



Roots

The Lost Photo – A Croft House Leogh, Fair Isle, Shetland



The Gentleman in the picture is Robbie Irvine

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Christmas Dates

- **Rooms Close:** Saturday 18 December 2021
- **Christmas Party:** Bring a plate to share

GCFHS Library Hours & Location

goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com | www.goldcoastfhs.org.au

OPENING HOURS & LOCATION

Tuesday/Wednesday 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday 11.00am - 8.30pm
Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm

Phone: 07 5582 8855 – During Open Hours

Room 3, Nerang Bicentennial Building,
833 Southport Nerang Rd, Nerang Qld 4211
Nerang Council Chambers, Nerang Southport Road,
Nerang, Qld 4211

RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Limited research can be carried out for members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms. Non-members are required to make a donation of \$10 per enquiry. Please send your enquiry to goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Joining fee for all new members \$10.00 plus
\$45.00 Single Membership per year
\$60.00 Family Membership per year
Family membership must have only one email and postal address.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal Fees are due on the July 1 each year.
Single membership \$45.00 Family Membership \$60.00

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.
BSB: 638 070 Account No: 112 994 28
Bank: Heritage Bank

Life Membership: Single \$450.00 Family \$600.00
Available to all members after two years of continuous membership.



Welcome to our New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members, please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3681 **Debby** Hawkins, Parkwood

3682 **Michael** Beckett, Labrador

3683 **Barbara** Healey, Carrara

Plus one non published

3684 **Julie** Austin, Benowa

3685 **Kath** Nelson, Arundel

3687 **Glenda** Brick, Nerang

Our Library View recently added additions to our rooms in the 'New Acquisitions' on page 14.

Did you know that you can borrow books, DVDs, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

Saplings E-Newsletter: Stay up to date with Society news each month. If you haven't received your copy, please check your Spam folder/box: it may be there.

The *Rootes* Journal is named in honour of Thelma & Thomas *Rootes*

Cover Photo is the Lost Photo from September 2021 Saplings:

The photograph is of a croft house at **Leogh**, Fair Isle, and the gentleman in the picture is one Robbie Irvine. Robbie was the son of Robert IRVINE and Mary Eunson of Fair Isle, and was born in 1820 and died at **Leogh** in 1900. Bob, my husband, is a 3rd great-grandnephew of Mary EUNSON.

The entire island measured 96 merks (approx. 192 acres) and was divided into parcels of various sizes. These parcels of land were named and formed '**townships**' ('**tunships**' in Old Norse) or '**suburbs**' as we would know them today. Until the 1840s, the '**townships**' were named Gaila with three crofts, Leogh with four crofts, Busta with two crofts and Shirva, which was the largest '**township**', supporting fourteen crofts. The Eunson families are found, at different times, at Leogh, Gaila and Busta. *Gay Eunson*

Special Interest Groups

Several Special Interest Groups are held regularly where like-minded members have the opportunity to meet and develop a more in-depth approach to their research in a specific area.

The format varies with each group. Members are encouraged to participate in the sharing of experiences with research, information and ideas.

If you are a GCFHS member and would like to attend a Special Interest Group, please check the calendar and just turn up. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

COMPUTER GROUP

20 Oct, 17 Nov 2021

3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

This very popular group covers a wide variety of topics, and any suggestions you have regarding subjects are very welcome.

Full details of each meeting will be provided each month, via our e-newsletter, Saplings and the website. For more info contact: Ann Metcher, goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

21 Nov 2021

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research. Contact:

Margaret C. on 5593 1773 or email cjm7cjm@bigpond.com or Margaret S. on 5538 1423 or email rinnes@onthenet.com.au

LONDON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

14 Nov 2021 Last meeting

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1.00 pm-4.00 pm

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. Ann is a 9th generation Londoner, has half her family research in London, and is happy to help. For more info contact:

Ann Metcher, metcher@bigpond.com

DNA GROUP

17 Oct 2021

4th Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm

Now Bi-monthly on the 4th Sunday

This is a discussion and self-help group with Fay Carbis on fay@winshop.com.au

LEGACY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

3 Oct, 5 Dec 2021

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

Thinking of using a software program to record your family history? This group may help you to make a decision. If you are already using Legacy, and feel there is more to learn or understand, then this group is for you. The co-ordinator is Sue McKenzie, who is well versed in the software.

For more info contact:

Carol Browne, cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

TBA - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am

Free to members

This class is suitable for both beginner and intermediate researchers, and you will leave inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree and how to set out your information. Discover just how many ways you can track down your family. Find out which resources are freely available to help you in your search and how to determine which branch of the tree is yours.

Non Members Welcome: \$10.00 (is refundable if joining on the day) Bookings are essential.

To make a booking, please contact: Pam Oldham on email pamllew3@gmail.com

MINI SEMINAR

23 October - Saturday 1.00 to 4.00 pm

Costs: Members \$15.00 | Non Members \$20.00

Guest Speaker: Kyla Stephan

Subject: 'House Histories& Cemetery Stories'

Visit GCFHS Website for full details

www.goldcoastfhs.org.au



Committee News

October 2021 — President - Fay Carbis

The committee would like to thank all those members who attended the AGM on 4 September. The good news is that the management committee was re-elected unopposed.

The committee has introduced a code of conduct after consultation with our Hon. Lawyer, and added to the society bylaws. It was presented at the AGM and is available in the rooms.

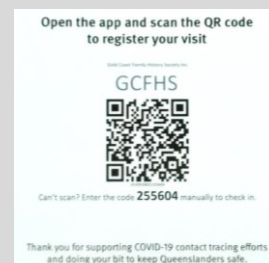
This year, afternoon tea and an opportunity to catch up took place prior to the AGM, after which Kyla Stephan from the Southport Local Studies Library gave an excellent talk on some remarkable women who called the Gold Coast their home. She also briefly described the brilliant resources and collections contained in the Library.

Two of our hard-working and long-standing members, Paul Dinniss and Jeanette Swan, received well-deserved Certificates of Appreciation. Thank you.

Queensland Government QR Code Checking

Is Mandatory

Do not forget to scan in when
you arrive



You must also sign in using our
own sign-in sheet

AGM President's Report

Fay Carbis

It is with pleasure that I present my report for 2021. This year has proved another challenging one with some Covid19 restrictions still in place. However, we manage to carry on with as much normality as possible. The recent change in regulations saw us introduce the Qld Covid Safe App in July. Our treasurer, Maree Alexanderson, kindly lent us a tablet to use for this purpose.

This year we have been fortunate enough to have received two funding grants thanks to the diligent work of Margaret Deacon; thank you, Margaret. The first was a GCCC Division 5 grant of \$2049.00 in December.

This was very timely as one of our internet computers had just failed. The grant went towards funding to purchase three computers to replace the ageing internet ones.

Then in January, we received \$9048.00 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. With this funding, we have been able to start the process of digitisation of our Library to make the books, many of which do not have an index, PDF searchable. We purchased two scanners together with the computers to operate them along with the Adobe Acrobat Pro program for both computers. It has been a steep learning curve for the scanning committee to learn how to best operate the scanners and how to make the resulting documents PDF searchable.

I would like to acknowledge the great support and help we have received from Milli Kafcaloudis from Genealogy Sunshine Coast. The committee made several trips to Nambour to try and come to grips with the process, and Milli has freely shared her experience and expertise with us. We now need the support of members who are willing to help with the scanning process to get his huge project underway.

With the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant, we were also able to replace our ageing photocopier, which was coming to the end of its life. We now have a refurbished Kyonika photocopier, which has been networked to the majority of computers and makes photocopying more efficient. Thanks go to Paul Dinniss, who took on the task of installing the cabling.

The updated photocopier now enables the Rootes Journal to be produced in house, which is a considerable cost saving thanks to the expertise of our Editor, Sue McKenzie. Sue also does a great job of keeping our members updated with the monthly Saplings Newsletter, and the Rootes Journal editorial team continue to work hard to make the Journal an interesting read for all. I know they would appreciate member contributed stories to add content to the Journal. So glad you decided to retire from your working life, Sue. I think we have managed to fill in the gap for you!

To complete the technology upgrades, we also purchased a new projector to replace our ageing one.

This year also saw the streamlining of our membership year into one period instead of two periods per year. The two periods per year system was introduced when our membership numbers were much higher, but with the fall in membership due to people preferring to do their research from home, the committee felt it was better to have just one renewal date. The falling membership numbers is something that has been reflected throughout the genealogy community. It is pleasing to note, however, that our membership numbers have not dropped too much over the last couple of years.

Our Roster Secretary, Pam Oldham, has had a challenging year with several of our key members undergoing medical procedures and others away enjoying the advantage of being 'grey nomads'. This puts pressure on our regular library assistants, and I thank all those who were able to take on extra shifts throughout the year. Thanks to the three additional members who have been willing to take on library assistant duty, however, we always need more members to assist in the running of the Library and thus enabling the rooms to remain open for as much time as they do.

Our Special Interest Groups continue to meet on a regular basis – thank you to the conveners who continue to make these meetings interesting

Thanks to the Dream Team, who continue to clean and maintain the rooms throughout the year, and I am sure they would welcome any other willing workers who can assist them throughout the year.

We have had one successful Seminar with Covid seating restrictions in place. The next one is scheduled to be held on 23rd October, so watch out for the publicity that will commence soon. We need your support if you would like the Seminars to continue.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of the committee members for their hard work, support and valuable assistance throughout the year.



Kyla Stephan & Fay Carbis



Paul Dinniss



GCFHS Scanning & Digitisation Project

Moving into the 21st Century



You will have read of our Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant, which has enabled us to buy two scanners. Our research pre-purchase involved two visits to Sunshine Coast Genealogy at Nambour who are forging ahead with a successful digitisation program. Their advice and experience have been invaluable.

The plan with our scanning program is to scan, digitise and make fully searchable our extensive collection of library resources that are hardly ever used. We are starting with the bookcase full of family histories. It is nigh impossible to tell from the title of these books and papers just how many familial names are contained within the covers, so they sit there year after year. Perhaps your family is in one of these books?



Once scanned, these digital books will be stored on a searchable computer, and we will all have access to the records they hold. We do not intend to destroy the originals, merely move them from the main Library to give us more space. When the family histories are complete, we will move on to other fragile and less used resources.

We have a small core of volunteers, but the more volunteers we have, the sooner the scanned material will be available. If you wish to offer some of your time to scan, please let us know. You will be shown how to use them. There are help sheets, and the process is not demanding. For more information, contact Ann Metcher at goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com or ask her when in the rooms.



Do you know what a Saltire is?

name withheld

While reading a book titled *Scotland – The Story of a Nation*, written by Magnus Magnusson, my husband asked, “what is a Saltire” as he reached for the dictionary – someone who salts meat, I thought! No!

So, while he reached for the dictionary, I reached out to Mr Google, who not only came to my rescue but introduced me to this wonderful website; www.scottishflagtrust.com. What a brilliant find.

The short answer to my husband’s question is:

The St Andrew’s Cross or Saltire is Scotland’s national flag. Tradition has it that the flag, the white saltire on a blue background, the oldest flag in Europe and the Commonwealth, originated in a battle fought in East Lothian in the Dark Ages. It is believed that the battle took place in the year 832AD....

Did you also know that Kenneth mac Alpin, later united the Picts and the Scots and named the entity Scotland, and St Andrew become the patron saint of the united realm.

To learn more about The Legend of the Saltire, [click here](#) or visit the website.



Who was Christopher Cochrane?

by Mary Woods

Have you ever researched someone because you wanted to see where it took you?
Or gone down the wrong path so deeply that you just had to get to the end of the road?
Christopher Cochrane's story is just such a story.

My three times great-grandfather was a COCHRANE, and while researching the family story that he was the earliest member of our family to arrive in Australia, I came across a Christopher COCHRANE.

After studying and researching Christopher, I determined that he was not my ancestor. It appeared he had no descendants in Australia. I had come to know him and felt a connection to this man, but sadly no one will be looking for him. I didn't want to discard his exciting story and let him disappear alone, into the mists of time again after having discovered him. My research has brought to life characters and circumstances that most of us may know little or nothing about.

The Cochrane ancestor I was looking for apparently arrived in Sydney in the late 1820s. His wife and small child had been "carried free" – brought to Sydney as free passengers. He died only a few years after his arrival and may have been a policeman, possibly even a Sergeant.

My first attempts to identify and locate my three-time great-grandfather were centred on arriving convicts, which is where I came across Christopher. Unlike many other convict options I had discarded, Christopher seemed to be the one I was seeking, and he was about the right age. Plus, I had found a death for Constable Christopher COCHRANE in August 1834. As he was a likely candidate, I went about exploring his background.

Christopher arrived in Sydney aboard the *Calista* on 13 April 1828 among a group of eight military prisoners who had been convicted in India. An arrangement had been made by the authorities in Calcutta with the Captain of the brig, *Caroline*, a merchant ship, which had arrived in Calcutta en-route to Hobart, to provide passage for the military prisoners being held in custody there. The *Caroline* sailed from Calcutta on 16 November 1827, docking at Penang on 16 December and Singapore on 1 January 1828. She arrived in Hobart on 21 March with a range of commercial goods. The eight convicts were then transferred to the *Calista*, another merchant ship which was sailing on to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, Christopher, 24, was described as a Clerk from Madras, India, convicted in Hyderabad of desertion and forgery.

Now, I needed to know more about how a military prisoner from India managed to be brought to Sydney.

In the first half of the nineteenth Century, The East India Company still controlled British interests in India. It was not until after the Mutiny, in 1858, that the British Government assumed responsibility for the British colonial government in India. The East India Company (or Honorable East India Company) had an extensive network of commercial and trading interests operated their own civil administration and their own army in India.

The military arm of the East India Company had developed into a private corporate armed force used to maintain their power and expansion and became the most powerful military force in India. Their army was divided across the three administrative regions known as presidencies - Presidency Armies of Bengal, Madras and Bombay - each of which recruited its own infantry, cavalry, and artillery units. These units were divided into battalions with British officers commanding local troops.



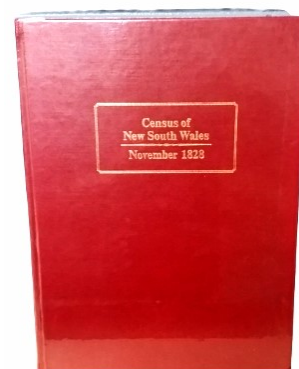
Not Forgotten - Who was Christopher Cochrane? (Cont.)

Christopher was a Gunner in the 2nd Battalion of the Honorable Company's Madras Foot Artillery, part of the Honorable East India Company's Madras Army. He had been tried by a General Court Martial on 10 May 1826 at Secundrabad, at a military base established in 1806 across Hussain Sagar Lake from the Indian city of Hyderabad called Fort St George. He was shipped under guard first from Madras to Calcutta on 29 August 1826 and kept in custody there awaiting passage to Sydney. He was there for 15 months.

Christopher was recorded as a "native of Madras". With a British name, designated as a Protestant and educated to a level that enabled him to be employed as a clerk in the Battalion, it would seem that Christopher likely had a British father and an Indian mother. Hence, he would be recruited as a Gunner into the locally raised Artillery unit. The India of the East India Company was a far more culturally, racially and religiously mixed place than is generally recognised. East India officials and English military men often married local women.

At the age of 22, Christopher apparently had become disillusioned with his military life or perhaps tried to arrange his own leave pass. Whatever the circumstances might have been, he was arrested and charged and finally convicted of "desertion and forgery" and sentenced to seven years at the NSW Penal Colony.

Seven months after arriving in Sydney, he was recorded in the November 1828 NSW Census as a Government Servant working as a Clerk and Messenger on the Road and Bridge Party at Parramatta. The Road and Bridge parties were the administrative teams for the convict road gangs and bridge builders across the Colony. These teams were made up of convicts with the skills to undertake the necessary administrative and support tasks. They comprised an Overseer, Assistant Overseer, a clerk, messenger, cook, and cleaners and so on.



The image is of the NSW Census for November 1828 Book which is available in our library >

By 1831 Christopher had been promoted to an Overseer. However, misfortune befell him when he was convicted on 6 March 1831 of being aware that a group of men from his road gang had escaped and stolen items from the farm of Dr. Harris. He was sentenced to six months in Irons and discharged from his Overseer position.

He was first moved to Parramatta Gaol on 30 March and then to Liverpool Gaol on 5 April. His whereabouts, once he had served his time in irons in September 1831, are not known. It is possible he returned to work as a clerk on a Road and Bridge Party, given his skills in that area would still have been in demand.

He did become a policeman - it was common for Police patrolmen to be recruited from Ticket of Leave holders, so he may have joined the police as early as 1832. His background would have suited the role. Christopher obtained his Certificate of Freedom on 11 May 1833, seven years from his conviction, age 29. Fifteen months later, the Sydney Gazette of 30 August 1834 carried a notice of "alterations" to the Police of the Colony, which included: "Patrolman deceased – Christopher Cochrane". His death also appears in NSW Birth, Deaths and Marriages as 16 August 1834, a Constable, age 30.

I am still looking for my Cochrane. I now think he came with one of the two British Army Regiments stationed in the Colony that arrived in stages between 1827 and 1832. These regiments transferred to the Colony in detachments guarding convicts on transport ships. Once in the Colony, they undertook all aspects of security in relation to convicts, i.e. as guards, escorts, etc., something that might have been seen by later storytellers as "police work". They brought their families, "carried free", when they were transferred across the world, as British Empire requirements demanded.

But that will be another story, Mary.

Sources for Not Forgotten are on page 12

A Grand Sounding Name ‘Aldridge Lodge’

Striking Gold

by Paul Dinniss

In the records of the English census for 1861, my people were residing in a place called *Aldridge Lodge*. I had never come across any of my family lines living in a house, let alone a lodge with such a grand-sounding name. This was a first for me, so I Googled it.

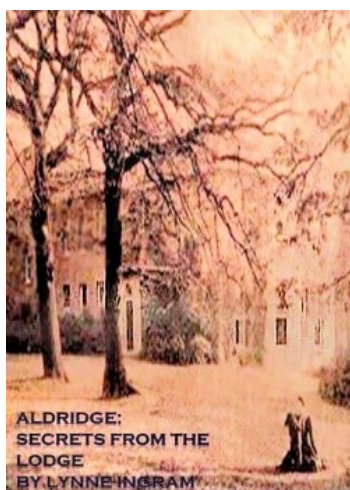
The area of Aldridge is located in Birmingham and is very small. There was nothing mentioned about an *Aldridge Lodge*. What to do now? I just had to find out more about this Lodge my ancestors lived in.

My searching revealed that there was an Aldridge local history society. Of course, I emailed them and to my delight, I received a quick reply from their secretary informing me that a member had been researching the Aldridge area and knew it very well. He had forwarded my email to her.

I was over the moon when she replied, saying her name was Lynne Ingram. It turned out that Lynne is a qualified historian who is also a tour guide and gives talks and presentations (including BBC TV). She was thrilled to hear from someone who had an association with *Aldridge Lodge*. Lynne had been researching this historic building for about four years, with the help of others in the society. Aldridge Lodge no longer exists, but it had played an enormous historical part in the history of many families in their community.

Recently Lynne had published a small book about the Lodge, which included mention of my family line! As we got to know each other better via email, she sent me free/gratis a copy of her book! Even better, when the book arrived it came with permission to use it pretty much as I wished. I was ecstatic.

My relationship with the Lodge was via a solicitor who was the Registrar of the County Court based in Walsall. He was the owner of the *Aldridge Lodge* from 1861 until he died in 1903. The family continued to use the property as their “country house” until 1910. Research shows it then moved to the possession of the Walsall Corporation. Sadly, the Lodge was demolished in 1958 for reasons unknown.



In 1937 the whole community became involved when thousands of children had been left orphaned after General Franco decided to use the town of Guernica for bombing practice for an entire day during the Spanish Civil war. The British Government would only permitted volunteers who were organised to bring 4,000 orphans to England, fifty of whom were housed at the Lodge for about two years. Eventually, most of them returned home to Spain. The local community got right behind the project, including a local councilor and the primary sponsor, Cadburys. The detail of the children’s stay is another heartwarming story on its own.

What an excellent addition to the annals of this family, who were a talented lot, including a son who went to New Zealand, married and later returned to *Aldridge Lodge* with two sons and a Kiwi wife, all born in Wellington. There are some beautiful stories in family lore out there.

This experience has taught me that you have to keep digging and think outside the box. If I had not found or emailed the Aldridge Society, I would never have been introduced to Lynne, nor would I have learned so much about my ancestors from a little place in Birmingham.

The image on the right is from the Association for the UK Basque Children website, it reads “1937 – To commemorate the arrival aboard the *Habana* of 4,000 refugee children from the Basque region of Spain in May 1937 following the destruction of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War and to thank the people of Southampton and Britain who volunteered to care for them. 2007”

To learn more about the orphan children visit the [Basque Children Website](#).





Web Explorer

Do you have a favourite go-to website or blog?
If you do, send it, and we will publish it in the next Journal.

Families in British India Society – FIBIS <https://search.fibis.org/bin/index.php>

Find out more about the lives your ancestors lived with guides, lists sources and general background information about the culture, society and history of India during the period from 1600 to 1947. The FIBIwiki is provided free of charge for the benefit of the Indian history research community. *Our society receives a copy of the FIBIS magazine, look for it in the exchange journal section in the rooms.*

NSW State Archives and Records - Convict Index 1791-1873

This is a great place to start if you have, or think you have, a Convict in your tree. This fully searchable database containing certificates of freedom; bank accounts; deaths; exemptions from Government Labor; pardons; tickets of leave; and tickets of leave passports. There are 140,000+ entries to search. To learn more about the Index and how to search [click here »](#)
<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/convicts-index>

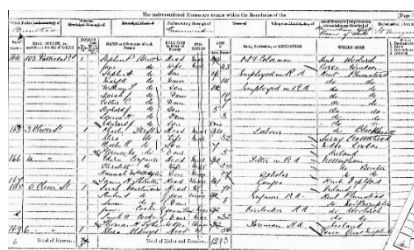
UK Census Online – Free Search

UK Census Online provides access to complete census records for England and Wales 1841-1911. The database is fully searchable, giving basic transcript information with original census documents available for a fee. UK Census Records are taken every ten years. www.ukcensusonline.com

Do you know your Census dates?

Have you ever wondered when the English/Wales Censuses were taken?

1841 - 6th June	1881 - 3rd April
1851 - 30th March	1891 - 5th April
1861 - 7th April	1901 - 31st March
1871 - 2nd April	1911 - 2nd April



The heads of household were instructed to give details of everyone who slept in that dwelling on census night, which was always on a Sunday. Due too many people being away from their usual place of residence in June, perhaps hop-picking or fruit picking, the authorities never repeated the June early summer date.

The National Archives – United Kingdom has a wonderful page outlining the below.



- How the census was taken and on what dates
- Where to access and how to search the censuses
- Ships and institutions in the census
- Common census terms and abbreviations
- Why can't I find my ancestor in the census?
- Censuses for Scotland and Ireland
- British colonies and protectorates

Their guide explains how to access the historical censuses from 1841 to 1911 and provides information on using the census returns for:

- *England *Wales *The Channel Islands *The Isle of Man *The British Army overseas (1911 only)
- *Vessels in English and Welsh ports and inland waterways from 1861 onwards.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/

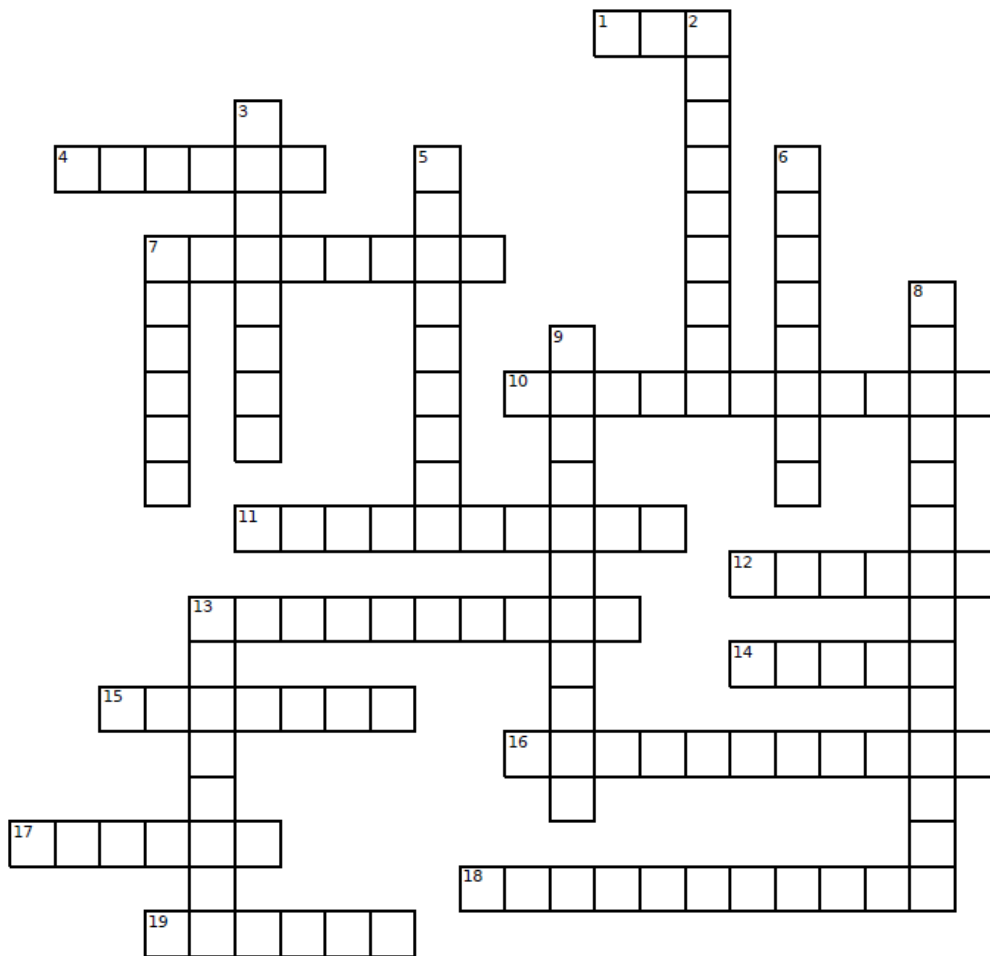
(The above information was provided by the TNA website)

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Lookup a Census with either Ancestry, FindMyPast or TheGenealogist. All are available to members in the rooms free of charge

FAMILY HISTORY – CROSSWORD NO. 4

Coffee Time Fun with Paul Dinniss



ACROSS

1. Members Interest List, we have one accessible through the GCFHS website
4. Son of one's brother or sister
7. A person lawfully appointed to care for a minor
10. Copies of the parish registers, Bishop's
11. Originator of a line of descent, frequently used in reference to the immigrant ancestor
12. Structure reserved for religious or spiritual rituals
13. Process of reading bases in DNA
14. Read out in church over three consecutive Sundays
15. GCFHS has small meetings of interest groups
16. Official proof document of Birth, Marriage or Death

ACROSS

17. Member of the social class in England between gentry and Labourers. Was a free man and often a landholder
18. Declaration made by a person having conscientious objections to swearing an oath
19. Official counting of people

DOWN

2. American colonists who supported the British Crown during the American Revolutionary War
3. Practice of recording genealogies, coats of arms and family crests
5. Grave marker
6. What we do at the rooms
7. Genealogical Data Communication (acronym)
8. To become a citizen of another Country
9. My grandparents' brothers are my
13. The section in a passenger ship for those paying the lowest fare

*Find crossword answers on the Members Notice-Board page.
October 2021



Stay up to date with the latest news



Will be hosting a talk by member Julie Webb.

Julie will talk about what is 'Gedmatch' and how it can help you with your research.

The DNA SIG is held bi-monthly on the 4th Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The next meeting is on Sunday, **17 October 2021**. **DATE CHANGE**

Contact Fay Carbis for information at fay@winshop.com.au

LONDON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The last meeting will be on Sunday **14 November 2021**.

After this date, Ann Metcher will continue to help and support members with their London research.

OCTOBER MINI SEMINAR

House histories & Cemetery Stories

The seminar will explore the value of historical land records in Queensland, where to acquire them and how they can be used to find new research paths to follow in public libraries and family history organisations. For full details and to register visit the [GCFHS website](#).

CHRISTMAS DATES

Our Rooms will close at 1.00 pm on Saturday the 18 December 2021 and re-open on Tuesday 11 January 2022.

GCFHS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All members are invited to attend the end of year get-together. Come along and catch up with fellow members. Please bring a plate to share.

Gathering starts after the rooms close at 1.00 pm on Saturday the 18 December 2021.



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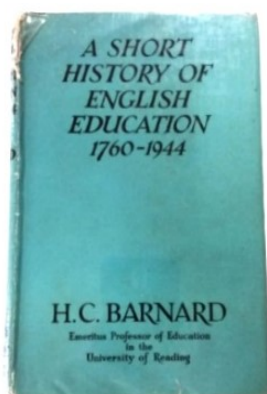
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A Short History of English Education 1760-1944.

By H.C. Barnard, University of London Press, London. 1947

by Margaret Deacon

This book describes Elementary education, Grammar Schools and University education during these time periods as well as licences and the training of teachers.

The text is divided into Part A (late 18th Century, early 19th Century), Part B and C (up to 50 years later), Part D (late 19th Century), and Part E (Education from 1902-1944). I will provide a brief glimpse into the content in Part A as it makes for interesting reading.

In the late 18th Century, there was a demand for child labour in factories to help provide income for the family household. Conditions in the factories were appalling. Provision for basic education for children employed in mills was contained in the original *Factory Acts 1802*.

Initially, **elementary** education included private schools, charity schools, schools of certain industries and Sunday schools. The feeling was that a degree of education would prove to combat crime and rebellious behaviour and encourage the religious path to God. Sunday schools were immediately successful as attendance did not interfere with labour in the mills and factories due to their closures on Sundays.

Secondary education encompassed Endowed schools (grammar, and public and private schools). Teachers and masters held a teaching licence granted by the bishop of the diocese. The teachings were mainly of classical languages, Latin and Greek, and were seen as fundamental to almost all human knowledge.

University education was supposedly the realm of the idle and the wealthy, and at this time in the late 18th and early 19th Centuries had made virtually no advances in the direction of more formal education since the Renaissance periods.

The final chapter focuses on educational principles. Towards the end of the 19th Century, universities were offering education as a stand-alone subject. During the early 20th Century, philosophies revolved around the aims of education in a community in relation to the individual and the social implications of education. Some scientists focussed on mental testing and the general ability of an individual, which led to the Intelligence Quotient (IQ) test.

This is a book will appeal to many family history researchers who want to examine the lives of their ancestors during their school years.



Do you know your Census dates? (Cont.)

The 1921 census will remain closed until it is made available online by Findmypast.co.uk in early 2022. Unfortunately, the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire in 1942, and no census was taken in 1941 because of the Second World War.

The 1939 Register was taken on 29 September 1939 and is similar to, but not the same as, the census. The next edition of the Rootes Journal will explore this wonderful resource-rich research tool.

(The above information was provided by the TNA website)

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H181/710	Early Prahran 1834 1918 Part one	Book	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
H181/710	Early Prahran 1850 - 1863 (third edition)	Book	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
H350/586	History and Heritage 1893 - 1993 St Patrick's College Ballarat	Book	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
N598	English Country Pubs	Book	England	Anon
NLIN/700	A History of Lincolnshire	Book	England	David Mackay
NLIN/700	History of Long Sutton & District	Book	England	David Mackay
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The DNA SIG The next meeting is on **17 October 2021. DATE CHANGE**

Mini Seminar – Saturday 23 October 2021 *with Kyla Stephan*

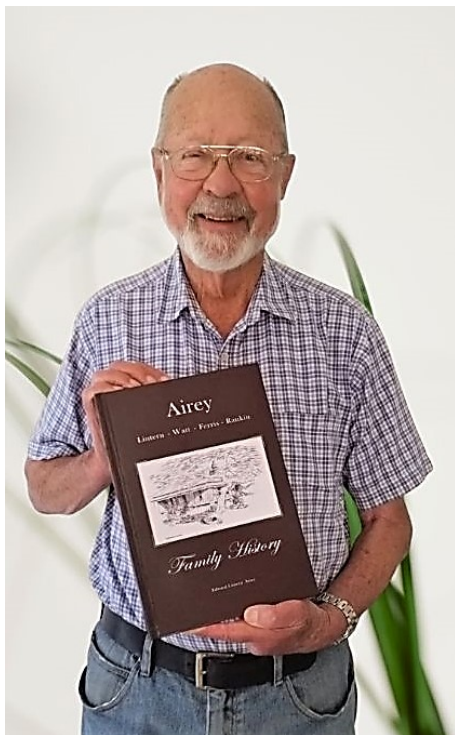
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This session will explore the value of historical land records in Queensland, where to acquire them and how they can be used to find new research paths to follow in public libraries and family history organisations. It will also provide an overview of the story of cemeteries in our local area, highlighting the sometimes-surprising places where cemetery records can be found and the challenges facing researchers.

While the talk uses Gold Coast examples, the focus of the session is on problem solving and finding creative ways to link people and places irrespective of whether research is local or much further afield.

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Location: Upstairs, Bicentennial Centre, Time: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Costs: Members \$15.00, Non Members \$20.00



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