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EDITORIAL – KAY RADFORD



And so comes to the end of another year. Three Musters under our belt for this year. I hope you have found something of interest within the pages.

I was confident this issue I would have enough interesting articles for you as I had received Lorraine Gowing and Maureen Schmarr's articles very early in the piece. I had also been working with a new found cousin on our PHILLIP line and, as I was finding information, decided to keep a running record for both of us and it has turned into what was initially in the Too Hard basket to what I think is a bit of clever researching. (Sorry, it's a bit long)

Julia ROWNTREE contacted me from France and her email is under Letters to the Editor. I have rounded off last issue's Understanding UK Parish Registers with the conclusion The Rose Act 1812.

What an amazing story from Brian Davies – well I never! Marg Morters has had a couple of wonderful things happen over the past couple of months and shares them with us. Unfortunately her good fortune came to an end when her Toyota Camry was stolen from her driveway a couple of weeks ago.

Unfortunately, contrary to my earlier hopes for content, the above is all that came in for this issue, perhaps nobody has had any interesting finds they wish to share with us.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry festive season and safety on the roads if you are travelling.

Cheers Kay 1

Muster Cover: Our Cottage today

PRESIDENT'S PIECE – WENDY CONDON



Where has the year gone? With the end of 2015 fast approaching, I think about the activities which have taken place within the Research Centre and visits to other organisations on the Central Coast and further afield and I understand.

Several of us attended Kincumber Library during Senior's week this year to demonstrate how to start researching your family - 30 people attended - a very successful day! Our WW1 Expo presentation was brilliant - it was amazing to see just how many treasures people have at home in personal collections.

Kay Radford and Margaret Ertner went to Kiama and Penrith Family History Fairs during 2015. Seven members attended the Port Macquarie hosted Annual NSW & ACT State Conference - the book shop did very well during the 3 days.

Workshops earlier in the year were presented by Kay Radford – Organising your *Family History Records*, Belinda Mabbott and Kay Radford presented *Breaking Down Brick Walls* and Kay Rawnsley conducted her very popular *Family Tree Maker Q & A* sessions. Kate Walter from the LDS presented a *Family Search Indexing* day with the result that the society will sometime soon form its own Indexing Group to continue to participate.

June Dawson and Lorraine Greve with the launch of our new cemetery book Lisarow Cemetery – *Forget us Not - Headstones* – another job well done.

This year we have said goodbye to a few of our members, they will be sadly missed. Many thanks to all who assist in the Research Centre in any capacity your efforts are very much appreciated – without volunteers we would not be able to function.

Don't forget we have our BBQ coming up at West Gosford Bunnings on Saturday 12th December. If you can help out please contact Belinda Mabbott via the official society email address. Kay1@centralcoastfhs.org.au

I send you all Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 2016.

Wendy Condon – President

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new members. We hope they have many happy researching and social hours with us. Please remember to lodge your Members' Interest with Belinda Mabbott for inclusion on the Website.

1982	Cheryl BRADY	1991	Ken PAMPLIN
1983	Sue GARDNER	1992	Greg HEARD
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1990	Terry HAMILTON	1999	Sally TIPENE

SCOTTISH RESEARCHER

Please update the contact email address for Jean Gibb, in Falkirk, Stirling, Scotland. Jean's business cards are available from the research centre.



Society Events and Information for Members

FIRST WORKSHOP FOR 2016

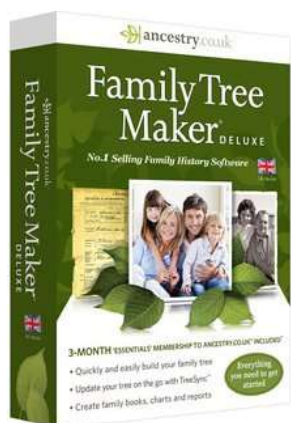


SOURCING YOUR RECORDS – TALKFEST

How important is this in recording your family history? Facilitators Belinda Mabbott & Kay Radford.

Saturday 13th February 2016

Slow to take off this offered workshop. Finally towards the end of 2015 names began to appear so Belinda and I have decided to put it off until February 2016. Bring along your laptop if you have one with your family history program installed. Not absolutely necessary but could be handy. **FREE**



FAMILY TREE MAKER Q & A Facilitator Kay Rawnsley Saturday – 19th March 2016

If you are interested it might pay to email Kay and begin discussing any problems you are having with the particular version you are using. That way Kay can be prepared to set you on the right track during the workshop. It also eliminates the need for spending too much time with individuals, making it a fairer go for everyone attending.

List for names will go up soon. Workshop Fee: \$10.00. **PAYMENT ON BOOKING PLEASE – 10 places only.**



ORGANISING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS

Facilitator Kay Radford

Saturday - 9th April 2016

This workshop will take place on the second Saturday in April. Watch the website for further details.

Workshop Fee: \$10.00 – CDs of Images and Subject Heading pages available at a special price to participants. **PAYMENT ON BOOKING PLEASE – 10 places only.**



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2016 – effective 1st April

EXISTING MEMBERS - REJOINING Membership

Fees for 2016-2017 will be:

Single Membership	\$45.00
Joint Membership	\$65.00

A Members Day user fee of \$2.50 now applies to assist in offsetting the cost of online subscription sites.

All Saturday workshops will incur a fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members unless otherwise stipulated.

OUR MEMBERSHIP FORM is available to download from the website. From the front page click on the ...read more information under Membership on the banner and all will be revealed. Remember the website is www.centralcoastfhs.org.au

Please read the two additional questions on your membership form regarding the Rotary Raffle donations to the Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Fund. You can chose to have Tickets sent to you to the value of \$10 or if you prefer you can make a once per year donation of \$10.00 to the Equipment Maintenance Fund.

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Deadline for articles for the April edition is 20th March 2016

Refer to your December 2014 edition for page set up

SPEAKERS FOR 2016

Saturday – 6 February 2016

Kate Walter – *Family Search and Indexing*



Kate is an amateur at family history. She does however, dedicate regular time to keeping current with FamilySearch updates and functions. FamilySearch is the largest, open access collection of genealogical and historical records available in the world. Come along and get an overview of what records and search tools are available.

We want to start the year with a very practical, very useful session for family researchers. From our previous experience with her we feel Kate is perfect for the challenge.

Saturday – 5 March 2016 – Senior’s Week Event – Seminar 2016

Gosford Lions Community Hall Rear 8 Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford

SPEAKERS

Amanda Ianna—Registrar NSW BDMs -Joy & Allan Murrin—Transcription Agents -Ben Mercer—Ancestry.com.au - Andrew Gildea— FindersCafe
\$30 per person – receive a chance to win a subscription to Ancestry.

Check out the website for further details: <http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/2013-11-27-03-52-41/seminar-2016>



Saturday – 2 April 2016

Janette Pelosi – Historian – Acting Manager, Public Access at State Records of New South Wales

Title: Popular Entertainment in the Colony, 1828-1856

Was life for your ancestors always serious? Have you explored any of the lighter side of life in their communities? Janette will talk about the wealth of information on performances and entertainments in Sydney, country towns and Victoria (to 1850). Such entertainments include plays in both Sydney and country theatres, concerts, circus performances, waxworks, ventriloquism and fantoccini to name a few.

RESEARCH CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2015-16

The Centre will close this year on 12th December 2015 and reopen on the 2nd February 2016 which is the first Tuesday in the month.

Kay Rawnsley (kay2) has supplied a list of dates she is willing to open up the centre.

Tuesday 29th December 2015 and Tuesday 5th January 2016

Tuesday 12th January 2016 and Tuesday 19th January 2016

Wednesday 27th January 2016 (day changed because of Australia Day)

She will open between 9 am till probably 12.20 pm (if needed she might consider staying a bit longer but not much more than these times). As usual during these times there will be little or no help available so people will have to know what they are doing.

Please if you wish to attend during this break period contact Kay Rawnsley on carlin27@bigpond.com

LENDING LIBRARY ON THE WAY

During January our Overseas Book Monitor Heather Sushames will begin sorting through the overseas collection of books so we can make some of our interesting collection available to members for LOAN. We fully understand the reason for this underutilized resource so we are making it easier for you to take a book home and read it at your leisure. Watch the website for more details under Library Catalogue. The rest of the collection will follow.

SOCIETIES MAILING LIST



Remember as a member of our Members Mailing List you can forward any of the postings to a friend.



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ASSIGNED DUTIES

The following is a list of who does what to keep the society running as smoothly as it does.

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Membership Secretary's helper on meeting days	Kay Rawnsley plus 1
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Muster Proofreading	Rene Jamison
Nic Nac Stall	Rosemary Wiltshire
Overseas Book Monitor	Heather Sushames
Property Officer	Margaret Morters
Publication Projects & Public Officer	Kay Radford
Publicity and Advertising	Deborah Buist
Raffle Organiser	June Dawson
Catering	Heather Sushames
Research Officer	Margaret Morters
Unrelated Certificates	Kay Rawnsley
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Website Designer	Jeff Hall – Websiteguy
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Don't forget transcriptions of birth, death and marriage records are available in NSW and only NSW. New cost from 1 July 2013 - \$20 each



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TURTLE CONSOLIDATED SERVICES



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We do not recommend our members use commercial businesses who advertise on the internet for fast delivery. Stick with the ones you know you can trust.

1939 REGISTER

A short note on the recently released 1939 Register on FindmyPast website

If you are thinking of looking for someone on this Register there are a couple of things to know about

1) Only those people who are deceased as at 1990 or are deemed to be over 100year and 1 day old from their date of birth. Anyone else's record is blacked out (redacted).

If you know someone has died you can get the record changed but you will have to supply a death certificate to FindmyPast.

2) When you put names into the search boxes you will (if lucky) get a list of possible people with the same name.

You then get the name showing that you have clicked on and only that name will show but it will tell you how many other people are in the house and how many names are redacted

At that point you have the option to preview the household and this is where it will cost you even if you already subscribe to FindmyPast.

The prices are:

1) If you have a discount code (which can only be used once) is approximately \$40 Australian for 5 households

2) Without the discount code it will cost you approximately \$50 Australian

It is up to each person if they want to look at this register. What you will get is:

- 1 Street number and name
- 2 Name of person
- 3 Male or Female
- 4 Date of Birth
- 5 Marital status
- 6 Occupation

It does not give place of birth. There appears to be a second page to this register but the full page is not visible. Some info in the first column of this page is readable

I leave it to you to make your own decision about this

Kay Rawnsley – CCFHS Member 874L

BOOKSTALL MUST HAVES

Back in stock USB zipper cases. The unit will hold 6 USB's comfortably. It includes provision for you to list "What's on What" inside.

Yours for only \$7.50 each.



CLEAN UP YOUR LAPTOP SCREENS.

Have you tried the Viva by Kleenex wipes? We were disappointed when our supply of these became unavailable from Officeworks so investigated how we could purchase for housekeeping within the centre.

We were able to source them online as they apparently are no longer a retail item.

So why not pick up a couple of boxes when next you're in the Centre. At only **\$5 per box** they are another Bookstall bargain.

STATIONERY

Scheduled for April 2016 is our Organising Your Family History Records workshop.

You can purchase the majority of your course requirements from the Society. Please check with Margaret before the course for what you will need.

CONTINUING UNDERSTANDING UK PARISH REGISTERS – Part 2



The Rose Act. 1812

Sadly, after all Shute Barrington's efforts it was, ultimately, all for naught. In 1812, the Act proposed by George ROSE, a Scot by birth but Member of Parliament for Christchurch (and Richard Brisley SHERIDAN's successor as Treasurer of the Navy) resulted in registers with printed forms and stipulated entry fields for baptisms, burials and marriages ('An Act for the better regulating and preserving Parish and other Registers of Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in England', Cap,146, 28th July 1812). The Rose Act meant that from 1813 there were pre-printed forms for:

baptisms - mother's name, father's occupation and place of abode.

marriages - names of the couple and date (from 1754), condition (bachelor, spinster, widow or widower), parish of residence, occupation, whether the marriage was by banns or licence, names of witnesses, which often included relatives.

burials - name of the deceased, date of burial, sometimes age (more likely of a young child, and then often with the name of the father), age and abode.

The marriages are the most complete records, followed by burials and then baptisms.

Kay RADFORD – Research Centre Manager

Image from Google – pre-printed forms introduced in 1812.

WILLIAM RUTTER - THE SALTMAKER

On 4th April 1807 the chartered ship *Brothers* arrived in the harbour of the convict colony called New South Wales.

A cluster of low buildings came into view. It was a beautiful harbour surrounded by sandstone cliffs and grey green trees. After a long journey of 9 months sailing everyone on board was very excited to go ashore. The ship had been chartered by John BLAXLAND, a man of property from Kent, England. He had been convinced by his friend naturalist Joseph BANKS, that there was money to be made in the Colony.

John had brought his wife and children, a nursemaid and a governess, mechanics and agricultural labourers along with twenty merino sheep and some cattle, plus all the necessities of life in an isolated land.

William RUTTER an experienced Saltmaker from Lymington, Hampshire, and his team were also on board. William RUTTER was a 4th generation "Salt Boyler" and was employed by John BLAXLAND to make salt for the struggling colony.

Within a month of arrival John BLAXLAND had selected an estate, and temporary dwellings had been quickly erected for the BLAXLAND family and William RUTTER and his team of saltmakers.

The property was 1290 acres of land bounded by Homebush bay and the Parramatta River, fringed by mangroves and salty mudflats that was very smelly at low tide.

William chose the site for the salt works for its access to tides and also for its clay base to stop seepage between the pits. An embankment was built over the tidal flats to contain the incoming water. The forty acre enclosure also trapped barrel loads of fish, a welcome addition to the dining table.

The property was named Newington after the BLAXLAND family estate in Kent, England.

On 21st November 1807 William RUTTER and Charlotte FLOWER, the BLAXLAND governess were married and the first of three daughters, Cecelia Sophia was born on 15th June 1808. She was followed by Caroline Blake on 28

November 1809 and Catherine Newell RUTTER on 16 November 1811. They also raised cattle and horses and had tenements at Parramatta.

John BLAXLAND was not pleased at the loss of his Governess, and his daughter Harriet states in a book she wrote *Sketches of India and Australia in Old Times*, that the saltmaker “made off” with the governess. Harriet also states that the nurserymaid went back to England as soon as possible. This left Harriet as the nurserymaid to her parents’ rapidly increasing family.

William’s work at the saltworks kept him working many hours a day, he was determined to succeed. The previous attempts at salting in the colony produced salt that would not keep meat. William worked out the reason for this was that the bitters had not been removed. He was an expert at knowing when all the salt had been extracted and removing the solution before the magnesium and potassium compounds began to crystalize on the top of the sodium chloride. The bitters were then boiled to make Epsom salt and Glauber salts (common name for sodium sulphate decahydrate)

John BLAXLAND claimed in 1808, and 1812, in a newspaper of the day that the salt was of the best quality. The colony needed all they could produce for preserving meat and curing hides as well as protecting the timbers of ships from dry rot.

William RUTTER died 31 December 1812 at Brush Farm where he lived with his family. He was buried at St Johns Churchyard, Parramatta. He was 46 years old.

Charlotte was quoted as saying her husband worked himself to death, in his efforts to produce more and more salt.

William also left children in England from two previous marriages, including a motherless lad called John Obadiah Newell RUTTER from his marriage to Sarah JEWELL. After his father left for the colony of New South Wales, John was raised by his Aunt Cecelia who married late and was childless. John went on to become a Gas Engineer at Black Rock near Brighton, England and manager of the gasworks for almost fifty years, writing many books on Gas in the home.

John Obadiah Newell RUTTER'S son, William RUTTER, also came to Australia in 1851. He married Amelia LANGLEY, the subject of my story in the *Fluster* December 2014, titled *A collection of letters*.

William RUTTER senior 1766-1812, was my 4th Great Grandfather



Map of Isle of Grain at the mouth of the Thames River

Lorraine GOWING – CCFHS Member 1149

Information for this article has been taken from: A glimpse of life in the Colonies, history of Homebush Bay 1788-1901

NSW State records, Colonial Secretaries papers

Australian Royalty

FINDING ALFRED MOTHERSTONE

My story begins in the mid-1850s when three children, Jane, Henry and Tryphena were born in Sydney to my convict great great grandfather Emanuel PHILLIPS and his wife Tryphena McKNIGHT nee SIMS. My great grandmother was Tryphena and researching her was comparatively easy. She was born in 1856, married my great grandfather Joseph Blake MYERS in 1875, had heaps of children and died in 1933, buried in Rookwood Cemetery. Easy!

BUT when it came to researching the branch lines it became another matter. Jane – the only time I found any truth in her story was the date of her baptism, a story for another time perhaps, if I ever sort it out!

The brother Henry was a piece of cake, but his wife Elizabeth MOTHERSTONE has been another fascinating and at times frustrating matter. Elizabeth was the daughter of Alfred MOTHERSTONE and Mary Ann QUINNELL* and here we begin.

In this story I plan to outline my method of current research after resurrecting the research, put in the too hard basket over twenty five years ago, to take it up again after making contact with Henry's great grandson, David, living in Victoria.

*Mary Ann MOTHERSTONE nee Quinnell, was the daughter of James QUINNELL and his wife Eleanor BARHAM, Bounty Immigrants who arrived in Sydney on the *Mary Ann* on 27 November 1838. The family settled in Sydney and eventually, in 1848, Mary Ann married Alfred MOTHERSTONE at St Andrews' Presbyterian Church. Alfred a native of Livermere, Suffolk was then the Master of the *Agnes Napier* sailing out of Sydney and delivering goods to coastal towns along the NSW north and south coasts. A child, Alfred James, was born in Sydney in 1851.

GOLD is being found in Victoria! On April 1, 1853, Alfred takes his wife and small child to Victoria on board the *Alfred & Mary*. Alfred's brother Walter, by this time, had established himself on the Goldfields, and his sister Caroline was on her way from Suffolk to join her husband already in the colony. In 1854 more children began arriving, Annie born 28 Nov 1854 at Pennyweight Gully which is near Sandhurst in Victoria, Elizabeth on 9 Jan 1856, at Sydney Flat, as well as Walter 16 Jun 1858, Henry 22 Mar 1860, Emily 23 Sep 1861 and Philip on 14 May 1863. Annie, Elizabeth and Emily were not baptised until the 3 May 1865. Alfred James died 11 Feb 1864 at Raywood aged 13

years, Henry died on 6 Feb 1864 at Raywood aged 2 years and Philip died on 29 Oct 1864 aged 18 months at White Hills. *Reference: Eaglehawk Pioneer Register and Victorian BDM certificates.*

DESERTION – item found in the Victorian Government Gazette – source Ancestry.com.au. *Alfred Motherstone is charged, on warrant, with deserting his wife at Sydney flat, Eaglehawk on the 7th instant. He is a **Norfolk** *(sic) man, aged 37, 5 feet 11 inches high, 10 stone 11 lbs, weight, dark brown hair, light whiskers, no moustache, fair complexion, and grey eyes; wore dark pilot cloth pea-jacket and trousers, and glengarry cap. He is supposed to have gone to Sydney. – 19 August, 1863*

Well how about that. I didn't have that information 25 years ago. BA (before Ancestry.com.au.) What I did next would most probably be censured by my contemporaries' - I decided to work forward as nothing further could be found for Alfred in NSW or Victoria – I remembered then why I had put the research away years ago.

Step 1 – Using FindMyPast I searched for Alfred on the Seaman's Tickets dataset and found the following.

NAME AND DESCRIPTION.	Age in 18	1845		1846		1847		1848		1849		1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		Remarks
		Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home	Reported Voyages Out	Reported Voyages Home			
No. of <i>846/104</i> Register Ticket. <i>Alfred Motherstone</i> Born at <i>Livermere</i> in the County of <i>Suffolk</i> <i>16 day of Nov 1827</i> Capacity <i>off</i> Height <i>growing</i> Hair <i>dark brown</i> Complexion <i>fair</i> Eyes <i>blue</i> Marks <i>none</i> First went to Sea as <i>off</i> in the Year <i>1844</i> Has served in the Royal Navy <i>no</i> Has been in Foreign Service <i>no</i> When unemployed, resides at Issued at <i>London</i> <i>26 day of Sept</i> 184 <i>6</i>	18																					89

Issued in London on 26 September 1846 it shows that Alfred **MOTHERSEL** was born at Livermere, **Suffolk** on 16 Nov 1827 was apprenticed in 1844. For his height it says, growing, hair dark brown, complexion fair, eyes blue. He had never been in the Royal Navy or in Foreign Service. (Only the colour of his eyes does not correspond with his Police description 17 years later – the *Norfolk reference is also proven wrong, Livermere being on the border.) Alfred has given a wrong date of birth though and I don't understand why. I should add here that his brother Walter **MOTHERSOLE**, mentioned earlier, was also

apprenticed and his seaman's Ticket shows he was born in Livermere, Suffolk. Interestingly, Walter did give the correct birth details on his Ticket.

Step 2 – Looked for Alfred MOTHERSTONE being born in Norfolk around 1825 – nothing. No references at all. BUT there were masses of entries for the name MOTHERSOLE in neighbouring Livermere, Suffolk. The baptism for Alfred MOTHERSOLE takes place at Livermere, Suffolk on 16 Apr 1827 with a birth date given of 3 Dec 1825, his brother Walter was born on 9 July 1830 and baptised in the same place on 17 Aug 1830. The parents of both these chaps were Philip MOTHERSOLE and his wife Elizabeth BORLEY. *Reference: FMP – Transcriptions Suffolk Family History Society*

On the Seaman's Tickets it states clearly both brothers were amongst the crew on a voyage to Australia in 1846 on the vessel the *Euphrates*, owned by Mr William Tindall Esq., of London. The vessel returned to the Port of London (Port reference 64 indicates London) in 1847. Although there is no entry for further voyages for the MOTHERSEL/MOTHERSOLE brothers it is my conclusion that both were on the voyage leaving London late in 1847. And possibly they both left the ship in Australia. Alfred's apprenticeship would be over by November 1848 according to the Seaman's Ticket.

Okay, I have established that Alfred was in Sydney in 1848 by using TROVE shipping intelligence. I then have the marriage in December 1848, the shipping list for Alfred and Elizabeth departing for Melbourne in 1852, their existence on the Victorian Goldfields and his subsequent desertion in 1863.

The only other mention of Alfred on TROVE was a run in he had with a Warden called Alley when Alfred is accused of using someone else's water to sluice his claim. Alfred is then identified as being "*a Puddler, residing in Sydney Flat, and well known by the storekeepers and miners of this district as a respectable, honest and hardworking man, being married and having four children.....*". *Source: Bendigo Advertiser on Trove Saturday 17 December 1859.*

Again using Trove, I found an article in the Evening News (Sydney) Tuesday 18 February, 1873 when Alfred's eldest daughter Annie had her betrothed charged with stealing her purse and within this article it clearly shows the following statement regarding consent for her marriage, "*This consent would have been difficult to obtain, seeing that the girl's father is away somewhere,*

and they can obtain no knowledge of him....". NB: not dead – but away somewhere!

Step 3 – When all else fails - GOOGLE to the RESCUE – Papers Past New Zealand – refers to Alfred MOTHERSTONE – lunatic. An article in the Bruce Herald, 23 September 1868 tells the tale of a recluse named Alfred MOTHERSTONE who attacked a Police Officer with a knife, inflicting several wounds (non-life threatening), who was subsequently charged and sent to the Dunedin Lunatic Asylum. Wow could this be Alfred?

Step 4 - I then looked at the New Zealand Births Deaths and Marriage website <http://www.dia.govt.nz/Births-deaths-and-marriages>. Found, an entry for the death of an Alfred MOTHERSTONE taking place in the Otago area (Dunedin) in 1884. I swiftly applied for the certificate and although not much information was forthcoming, what was, made me very excited. Alfred MOTHERSTONE died on 2 December 1884 at Seacliff from Acute Pneumonia. He was 54 years old came from England and had spent 16 years in New Zealand (this span only covers the years of incarceration 1868-1884). His occupation was that of a Miner and he was buried on 5 December 1884 at the Northern Cemetery Dunedin.


Step 5 – Investigated the Seacliff area. And it appears a Lunatic Asylum was being planned to be built around 1877 to replace the Dunedin Lunatic Asylum.

Step 6 – Contacted Dunedin Regional Archives for information relating to any records mentioning Alfred Motherstone. In a couple of short hours I had enough information from one of their Archivists to be able to order two document records – Cost \$NZ80.00. Cheaper than an air fare.

Medical Casebook entry (DAHI 19956 D264/37) Begins with his admission on 21 September 1868 – *Alfred MOTHERSTONE English, aged 43. Monomania-Delusions – states that he has not worked much – lived and worked alone at mining. Believes that he is directed by a creature whom he must serve – The Living God. In arresting him he stabbed the trooper and severely wounded another man – the reason given is that he was attacked, as is the duty of a Christian he defended himself. Talks freely and rambles on, on these subjects – appears contented – keeps to himself.* The last entry on this document is dated 11 October 1869 – nothing has changed, delusions remain and he writes on the flagstones, nonsense. I guess he continued this way for the next 15 years.

Statutory Papers relating to his admission ([DAHI 19956 D264/37]). This set of documents consist of two important pieces of information. Firstly is the Inventory of Money and Property taken from the Person etc. *He had no cash and his only possessions were, one pair of trousers, one pair of drawers and a Bible.* The second document is the Warrant of Commitment to a Lunatic Asylum prepared by two Medical Practitioners, interesting reading!

Step 7 - Whilst waiting for the information to arrive from Dunedin Archives, I played around with Papers Past once again and found something very interesting. Two items I had omitted to look at before, as they took place in 1863 and 1864, were lists of Unclaimed Letters in the Post Offices of various places including the Cardrona.

Light bulb moment . The Cardrona was the place mentioned when Alfred was arrested. And what did I find – in 1863 there were three letters for Alfred MOTHERSTONE and in 1864 one letter for him. So someone here in Australia knew where he had gone. I don't think it was his wife, she had in 1869 moved back to her family in Sydney and remained there until she died. I strongly suspect it was his brother Walter. I can imagine the following scenario – Alfred has had enough, all those children and not able to make ends meet, he is desperate, he sees a solution – get out of there as quick as he can. He's a seaman after all, so why not crew on for a vessel going to New Zealand. Gold had been found in the Otago area so this could have been an additional lure.

Living the lonely life he apparently did after arriving in the Cardrona is substantiated by this excerpt, from the Resident Magistrates Court Queenstown 17th September. *“The case of lunacy (MOTHERSTONE) affords a curious illustration of the tendency of human beings to become mad or change into the wild beast nature when isolated. It seems, from the information given to us, that Motherstone has lived for several years past a “hatters” life, near the Cardrona township. He has cultivated a piece of ground as a garden, and latterley has become morbidly jealous of it, threatening violence to all approaching his ground or hut. He lived upon the produce of his garden, and apparently felt more pleasure in it than in gold digging. It is notable that he always went about armed, and though very peacable in a town was very riotous in the suburbs. The man always kept two sharp tomahawks and knives (butcher's) and other weapons ready for use. The most remarkable of all those murderous weapons is a tremendous stabbing instrument, and most ingeniously made. It is really a spear, the use of which at close quarters would beat the*

bayonet. This formidable instrument was “to keep off kidnappers and sorcerers,” so the maniac declared. Poor Alfred.

I know this story is long but I hope the methodology will give you some inspiration to look outside the circle, take perhaps an outside the rules approach to bring you back to the conclusion that has alluded you using the methods of research one would normally use.

Kay Radford – CCFHS - Life Member 530L



Seacliff Asylum in the late 1880s



Demolition in 1960

Images from Google



Hi Kay,

This is my story of never give up on your search and always look outside the box. My search for Ellen Matilda BRADDY's parents.

I started to look into doing the history by myself and finally joined Central Coast Family History as I had no idea how to go about it. I was able with the help of a number of people at the centre, to start my family history the correct way.

I had found that my Great Grandparents, Ellen CHADWICK and husband Alfred GREEN, came from Victoria. The name of her mother on her birth certificate, was my two times Great Grandmother Ellen Matilda BRADDY born Launceston, Tasmania and father, John CHADWICK from England, who was a real mystery as well.

A marriage in New Zealand of Ellen and John had no details of parents. My next find was the greatest help - it came from another private tree on Ancestry who turned out to be my second cousin Helen, who had the same information, only she had the original certificate of the marriage.

This was where we could not go any further as Ellen's birth in Tasmania was not recorded. Through a number of searches the only family that we could find in Tasmania at that time, with the same surname was James Bounaparte BRADDY and Catherine Agnes TOOTH, who came to Australia in 1833 with three children, with three more born in Tasmania. Catherine died in 1842.

Their eldest daughter, Emily BRADDY (born 1828) was the only child old enough to have a child, her only sister Agnes was too young (born 1834.) Our Ellen was born in 1846 according to her death certificate.

I sent a message to Ancestry.com message board and had some very helpful answers from some knowledgeable people. One in particular, Debra suggested, that I look at an article in *The Argus* newspaper of Victoria for January 1863. An enquiry in the missing persons and friends from a William MATTHEWS (wheelright) was looking for Ellen BRADDY of Hobartown and to write to him at Northcote Post Office.

I also found on Ancestry, a publication from the Victorian Gazette dated January 1863, that a letter was waiting for Ellen BRADDY in the dead letter office dated December 1862 - this was not from Victoria as only mail held at dead letter offices only came from overseas or other parts of colony.

Find My Past had in the last couple of months also added convict history to their site, and as William MATTHEWS had married Emily BRADDY in 1850 and was a convict from England, I decided to put his information in and up came his criminal record for Victoria. He was in Pentridge gaol between 1863 and 1876. We not only had information, there were photos from his early days and also as an old man. He stated he was married to Emily BRADDY and had seven children of which we know, he had only six children registered in Tasmania and Victoria.

My cousins and I decided that we would explore DNA testing and which would be best test to use. Helen found a company called EasyDNA and asked the appropriate questions as to who and how to test. As to costs, if you hire someone to try and help search, you might end up with no results anyway, so we decided that we would rather pay and get a yes or no.

After searching the maternal unbroken line from the BRADDYS to a live relative and the same for our side, we had two choices of maternal unbroken line. One from her sister, Agnes to a live male, who coincidentally I found lives in Koolewong. Unfortunately he was not interested in family history or 'dead people.' The other was from Emily's line to a live relative, Greta in Adelaide who was willing to participate. So South Australia it was.

I said I would pay for the (mtDNA) tests as we wanted to find out if both sides were related so that we could prove a common female ancestor. All the others had participated in their own way. Helen researched this line and found a relative, Dell in Victoria who was going to Adelaide, so she took the test kit to Greta, her kit was returned to me.

I went for a trip to Tamworth to test my second cousin Lorraine (our side), the tests were sent together to EasyDNA and we waited for results. Twenty one days later results emailed to me and confirmation that our cousin and Greta were a maternal match.

Thank you to Dell COULTAS, Victoria, Greta WALKER, South Australia and Lorraine SAMS from Tamworth NSW and of course Helen ZASLONA, NSW, without these ladies we would not have the results we have.

Now the question is, how do we prove her existence in Tasmania or do we need to? We still have no evidence that she was born in, lived in or if or when she left Tasmania for Geelong, Victoria.

Maureen SCHMARR – CCFHS Member 1842

.....and the following from France

FROM THE FRONT

Several months ago Julia ROWNTREE spoke to me at a meeting and made the offer to photograph headstones in cemeteries in France and Belgium for members whilst she was on a family history and touring trip. I published the offer in the Ex-Libris, but to my knowledge nobody took her up on her offer except me.

I had photos of Ken's Uncle Eddie's headstone taken by the War Graves Commission in 1991. Ken's father passed away two weeks after the photographs arrived and was sadly unable to comprehend the significance.

When Julia made the offer I thought "it would be nice to see a fresh set after twenty four years had passed by. Following is the email I received mid-October from Julia whilst she was still in France.

Hi Kay

Photos done was grey, misty, foggy, just as I imagine soldiers saw it, and such a contrast for me as when I first came all sunshine and blue skies green grass, now all Autumn colours across the valley.

If the two camera photos are not clear enough, the tablet ones are pretty clear so you will have four to choose from - now if I can only find a Techno.

How's this? Second last night in France in Bayeux Hotel restaurant a group of six Yorkshire (ites) adopt me to their table and they ask "what the heck you doing so far from home?" My answer weeelll! "I'm supposed to be doing family

history and touring, but I've not even opened my family history books yet". They ask "what name?" I tell them I'm laying claim to Kilkenny Castle Ireland for my mum's family "BUTLER". Their answer "get out of here" and introduce me to Michael and Mary BUTLER who I'm sitting right next too.

So now on ferry on way to Dover to try match all our BUTLERS to see if I was sitting next to cousins!!!

Whilst taking photo of your Edward Joseph RADFORD headstone in Villers-Bretonneux cemetery - couple walk in from Umina Beach - spooky huh!

All the best from Julia

Julia ROWNTREE – CCFHS Member 385



When I first came to Australia in 1964, I moved around a lot, consequently losing contact with some of my English friends. I made a few attempts including a post to the Hertfordshire mailing list some ten years ago to find one of them but without any success. Back then I would use my name and member of the Central Coast Family History Society as a signature.

Move forward to 2015. Unbeknown to me one of these old friends had her detective's hat on and was looking for me and the others and through an archive search found my email trying to find Nick. Within a very short time she sent an email to the CCFHS web site which read:

Message: I am trying to get in touch with one of your members, Marg Morters, maiden name Bellis, who was my flatmate in England in the sixties. I now live in France. Could you please pass on my email address so that she can contact me if she wishes to do so. Thank you.

WOW what a surprise as my over 50 years ago past caught up with me. We shared a grotty flat in St James Square Pimlico 1962-3. Since then there's been a flood of catch up emails, Facebook posts and one very long phone call recalling little money, Carnaby Street, The Beatles. Portobello Markets.

Marg Morters – CCFHS Member #406

UNCOVERING A SKELETON IN THE FAMILY HISTORY - LITERALLY

I'd found that there were a number of convicts in my family tree and I'd taken comfort in the fact that none of them were convicted of violent crimes. One was a pickpocket who stole a handkerchief, one forged bank notes, another stole a pair of Wellington boots worth 5 shillings, one stole a horse worth 6 pounds, another was a burglar and one was a sheep rustler.

Then last year I was hit by a bombshell when another researcher revealed that the generally accepted history for my gg-grandmother Catherine RHALL was wrong and that she had been murdered. And what shocked me even more was that the killer was my gg-grandfather. She first found details on Trove and then more on the Public Record Office Victoria (PRO) website. What follows is quite confronting.

Catherine was the daughter of Christopher RHALL, an Irish born English army veteran who came to Australia on board *Hooghley* in 1828 as part of the NSW Royal Veteran Company. Christopher was granted land at Bong Bong when the Company was disbanded. He too was murdered. In 1832 he was beaten about the head with a branding iron and his killer was never found.

At age 15 Catherine married John CASEY and later had a relationship with John GLITHEROW resulting in 3 children born in Victoria. Then she started a relationship with my gg-grandfather James Baker WORLDON and had 2 more children. The youngest of these was my great grandfather born 1 January 1853 at Albury.

Catherine and James claimed to have been married at 10 Mile Creek (now Holbrook) and were around Albury from 1850 to 1853. The next time we see them is on the goldfields at Snake Valley (now Stanley) near Beechworth in 1855. They called themselves Mr and Mrs MILBANK. Three of Catherine's siblings also show up in the area between 1853 and 1855.

On Valentine's Day 1855 the tragic events unfolded. James and Catherine were at Wallace's pub the previous evening. After a disagreement, James went off to his claim and Catherine decided to go home with another miner called SMITHERS. James returned in the early hours of the morning to find Catherine in a state of undress in SMITHER's tent. He dragged her out and beat her with his fists. Then he sat with SMITHERS and drank brandy for a while before resuming the attack. SMITHERS tried unsuccessfully to stop him. James then

broke off a large stick and beat her to death. He may then have regretted his actions because he lay down next to her and that's where police found him, covered in blood.

He was arrested and brought before the Beechworth Magistrates who found a case for manslaughter. The report said Catherine "*had given him almost deadly provocation*". The Attorney General reviewed the case and found they were not married and so committed James to trial in Melbourne for murder.

The case was tried by Redmond BARRY who handled the Eureka Stockade trials and who famously tried Ned KELLY. James was found guilty of manslaughter. Justice BARRY said "*he should have been inclined to look with more leniency on the case if he (prisoner) had raised his hand against the seducer of his wife*". The fact that he had 4 dependent children was taken into account. Newspaper reports say he was sentenced to 2 years hard labour but his prison record stated 5 years. He was released on remission after 18 months in HM Gaol Melbourne.

A mystery is that there is no death registration for Catherine and we have been unable to locate her grave. The Loch Street graveyard, operating in Beechworth at the time, has been moved but all the people have been documented, including Catherine's young half-brother, Edward RHALL, who was killed in a mining accident. Staff at the Burke Museum in Beechworth believe there may have been another small graveyard as some police burials have not been located either.

The reports give no clues as to the children throughout all this. The eldest girl was 15 so she was probably looking after them on the night of the murder. And it may be that other members of Catherine's family helped out. After a brief return to Bong Bong one of Catherine's sisters and her mother settled in the Gundagai area and that's where the WORLDONS settled too.

In later generations, James Baker WORLDON II was jailed for stealing a horse. My grandfather JBW III was on a wanted poster for deserting his wife (to run off with my grandmother) and jailed briefly for failing to pay maintenance when the depression hit. In later life he was an SP bookie. Of course current generations are strictly law abiding.

Brian Davies – CCFHS Member 1698J

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Three days ago I had a phone call from a real estate agent up in southern Queensland. He was looking for someone who would be interested in an old suitcase and its contents. He hit gold finding me!

The Auntie Amy, who owned the suitcase was my husband Fred's grandmother's sister. She died back in 1984. Thirty one years later the suitcase reappears.

Auntie Amy was born and died in Rockhampton. A couple bought her house after she died, lived there for some time and then sold up and moved further south, purchased another house, taking the suitcase with them.

Fast forward to now and both are deceased. This real estate bloke has the house up for Deceased Estate Auction and also a chattels auction of its contents a few days prior.

Fortuitously he is a family history buff and decided to see if he could find someone interested in this suit case, as it turned out it was me.

Through this have connected to another cousin who doesn't live that far away from where this much travelled suitcase is. She is on her way to collect it. I remember when I was up in Brisbane in 1994 asking some of Fred's relatives what ever happened to the contents of Auntie Amy's house and was told it all went to the tip - some maybe but not all!

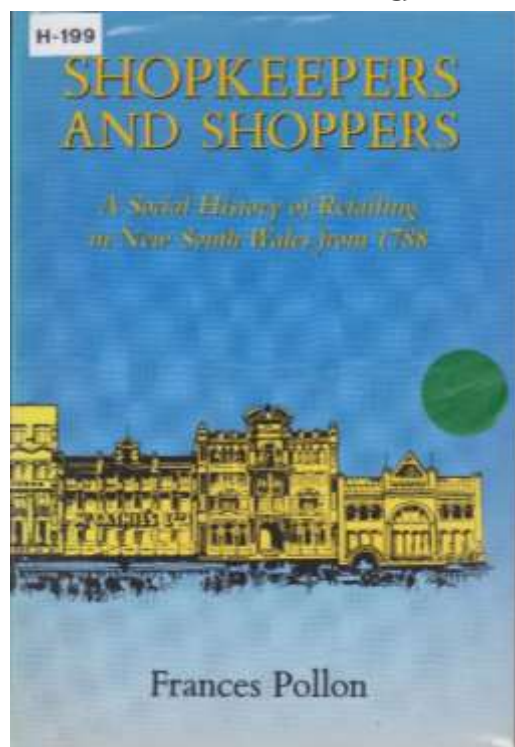
Isn't this the most amazing second event to happen after my friend of 54 years ago found me?

Will there be a third? Wouldn't be dead for quids!!

Margaret MORTERS – CCFHS Member 406

Ed. Special thank you to Secretary Rene Jamison. Persistence paid off in relaying the message she received as Secretary to Margaret.

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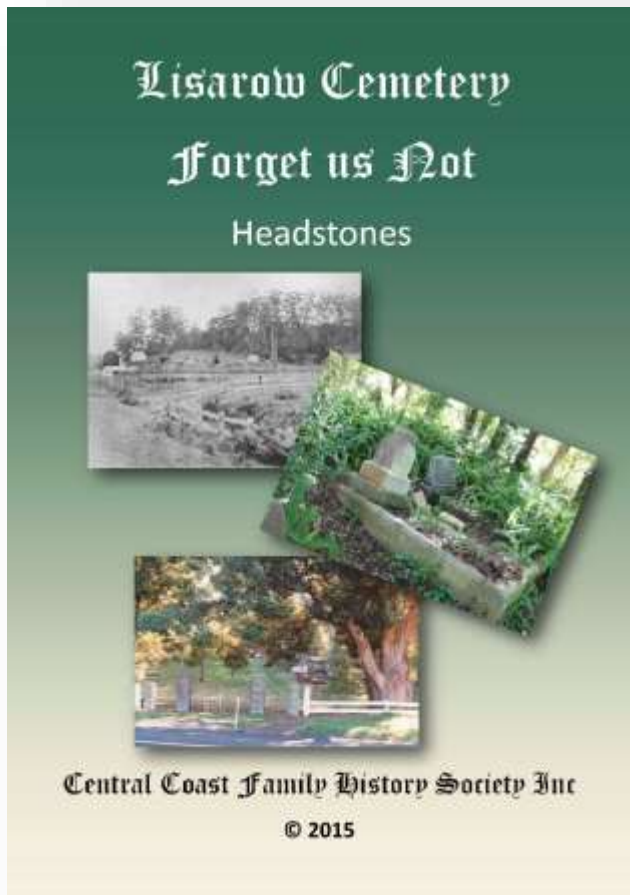
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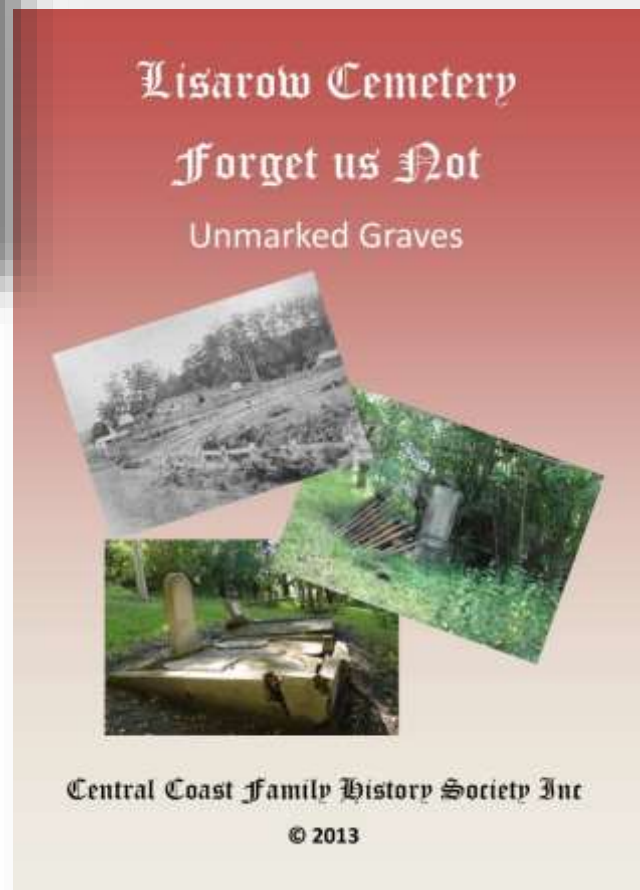
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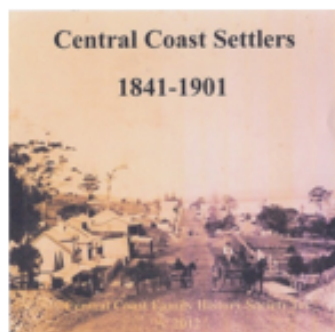
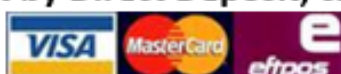
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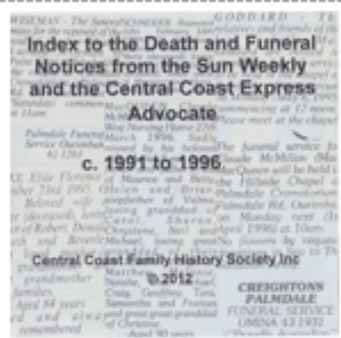
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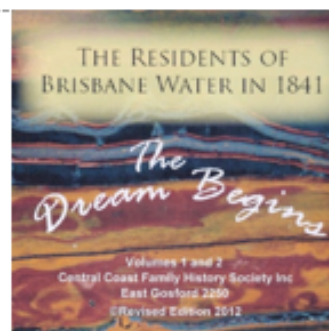
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