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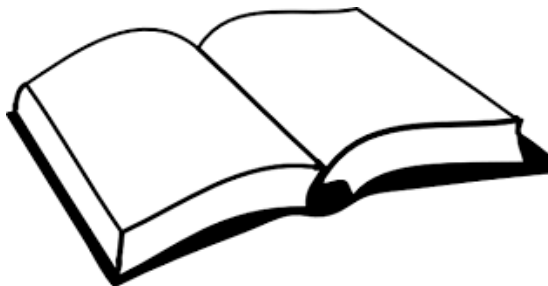
**Next year your Journal, *ROOTES* will be available in two formats.**

**A hard copy which can be posted to you as in the past  
or it can be read on the Society's web site.**

**It will be up to you to decide how you wish to access the journal  
and we need to know.**

**If you do not require a hard copy could you please advise the  
Membership Secretary, Beverley Dwyer.**

**The March journal will be available in both formats for your  
consideration.**



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## COMING EVENTS

### **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY/ADVANCED CLASSES**

Day time sessions are held at regular intervals. Dates are published in our electronic newsletter, *Saplings* and in the Rooms.

Contact **Pam Oldham** on 5594 0610 or email [pamllew3@gmail.com](mailto:pamllew3@gmail.com) for further information.

### **SCOTTISH GROUP**

Dates for 2016 are Sunday 21 February, 15 May, 21 August and 20 November. The meetings commence at 1pm. On hand to assist you will be **Margaret Shand** and **Margaret Collins**. Both are very experienced in Scottish research. For further information contact Margaret Shand on 5538 1423 or Margaret Collins on 5593 1773.

### **COMPUTER GROUP**

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. Dates for the first half of the year are 17 February, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May and 15 June. As they like to start on time it is a good idea to arrive a little earlier. Cost is \$1 which includes tea/coffee and biscuit.

The aim of the group is to share knowledge and learn more about the use of computers. If you want more information you can contact **Ann Metcher** on [metcher@bigpond.com](mailto:metcher@bigpond.com)

### **LEGACY USERS GROUP**

For those members using the Legacy program this group is for you. This is a self-help group aimed at solving problems with the program and demonstrating features of it. Dates for the first half of the year are Sunday February 7, April 3, June 5 commencing at 1pm.

You can contact **Carol Browne** by email: [cbrowne@onthenet.com.au](mailto:cbrowne@onthenet.com.au)

### **FAMILY TREE MAKER**

This group has been discontinued however **Gay Eunson** would be happy to still give advice. You can reach her on 5597 5365 or email: [eunson5253@optusnet.com.au](mailto:eunson5253@optusnet.com.au)

### **IRISH GROUP**

**Julian van der Veer** is an experienced Irish researcher. Dates for 2016 are Monday 4 April, 8 August and 5 December at 9 am.

You can contact him on [genfindit@gmail.com](mailto:genfindit@gmail.com)

**LONDON GROUP**

Research in London can be difficult unless you know your area. **Ann Metcher** is very familiar with London having been born there. Dates for 2016 are Sunday 14 February, 8 May, 14 August and 13 November between 1pm and 4pm..

Any queries can be directed to Ann at [metcher@bigpond.com](mailto:metcher@bigpond.com)

**DONATION OF NEW MONITORS**

During the NSW & ACT Family History Conference at Port Macquarie FamilySearch announced that they had an excess supply of 22" computer monitors which they would like to donate to any interested Society. Naturally we put our name down to receive one. The following week a monitor duly arrived via TNT. After a couple of weeks we received a follow up phone call from FamilySearch to check that the monitor was working OK and enquiring if we would like to receive more. YES please!

We now have a total donation of three brand new 22" computer monitors from Familysearch and are extremely grateful to them for this wonderful donation to our Society.

THANK YOU FamilySearch!

Fay Carbis



***THE ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED OVER  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR  
17 DECEMBER 2015  
TO  
12 JANUARY 2016***

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**Presented at the**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**5 September 2015**

It is my pleasure to present my report for 2015. This year seems to have passed very quickly. At the AGM twelve months ago we were anticipating our 'Angling for Ancestors' weekend seminar which took place in October. I am pleased to say that it went off very well – enjoyed by our guest speakers, attendees, and stall holders. Especially ecstatic was our Treasurer as we made a small profit for the Society. Perhaps the most heartening aspect of the whole seminar was the enthusiasm of our large band of volunteers, without whom we could not have run such a successful weekend.

Also at last year's AGM, I reported on the lack of parking spaces because of the State Government designated new bus interchange. Due to the efforts of Murray Wilson, our secretary, bringing the problem to the attention of the council, and the strong support from Cr Gilmore, the council acted promptly and changed the outside landscape providing us with much needed parking spaces.

**We are also very grateful to Cr Tracey Gilmore who took on board our serious concerns about fire risks in our rooms and together with support from the GCCC Heritage Department and letters from our secretary Murray Wilson, arranged for a sophisticated smoke detector and alarm system to be installed that gives us 24 hour coverage.**

So it has been another busy year for the committee with many decisions to make, and I will take this opportunity to thank them for the many hours they put in behind the scenes – often researching topics being raised for discussion to keep us informed. It has been a pleasure to work with this committee:

**Heather Wort** has been our librarian for many years, not only keeping our books, DVDs and microfiche in an easily findable order but spending many hours maintaining the various catalogues in both hard copy and digital form. This is a well resourced Society and Heather's job is both constant and time consuming. **Fay Carbis** has taken on the maintenance of our network computer systems from Heather, and together this year they have supervised the upgrading of the network computer system. We have spent some of our money and purchased a new mother computer, back-up systems and upgraded the Virtual CD software as this remains the most appropriate system for us to utilise the large number of data CD's we own.

**Beverley Dwyer's** worth to the committee with her continuity of experience and knowledge is invaluable, always there to remind us of looming dates and

jobs that need to be done. The pressure on Bev of producing our quarterly journal cannot be underestimated, and I again emphasise that unless more articles are received the future of the journal, in whatever form, cannot be guaranteed. The best reason members have for writing an article is that any names you include become part of a network tool advertising your family research, and you never know who might read it and contact you.

**Peter Lenton**, like his name, has proved to be a rock. I thank him sincerely for his considerations, reliability, valuable expertise and sensible advice.

**Maree Alexanderson** stepped into the role of Treasurer two years ago after an SOS to fill the position and has proved to be an outstanding asset to our Society.

**Victoria Norfolk** joined us on the committee this year and has enthusiastically taken on the digital aspects of a modern family history society like a duck to water.

I am sad that we are losing two members of our committee;

**Murray Wilson** has been bitten by the travel bug and is planning to spend more time away than here. A great secretary, always reliable, and Murray we will never forget your scavenging powers. The Society is now the legal proud owner of an upmarket display system that once graced the entrance of a well known supermarket!

**Margaret Collins** is leaving after 12 years on the committee, a well deserved rest, but I am delighted to say that she will be continuing with some of the responsibilities she has undertaken during that time: the microfilm loan system that we offer as an Affiliated Library with FamilySearch, a convenor of the Scottish Group, assisting with the internet subscription sites, and is continuing as a Room Assistant.

However, we are gaining two fresh faces and hope they enjoy their time on the committee.

Four Society members went to the Triennial Australasian Genealogy Congress in Canberra in March – a good opportunity to see what is happening with other societies. We learnt that studies undertaken in the USA have shown that between 80 - 85% of people researching their family tree do not belong to a family history society and we have no reason to think it is much different here in Australia. Innovative moves are being made to encourage these people to be made aware of the benefits of joining a society. As members we do know the pitfalls of attempting to complete research on the internet alone – we know that between only 10 – 15% of genealogical information is on the internet, and some will probably never be on the internet however long we are able to wait. One of the biggest challenges family history societies face today is how to engage with this new generation

of digital savvy researchers and introduce them to the advantages of involvement with a family history society.

As part of our recognition of that, our biggest event this year as far as the face of the Society goes has been our new website. We are indebted to member **Sue McKenzie** for her ideas, its construction, her ongoing involvement, and great patience in furthering our education about websites. The transition from the old website so ably run by member **Bill Reid** for over 11 years, was seamless and we thank both Bill and Sue for their generosity of time, expertise and spirit. This new website is able to be read in a suitable form whether accessed from a home computer, an iPhone, an iPad, a lap top, or any other digital device. It can be updated readily, and still has room to grow. It should be your Go To Place for any information about the Society.

Our plan is that our quarterly journal Rootes will shortly be available on the website. We will print journals for those members who still wish to receive a hard copy, but with rising costs we are anticipating quite a saving in production and postage costs.

Saplings, our e-newsletter, is dropped into many members' digital mailboxes once a month by **Gay Eunson**. This fills the gap between quarterly journals and is a more informal communication pathway. Thank you, Gay.

Facebook is an essential shop front for any group, and ours is quietly communicating in a digital genealogy world with both members and non-members.

Whilst mentioning technology, I must here thank **Paul Dinniss**, **Ray Suckling** and **Ted Airey** who every month come to maintain and clean our equipment and rooms. If I may put an advertisement in here – they are looking for a fourth person to join them in their Tech Team. Please consider. Members increasingly have heightened expectations for educational and social interaction, and our Special Interest Groups continue to grow, allowing members to share knowledge and skills. The Scottish, Irish, Computer, and Legacy software Groups have been joined this year by a London Group and a Writers' Group. The Computer Group organised one guest speaker this year, Rosemary Kopittke, speaking about the findmypast subscription site, and this was very well attended.

Last month August was National Family History Month. For one of our contributions, Pam Oldham organised a display at Runaway Bay library for the month, and we threw open our doors here for an Open Day inviting the general public in to see what resources we have. This was well attended, and for this, we thank our new Publicity Officer, **Nicole Warren**. Nicole has a background in journalism and so is well suited for this job. Nicole, together with Pam, has also taken on the introductory and advanced classes and we

thank them both for their ongoing efforts in bringing family history to the attention of our community, and highlighting the advantages of joining a society.

Our membership has remained steady after a few years of declining membership. The introduction last year of green cards for new members has been successful in identifying those who may need extra help, and the Welcome to New Members Morning Tea was well attended with new members taking the opportunity to have a relaxed look around the rooms. The rooms are open for research for at least 26 hours every week, staffed by around 25 volunteer room assistants, and co-ordinated by **Margaret Elliot** our roster manager. Other members give their time in many different roles, and to have so many willing and capable volunteers is one of our Society's strengths, and we thank you all. We will officially thank you at our Volunteer Morning Tea after Christmas, but publicly now I wish to say that without the many dedicated volunteers who work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the Society, the wide range of facilities we offer would not be possible.

With a steady membership level, watchful spending, and a successful seminar, I am once again happy to report that we have not introduced any increase in fees for membership, printing or USB usage. I ask you to accept this report with the knowledge that we plan to continue being fiscally responsible, to continue to explore the technology best suited to a modern family history society, and to welcome feedback from our members so that we can service the changing needs of family historians. Thank you.

**Ann Metcher**  
**President**

**A Certificate of Appreciation was presented at the Annual General Meeting to the following member:**

**Sue McKenzie** has been the ideas person and builder behind our new website.

It has taken many hours of Sue's valuable time, not only to work with us in determining what we needed in a new website, but to show us what was possible in a website, then to build it, and then educate us in its use.

Sue runs a full time business, and juggled that with our website queries, requests, and ongoing needs.

Sue is still involved in a further project – that of digitising our quarterly journal and putting it up on the website.

To have a Society member generously offer her technological skills and create our new website has been a financial bonus for us, and to have a

genealogist building our website has made the whole process on our side of the screen, so much easier.

Sue is a worthy recipient of our Society's appreciation.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2015

A steady stream of material is always arriving at the library, and amongst the items received is a very large donation of microfiche from member **Beverley Dwyer**. The donation consists of over 80 volumes, many are copies of original parish registers, and all are now kept in four blue boxes titled *Dwyer Microfiche Collection*.

Another very large donation was received from **Beth and Brian Hallam**: 34 large folders with original pages of the public notices from the *Adelaide Advertiser* 1991 to 2008 plus an index of 106,000 entries.

Many thanks to those of you who have donated unwanted BDM and other certificates this project has 928 items with an index of over 7000 names also your donations of Funeral Tributes continues to grow. They acknowledge a life lived, some with photos and nearly all with birth and death dates. Wedding invitations are also archived so please don't bin them.

We now have over 100 items in the precious books cupboard. Added to the collection this year, *Oliver & Boyd's Almanac and National Repository for 1901 Edinburgh and 50th Annual Show, Showgrounds Nerang 4th and 5th October 1946 Souvenir Programme*.

In line with the changing way we use the library and the internet only 10 CDs were added to the catalogue. The following four are a welcome addition to our Queensland resources: *John Hislop Funeral Directors Records Index 1969 - 1991 Books 1 — 3*; *K M Smith Funeral Directors Records index 1841 — 1961*; *Queensland Passports index 1915 — 1925* and *Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885 Passengers and Crew*.

The *Gold Coast Bulletin* and the *Townsville Bulletin* are now fully digitised by **Fay Carbis** and **Margaret Huth** plus the original pages of the Gold Coast Bulletin collected and indexed by Margaret and now archived in the library. Stocktaking, repairing, proof reading and much more is involved in the upkeep of the library and continues to flow with the help of the volunteers, and a big thank you to all.

Some 575 items were added to the catalogue this year. Donations of books, journals, stationery, computer items and more continue to flow and are



always appreciated. The changing world of libraries, particularly local council libraries and university libraries; books are disappearing off the shelves. For the moment we intend nurturing and adding books to our shelves as many will very likely never make it to digitisation.

It has been a busy and enjoyable year, so many to thank, so much going on behind the scenes I hope the same has been for you and your research.

**Heather Wort**  
**Librarian**

## **DIGITISING *ROOTES***

### **WHY?**

- in 2013 we received our first request for a digitised journal and since then have been researching the possibilities, format, and future direction
- a survey in mid 2014 indicated that from 134 responses, 35 members would prefer a digitised journal.
- the increasing cost of postage and production has to be taken into account

### **HOW?**

- *Rootes* will be placed on our website in both magazine form and as a pdf.
- our new website has facilitated this
- you will be able to print out any page/all pages from the pdf – as you require

### **WHEN?**

- in 2016 *Rootes* will be available on our website
- hard copy journals will still be available for those members who have indicated that they wish to continue to receive a posted version. A charge for this to cover costs is under consideration by the committee

**Please remember that articles are always needed for our journal – in whatever form you choose to read it.**

## **MEMBERS' INTEREST LIST**



### **WHAT IS IT?**

On our website the Society maintains a list of families that members are researching. This enables members to see what families other members are researching. It also enables anyone in the world who knows about it to see the same information. We have advised over 200 Family History Societies, in Australia and overseas, our website details and asked that they be circulated to their members. Enquiries between members, and from around Australia and overseas have resulted and contacts established.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Firstly it is only available to members who are financial. You obtain a "Registration of Members' Interest" form from the rooms or email one of the co-ordinators for one which will be sent by reply attachment. Print out and complete the form as per the instructions and return it, or post it to the rooms. A good idea is to get the form and complete it at the rooms. You can also scan it and send it to either of the co-ordinators. The co-ordinators will use the properly completed form to input your data onto the list.

People searching the list and finding a name they wish to follow further can send an email request from the website to the co-ordinators who will pass it on to the respective member. This member then replies directly to the person making the request. This is an extremely secure system.

### SO WHAT NOW?

Members who don't have any listing please get a form and get on the list! Members who have listings please review them and add all your new families plus others you didn't put there before. The more families the more value the list is to all members.

### EVERYONE

Keep an eye on the list as it is updated several times a year.  
Update the Co-ordinators if you change your email address.

**This is an opportunity for research not to be missed. You never know what you might turn up. It's a free service for all our members.**

### **YOU CAN PUT AS MANY NAMES AS YOU WISH ON THE LIST**

**(10 per form)**

#### Contacts.

Website            [www.goldcoastfhs.org.au](http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au) then go to Members'  
Interest in the index.

Co-ordinators    Ray Suckling    [rwsuckling@bigpond.com](mailto:rwsuckling@bigpond.com)  
                     Paul Dinniss    [pauldinn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pauldinn@bigpond.net.au)

Postal Address    PO Box 2763, BC Southport 4215.

**DO IT NOW!**

## **I WISH I HAD KNOWN YOU, GRANDPA**

**By PETER STONE**

Life isn't fair, Grandpa. You died in Sydney only months before Mum returned with me - her two year old son. Dad was away at the War in Milne Bay helping hand the Japanese their first land defeat. He and Mum had gone to Brisbane four years before on work. After you died it seemed only right for Mum to come back to Sydney to look after Grandma.

Grandpa, the only thing I was told about you, was that you had sailed around Cape Horn. My favourite story when I was growing up was about Joshua Slocum's solo voyage aboard the *Spray* in that area. Not knowing anything about you made me want to know. The more I found out, the more I wished I'd known you.

It was only after Mum and Grandma had died that I found out about the exciting life you had led. I still don't know why all this was kept from me. They also didn't tell me that I had Convict ancestors most of whom were yours too. Is there some secret that you want to tell me?

You and I have a lot in common but we are also quite different in many ways. We would have been able to talk for hours about our love of boats and the sea. We both have academic achievements, and each of us has two daughters. But whereas you, Grandpa, are a gregarious character I am more of a loner. You were at one with cargo ships and motor boats whereas I am into yachts and ocean liners, but they all sail upon the oceans of the world and take us to remote, new and interesting places.

Apart from your birth in Balmain in 1882 into a family of shoe importers I have found out little about your early life except that you won a prize for an essay on the history of Balmain and how it was governed. This was published in the local newspaper "Balmain Leader". I guess your early life would have been very different to mine. What was life in late 19th Century Balmain like? When you were 15 I found out that you signed up as an apprentice on the *Forth*, a steel 3 masted sailing ship. How I would have loved to hear stories of your first voyage from Sydney to London around Cape Horn. Were you terrified? How did the Master and crew treat a young apprentice? What did you eat? How often did you get sea-sick? My questions to you could go on for hours and days.

From the diary of yours, which I came across in Mum's belongings after she died, I realised that your next voyages were on the "Coolie Run". My understanding is that the Coolie trade took Indians looking for a better life to the West Indies where they worked on the sugar plantations. After serving their time they had the option of returning to India but very few did.

The *Forth* carried coolies between Calcutta and Trinidad and also to Demerara in Guiana. I'm glad that your ship was one of those paid an incentive for treating the Coolies well. On some return trips she carried drums of oil to New York and London.

But what did you think about the Coolie trade, Grandpa? How did you like India and the West Indies, or England for that matter? Did you get what now a days is called "Culture Shock"? Were you worried or upset when a crew member younger than you died of typhoid fever in Calcutta? Did you have similar feelings when another of the crew also died of fever and was buried at sea? How was "Crossing the Line" (Equator) celebrated? How did you and the crew entertain yourselves on board? What was it like to be becalmed for days in the doldrums? How did you spend your time in port? What were you paid?

For every trip you did to ports like these and later around Australia and New Zealand there would be thousands of questions, Grandpa. I'd also have questions about how you courted Grandma over these distances. What was life like apart from Grandma whilst you were on board and she was at home? How much did you see of your daughters? Did they ask you lots of questions?

Your experiences during the Great War in the Merchant Marine, ferrying troops and supplies from Australia and across the Atlantic, being chased and fighting off enemy submarines would have had me asking many more questions.

What was the fate of the ships you served on? I know that at least three of them were either wrecked or foundered, and some were broken up for scrap. Although things quietened down after the War, when you no longer went to sea for a living, my questions would have gone on. How did you like your shore job with the Commonwealth Shipping Line? What did you actually do? What was it like to be made redundant just before the Depression? How did Grandma take it?

There are so many other aspects of your life that I find fascinating. You were a publican at three hotels in Central Sydney. Just after you left, one of them suffered an armed robbery. You owned two motor yachts, belonged to Motor Yacht Clubs. You went by boat from your home in Drummoyne to the weekend house on Middle Harbour. You worked at Cockatoo Island Shipyard during the early days of World War II until you died in 1942.

Grandpa, I have so many more questions to ask and so much to learn from you. Maybe we'll meet some day.

**Peter Stone email:** [pcstone@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pcstone@yahoo.com.au)

**BEWARE OF FALLING TREES –  
THOSE WITH STRONG ROOTS ARE THE BEST  
BY  
JENNIFER M ROWE**

I must agree whole heartedly with our Editor, Beverley Dwyer's' comments about the lazy habit that is now present with so many so called researchers copying trees from other sites. This is a source of annoyance to many.

There are two groups of family history researchers, those who have taken the time to receive proper instructions in the correct way to do it (here I must thank Beverley, as one of the first to have assisted me on my journey) and the online researchers who follow the *leaf* as the Ancestry advertisement suggests and come up with an absolute mongrel of a tree, where others on the same site will copy it. Therefore many believe if the numbers are greater and of course, if it's on Ancestry, My Heritage, Find My Past or Genes Reunited, etc., it must be correct.

This is not so, sometimes a tree that stands alone can be the correct one, but any information must be researched again and have sources to back it up.

I have had many conversations over the years about incorrect content. A perfect example was when a girl added a branch of my husband's family who were still living in Rotherham, Yorkshire and placed them in northern England with the children attending university. When I brought it to her attention she said *Oh well, I like it and it adds some colour to the tree. Why bother - isn't the aim to try and get the correct information?*

A memorable experience was my MARY CONRICK, an Irish girl who came out with her family in 1865 at age four. She appeared on an Ancestry tree as Mary Buckley a niece, I contacted the owner and politely queried it and asked for the source and this was the reply:

*In Ancestry.com she is listed as Buckley even though she may have been known as Conrick.*

My next question was:

*Where on Ancestry.com was Mary listed as Buckley other than on your tree?*

I was presented with a 1980s family summary by his uncle where a story had been written and it eliminated my Mary. Why? It surely couldn't have been that this staunch Irish Catholic family who had one son a priest and a daughter, who entered the convent in 1887, were distancing themselves from her. In 1882 Mary had given birth to a daughter in Sydney and had the audacity to keep her, therefore she was the black sheep and disowned by her pious family.

The tree owner asked:

*Why wasn't she in the family photo taken in 1887 in Goulburn when her sister was entering the convent?*

Why indeed; she had married a Frenchman and they were living in Dubbo, she had three children with the fourth born in that same year, 1887. Why would she have travelled where she was obviously not wanted and risk losing her baby on the rough tracks.

The Mary referred to as Buckley is a CONRICK. She had every right to use the name Conrick as it appears in the shipping records, her daughter's birth certificate, her marriage certificates (both parents) and John Conrick was listed on her death certificate. Mary Conrick was not in the Goulburn district from at least 1881 and written out of their lives.

**Hear-say and suggesting Mary called herself Conrick instead of Buckley is not proof against certificates, unless it can be proved otherwise.**

I had provided many certificates, but the final straw was when the tree owner asked me:

*Why had she lied on all the certificates?*

Sometimes words fail.

Jennifer M. Rowe - [jmay@onthenet.com.au](mailto:jmay@onthenet.com.au)



### ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

Hopefully we have all discovered lots of new facts about our ancestors so now is the time to re-read over all the notes you wrote during 2015 and make sure you have added all these items into your family history. This will give you new energy for 2016 and inspire you to personally visit more Archives, Record Offices, and Libraries in Australia and other countries. There is nothing like seeing the real thing as opposed to a few line entries in Ancestry and other websites.

South Australian Obituaries and other items of interest, many Pioneers and settlers in South Australia. For those of you with South Australian research you know how hard it is finding information and there are some wonderful obituaries on this website and even some with photos.

<http://saobits.gravesecrets.net/a.html>

Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery – During the early 1900s Waterfall Sanatorium, near the Royal National Park in Sydney was home to many people with Tuberculosis. There are about 2065 souls buried in this cemetery and at present it is not open to the public but plans are afoot to change this.

<http://haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/waterfall-general-garrawarra-ce>  
<http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/guide/nsw/NE01214metry>  
<http://austcemindex.com/cemetery.php?id=2268>

Burra – For those who research in this area of South Australia you will love this website. At one time a large mining area, there is a lot of information to help you add some flesh to the story of your ancestors.

<http://www.burrahistory.info/BurraPlaces.htm>

Primitive Methodist Ministers – For anybody searching on this subject there is quite a lot of information and this is an ongoing project. Mostly English names and some Australian names. Hope you get lucky.

<http://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/index.aspx>

They came, they stayed – tribute to Pioneering Ancestors who came to Australia during 1841 to 1883. A fabulous website with a lot of work and a large index of names to search, lots of Queensland families as well as from other parts of Australia. You might just find that 'lost' ancestor, there are also lots of photos you are allowed to copy and other information.

<http://www.theycametheystayed.com/index>



Grace's Guide is a website for historical information about industry and manufacturing in Britain. If you ancestor had anything to do with early companies and products there are hundreds of names to research and many names with Obituaries. Found one of my ancestors in here.

[http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main\\_Page](http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main_Page)

Castle Garden – America's first Immigration centre. If your ancestors went to the USA you might get lucky and find on this website.

<http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Cumbria Archives has four record offices at Barrow, Carlisle, Kendal and Whitehaven in this area of England. Send them an email to see is available.

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/>

Cotton Town in northern England has a fascinating website about the cotton industry and other occupations our ancestors were involved plus links to other sites, including Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary.

<http://www.cottontown.org/Pages/default.aspx>

If your ancestors were involved in Trade Unions, like some of mine were, then this site traces over 200 years history of every type of Trade Union.

<http://www.unionancestors.co.uk/>

Lancashire – an ongoing project at present as they upgrade their website but worth a look if you are interested in this area.

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office.aspx>

The Museum of Science and Industry is housed in the oldest surviving passenger railway station in the world – Manchester. And if you want to get a feel for the types of jobs and trades your ancestors worked this is the place.

<http://www.mosi.org.uk/collections.aspx>

This museum is an historical look at the social and industrial history of the Furness area and if you like medieval history this is one place to visit.

<http://www.dockmuseum.org.uk/barrows-history>

Christchurch City Council, New Zealand has a searchable database of names for some of the various cemeteries around this area.

<http://heritage.christchurchcitylibraries.com/Cemeteries/>

Wallabadah – Located about 50 klms south of Tamworth. If you drive down the New England Highway and wondered what these gardens are you need to

stop and have a pleasant wander around. The gardens were built in memory of the First Fleet with a list of all the passengers on these ships.

<http://sharnsgenealogyhints.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/first-fleet-memorial-gardens-wallabadah.html>

Tynwald on the Isle of Man dates back hundreds of years and if you anyone in this area this might be a good place to start looking.

<http://www.tynwald.org.im/Pages/default.aspx>

Also the Isle of Man Family History Society may be able to help you.

<http://iomfhs.im/>

Henry Bloom Noble Library, Isle of Man might be a good place to start for local history and information about school records and registers.

<http://library.douglas.gov.im/>

Was your ancestor a tenant farmer in Eastern Scotland? These records were called the Statistical Accounts of Scotland and are a mine of information.

<http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/>

London Metropolitan Archives is a good place to start to find that elusive ancestor in London, it is a good starting point to see what is available.

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx>

British Settlers in Argentina and Uruguay. In case you didn't know, our ancestors didn't stay in the one place. As well as travelling to the USA and Canada many travelled to Argentina and Uruguay to find work. This has an amazing amount of information and you never know you just might find that person you have been looking for in the last 30 years.

<http://www.argbrit.org/>

Do you have Italian ancestors? This is one of many websites giving details on the how, when, and where you might find information about Italy research.

<http://www.italian-family-history.com/>

Hope you have fun with these websites, they were all working in September but they can change or disappear without warning

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**JOSEPH WOOD PROUD  
MAYOR OF SOUTHPORT 1935-1949**

**By  
MARGARET DEACON**

Joseph Wood Proud was born on December 29, 1870 to Jonathan and Barbara (Wood) Proud in Ulverstone, Lancashire, England. His parents, together with nine children, departed aboard the *Duke of Buccleuch* from Plymouth, England arriving in Brisbane on 6 November 1883. The family lived in Brisbane, Gatton and Indooroopilly prior to arriving in Southport in 1887 to take up selections of swampy land for raising dairy cattle.

Joseph was interviewed in 1937 in connection with the "Back to Southport Carnival" to be held in the near future. He said "*I arrived in Southport fifty years ago last February, the morning after the Scottish Prince came ashore. At that time the bar was right opposite the Pacific Hotel or approximately on the outside of Porpoise Point*". The *Scottish Prince* ran aground on the south end of Stradbroke Island off Southport on February 3, 1887, indicating that the family arrived in Southport on 4 February 1887. The horse and cart journey from Laidley took many days.

Joseph's father built a colonial homestead overlooking the Broadwater for his family in 1893 and called it "Hollywell" after his old home in England. In 1875 acre allotments were being sold at between five pounds and fifteen pounds at a time when residents numbered about 30.

Joseph married Margaret Gillooly in 1892. He became involved in local politics in 1900 and was the youngest Alderman of the Southport Shire Council at the age of 29. The Council members met in the Southport Divisional Board Hall, a building constructed in 1899. In 1919 the Rolls indicated their residence in Southport at Pine Ridge, and Joseph was an Oyster Bank Proprietor. This was his stated occupation in the Electoral Rolls until 1949 while living at Hollywell, Broadwater.

Joseph and Margaret had 6 children, Margaret (Peggy), Elizabeth (Betty), Dorothy (Dorry), Cissy, James (Jim) and William (Bill). Peggy recalls her father's boat, *Myostis*, the wonderful days spent on the Broadwater and picnicking on Stradbroke Island. His wife, Margaret, died on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1930 at the age of 63 after a long illness.

In 1914 with the formation of the Southport Town Council, development directions focused on tourism. The Town of Southport was declared on April 12, 1918 with E. Hicks, a Benowa farmer appointed the first Mayor and J.W. Proud, one of eight Aldermen.

The Southport Town Council elections were held in July 1921 and nominations were received for Mayor and Aldermen. Joseph Wood Proud was one of three to nominate for Ward 3. The others were Headry Grice and John Siganto. Washington Waters served as Mayor from 1919 until 1925.

In 1934 Joseph Proud married Mary Ann Shea, the widowed daughter of John and Elizabeth Siganto who owned 'Finis', a house at Lands End. John Siganto had built this home as a holiday house in 1914 and were neighbours of the Proud Family. Margaret recalled the Proud children walking 4 kms through the scrub to their school at Pine Ridge and that they 'crossed swamps, stopped to admire beautiful wild orchids, startled wallabies and kangaroos and negotiated ti-tree bridges'.

A special meeting of the Southport Town Council was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1935 when nominations were called for the office of Mayor following the resignation of Mayor H.J. Wilson on 28 July. Two nominations were received from Alderman Joseph Wood Proud and Alderman Washington Waters. Three votes were received for each candidate in a ballot. The candidates did not wish to draw for the position and the decision was made by a Governor in Council and Mayor Proud was appointed.

Joseph Wood Proud was elected Mayor on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1936, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1939, 1<sup>st</sup> May 1943 and 27<sup>th</sup> April 1946. Joseph's daughter, Margaret remembers 'the hoo-ha of election day, which brought to mind how dedicated my father was to his work'. The election of April 1939 signified the overwhelming support which J.W.Proud enjoyed. The Mayoral position was never in doubt. J.W. Proud was returned for a second term by a 3 to 1 majority over his opponent Mr J. Shepherd.

Subsequent to the outbreak of War it was recommended by the Southport Control Committee to Mayor Proud and the Council that Air Raid precautions be implemented in the town. Air raid warnings were tested and the Southport Fire Brigade requested of Mayor Proud and the Council that volunteers under the age of 18 and over 45 years be sought and trained in fire-fighting in the event of an air raid. Later in the war in 1942 the Commonwealth Government requested that Shire Councils remove street signage from coastal areas along the east coast of Australia for 100 miles inland to prevent the enemy (Japanese) from obtaining information from them.

The Southport Town Council met fortnightly until it was changed to monthly meetings on 14 August 1940. Matters before the Council included rate charges, infrastructure repairs (eg to the pier and baths), water sampling, sand pumping/silting of the Broadwater, the proposed aerodrome at Biggera Waters, electricity services and the extension of power lines, as well as

addressing letters to Council. Mayor Proud attended various Board meetings including the Southport Fire Brigade, Southport Water Board and the Southport Publicity Committee. He was chairman of the Southport Patriotic Committee during the War.

The war years of 1939-1945 were demanding times for Mayor Proud and his Council. Many committees were established to support the war effort in numerous ways. The Mayor urged citizens to participate in a patriotic rally at the Diggers Memorial Hall to mark the anniversary of the declaration of war. He indicated that 'resolutions of loyalty will be submitted and there will be vocal and musical items'. The Lady Mayoress was involved in the Southport Defence Council Comforts Fund, Patriotic Concerts, Red Cross, the CWA and the Union Jack Soldiers Club. Significant efforts were expended in raising funds to support families in need and goods were collected or crafted to be sent to the AIF on the Home Front.

A request by the Southport Ratepayers Association to the Town Council in August 1940 to seek a reduction in rates for those who were struggling financially was denied due to the Council experiencing fiscal pressures. Another review in February 1941 led to a decision to grant ratepayers engaged in War service a remission of rates for the duration of the war and for the following 12 months after the War. The state of Council finances had been an issue for many years as it struggled to meet the demands of maintenance, infrastructure as well as wartime defence expenditure.

Margaret Proud remembers their home, *Hollywell* being sold during World War Two because petrol rationing made it difficult for her father to travel to and from Southport for council work. Petrol rationing was introduced in Australia in late 1940 and early 1941, but was not strictly enforced until 1942. Food production was declining in Australia and rationing of food-stuffs including tea (an issue of 1/2 lb tea every 5 weeks) continued.

The amalgamation of three Town Councils (Southport, Nerang and Coolangatta) took place in the elections of May 1949 and Mayor Proud nominated as one of the six candidates. At the age of 78 he believed he had the energy and will to contest the position of Mayor of the Town of South Coast but it could be suggested that his age did not work in his favour. Alderman Len Peak, of Coolangatta secured an overwhelming majority and was appointed Mayor.

His death at the age of 81 on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1952 at his home on Marine Parade heralded the end of a life of enormous achievement. Joseph Wood Proud made a significant contribution to his community where his public and civic duties throughout his career as Councillor and Mayor dominated his life. He earned the respect of the community through his dedication and his

accomplishments especially during wartime when financial resources were scant. However, he managed to harness the support and cooperation of the public to raise funds for numerous causes during that time. Joseph Proud had a conciliatory approach in his leadership style thus gaining the respect of his fellow Councillors.

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### **PIG FAT AND FACE POWDER**

Among the dottiest people who ever lived in London was Lady Lawson, famed throughout the middle decades of the eighteenth century for her bizarre lifestyle.

Records suggest she was born in 1700 or perhaps 1701 in Essex Street just north of the Strand. Mrs. Lawson – or Lady Lawson as she was afterwards known – married a rich elderly merchant when she was just nineteen and moved to his house at Clerkenwell, then a quiet village on the edge of London.

Her husband died when she was only twenty six, but from that time until her death in about 1800, she hardly ever left the house. Every day she made sure all the beds in the house were made up, although no one every came to stay. She was highly superstitious; in over sixty years she never cleaned a window in the house, fearing they would be broken in the process or that the person cleaning them might be injured. And she refused to allow anything to be moved in any room, believing that it might make her catch cold.

In summer she was sometimes seen reading in her garden in attire which would have been far more appropriate to the fashion of about 1690, with ruffs and cuffs and fardingales, and she always wore her hair powdered and piled high on her head over a stiff horsehair frame.

She believed washing was highly dangerous and would lead to some ‘dreadful disorder’. Instead she smeared her face and neck with pig’s fat, on top of which she applied a liberal quantity of pink powder.

When Lady Lawson died it was the talk of London – her house was opened up to mourners and the curious who found a time capsule unchanged in more than seventy years.

***From London’s Strangest Tales***

**MOURNING GIFTS**  
**BY**  
**ANNE HRABANEK**

**This article first appeared in *Rootes* March 1997.**

I am a great believer in Wills as an aid to family history research so I have read plenty of them and have often wondered why so many testators left sums of money specifically “to buy gloves”.

I have come across dozens of these bequests, usually placed towards the end of the Will, for amounts ranging from 2d to 5/-. Sometimes the type of glove was specified, i.e. beaver, lamb, kid or “shammy”.

I thought perhaps the bequests were intended to assist the glove trade, rather like “Burials in Woollen”, but could find nothing in reference books to supply this theory.

Finally I sent an enquiry to the “Can You Help?” section of Family Tree Magazine and was delighted with the outcome. Eleven readers responded to my requests for information, several sending photocopied extracts from various books on funeral customs. Although no correspondent could say exactly when or why the custom of leaving money to buy gloves began some were of the opinion that mourners were expected to wear gloves at the funeral and the bequests were a way of ensuring that they did so. Others pointed out that it was customary for gifts or favours to be distributed to the mourners, the cost being met by the family of the deceased or from a bequest made for just that purpose.

In addition to gloves it was customary for mourners to receive gifts of scarves, hatbands and mourning rings. The scarves were lengths of black silk or crepe worn diagonally over the left shoulder. Hatbands were of similar materials, swathed around the crown of the hat and hanging down the back. White gloves and scarves replaced the traditional black if the deceased was a child or a young unmarried woman.

Clergymen officiating at funerals also received these mourning gifts and over the years built up a stockpile of gloves and lengths of black material. At least one parson’s wife is known to have saved the black scarves until she had enough to make a dress and, no doubt, other thrifty souls did the same.

At one time it was customary to give a pair of gloves to someone who performed a small service or granted a favour which could not be charged for. For a more important service the gloves would be lined with money or contain a coin – hence the term “glove money”.



The practice of giving gloves and other mourning gifts is now a thing of the past, together with the wearing of black clothes and other long standing traditions. How shocked our ancestors would have been at such apparent lack of respect for the dead.

Sources: Journals of *The Parson Woodforde Society*. Various readers of *Family Tree Magazine*.



**The Great Fire in London in 1666** was sometimes known as the food fire because it started in Pudding Lane and eventually died out in Pie Lane.

Diarist Samuel Pepys buried a parmesan cheese in his garden to preserve it from the flames.

***Bradford Observer 26 March 1835***

Married at Steynford church, Mr John Thomas MASON of Milford, to Miss Elizabeth STEPHENS of the former place. The bridegroom has attained the patriarchal age of 101 years, and is in possession of considerable property. The blooming bride is about 33, and about ten months ago consigned her former spouse to the silent tomb.

## REPRESENTATIVE MEN – XI

### WILLIAM ROBERT OXENFORD

It does not fall to the lot of all men to have one's name given to an important farming centre, as is the case at Oxenford with one of the pioneers of that district. Mr William Robert Oxenford was born in Headingham, England in 1836, and arrived in Queensland by the ship Fusilier in the year 1864. He was brought up on the land, and up to the time of leaving England he worked on his father's farm. On arrival in Queensland he followed many occupations, including shearing, and was employed too, on the railway at navvying work between Ipswich and Toowoomba. Mr Oxenford was in Toowoomba in 1866, and he speaks of things there being very bad. There was little employment, and numbers were scouring the country in search of work. In 1867 he came to Pimpama, and found work on a cotton plantation, but remained only five months. While there he assisted in erecting the first cotton mill in the district. Mr Oxenford came to the district where he is now located, and selected in 1868. The farm originally had 240 acres, but land required for the railway and the township has reduced the area. For some years he was engaged in growing maize and potatoes, and later on, sugar cane. In 1885 Mr Oxenford introduced the Alfa-Laval separator into Queensland and has witnessed the marvellous strides that have been made in dairying in the State since. Mr Oxenford experimented with rice and linseed at Coomera and took the first order of merit at the Melbourne Exhibition in 1881. He is now experimenting with Rhodes, prairie and other grasses, and he speaks of Rhodes as being the coming grass in Queensland. For many years Mr Oxenford was a member of the Coomera Divisional Board and also secretary of the School Committee. In all public matters he takes a foremost position. Some years ago, when ploughing matches were popular among farmers, Mr Oxenford took eleven first prizes against competitors in the State; in 1877 he carried off the silver cup presented by the proprietors of the "Queensland," and in 1878 the East Moreton gold medal. He holds several prize certificates as a ploughman in addition, and during that decade competed in Victoria against the ploughmen in that State. Mr Oxenford is a born farmer and his work in Queensland as showing of what the soil and climate are capable, cannot be overestimated.

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**PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS**

*Lord, help me dig into the past,  
And sift the sands of time,  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree mine.*

*Lord, help me trace the ancient roads,  
On which my fathers trod,  
And led them through so many lands,  
To find our present sod.*

*Lord, help me find an ancient book,  
Or dusty manuscript,  
That's safely hidden now away,  
In some forgotten crypt,*

*Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul, when I can't find  
The Missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.*

**Anonymous**

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Hobkirk & Abbotrule Monumental Inscriptions	Margaret	Collins	Yes
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