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VALE FRANCES ANN BROWN (Fran)
20 January 2019

Fran joined the Society on 28 July 1993. She became a Room Assistant and helped many members with their research and did so until last year.

She joined the Committee in 2001 as Vice President and held that position until 2003.

She will be greatly missed.

COMING EVENTS

Our Society hosts various events during the year. All are for the benefit of our members. There is a nominal charge of \$1 for group meetings which includes tea or coffee and a biscuit. Introduction and Advance Classes and any education classes are free of charge to members. Special events incur individual charges.

Check the Coming Events in your journal and updates that appear in *Saplings*, our monthly electronic newsletter. Details are also published on our web site: <http://goldcoastfhs.org.au/events-calendar1.html>

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY/ADVANCED CLASSES

Day time sessions are held at regular intervals. There is no charge to members. Bookings for these classes are essential.

Contact **Pam Oldham** on 5594 0610 or email: pamllew3@gmail.com

SCOTTISH GROUP

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research. The meetings commence at 1pm on Sunday 19 May, 18 August and 17 November.

Contact **Margaret Collins** on 5593 1773 or email: cjm7cjm@bigpond.com or **Margaret Shand** on 5538 1423 or email: rinnes@onthenet.com.au

IRISH GROUP

Julian Van der Veer has for many years had a research service but is available to assist our members. Meetings commence at 9am on Monday 1 April, 5 August and 2 December.

Julian can be contacted by email on genfindit@gmail.com

LONDON GROUP

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. **Ann Metcher** is native to the area and very knowledgeable. She can be contacted at metcher@bigpond.com

The next meeting will be Sunday 12 May 1pm to 4pm.

LEGACY GROUP

If you are thinking of using a program to record your family history this group can help to make up your mind. If you are already using it why not

find out if you are taking full advantage of it. Co-ordinator Sue McKenzie is well versed in its use and will help you to get started or hopefully solve any problems you are experiencing.

Dates for 2019 are Sunday at 1pm April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6 and December 1 (the first Sunday every second month).

Contact Carol Browne at cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

COMPUTER GROUP

This very popular group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. The programs are wide and varied and any suggestions you may have regarding topics are very welcome.

Full details are provided in our electronic newsletter prior to each monthly meeting.

You can contact **Ann Metcher** at metcher@bigpond.com for further information.

FAMILY TREE MAKER

If you are using this program and need help **Gay Eunson** will be happy to assist you.

You can reach her on 5597 5365 or email: eunson5253@optusnet.com.au

MINI SEMINARS

The very popular mini seminars will continue next year. Arrangements are presently in progress for speakers and dates.

Check *Saplings* for up to date information as well as our web site.

FACTS NOT FICTION

Complaints are constantly made about the misinformation found on Ancestry.com family trees. Our members complain and magazines and journals often contain letters from readers about the subject.

Interestingly *My Heritage* has a consistency checker for its trees, while FamilySearch has one big shared tree so there can only be one version.

Isn't it time Ancestry.com did something about the situation? Apparently they have been approached by many people but they say it is beyond their control. Why?

I was amused that one person who wrote a letter to *Family Tree* magazine said that on one person's family tree she is shown as deceased but she receives a Christmas card each year from that person.

Beverley Dwyer – Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I tap fingers to the keyboard the Festive Season is concluding and the Society is having a break for a month. Many Committee members and several others put sandpaper, paint brushes and rollers in their hands and gave our Rooms a wonderful coat of paint. It has certainly created a refreshing and seemingly more spacious environment.

Much cleaning was undertaken simultaneously which negated the necessity of setting aside a special cleaning day in January. Generous thanks go to Mark Pittaway, our Paint Director Extraordinaire who coordinated proceedings, with many Committee members and volunteers, Ray Suckling, Paul Dinniss and Chris Stocker who ably assisted in doing a sterling job.

You will now find Perspex shelving to improve presentation of the many *Unlock the Past* and other booklet guides which will remind members of what a great resource they are. Ann, please thank Colin for his help to install this and for his assistance on the painting project.

Don't forget to check out our comprehensive library. One member unexpectedly found a book written about a very tiny English village he was researching, so there are rich materials awaiting you. If you need help with the Catalogue please ask a Room Assistant.

If successful in our application for a Gambling Community Fund Grant, the Society will be purchasing a printer/scanner this year. The aim is to scan the completed family histories and other items to enable electronic access for members.

The Queensland conference on family and local history. By the time you receive this Journal the May *Waves in Time* Conference at Caloundra will be rapidly approaching. Early bird Registrations close on 31 March so be sure to go online and register now at:

<https://wavesintime2019.org.au/registration/>

We hope to sustain the interest of members in the quarterly mini-seminars by choosing topics of interest to you. Kerry Farmer's DNA talk in February no doubt will capture the attention of many who have had their DNA tested or are considering being tested.

On May 11, Cara Downes from the National Archives will give one presentation on *The Aftermath of WWI – The Australian Experience* and another talk on *WWI War Brides* both of which will be very interesting and perhaps emotional, and will tap into 100 years of post WWI. Registrations open in April. Cost for members is only \$15.00 which is a wonderful few hours of education, information and entertainment.

The 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Gold Coast Family History Society will be celebrated on Sunday 11th August from 1-4pm. We have some ideas but would welcome you as members to put forth your ideas for an entertaining and fun party. Please contact me or any of the committee members.

Margaret Deacon President
0439 871 329

HEATHER WORT'S LIBRARY REPORT

Another list of films purchased by our members from FamilySearch are to be found elsewhere in this journal. We thank all those who took up the challenge, dipped into their pockets and ordered films and microfiche so we can enjoy these resources in the library. Please remember the film titles have been abbreviated to fit the entry box in the catalogue. The complete title can be found in a folder located on top of the film filing cabinet.

A group of society members freshened up the library with a coat of paint in the first week the library was closed. You can see them in action on our facebook page. Well done and thanks from all of us.

We are still receiving a large number of journals and newsletters available for borrowing, some great stories, loads of help, tips and web sites - plenty to keep you enthusiastic about family history.

One article I noticed is in the December 2018 magazine *Genealogists' Magazine* written by Michael Gandy titled: **"Writing it up (for people who don't want to write it up)"**.

Quoting a paragraph: *Our relatives are mostly not interested in how we achieved our results. Some of them are not even interested in the results, but if we give them something which is not too big they will at least keep it in a drawer and not throw it away. Fortunately, with easy copying we can spread our results around.*

Now, doesn't that make sense if writing a book is our focus and we are struggling to arrive at the final full stop before we drop off the perch? In the meantime perhaps we can manage a few A4 pages with some data and a couple of photos for good measure and hopefully they won't throw it away.

Christmas 2018 I was fortunate to have five days on my own in London. A trip to the Society of Genealogists was top of the list. The society received hundreds of films donated by the LDS however I was drawn to their index cards knowing that over many years they have been receiving family histories and documents and indexing the names associated with each item. Index cards are mainly ignored by those heading straight to the computers. We have

drawers of index cards, take a peek sometime. And yes, I found one of my families in the Rogers Bequest (Cornwall) donated to the society in 1967.

I notice the *Launceston Examiner* is on Trove 1842-1899 – we have indexed books of births, deaths and marriages 1900-1965. Also on Trove is the *Shepparton News*, Victoria 1914-1918. We have on microfiche funerals 1995-1999 and News 1931-1998. And finally the *Numurka Leader*, Victoria 1895-1948. We have it on microfiche 1975-1999. This is just a snippet of our newspaper records.

Enjoy the challenge our families give us.

Heather Wort – Librarian



STOOL-BALL.

THE *Ball* once struck with Art and
Care,
And drove impetuous through the Air
Swift round his Course the *Gamester*
flies,
Or his *Stool's* taken by Surprise.

- A Little Pretty Pocket-book
by John Newbery (1767)

You enjoyed it once – so do it again

In 2017 our Society hosted the Queensland State Conference *“Footsteps in Time”* in Southport. About 90 of us went to the three day event and came away thrilled at what we had learnt and who we had talked to sharing our hobby (obsession). If you enjoyed that conference, why not make an effort and go to the 2019 State Conference in Caloundra?

The program for 2019 is bigger and better with more free talks, an even wider range of expert speakers, and comfortable seating. DNA features strongly with talks by international speakers, plus presentations on Irish, Scottish, post WWI, Queensland Immigration, brick walls, convicts, mapping, and so much more. Check out the program online.

Again, careful planning by the committee has enabled the costs to be kept down – such great speakers for such minimal costs is a bargain not to be missed. Drive up for a day, book some accommodation or pitch your tent and make a long weekend of it. Save money – register early. Early Bird registration closes 31st March.

Visit the conference webpage and sign up for the obligation free conference newsletter to see what’s going on:

<https://wavesintime2019.org.au/>



FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR
24 – 26 May 2019

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Gold Coast Family History Society exists solely due to our volunteers without them there would not be a Society. Most members have contact with the Room Assistants but how many know of all those behind the scenes?

Following is a list of the volunteers for 2018 and you will see that some wear more than one hat.

Each year we hold a morning tea as a thank you and this was held on Sunday, 24 February 2019.

Airey Ted	Dream Team – our cleaners
Alexanderson Maree	Committee/Treasurer
Bedward Mike	Map Organiser
Brown Fran	Room Assistant – Retired
Browne Carol	Room Assistant/Legacy Group
Carbis Jay	Committee/Classes/Seminars/Room Assistant/ Computer Co-ordinator
Carruthers Carolyn	Committee/Secretary
Collins Margaret	Room Assistant/ Scottish Group
Criddle John	Committee/Room Assistant
Deacon Margaret	Committee/President/Room Assistant
Dinnis Paul	Dream Team – our cleaners
Dwyer Beverley	Committee/Journal Editor/Membership Secretary
East Kay	Room Assistant
Eunson Gay	Room Assistant/Electronic Newsletter Editor
Gilltrap Helen	Journal mail-out
Hawkins Kaye	Room Assistant
Huth Margaret	Room Assistant/Library Assistant
Kenwick Faye	Room Assistant/Library Assistant
Keppie David	Room Assistant
Lambert Elizabeth	Room Assistant/Library Assistant
Lenton Peter	Journal mail-out
Mackenzie Patricia	Room Assistant
McKenzie Sue	Web Manager/Legacy Group
McLeod Sue	Legal Officer
Meredith Trish	Room Assistant
Metcher Ann	Committee/London Group/Room Assistant/ Seminars

Morse Ann	Room Assistant
Nordstrom Carolyn	Dream Team – our cleaners
Oldham Pam	Room Assistant/Roster Secretary/Classes
Pittaway Mark	Committee/Inventory Recorder
Roots Alan	Committee 2017/18 – Retired
Shackleton May	Room Assistant
Shand Margaret	Scottish Group
Steedman Di	Room Assistant
Suckling Ray	Dream Team – our cleaners
Swan Jeanette	Library Assistant
Van der Veer Julian	Irish Group
Walton Lyndel	Room Assistant
Wort Heather	Committee/Librarian/Room Assistant
Yuke Colleen	Library Assistant

We welcome a new face to our line-up this year. Marion Allsep will be training as a Room Assistant on the third Saturdays of the month. Say hello to her when you visit the Rooms.



NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

3559	Paula Duggan, Biggera Waters
3560	Margaret Bowen, Runaway Bay
3561	Barry Chatel, Tamborine Mountain
3562	Helen Nielsen, Pacific Pines
3563	Bianca Holloway, Helensvale
3564	Janni Hay, Main Beach
3565	Charlene Macdonald, Varsity Lakes
3566	Geri Quilty, Runaway Bay
3567	Tanya Duggan, Nerang

LONDON'S LIVERY COMPANIES**BY****CHRISTINE MATTNER**

I have been researching the life of my 6 times great grandfather, **Michael Widdows** (1737-1784), from Milton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

I found a record of his apprenticeship as a Clothworker in London in August 1752. At the age of 14 he had been apprenticed to **Sarah Widdows** (unsure of the family connection between them), who was the widow of **John Widdows**, Master Clothworker. Sarah was, in her own right, a Master Clothworker in Gravel Lane, Southwark.

Michael was apprenticed to Sarah for 7 years by his father, also named Michael Widdows, a farmer from Milton in the Parish of Shipton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

From that day, Michael had to obey Sarah's lawful commands, keep her secrets, do no damage to her or her property, not waste any goods, nor lend them unlawfully. He could not commit fornication or contract matrimony within the term. There would be no playing of cards, dice, tables or any other unlawful games without licence of his said Mistress. He could neither buy nor sell any goods. He must not haunt Taverns or Play-houses, nor absent himself from her service.

Sarah, as Mistress, would teach and instruct Michael in the art of clothworking. She had to supply meat, drink, apparel, lodging and all other necessities according to the said Custom of the City of London during the said term.

I was unsure of what an apprenticeship in clothworking entailed but thanks to a search on Google, I found that clothworking was the craft of 'finishing' woollen cloth after weaving: cleaning the freshly-woven cloth which resembled loose greasy fabric, drying it, stretching it, removing impurities from the surface, raising a nap, and shearing off the excess.

After Michael's 7 years of apprenticeship, he could become a member of the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers which was founded by Royal Charter in 1528. The original purpose of The Clothworkers' Company was to protect its members and promote the craft of cloth-finishing within the City of London.

Michael's daughter, Jane, born 1761, was my 5 times great grandmother, who lived to 90 years of age.

Michael died and was buried in March 1784 in Shipton, at the age of 46 years.

There is free access to the online records of Apprentices and Masters of many of London's Livery Companies from 1400-1900 at this web address:
www.londonroll.org

Christine Mattner email: cmattner777@gmail.com

CLOTHWORKERS COAT OF ARMS



TRANSCRIBED OXFORDSHIRE WILLS ONLINE

Do you have ancestors who lived in Oxfordshire? If so, you are in for a treat. Oxfordshire Family History Society has transcribed the Wills and has done an absolutely brilliant job.

Each Will is completely transcribed – even the Latin - and there is a list of people who are mentioned in the Will and their relationship to the person who made it

ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

I hope you made some new discoveries over the holidays and have added them into your family history story. It really does make your story come alive instead of just being about facts and figures.

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, Canada. This site is from one of our members and seems to cover most of the 1800s. Worth checking.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~wjmartin/genealogy/wm-index.htm>

This website (below) also has the same details but with most of the baptisms there is a JPEG image to check. Years range from 1825 to about 1910. A little bit hit and miss but you never know your luck. FamilySearch have a lot of Ontario, Canada records to search.

<http://bowergenealogy.ca/resources/methodist/IndexM.htm>

Cornwall Online Parish Clerks. There are all kinds of Cornish records to check out here including Wills for some families, plus details of many of the parishes that make up Cornwall, so you can add some history to your story.

<http://www.opc-cornwall.org/index.htm>

Genealogical Society of South Africa. It is quite difficult to do research in South Africa but this society has a great website which explains all about the records that might be available. They have some databases on their website but you really need to read all the information. I hope you have success. FamilySearch also have a lot of searchable records on their site as well as Ancestry.

<https://www.eggsa.org/>

Who doesn't have Irish research? Don't forget to look at this website as there are quite a number of links to search for that elusive ancestor.

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

You could also check the Roots Ireland website for Catholic records.

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/>

If your knowledge of Debtors' Prisons is fairly vague you might like to check out these websites which gives an insight into what actually happened if your ancestor ended up in one of these prisons because he/she couldn't pay their debts. In many cases prisoners were able to keep working on the "outside" to help pay their debts and quite often family and friends helped out as well.

These prisons have been around since the 13th century and if you check out *The Gazette* website you may find you had an ancestor who was in one of these prisons at some time. Charles Dickens' father was in one of these prisons for a period of time and a couple of his novels are based on this fact.

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notice/content/100938>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marshalsea>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debtors%27_prison

The Gazette is formally the combination of three publications, *The London Gazette*, *The Belfast Gazette* and *The Edinburgh Gazette*. They are official journals of record. *The Gazette* has been recording national and international events since November 1665, then known as *The Oxford Gazette*. This is worth checking out as there are lots of interesting items for all kinds of records. You never know who you might find. I found one of my ancestors in the Debtors' prison

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

West Australian Genealogical Society. Even though we are sometimes certain our ancestors were never in this part of Australia we can find they have lived and spent time in Western Australia. This society has an amazing collection of articles and indexes to read and search. It could even pay to join the society to find out more about your missing ancestor. They have indexes to BDMs plus there are cemetery records and other interesting files to check.

<https://membership.wags.org.au/>

Did you know you can search Victorian BDMs online and order historical certificates for \$24.50?

<https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/>

The National Archives of Australia is a great place to find your ancestor's military record plus other records to search.

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/search/index.aspx>

New York Vital Records. Most of these records are on Ancestry which you can look at in our library but there are other indexes that don't seem to be on Ancestry. Quite a few of our ancestors went to America and settled in New York. You might get lucky.

<https://www.genealogybranches.com/newyork.html>

Public Record Office of Victoria have Wills online and available to download, covering years 1841 to 1925.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/wills-and-probates>

Library and Archives Canada has an extensive list of census and military records to explore plus immigration and BDM records.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/search/Pages/ancestors-search.aspx>

Some New Zealand shipping lists plus there are other links to look at as well, you could be here for a while.

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/newzealand/new-zealand-passenger-lists.htm>

Since the 17th century, around 17 million Britons left the country for distant climes. Tracing them is an adventure in itself as sometimes they visited or lived in various countries before deciding to settle down.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

<https://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/>

If your ancestor lived in the Scottish Highlands this website is a great place to learn about their lives and occupations.

<http://www.ambaile.org.uk/en/pages/ambaile.html>

Wiltshire Community History is a great website with a detailed list of 261 communities in the county. If you want to know about the area your ancestor lived in Wiltshire, this is the place.

<https://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/community/getcom.php?id=46>

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Wiltshire>

If you are looking for your ancestor and can't find them on Ancestry, consider looking at The Genealogist, a subscription site which is available on computer in our library rooms. Ask for computer No. 4 when making a booking.

This is an amazing database for those with English research.

I hope you find something interesting in these websites.

Ann Morse annmorse76@gmail.com

THE PICKPOCKET'S ENEMY

Criminals who made a living out of robbing train passengers were dismayed at the advent of the new invention in 1844, the dreaded electric telegraph.

This enabled messages to be sent to the police in Paddington about suspicious characters who boarded the train at Slough and vice versa. The police were then able to meet them when they arrived at their destination, not quite what they expected.

Fiddler Dick was the innovative leader of a gang of pickpockets who worked London train stations. Early in his career, he had realised that as a train arrived the people getting off tended to be distracted. They looked for loved ones, they picked up luggage, they jostled through a crowd, in other words they were not paying attention to what was going on around them. This made it easy for the pickpockets to relieve passengers of their cash and jewelry. Not only that, while they worked the crowd the train was getting ready to depart making it the perfect getaway vehicle. They could hop aboard at the last minute, and because information could not travel faster than a train, the thief would be long and safely gone before the victims discovered that they had been robbed.

With the electric telegraph a message could be sent:

Paddington, 10.20 am. Mail train just started. It contains three thieves, named Sparrow, Burrell and Spurgeon, they are in the first compartment of the four first class carriages.

Slough 10.48 am. Mail train arrived. The officers have cautioned the three thieves.

Paddington, 10.50 am. Special train just left. It contained two thieves, one named Oliver Martin, who is dressed in black, cape on his hat, the other named Fiddler Dick, in black trousers and light blouse. Both in the third compartment of the first second class carriage.

Slough, 11.16 am. Special train arrived. Officers have taken the two thieves into custody, a lady having lost her bag, containing a purse with two sovereigns and some silver in it; one of the sovereigns was sworn to by the lady as having been her property. It was found in Fiddler Dick's watch-fob.

A satisfactory outcome, particularly for the lady who swore with such alacrity to her sovereign; a notable advance in the application of science to the prevention of crime, and a black day for the criminal classes.

Fiddler Dick was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

**OUR WILLIAM
BY
CHRIS NOLAN**

My husband Ken and I have been researching my husband's Great Grandfather William Nolan for many years. He is one of those interesting though challenging ancestors to research due to living in many places with different occupations.

William NOLAN according to details listed on his marriage certificate was born in 1862 in the Ipswich area. His marriage certificate lists his parents as Patrick NOLAN, farmer and Mary Ann DOHERTY. William's birth does not appear to have been registered and so far we have been unable to locate any other siblings or other details about Patrick and Mary. William was born at an interesting time in the history of Australia as Queensland had become a separate colony in 1859 only a few years before his birth.

The electoral district of the town of Ipswich was proclaimed a municipality on the 3 March 1860. The wharf at Ipswich was the head of navigation and a busy place as travel between cities in this time period was often by coast steamer between coastal towns. The majority of residents in Ipswich were mainly of British origin.

William NOLAN, a bridge carpenter, married Ellen PEARCE at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane on 29 December 1887 aged 31 years. Some research was conducted around the witnesses to the marriage to find if they were relatives or friends but it appears that they were connected to the cathedral. William and Ellen had seven children - James, William, John Michael, George Henry, Rupertus Walter (Rupert), Dennis James, Lillian Maud and Nellie.

From the births of the children and electoral rolls we have been able to follow William and his family as they moved around Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales and provide some insight into his life.

Not long after William and Ellen's marriage they moved to Rockhampton where their first child, James was born in 1889. In 1891, 20 months later, they moved to the Chillagoe area where their next son William was born, followed by John who was born at Muldiva (near Chillagoe) in 1893. About 1890, a smelter was commissioned in Muldiva which produced mainly silver but also copper and lead metal. William was listed as a labourer on John's birth certificate.

The smelter created lots of jobs and it was likely that William could have been employed there for his carpentry skills. There would have been trade shops onsite for carpenters, boilermakers, fitters, moulders and pattern

makers. Carpenters worked with natural wood and did a number of jobs around the mines. They traditionally did the rougher work necessary for structures which included tasks for building construction, such as timber framing, building stairs, bridges etc. Their tools generally were hammers, mallets, chisels, saws, planes, gimlets and augers.

In 1893, the mine closed due to a slump on world metal prices so William and the family left the Chillagoe area to move to Western Australia. Whilst steamers were still used for travel, train lines opened up a lot of access to towns across the country and made travel so much better.

William's wife Ellen's sister Annie and her husband John Mitchell CADDEN had also moved to Western Australia, first living in Fremantle in 1894, at Halls Creek in 1895 and in Perth for 1896. Family folklore is that William made money in gold but then gambled it away in a card game so it could be likely that William went to Western Australia to seek his fortune in searching for gold. His son George was born at Southern Cross in October 1895. Southern Cross was founded by gold prospectors in 1888 and the town was gazetted in 1890. Gold mining had become a significant industry in the 1890s and attracted many people to Western Australia with the population doubling from between the years 1891 and 1895.

Although William was a carpenter by trade he was confident to try his hand at other occupations. It's possible that William was a publican as a provisional licence was issued for a Wm Nolan for 1896 at Yerilla WA (Return of Licences issued under the Wine, Beer and Spirit Sale Act 1880). William lists his occupation as a publican for his son Rupert's birth in December 1897 at Woodville Road, Granville, New South Wales. The closest pub to this address is the Vauxhall Arms built in 1853, situated on the corner of Parramatta Road (Sydney Road) and Woodville Road (Dog Trap Road) but I have been unable so far to find any publican license issued for William for this address or nearby area.

It is still a puzzle as to why the family moved from Western Australia to Granville, New South Wales. They were not at Granville for very long as William and his family went back to Rockhampton where his son Dennis James was born in 1899 and then at Geraldton, WA for the birth of their daughter Lilian Maud in 1901.

The electoral rolls from 1901 to 1909 list them living at Thompson Road, North Freemantle except for 1906 where they were in Perth. William was listed as a carpenter.

By November 1911, they were back in Queensland where the youngest child Nellie was born. She was baptised at St Stephen's in Brisbane. William (carpenter) and Ellen NOLAN (home duties) were living at Dutton Street,

Bulimba in 1912 but had moved to Inkerman by 1913. It is not ascertained as to why William and his family have moved to Inkerman near Ayr, Queensland.

On 1 September 1913 the first railway bridge over the Burdekin river officially opened and was known as Inkerman Bridge. It was constructed over three years from 1911 to 1913. This meant that now Ayr and Bowen were linked by rail. It is possible that William worked on the bridge as a carpenter and then stayed and settled in the area as a farmer. The main industry in this area at the time was sugar cane farming.

The cattle station at Inkerman was converted to sugar cane in 1911 and the Inkerman Sugar Mill was established there in 1914 which attracted a lot of workers to the area. The 1918 Pughs Almanac and Queensland directory lists the Pioneer Sugar Mill at Home Hill owned by the Drysdale Bros and a list of sugar cane planters which includes a Thomas Nolan and a William Nolan.

In the 1913 electoral roll for Inkerman, there is a Dennis, Thomas, William and Ellen NOLAN listed. It is unclear at this stage if Dennis or Thomas NOLAN were relatives of William.

William and his family settled in the Inkerman area with electoral rolls listing William as a farmer up to 1923 however William was listed as a carpenter in 1922 on his son John's marriage certificate. William now aged 61 years and Ellen aged 54 years stayed at Inkerman until 1923, moving to nearby Don River at Bowen. However his son John, now an engine driver married a local girl and settled in the Home Hill area for a number of years working as a farmer.

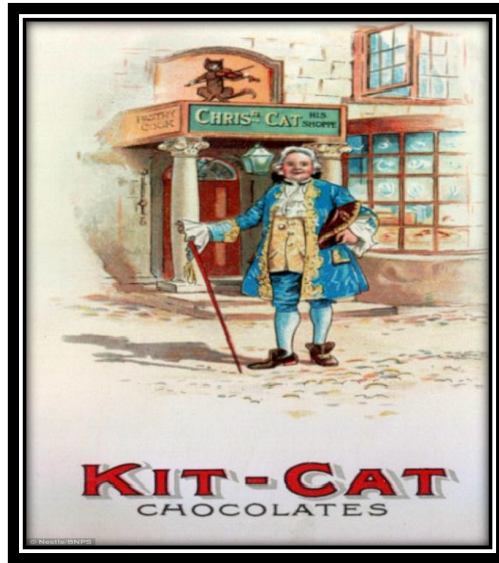
We continue to research William's life adding further details as we go and looking for information on his parents Patrick Nolan and Mary Ann Doherty and for any siblings.

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Not quite email but.....

In the late 19th century there were between six and twelve mail deliveries every day (except Sunday) in London.

This allowed people to send letters and expect a reply on the same day. Over time deliveries decreased so there is only delivery now per day – that's progress, isn't it?



Did you know that those famous chocolates were name after a 17th century gentleman called Christopher Catling?

A vintage Nestle wrapper has revealed that the inspiration behind KitKat bars' unique name was a portly 17th century pie maker.

In an effort to mark the popular snack's 80th anniversary, chocolate historians decided to look into the thought process behind its name and found out it was a tribute to a man called Christopher Catling.

First launching as a box of chocolates, KitKat had a cartoon image of the pastry check on its wrapper. However, they proved unpopular and it was not until 1935 that it took the wafer form we know now under the name: KitKat chocolate crisp.

Historians discovered that men from Rowntrees, who made the chocolate, frequented the Kit Cat Club, which was a band of influential writers and politicians who met up in London during the late 17th and early 18th century.

The club was named after Christopher Catling who ran a pie shop in Shire Lane where the club held its first meetings.

ORAL HISTORY

By GAY EUNSON

We have all wished we had asked those questions years ago and find that now it is too late. I live with that regret. Some of us still have the opportunity with a parent or an aged aunt or uncle still living.

With the invention of the tape recorder, voices could be recorded but needed to be transcribed to retain information. Those old tapes had a habit of perishing and or being chewed up by the machine.

In this age of technology we have recording devices at our fingertips. Our laptops, tablets, androids and smart phones have built-in microphones. All you need is software on which to record. Personal recorders as small as a USB can also be purchased and are easy to carry in a handbag or pocket. To be able to record your grandchild's voice and save it for the future is something previously unheard of years ago but now we can..

Having recently completed an Oral History course I was encouraged to use a free download called 'Audacity'.

This can be found at <https://www.audacityteam.org/download/> giving you the opportunity to download for Windows, Mac or GNU/Linux.

This software will record and save the file as a WAV file [waveform audio format]. A WAV file cannot be recognised by some music software but MP3 files [Moving Picture Experts Group, MPEG Audio Layer-3] can. To be able to save the recording as an MP3 file you need to also download an MP3 encoder.

One which encodes for 'Audacity' is 'Lame v3.99.3'. It can be downloaded from <https://lame.buanzo.org/> but do be aware of just what you are downloading. The [Lame v3.99.3 for Windows.exe](#) appears about half way down the page as does the download for Mac devices.

Ignore those green download buttons.

When you install 'Audacity' you will have a shortcut on your desktop which looks like this.



The Lame set-up file will be in your Downloads folder and will look like this.

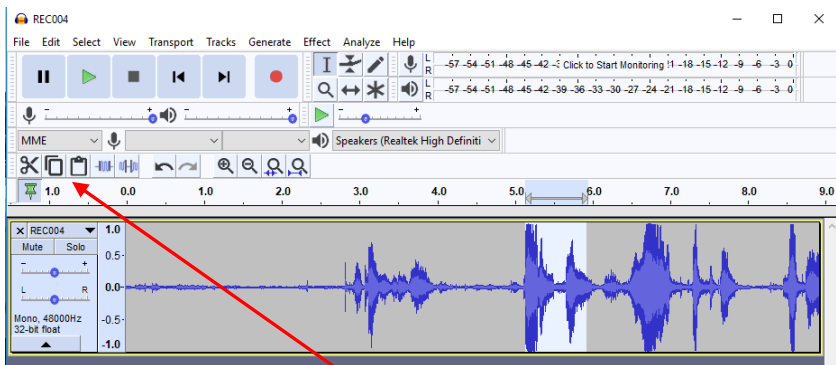


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When you install Lame there will be **no shortcut**. It is a companion to 'Audacity', sort of a patch or add-on and allows you to go to 'File' and 'Export' the file as an MP3.

The file can then be played in your media player, whether it is Windows 'Groove' or iTunes on your Mac.

These MP3 files can then be copied onto CDs, DVDs, USBs or any external drive for safe keeping. Do consider that technology is racing ahead in leaps and bounds. CDs and DVDs are becoming obsolete and USBs can die. Keep several copies and send a copy as an attachment on an email to a living relative for further safe keeping.



A recording will look like the image above. To edit your recording you can highlight, click and drag, as I have, just as you would highlight text in a Word document. There are options to 'cut', 'copy' and 'paste'.

To copy or cut a section from your recording and make it into a new file all you need to do is highlight the section, go to 'File' – 'New' and 'Paste'.

Many of us are writing family history books to record our history for our descendants but with your device you can record your story in your own voice. How I would love to be able to hear my mum's voice again.

I recorded my husband's answers to a few simple questions. I have now discovered that, as a child, he had "a cat named Snow, a white cat". I could have guessed that it was white – and he also had a rooster, "a big Rhode Island Red, which used to attack me every time I went out into the back yard".

Now that is something to keep for the grandchildren.

What do you remember about your childhood? Which school did you attend? Who was your first love? Did you play sport? Where did you holiday?

Answers to these questions and more will make great listening for your children and grandchildren in years to come.

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GOLD COAST FAMILY HISTORY INC. MEMBERS' INTERESTS LIST (MIL)

By
PAUL DINNISS

The Gold Coast Family History Society has an extensive members' interest list containing 1000 entries and growing. The list was updated in October 2018.

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It is a list of the people and families that 101 members of the society are currently researching and some could be the same as yours!

Clearly there are many more members not availing themselves of this opportunity yet.

The list lives on the Gold Coast Family History website:

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/>

under “membership” plus on the main page under “quick links” where the world can find it, and was updated in October 2018.

Have a look and see for yourself just what it is and how it works, get an input form from the rooms or email one of the convenors noted on the website and get your people on board.

To the 101 members already using the list, it might be time to add your newly discovered people as well as having another look through the list. You never know...

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A PERILOUS JOURNEY

By
DAWN HUTCHINSON

My grand-aunt, Alice Ann REAY, was married to John Thomas (Jack) LINES, who, in 1899 was captain of the “*Toxeth*” a vessel trading between the East Indies and the U.S.A..

At times Alice accompanied her husband and it was on one of these voyages that disaster occurred. The following is the report published on Monday 23 October 1899 in the newspaper “*Calcutta Englishman*”

The sailing ship “Toxeth” which has arrived in port and is moored at No.3 Hastings moorings experienced extremely bad weather on her voyage from New York to Calcutta and is considerably damaged in consequence. As an illustration of what wind and waves can do, the ship is decidedly worth seeing. The decks have been completely swept fore and aft. The officers and seamen's cabins are gone, the steel deck is ripped up in places and three boats are missing.

The “Toxeth” left New York on 15 June, laden with 101,000 cases of kerosene oil and had fine weather till 8 August. On that day the ship was caught in a terrific hurricane and was compelled to run before the gale. She was near Gough Island, which is about 1,000 miles from the Cape of Good Hope. During the day the hurricane increased in violence and huge seas were sweeping over the vessel fore and aft. The vessel was in a very critical position owing to the high crosswinds, which, being still compelled to run before the storm, she could not avoid. At 6 p.m. a mountainous sea broke on board, smashed open the cabin doors, tore away the air shaft and flooded the hold and cabins alike, washed away three boats and carried over the side one of the seamen who was never seen again and was not missed for some time.

This serious inundation was rapidly succeeded by others, and in a few minutes the officers and seamen's quarters were washed overboard. Mrs LINES, the captain's wife, narrowly escaping with her life. The Chief Officer, too, had a narrow escape and had just time to rush on deck, very scantily clothed, before his quarters collapsed.

Both officers and crew were rendered houseless, and each and all lost the whole of their personal effects.

But even this was not the worst disaster: all of the ship's charts, chronometers and navigating instruments were lost. This was a very severe

blow, for a ship without means of navigation, many hundred of miles from land, is in a very critical state.

After the storm had moderated pieces of a sextant were found lying about the deck and these were eagerly collected and patched together, and, with the aid of a piece of mirror a rough and ready sextant was improvised. By this means it was able to find the latitude of the ship, but without chronometers it was an impossibility to ascertain the longitude, and it reflects great credit on Captain LINES that he was able to successfully navigate his damaged ship for several thousand miles aided only by an imperfect sextant, that is to say, from 8 August to 20 September.

On the latter date the "Toxeth" fell in with HMS Lizard, Commander J.C. WATSON about sixty miles from Ceylon. Commander WATSON was extremely kind and furnished Captain LINES with nautical instruments, charts and books, the sextant made over bearing the name of J.C. WATSON. Proceeding on her voyage, the "Toxeth" having no barometer to indicate the approach, fell in with the storm that wrecked Darjiling, and again had a very anxious time of it.

Captain LINES again navigated his ship with skill and judgement, and running away to the south left the storm behind him, eventually reaching Sangor on the 26 September, 103 days out from New York, which, by the way, is a very good passage.

Much damage had been done to the decks, masts and spars of the "Toxeth", and the necessary repairs will take some considerable time. About 5,000 cases of oil were also damaged. The "Toxeth" is owned by the Leyland Shipping Co. Ltd. Liverpool.

This disastrous voyage didn't stop Alice from travelling with her husband on other trips and it wasn't until the onset of World War I that she stayed in England. Captain Jack LINES joined the merchant navy during the war years before retiring about 1930.

Alice Ann LINES died at the age of 76 and her death is registered at Battersea in the June Quarter of 1943. Unfortunately I have not been able to find the death of John Thomas (Jack) LINES but hope in time to be able to add his death to complete this section of my REAY FAMILY TREE.

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A NEW PRIME MINISTER – A NEW GENEALOGY HON. SCOTT MORRISON – FEDERAL MP FOR COOK

By
PHIL GUERIN

Most of this information is sourced from Wikipedia; and

<http://ethnicelebs.com/scott-morrison>

Some introductory points about our current PM that you probably did not know:

- His Dad **John Douglas Morrison** was a police officer – and a councillor of Waverley City Council for 16 years (including mayor in 1986).
- Scott Morrison is the younger of two sons born to Marion (née Smith) and John Morrison. His older brother Alan is now a superintendent in the NSW ambulance service.
- He attended Sydney Boys High School (a selective public school) before going on to complete an honours degree in applied economic geography at the University of New South Wales.
- Morrison began dating Jenny Warren when they were both 16. They married when they were 21 and have two daughters together. After multiple unsuccessful IVF treatments over a period of 18 years, their daughters were conceived naturally.

Ancestors on Scott's father's side:

Scottish emigrant, Alexander Morrison (born 1846).

Alexander John Thomas Morrison - (born inner Sydney - 1870)

Douglas Charles Morrison - (born Randwick - 1900)

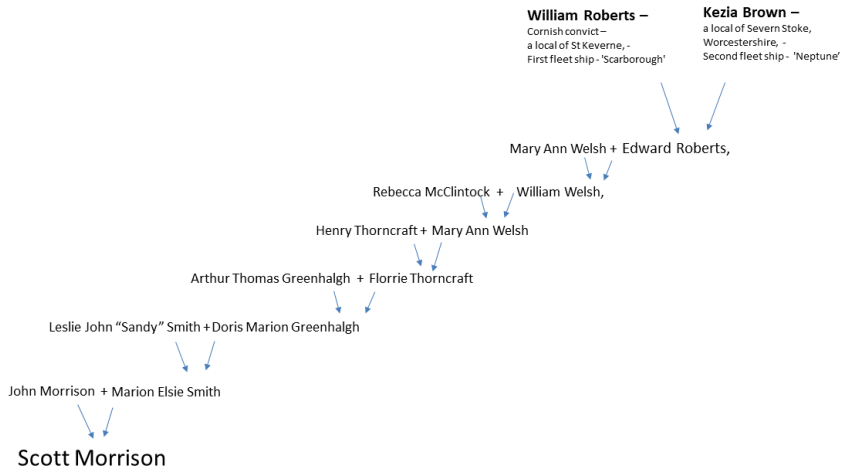
John Douglas Morrison - (born Waverley 1934)

Scott Morrison - (born Waverley - 1968)

Ideally, it would be nice to locate the ship his great-great grandfather Alexander Morrison came out on – and any other commentary on why make the journey to Australia - but this wasn't easily locatable.

There are lots of other interesting 'branches' to follow; but I find the most interesting branches are those that lead to the earliest arriving in Australia.

So if we follow Mr Morrison's mother's side - we end up at VERY early Australian ancestry - a First-fleeter convict called William Roberts; and Second-fleeter female convict Kezia Brown.



Source: <http://ethnicelebs.com/scott-morrison>

Kezia deserves special commendation for surviving the journey - as the 2nd fleet was renown for the high percentage of deaths; and sickness. Indeed the ship *Neptune* was described as the 'worst ship in the worst of Australian fleets'.

Kezia also deserves special commendation for then having 10 children!

Another impressive fact - is all 10 of her children lived to more than 50 years!

But it turns out convict children had a particular advantage -

While 'settler' children were provided from the family stores & supplies ... convict children were part of the 'Government welfare' scheme of food supply.

Convict children hence ended up being 'better fed'.

William & Kezia further extend into Australian folk-lore – because their progeny have their own family association; and have a book written about their extensive family.

Refer: *A Rich Inheritance*, Narissa Phelps Morissey (Ed), Committee of William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Assocn, 1990.

THE ABSENCE OF WAR GRAVES
BY
BEVERKEY DWYER

Have you an ancestor who fought at the Battle of Waterloo? Did he die there? Have you found evidence of his death? Chances are you won't when you consider the circumstances involved with fatalities.

At the time of the Napoleonic Wars the bodies of soldiers who fell in battle were routinely stripped of anything remotely valuable by fellow soldiers and by locals, even with the battle still raging and often before the casualties were even dead. Weapons, personal belonging, equipment and boots were only the start of it. Within hours of the end of the battle the fields were littered with naked corpses and some scavengers carried pliers to remove the teeth of the dead, which were much in demand for the making of dentures.

Only the very wealthiest officers were afforded a proper burial or monument and most of the bodies were put 30 or 40 at a time in 6ft deep pits. When the peasants could not bury them fast enough, and the bodies started to rot many were placed on pyres which were set alight and were still burning 10 days after the battle, watched by souvenir hunters who had arrived to stock up on war relics. Human and horse remains were still evident at Waterloo a year after the battle and a company was contracted to collect the visible (and buried) bones and many of those were shipped to Hull, then forwarded to one of the many grinders in Yorkshire for the production of fertiliser.

These brutal actions were indeed normal for any wars that took place and let's face it, they were numerous over the centuries. It wasn't until the First World War that the common soldier was buried as an individual.

The practice was begun by their comrades, who buried them in dusters, with individual inscriptions on makeshift crosses to identify them where possible. In 1917 the Imperial War Graves Commission was founded for cemeteries to be recorded and made permanent.



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Westmorland Gazette Saturday 17 August 1822

BIGAMY – At the Stafford Session, last week, John Lewis, who was indicted for bigamy, pleaded guilty; and on being advised by the Court to retract that plea, he “begged to be informed what use that would be, as, *to the best of his knowledge, he had three wives!*” He was sentenced to seven years transportation.

The following is a literal copy of a letter written by a village schoolmaster, to the Curate of a parish in Exeter:

Hon. Sir – This is to let your Honour know that Ann Westlake is deceased, and if your Honour pleases she would be greatly obliged if your Honour would come over on Thursday to buy her.

Leeds Mercury and General Advertiser 4 May 1805

Died lately at Osbaston near Monmouth, Dame MORRIS, aged near 90; she had her coffin prepared many years previous to her decease, which she kept in her house, devoted to the purpose of holding the necessities of Life, &c, and when it came to be appropriated to its real use, it was nearly filled with apples, which gave place to the good dame's accommodation.

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