



# Relative Thoughts

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The passing of Denis Bamford
- They Shall Grow Not Old...
- Pages In Time
- A memory—Part 2
- Grandma's Apron

## FLEURIEU PENINSULA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

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*Crown Hotel, Reynella c. 1900*

Read the story of our cover picture on page 10

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**Monthly Meetings** are held on the third Saturday of each month from January–October at 1:30 p.m.

**The Annual General Meeting** is held on the third Saturday in November commencing at 1:30 p.m. Committee elections are held annually at this time.

Special Interest Group Meetings are held monthly. Contact the conveners for dates and venues:-

**Aussie Group**—Meets at 1:30 pm on Saturdays monthly—convener Ros Dunstall.

**English Interest Group**—Meets at 2:00 pm on Thursdays monthly—convener Keith Jones.

**Irish Interest Group**—convener Tim Wing 8382 3406.

**Scottish Interest Group**—Meets Tuesdays—convener Ann Dow.

**Daytime Computer Group**—Monthly on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm — convener David Boyce.

**Evening Computer Group**—Monthly on Monday evenings at 7:30pm — convener David Boyce.

**Brick Walls Group**—to start in the new year—contact Tim Wing on 8326 3406 for specifics.

### S U B S C R I P T I O N S

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**Single Membership**—\$20.00

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### P U B L I S H I N G

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**P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T**

It is with great pleasure that I write my first President's Report as Acting President of the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group for 2008.

After a shaky start things have settled down and we hope to have a successful year. I would like to thank all the members and committee for the positive feedback we have received over the last two general meetings. Thank you everyone.

We have changed our criteria lately and unfortunately we will no longer have our resource room open on Wednesday afternoons. We have trialled opening the resource room on the day of our general meetings in February and March. We hope to continue opening at 12:00pm on general meeting days.

We now have a sub-committee to review the constitution with a chairman and a committee member as well as four members from our group, who will help to review our existing constitution. I would like to thank them for their input.

The last few months have been very hectic, not only for the group but also for myself. I have been finalizing the writing of my family history book. It will be ready for our Holden Family Reunion on Sunday April 6 2008 at Hope Valley, SA.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for their support and help. We have had a few late night committee meetings but we have achieved quite a bit.

We have some interesting guests for our general meetings, including talks on the clipper ship "City of Adelaide" and shipping in the late 1800's.

With Best Wishes to All

Di Roberts

Acting President

FPFHG

**Coming Events**

- Peter Christopher speaking on the ship "City of Adelaide"
- Lady Teviot, president of the Federation of Family History Societies, speaking on several subjects at a special evening get together in July
- Patrick Guilfoyle returns later in the year to tell us more on shipping in the 1880's
- Andrew Wilson, senior Indigenous Project Officer with State Records will be speaking later in the year on how to find records relating to your Indigenous ancestry



*Genealogy is like a  
game of Hide &  
Seek... They  
hide and I seek*

**2007 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following is the complete financial report from the 2007 AGM, which was omitted from its usual place in the January Journal due to space issues and the need to report other issues.

<b>FLEURIEU PENINSULA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC</b>			
<b>FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 31 OCTOBER 2007</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>Actuals</b>
<b>Operational items</b>		<b>Operational items</b>	
Subscriptions 2007	1,717.50	Audit fees	22.00
Interest	0.81	A.G.M. Expenses	265.40
		Bank fees	24.75
		Postage	261.55
		Stationery	67.84
		Guest speakers	155.25
		Printing	676.14
		Insurance	816.50
		Subscriptions	40.00
<b>Fund raising</b>			
Trading table	970.95	Equipment	1,405.70
Holiday raffle (06 & 07)	807.00	Raffle costs	385.03
March Seminar	1,822.00	March Seminar	910.80
Quiz night	536.85	Quiz night	71.68
Beginner course	120.00	Beginner course	14.40
Monthly raffle	743.75	Books & magazines	1,017.96
Tea money	506.85		
<b>Sale items</b>		<b>Cost of Sale items</b>	
PRO vouchers	178.00	PRO vouchers	0.00
Wall charts	130.00	Included in printing cost	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Government grant	330.00	Refreshments	37.19
Donations	76.50	Hall rental	1438.00
Sundry receipts	250.95	Presidential allowance	200.00
		Sundry expenses	479.85
<b>Advance items</b>			
Subscriptions 2008	1,230.00		
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,421.16</b>	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,290.04</b>
<b>Balance 1 November 2006</b>	<b>982.55</b>	<b>A/C balance 31 Oct 2007</b>	<b>2113.67</b>
		<b>Cash on hand</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,403.71</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,403.71</b>
<b>Dream saver account</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Trans from Gen Acc Apr 2005	2000		Nil
Interest	160.9		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,160.90</b>	<b>Balance 31 Oct 2007</b>	<b>2,160.90</b>
<b>Consolidated balance 31 Oct 2007</b>			
		General account	2,113.67
		Dreamsaver account	2,160.90
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,274.57</b>
Barry Maslin, Hon. Treasurer	<i>Barry Maslin</i> 7 Nov 2007		
I hereby certify that I have examined the financial records for the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group Inc for the year 2006/2007 and found them, in my opinion, to be a true and accurate record.			
<i>K. Morrison</i> 15/11/07			
K. Morrison, Honorary Auditor, 28 Barbados Drive Seaford Rise.			

## LOGO COMPETITION

We have decided to hold a completion to find a new logo for the group.

Members are asked to submit their entries either hand drawn or electronically produced to the Secretary no later than 10th May.

Entries should be easily recognizable as belonging to a Family History Group, and must contain some reference to the Fleurieu Peninsula, and should include an explanation of the design.

At the meeting on May 17th, all entries will be displayed and be judged by you, the members. All members present will have the opportunity to inspect each entry prior to placing their vote.

The winning entry will be adopted immediately by the Group as its official logo, with the designer earning themselves a featured article in the October edition of *Relative Thoughts*, and a feature on our Website.

If you are not artistically inclined, perhaps your children or grandchildren are, and may like to help you out.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**April:** Peter Christopher—*"City of Adelaide"* clipper preservation trust.

**May:** Jack Holder—his book *"I almost missed you"*

**June:** Andrew Wilson—*Researching Your Indigenous Ancestors*

**July Special Event:** Lady Teviot—President of the Federation of Family History Societies.

**July:** Patrick Guilfoyle—*Shipping in the 1880's*

**August:** Don Hopgood—*Adelaide in the roaring 20's*

**August 23rd:** FPFHG Quiz Night

## NEW MEMBERS

This issue we would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:-

Meryl Finch

Lorraine Loader

Helen Smith

Pauline & Graham Redman

## AMENDMENTS TO LAST ISSUE

It has been noted that there were some errors in the last issue of *'Relative Thoughts'* for which we wish to make an apology and correct those items.

Vanessa Catterall is **not** the minute secretary of the subcommittee as reported, but she **is** a sitting member of the subcommittee.

Keith Jones is **not** the Acting Vice-President, he **is** however, the Chairman of the Constitution Reform

Sub-committee.

The complete financial statement presented at the AGM was not included in the January journal due to space restrictions and the need to report on other matters.

There were several other omissions and errors, for which I sincerely apologize, but I was trying to fit all the important stuff into the last issue.

## THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD . . .

With ANZAC Day upon us this month, it is fitting that we include something in memory of the fallen. We will hold a brief service at our April meeting in honour of those who gave their lives in war time.

But here, we will tell the story of an exceptional woman, Mrs. May Marion Reynell, who followed her husband to war, providing comforts for the soldiers under his command.

Marion May Reynell was the daughter of Douglas John Byard, the former head of the Hahndorf College. When war broke out in 1914, her husband went off to the front with the 9th Light Horse Regiment, of which he was the commanding officer. Mrs. Reynell stayed at home for a short time, where she was instrumental in the beginnings of several local branches of the various Comfort Funds.

In particular, Mrs. Reynell was a founding member of the South Australian based League of Loyal Women. She spent much of her time raising funds for the purposes of providing comforts for the men of the 9th Light Horse. The various Comfort Funds, raised money from within the communities in Australia and used the money to provide the men abroad with socks, soap and stationary items. These items were then packed up and shipped to the staging camps at the front, from where they were distributed to the soldiers by volunteers—such as May Reynell.

Leaving her children behind in Australia, Mrs. Reynell



*Lt. Col. Carew Reynell picking lice and ticks from his clothing on Hill 60, Gallipoli in August 1915. He was killed near this spot the next evening.*



*May Marion Reynell nee Byard, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Carew Reynell*

followed her husband to the middle east, where she set up a small café at Heliopolis in the deserts of Egypt adjacent to the Light Horse training camp and staging grounds (the location to which our soldiers went immediately prior to being trans-shipped to Gallipoli). From the modest tent, Mrs. Reynell dispensed tea, biscuits from home, and other comforts to the Australian Soldiers at the front, but in particular to those men of the 9th Light Horse under the command of her husband Carew Reynell.

While Mrs. Reynell was serving tea and sympathy to the men, her husband was leading his men into battle against the “Turk” on Hill 60 at Gallipoli. He was killed in action on the night of 28 August 1915 and lies buried in an unmarked grave on the hill side. Part of the Cemetery Register at Hill 60 bears the words “Lieutenant Colonel Carew Reynell, 9th Light Horse. Husband of May Reynell, of Reynella, South Australia. Son of the late Walter and Emily Reynell, aged 32.”

May Reynell returned to Australia and died at McLaren Vale in 1967 at the age of 85 and is buried with other family members at the O’Halloran Hill Cemetery.

“At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning,  
We Will Remember Them.”

## THE PASSING OF A MEMBER

## DENIS BAMFORD

As reported at the General Meeting in January, we lost one of our members in Denis Bamford on 14th January. With the permission of his widow Muriel, we are including the words of his eulogy here.

Denis Bamford was born 12 September 1928 in Macclesfield Cheshire, England and he died at Noarlunga Hospital on 14 January 2008.

Denis' parents were Samuel and Winifred Bamford. Denis had four siblings – Lawrence, Raymond, Lily and Winifred.

Denis went to school at St George's Primary School and Macclesfield Central School For Boys.

Denis was conscripted into the Royal Air Force for 18 months after World War II. His service number 007, no doubt became a significant talking point after the advent of James Bond.

Denis met Muriel and they married at Wesley's Methodist Chapel, Sutherland Street, Macclesfield on December 4<sup>th</sup> 1954. Denis and Muriel lived in Macclesfield and Gawsworth. They had three sons Martin, Philip and Duncan. Denis and Muriel celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2004.

For many years Denis dreamt of migrating to Australia to meet for the first time his brother Lawrence who migrated before Denis was born. This dream was achieved in 1973 when the whole family sailed from Southampton on the 'Britannia'. By this time his brother Raymond also lived in Australia.

After spending 6 months in Brisbane the Bamford Family moved to South Australia and settled in Archer Street, Christies Beach – their family home to this day.

In England Denis worked as a proof-reader for the Macclesfield Express and the Daily Mail. In Australia Denis' work included five years as a proof-reader with the Messenger Press, work in the library of the South Australian Institute of

Technology and finally was transferred to Noarlunga Library when it opened in 1981. Denis retired in 1993.

Denis had a long time interest in music. From the age of seven he learned to play with the Salvation Army Band.

Denis also had a great love of books and the written word. He always had a pen and piece of paper at hand. During his final days in hospital a pen was at the ready in his glasses case.

Denis' love of photography began as a child when he received a Box Brownie camera from his Uncle Jack. Over the years many cameras have passed through his hands – one of them literally amongst the rocks at O'Sullivan Beach.

In retirement Denis also kept up his interest in the media. Each day he would read the newspaper and watch the TV news. Denis also enjoyed listening to Macca on ABC radio each Sunday morning. In fact Denis had a regular correspondence with Macca\*.

In recent years Denis found great enjoyment attending the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group meetings.

Denis was a quiet unassuming man with a very dry sense of humour. He wanted these words written on his memorial card – I came across this proverb about 40 years ago. It was written by someone called Elbert Hubbard:

*“Do not take life too seriously; you will never get out of it alive.”*

[Editor's note—Macca is Ian Macnamara, ABC Radio host of the Australia All Over show on Sunday mornings from 5:30am—10am]

## FAMILY REUNIONS

### HOLDEN

The **HOLDEN** reunion was held on **Sunday April 6 2008** celebrating the 200th birthday of William Holden, at the **Hope Valley Sports Club Valley Rd, Hope Valley**. Over seventy family and friends celebrated with a cake and sang Happy Birthday to William. The launch of a new revised edition of the book "From Hope To Here" was on sale for \$20 AUD.

A DVD of family photos and magnets to celebrate the day was also available. The book tells the story of William Holden and his family who emigrated to SA in 1838 aboard the *Trusty*. The book includes information of his family back in England and also William's four children who survived to adulthood in Australia and America. Thank you to everyone concerned.

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### MT BARKER HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

**Mt Barker High School** is celebrating 100 years in education in October 2008. If you were a past student of the school and would like to be involved with the organization of the events or wish to attend any of the events, please contact Jayne Wilson, MTBHS Centenary Celebrations Committee on [centenary.contacts@mtbhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:centenary.contacts@mtbhs.sa.edu.au) or by phone to (08) 8388 7730. Further information on the planned events can be found on the school's website—[www.mtbhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mtbhs.sa.edu.au)

### RESOURCES & JOURNALS

New Resources & Journals since January 2008:-

- 1936 Gregory's Street Directory
- "My Grandfather's Diary" Jan Lokan
- Kensington & Norwood Historical Society Newsletters—Feb & Mar 2008
- Society of Australian Genealogists Journal—Dec 2007
- Forbes Family History Group Inc—Spring '07, Summer '08
- Port Fairy Genealogical Society—Belfast Genies Newsletter—Dec '07
- Adelaide Northern Districts FH Group—Jan & Feb 2008
- Newcastle Family History Society—Mar '08
- The Australian National Placenames Survey Newsletter Dec '07
- Australian Federation of Family History Organisations—Newsflash Dec '07
- Bundaberg Genealogical Association—Family Ties Mar '08
- Practical Family History magazines—Dec '07 & Jan '08

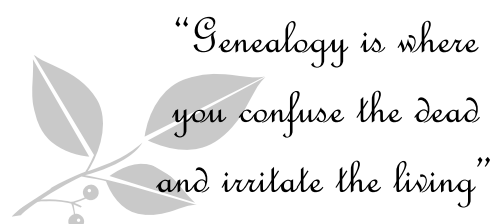
### LADY TEVIOT

**Lady Teviot**, President of the Federation of Family History Societies will be giving a talk to our group on the evening of **Monday 14th July 2008 at 6:30 pm** (for a 7:00pm start).

Topics during the evening will include the **GRO** and **London Research**. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the evening.

The talk will be held Trinity Uniting Church. Corner of William Road and Ramsgate Avenue, Christies Beach. This will be a **FREE** seminar for members, non-members will be asked for a gold coin donation.

Supper will be served, and could we have a couple of volunteers to knock up some scrumptious home cooked cake and bickies please.





**A MEMORY [PART 2]  
BY H. OSBORN**

.... Continuing on from the January '08 edition.

Of his journeyman life I know next to nothing, but that his dainty skill in gold embroidery made him a valuable worker in the time when England was constantly at war, and uniforms were greatly in demand. One colonel for whom he worked wanted him to leave his master, set up for himself, and he would help him to get rich on Government contracts for Army clothing. It was tempting, but when he found out the conditions of the pay, he saw that the riches of a contractor must be won by underpaying the workmen and cheating in the quality of the materials used, he declined, to the amazement of his patron. But he set up for himself shortly afterwards, having got together a little private connection by rising at four in the morning, and doing almost half-a-day's work before his West End employer wanted him at nine o'clock. His religious associations were diligently kept up I think at Spitalfields Chapel, and he found a wife in Mary Caldecot<sup>1</sup> [sic], in whose mother's house he had his lodgings. She was of Huguenot descent, and proud of it, and has often told the tale of her Grandmother's adventures in the persecutions that followed the repeal of the edict of Nantes. The little estate in Normandy, belonging to the Collet family, had dragoons quartered on it. They gave all the insolence and ill-usage customary, and necessary for their end, to drive the owners into submission to the Roman Church. But in vain. When the soldiers were asleep after a liberal supply of wine at supper the family crept down to the kitchen and took up the Bible carefully hidden under the hearthstone and read the Holy Word in midnight watchings [sic] and whispered prayers. At last the end of many like persecutions came—father and mother were killed and their daughter saved her life by flight. Putting what silver she could find in her pocket, she made her way to the coast on foot, a fishing boat took her across the Channel, and at last she got safely to London and settled down among the French refugees in Spitalfields. We still have a little silver cream jug<sup>2</sup> with her initials on it, and a little French Bible with silver clasps and the antique spelling of over 200 years ago. She married a Thomas Royale, and was the mother of Nancy, or Ann Caldecot, whose name is found in Wesley's first class-book, and is several times mentioned in the Journals of John and Charles Wesley. I have her portrait, and her husband's Joshua Coldecot is a bluff British face, but his wife's has more character. I have tried in vain to have them photographed, but now that I have some leisure I will try again.<sup>3</sup> Nancy Caldecot was devoted to the Chapel in Spitalfields, and it was in the circles of its society that she must have met Thomas Chubb—soon to be the

husband of her daughter Mary. She was then living in Sun Street, Bishopsgate, and there he became one of the family, until his removal to No. 6, Spital Square. He must have removed from the house in 1840, when he was carrying on the business at 1, Queen Street, Cheapside. His son, who was now married, lived in one half of Mildmay House, while he, with his wife and two daughters, Anne and Jemima, had the other. The leisure that a looser hold on the business gave him was full of good works, doing good to somebody who needed help was his greatest pleasure, and opportunities came strangely now and then. Once, in a London street, he came upon a nurse and baby—baby screaming pitifully, and nurse taking no notice except for a shake or a slap now and then. The child's crying went to his heart, and he asked the nurse why she did nothing to stop it. "Ph, the nasty ill-tempered brat, it is always screaming!" "But no, that is a cry of pain—I have had babies of my own, and I now when a child cries for pain. There must be something hurting it; a pin, perhaps." "Oh, it hasn't got no pins about it." "Yes, surely it has a napkin pin." Then the nurse tried to get away, but he followed quickly, as the baby's cry went on. "Now," said he, "if you don't sit down there (pointing to the bench close by) and find out what hurts it, I will give you in charge for cruelty." So he stood by, and presently saw that a pin was running into the soft flesh of the child's thigh, and that a long bleeding scratch testified to the fact that it must have been there for some time. Then the woman was frightened, as he made her tell him where the child's home was, and said he should tell its mother, but he refrained in consequence of her tears and prayers and many promises of kindness to her charge. Of course he saw it would have been ruin to a servant's character to have such a story told about her, and I think that was why she was let of with a fright.

To be continued.....

Footnotes:-

1. Thomas Chubb and Mary Caldecot were married at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London on 4 May 1803.
2. This now belongs to Elise Royale Newbould, her descendant of the sixth generation. Her mother left it to her.
3. In my Father's Memorial there are more details of the Caldicots, but I thought it needless to repeat them.

## D I D Y O U K N O W ?

Who among us knew that ANZAC Day has not always been observed on 25th April?

I have to admit that I didn't, and found that ANZAC Day was first observed in the local areas (within South Australia at least) at various different times during the year, with the first of those occurring not long after the actual landing date at Gallipoli of April 25, 1915. I recently discovered an early account of the day observed on October 13, 1915 in Willunga; November 6 at Bugle Ranges; Meadows on November 11 and Mt Barker on October 20.

## W H A T ' S O N T H E C O V E R T H I S I S S U E

In 1853, a year before the town land sales took place, John Reynell sold off a block of land on the north side of the Panalatinga Creek to Robert Hay for the purpose of building an Inn.

The land was bordered by the creek and what became South Road.

At first, the building was known as the Crown Inn and has been continuously in license since that time. Today it is known as the Crown Inn Hotel, but in former times it has been known as the Crown Inn in 1855, the Crown Hotel in 1856 and in 1886 it was known as the Reynella Hotel before reverting to its original name in 1887.<sup>1</sup>

It is listed as a Heritage Place within the State of South Australia.

Licensees of the hotel have been:-<sup>2</sup>

1854 & 1855—Vanstone J.; Buchanan R.

1856-1861—Hay, R.

1862-1863—Hay, J.

1863-1864—Hawkins, R.D.

1864-1872—Buchanan, R.

1872-1873—Wardle, M.

1873-1877—Leighton, A.; Leighton, T.

1877-1879—Tompkins, C.

1880-1881—Brockmeyer, F.H. & Mrs. A.

1882-1885—Hillier, J.F.

1886-1887—Plummer, T.W.

1887-1891—Heinrich, S.J.

1892-1894—Gibson, P.

1895— Delmont, W

1896-1897—Burden, H.W.J.

1898-1902—J. O'Dwyer

1903-1906—Regan, Mrs. E.M.

1907-1914—Brockmeyer Miss & Regan, Mrs. E.M.

1915— Hare, Mrs. F.C.

1916-1918—Ross, D.

1919—Blight, J.

1920-1921—Arthurson, T.A.

1922-1924—Crabb, W.T.

1925—Stenning, R.

1926-1927—Ferguson, G.J.

1927-1943—Emmet, F.N.

1943-1945—Kiely, Miss M.

1945-1946—Emmet, F.N.

1946-1947—Webb, F.B.

1947-1948—Webb, W.M.

1948-1957—Nutter, H.A.G.

1957-1960—Cameron, H.A.C. & family

1960-1962—Ewen, E.P.

1962-1966—Thompson, G..J. & E.M.

1966-1973—Vaughton, P.L.

1973—Williamson, W.J.

1973-1984—Vaughton, P.L., D.K. & D.R.

1. *Reynell, Lenore 'John Reynell of Reynella : a South Australian pioneer', Adelaide : M. Hopton, 1988*

2. *Hotels & Publicans of SA; J.L. Hoad, Wakefield Press : F. McRae 2007*

PAGES IN TIME  
EXCERPTS FROM THE REGISTER NEWSPAPER

*The Register Saturday July 7 1866*

*Noarlunga*

[from our Correspondent]

Noarlunga July 5

The annual meeting of the Southern Race-course Company was held last week. The Secretary, Mr. A. Birrell, produced a balance-sheet duly audited, which showed cash in hand about £90; and it was resolved to declare a dividend of 10s per share. Votes of thanks were given to the Committee and Chairman and Messrs. Birrell, Knipe, and Castle were re-elected as Committee.

The attempt to form a Reserve Volunteer Company has resulted in nothing definite. A number of names have been obtained of persons willing to be enrolled; but, as it is not quite clear whether recruits will be allowed to join or not, it is questionable if the minimum number can be got together. Many of the members of the late force are, however, very desirous of again joining and it is to be hoped that a company may yet be organized.

I am sorry to have to record several accidents during the last week or so. A little child of Mr. Draper's fell from the bridge over the Onkaparinga a few days since and broke her thigh. Medical attendance was promptly procured, and the little sufferer is, I understand, progressing favourably. A similar accident occurred to Mr. Adams, builder, who was employed upon Mr. Clark's new house. While working at one of the windows he lost his footing and fell on the flooring-joists, and from thence into a cellar beneath, receiving a severe shaking, and one or two ribs being broken. Drs. Maurau and Smales were promptly in attendance, and no very serious result is anticipated.

Mr. W. Giles, of Morphett Vale, met with a severe fall, and the loss of a valuable horse a few evenings since. While riding in the dark after a runaway horse near Reynella he came across a heap of broken road metal, when horse and rider fell heavily – the horse breaking a leg, and had to be shot. Mr. Giles, fortunately, escaped without serious injury.

The weather has been hitherto all that could be desired, and the very acceptable and continuous rains we have had have caused great hopefulness to the farmers, and, indeed, all classes of residents.

A memorial is in course of signature against the proposed deviation of the main South-road near this place, and when the needlessness of the expenditure here and the urgent claims of adjacent districts are considered, there is but little doubt that the Central Road Board will see the propriety of acceding to the wishes of the memorialists.

*The Register, June 29 1866*

*Port Elliot*

[From our Correspondent]

Port Elliot June 27

The funeral of the late Miss Rich took place on Tuesday afternoon (26<sup>th</sup>). Nearly all the residents of the township, as well as a great number of neighbouring settlers, were present, being anxious to testify by their presence the high esteem in which the deceased young lady was held. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. P. Hughes, of Willunga. The body was interred in the cemetery adjoining the Catholic Chapel, the deceased being a member of that communion. By her amiable disposition and exemplary character she was a pattern to all the young people in the district.

Since my last the weather has been very cold and stormy; rain continues abundant. The young crops are springing in all directions, and many of them look very strong and healthy.

I regret to state that our esteemed master of the district school (Mr Ambrose) is obliged to relinquish his charge through serious indisposition. This is a matter of public regret, especially as Mr Ambrose is a most careful and successful teacher, and the children were very much attached to him.

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*Register September 2nd 1866*

*Labourers at Port Adelaide*

TO THE EDITOR

Sir- Having seen in your valuable columns that there has been a want of employment, I would inform you that this afternoon I sent six men on board my ship, and was prepared to pay them according to the custom of the Port, say 1s per hour for each man employed, but they finding on proceeding on board that they would be required to pass bricks (work which I do not consider to be very laborious) immediately returned ashore. I think that after this there is little room for complaint on the part of the labouring class.

I am Sire, &c.,  
A SHIPMASTER

Port Adelaide, August 31, 1866

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[Editor's Note:- With regard to the last entry here, I have to ask "What has changed in 142 years?"]

## DO YOU REMEMBER GRANDMA'S APRON?

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a myriad of other utensils.

It was a great potholder for removing hot pans from the oven or stove top.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chook house, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chickens, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in a cardboard box next to the stove.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms like a shawl.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove, the laundry copper or the mangle.

Bark chips, pine cones, kindling and fire wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the scraps to feed the chooks.

In autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the paddocks for lunch or tea.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

### Do you Remember How:

- Grandma used to set her hot baked apple

pies on the window sill to cool.

- Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.
- And her great grand-daughters buy theirs ready made in the supermarket to be taken home and micro-waved before being eaten.
- Will her great-great-grand-daughters even know what an apple pie was?



*Granny Thompson's ample apron*

*Editor's Notes: - I have edited this item slightly to un-Americanise the article. Thanks Ros Dunstall for the original article*

## ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

At our April General Meeting, we will be holding a special short commemoration service in honour of the fallen in all theatres of war.

Members have been asked to bring along their family war memorabilia for a display covering all theatres of war; whilst our journal editor has been busily extracting information relating to Fleurieu men, women and boys who served and laid down their lives for freedom during World War I—a list of whose names and details will be on display on the day. A group member will deliver a recitation of "In Flanders Fields", followed by a minute's silence in honour of the fallen, after which we will hear the last post, and another group member will deliver the Ode.

A further report on our ANZAC observance will appear in the July issue of Relative Thoughts.

Copies of the lists of serving people from the region will be available on our website from April 24th.

### Colour Patches of Regiments — World War I



9th Light Horse Regiment  
Yellow (left) and Green (right) adjacent triangles



10th Battalion AIF  
Purple (upper) and Cyan (lower) rectangles



3rd Light Horse Regiment  
White (left) and Black (right) adjacent triangles

From my research for our Anzac Day display, it seems that many of those from the Fleurieu who fought during World War I, were members of the above regiments and battalions. There were of course, many units beneath each of the above Regiments and Battalions.

In fact, a member the well known Fleurieu family, the Reynell family, lost a son to the cause. Carew Reynell, the son of Walter and Emily Reynell of Reynella, was the second in command and later commander of the 9th Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli. When his commanding officer was killed in action, Carew Reynell, stepped up to the mark and led his men to a valiant victory, only to suffer the same fate as his predecessor a few days later. (See page 6 this issue)



*9th Light Horsemen in Egypt 1915 prior to embarkation to Gallipoli. Photograph includes Alexander King (centre of picture holding rifle) who was born on the Fleurieu Peninsula.*

*[Photo courtesy Australia War Memorial, Canberra]*

### Poem honouring the horses of the Australian Light Horse - The men returned, but no horses were brought back

The struggle for freedom has ended they say,  
The days of fatigue and Remorse,  
But our hearts one and all are in memory today,  
We are losing our old friend, the Horse.

The old quadruped that has carried us thro'  
The sand ridden caravan track  
And shared in the charge of the gallant and true  
With the boys who will never come back.

Oh those long weary days thro' a miniature hell  
Short of water and nothing to eat,  
Each hour we climbed down for a few minutes' spell  
And dozed safe and sound and your feet.

When the enemy shrapnel broke overhead,  
As we passed up that Valley of Death,  
You never once slackened in that hail of lead  
Though the boldest of all held their breath.  
But we never forgot you, old Comrade and friend,  
When the QM Dump hove in sight.  
What the Buckshee to Gippo's we scored in the end  
And your rations were doubled that night.

Then came the long journey, the greatest of all,  
The cavalry stunt of the world.  
The sons of Australia had answered the call  
And the Ensign of Freedom unfurled.

And now we are leaving you footsore and worn  
To the land where the Mitchell grass grew,  
Where you frolicked like lambs in the sweet scented morn,  
To the song of the Dismal Curlew.

So farewell to the Yarraman old warhorse, farewell,  
Be you mulga bred chestnut or bay.  
If there's a hereafter for horses as well  
Then may we be with you some day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR / CAN YOU HELP

The Committee has decided to include a “Letters to the Editor” column in our journal beginning this issue. Unfortunately, we haven’t had any yet that are suitable for publication. It is proposed that from this issue, members and readers of our journal from affiliated groups who may wish to write to our Editor on matters concerning Family History and Local History on the Fleurieu Peninsula, may do so by addressing their requests to the following:-

**The Editor, “Relative Thoughts”  
Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group Inc.  
PO Box 1078  
Christies Beach North, SA, 5165.**



## THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE

In the October issue of Relative Thoughts, we will be presenting, albeit a bit late for the actual day, a selection of stories written by members about the Men in their lives to commemorate Fathers’ Day. These can be your fathers, grandfathers, uncles or any man in your life who has figured in a significant way in your own life. Someone you admire—your hero.

Please send your stories to:-

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We will be making a selection of those stories submitted for publication in October, the rest will be published as pdf files and will be available for reading on our website.

So if you have a story about a man in your life that you consider to be your hero, please write to us with your story. (A limit of 500 words will apply due to space limitations.)

The person doesn’t need to have been an important or influential person, a celebrity or sportsman. He just needs to be someone that YOU consider worthy of having his story told.

## LAST QUARTER SPEAKERS

The speakers who were invited to talk to our group during the first quarter of 2008, gave some very interesting information indeed.

**Patrick Guilfoyle**, who spoke in February, gave a very interesting talk on the subject of shipping and the industrial revolution in the 1880’s. His talk was not quite what many had expected but was quite informative in content. He told us of the connection between the industrialisation of Europe, and therefore of Australia, with the shipping industry.

He will be returning to speak again at a later date, when his talk will include a slide show presentation.

**Jan Lokan**, a member of our group, gave a talk in January on the subject of her grandfather’s diary, which she has recently published. Her talk centered around the migration of her Cornish ancestor to South Australia and the things he encountered during his early days in the colony.

**Elizabeth Caldecott** spoke to us last month on the history of gardens and showed some spectacular photographs of gardens that she has visited all over the world, with particular emphasis on the changes to gardens in Australia from the prim and proper English type formal garden, to the native water-wise gardens seen in suburbia today.

Thank you to all of our recent speakers for your time, expertise and efforts in presenting your works to us.

**Peter Christopher** will speak to us in April on the efforts to save the Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide*. This should be an interesting talk indeed, as Peter is most knowledgeable on the subject and has been the spearhead of the effort from the beginning.

