established.

Charles BROOKS was born in December 1796 in the town of Irlam in Lancashire, England. His parents were John BROOKS and Ellen BROOKS (nee HOUGHTON). His 4 December 1796 baptism was recorded in the register of St Michael's Church in the town of Flixton. Both Irlam and Flixton are today part of greater Manchester, sitting on opposite sides of the Manchester Ship Canal. St Michael's Church is still active in Flixton in Church Road. Parts of the building date from the 1500s although most of the structure dates from the 1700s and 1800s.

Charles was the youngest of five children of John and Ellen, unfortunately we don't have any details of the early years of Charles or the circumstances of his family. After the burglary and their subsequent arrest, the three young men faced the Lancaster Lent Assizes of 1818. They were found guilty of burglary "...in the house of Adam HOWARTH, at Lostock" and were each sentenced to 7 years transportation.

Charles was initially sent to the prison hulk *Laurel*, arriving on 15 May 1818. *Laurel* was located at the port of Gosport (Portsmouth) and was used as a prison from 1802 to 1820. According to the Chaplain of the *Laurel*, the convicts while housed on the hulk "... continued to behave in the most orderly manner." It seems the time spent on the hulk was used to further the education and religious observance of convicts. Charles was not on the hulk for long, departing on 26 August 1818 for Sydney on the *Globe* together with 139 other convicts. The ship arrived on 9 January, 1819.

John BROOKS arrived in November 1818 on the *Shipley* while John FRIERS arrived on 27 January 1820 on the *Prince Regent*.



		fifteen shillings in copper, six shillings, six silver table spoons and three silver tea spoons, the property of the said Joseph Mausell.
126 John Friers,.....28	}	Committed by Ralph Fletcher Esq. 14th March, 1818, charged with having burglariously broken and entered the dwelling house of Adam Howarth, at Lostock, with intent the goods and chattels of the said Adam Howarth feloniously to steal.
127 Charles Brooks.....21		
and 128 John Brooks,.....21		
		<i>Convicted of Larceny &amp; transported for Seven Years.</i>

Crown Prisoners confined in HM Gaol in the Castle of Lancaster  
Lancashire Records Office (as filmed by the AJCP)

A convict indent soon after his arrival described Charles as a team driver (later described as a labourer) who was 5 feet 6¾ inches tall with dark sallow complexion, dark brown hair and blue eyes. In an 1822 petition for a Ticket of Leave, Charles noted that he had served at Carter Barracks and Grose Farm.

According to later Colonial Secretary's Papers (9 September 1824), he was reputed to be a runaway and was sentenced to 14 days on a treadmill. Later in 1824, we find him in a list of prisoners convicted at Bathurst and sentenced to 2 years at Port Macquarie. Colonial Secretary's Papers dated 19 October 1824 lists him as being transported to Port Macquarie on the *Sally*. He is recorded as having returned on 30 April 1825.

Charles received a Certificate of Freedom on 30 April 1825 which was renewed on 6 October 1825. By the time of the 1828 Census, we find him employed as a brewer by a Mr James WRIGHT of George Street. An advertisement in the Sydney Herald (June 1838) advised that he had been employed at the Australian Brewery.

On 15 June 1829, Charles married Elizabeth Jane PITHERS. The wedding was conducted at St Luke's Church, Liverpool.

Elizabeth was the daughter of William PITHERS and Ann NICHOLLS. William was a retired soldier, having arrived on the *Indian* in 1810 to join *Macquarie's* 73rd Regiment. William was later appointed a Constable at Botany Bay, his area of responsibility stretched between the Cook's and Georges Rivers, inland as far as the Liverpool Road.

Charles and Elizabeth had five children during their marriage: Roly William (b1830), Charles William (b1832), David Ernest (b1834), John Sidney (b1837) and Mary Katherine (b1840). Apart from Mary Katherine, all survived to adulthood. Charles William was my 2nd great grandfather.

The 7 November 1832 NSW Government Gazette reported the assignment of a female convict named Ann SOUTHWORTH to the BROOK'S household. A convict helping an ex-convict!

After working at the Australian Brewery for 12 years, Charles  
**1077. Neill Ann, Southworth, housemaid, to  
Charles Brooks, Goulburn-street, Sydney**

Assignment of Ann SOUTHWORTH to BROOKS household  
NSW Government Gazette November 1832 (Trove)

felt he knew what was needed to operate a successful brewery business. In 1838 he purchased the Sydney Brewery, located in Paramatta Road. Charles advertised in local papers that he was

the new owner of the brewery and then continued to advertise encouraging people to purchase beer from him, saying that "... he has no doubt of being able to give general satisfaction".

**SYDNEY BREWERY.**

**CHARLES BROOKS**

**B**EGBS leave to inform his Friends and the Public generally, that he has taken the above concern, lately in the occupation of Mr Kay, and he has no doubt that the practical experience he has had for the last twelve years, whilst in the service of Mr Wright, of the Australian Brewery, that he will be able to fulfil punctually all orders he may be favoured with, and he has no doubt of being able to give general satisfaction.

June 12. 1838.

Advertisement for Sydney Brewery  
*The Sydney Herald (NSW: 1831-1842) (Trove)*

Charles did not live a long life; he died on 11 October 1841, cause of death unknown. His Burial Certificate stated he was aged 41, however he was 45, based on his earlier birth and convict documents. Charles was a member of the Australian Grand Lodge of Independent Odd Fellows; advertisements in Sydney newspapers invited his fellow Lodge members to his Interment held on October 14.

**Australian Grand Lodge of Independent  
Odd Fellows.**

**T**HE Members of the above Lodge are requested to attend their Lodge Room in King-street, on Thursday, the 14th instant, at five minutes before three o'clock precisely, for the purpose of attending at the interment of the remains of their deceased Brother Charles Brooks.

By order of the N. G.,  
**4226 R. GOWLAND, Secretary.**

Invitation to Interment of Charles Brooks  
*The Sydney Herald 14 Oct 1841, Page 1 (Trove)*

Following his demise, his wife, Elizabeth married Richard CRAMPTON, a brewer. They married in December 1842. Following the death of Richard, she married Henry HILL in 1852.

Charles BROOKS, the convict, was my 3rd great grandfather on my mother's side.

*References over page>*

# Charles Brooks: Convict & Brewer

Continued from page 27

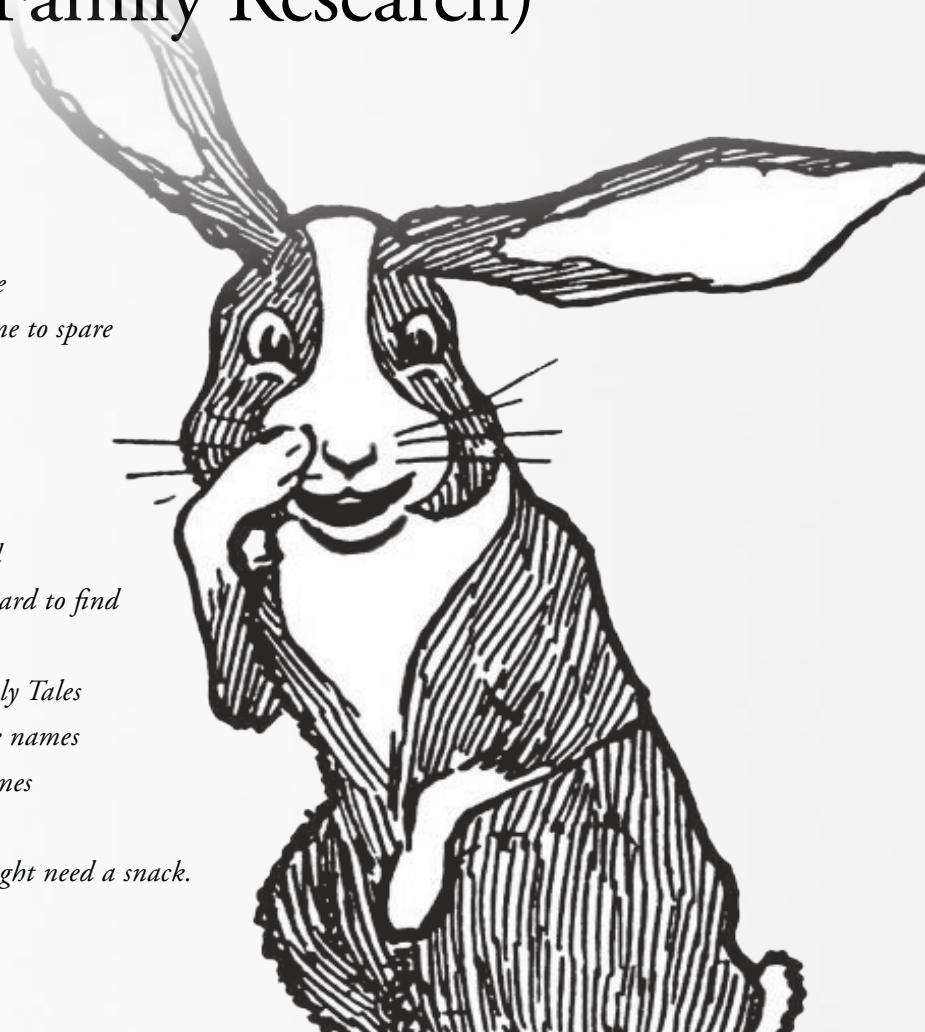
## References

- Lancashire Online Parish Clerk, [https://lan-opc.org.uk/Bolton-le-Moors/Little-Bolton/wesleyan/baptisms\\_1814-1825.html](https://lan-opc.org.uk/Bolton-le-Moors/Little-Bolton/wesleyan/baptisms_1814-1825.html) - occupation of Adam HOWARTH
- Manchester, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1541-1812 (Ancestry) – baptism of Charles BROOKS
- St Michael's Church, Flixton (Wikipedia) – photo and history of church
- A Calendar of all the Crown prisoners in HM Goal in the Castle of Lancaster - Collections held by the Lancashire Record Office (as filmed by the AJCP) Series QJ. Judicial Functions, March 1801 - June 1857 - Subseries QJC. Calendars of Prisoners, March 1801 - June 1857 - image 153 (Trove) – details of prisoners Brooks, Books and Friers
- Lancashire, England, Quarter Session Records and Petitions, 1648-1908 (Ancestry) – conviction of Charles BROOKS
- <https://www.prisonhistory.org/prison/laurel> - details of the prison hulk *Laurel*
- UK Prison Hulk Registers and Letter Books, 1802-1849 (Ancestry) – details of Charles BROOKS time on the hulk *Laurel*.
- NSW Settler and Convict Lists 1787-1834 (Ancestry) – arrival in Sydney of Charles BROOKS on the *Globe*
- Australian Convict Transportation Registers – Other Fleets & Ships 1791-1868 (Ancestry) – details of Charles BROOKS conviction place and date and voyage details to NSW
- NSW Colonial Secretary's Papers 1788-1856 p 92, p 107, pp 494/5 (Ancestry) – details of activities of convict Charles BROOKS
- NSW Australian Census 1828 (Ancestry) – details of Charles BROOKS
- NSW Government Gazette (Trove) – assignment of female servant (November 11, 1832)
- The Sydney Herald (NSW: 1831-1842) (Trove) – purchase of Sydney Brewery (June 18, 1838)
- The Sydney Monitor and Commercial Advertiser (Trove)– death of Charles BROOKS (October 13, 1841)
- The Sydney Herald (NSW: 1831-1842) (Trove) – invitation to internment of Charles Brooks (14 October 1841)
- <https://www.convictrecords.com.au> - further details of convict Charles BROOKS
- NSW Births Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995 – Burial Certificate for Charles BROOKS (11 Feb 2014)

## Down the 'Rabbit Hole' (a condition of Family Research)

Francine HORNE

*The time has come, a moment to spare  
So, boot up the computer if you dare  
To delve into the depths of the chronicles there  
Just laying and waiting for you, with that time to spare  
A project in the making, a person to find  
Who is he, and where is my mind  
In this process of delving deep into the bole  
Otherwise known as, down the Rabbit Hole  
The burrows are deep and meander and wind  
Through the trenches and twists, they are so hard to find  
So elusive and quick as a cotton tail  
But eventually, we will surface with our family Tales  
Yes, there is hope and seduction in tracing the names  
Of our Ancestors, their travels and elusive games  
But never give up, just take a lunch pack  
In your quest down that Rabbit Hole, you might need a snack.*





# Cornwall Online Parish Clerks

Gail WHITE

**Online Parish Clerks (Genealogy)**

Home OPC Info Parish Index **Resources** Maps Search Database Associated Projects

**CORNWALL ONLINE PARISH CLERKS (Genealogy)**  
- helping to bring the past alive

**ST COLUMB MAJOR**

Search Database	Extra Searches	Coverage
Search Database	Banns	
Baptisms	Birth Certificates	
Burials	Death Certificates	
Marriages	Marriage Allegations	
Marriage Certificates	Person Search	

Extra Searches	Coverage	Contributions	Link
Extra Searches	Bastardy		
Civil Courts	Criminal Courts		
Emigrants	Hearth Tax		
Institution Inmates	Land Records		
Memorial Inscriptions	Miscellaneous Records Index		
Muster Rolls	Newspaper Reports		
Parish Apprentice Indentures	Parish Settlements		
Protestation Returns	School Admissions		
Voters Lists	Wills Transcriptions		
Wills Index	Malc McCarthy Index		

The Parish Church  
© Steve Beazley

The ancient town of St Columb Major has a wonderful Church at its heart. The tower is 15th century and 80 feet high with a passage from south to north through it that is as wide as a hand cart. This was a right of way to the College founded by Sir John Arundel in 1427 as the Church did not own the land on three sides of the tower until 1820.

The parish is bounded by St Ervan, Little Petherick, St Issey, St Wenn, Roche, St Dennis, St Enoder, Colan, St Columb Minor and St Mawgan in Pydar. Edward III granted a market in St Columb Major to Sir John Arundell in 1333. It is still a busy market town and the largest settlement in the parish. The Union Workhouse for the parishes of St Breock, St Columb Major, St Columb Minor, Colan, Crantock, Cubert, St Ervan, St Eval, St Enoder, St Issey, Little Petherick, St Merryn, Mawgan-in-Pydar, Newlyn East, Padstow and St Wenn was built in St Columb Major town in about 1840. This means that a large number of "strays" from other parishes are recorded here in the censuses and baptismal registers.

This worldwide group of volunteers aims to help family history and other researchers by providing a website and searchable database, free of charge. It is one of my favourite websites when researching my Cornish ancestors. Each time, I silently thank the many volunteers who have contributed so much information.

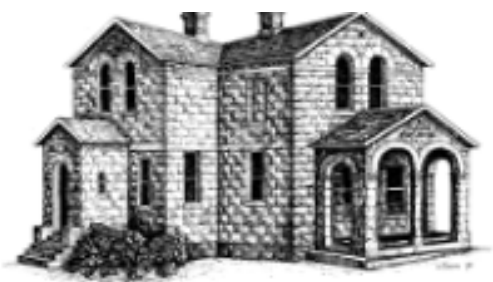
The Cornwall Online Parish Clerk project, known as the COPC, was envisioned by three men living in Cornwall, Michael McCORMICK, David STICK and Paul BREWER in 2000. The group's structure is rather unique in concept. There is no formal structure, other than a person who co-ordinates the assignments of parishes to individuals. The OPCs themselves pay for the hosting of the website so donations are always welcome.

The website provides a wealth of information, including a **Parish index** for individual parish information and the

email addresses of the OPCs who have volunteered for that particular parish. There is also a searchable database of **Parish Register transcriptions** for all of Cornwall. It is being added to all the time.

Other databases are searchable, including certificate data, voter lists, Protestation Returns, bastardy documents, institution inmates, and more. The database I have found most useful is the **Wills Index** and also some Transcriptions. I have even contributed a few transcriptions from the many Cornish Wills I have purchased over the years.

Please note that all the records on the website are placed there with the permission of their transcribers, to whom the copyright belongs. They are only to be used for personal research and are not to be copied in any way without prior written consent.



# Friends in other places

Have you considered continuing your research with the help of any of these groups? Resources of each group vary but all welcome your interest. Opening hours and services vary and it is important to make contact prior to planning your visit.

## Kilmore Historical Society

2 Powlett Street, Kilmore 3764 | Rooms open Tuesdays & Thursday 10am–3pm, Saturdays 10am–1pm or by appointment.

The collection includes many local primary resources, documents, local newspapers and publications, maps, photographs, audio and video tapes, microfiche/film, ephemera and textiles.

Visit: [www.kilmorehistory.info](http://www.kilmorehistory.info) Membership includes quarterly newsletter, free use of the research facilities and one hour free research query/year. Non-member services available (see website).

## Ambulance Historical Society of Victoria (AHSV)

Chas Martin OAM Ambulance Victoria Museum - 1/55 Barry Road, Bayswater 3153 | Contact for opening hours



The Museum houses an enormous collection of vehicles, uniforms, equipment, memorabilia and historical documents relating to the Ambulance Service, its members and their duties.

**Curator:** Ralph Casey  
[ambulance.historical@outlook.com](mailto:ambulance.historical@outlook.com)

**The Beacon** (quarterly journal)  
**Editor:** Peter Dent

Contact Peter at  
[vintambos@bigpond.com](mailto:vintambos@bigpond.com)



## Prahran Mechanics Institute - Victorian History Library

39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran 3181

| Closed Mondays - Contact for opening hours

The library collection is the only lending collection of its kind in Australia, with over 30,000 books for loan and over 40,000 items on site, including titles which are unavailable elsewhere. The PMI is the home of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria, The Cinema & Theatre Historical Society and The Victorian Railway History Library.

**Contact online:** [library@pmi.net.au](mailto:library@pmi.net.au)  
**Phone:** (03) 9510 3393

**Subscribe to the PMI Newsletter for details of events**  
**Visit:** [www.pmi.net.au](http://www.pmi.net.au)



## Have your images restored and enhanced right here at FHC

Have you ever come across a special photo that had suffered some kind of damage? It's very common; wear, various types of mold, chemicals and atmospheric conditions can wreak havoc on records of the past, and leaving all kinds of marks in the process.

Sadly, due to the effects of time upon early image development techniques have left many early photographs fading, but with the help of modern imaging programs it's possible to bring back most details, repairing damage that would otherwise obscure your view of the past.

It doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg. If you've ever requested a quote for a photo repair, you'll know it can be expensive. Often, high hourly rates, can even lead repairs into the hundreds of dollars for a single photo.

We'd like to do better.

Our offer:

**\$45** for mild to moderate repairs and enhancement.

For advanced, or severe damage, we'll provide an updated quote before work begins, but costs will never exceed \$120 even in the case of the most complex and difficult images.



The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies  
Resource Centre in Blackburn, Melbourne  
visit [familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

As featured in

**The Genealogist**

**Ready in days.**

Drop off and collect your images from the office in the FHC Resource Centre.  
Or sign up with our form to have your digital package delivered direct to your inbox.

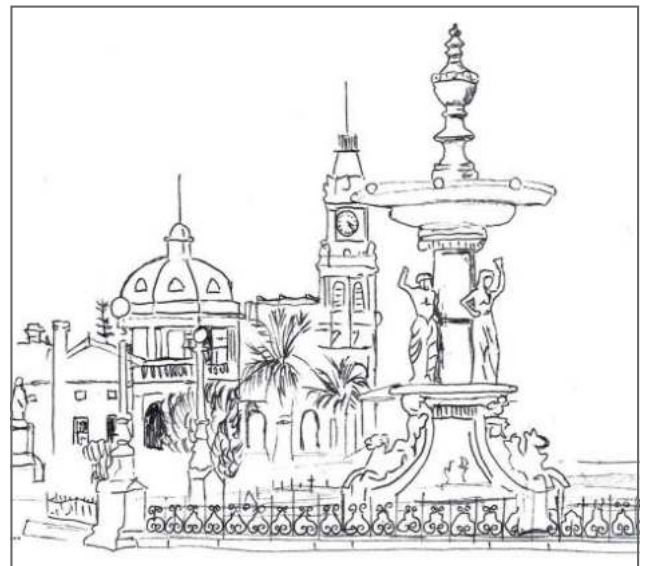
## Bendigo Family History Group

Email: [bendigogen@familyhistoryconnections.org.au](mailto:bendigogen@familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

Visit [www.bendigofamilyhistory.org](http://www.bendigofamilyhistory.org)

The Bendigo Family History Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Meeting Room on the ground floor of the Bendigo Goldfields Library, Hargreaves St entrance. Speakers begin at 2pm, followed by refreshments and the General Meeting.

Access to the BFHG database and support is available at the library on Wednesday 10am – 4pm and Saturday 10am – 3pm when volunteers will assist with enquiries.







# Travelling?

...find more with Family History Connections' genealogical Network

**Family History Connections (AIGS Inc) has reciprocal arrangements with the following groups:**

- Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- Genealogical Society of Queensland
- Tasmanian Family History Society
- Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory
- Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra
- Queensland Family History Society
- South Australian Genealogical & Heritage Society
- Western Australia Genealogical Society

If you are planning to travel around Australia and include a visit to any of these groups, contact the Resource Centre Office to arrange a letter of introduction. Contact any group to make sure your visit coincides with opening times.



## FHC Services Transcribing and Deciphering

• \$25/hour members • \$40/hour non-members

Old documents can be hard to read but FHC has a small team of experienced puzzlers who will help you. They are expert at deciphering writing which is old, faded, large and small, sometimes overwritten or written on both sides of fine and flimsy papers.

Wills and other legal documents can be transcribed for you.

The team is not expert in every language of the world, so please make sure the documents you submit are written in ENGLISH, no matter the whimsical spelling or the unique handwriting style.

Contact the Office Manager by email to discuss how best to bring your document to the transcribers' attention, at [info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au](mailto:info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

Documents are handled with all care and sensitivity.



# New Resources

## Abbreviations:

B: Burials  
C: Christenings/Baptisms & Births  
D: Deaths  
M: Marriages

Readers are asked to check the catalogue on our website [www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au) or in hardcopy at the Resource Centre for full details.

## AUSTRALIA

These eagles: story of the R.A.A.F. at War. MILITARY - AUSTRALIA 358 AUS

## NORFOLK ISLAND

Hell and Paradise: the Norfolk-Bounty-Pitcairn saga. Clarke, Peter. 994.82 CLA

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Hawkesbury pioneer register, Volume 2. 920.0944 HAW

Headstones and plaques in the Shire of Holbrook to 31 October 2003. 929.32 HOL

## TASMANIA

A very generous donation of books on Tasmanian places and history has added to the already extensive collection of Tasmanian books at the Resource Centre.

Bothwell excursion, 20 October 1991. Schaffer, Irene. 994.63 SCH

Deaths and burials in the Parish of New Town. Davidson, Rosemary. 929.32 DAV

Historical images of Central Coast: Volume 2, Ulverstone and its people in 1893. 994.65 ULV

Jericho, Oatlands, Ross excursion, 31 October 1993. Schaffer, Irene. 994.63 SCH

A history of Green Ponds, 1862-1987. Macleod, T. R. 994.63 MAC



A history of Oatlands, Tasmania. Weeding, J. S. T. 994.63 WEE

Knopwood: a biography. Stephens, Geoffrey. 994.6 STE

Oatlands ... a colonial treasure. Pridmore, Walter B. 994.63 PRI

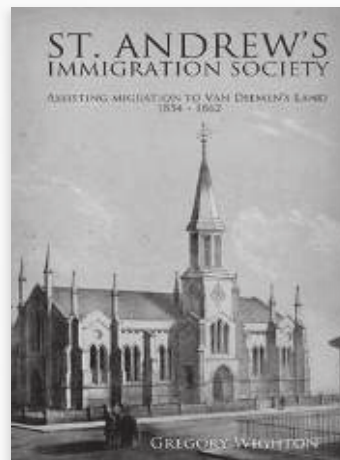
Oatlands District Historical Society Chronicle: No. 1, December 2000 - No. 8, September 2014. 994.63 OAT

Pontville, Kempton, Jericho, Colebrook, Richmond excursion, 28 March 1993. Schaffer, Irene. 994.63 SCH

'A respectable neighbourhood': a thematic history of Sandy Bay. Terry, Ian. 994.61 TER

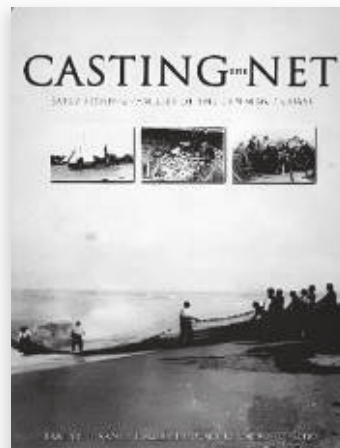
Sandy Bay Connections Conference 1997: proceedings of a conference on the history of Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania. 994.61 SAN

Sandy Bay, Channel, Geeveston, Huon Road excursion, 13 November 1994. Schaffer, Irene. 994.61 SCH



St Andrew's Immigration Society: assisting migration to Van Diemen's Land, 1854-1862. Wighton, Gregory. 387 WIG

Ulverstone sesqui-centenary celebrations souvenir, 1852-2002. 994.65 ULV



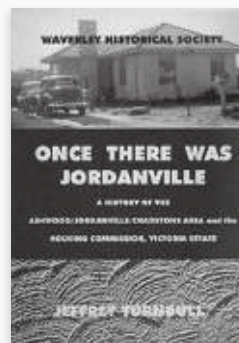
## VICTORIA

Casting the net: early fishing families of the Gippsland coast. Ellis, Jill and Lee, Timothy. 994.56 LAK

Central Highlands Historical Journal: Volume 5, 1998. 994.57 CEN

Holy Trinity, a pioneering church on the crossroads: a history of the Oakleigh Anglican Church, 1858-2008. Elder, Lynn. 283 ELD

Mount Waverley Primary School, State School 3432: a look back at the first one hundred years, 1906-2006. 372.9945 MOU



Once there was Jordanville: a history of the Ashwood, Jordanville, Chadstone area and the Housing Commission, Victoria Estate. Turnbull, Jeffrey. 994.51 JOR

Stony Creek: a history, 1885-1985. 994.56 STO

Walhalla graveyard to cemetery. Reynolds, Yolanda. 929.32 WAL

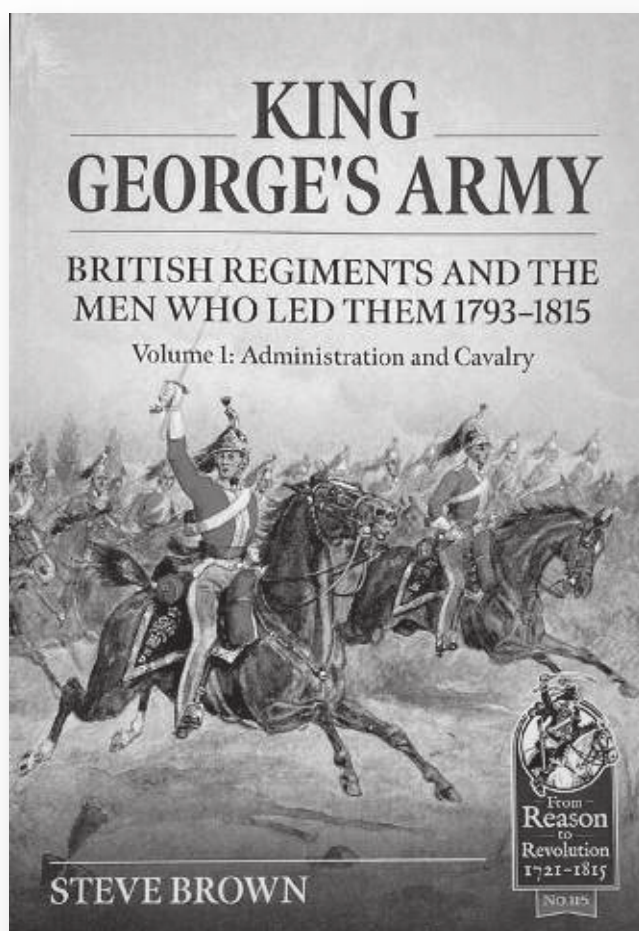
*New Resources continued over page>*

# Shipping Resources

Continued from page 33

## ENGLAND

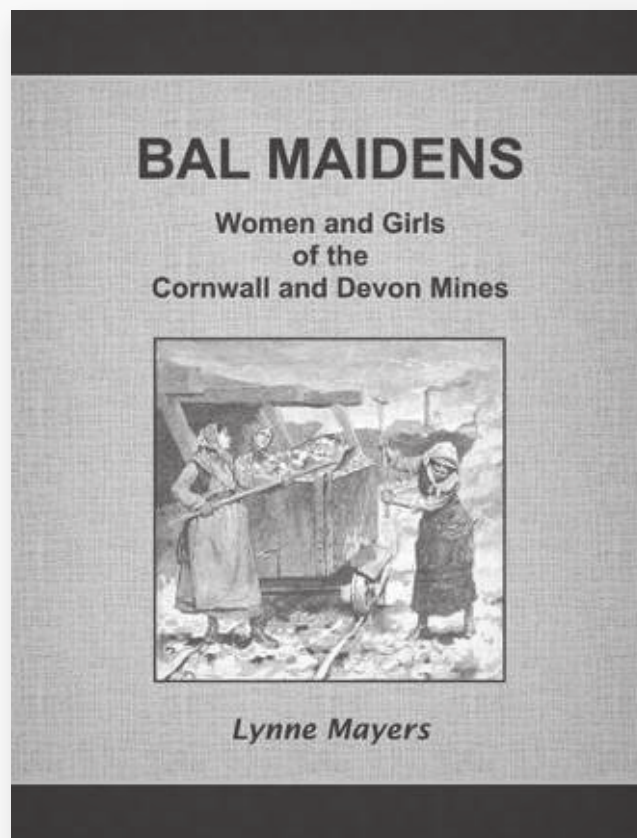
King George's Army: British regiments and the men who led them, 1793-1815. Volume 1: Administration and Cavalry. Brown, Steve. MILITARY - ENGLAND 355 BRO



This first of five volumes is the ambitious project by Steve Brown, who lives in Victoria, to document biographical information of the men who served at that time. Infantry regiments will be covered in Volumes 2-4, and Ordnance and other regiments in Volume 5. Volume 1 covers the officers of the British Army who fought the French Revolution and Napoleon. Steve's introduction is compulsory reading to understand the task he has undertaken, the complexities of the British Army and the arrangement of the information in the book. Patience will be needed to search for an officer's name, as there is no index to names. Hopefully, there will be one when the five volumes are completed. More information about the series can be found at the publisher's website [www.helion.co.uk](http://www.helion.co.uk)

## CORNWALL

Bal maidens: women and girls of the Cornwall and Devon mines. Mayers, Lynne. 622 MAY



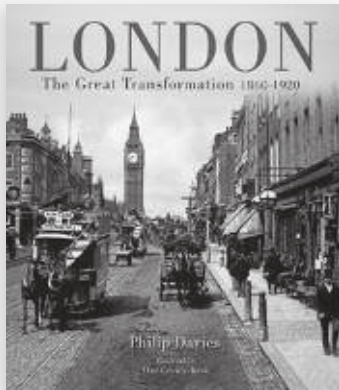
Second and enlarged edition. Women and children were probably working at or in the mines in Devon and Cornwall from the days of antiquity, but the earliest written records date from the Middle Ages. From this time, at least, it seems that women and girls did not work below ground, but usually dressed ore on the surface. They were employed in particularly large numbers from about 1770 until 1860. From then their numbers declined; the last being laid off in the early 1920s. They were employed throughout the mining industry; at tin, copper, lead, manganese, uranium, antimony, arsenic, iron and zinc mines, as well as at the clay works and smelters. In Cornwall and West Devon they were often referred to as 'Bal Maidens' (the word Bal being ancient Cornish for mining place).

The Launceston Union Workhouse, 1838-1948. Hutton, Patrick CORNWALL 365.3 HUT

## LINCOLNSHIRE

Stukeley and Stamford, Part II: tribulations of an antiquarian clergyman, 1730-1738. Smith, John F. H. 942.53 SMI





## LONDON

London: the great transformation, 1860-1920. Davies, Philip. 942.1 DAV

A stunning collection of photographs of London. Thank you to the London & Home Counties Interest Group for purchasing this book for the collection.

## OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire parish register transcripts, Faringdon Registration District index, Volume 1: Ashbury, Bauliking, Bourton, Charney Bassett, Compton Beauchamp, Fernham, Hatford, Kingston Lisle, Little Faringdon, Pusey, Shellingford, Stanford in the Vale, Watchfield, Woolstone. CD 5625

## SURREY

Poor Law and militia records of Mitcham, Surrey: settlement certificates 1700-1806, bastardy examinations 1715-1819, apprenticeship indentures 1700-1844, apprenticeship registers 1802-1844, militia records 1709-1811. CD 5623

Settlement examinations of Mitcham, 1737-1772, 1814-1825. CD 5624

## SUSSEX

Sussex clergy wills, 1635-1714. Edited by Whittle, Helen M. 929.33 WHI



## WARWICKSHIRE

Great Barr, Oscott and Kingstanding. Hanson, Margaret and Drake, Peter. 942.46 HAN

## YORKSHIRE

Children of Middlesborough Workhouse, 1876-1930. Nicholson, James Thomas; Hinton, William and Slater, Pamela COMPUTER CD 5622

The parish register of Bulmer, 1571-1837. Transcribed by Wilson, Ellen. 929.31 BUL

## FAMILY HISTORIES

Clan Campbell. McNie, Alan. CAMPBELL

Clan Macfarlane. McNie, Alan. MACFARLANE

Innaminka and afterwards: the life of Robert Bostock (1850-1921). Watters, Leslie Francis. BOSTOCK

North country ancestors: Armstrong and Hetherington families from Cumberland and Northumberland. White, Lesley Gail. ARMSTRONG



Once there was a very old gum tree: adapted from the Family History of Herbig, Frau Caroline and their Sixteen Children. Herbig. HERBIG

Seward family records. Carpenter, F. H. SEWARD

The Turnors and their Wragby Estates. Leach, Terence R. TURNOR

## IRELAND GENERAL

Familia - Ulster Genealogical Review: Volume 3, No. 3 - Australia 1788-1988. 941.6 ULS

## TIPPERARY

Tipperary Historical Journal, 2022. 941.92 TIP

## SCOTLAND / SHETLAND

Parish of Cunningsburgh monumental inscriptions. 929.32 SHE

Parish of Sandwich monumental inscriptions. 929.32 SHE

## UNITED STATES

The Source: a guidebook to American genealogy. Edited by Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Luebking, Sandra Hargreaves. 929.1 SZU

ISSN: 0311-1776

Reg. No. A0027436X • ABN 97 600 455 890

AIGS Inc, trading as

**Family History Connections**

1/41 Railway Road, Blackburn, Vic. 3130

PO Box 2010 Forest Hill Victoria 3131

Phone : +613 9877 3789

info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au

# Family History connections



facebook@aigs.org.au

*...tracing ancestors in Australia and beyond*

## Chairman of Editorial Committee

Carolann Thomson

P.O. Box 21, Glen Iris, 3146

Email: editor@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

## Graphic Design

Pete Cowled

admin@falsebisinteractive.com

## Cover Image

Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

photographed by Darralyn CUSACK

## Print

Razer Graphix

www.razergraphix.com.au

## Distribution

Burwood East SDS Senior Secondary Students

## Publisher

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.

## Resource Centre Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm

3rd Sunday of the Month 12 noon - 4.00pm

(May to October)

Closed on Public Holidays and during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

## Advertising Information

Contact Office Manager for current rates.

Please note that Family History Connections cannot accept responsibility for services advertised. We trust that advertisers will provide an acceptable standard of service to our readers.

## Privacy Statement

The Institute collects personal information about members to allow it to maintain membership records and provide services to members. If you indicate an interest in volunteer or SIG activities, the information may be shared within the Institute to allow a response to this interest.

The Institute does not disclose personal information to any third party, unless the third party is contracted by us to provide administrative services or activities on its behalf. In these circumstances the Institute makes sure that the third party is bound by the same rules. Personal information will also be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the law.

At any time you may request access to the personal information that the Institute holds about you and advise us of any inaccuracies.

If we do not obtain the information we seek, we may not be able to:

- process your renewal/application;
- mail or email your copy of *The Genealogist*; or provide information about services offered by the Institute.

## Copy Deadlines for *The Genealogist*

Autumn edition	1st January
Winter edition	1st April
Spring edition	1st July
Summer edition	1st October

**All rights reserved.** Material may not be copied from *The Genealogist* without the written permission of the editorial committee. Personal views expressed in articles and letters are those of the contributor and not necessarily those of the publisher or editorial committee. We reserve the right to delete from any article, material which we consider offensive or which could lead to any breach of the law of libel. Whilst we take every reasonable precaution and effort to ensure the veracity of material herein, the responsibility for accuracy lies with those who submitted the material.

The magazine is the official publication of the AIGS Inc, trading as Family History Connections. We welcome material pertinent to family history, genealogy, heraldry and related topics. The Committee reserves the right to abridge as required. Articles are preferred by email to editor@familyhistoryconnections.org.au in MS Word. Graphics must be sent as separate files, not embedded in documents.



# internet Subscription Services

**All subscription services are available **FREE** to members researching their family history at the Resource Centre in Blackburn**



■ FINDMYPAST

The Findmypast World Collection contains over a billion records from Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Canada, British India and the United States. Parish records, census records, government gazettes, military records, and more, are available to search. This huge collection of historical records, which is being added to every week, will help with your family history research.



■ ANCESTRY

One of the largest collections of worldwide genealogical resources, Ancestry includes every type of record – census, probates, births, deaths and marriage indexes for England and for Australia, electoral rolls, immigration, convicts, cemeteries and obituaries.



■ MYHERITAGE LIBRARY EDITION

MyHeritage Library Edition is one of the largest, most internationally diverse genealogy databases of its kind in the world. It includes billions of historical documents from over 48 countries, millions of historical photos, public records, indexes and additional resources. Millions of additional records are added on average every month. Home access is available for your convenience through the members area.



■ THEGENEALOGIST

Search this database for English parish register transcripts, nonconformist records, court and criminal records, military rolls and lists, poll books and electoral rolls, probate records and indexes to tithe records, including tithe maps for every county in colour.



■ BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Search millions of pages of digitised historical newspapers published in England, Ireland and Scotland from the 1700s through to the 1900s (dates vary with newspapers). Britain's answer to Trove! Search by name, place and event, or browse by title and date.



■ DURHAM RECORDS ONLINE

For those with family from the north of England, this collection provides parish and census records mainly for County Durham, but also some from neighbouring Northumberland.



■ EMERALD ANCESTORS

One of the largest collections of Northern Ireland records available, containing over 1 million birth, marriage and death records from civil registration indexes, church records and other historical sources for Counties Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone.



■ ROOTS IRELAND

The most extensive database of Irish Catholic Church records, containing more than 20 million records from 35 Counties. The main sources on the site are church records of baptisms, marriages and burials. Catholic Church records anywhere online.



■ BIOGRAPHY DATABASE OF AUSTRALIA

BDA is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia, starting from the earliest times. It contains nearly a million names starting from Australia's earliest times.

Family History Connections Inc.

[www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au](http://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au)

# The Genealogist

Official magazine of Family History Connections Inc.

Find the  
story,  
not just the  
person.

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc, trading as Family History Connections.  
If not delivered return to: PO Box 2010 Forest Hill Victoria 3131



000000 001781 051901

The Genealogist Magazine AU \$15.00