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*Mr Moore's Timber jinker c. 1906 at Meadows – story on page 7*





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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure I submit my report for this issue of Relative Thoughts.

Since my last report your Committee has been working hard in a number of areas & on new initiatives. Some of these initiatives are taking some time to bed down & will need monitoring. The revision of the web site is a good example of this. In general terms the site looks good but although the members interests section is back up again after a delay it does not totally reflect the requirements of some of our members.

Heather Boyce wishes to further address those needs & will be seeking members to test run the site. If you are asked I am sure you will willingly co-operate.

I want to especially express my thanks to members of the sub committee formed to look at the resource room. Several people under the guidance of Di Roberts have spent many hours working in the room & whilst the job is a work in progress I am sure you will readily appreciate their efforts. It is our intention to open the resource room during the week for a trial period and the amount of use you make of this will determine whether the additional cost to Group funds can be justified.

The committee is looking at the purchase of several items of equipment to assist members with their research & by the next issue we should be better placed to provide you with more detail. The intention is to provide internet access through a wireless modem & we expect that to be up and running in the next couple of months. We will need to look closely at the funding of this project & again we will keep you informed.

Please take a note of upcoming events. The first of these will be our seminar to be held on Sat. 30th May during History Week. We have a good variety of speakers and we are looking forward to your support. Sharon Green has been working hard to ensure a good day and she will provide additional information elsewhere in this issue.

I urge you to attend as many of our functions as you are able to as I am sure you will gain a lot from them and in doing so will help the group meet its obligations both financially and socially.

With best wishes to you all.

Keith Jones

President.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Gay & Nari Jennings

Marie Geyer

Ian & Margaret Daish

June & Peter Rundle

Donald Graham

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS

**April 18 – Mark Staniforth – Inconstant Girls**

**May 16 – Getting to know your resource room**

**May 30 – History Week Seminar – 4 speakers including Graham Jaunay – Tracing your English ancestors from afar; Di Bellamy – Printing a family history; Anthony Laube – Alternative South Australian Family History Resources; and Enid Woodley – Researching your family history at the National Archives.**

**June 20 – Georgina Bliss – Fishers lost at sea.**

**July 18 – Nicolas Grguric – Noarlunga Volunteer Rifles**

**August 15 – to be announced**

**August 22 – Quiz night to be held at the Church Hall.**

**September 19 - to be announced**

**October 17 – to be announced**

**November 21 – AGM – to be announced**

If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Sharon Green with details to [shaz01@sa.chariot.net.au](mailto:shaz01@sa.chariot.net.au)

## MEN IN OUR LIVES

**Duncan Smith** – by his daughter Helen.

The most important man in my life was my father Duncan Smith.

He was born Duncan Sidney Charles Smith in Richmond, Victoria. Actually, I don't know if that is his real name as he was adopted.

I have recently joined the history group and with help, I am trying to complete the puzzle of his life.

Dad said one of his earliest childhood memories was when he was living at St. Kilda Road, Brighton. He was travelling home from school by tram and another child asked if he could jump off the tram while it was still moving. Next thing he knew was when he woke up in bed at home with a headache. He never did that again.

Duncan's parents moved to Boronia, then a country town in the Dandenong Ranges, outside Melbourne. Here they lived on a quarter acre block. Dad left school at 14 and went to work. One of his earliest jobs was making deliveries on a horse and cart for the local chemist. He sold newspapers on the street corner. His catchcry was "Sun, Herald, Argus." He also worked in a factory making mouse traps. He also worked on farms in country Victoria. He picked apples at Bacchus Marsh and on his first day the farmer said he could eat as many apples as he liked, so he did. From that day on he rarely ate apples. Then he moved to milking cows, which he liked the best. This was the Great Depression and times were hard. At one farm, he could have a cup of tea, on the condition that if he had milk, he couldn't have sugar and vice versa. Then on one of the farms before leaving he could have his money or a pair of shoes. He chose the shoes.

Then Dad enlisted in World War 2. He served as a gunner in the army. Though he never talked much about his war service, he did tell the story of how he was on leave in Melbourne when he met the Padre of his unit in Collins Street. He asked Dad why he was there. The Padre told him that his Battalion had been wiped out by the Japanese in a surprise attack. Then he was transferred to another unit. Dad served in New Guinea, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands. Dad applied and was accepted as batman to Brigadier Arthur. His main job was to drive the Brigadier.

In 1947, after spending the winter of 1946 in Melbourne, he decided after the tropical weather during the war he found the winter too cold and packed up his car to travel to Perth, but his car broke down in Adelaide, so he decided to stay. He finally saw Perth in 1980.

## MEN IN OUR LIVES Cont.

After several jobs, he applied for a position at Charles Birks—Now David Jones. He worked there for 35 years until his retirement. He started packing China in the Rundle Street store, then he applied to work as a driver, where he worked out of the Gilles Street Bulk Store. Dad still packed furniture and crockery. Dad was made an honorary member of the Transport Workers Union.

Duncan also had a great love for country music. He took lessons for the guitar and he learned to sing. He did shows all over Adelaide and appeared on stage, radio and TV. In 1992 he was made a Country Music Pioneer at the first Gawler Country Music Festival. His photo is in the Hall of Fame at Barmera.

His sense of humour is what I remember most about him. Dad died in 2000 and I still miss him, but I know he is at peace.

His loving daughter, Helen, August 2008

The Committee received many such stories when we held the Men In Our Lives event in September last year. In May this year, we are doing the same for the WOMEN in our Lives. So if you have a particular woman who has been of great influence in your life, then please put your story down on paper and send it in to us. We will be publishing more stories as time and space permits, and will do the same for the women's stories. Send your stories to [rdunstall@picknowl.com.au](mailto:rdunstall@picknowl.com.au)

# Remember

- Our **Seminar during History Week** will be held on May 30th this year, commencing at 9:45am. Tickets will be available shortly. Contact **Lynn Dillon** on 8386 1524 for details. Speakers will be Graham Jaunay, Di Bellamy, Anthony Laube and Enid Woodley. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea is included in the cost. This event will be held at the Trinity Church Hall in William Street, Christies Beach. Members \$20.00. Non-Members \$25.00.
- Volunteers are still needed to help out at meetings. If you can help, please contact Sharon Green or see her at a meeting. Men are very welcome to help too.
- The Resource Room is there for YOUR use—it is open on meeting days and at other selected times as notified to members. Please make use of it.

## MEN IN OUR LIVES Cont.

### **Three Men in my Life – Ian Curtis**

Time with my father pre-war: Dad worked Monday to Friday for 8 hours a day and on Saturdays from 8am to 5pm and other times, particularly during Summer. I think that the 40 hour week came later. Some days he took me with him and I enjoyed watching the men picking fruit or pruning, watering or other jobs depending on the season. I must have learnt a lot from this pre-school time with them. My grandfather Robson had attended Roseworthy College. He did not like working with cows but I know that, perhaps before he took over from his father, that they did have Dairy Cows. My father told me my grandfather could make water run uphill - it did seem like this to me, as when irrigating fruit trees the furrows wound around a lot to get to various areas. I have a book given to him as First Prize from Roseworthy College in 1899. He spent much time Grafting or Budding good material to more vigorous rootstock, kept a number of bee hives for pollinating the fruit and extracted honey to sell. These great days changed too soon for me. I started school and the war started. About this time my Grandmother Curtis died and my grandfather Curtis came to live with us. He had a different kind of life than my mothers father, but also rural.

My grandfather Robson worked at market gardening, quarrying, stone carting and dealing in cattle and sheep - droving cattle from as far as Gumeracha and Mount Pleasant to Athelstone and to the New Market. The market was at North Terrace, Adelaide opposite the Newmarket Hotel near the railway yards and west to where the Police Barracks are now. In those days there was a short break from selling for lunch, so the Butchers would rush across to the hotel where special glasses were filled with beer and lined up on the Bar. The glasses became BUTCHERS which were used all over SA until metric came and ended that and many other valued things.

I think butchers held 10 fluid ounces, SA pints were 16 fl. Ounces and Schooners were 10 fl. Ounces. NSW pints were 20 fl. Ounces.

For the next four to five years I spent a lot of time with my Grandfathers. My grandfather Robson once took me with him to Gepps Cross Abattoirs market. There I met many cattlemen. He seemed to know so many people and I felt happy with them and watched the selling with awe at the great big bulls and steers, especially with the wide horns. He used to tell me of his boyhood days living at The Prairie (near Cudlee Creek) and he often asked me to read to him. I read The Man from Snowy River many times and other poetry. He had never learnt to read or write but had a very good memory. His mother died when he was only seven years old, he was the youngest of eleven children, four came to Australia with their parents in 1857, three were born here and four had died in Wales. I should write more later as I may be the only person who knows his stories and some from his parents and siblings. This will suffice for now.....

*[There is much, much more to this interesting article, and I will print some more of it in the next issue...Julie]*



## FAMILY & OTHER REUNIONS

**Meadows 150 Celebrations** – details on their website – [www.meadows150.org.au](http://www.meadows150.org.au) – there will be events throughout the year. If you or your ancestors came from or lived in Meadows, SA, then it will be well worth a look – heaps of photos – and you can download them too!!

**Wistow School Reunion** was held in February – if you went to Wistow School or any family attended there between 1867 and 1967 please contact Julie Stokes at [jks58@adam.com.au](mailto:jks58@adam.com.au)

## KERNEWEK LOWENDER CORNISH FESTIVAL

The Kernewek Lowender, largest Cornish Festival in the world, will be held again this year in the towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo from the 11th until the 17th May inclusive.

The program this year includes a display of traditional bridal wear being held on the Saturday at the Kadina Anglican Church; Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade ; walks through historic areas including the Wallaroo Mines and the Wheal Hughes Mine, art & craft displays, the Golden Harvest Quilters display, and of course the School of Mines which is the home of the local family history resource centre in Ellen Street Moonta will be open , and much, much, more.

If you have Cornish ancestors and are planning on going along, we suggest that you book your accommodation early.

The web address for Kernewek Lowender is [www.kernewek.org](http://www.kernewek.org)

## INTERNET SEARCHING IN OLD NEWSPAPERS

There are a couple of really good places on the internet to search for information that may be found in old newspapers.

**The Ryerson Index** – an index of contemporary birth, death, obituary and probate notices, chiefly from New South Wales papers. You can find it at [www.ryersonindex.org](http://www.ryersonindex.org) and it is well worth a look.

**Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project** – a huge undertaking by the National Library, covering every state and territory in the country and goes back to around 1803. Best of all, this resource is free. You will find it at [www.nla.gov.au/ndp/](http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/)

## RESOURCES & JOURNALS THIS QUARTER

### JOURNALS

Kensington & Norwood  
Adelaide & Northern Districts  
Whyalla Family History Group  
Botony Bay Family History Society  
SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society  
Cowra Family History Group  
Port Fairy Genealogical Society  
Burwood & District Family History  
Newcastle Family History Society  
Forbes Family History Society  
Busselton Family History Society  
Tweed Gold Coast FH&H Assoc.  
South East Family History Group  
Caloundra Family History Research  
Caloundra Members' Interests  
Wyalong District Family History

### BOOKS & DONATIONS

Placenames Australia  
SA Police Historical Society- Hue &  
Cry Newsletters July -December 2006  
The SA Colonizing Ships of 1836 –  
Pioneers Assn 1962 No 37/62  
City of Onkaparinga Community  
Directory 2008

### Flyers -

Coal Mining Deaths (Newcastle)  
CD's for sale (Newcastle)

## WHAT'S ON THE COVER

### Meadows 150th Celebrations

The hills township of Meadows is celebrating its sesquicentenary (150th) this year, with a variety of events being held across the whole year. While it is not possible to pin an exact date to the commencement of the township, the steering committee have agreed that the date of 23 December 1839, the date on which the first survey of the area was completed, as the commencement of the area then known as "The Meadows". People began moving into the area shortly afterwards, although there was yet be a town in the area, and many hills families still have connections to the town today.

Meadows was built on approximately 4000 acres of pasture and treed land on sections 3486, 3487, 3490 and 3491 of what would eventually become the District of Kondoparinga.

There have been a number of quite famous people who have lived and/or worked in the town over time. Perhaps the most notable of those would be Sir Douglas Mawson, of Antarctic exploration fame, who owned a timber mill there. The chap who appears on our front cover this issue, Mr. Bob Moore, is pictured with his jinker loaded with a 7 ton red gum log being taken to Mawson's timber mill in 1906.

## 19th CENTURY MARRIAGE PROPOSALS

I found this in an 1825 Van Diemen's Land newspaper and thought you would all enjoy reading it was much as I did -

***MATRIMONY**—An Irish Gentleman, with medical certificates of a vigorous constitution, lately arrived, and in the prime of life, being informed that there are many middle aged fair-ones residing in Hobart Town on their own estates, and in comfortable circumstances, who would be proud to realize the blessings of conjugal love; hereby gives notice, that he has no objection to wed within seven days from the date hereof, any Widow, Virgin or other Lady, whatever may be her family, shape, face, size or character, provided she has sufficient unencumbered property to support him as an Independent Gentleman, or in other words to pamper him with the best wines, and the richest meats of every description—to put up with his doing nothing except shooting, riding, billiard-playing, getting fizy-topsy every morning before breakfast, and condescendingly giving her a drubbing only when he may perchance elect to feel himself offended.—Candidates may apply by Letter, to D. Letter Box, Gazette Office.*

All I can say for the fellow is at least he was honest. Anyone wanting to marry this bloke knew up front what she was getting herself into. The proverbial gigolo or just a downright cad? But either way, no self respecting Englishman would dare to put such a notice in a newspaper—only the Irish would do that - no offence to our Irish descended members intended.

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## PAGES IN TIME

This time the articles come from the searchable on-line newspaper database of the National Library of Australia. You can find the site at [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au) and look for the item on the first page that says "Australian Newspapers".

The South Australian Advertiser  
Wednesday 21 September 1859

### MILANG

[From our Correspondent]

On Tuesday last, while the schooner Mosquito was a little above Point Pomond, on her passage from Milang to Wellington, a passenger was pushed overboard by the boom of the foresail and drowned. The schooner was dead before the wind and "goose-winged"; and the deceased, who had been repeatedly warned to take care, was in the act of cutting up some tobacco by the main rigging, when the foresail jibbed and carried him overboard. The vessel was rounded to and anchored, and the dingy launched immediately, but without avail. The hands only of the unfortunate man were seen to splash in the water before he sunk to rise no more. Every exertion was used by the master of the schooner (Mr. Tinks) and Mr. Landseer, also by a passenger, for the recovery of the body, but without success. Messrs. Landseer and Tinks speak highly of the energetic assistance rendered in the search by the police at Wellington. The deceased's name was James Luscombe. He came to the colony in the William Hammond, of which vessel, he was emigrant's cook.

The South Australian Advertiser  
**Local Court – Normanville**  
Wednesday 3 October 1859

[Before Messrs. B.F. Laurie, SM; W. Randall, JP; and Septimane Herbert, JP]

**Corporal Berrill v. Sullivan** – Charged with disturbing the peace. Plea, guilty but not drunk. Fined 10s and costs.

**John Ware v. Newman Bates** – Charge, driving off complainant's cattle from his run at Waitpinga. Fine 5/- and costs

**Corporal Berrill v. William Bailey** – Abusive language. Fined 10s and 10s costs.

**Corporal Berrill v. Thomas Dwyer and Pat Main** – charge of riotous conduct. Fined 5s each and 10s costs.

Thomas Dwyer v Richard Roads – Information for assault – dismissed.

**Corporal Berrill v. Charles Dinham** – insulting language tending to cause a breach of the peace. Fine 5s and costs.

**John Leonard v. Thomas Lewis** – Stealing 6 loaves value 6s, but complainant admitted having entered the amount to debit the defendant, who was consequently released.

**Dinham v. Jack** – Claim for £1/6/- rent on cottage. Judgement for amount.

## MEGAW FAMILY REUNION

In December 2008, while our little group was enjoying its Christmas break, member Trevor Francis was attending a family reunion of his maternal ancestors, the MEGAW family, at Stockport in South Australia.

There have been two MEGAW reunions so far – the first in 2006, exactly 150 years from the time that the family arrived in SA; and the second one on the 12th December to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of Stockport School.

Samuel Megaw, Trevor's great-great grandfather, was born in Lisnaree in County Down, Ireland in 1798. He married Susannah Hasley in Ireland in 1828 before deciding to migrate to South Australia in 1840. By the time they left, the family consisted of 4 children. They departed on the *Mary Dugdale* on 2nd June 1840, sailing via Drogheda, Dublin and Bristol arriving at Port Adelaide on 1st October.

The Register of Emigrants Applying for a Free Passage to South Australia shows an application made by Samuel "Major" or "Majan" which was numbered 7318 and made on 5th March 1840. The Embarkation number for the family was 4666 and again the surname was misspelled.

The first mention of the family being in South Australia is in the 1841 Census where they are listed in the Gawler Special Survey as -

Samuel McGaw	under 50 years
Susanna McGaw	under 35 years
Jane McGaw	under 14 years
James McGaw	under 14 years
Moses McGaw	under 14 years
Thomas McGaw	under 7 years

A fifth child was born at Thebarton on 3rd December 1841 and her birth records shows the family then living at Thebarton. Three years later the 1844 Almanac gives them as living at Plympton, where "S. Magaw" was listed as a farmer. A sixth child, Elisabeth Sarah, was born there in August of 1846.

Samuel Megaw sold the Plympton land and took up a grant at Peachy Belt (Munno Para West) in 1851. The family lived there for another five years, and in January of 1856 he sold this land as well and took up another grant near Stockport.

They appear to have been somewhat influential in the area of Stockport, as in 1858 when the school was to be built, *The Register* of 22 April 1858 records that "*The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the school to be built at Stockport was performed on Monday, the 19th instant, under the superintendence to the Trustees, by Miss Susan Megaw.*" In the subscription lists of local residents can be found Samuel, James, Moses and Thomas Megaw contributing £30 between them, and Thomas Reynolds, the husband of Jane Megaw, contributed a further £5.

Anyone interested in the MEGAW family should contact Trevor Francis via our Secretary at [flaurpengroupinc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:flaurpengroupinc@yahoo.com.au) with ATT: Trevor Francis in the subject line.

## SA'S BRITISH FARM APPRENTICES 1913-1914

A Letter from Elspeth Grant—

Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality when I came to speak at your January meeting. I hope you enjoyed the presentation.

Since the meeting I have published the part of my presentation about the three farm apprentices who were sent to Len Croucher's farm 'Vaudan' on my website, under the title 'Mischief at Croucher's Dairy':

<http://www.safarmapprentices.net/farmers/croucher1.htm>

If you weren't able to make it to the January meeting I hope you will enjoy reading about the exploits of apprentices Tom Smith, Hugh Lawson and James Quinlan on Hindmarsh Island. With the help of one of your members I now know who the current owner of 'Vaudan' is and am looking forward to making contact when I have a spare moment.

With regard to the Barwell Boys and Little Brothers who emigrated to SA in the 1920s, I have been in touch with Tony Leschen, Manager of Collection Development at the State Library. Should you be considering what to do with any letters, diaries, photos, press clippings, etc relating to these men, originals or copies can be added to Society Record Group (SRG) 503. The Library had the foresight to record oral histories with some of the men in the 1990s and I think it's appropriate that this record group at the State Library become a hub for information that might otherwise be lost.

By the time this goes to press the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion of the Barwell Boys and Little Brothers Association will have been held. Please contact Don Best on 8554 1982 if you are interested in the Association or attending next year's lunch. Descendants and friends of the 1913-14 farm apprentices are also welcome.

Finally, the list of the 8 farm apprentices who were sent to the Fleurieu in 1913-14, and their host farmers, is attached once again. Any further information you can provide is most appreciated.

**Elspeth Grant**

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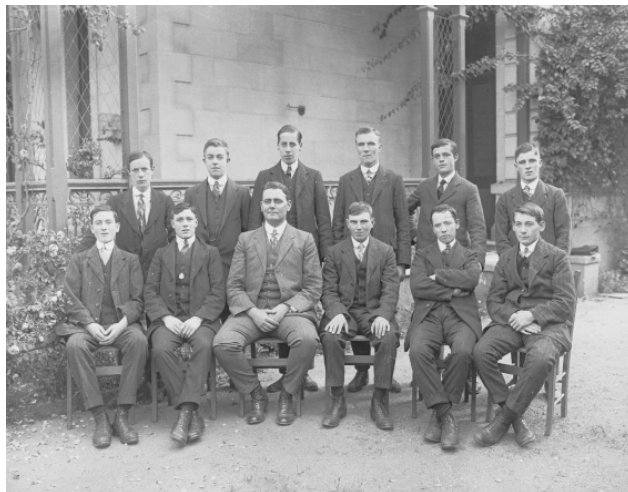
Website: <http://www.safarmapprentices.net>

Name	State Records GRG7/3 File Nos.	WWI Regt. No	Host Farmers
BEERLING, Gus	140	4669	RANKINE, William Melville Woodburn, Belvidere
CLARKE, Stanley Victor	191	3686	1. SISSONS, JBG Ashbourne 2. Government Experimental Farm, Turretfield 3. SCOTT, NB Narrung
HUDSON, James	180	86	IFOULDS, E., Myponga (Honour Roll, Memorial Park, Main St. Yankalilla)
LAWSON, Hugh	101	2177 <i>[see notes at end of article]</i>	1. WEAVER, FF York Vale, Bagot's Well 2. CROUCHER, John St Leonard Vaudan, Hindmarsh Island 3. WARREN, GW Warrenda, Lyndoch 4. HOWARD, FC Stirling West
NETTLE, James Colclough	53	883	1. HORGAN, J Moorlands, Jamestown 2. STEWART. JW Hill View Farm, Hindmarsh Island. 3. WAKEFIELD, Mrs. Tandor, Goolwa 4. WENZEL, Mr. Tolderol, Lake Plains via Langhorne Creek

QUINLAN, James	145	2412	1. CROUCHER, John St Leonard Vaudan, Hindmarsh Island
SMITH, George Thomas	108	388	1. MASTERS, F Verran via Arno Bay 2. KINGSLAND, D. Narnu, Hindmarsh Island
WILSON, Archibald	158	2131	WALLMAN, Arthur G. Bradbourne, Victor Harbour.

*Hugh Lawson's military records are barcoded 7378471 where he enlisted as LAWSON; as TAYLOR with the number 1932314; and the regimental number shown for him on the previous page is where he impersonated the author's grandfather GRANT.*

Please feel free to contact Elspeth Grant if you are descended from or have any connection to South Australia's Farm Apprentices.



The boys who arrived on the SS *Geelong* in October 1913 outside the Domestic Helpers Home (courtesy History Trust of South Australia Glass Negative Collection #1017). Tom Smith and Hugh Lawson are amongst them - I fancy one must be the boy with his arms crossed!



## WISTOW SCHOOL REUNION

On Sunday 8th March, I had the pleasure of attending the Wistow School Reunion held in the Wistow Hall. The convenors of the Reunion were Albert Stokes, Ian Blight, Julie Blight, and the present owners of the Wistow School.

The event was well attended, with over 80 people gathering to remember their days at the small rural school which operated for exactly 100 years from 1867 until 1967, when it closed and the children transferred to the Mt Barker Primary School.

Whilst I didn't attend the school myself, my father and his brothers and sister did, as did several of my cousins, who all lived in the Wistow area for many years. It was a very interesting day, with people having donated items of interest for display. These included school completion certificates, photographs and many other items of interest. I found it particularly interesting with respect to my own family history, as I was able to gain a bit of an insight into my father's school days, and learned who some of his classmates were, and also something more about his sporting prowess.

I had known for years that my father played cricket for Wistow, but I was not aware of just how good he was at the game, and just how good the Wistow team were for many years. I was also able to find a photograph of my father and the other members of the team when they won the 1954 Premiership in their area grouping. This was something of a thrill for me, as it happened before I was born, and I have his Life Membership certificate which was presented to him in 1968 hiding in a suitcase with a heap of other old photos given to me by my mother.

Some of those present at the Reunion included Mr. Jock Thring (91), Stella Merritt (93), Esme Merritt (85), Wally Stokes (82), Dave Stokes (84), Brian Blight, Ken Nettle, Brian Nettle, Elaine Nettle, Colleen Taylor (nee Moroney), Lynette Stokes, Dulcie Wachter (nee Stokes), Paul Cooper, Ian Blight, Bernard Hoppe, Rosemary Hoppe, Owen Vick, Alby Stokes (75), Heather Dormer, Gillian Willcox, Leonie Vick, Leon Shillabeer, Rex Shillabeer, Jan Shillabeer, Sandra Shillabeer, Virgie Klaebisch nee Kelsey (93), Bill Klaebisch, Tom Thring, Jim Thring, John Thring, Brian Paech, Brian Luck, Beverly Luck, Mrs Ken Luck., Margaret Hoskins, Judith Hoskins, Bob Jones, Jim Jones, Pauline Paech nee (Sagenschnitter), and many more.

After a barbeque lunch supplied by the convenors for a gold coin donation, old scholars were asked to make their way up to the old school to have photographs taken. The local newspaper, "*The Courier*" was in attendance and a story was printed in their issue released on Wednesday 11th March. Copies of photographs on display are being digitised and will be available from the local history library.

## AUSTRALIA'S PART IN THE MAORI WARS

In the early and mid-1860's the Maori people of New Zealand rose up against the British settlers in protest over the sale and destruction of their tribal lands. As New Zealand was only a relatively young nation at the time, assistance was sought from the British Colonies in Australia. As a result, a number of young Australian men were involved – some of them wounded badly and others killed. The following is a brief outline of the involvement of Australian personnel in the Maori wars.

**30 Mar 1860** – HMS *Niger*, a wooden steam sloop, shelled Maori positions 25 miles south of Waireka (*pronounced Way-reek-a*). The Maori had been driven out of a fort nearby on the 29th March by the Naval Brigade.

**30 Apr 1860** – HMS *Victoria* transported 120 Australian troops from Sydney to New Plymouth. These men were members of the 90th Regiment.

**27 Jun 1860** – The Naval Brigade from HMS *Pelorus*, the flagship of the Australian Station in New Zealand took part in an unsuccessful raid on a Maori Pah at Puketakauere (*pronounced Pook-e-taka-weary*).

**22 Oct 1860** – Commodore Loring, commander of the Australian Station in New Zealand reported that he had commanded a naval squadron against the Maori and that the disturbances in the New Zealand area were likely to detain Her Majesty's ships in those waters for an indefinite time.

**29 Dec 1860** – The Naval Brigade of HMS *Pelorus* landed at Kairau (*pronounced Ky-rah-oo*) to support British troops that were under attack by the Maori.

**23 Jan 1861** – A gun crew from HMS *Pelorus* joined the defenders of a British redoubt at Huirangi (*pronounced Whee-rung-ee*) in repelling several savage attacks by the Maori.

**31 Oct 1863** – Her Majesty's ships *Pioneer* and *Avon*, both armoured paddle-wheeler gun-boats, supported the attacks of General Cameron's troops on Maori Pahs at Meremere (*pronounced Merry-merry*). HM *Pioneer* was built in Sydney by Russell & Co.

**20 Nov 1863** – HMS *Pioneer* operated in New Zealand waters with Commodore Sir William Wiseman's flotilla in the attack on the Maori pahs at Rangariri (*pronounced Rang-a-rear-ree*). The other ships in that flotilla were *Curacoa*, *Ant*, *Avon*, *Club*, *Flirt* and *Midge*. During this engagement, Midshipman Watkins, RN, was killed and Lieutenant Alexander, RN, was wounded – both served on HMS *Curacoa*.

**8 Dec 1863**—The iron gunboats Koheroa and Rangariri, both stern wheel paddle steamers built by Russell & Co., Balmain, Sydney, were shipped in sections to Paterangi (*pronounced Patter-rang-ee*) to support General Cameron's army there.

**28 Apr 1864**—Naval brigades from HMS Curacoa and HMS Miranda from the Australian Station in New Zealand attacked the Grand Pah under the direction of the Commodore commanding the Australian Station.

The following are Australians who were decorated for meritorious service during the Maori wars. Only those who participated in the coastal barrages from HMS Victoria or who served ashore with the Naval Brigade were entitled to receive the Maori War Medal dated 1860-1861.

ASHWELL, Edward, Trimmer 2426.

BRETT, George, AB 2427.

BONFIELD, Patrick AB 2428

COLLINGWOOD, Joseph, AB 2429.

CROMARTY, James, AB 2430.

DUNN, A., AB 2431

DUDLEY, Thomas, AB 2432.

DAVIS, Mark, Trimmer 2433.

EDMONDS, R., AB 2434

FORD, Harry, AB 2435, sent 18 Jul 1872.

GRAHAM, Cuthbert, Drummer, 2436, Sent to party 14 Nov 1872.

HORN, William, Mate, 2437, Sent 13 Jan 1873.

HORSELEY, William, Boy 1st class, 2438.

HOAD, Peter, AB 2439.

HAWKINS, James, AB 2440.

HAY, John, AB 2441, Agent General for NZ 29 Mar 1888.

JONES, William, AB 2421, Agent General for New Zealand 12 Jun 1888.

JONES, William, Cook's Mate 2443

KENSINGTON, Ambrose, Captain Fore Top, 2444

LUTHER, Moses, Gunners mate, 245

LONG, Samuel, 2nd Master, 2446, sent 18 Jul 1872.

LINTON, Robert, 2nd Master, 2447

LOCKE, E.J., AB 2448

LAWSON, Alexander, AB 2449

MAREY/MOREY, George, Stoker 2450, Sent 26 Aug 1872

McINTYRE, Thomas, Trimmer 2451

McMYRM, John, Trimmer, 2452

NORMAN, W.H., 2453

OVENDEN, James, Capt, Fore Top, 2454, Sent 5 Dec 1872

PARKES, Robert, Trimmer, 2455

REES, Benjamin, Stoker 2456

SCHRADER, John, AB 2457

SMITH, David, AB 2458

SMITH, Samuel, Boy 2nd

STEWARD, James, AB 2459

SIBBOND, William, AB 2460

STROUD, A., AB 2461

TAYLOR, John, Leading Seaman, 2464

WHITE, John, AB 2463

WOODS, G., Lieutenant, Sent 22 Jul 1871

PRO.ADM. 171/16 ff. 72-73 Naval personnel entitled to the NZ Medal for services in HMCSS Victoria

## TRACING THE BRITISH IN INDIA

Many people can count British ancestors who were in India as part of either the British Armed Forces in India, or the East India Company. It can be difficult to trace those people and their respective families who were born in the Colony.

In the hope that we might assist those who have these types of ancestors, we offer the following websites and records repositories as a starting point—

**India Office Records**—include such things as Ecclesiastical Returns which are made up of birth, death, marriage, probate and baptism records to name but a few — [www.bl.uk/collections/orientaloffice.html](http://www.bl.uk/collections/orientaloffice.html).

**Service records** for the British Armed Forces in India are presently housed at the National Archives, Kew.

**Deaths of members of the British Armed Forces in India** can be found in the Indexes to War deaths 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

The GRO at Southport holds an unindexed collection of **marriage records for serving members of the British Armed Forces in India**.

A couple of good websites that will help with background information on everyday life for the British Military family living in India can be found at [www.fibis.org](http://www.fibis.org) and [members.ozemail.com.au/~clday/](http://members.ozemail.com.au/~clday/)

**Mailing lists** for Indian researchers is — [INDIA-L@ rootsweb.com](mailto:INDIA-L@rootsweb.com)

**East India Company**—the records of the East India Company and its successors in India are kept at the British Library in London in the Asia, Pacific & Africa Collection. Many of their records are available online via the website of the Families In British India Society—[www.fibis.org](http://www.fibis.org) - for anyone searching for ancestors in India, this is a great site to visit. The amount of information here is incredible.

**Ships & Shipping**—for information, and in some cases pictures, of ships that were built by or for the East India Company can be obtained from the National Maritime Museum in London. For this type of information you can write to [picturelibrary@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:picturelibrary@nmm.ac.uk) or [plansandphotos@nmm.ac.uk](mailto:plansandphotos@nmm.ac.uk)—the wealth of information stored at the National Maritime Museum is truly amazing. [Note—you could write to the above email addresses for information on any shipping or ships, not just those involved with India]

## RESOURCE ROOM UPDATE

The Resource Room Steering Committee have had several meetings over the past couple of months and things seem to be moving along nicely.

To date they have identified a number of places where improvements can be made and also some items that we are in need of to make the Resource Room a success. As we move forward with this venture, we hope that the members will come to see that the Resource Room IS a useful tool in their research efforts.

We plan to devote our May meeting to this end, with the theme of the meeting being "Getting to know your Resource Room". At this meeting we will be having demonstrations of the new technologies that will be made available to members in the Resource Room. These things will include wireless broadband internet, another computer, and the addition of a laser printer. Heather Boyce will be on hand to assist anyone with computer questions, and Julie Stokes and Heather Boyce will give a demonstration of the new systems, our website, and some other search options that will be available.

If you wish to take part in the demonstrations, or wish to try the technology out for yourself, please be sure to bring a memory stick (USB) along with you on the day so that your queries may be saved.

The purpose of the redesign of the Resource Room is to assist you, our members, so please make use of it. There is an amazing amount of information available!

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## BOANS LTD. STORES – PERTH WA

In the West Australian newspaper on Monday December 29th last year was a photograph of a number of people who had been employees of the Boans Store in Perth, which was taken in the early part of the 20th Century.

Boans was opened in 1895 by brothers Harry and Benjamin Boan who had formerly lived in Broken Hill, NSW. The two men arrived in Perth with the idea of founding a decent drapery business. They did this, and opened their first store—Boan Bros—in Wellington Street near the Perth railway station on 7th November 1895, almost selling out of goods on their first day of trading.

In 1901 when Benjamin Boan died, Harry purchased some adjoining land and expanded the Wellington Street store and in 1912 Boan Bros. became Boans Ltd., and was to become over time one of WA's largest private employers.



There were Boan Ltd. stores in Waverley, Cannington, Morley, Innaloo, Booragoon, Peppermint Grove, Karrinyup, Melville Plaza, Kwinana Hub, Fremantle, Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton.

Over time, Frank Boan, son of Harry, wound down his stake in the business and eventually sold the remainder of the properties to the Myer Emporium in 1985, keeping only the Boan's city store, which finally closed its doors on 12 April 1986. Some of the other purchasers of Boan's properties included Harris Scarfe, John Martin and Stirling's department stores.

If your ancestors worked for Boans at that time—approximately 100 years ago—you may be interested in this item. For further information contact Betty Plunkett 36 Dalglish Street, Wembley 6014 (phone 9381 9194 and email [charlene3@iinet.net.au](mailto:charlene3@iinet.net.au)) who is seeking information on former staff from this early period.

*[Picture courtesy Battye Library Perth]*

## VISITING FLEURIEU HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

There are literally thousands of historical sites that could be visited on the Fleurieu Peninsula. It struck me recently that we had not for some time, perhaps if at all, published a list of places of interest, local history museums and the like at locations on the Fleurieu. So here are just some that you could visit when next you are out and about -

**Goolwa National Trust Museum**, contact Anthony Presgrave on 8555 3311 or email him at [natrustgoolwa@bigpond.com](mailto:natrustgoolwa@bigpond.com) for opening times.

**Hahndorf Academy**, contact Melinda Rankin on 8388 7250 or email her at [hahndorfacademy@bigpond.com](mailto:hahndorfacademy@bigpond.com) – the Academy is in the main street of the town.

**Penneshaw Maritime and Folk Museum**, contact Graham Trethewey on 8553 1109 or email him at [trethewey@kin.net.au](mailto:trethewey@kin.net.au) – this museum is on Kangaroo Island.

**Strathalbyn National Trust Museum**, contact Sue Scheiffers on 8536 8053 or email her at [sue@shceiffers.net](mailto:sue@shceiffers.net) – the Museum is open most weekends and is in the old Police Station in Strathalbyn.

**Willunga Court House Museum** – contact Faye Lush on 8323 7513 or email her at [fayelush@ozemail.com.au](mailto:fayelush@ozemail.com.au)



*High Street, Willunga at the turn of the 20th Century*



## 12th AFFHO CONGRESS – AUCKLAND, NZ

The following report has been kindly provided for our journal by Peter Applebee, President, Adelaide & Northern Districts Family History Group, who attended the congress.

After a 4hr flight from Adelaide, I arrived in Auckland. Congress Representatives were on hand to meet us and arranged a Shuttle Bus to the venue, one of New Zealand's best Private Schools, Kings College. I had arrived a day early, so had plenty of time to settle in. While some took in Tours of the Auckland Archives, we South Australians set up our stall to promote the 13th congress in Adelaide in 3 years time.

That night, we attended the event opening cocktail party at New Zealand War Memorial Museum. The Maori dancers were wonderfully entertaining, but best part was the interaction and chit-chat between a room full of Genealogy Tragicists.

Saturday morning it all started in earnest. Speaker after Speaker, we whiled away the days. There were Americans, English, Canadian, Australian and of course New Zealand speakers, just to name a few and over 400 delegates. One was a live satellite link up with Elaine Collins from the UK of the Find My Past 1911 Census Project, which is now available online. The highlight was the evening coffee in the common room of the accommodation blocks with the Genealogy Tragicists, again. But I was unable to show up every night, due to meetings. The Banquet on Monday night held at Eden Park, home of the "All-Blacks" New Zealand's International Rugby team, most of us from South Australian managed to land the same table (due to some insider trading) along with those from Western Australia and Cora Num, and the Closing Ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, where the batten was handed over to us from South Australia for 2012 congress. The Promotional presentation did our state proud.

### **The AFFHO Meeting.**

Being my first AFFHO meeting, I was bit intimidated, I must admit. But these people are just like us. The meeting was chaired by President Lesley Berry, with Andrew Peake doing the minutes. Although this was not a full meeting by any stretch of the imagination and the membership were quite casual, it was pleasant to sit through. Lesley Berry is a very down to earth person, and comments made to me, by other members of the group, reinforced we are on the right path with what we are doing in general. At the end of it all, I left the meeting with a more open picture of what is

required of us by the membership present, and that some of us in South Australia had been presented with an unrealistic picture of the standard.

### **The Guild of One Name Studies Meeting.**

It had been planned that Peter Walker, the Current Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies would chair the meeting, but due to illness in his family he had to cancel his trip. The meeting was chaired in his absence by David Evans, who is an Australian area representative.

We had presented two visitors from the UK, Sandra Turner of Hampshire and Mary Rix of Suffolk both very active members of the guild. Much of the discussion at the meeting involved their website. Particularly the Guild Marriage Index, which is a project which Mary is very much involved with, which in the long term, will enable guild members to target parishes that have a high proliferation of their surname both from Male, as well as the Female line. Another Project is the Marriage Challenge; this seems to be a very useful tool as well. Members in different locations do surname searches for other members for their surname interest, in other words offering them the Challenge. For example, if we as Appleby researchers know that there is a high proliferation of Appleby's in Stratford-upon-Avon and there is a guild member there, the challenge is offered to him/her.

Another subject covered was DNA, and its use in a One-Name Study. David Evans, the chair of the meeting is in the process of doing a DNA study of his choice of surname, that is AKEHURST, ACKEHURST, ACKHURST, AKHURST, AKURST. It appears that through this DNA Study that the Name AKURST, can be culled from this Study as they appear from early findings are a different family.

Regards Peter Applebee

ANDFHG President

[Editor's Note: - I have made minor amendments to fit in the space allotted]

Di Roberts is our representative to the 13th AFFHO Congress at the present time. If you have any questions in this regard, I am sure that she will be happy to answer them for you. As the 13th Congress draws closer, we will be reporting on it more often and hope that our members will take part in at least some of the events planned.

## INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

**Aussie Interest Group**—The Australian Interest Group of the FPFHG has entered its fifth year with some success stories from its members. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, holidays excepted, and love nothing better than to get our thinking caps on and solve a mystery or hurdle a brick wall. Our February meeting was held at the LDS centre on Beach Road and we thank Mieke Ellis for once again speaking to our members. Another visit is planned for later in the year. In June and September we hope to hold a combined Aussie and Irish group meeting. That should be interesting!

Ros Dunstall, Convenor

**English Interest Group**— The English Interest Group, convened by our President Keith Jones, meets at his home at Woodcroft on the 4th Thursday of each month. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat about your English research.

**Scottish Interest Group**—The Scottish Interest Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the home of Anne Dow. Our aim is to help and assist members with their research. Online access is available to census records, Civil BDM, Old Parish Records, and Wills and Testaments. The group also enjoy a social afternoon.

Anne Dow, Convenor

**Irish Interest**—The Irish Interest Group is not meeting at present, but members who have an interest in this area are invited to contact our Secretary, Ros Dunstall, with any queries for the time being. Also keep your eyes open for Lynn Dillon's Irish Interest Newsletter.

**Computer Users Group**—Since the retirement of David Boyce as convenor of this group, Ann Van Der Linden is now coordinating a day time only group at her home. Please contact Ann with any queries you may have.

### **Volunteer Research Is Available**

Research can be undertaken for anyone seeking information on ancestors in our local area. Research Request Query Forms are downloadable from our website at [www.rootsweb.com/~safpfhg](http://www.rootsweb.com/~safpfhg). Please forward the forms to Volunteer Research, PO Box1078 Christies Beach North, SA 5165 or email [rdunstall@picknowl.com.au](mailto:rdunstall@picknowl.com.au). Lynn Dillon may also be of assistance—8386 1524.

## IRISH RESEARCH

Our member resident in Ireland, Kevin McCormack, has recently branched into the realms of genealogy on a professional basis. His company is called ANCESTRAL SERVICES. Kevin is only too happy to help members with their Irish, Welsh and also northern English research. The following is an extract from Kevin's website at [www.ancestralservices.com](http://www.ancestralservices.com) –

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There are costs involved in using Kevin's services, but you can email him for a quote on the price of researching the items you require. His email address is [info@ancestralservices.com](mailto:info@ancestralservices.com)

## OLD DAYS, OLD WAYS

A number of years ago, on some of the early genealogy mailing lists of which I was then a member, we were flooded with a lengthy series of people's reminiscences of things past. Recently, I found some of those items whilst looking for something else entirely, and thought it might be a bit of fun to incorporate a similar column into our journal.

We all have memories of things from our childhood or things that our grandparents told us about. I would like to hear from members with some of their childhood memories to add to this column. Items need only be brief, and could include such things as old remedies, recipes, occupations of days gone by, old sayings, and so on.

To get us started, here are a couple of my childhood memories...

### **Remedy for sore throat and tonsillitis** (from my great grandmother)

Ingredients—1 white turnip (purple top—not a swede); 2 tablespoons white sugar; 2 tablespoons cold water.

Method—peel and slice the turnip thinly and place in a glass or china bowl; sprinkle sugar and water over the sliced turnip and cover with glad wrap or a tea-towel and place in the fridge overnight. In the morning, drain off the juice and drink it. Doesn't taste the best, but I guarantee it works—I was fed this concoction almost daily until my tonsils were removed when I was 6—it was the only thing that gave me relief.

### **Mr. "Wormy"** (a childhood memory)

When I was very young, prior to going to school, and all through my Primary School years, a travelling salesman used to call at my mother's and my grandmother's homes with suitcases full of all manner of interesting things. He drove a cream coloured FJ Holden and his proper name was Wormald, but as kids we couldn't get our tongues around his name so he became Mr. Wormy. He always brought us sweets when he called. Mum used to buy yards of dress material for us girls, school socks and shirts, school and play trousers for my brother. The items that I most remember being purchased from Mr. Wormy for me was a pair of the most revolting green coloured super stretch nylon pants that reminded me of those worn by horse riders, and some horrid pink material that Mum used to make me a pants-suit to wear to my grade 7 social. Mr. Wormy's suitcases were a treasure trove of goodies. We were allowed to admire the goods as long as we had clean hands and faces.

*Now it's your turn... send your items to our Journal Editor*

## CAN YOU HELP

### Research in WA

Are you researching your family in Western Australia? Have you tried the “Can You Help” column in the West Australian newspaper? The column is published every Monday and the email address for submitting your request for help is [canyouhelp@wanews.com.au](mailto:canyouhelp@wanews.com.au) – thanks to Ros Dunstall for this snippet.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

How to use Google to your best advantage for doing searches –  
[www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html](http://www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html)

British Historian finds thousands of records belonging to British servicemen of WWI in the basement of the Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland -  
[news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7940540.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7940540.stm)

Lost Cousins –  
[LostCousins.com/page/info/mar09news.htm](http://LostCousins.com/page/info/mar09news.htm)

New Aussie content website for genealogists –  
[www.familytreeoz.com](http://www.familytreeoz.com)

NZ Birth, Death & Marriage Records online –  
[bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz:80/Home/](http://bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz:80/Home/)

Genealogy charts and much more besides –  
[genealogy.about.com](http://genealogy.about.com)

English maps – excellent site with help in finding maps of old England –  
[archivemaps.com/mapco/index.htm](http://archivemaps.com/mapco/index.htm)

South Australian School Teachers –  
[www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/research/condon/teachers/index.asp](http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/research/condon/teachers/index.asp)

The websites listed are exactly as you need to enter them into your browser. If they have a www in front, then it is needed; if they don't then it is not needed.

## When & Where

### MEETINGS

**Monthly Meetings** are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January – October at 1:30pm, Trinity Uniting Church Hall, William Street, Christies Beach. Resource Room open from 12:00 each meeting Day.

**Annual General Meeting** is held on the 3rd Saturday in November commencing at 1:30pm. Committee elections are held at this time.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Aussie Interest Group** – meets at 1:30pm 2nd Saturday monthly – Ros Dunstall convenor 8386 2664.

**English Interest Group** – meets at 2:00pm on 4th Thursday monthly – Keith Jones convenor 7882 1092.

**Scottish Interest Group** – meets 4th Tuesday monthly – Ann Dow 8326 4516.

**Computer Group** – for information - Ann Van Der Linden 83821479.

**Irish Interest** – contact Lynn Dillon by email at [fleurpenlyn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fleurpenlyn@yahoo.com.au)

**Brick Walls** – contact Tim Wing 8382 3406

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