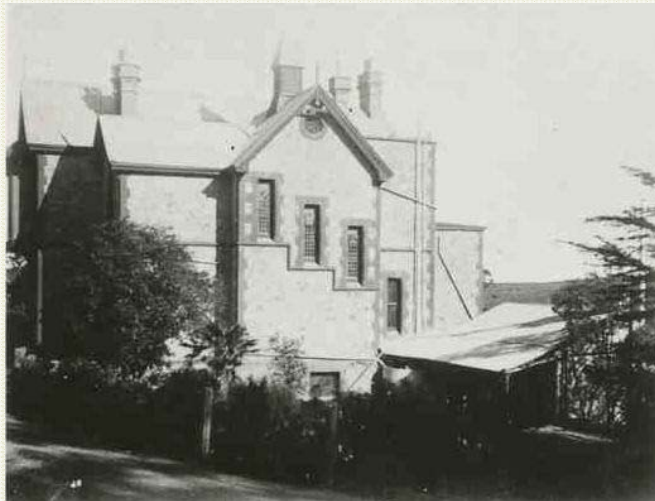


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Several things have occurred since our last Journal that are worthy of mention.

We have been opening the Resource Room twice a month from 6.30pm to 8.30 on the first Wednesday of the month & from 1.30pm to 3.30 on the third Wednesday. This seems to have been well received by members & from a committee perspective it is gratifying that the small donation of \$2 has covered our rental costs for the times we are open. In other words those who take advantage of the opening are doing so without cost to the general membership. Thanks once again to Di Roberts & the members of the sub committee for their efforts.

We now have wireless broadband with the 3 network up and running and is available at the times that the resource room is open. Unfortunately it is not available on our normal Saturday meeting opening times as there is too much demand for other services at that time. Depending on demand we may need to set periods of time that any one member can gain access to it. In response to the wishes of the membership we have also purchased a scanner that will enable you to copy slides to your laptop hard drive, CD or USB key.

You can be assured that your committee is always looking at ways it can improve & expand services for the benefit of the membership.

Our (usually) annual seminar on 30 May was again a success despite some early dramas. The guest speakers, Graham Jaunay, Di Bellamy, Anthony Laube & Enid Woodley were excellent & even if you had heard those speakers before there were still things to learn. The event was a financial success and our thanks to the girls who did so much preparation before-hand and manned the kitchen (or should I say womanned the kitchen) on the day. If you know of guest speakers that you believe would be appropriate for either our normal Saturday monthly meetings or future seminars, Sharon Green will be pleased to receive the details now that she has returned from her wanderings in Europe.

Our next major event will be the Quiz Night on 22 August. This is always a popular event so put it in your diary now. As usual this will be a BYO supper but alcohol cannot be brought or consumed on the premises. We will provide more detail at our next meeting so if you can start putting together a table of 8 it will ensure it's success & make for an enjoyable evening for every one.

My best wishes to you all

Keith Jones

NEW MEMBERS

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

Melvin Underwood

Frank Church

UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS

July 18 – Nicolas Grguric – Noarlunga Volunteer Rifles

August 15 – John Purves – *Subject to be advised*

August 22 – Quiz night to be held at the Church Hall. – see later reminder for further details.

September 19 - Faithe Jones – Grave secrets at your finger tips

October 17 – Rowley Bartlett – Paddle steamers on the Murray

October 18 – stall at the Meadows Country Fair – contact Di Roberts if you are interested in helping out here.

November 21 – AGM – Speaker will be **Don Hopgood** – Did that train get stuck again!

If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Sharon Green with details to shaz01@sa.chariot.net.au. Perhaps you have heard someone speak at a Rotary or Apex Club function or the like. Let Sharon know who the person was and where you heard them speak. If possible, contact details for potential speakers would be good too.

CONGRESS 2012

As you are probably aware by now, our group in conjunction with the Northern Adelaide District Family History Group and SAGHS, will be hosting the 2012 Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry. This event will run from 28th–31st March 2012 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.



So if you are coming down to Adelaide for the Clipsal 500 or for the “Fringe” or other Festival of Arts programmes, then why not stay a bit longer and visit the Congress too. There is certainly plenty to see and do in Adelaide in March.

The Adelaide 2012 Committee have been hard at work for some time now, ensuring top venue bookings and letting people know what will be on. We received around 200 initial expressions of interest from our attendance at the Auckland Conference earlier this year.

Thank you to all who have registered their interest with us, and we would ask that you keep us informed of any changes of address or email so that we can keep you informed. We will be doing this via our “Congress Chronicle” newsletter. If you know someone who registered their interest with us, but didn’t receive the first edition, please ask them to email us with their contact details.

The Committee is currently inviting applications from people interested in presenting papers, running workshops and or seminars at this exciting event.

Exhibitors are also invited to register their interest in participating in our trade exhibition at the 13th Congress in Adelaide.

Please visit our website (www.congress2012.org.au) to keep up to date with dates and times, and with the criteria for submissions and selections for papers and exhibitions.

Tell your friends and colleagues about the Congress, pass on the website details to them so they too can participate in an exciting and informative event in Twenty Twelve.

The above is an abridged version of Issue 1 of the Congress Chronicle. The complete document in pdf format can be downloaded from our website, or from the Congress website.

MEN IN OUR LIVES (Continued from last edition)

Three Men in my Life – Ian Curtis [*Cont. from April issue*]

As to my Grandfather Curtis, I have as much to tell of him. After the war my Father came home but did not get his discharge until 1946. He was transferred to the Exhibition Building, North Terrace, Adelaide (since demolished), from there he came home at night, but he worked irregular hours so we did not have a lot of time with him then. His duty was attending to service men who were gradually being repatriated.

Many of these men had been prisoners of war in the Pacific Islands and Changi on Singapore or in Thailand on the Burma railway. Most were in extremely bad health from starvation and tropical diseases. Dad told me that a school friend of his from Campbelltown weighed only six stone, having been twelve when captured. I visited Changi in the 1980's and saw many photos of these men in only loin cloths, so I then understood what Dad had said, they were so much worse than I had imagined. These were perhaps photos of men who were in recovery in the Exhibition Building. My dad was always a very compassionate person and was thankful that he was not captured.

After hoping for discharge he was transferred to Lake Boga in north-west Victoria where there was a Flying boat base – Catalina's mainly. Having no further need for these flying boats the base was closing and Dad was, I believe, a storeman dispersing huge amounts of equipment, including tyres and tools. After several applications he was finally discharged 3.9.1946.

When he was back at home he would take me to the football at Norwood Oval to watch the local team play and to other grounds. I have been told by several friends that he was a very good footballer. I know he was good at drop kicking as even when I grew up he could kick and mark better than I could. When I played matches he encouraged me to improve, I think he must have been disappointed with my effectiveness. He seldom said much of his playing days, but did tell me he was Captain of the Geranium club when all towns had a team.

I left school at the end of 1952. The next year I started work on a dairy farm but did not stay there long as my parents sold their home and we moved to a dairy farm that they purchased in the Adelaide hills. After a year or so our income was too low so my father and me took off looking for work. My father worked at the Kenton Valley milk and cheese factory near Mt Torrens, first making cheese and later as storeman and I went to the Onkaparinga Woollen Mills at Lobethal as a weaver. In 1958 we

leased another farm for five years. We then moved back to our own farm and built a new house there. I took another job as a herd tester, testing for butterfat produced by each cow. I stayed on the farm each night and my parents managed the dairy with me doing farm work on my days off.

In 1969 Gladys and I married and my parents moved to Caloote Landing and retired. They travelled a lot, around Australia and New Zealand, where my younger sister was living. In 1982 we sold the farm which had been handed to me, to buy a river dairy at Murray Bridge. I intended to take my father to see this property but sadly, while waiting to finalise the sale, my father passed away on 16.6.1982. I feel sad that he did not see this farm as we had a good time working together.

My Grandfather Curtis died 18.4.1951 aged 87 years, and Grandfather Robson died 15.6.1955 aged 83 yrs. Both died at our homes. I have many good memories of these three Men in my Life. I must take more time researching their history and recording that which I know. I learnt a lot from each of them. They were all friendly, caring men as were their wives.

REMINDERS

Our annual **Quiz Night** will be held on **Saturday, August 22nd** at the Church Hall . We would like to see as many of you as possible roll up for this event—it is always good fun. The doors will open at 7:00pm for a 7:30 sharp start. We are currently looking for donations of small items for use as prizes on the night—it doesn't have to be anything elaborate or expensive (A good opportunity to donate some of those unwanted and unused 'treasures' that are lurking the back of your cupboards).

Bring along your friends and family. Make a table of 8 yourself or join in with other tables. The choice is yours. The cost of the evening will be \$6.00 per head as usual. BYO food and drink applies—although no alcohol can be brought onto the premises.

It promises to be a great night with some curly questions, a lot of easy ones too. I know because I put my hand up to find the questions this year. So put your thinking caps on, and be ready—I promise I won't make the questions too difficult. The date again Saturday, August 22nd, 7:00pm.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

- July 1 1915 – Australia began Commonwealth Lighthouse Service
- July 1 1940 – Entry by Dutch Jews to Australia was refused
- July 1 1949 – Singer John Farnham born in England before migrating here
- July 1 1978 – Northern Territory became self governing
- July 1 1990 – Victoria initiates law against bike riding without a helmet
- July 6 1863 – Northern Territory came under SA jurisdiction from NSW
- July 6 1951 – Actor Geoffrey Rush born
- July 6 1905 – Alfred Deakin became Prime Minister for the second time
- July 7 1850 – Edward John Eyre reached Albany, WA overland from SA
- July 9 1900 – Australia accepts the new Constitution
- July 11 1930 – Sir Don Bradman scored 309 in a single day at Leeds
- July 11 1979 – US Skylab disintegrates over Australia
- July 10 1962 – US performed atmospheric nuclear test over Christmas Island ...
- July 11 1962 – not satisfied with one test, they did another one on this day!
- July 12 1858 – The South Australian Advertiser was first printed
- July 12 1902 – Australian Government accepts women's suffrage
- July 14 1965 – Ron Clarke runs world record 10k in 27:39.4
- July 19 1814 – Matthew Flinders died in England
- July 23 1858 – The Overland Telegraph from Melbourne to Adelaide was opened
- July 26 1788 – British convicts first settled at Sydney Town
- July 26 1902 – Australia beat England by 3 runs at Old Trafford
- July 26 1938 – Former Prime Minister John Howard born
- July 27 1836 – South Australia was founded (on Kangaroo Island)
- July 30 1997 – 18 people killed in Thredbo landslide, 1 survivor
- July 31 1865 – First narrow gauge railway line in the world opens in Australia
- July 31 1951 – Evonne Goolagong Cawley born in NSW
- July 1500 – Sunglasses were invented in China!

RESOURCES & JOURNALS THIS QUARTER

JOURNALS

Busselton FH Society
Kensington & Norwood HS
South East FH Group
Port Fairy Genie Society
Newcastle Family History Society
Cornish Communities in Australia
... and others.

Brochures on CD Books relating to -
Coal mining deaths in Hunter Valley
Huntington's History of Newcastle
The Story of Lambton
SAGHS information brochure

BOOKS & DONATIONS

Servants Depot in Colonial SA 1855-1856 by Marie Steiner

Note – all books and journals received are stored in our resource room for your convenience and usage.

WHAT'S ON THE COVER

Glenthorne Farm was purchased by Major Thomas O'Halloran in 1839. He was the first Police Commissioner for South Australia, and gave the property the name of Lizard Lodge. The property remained in the family until 1877 when it was sold to Thomas Porter who gave it the name Glenthorne Estate.

When Porter died in 1901, Glenthorne was left to his two sons Walter and Ernest, who held it until the death of their mother in 1903. The property was then sold to millionaire George Brookman, who re-opened the estate as a horse stud.

In 1913 the Army purchased Glenthorne and renamed it Glenthorne Remount Depot. After the end of the second world war, the property came into the holding of the CSIRO who used the land for 50 years (1946-1996) as a centre for the study of human nutrition and nutrient-related diseases in sheep.

The land was sold in 2001 to the Adelaide University for use as a wine research centre. In October 2008 the University revealed plans to sell off part of the land to build 950 houses aimed at funding their Woodland Recovery Initiative in the area. A month later, the Friends of Glenthorne were denied access to the property by the State Government.

A petition was taken up and tabled in Parliament against the idea of housing being allowed on the property in March of this year. In April, the Government of the day has ruled out the proposed housing estate. It will remain as the green buffer zone between the city and the southern suburbs, as it has been since 1839.

FAMILY & OTHER REUNIONS

150th birthday Celebrations (Old) Noarlunga Primary School

Tuesday 15th Sept. - Commemorative Assembly 10.30 am, Morning Tea 11.15am, Open Classrooms and Displays 11.45-12.30pm Period Costume encouraged.

Wednesday 16th - Historic Walks around Old Noarlunga for classes/visitors conducted by Year 4-7 students 11.30 am

Thursday 17th - Old-fashioned Sports Day 9am - 3pm. Mix of old Australian & contemporary sports

Friday 18th - Past Staff Happy Hour 4 - 6pm at school. Some drinks & nibbles provided, BYO

Saturday 19th - Old Scholars/Staff Reunion Dance, South Adelaide Football Club 7pm - 2am, Live Music, \$20 per head.

Any assistance with period memorabilia, photos, etc would be greatly appreciated. We would love to copy/scan any photographic/written materials to produce a comprehensive permanent history for the school.

Please contact **Margaret Duell** phone 8386 2093 Old Noarlunga Primary School.

This sounds like it will be an interesting week for the locals of Old Noarlunga! If anyone is attending any of these events, could we have a report please.

NEW JOURNAL DESIGN

Thank you all for the encouraging emails, words and phone calls since the release of the April edition of Relative Thoughts. While it is quite a lot of work in researching and searching for articles to keep your interest up, I thoroughly enjoy it. I hope that you will continue to enjoy future editions as much as you all seem to have enjoyed the last one. My only task now, is to keep up to that standard..... Julie Stokes, Editor

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGY FESTIVAL

The University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland is hosting Scotland's first ever International Genealogy Festival this month.

The festival is themed geographically to make attendance easier for international visitors -

Day 1 – Tuesday 21st July – The Americas.

Day 2 – Wednesday 22nd July – Australia and New Zealand

Day 3 – Thursday 23rd July – The British Empire (India, Caribbean etc .)

Day 4 – Friday 24th July Europe and Russia

There is also an Open Championship being held on 18th and 19th July, and a huge Clan and Family Gathering on 25th and 26th July.

This is all part of Homecoming Scotland 2009 which will run for most of the year and which celebrates the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns.

Much more detail can be found the their website – www.homecomingscotland2009.com. If you happen to be attending any of the events there, we would love to hear from you with a brief report of your findings.

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PAGES IN TIME

On 12th July 1858 the *South Australian Advertiser* was born. These articles are from that first edition which has been digitised and is available at www.nla.gov.au and look for the item on the first page that says "Australian Newspapers".

OVERLAND TELEGRAPH

It was generally believed, towards the close of last week, that the Melbourne and Adelaide Telegraph would be opened this day to the public, in which case we would have had the pleasure of identifying our first publication with the first public use of the connecting wires. In spite, however, we have beaten the electric fluid, have carried on our Melbourne correspondence by means of ordinary steam, and have thus anticipated the telegrams of Mr. Todd. We may inform our readers that we have made arrangements with the telegraph authorities, and also with a competent gentleman in Melbourne, for the transmission of all necessary information.

ECHUNGA GOLD FIELD

During the last few days we have received very cheering intelligence from the Echunga gold-fields. Nuggets of fair proportions and in tolerable numbers had rewarded the exertions of the diggers, who now amount to between 100 and 200. A party of three, after an absence from town of a fortnight, remitted gold to the value of upwards of £17, and from this source we learn that the majority of those who choose to steadily apply themselves to the pursuit

are making considerably more than they could realise by their labour at any other occupation.

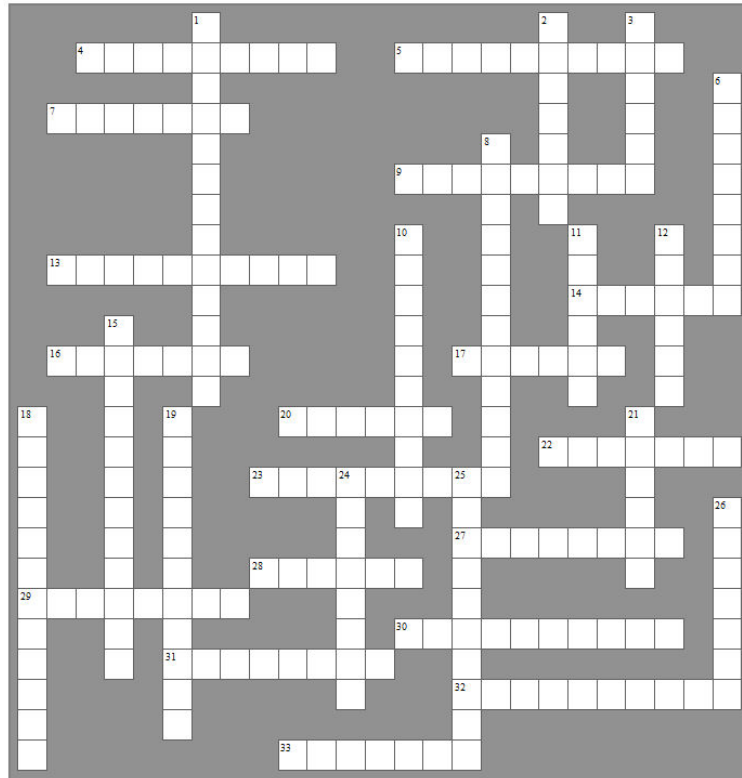
VICTORIA THEATRE

On Saturday night, the performances consisted of the second and third acts of the operatic drama, *Guy Mannering*; and considering the difficulties of the piece, and its varied requirements, it was got through very respectably. Miss Carry Nelson as *Julia Mannering*, Miss Sara as *Lucy Bertram*, and Miss Marie as *Meg Merriles*, sustained their parts with spirit and cleverness; their singing was rapturously received and encored, amid showers of bouquets. Mr. Greville, as *Dominic Sampson*, was "prodigious," and altogether the piece was well received by a fairly filled house. The farce of *Mr. and Mrs. P.W.*, followed amid roars of laughter from all sides. "The Stranger" is announced for this evening.

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HE DID WHAT FOR A LIVING?

All of the answers to the crossword below are occupations—some easy—some not so easy. The answers are on page 21 of this edition.



Across

4. A land surveyor (Fr.)
5. One who works in the cheese making industry
7. One who makes pottery
9. A scribe or clerk usually in the public copying arena
13. One who has completed his apprenticeship
14. One who makes needles
16. One who brews malted beverages
17. One who places the warp threads onto a weaving loom
20. A baker of bread & pastries
22. A slaughterman
23. A seller of food & drink; a tavern keeper
27. An upholsterer or an auctioneer's assistant
28. One who works with dyes
29. An inn keeper
30. One who makes shoes
31. One who sells small articles or wares
32. A Customs inspector
33. A wine merchant

Down

1. A spy
2. One who winds yarn by machine onto spools
3. A fisherman
6. One who makes arrows
8. One who uses zinc plates in engraving or printing
10. A hospital attendant
11. A pound keeper
12. A surveyor's assistant
15. A female writer or secretary
18. A water-side worker, a stevedore
19. One who makes wooden printing blocks
21. One who makes gloves
24. One who puts straw rooves on houses
25. A census taker
26. A dealer in hardware - especially iron ware

WHO IS JAMES S. DAY?



In 1999 whilst in the course of some other family history research, I was approached via e-mail by a chap from New York, USA who had an interesting old photograph and wanted some help in tracking down the subject of that photograph. We were both truly amazed at what we would find and equally frustrated by what we wouldn't...

When Bill Jacobs, New York dentist, turned 50 his brother gave him a rather interesting old photograph as a present. Being a photography buff, Bill was thrilled to have received such a rare item. The photograph (at left) was of a young lad in his "Sunday best" and

came in a velvet lined case with an inscription scrawled in pencil on aged yellowing paper inside the lid. A rare find indeed, as daguerreotypes were as few and far between in those days as they are now.

From close examination of the picture, Bill was able to establish several facts about its origins. The inscription inside the case told him the name of the subject and the date on which the photo had been taken. The case itself also told him the name of the photographer. So far, so good. With those pieces of information to hand it shouldn't be too difficult to track down more information about the subject or the photographer, should it?

The photograph was taken at the studio of Rufus Anson at 598 Broadway, New York on 28th April 1859, and the name of the lad in the photo was James S. Day. So how did such a rare photo find its way into a children's museum in Kew Gardens, Queens? Perhaps a search for the museum might shed some light on the origin of the photograph – or perhaps not.

The museum in question was actually holding a closing down sale when Bill's brother, who was just passing by in the street, spotted the item in the store window. He rushed in and purchased it, without asking any further questions of the store owner. A month later, when Bill went looking for the store to ask questions of the owner himself, he found the store gone.

To add further to the mystery, Bill found that since the closing of the museum, the owner had passed away, and his family had destroyed all of his records! Bill began to think he wouldn't have much hope at all of ever knowing more about the lad in the photograph.

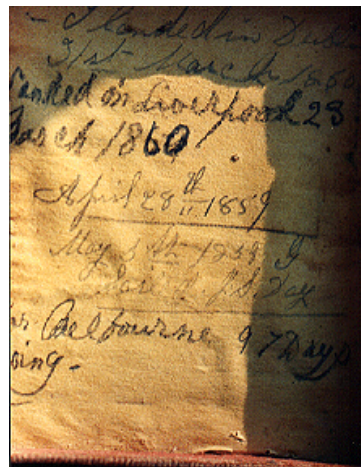
He put the idea of finding any more information aside, until one day, in a chance in a million search of the internet, he came across my former website dealing with ships and shipping into Australian ports in the 19th Century. He emailed me several times and after much discussion, sent me a photograph of the photograph and of the inscription inside the case. Armed with these, we both set about finding out more about the lad, each attacking the mystery from different angles and sides of the world.

The photograph's case perhaps gave the biggest clues as to who the lad was and what he did. The inscription reads -

I landed in Dublin
31st March 1860
Landed in Liverpool 23
March 1860
April 28th 1859

May 5th 1859 I
sailed J.S. Day

for Melbourne 97 days
going.



Interesting. Bill mainly wanted to know if I could help him locate the arrival of this fellow in Melbourne, and if so, what other information could there be gleaned about him from any records that may exist there.

After only a few days I was able to get back to Bill with some information on the trip to Melbourne. Armed with my copy of the photo and its inscriptions, I had contacted the Maritime Museum and the PRO in Melbourne in search of assistance. Fortunately for us, my email to them landed on the desk of someone who had an avid interest in things nautical.

It seems that the only J.S. Day to have arrived in Melbourne at any time around 97 days from the departure date given on the inscription, was one James S. Day, a lad of 13 who arrived aboard the ship *Continent*. There were 42 passengers aboard this vessel, and the list of names shows James S. Day aged 13, from America, and that he occupied a cabin. At first I thought he may have been in the company of other family members, being only 13 years old, but this proved incorrect, since there were no

other Day people aboard the ship at all. Therefore, we deduced that he must have been a crewman—perhaps the Captain’s cabin boy?

Through various sources and contacts both in Australia and the US, we were able to ascertain that the *Continent* did indeed leave New York on 5th May 1859, bound for Melbourne. We also learned that the *Continent* spoke with the barque *Henbury*, out of Liverpool and bound for New Zealand, at 43.4°S longitude and 77.1°E latitude on July 21st 1859. These coordinates indicate that it is highly likely that the *Continent* had sailed from New York, probably via a British port and then via the Cape of Good Hope to Melbourne, arriving there on August 10th 1859.

Unfortunately we were unable to locate any departure records for the *Continent* from Australia in 1859, but she must have done so, as there are three other dates which prove that the ship did go to other ports, and that James S. Day was aboard on all three of those voyages.

On March 23rd 1860 he was in Liverpool and on March 31st the same year he was in Dublin. Searches of the relevant arrivals records for those dates confirm that the *Continent* did indeed berth there at those times. Obviously the last two dates there are the same voyage, being only 7 or 8 days apart. He arrived in Melbourne again on July 17th 1861, still aboard the *Continent*, where again, records show his appearance on board.

Of the 1859 voyage to Melbourne, we also learned some other details regarding the ship. The Australian agents for her were Wilkinson Brothers & Co., of Melbourne. In the cargo hold during that trip were quantities of tobacco, weighing scales and printing or copying presses.

After the departure from Melbourne in 1861, there is no further track of young James aboard this vessel, sailing anywhere, and in particular that he was not aboard during the 1862 voyage. But we did learn a little more about the ship itself.

The *Continent* was built in 1850 at the yards of Trufant, Drummond & Co., of Bath, Maine for Drummond & Tapscott of the same location. She was identified as a “Down Easter” - a fully square rigged, relatively fast sailing ship of 1008 tons burthen, and being 169.5 feet long, 36 feet at the beam, and 18 feet in depth. She was a big ship! She made four voyages to Australia in all—1857, 1859, 1861 and 1862. During the first three of those voyages, including the one we were concerned with, her master was Captain John L. Gibbs of New Bedford, Massachusetts. In the 1859

voyage, she was listed as owned by Tapscott & Co., of New Bedford Massachusetts.

All of this is well and good, but we still didn't know WHO James S. Day was! We had no birth date or other record relating to James, other than the inscription in the case and the age that the shipping records provided. By calculation, we deduced that he must have been born between November 1845 and May 1847 to have made him 13 years old in August of 1859. We also realised that he had made the inscriptions in his own hand, so must have had some form of education, an avenue we would explore later.

Our next port of call was the LDS Family History Centre at Marion. Here we found that there were several James Day's born around those dates in the US. The lad whose birth date closest matches that of the calculated dates we came up with, was born at Montague in Franklin County, Massachusetts on 31st October 1846, the son of Joseph Samuel Day and Hannah Amelia Shepard.

That particular James S. Day enlisted at Springfield, Massachusetts in September of 1863 and mustered out with 'G' Company, 2nd Massachusetts Volunteer Heavy Artillery on 7th December 1863. He also had three brothers who joined up to fight in the American Civil War at the same time and in the same company.

James was captured by rebel forces at the Battle of Plymouth, North Carolina on 24th April 1864 and taken to Andersonville Prison in Georgia. According to the records which were available to us, there is no record of that particular James S. Day past his transfer from Andersonville to Florence in South Carolina.

As luck and the internet would have it, we received some communication from an American woman named Lynn Sylvester, who was researching a Day family in Massachusetts at around the time that our fellow would have lived. She told us that the James S. Day who was born in October 1846, WAS the James S. Day who was captured during the Civil War, but that she had no idea where he was actually buried. She did tell us, however, that at the Locust Hill Cemetery in Montague, Massachusetts there is a grave stone marking his death which reads "James S. Day – Died at Andersonville" and nothing else. She is positive that he is not buried in that plot.

Lynn was not able to confirm for us whether this particular James S. Day had gone to sea as a young lad, but did tell us that his father was a farmer,

as had been his grandfather, and his mother had been a school teacher— which would explain the ability to write, if in fact they were one and the same person. Whilst they were not terribly well off, it is possible that he could have gone to sea, since Montague is not very far from New Bedford and the young fellow could easily have made his way there in search of work.

That the James S. Day who sailed aboard the *Continent* to Australia and other places is the same James S. Day who was born in Montague and enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War, and who died an ignominious death in Andersonville prison, is purely conjecture. We cannot prove one way or the other whether it is the same person or not. Lynn feels that perhaps he belongs to her Day family, since her own father resembles this lad considerably. I would like to think that perhaps he is the same fellow. It would be nice to give this story some closure.

The story of James S. Day's photograph has a tragic end, however. My friend Bill Jacobs was one of the people killed during the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Centre. His dentistry practise was located in the building at 90 West Street, New York—directly opposite the South Tower of the World Trade Centre. When the South Tower collapsed, it tore a gaping hole in the building where Bill's office was. Bill and his receptionist both died after being trapped in an elevator when the building caught fire and was completely gutted. The beautiful photograph given to Bill by his brother also perished in the blaze.



The William Tapscott, built for and named after the owner of the Continent in which James S. Day sailed

Story researched & written by Julie Stokes 2001

1910 MOTOR CAR & MOTOR BIKE OWNERS

I found these whilst trawling around the Internet looking for interesting stuff to add to the journal. These are the names of some of the people who owned motor vehicles – either car or bike on the Fleurieu in 1910.

Name	Location	Reg. No.
Brown, WH	McLaren Vale	1206
Beaumont, H	Milang	327
Brown, JH	Poltallock via Milang	680
McAnaney, WH	Langhorne Creek	995
Potts, Fred	Langhorne Creek	346
Smeaton, Dr. B	Mt Barker	476
Barker, AB	Mt Barker	1244
Johnston, AC	McLaren Vale	966
Kay Bros.	McLaren Vale	421
Newland, Dr. C	Morphett Vale	74
Shipster, FP	McLaren Vale	229 & 1098
Bowell, JL	Yankalilla	190
Clark, RB	Yankalilla	387
Burnard, Dr. RG	Yankalilla	747
Graham, FW	Yankalilla	405
Harrington, Mrs. EM	Mt Barker	1053 (bike)
Cholmondeley & Co	O'Halloran Hill	1226 (bike)
Duffield RL	Noarlunga	547 (bike)
Blake, Rev. James	Willunga	1613 (bike)

I have a lot more of these and will post the rest on the website shortly. These items can be found in detail on the Family History Resources website at www.familytreeoz.com/index.php where you will find many more useful things.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across –

4 Arpenteur
5 Whey Cutter
7 Crocker
9 Scrivener
13 Journeyman
14 Nedder
16 Malster
17 Warper
20 Furner
22 Kellogg
23 Victualer
17 Upholder
28 Dexter
29 Ordinary
30 Cordwainer
31 Huckster
32 Tide Waiter
33 Vintner

Down –

1 Intelligencer
2 Quiller
3 Kedger
6 Fletcher
7 Zincographer
10 Spittleman
11 Pinder
12 Rodman
15 Bluestocking
18 Longshoreman
19 Xylographer
21 Glover
24 Thatcher
25 Enumerator
26 Feroner.

Please let us know if you enjoyed the crossword. If so, I may include another at some other time in the future.... Julz

**Remember
Quiz Night
- August 22nd -
see YOU there!!**

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

How many of you grew up in towns across Australia with mothers, aunts or grandmothers who were members of this ground breaking organisation? I know I did. My mother was a member of the Mt Barker CWA for many years until the group was disbanded through lack of interest in the mid 1970's. I too, was a member for a time when I lived at Lameroo in the Murray Mallee.

The Country Women's Association started in each state and territory at varying times, but most groups started between the start of the great depression and the end of the Second World War. In South Australia, the first meeting to get the association started was held in 1926 by Mrs. T. Bowman of the National Council for Women, but sadly it was poorly attended. A little while later, Mrs Bowman held an informal afternoon tea and invited a number of women from the country to attend. This inspired Mary Warnes of Koomooloo Station near Burra to establish the first group in South Australia, later that same year.

By the end of 1931 there were 8 branches across the state, with that number reaching 51 just six years later. In 1956 there were some 277 branches in both town and country. The numbers of branches began to dwindle in the mid-1970's and by 1985 the number of members in all branches had dropped to around 7500—half of what it had been in the 1950's.

The Association has been responsible over the years for setting up rest rooms in country towns where women from the country who were coming to town could meet, feed their babies, and generally have a bit of a rest. For many years they ran a similar rest room at the Royal Adelaide Show.

The CWA has been closely linked with other women's service organisations such as the Mothers & Babies Health Association. When the MBHA set up the Baby Health Train in 1932, members of the CWA from across the state assisted.

During the War years, the Association was actively supporting the Women's Land Army in the production of over 20,000 camouflage nets and raised thousands of pounds which was put towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Army, a flight training plane for the RAAF, and also sent thousands of woollen articles to the men fighting overseas.

Contacts for historical information can be found at:-

SA CWA — <http://users.picknowl.com.au/~sacwa/index.html>

National — <http://www.cwaa.org.au/>

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 turned over our May meeting to this end, with the theme of that meeting being "Getting to know your Resource Room". At this meeting we had demonstrations of the new technologies that are available to members in the Resource Room. These things included wireless broadband internet, another computer, and the addition of a laser printer. Heather Boyce was on hand to assist folk with computer questions, and Heather also gave a demonstration of the new systems, our website, and some other search options that will be available.

If you wish to make use of this new technology yourself, please be sure to bring a memory stick (USB) along with you on the day that you visit our Resource Room, 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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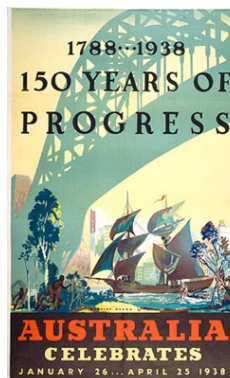
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RESOURCE ROOM OPENINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

The following are the opening times for the Resource Room for the rest of this year. Please take advantage of these openings. Please note that there is a \$2.00 fee to all members using the facility at these times.

- July 1st – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- July 15th – 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Aug 5th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Aug 19th – 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Sep 2nd – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Sep 16th – 1:30pm – 6:30pm
- Oct 7th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Oct 21st – 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Nov 4th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Nov 18th – 1:30pm – 3:30pm



QUIZ NIGHT

Our annual quiz night will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 22nd August, beginning 7:00pm. The cost is \$6.00 per head. Make up a table of 8 or come along and join one that needs a few participants. As always, it is BYO food and drink – but remember, no alcohol is permitted in the hall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held this year on Saturday, 21st November in the Church Hall as usual. Elections will be held for outgoing committee members and the speaker will be Don Hopgood.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

There is now a list of the opening times for the Resource Room, and for the special interest groups' meetings on the DIARY page of our website. If you don't know the address of our website, here it is:-

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~safpfhg/>

The DIARY page can be located by clicking the button on the top-most menu – it is the last one on the right.

GILDING THE LILLY

Our thanks go to Ann van der Linden for this article, which some members may have seen published in other places before, but it is worth repeating it here, just to show the lengths that some people will go to in gilding the lilies of their family trees.

Spin doctors take to the family tree



THE
SHAGGY DOG

Judy, a genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some work on her family tree.

She discovered that her great, great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Congressman Harry Reid shared this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus showed him standing on the gallows in Montana territory. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: "Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton

detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889."

So Judy recently emailed Harry for information about their great, great uncle. Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad.

"Beginning in 1883 he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

"In 1887 he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

Rotary Club of Boonah, Qld ■

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HISTORY WEEK SEMINAR

Our 8th Seminar got off to a great start with Graham Jaunay speaking about *Tracing Your English Ancestors From Afar*.

This was an extremely interesting presentation with Graham explaining some of the problems with county recordings and the repositories for records varying from county to county in England.

After the morning tea break we heard Di Bellamy speak on 'The A-Z Of Publishing Your family History'. Di took us through each letter with some of the joys and pitfalls to lookout for when thinking about publishing your family history.

Anthony Laube from the State Library of Sth Aust was first speaker after lunch and he spoke about 'Alternative SA Family History Resources'. Anthony explained about the newspaper system in SA from the first publication of the 'Register' in England in 1836 up to the present day digitisation of the countries newspapers at the National Library in Canberra. Anthony's message was to not ignore the extremely interesting source of information in city and country newspapers - of which there were some 400+ in the period 1836 - 1920.

At the afternoon tea break the door prize raffle was drawn and a surprised and happy Marie Geyer won the \$50 Archive CD Books voucher and Ian Curtis won the \$30 Gould Book voucher.

Our last speaker for the day was Enid Woodley from National Archives' Adelaide office showing some of the wonderful information that is available. Her topic '*Researching Your Family History With The National Archives*' showed a very interesting range of options available to the researcher.

The meeting closed with our President, Keith Jones, thanking each of our speakers, the members and public who came to the seminar, Gould Books and Archive CD Books for the door prizes and of course the help provided by our members in catering and organizing the Seminar.

This year's Seminar was held at the Trinity Uniting Church Hall in William Street, Christies Beach on Saturday, 30th May.

By Ros Dunstall

WHO ARE THE AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

In recent weeks the Committee has received some communication from a chap named Leon Alekna who is involved with a Master's Thesis Project at the University of New England (NSW) regarding the Nature & Growth of Family History in Australia.

The project involves getting as many genealogists and family historians as possible to complete the online survey that will be made available shortly. The survey, when it is live, will be located at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ausgensurvey/> and will be open for submission from 1 August–30 November 2009. Details of how you can be involved are all on the above website, and the contact details for the University's Ethics Officer are there too, if you are in any doubt about the validity of this survey.

We would like to encourage members to complete the survey if they can. The resultant data will be used as part of the first comprehensive study of genealogists, genealogical research, and Australian family historians ever completed and will assist in the promotion and support of the work of genealogists across the country.

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH

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/~safpfg/volresearch.html. Please forward the forms to Volunteer Research, PO Box 1078 Christies Beach North, SA 5165 or email rdunstall@picknowl.com.au. Lynn Dillon may also be of assistance – 8386 1524.

MULTI-CULTURAL GENEALOGY

Australia has a rich history of multiculturalism and a diverse range of ethnic genealogical backgrounds. If you know a good website dealing with the ethnic genealogy of Australians, please let me know.

Here are a couple to get us started -

Chinese Australian Historical Images – www.chia.chinesemuseum.com

Surviving The Holocaust – Australians who did – www.holocaust.com.au

TO COIN A PHRASE

Did you know that our English language phrases come from three major places? Well, apparently so. The largest contributor of words & phrases was William Shakespeare. He is followed fairly closely by sailors and other things nautical. The third most frequent origin of words or phrase is the Bible.

The single-most common numeral used in phrases, is the number nine. We all know of such phrases as 'the whole nine yards'; 'dressed to the nines'; we have all been on 'cloud nine'; and we know people who have had a 'nine days wonder'; and we all know that 'cats have nine lives', to name just a few of the phrases using the number nine.

In reading through a number of these sayings and phrases, I came across one that isn't so much a phrase, but a whole nursery rhyme that we have probably all sung at some time in our lives, whether as children ourselves, or to our children and grand children.

How many times have you heard children sing "Ring around the rosie, a pocket full of posies, a tishoo a tishoo, we all fall down"? Probably thousands of times. But have you ever given a thought to the origin of this little ditty?

According the foremost etymologists in the UK, the words to the nursery rhyme date back to the 1600's and the time of the black plague.

The rosies were the red circular rashes which appeared on the faces and bodies of those infected with Bubonic Plague.

The posies were the small bunches of flowers and herbs carried in one's pocket when venturing out into the sewerage ridden streets of London and other cities. It was believed that the sweet smell of the flowers would ward off the infections.

The a tishoo part is exactly what it sounds like – people sneezing. Again, according to the experts this was the third and final symptom of the disease before death.

The part that states "we all fall down" is quite literally referring to falling down dead. Once a person had contracted the disease, he would experience first the rash, then some flu like symptoms, and finally the sneezing which was followed very quickly by the sufferer's demise.

I don't think I will ever sing that little rhyme the same way again after reading this! Nursery Rhyme, indeed, but what an awful thing to be based upon!



OLD DAYS, OLD WAYS

Glenda Steed, a member who lives in WA sent me some lovely memories of her childhood. I thought I would share them with you all. She was brought up on a farming property at Bakers Hill, which is about 45 miles east of Perth.

- Mum always rubbed butter on any burns I would get. She said it would soothe the burn.
- As a child I was given Senega & Ammonia as cough medicine. After taking a spoonful, I promptly turned my back and spat it out. I expect she wizenized up after a while as there were times that I was made to swallow it.
- Our Greengrocer was named Jerry. He came once a week in his green van displaying his vegetables and had big scales on the back of his truck. I looked forward to Jerry coming.
- Playing elastic after school while waiting to go home. You tied a piece of elastic to make a ring around four legs of friends and placed it low to the ground. You then jumped over and through the elastic without touching it. Sometimes we crossed it.
- We made glue at home from flour and water. *[My mum used cornflour & water... editor]*
- As a child I would take my pony 'Chickie' just about everywhere I went. That even included the kitchen one day. We went through the laundry and into the kitchen where Mum was busy baking. She simply said to me "Take that pony out of the house", as if it were an every day occurrence – and she didn't even turn a hair! I never did do that again.
- Our ponies and horses were often tethered on the back lawn.

Please send the memories of your childhood, of old ways of doing things, of games you played, books you read, things you did on the way home from school – anything from your past is a memory. Send items to jks58@adam.com.au You never know – your memory may help jog someone else's memories of their own childhood.

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—thanks to Ros Dunstall for this snippet.

Shipping into South Australia

Di Cummings is looking for help with extra information on passengers arriving in SA between 1836 and 1838—if you had family who arrived then, please email Di direct with information— [dicummings2003@email.com](mailto:diccummings2003@email.com).

USEFUL WEBSITES

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.

National Foundation for Australian Women <http://nfaw.org/women-s-history/> - has a lot of biographical information on thousands of women.

Women in War Time—information can be found on a number of sites -
<http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/womeninwartime/>
<http://www.australiansatwar.gov.au/stories/stories.asp?war=w2&id=214>
<http://home.st.net.au/~dunn/ausarmy/wla.htm>

Other sites of general and specialist research assistance are—

<http://www.srct.com.au/search.html>—Cemeteries by the dozen.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~austashs/>—An excellent site for Tasmanian research.

<http://LostCousins.com/pages/info/june09news.htm> - Lost Cousins website

<http://www.nla.gov.au>—National Library site

Australian Family History Resources searchable online (there is a fee to purchase a copy of the page your information is on—but it is in AUS dollars, and more importantly—IT'S CHEAP—just \$3.95 a page)

<http://www.familytreeoz.com/index.php>



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.

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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 7288 0192.

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

Brick Walls – contact Tim Wing 8382 3406

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