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Editorial - Kay Radford

Our final e-Muster for 2014 finally was worth publishing. With the sound of silence from members I seriously thought to myself "that's it I'm over it"

After my moan on the front cover of Pelican Press – November issue I was overwhelmed with articles – so all that stress for nothing.

New contributors to this issue are Yvonne POTTS who tells us of the amazing search to find her James (Jas) HUDSON, Maureen SCHMARR with her wonderful Breaking down Brick Walls article and Ken CLARK with his Udston Colliery Explosion. A first article from Lorraine GOWLING about her Amelia LANGLEY is a lovely read. A special welcome to these first time authors. In 2013, Joan ELSHAW made a trip through the Panama Canal following in the footsteps of her mother 90 years ago.

Marg Morters has been packing up to move house and has been finding all sorts of bits and pieces she has contributed the *Remember When* article about the Y2K bug. Do you remember all the carry on about it? Marlene DAVIDSON contributed 19th Century Tools of the Trade after a visit to the Manning River Historical Museum.

My contribution this issue is the story of finding my great aunt Sophia CAMPBELL nee HALLSTROM and her husband James buried in the infamous Woodgrange Park Cemetery off the Romford Road, in Forest Gate, West Ham and my subsequent investigation of Essex cemeteries online.

I have reprinted the item on the 1851 Unfilmed Census Records from Manchester. These census records were damaged by water while in storage. If you have been unable to find your relatives on line then take time and browse these records on *Pelicanet*.

Kay Radford - Editor

Muster Cover: Our Cottage today

President's Piece - Wendy Condon

Wow! Where has the year gone it only seems like yesterday we had our Christmas party, as I write this piece I find myself arranging another.

In March I was Vice President, then elected in May as your President, retaining my position as Membership Secretary and organiser of the Rotary Raffle.

In September with other members I attended the NSW & ACT Family History State Conference at Fairy Meadow, ably hosted by the Illawarra Family History Group. I consider myself very lucky to have very good people on our committee, which makes my job a lot easier. I would like to thank Kay RADFORD for filling in for me whilst I was away at the beginning of the year and for initiating arrangements for the National Family History Week event held in August.

Recently, we had a pleasant afternoon at our centre when the Minister for the Arts, Troy GRANT and our Minister for Gosford, Chris HOLSTEIN came and had a chat over a cup of tea. At that time the Minister presented us with a notification of a \$1000.00 grant. The grant application successfully prepared by Marlene DAVIDSON our Grants Co-ordinator, comes under the Ministry for the Arts Scheme which is administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society. The grant was for the current Lisarow Cemetery project June DAWSON and Lorraine GREVE are working on so it was fitting that they were able to be present to receive the acknowledgement.

At our National Family History Month event in August, Gail DAVIS from State Records launched the third volume of our Bench Books. Margaret ERTNER the project co-ordinator gave a short explanation on the books and thanked the people who helped transcribe and prepare the records for publication.

In case you didn't know it, it is **Rotary Raffle** time again and we need everyone's help with this. If we are to maintain our centre to the standard our members have come to enjoy then this is the way everyone can help. Membership fees do not cover computer maintenance and replacement costs. So please don't forget for every \$2 ticket we sell that is \$2 towards the maintenance account. Last year Marlene DAVIDSON won second prize, so if you buy a ticket you have a good chance of winning as well.

In closing I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year and will look forward to seeing you in 2015. *Wendy*

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' Interests with Belinda Mabbott** for inclusion on the Website. Forms should be included in your Beginners Kit, if not you can download a form from the website.

1938	TURNER, Annie	1945J	HEWSON, Marlene
1939	NIHILL, Beverley	1946	HINCHCLIFFE, Brian N.
1940J	TAYLOR, Ronald & Judith	1947	WILSON, James S
1941	HORNE, Sally	1948J	WHITE, Lindsay & Colleen
1942	MARTIN, Warwick H	1915J	TRIGG, Doreen – update to joint
1943	McKNIGHT, John A	1852J	ROBERTSON, Tony - update to joint
1944	SCHRAMKO, Peter		

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

FAMILY TREE MAKER ONE ON ONE HELP SESSIONS

Kay Rawnsley will continue to take bookings for Tuesdays for members who need one on one help getting around the program. Remember you must book in so leave a message for Kay at the Centre. No bookings now available until February.

EDUCATION - WORKSHOPS

TEAM LEADERS, LIBRARY ASSISTANTS and PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP

Facilitator: Margaret Ertner Date will be Saturday 17th January 2014

Time: 10.30 am arrive 10am Venue: The Research Centre

It is imperative that all library helpers attend this session.

TRIPPERS – POSSIBLE VISITS TO THE FOLLOWING ARE BEING CONSIDERED – see the Expression of Interest list in the Centre

Jewish Museum – return visit State Library of New South Wales

State Records of NSW Wingham Museum

Brisbane Water Historic Cruise Gosford Library Local Studies

2015 WORKSHOPS MAY INCLUDE

Offers to conduct workshops for: Microsoft Publisher Workshops – Organising Your Family History Records. IPad Users Q & A, Family Tree Maker Q & A. Our Education officer is planning a new presentation on Land Titles records – this is not to be missed. Dates will be set once numbers become clearer. **NOT LISTED HERE! THEN LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!**

AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LIST FOR EACH OF THE WORKSHOPS HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE NOTICE BOARD ON THE CENTRE

CCFHS WRITERS' GROUP - 2015 WORKSHOP

If you are interested in joining the 2015 Workshop let Marie and Terry know. Expression of Interest list will be posted on the noticeboard with the rest.

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES - WILL BECOME DUE ON 1 APRIL.

Annual Membership Fees for 2015-2016 will be:

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

Hopefully, we can keep our membership fees static.

Please read the two additional questions on your membership form regarding the Rotary Raffle donations to the Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Fund.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre will be closed from 13^{th} December 2014 as this is a Saturday then actually Friday the 12^{th} will be our last opening day. We will be back on deck on the first Tuesday in February which is the 3^{rd} .

No. 11 April 2015 e-Muster

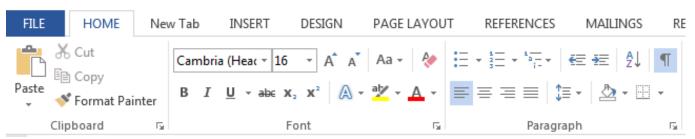
Deadline for articles for the April 2015 edition is 15th March 2014.

For layout details see page 6

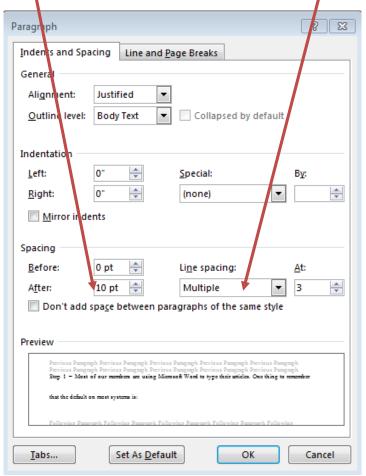
MUSTER ARTICLES - Three Steps

I would like to clarify the way in which members should forward e-Muster articles to the Editor. Here are a few tips that will make her life a little bit less stressful when presented with formatted and image impregnated articles.

Step 1 – Most of our members are using Microsoft Word to type their articles. One thing to remember is the <u>default</u> for new pages in Word. This is shown under the <u>Paragraph</u> section of the <u>Home</u> page see image below:



before you start please reconfigure your page to show under <u>Spacing</u> - After Opt and Line Spacing should read <u>Single</u>. This alone will reduce the size of the article.



Step 2 - When setting your margins make sure you use the narrowest setting for the document. Use <u>16</u> <u>pitch</u> type size and if you have it use **Cambria** type style.

By using these settings you will have a clearer idea of how much space your document is going to actually take before insertion of images etc.

Step 3 - Now to the images – PLEASE send them separately. I work on an e-Muster Template – and sometimes strange things happen when I try to drop your articles into the template as sent or after I re format the item.

You can by all means send me two

versions. The basically typed version and then the one the way you would like

your final copy to appear. Or if you prefer, type into your basic version "Place such and such and image here".

By assisting with these small things it will make life a heck of a lot easier for me. Please DO NOT USE PAGE NUMBERS on your typed copy it is not necessary, it's only another thing I need to remove. **ALSO please** do not use end notes – page notes can be tolerated, but I prefer, if sources are required in your article, that you manually type them at the end of the document.

Also if you are using photos or images that could be copyright checked, then please do so before sending or please if using an image from the internet then give full recognition to the author.

If you do not have Microsoft word by all means use Notepad to type your articles, this type of file is very easy to work with. Editor

BOOKSTALL TAKING A BREAK

Margaret has had a very busy time since taking over the bookstall in May. She is going to take a well-earned break over the Christmas period so can we urge you to call in before Friday 12th December to pick up any stationery or other items you will need. WE STILL HAVE A FEW SPECIALS ON FAMILY TREE MAKER Software available. A great idea for a Christmas present.

You can contact her on orders@centralcoastfhs.org.au for anything urgent that crops up. But be aware she will be taking the opportunity, like the rest of us, to visit and spend time with family during the break.

Don't forget that as our Education Officer, Margaret is only too happy to prepare talks and workshops on subjects for which there is enough interest shown.

Why not think about what YOU really need some help with and send a contact email via our webpage – all messages will be passed on.

SNEAK PREVIEW - LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Since May this year the collection has undertaken a major reorganization. When using the Reference Library members will have noticed that each week shelves are becoming much more organised and rationalised. Many items have been moved into different categories. With this in mind we will be publishing in January a full Catalogue Guide aimed mainly at our Research Centre Volunteers, to assist them in leading library users to our extensive collection, not just straight to computers and the Internet. On the website in 2015 we will separate all categories of the collection and you will have the choice on selecting one of the following when browsing the collection in preparation for a personal visit.

- 1. Reference Library Books
- 2. CD Collection incorporating *Pelicanet, Computer 6 & the Dos Computer in the Reference Library.*

Accession	CD Collection - Various Subjects	Location/Path
Number	Legend	
	Computer 6 using CDs from the container MULTIFUNCTION ROOM	
	Old Network - COMPUTER IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY	
	Pelicanet - 21st Century Network Computers in the Multifunction Room	
	As at January 2015	

- 3. Microfilm Collection
- 4. Microfiche Collection

Here is a snip from the *Pelicanet*

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	AUSTRALIA - enter here for all National records	
	CCFHS e-Musters - copies of all e-Musters since December 2011	
	CCFHS Publications - contains publications created by CCFHS	
	e-JOURNALS - exchange e-Journals & Newsletters from other societies and groups	
	OVERSEAS - enter here for all overseas records	
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D-139	A Glance at Australia in 1880	AUS - AUS
D-165	A Photo Album of Early Bingara	AUS - AUS
D-495	Historical Records of Australia Series 1 volumes 1 - 26	AUS - AUS
D-134	John's Notable Australians 1906	AUS - AUS
D-133	Kennedy's Colonial Travel 1876	AUS - AUS
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SPEAKERS FOR 2015

7th February 2015 – Dennis ROE, retired English magistrate

Topic: Contrasting UK magistracy in the convict era with what it is today.

Dennis Roe was for 28 years a Leicester County Magistrate in England.

Now retired to Australia and living here on the Coast with his wife Margaret, Dennis has a wealth of anecdotes and stories to share about his years in the English court system.



He is well aware that many of us have ancestors who have 'done time' and he contrasts the law in those days of old with modern judicial methods.

Pictured here he is re-creating his role as a magistrate but re-sentencing a First Fleeter as it might occur today.

7th March 2015 - SENIORS WEEK EVENT - Morning and Afternoon talks

Full details of this event are still in the planning stage. We are keen to go with a theme of why everybody needs to make a will. Do it now do not put it off!

Over the past year the Society has been approached on two separate occasions to help a local Law firm to locate people mentioned in wills or involved in intestate matters – individuals they have been unable to find.

One journey was bought to conclusion very quickly with the committee putting a collective three heads together, the second request is still continuing, with frustration at every turn. We will present our audience with the methods used in both cases and will hopefully follow up with a presentation from State Records on a subject to follow on from our morning talk. All I can offer is TO WATCH THIS SPACE ON OUR WEBSITE - http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/2013-11-27-03-52-41/seniors

ASSIGNED DUTIES – 2014-2015

Bookstall Coordinator Margaret Ertner
Bookstall Assistant Heather Sushames

Bookstall members meeting helper Lyn Hall

Bus Trips and Tours Marlene Davidson
CD Publishing Wallace Russell

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Grant Applications Marlene Davidson

Grant Application Proofreader Rene Jamison

Guest Speakers

Jon Fearon

Leas Bish

Housekeeping Jenny Richmond

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Membership Secretary Wendy Condon

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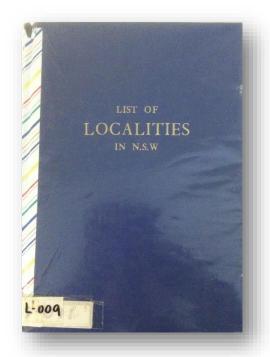
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GEMS IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Our new Librarian, Lyn THOMPSON, has found some very interesting reference material in the library during the reorganisation period.

Featured firstly is the *List of Localities in N.S.W.* A publication compiled and drawn by E.C. Gleeson in October 1954.

This publication consists of an *Alphabetical List of Names* of cities, towns, villages, public schools, localities, rivers, creeks, gullies, mountains, mountain ranges, railway stations and platforms, public watering places, bores, lakes, lagoons etc. and some property names in New South Wales. (Excluding the area within 20 miles of the G.P.O. Sydney and major rivers)



Shown against each name is the Parish, County, Land district, Pastures Protection District and Local Government Authority in which it is situated. A must when trying to locate remote NSW locations.



Secondly – have you forgotten the existence of the three volume set *Log of Logs* – by the late Ian Nicholson?

When researching vessels in which your ancestors travelled to Australia, don't forget to browse through these three volumes. Via these pages, I once found an account of a tragic accident which happened on a voyage from the UK in 1913, which led me to a hand written account of the accident in the collection at the Society of Genealogists. You never know what these volumes might turn up. Editor

WRITER'S GROUP CLASS OF 2014



Back Row L to R - Margaret S, Kate B, Marie Riley, Yvonne P, Terri Heffernan, Barbara D Front Row L to R - Judith T, Lorraine G, Marlene D, Bev

Talking to Lindsay Watts the other day she told me about when she did the writer's course, one of the tasks set by Marie was for the group to write a story about a part of the body you liked the least. The following is printed with Lindsay's permission.

SKIN DEEP

Wearing his extra strong glasses, the dermatologist peered into my dry freckled face and declared "My God Woman you have fine skin, pure Aryan. If you had lived in Germany during Hitler's time you would have been prime breeding stock."

How devastating. It's bad enough to know that one could have contributed to Hitler's master race but is it not written that beauty is only skin deep? So much for me with my thin skin, gone were any thoughts of beauty! Oh why did I not look like those lovely red headed ladies in the movies or picture books? They have such lovely smooth creamy skin.

The specialist's next remark answered my silent question. "We are all weeds, growing where we should not be growing." Ah that's it; my ancestors should have stayed in Scotland! Well it is a bit late for that now isn't it?

This idea of being a weed set me thinking. What kind of weed would I be? Surely not a dandelion, blowing every which way in the wind, and I could not think of myself as an onion weed, a real stubborn pest which is so hard to get rid of. As I looked down at the skin on my arms I saw lots of sandy coloured blotches, a few lumps and bumps and even a purple bruise or two. This turned

my thoughts to our outback country. I had a vision of a weather beaten landscape and there, flourishing among the stones I could see a variety of sturdy plants. That's when I knew what kind of weed I was, good old Salvation Jane (pictured). A bit of a battler, some might say a nuisance at times but I do come in very handy now and again.



Yes I am a weed, a good old Aussie born and bred sunburnt weed, blotches wrinkles and all.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those that matter don't mind and those that mind don't matter. Dr. Seuss

Lindsay WATTS - Member 69

Maeve's favourite words of wisdom from Phyllis DILLER

To avoid housework keep a weaving loom in the living room. If people think you are creative they will ignore the mess!

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shovelling the sidewalk before it stops snowing!

Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: eat out.!

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them!

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NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES INC Annual Conference hosted in 2014 by ILLAWARRA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Several members travelled to Fairy Meadow in September to attend the above conference. Six of us, Margaret ERTNER, Rene JAMISON, Wendy CONDON, Heather SUSHAMES, Lesley SCOTCHMER and myself stayed at the same motel, an interesting place to say the least. Marlene DAVIDSON stayed with family and travelled in each day. These members helped Margaret on the Bookstall over the two and a half days of trading and raised \$1400.00 for the Society.



Above: Heather and Margaret make a sale

Other members I saw whilst there were Terry HEFFERNAN, Dawn SPRINGETT and Rosemary WILTSHIRE

Our Motel was just across the road from the venue, the Fraternity Club, which itself would have many a story to be told. Following is a short history of the club:

"In early 1952 a handful of Italian migrants who had come to make a new life in Wollongong decided to form a social club: a place where members could relax, enjoy each others company and benefit from their pooled resources.

The club was officially opened on the 29th August, 1953 with a gala ceremony, under the name of The South Coast Social & Fraternity Club.

The opening of the club was the forerunner of many days and nights where the members could indulge their passion for good food, dancing, and conversation with family and friends. The club was also a central meeting place where opportunities for work were discussed and assistance for new arrivals was provided.

The first year of operation resulted in a profit of 2500 pounds, which was an outstanding result and the tradition of "Fraternity" within the club was born.

Over the years, new additions, extensions and acquisitions have allowed The Fraternity Club to grow and thrive. Today The Fraternity Club has established itself as one of the premier clubs in the Illawarra."

The numbers were down for this year's conference, only 150 people registered. This I found not a bad thing, because this conference will stand out for me as being much more relaxed and intimate, the pace for the entire weekend seemed to be much less rushed and went off wonderfully well from the point of view of this particular registrant.

Congratulations to Judy Bull and her committee for a wonderful weekend.

Kay Radford - NSW & ACT - Delegate

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Situated locally in the Gosford CBD

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

So why not share them if you

find something your friends might be interested in.

1851 UNFILMED CENSUS RETURNS - MANCHESTER

Can't find your people on the 1851 Lancashire census well read on!



I am reprinting this article for newer members who may not be aware of these resources which are available on *Pelicanet*

A considerable part of the 1851 census returns for Manchester, Salford and the surrounding area was damaged by water while in storage and it has not been possible to film the returns which are also too fragile to permit public access. Members of Manchester and Lancashire FHS over several years worked at The National Archives to transcribe these returns. Each CD contains a full transcript of the area described which has been made using ultraviolet lighting to maximise readability. Each CD contains surname/forename and street indexes. All are in Adobe Acrobat format.

1851 Census - Ashton-under-Lyne

Township of Ashton-under-Lyne (TNA piece HO107/2233). It has been possible to recover details of about 95% of the 18,801 people recorded within the township. (Supersedes fiche code 1383)

1851 Census - Chorlton-on-Medlock

Township of Chorlton-on-Medlock (TNA piece HO107/2220 - part). It has been possible to recover details for approximately 57% of the 25,537 people recorded within the township. (Supersedes fiche code 1361)

1851 Census - Ardwick

Township of Ardwick (TNA piece HO107/2220 - part). It has been possible to recover details of about 72% of the 15,793 people recorded within the township. (Supersedes fiche code 1389)

1851 Census - Salford, Regent Road

Township of Salford, Regent Road District (TNA piece HO107/2224). It has been possible to recover details for approximately 98% of the 11,108 people recorded within the township. (Supersedes fiche code 1384)

1851 Census - Prestwich

Townships of Prestwich, Blackley & Harpurhey (TNA piece HO107/2232). It has been possible to recover details of about 90% of

the 8,987 people recorded within the townships. (Same as fiche code 1387)

1851 Census - Pendleton & Pendlebury

Townships of Pendleton & Pendlebury (TNA piece HO107/2222). It has been possible to recover details of about 48% of the 16,886 people recorded within the townships. (Same as fiche code 1388)

1851 Census - Oldham Below Town

Township of Oldham Below Town (TNA piece HO107/2240). It has been possible to recover details of about 97% of the 5,706 people recorded within the township. (Same as fiche code 1385)

1851 Census - Salford, Greengate

Transcripts for the district of Salford, Greengate (TNA piece HO107/2223). Details of approximately 83% of the 35,216 people within the district have been recovered. (Supersedes fiche code 1380)

1851 Census - Manchester, St George

Transcripts for the St George district of Manchester (TNA piece HO107/2230). The details for approximately 88% of the 11,780 people recorded within the district have been recovered. (Same data as fiche code 1386)

19th CENTURY TOOLS OF THE TRADE

I realised on my visit to Manning River Historical Museum at Wingham this weekend that "a picture is worth a thousand words". I stood in amazement and pondered the man-hours and hard labour required to cut 60,000 shingles with tools available in the mid-1800s. Just an adze and a cross-cut-saw for James BOYCE to complete his shingles contract in 1865, worth £60.

I don't have any photos of this third great grandparent. But now I do have photos illustrating an aspect of his hard working days.





Adze and Cross cut saw

Marlene DAVIDSON - Life Member 327L

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KEEP YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION CURRENT

Are you guilty of submitting family info to sites like Roots web's World Connect or Public Trees on Ancestry and then forgetting them and not updating when you change your email address?

We are in the process of moving house and have been having a huge clear out. I came across a very large book on the genealogy of the BARNEY Family of the USA, (my husband's ancestors). Investigating further I found four folk in Ancestry's Public trees researching this



same family. I subsequently sent them all a message to which only one replied so this lucky responder received the book for free. I didn't hear back from the others, so they missed out.

Another instance whilst carrying out some research for someone else I found a reference to the particular family of interest in World Connect. Ho! hum! This person has a dead email address.

I hope none of our members are guilty of this!

Marg MORTERS - Member 406

Ed note: I know one guilty party - who has forgotten passwords long ago created



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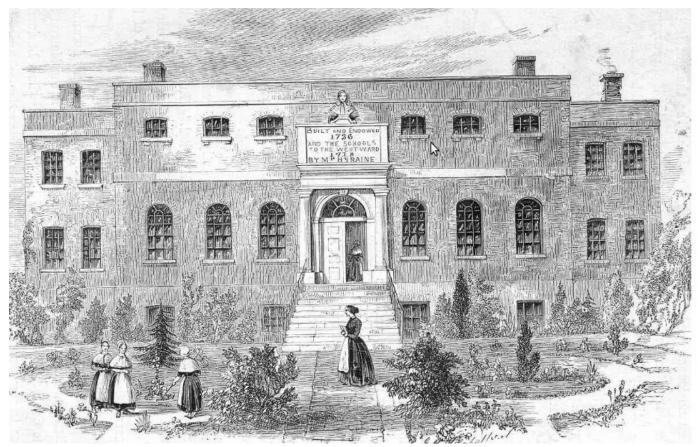
and get the full newsletter and not only the items I think you might like to read. As a LostCousins member you will be entitled to receive their newsletter, which is full of useful tips and articles to help you knock down 'brick walls' and take your research to a new level.

Give it a go! Editor

WOODGRANGE PARK CEMETERY - FOREST GATE, WEST HAM

I guess this story is a case of dogged determination to find a grave, a search that has spanned for me over ten years, and previously probably twenty years for my late sister and aunt.

My great grandfather William HALLSTROM's eldest sister was Sophia HALLSTROM who was born on 21 April 1840 at 151 Old Gravel Road, St George in the East, London. Sophie was admitted to the *Raines School* on 25 March 1851 and is shown on the census for that year as an eleven year old student. She was discharged on 26 March 1855 and was engaged to Mrs Gale, at 7 Haringay Villas, Green Lane, Tottenham. The *Raines School* admission records also read that Sophia's home was at 7 White Thorn Place, the date of the Petition for admittance was 11 February 1848. Her father was employed as a Lockman on London Docks with 5 children. No previous benefit was received.



Sophia's sister Christina also attended the Raines School, her admission record shows "Benefit already received – one girl in school". Christina, after the death of her mother in 1860, was sent to her father's sister in Sweden and was to eventually marry a prosperous business man named ALGREM.

Henry Raines built Raine's House in 1718 in the hamlet of what would become St George in the East. The fine building housed a charity school for 50 boys and 50 girls. It was an unusually even-handed endowment, though there was a marked difference in what the boys and girls were taught. The poor local children were clothed, fed and taught to read, but while the boys were taught to write and handle accounts, the girls were instructed in sewing.

But while Raine's donation of 40 guineas a year kept the school running during his lifetime, he was concerned that it kept up the good work after he was gone. So, with his life nearing its end, in 1736, he made an endowment, so subsequent generations of East Enders would benefit. That same year he built another school. This boarding school for girls was named the Asylum – which had connotations of shelter rather than mental illness in Raine's day.

It allowed the foundation to rescue 40 local girls from sometimes chaotic home lives. The students would be clothed, educated and provided for and, after four years' training, would go into domestic service at the age of 22. Henry Raine's forward planning for his school paid off. The whole school moved to Cannon Street Road in Stepney in 1883, then once more to Arbour Square in 1913. With around 900 pupils it's a long way from the little baroque house in Wapping where a beneficent Brewer tried to put something back into an East End that had made him rich.

The 1861 census shows Sophia is back at home in 7 White Thorn Place listed as housekeeper to her widowed father John Frederick (Jonas Fredrik) HALLSTROM with three of her siblings still living at home. Christina is not listed so probably already gone to Sweden.

Sophia married James CAMPBELL on 25 January 1863 in St Mary's Parish Church, St George in the East. James was born in Anthony Street, St George in the East. He was a commercial clerk working in and around the Dock area in the East End.

The couple went on to have seven children, all East Enders. The family lived at 8 Hall Street. Mile End for many years until finally moving a little further east in 1901 to Lorne Street, Forest Gate, West Ham. They were still living there until James died on the 25 November 1916. Sophia died aged 89 in 1930 and at the time was living at 58 Nigel Street, Forest Gate. I find a concentration of her children in this area so I guess she was living with one of them when she passed away.

The search for the final resting place.

In 2006, when Ken and I decided to go to England again, I was determined to try to find the resting place of James and Sophia. I planned a week in London so I could visit cemeteries I had earmarked in the West Ham area. We visited the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium and the nearby Manor Park – no, nothing could be found. There were several other Cemeteries but, for reasons now forgotten, I eliminated them from my search. The night before we were to fly home, we travelled to Barking to a friend's place for dinner. We got on the train in London but halfway there something happened that forced us off the train to continue our journey by bus to Barking. Sitting on the bus, looking out the window as you do! I spied Nigel Street on my right. Just a quick flash and gone, but remained firmly implanted in my memory.

Relating this to our friend over dinner we mentioned my reason for visiting the two cemeteries, she said to me that they may have been buried in Woodgrange Park Cemetery. She went on to tell me how dreadfully run down the cemetery was, also that it was privately run, and not that easy to extract information without paying a premium for it. Woodgrange Park Cemetery is only two streets away from Nigel Street, the entrance off the Romford Road, the route we were on during that blessed bus ride. I think at the time my friend did offer to look into it further.

So, I came home and completely forgot about it, going on with other research as one does. Although I did try finding more information from time to time.

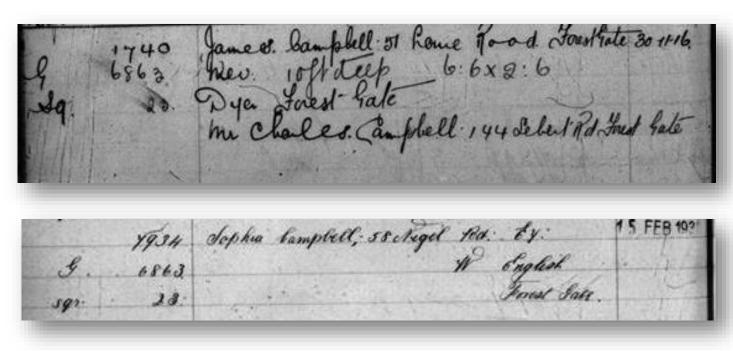
It wasn't until I was contacted a few months ago by another family member about a book he intended to write on the HALLSTROM family that I began looking at the research again.

Time to call on Mr Google, and there it was, a link – FamilySearch, indicating the burial registers were on film for Woodgrange Park. Working out the two films I would need for the two burials, one in 1916 and the other 1930, I emailed Kay 2 and asked her to order them in for me. It took a little time for the films to arrive, but the wait was worth it. I found both of them buried in Woodgrange Park Cemetery, a cemetery that has created much interest in newspapers over the years, one reason being the building of low cost housing over a large portion of the cemetery. The state of the cemetery has come under great criticism. If you visit the Friends of Woodgrange Park Cemetery

(I think it is actually a non-active website – its Copyright is 2007, making me think no one is managing it now) it is interesting reading. By just Googling its name there are many hits.

Well, I guess that is all I will ever find out, that they are buried in Grave 6863 Square 23. There does not seem to be a plot map in existence which is such a shame. I should add here that the owners of this neglected place charge £25.00 per enquiry per surname. It only cost me the hire fee for two films. Bargain! But a total of 30 find the vears to information.





Kay Radford - Life Member 530L

Photos used in this article are from Google Images – burial entries from Authors collection.

The Raines School Admission Registers are held at the London Metropolitan Archives in London.

TASMANIAN IMMIGRANTS

Many of us have an elusive ancestor for whom we have thoroughly searched for their arrival in the colony without success.

Family stories passed down can be either helpful or misleading. A story told to me was that some of my ancestors arrived on the *Royal Saxon*, their friend Captain TOWNS being the owner of this ship.

Checking this ships arrival in Sydney and to find none of my ancestors were on board, I believed this story must be an urban myth.

However, quite a few years ago, I had a stroke of luck, through the local *Brisbane Water Bench Books*, I discovered that the family had been detained in Launceston.

After contacting the Tasmanian Archives I received the following information about passengers arriving on the *Royal Saxon*.



"There is a group of bounty immigrants to Tasmania who arrived in Launceston on the *Royal Saxon* on the 22 January 1842 for whom the bounty was refused. These passengers appear on a separate list to those fellow passengers for whom the bounty was paid".

Could your elusive ancestor be on this other *Royal Saxon* list? This separate list can be seen on the following URL – http://stors.tas.gov.au/CB7-8.1.1

Pam Williams - Life Member 52L

Breaking Through The Brickwalls

JAMES DOWDING HIS STORY Born about 1849 in Westbury Wiltshire England.

James' father was James GREEN and be was born 17 May 1806. He had three children to his wife Eliza nee DOWDING. On the birth of her fourth child both Eliza and the babe died. It was then

that her younger sister Emma DOWDING, who was living with them, took over after her sister's death.

Emma had six children to James GREEN all baptised as DOWDING and, after marrying him, had a further six children.

Jacob GREEN (Eliza's son) came to Victoria in 1871 with his wife and family. He worked for the Railways in Victoria until his death 1888 when he was run over by a train he was shunting.

Three brothers, Henry James, Samuel and James DOWDING came to Australia sometime between 1871 and 1875. They all appear on the 1871 census in England, with other events found indicating their presence in Australia by 1875. All boys worked for the Railways in different states James in New South Wales, Henry and Samuel in Queensland.

James married an English girl. Tragically, he was killed by a train he was shunting in a place called Gerogery near Albury in 1881. As a result of a coronial enquiry the Coroner became the informant and supplied the information found on the death certificate. He stated that the deceased was a married man and had one boy and two girls. No names were given except the wife simply as being Mrs Green, with no first name. I would add here that obviously James had taken the name of GREEN as it was the name he came into Australia with, not DOWDING.

It took my cousin Helen a lot of hard work to find little bits of information here and there, trying to piece together his life.

At first both reports of the train accidents were confused by the family, until Samuel DOWDING was trying to sort out his brother Henry's affairs when he died in 1909. Obviously the brothers had been out of touch for some years as

it came to light that James had been killed and no one knew. Both accidents, early on, were thought to be one and the same.

Once the deaths were established as two different people, James in 1881 and Jacob in 1888, Helen was able to find the information about where he was killed, she was able through *Trove* to find details of the death and that James' wife had fallen on hard times, and the children were taken away (we do not know at this time if what was reported about the children is correct.). It was 133 years after his death to the day (2014) that my cousin finally found him, his grave and where he was killed.

Helen has been searching since that time for the children to no avail, due to the very limited information on the death certificate. The coroner also gave the information that the couple were married in Victoria. My thought was that perhaps we were looking in the wrong place because of the scanty information on the death certificate. I decided that as he worked for the Railways in New South Wales I would try the railway records! Alas no records exist for this time period as the records did not begin until 1887.

I was able to email a Mr Bill PHIPPEN at New South Wales Railway Resources Centre who is digitising Railway records. I gave him the name James GREEN and I said he was killed at Gerogery as a shunter and his wife Mrs Green (no first name) was a gate keeper for the Railways at Gerogery (Helen had obtained this information from the local Family History Society).

I had a reply from Bill PHIPPEN who, within ten minutes, advised me that as well as the two Mrs GREEN's who I had previously found in Albury at the time, there was another. This Mrs Green was listed as a charwoman living in Albury with no children and was a Government employee.

Her name was Mrs Louisa GREEN living, according the census, in a house with four other women. So, as you do, I started my search for a marriage in Victoria with no luck, tried New South Wales, still nothing so thought that is it for today, try again tomorrow.

Could not sleep! Brain overload! By 2.30 in the morning I concluded as Henry and Samuel were in Queensland I would try there. Got up, turned on the computer Googled the Queensland BDM website, typed in James GREEN, for bride I added Louisa, then the years 1872 to 1878.

It was the light bulb moment! Up came James GREEN married to Louisa BLAKE, decided to buy certificate on line! Breakthrough! Parents of James were James GREEN and Emma DOWDING. The marriage had taken place in 1876. Who do you tell at that hour? No way in the world would I get any sleep that night!

I decided I might as well keep going and try for the kids - no first names, no sex with just a surname and there it was - I had found the son, Alfred Vivian Green born North Ipswich to James GREEN and Louisa GREEN maiden surname BLAKE. No other birth registrations were found for the two girls.

Brainwave! As they were in Albury area when James died, and finally having the mother's name, I thought I would try a search of the New South Wales BDMs (it was easier than I thought) I only wish you could buy online like all other States. Search criteria: Surname, father's name and the years 1877 to 1881 and yes two names Mabel Victoria in 1878 in Sydney and Lilian Violet in Wagga Wagga 1880. As Alfred had a middle name starting with V, it had to be them and both born before 1881. I took the chance, ordered certificates and YES, they were the missing children. I eventually put the name Louisa BLAKE into Ancestry and much of her information popped up including that of the children.

The sad thing was Alfred the son, joined the Railways as well and on a shift as a fireman, on the 7.50 pm from Sydney to Nowra one night, he was maliciously shot in the chest at close range by two thugs 200 yards from Wombarra station, near Coledale, he did survive and the reward offered at that time was a £1000.00 a real lot of money in those days.

Since that time I have emailed Mr Bill PHIPPEN (at least five times and he always answers within ten minutes,) as to what happened to Alfred and he looked up the name and said the records are at State Records, so looks like a trip to Kingswood. This story would not have been brought to a conclusion had it not been for Mr PHIPPEN from the Resource Centre finding Louisa. He told me he feels his job of digitizing is worth it.

This is just a snippet of one way of finding someone who has become a brick wall in your research, and it worked out just fine for us.

Maureen SCHMARR - Member 1842

DO YOU REMEMBER Y2K MILLENNIUM BUG: WHAT COULD GO WRONG

Extracts from the Sydney Daily Telegraph Friday, December 31, 1999 Contributed by Marg Morters

Aircraft/Airlines: Carriers around the world have invested heavily to iron out potential Y2K glitches. Air

traffic control systems have been checked, though some grey areas remain.

Banks: Like most financial institutions, banks saw the Y2K problem coming years ago and have taken every possible measure to avoid damage to their systems.

Bills: Keeping personal accounts up to date and checking bank operations may be advised.

Cars: Makers rule out risk except in vehicles with on-board computers, in which case owners are urged to check their systems.

Credit Cards: About 1- per cent of card-reading devices in shops and restaurants may fail to function.

Doors: Access systems using badges or swipe-cards could block doors in buildings that rely on computers.

Electricity: The distribution network is highly computerised and sporadic power cuts cannot be ruled out.

Fax: Date systems may need to be changed manually. Check instructions manual.

Home Computers: Problems are likely to be widespread, although most retailers have pledged to provide free remediation. Most recent PCs are expected to cope easily with the Y2K problem, though older systems are vulnerable, with problems ranging from loss of files to complete breakdown.

Internet: Unlikely to be affected, but computer and routing systems are by definition date-dependent, and performance may vary between access providers.

Office Computers: Office systems are highly computer-dependent and thus exposed to glitches. Company accounts and payroll operations may be affected.

The list goes on and on – I think we have more to worry about today with viruses and hackers than we ever did in 2000.



SURVIVOR OF AN EXPLOSION

My second great uncle (the brother of my maternal great grandfather) was James RANKIN. He was born about 1859 in Kilsyth, Stirlingshire, Scotland. He worked as a coal miner at Udston Colliery, near Hamilton, Scotland.

Opened in 1875, it was a small pit employing approximately 200 men and boys working in three coal seams at depths of up to 300 metres underground.



At 9am on Saturday 28 May 1887, having been hard at work for almost three hours, many of the day shift downed tools for their breakfast. During this break, at approximately 9:07am, an explosion ripped through the Splint Seam destroying everything in its path.

James RANKIN was working underground at the time in the Ell seam at a depth of about 230 metres. When he realized what had happened, he made his way to the pit bottom. There was no cage to take him to the top, so he started climbing the shaft – quite a hazardous undertaking. He climbed about 170 metres (about the height of Australia Square Tower!), probably in near darkness, before he was met by a cage that had been lowered from the top. He was conveyed to the top before the cage descended again to rescue others. The explosion was caused by a buildup of Firedamp, a term for flammable gases such as methane. In addition to the initial explosion, many were killed by afterdamp. Afterdamp is the toxic mixture of gases following an explosion caused by Firedamp. It contains various gases, but kills primarily because of the high content of carbon monoxide which deprives victims of oxygen.

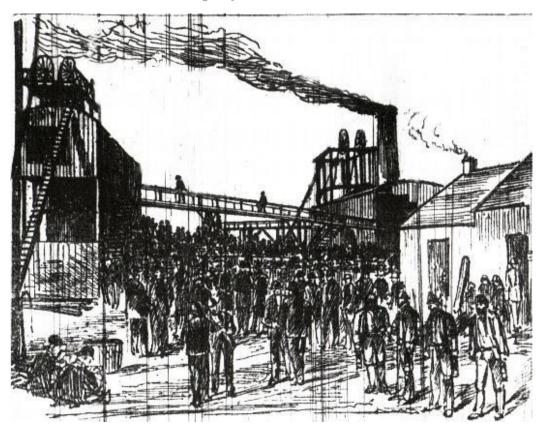
Overall, more than 70 people were killed as a result of the explosion. About 10 years prior to this, another mine explosion at nearby Blantyre had killed 207 miners. Many safety improvements had been introduced in the interim, and Udston was deemed to be a relatively safe mine.

Newspaper accounts of the time recount many poignant incidents. Bodies were brought to the surface and taken to a temporary mortuary - the "Smithy" (blacksmiths shop) where they were identified, "coffined" and taken to

various homes. Listings of the deceased indicate that a number of fathers and sons from the same family lost their lives. Many other entries state that the miners left behind a wife and several children

Another newspaper extract states: Prominent among the relatives hanging round the door of the mortuary on Sunday for the purpose of the identification were a boy and girl from Greenfield of the name of Cook, whose case called forth much commiseration. The girl could not be more than twelve, and the boy was younger. One kind lady during the day came forward and comforted them, handing them at the same time what she said were her "children's savings". Before the day was out, they were called on to identify their father and two brothers. This leaves them alone in the world.

James RANKIN survived this incident. He died in 1916 of natural causes aged 57 – he had gone to work as usual but dropped down dead at the pithead at Haugh Pit where he was employed. He was married with ten children.



Acknowledgements. Much of the above was taken from the Hamilton Advertiser 4 June 1887. Some technical explanations are from Wikipedia. Further information can also be found at http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/95.html

Ken CLARK - Member 1617J

A COLLECTION OF LETTERS

Amelia Langley, A Collection of letters, 8th November 1848–30 June 1862, sent to her sister Eliza.

It was three in the morning when Amelia sat down to write to her sister Eliza. She had been lodging in London with her aunt Smith and her cousin Emma. Such a lot had happened since they had arrived from Norfolk.

They had seen delightful sights such as Mrs. DUBAN's Waxworks, Blackwall, Greenwich and West India Docks. Travelling on many forms of transport across London. Trains, horse drawn buses, rowing barges and steam packets. They would be seeing the British Museum and London Bridge tomorrow.



Her hand closed over the gold locket her father had given her. It contained a lock of his hair. How she would treasure it.

It was a long sea journey to Port Phillip but she was excited to be going. They had been to the ship and met the Master. Such a nice man. He had wished them all a rich husband and a thousand pounds.

The good ship *Sir Francis Ridley* was to leave from Gravesend. It would be about 16 weeks before they reached Port Phillip. When they arrived at the Colony Aunt Smith rented a small house. She soon had new arrivals staying. Amelia and Emma and Aunt were very busy running the house. They were all dressmakers so they soon had a thriving business. Soon the small house was exchanged for a larger comfortable house. Some times as many as twenty people were in residence.

Amelia was very homesick in those early days. She wrote to her sister and father often but it was fifteen months before she had a reply. The mail was very unreliable.

In August 1850 a gentleman returned from the goldfields to stay in the house. His name was William RUTTER and he was a surveyor. His home was at Geelong, across the water.

On 22nd October 1850 Amelia married William in the parlour of the guesthouse. The next day they boarded the packet for her new home in Geelong.

A lovely stone house with all of the comforts in the Australian way were gradually added. A horsehair sofa, a chiffonier and a round table covered in books. Under the table was a warm carpet. They had a lady and a man to help.

Amelia described William to Eliza as "tall dark and handsome, fit for any company" she said he was very kind and good to her and she loved him dearly.

On 12th August 1851 Vincent William RUTTER was born. He was named for both his grandfather and his father. Amelia wrote with some pride to tell her family. She intended to bring him home to Fakenhurst one day. Sadly William died at 14 weeks. Amelia and William were bereft. Amelia suffered three more miscarriages in the coming years. Each one left her very tired and sad. She thought her chances of a family were gone.

William took Amelia with him everywhere as he travelled around the country. They covered many hundreds of miles. On horseback, steamers and in mail coaches with wheels a half a yard wide.

On 8th March 1852 they sailed for Sydney in the *Statesman*, when they arrived they set up home at Woolloomooloo.

In July 1854 Amelia wrote to Eliza, with news that they had moved to the North Shore. Telling of the abundance of fruit and vegetables they grew. Buckets of peaches and apricots. Even in winter!

Eliza Catherine RUTTER [my G G Grandmother] was born 9th December1855 in Sydney, followed by Charles Langley RUTTER 19th May 1860 after his parents had moved to the Shoalhaven.

Amelia was born 29th January 1824, Fakenham, Norfolk, England she died at the Sydney Infirmary 29th June 1862. Brain disease was listed as the cause. No information was on the death certificate about her dear husband, no mention of her two small children.

Lorraine GOWING - Member 1149

THE PANAMA CANAL 1923 and 2013

The Panama Canal was opened in 1914, (100 years ago this year), after a lot of controversy.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia:- It was one of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken at that time. The Panama Canal is a man-made canal which joins the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean through the country of Panama. The building of the Canal was plagued by problems, including disease, (particularly malaria and yellow fever) and landslides. By the time the canal was completed, a total of 27,500 workmen are estimated to have died during the French and American efforts.

The Canal is 77 km's (48miles) in length, and takes one whole day to go through either way, in a cruise ship, a container ship or a small yacht or motor boat. The maximum size of vessel that can use the canal, at this time, is known as *Panamax* but now expansions are in progress to accommodate larger vessels.

The Canal consists of artificial lakes, several improved and artificial channels, and three sets of Locks. From the entrance channel in the Gulf of Panama (Pacific side), ships travel 13.2 km (8.2 miles) up the channel to the Miraflores Locks, passing under the Bridge of Americas, (which looks very much like the Sydney Harbour Bridge).

The two-stage Miraflores Lock system, (first Lock) is 1.7 kms (1.1 miles) long, with a total lift of 16.5 meters (54 feet) at mid tide.

The artificial Miraflores Lake is the next stage, 1.7 kms (1.0) mile long, and 16.5 meters (54 feet) above sea level.

The single-stage Pedro Miguel Lock, (second Lock), which is 1.4 kms (0.8 Miles) long, is the last part of the ascent, with a lift of 9.5 meters (31 feet) up to the main level of the Canal. The Gaillard Cut slices 12.6 kms (7.8 miles) through the continental divide at an altitude of 26 meters (85 feet), and passes under the Centennial Bridge.

Next we enter Gatun Lake, an artificial Lake formed by the building of the Gatun Dam, and carries vessels 24.2 kms (15 miles) across the isthmus.

The Gatun Locks, a three-stage flight of locks (third Lock) 1.9 kms (1.2 miles) long, drop ships back down to sea level. A 3.2 km (2 mile) channel forms the

approach to the Locks from the Atlantic side. Limon Bay, a huge natural harbour, provides an anchorage for some ships awaiting passage, and runs 8.7 kms (5.4 miles) to the outer breakwater.

At the end of October 2014, Ron and I, along with our son Kevin, sailed through the Panama Canal on the Holland America Ship, m/s *Westerdam*, 82,000 tons on a 14 day cruise, from San Diego, California to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We were up on the top deck, very early on the Tuesday morning of 29th October to watch all proceedings of going through the Canal.

One of the reasons we decided on the trip was because, 90 years earlier at the beginning of October 1923, my Mother and her family, sailed through the Panama Canal on their way to New Zealand from England. It was a very nostalgic trip for me even though we sailed West to East (from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea), whereas Mum sailed East to West (from The Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean) on the Ship *IONIC*, Shaw Saville line (Twin Screw), 12,351 Tons Ship.

They left Southampton on Friday 14th September 1923, arriving in Wellington New Zealand on Wednesday 24th October 1923. From Mum's Diary:- The *IONIC* ship berthed at Colon, in the Caribbean Sea, before entering the Canal. The Ship took on board so much coal at the first berth then they moved to another wharf where the passengers could disembark for quite a few hours. On Monday the 1st of October 1923, my Mother and her friend Annie, were up at 4.30am to see their ship leave Colon on their way to the Panama Canal, and as she says "we hardly left the deck all day". "Oh! The sights we saw, coming through the canal". "It was wonderful, I can hardly describe it, all kinds of trees on each side of us and then when we got to the Locks it was all excitement". "We went through 3 Locks, the boat was lifted 3 times into a big Lake and the water was smooth as could be, we passed men working on the canal banks". "Well we came to 2 more Locks. This time we were lowered to the sea level, then we were soon in the open sea again". "We were glad to be on the move again. We had to go very slow through the Canal, we scarcely felt the boat move. We were glad to feel the rocking again".

My Mother did not write in her diary for 9 days after her trip through the Canal – I think she must have felt over-awed by it all. On the 10th of October she says "I told you about the Panama Canal, but I couldn't tell you all about it, it would need a poet or a painter to describe it. It was all so beautiful"

On Tuesday the 29th October 2013 we were up on the top deck of our ship by 5.30am to see us arrive at the entrance to the Canal (it was pitch black), but we didn't want to miss anything. We could see so many ships all lit up waiting to go through the Canal, some huge container ships, also small craft boats. Each ship has a time booked to go through. As it became lighter, it was our turn and we started to move closer to the first Lock.

The Shipping Company had organised for a lady from Panama, to come aboard our Ship to keep us up with proceedings, all the way through. There are two Locks side by side and there was a huge yellow and green arrow, right at the start of the pier which was pointed to either Lock to let the Captain/Pilot know which Lock to enter, (left or right). We were quite amazed at this way of directing ships on this wonderful construction, in this day and age!!!. Anyhow it all worked and we slowly headed into the first Lock after we saw 2 men in a row boat, in front of our huge ship. Apparently they pick up the first rope from the ship and transfer it to land, in order to drag the heavier ropes for connection to the Locomotives (Tugs).

As we went through the canal we could see lots of construction work being carried out, where they are building the new Locks, which will be much wider, to carry the huge passenger ships and container ships which are being built today. The gate behind us closed slowly, then our ship rose up with the water pouring into the Lock. When we were level with the water in the next Lock, the gate in front of us opened slowly (everything was done so slowly).

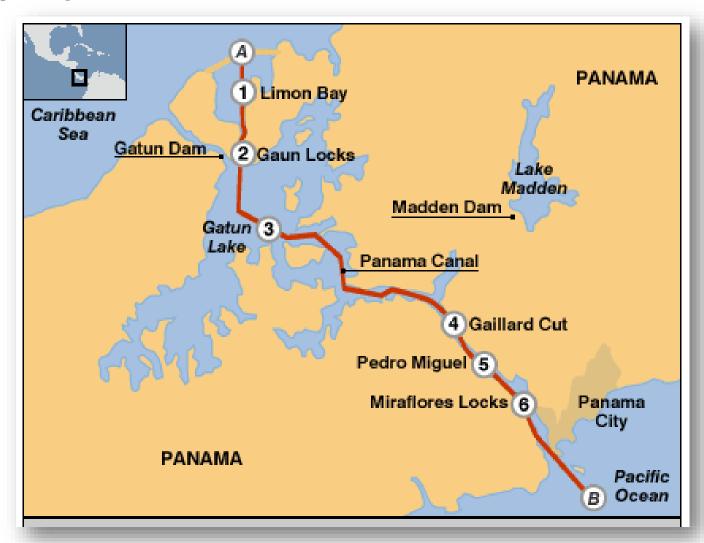
There were Locomotives on the pier edge, on each side of us, keeping us in the centre, to stop us from touching the sides of the canal, as there was very little space. The Locomotives looked like toys to us from right up on the top deck, but they certainly were not toys, quite big heavy machines, and did a great job. Once again the gate closed behind us and we slowly moved in to the next Lock. The water filled up again, our ship rose with it, the next gates opened and we were on our way into the River.

The next Lock was only a short distance and we went through all the above again but this time we came out on to a huge man-made lake. It was in this area that another cruise ship of the same Line as ours passed us in the opposite direction, which caused lots of waving and calling out as well as loud blowing of ships' horns. There were lush green bushes on little islands all round us, it was a pretty area but oh! so very hot and humid. The little Islands

are the tops of hills, which had been mostly covered when the Lake was formed. The heat didn't really worry us, it was all so fascinating.

By the time we came to the third Lock it was about 4 pm so it was once again a slow process of going into 3 different Locks but this time we came down to sea level and on our way to Columbia, sailing past Colon where my Mum had stopped all those years ago.

As my Mum says "it was all so beautiful", we too felt the same and more. It was a wonderful, amazing experience for all of us and I am sure all the passengers felt the same.



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JAMES "COTTRELL" HUDSON

James "Cotterell" HUDSON (1832-1918) was my g-g-grandfather, and despite considerable research, he continues to remain an enigma. He certainly had a troubled life, and he may even have been a bit of a cad, a deserter, a criminal, and a bigamist, perhaps. Yet there were no less than four with the name James Cotterell Hudson over four generations.

It would seem that he (let's call him "Jas") and his wife Mary Jane SALE were illiterate (they signed their marriage certificate with X) and so there are many variations in the spelling of both their names, making research that much more difficult! Additionally, as was common practice at the time, the firstborn male in the generations before and after was named after the father. Whereas James Cotterell HUDSON is a fairly unique name (even with variations), a search for "James Hudson" in most databases yields too many results. Unfortunately, at this time in Adelaide there was also a quack and a diplomat with this name, both of whom dominate the news archives. And "Cotterell" for James and his ancestors, as you will learn, is a red herring.

His parents John HUDSON (a hairdresser) was born about 1800 and married Jane DAVIDSON in 1825. We know that the family lived between 1831-34 at James St. then Little Coram St., then 17 Little Guilford St., then 24 Southampton Street, St Pancras, London, within the sound of the Bow Bells. How Cockney is that? Sadly Jane died in 1833 with James as their only surviving child. John quickly remarried another Jane (VALLER nee WILLIAMS) 31 December 1833 (she had previously been married to a William VALLER, a goldbeater, in 1818) in the Parish of St Mary, Lambeth, Surrey and already had three children and produced another child, his only daughter, before expiring at the young age of 37 in 1837, leaving his second wife and two young children, James age 5 and Ann Owen age 3.

Facing a bleak future as a dairywoman in London, now living at 9 Wood St. St Pancras, the twice widowed Jane applied in July 1838 for assisted passage to the newly established colony of South Australia and, five months later, arrived in Port Adelaide, aboard the *Prince George*, on 26 December 1838, with her three children from her first marriage, William Roope VALLER 19, Jane VALLER 18 and Sarah Elizabeth VALLER 15, along with her stepson James HUDSON, now nearly 7, and her daughter Ann HUDSON 4.

Within only four months of her arrival Jane was married a third time, to a William WEST, seaman, from Ramsgate, England, at the Holy Trinity Church in Adelaide on 21 April 1839.

I'm are not sure what happened during the next few years, but one can only imagine the psychological effects on these young children. But consider what happened to James: younger brother and mother died (1833), new stepmother (1833), father died (1837), a long sea voyage to a strange new colony (1838), new stepfather (1839).

The next fact we know is that eleven years later Ann Owen HUDSON married a Samuel BARNES (a convict) in Launceston, Tasmania on 16 September 1850. We don't know whether Ann's mother, step-father William or his brother James were in Tasmania at that time. As Ann was only 16 when she got married (she pretended she was 22) it is unlikely she abandoned her family in Adelaide and travelled alone to Van Diemen's Land. And she would not have met Samuel in Adelaide. Ann and Samuel went on to produce 12 children, and their progeny were (partly) responsible for the rapid growth of early Launceston.

I then find that a sawyer, James HUDSON married an Eliza COTTRELL in Tasmania on 24 December 1852. If this is indeed our Jas, it is exciting news! As this union occurred two years after the marriage of his sister Ann in Launceston, it seems that the family might indeed have all moved from Adelaide to Tasmania at that time. Moreover, here is the first reference to the name Cottrell (and variations). No wonder it couldn't be found in the UK records! What then happened to Jas's first marriage is yet to be determined. No children have been found. No death of Eliza has been found. No divorce has been found. In any event, this relationship seems to have had a profound effect on the 20 year old Jas, who promptly "adopted" the name Cotterell as his middle name. He also falsely assigned it to his father (Jas's marriage certificate.) and his mother (Jas's death certificate.) And of course, Jas's children and their children then used it - sometimes at random, and with random spelling.

Another ten years pass and we find that our James Cottrell HUDSON (sawyer) married Mary Jane SALE at St George Church Woodforde (at the base of the Adelaide Hills), on 8 November 1860. James was 28 (25 stated on the marriage certificate, and on death certificate) and Mary was 21 (although her

death certificate indicates she was married at 19). According to the marriage certificate James' father was "James Cottrell Hudson" [actually John HUDSON]' and Thomas "SALES" [actually "Sale"] was the father of "Mary Jane Sales". Mary "Seal" (many variations of spelling) (b. 26 June 1839 Liverpool d. 21 Aug 1919, Norwood Adelaide) emigrated to Australia five years earlier from Gloucester, England as a domestic servant arriving on the *Bucephalus* on 13 October 1855. Her parents were Martha BOOTH (1819-1888) and Thomas SALE (1822- abt. 1854), both of Liverpool.

James and Mary Jane then set about having some children - nine in fact. Mary Ann HUDSON born 11 February 1861, Martha Jane 'Janie' HUDSON born 09 July 1862, James Cotterell HUDSON 2nd born 10 March 1864, William Thomas HUDSON (my g grandfather) born 07 April 1866, (on birth certificate his name is "Hutson" and father's name is "Hutson" so that took me awhile to find), Sarah Elizabeth 'Lizzie' HUDSON born 22 June 1868, John Henry HUDSON born 05 January 1872, Edwin Charles Valler HUDSON born 23 February 1874 (note the middle name Valler comes from Jas's stepmother's name Jane VALLER), George Albert Paul HUDSON born 05 August 1876, and Walter Bertie HUDSON born 03 May 1881 and died 23 July 1884

At looking at the location of the birth of his children - it would seem that he was moving through the Adelaide Hills, probably following work in the timber and mining industries - a fairly rough life.

Also of note is the gap of five years between the birth of Mary Jane's 8th and 9th child. It was about this time that Jas's life began unravelling. It is possible that the last child (Walter) might not even have been his, and Walter's death certificate shows his father to be the "late" James HUDSON. Indeed, it turns out that at that time he had left his family and he was living in N.S.W.

It's feasible that Jas absconded not long after the birth of the 2nd last child, George in Palmer in 1876, and that wife Mary Jane was forced to become a housekeeper to survive with her large family, and consequently in Norwood bore an illegitimate child, Bertie, perhaps from the man who took her in, on 3rd May 1881 - almost a 5 year interval.

Certainly from the evidence we have, she seemed to have landed on her feet, despite being a "widow". We believed Jas left for NSW in 1884 only because of the entry on his death certificate that he had been "in NSW for 34 years". But we know that not all the data on that document was accurate (e.g.

occupation "Lawyer" [should be Sawyer maybe a typo] parents "James" [John] and Jane "Catterell") - so he may actually have left earlier than 1884. Sadly, it was obvious Jas had a few problems with the demon drink and the law. When his first child (Mary Ann) was about four months old, Jas was in trouble with a Third Creek publican, Isaac Gepp (of Gepps Cross fame?) who, in the Magill Court, was found guilty of assaulting him as he was worse for liquor and would not go the four miles home, as the night was cold and wet. Not much later Isaac successfully got his own back, by suing Jas for non-payment of 5 guineas and Jas was sent to prison for two weeks on 12

September 1861. So he now has a criminal record - and this probably dogged him for the rest of his life. It is likely that he was imprisoned again throughout his chequered life.

After the birth of Walter, there is an ominous lack of any news for 24 years, when we learn he was admitted into Rookwood State Hospital and Asylum Lidcombe on 29 August 1905 and discharged 16 October 1909. He was readmitted 27 October 1909 where he remained incarcerated for 17 years until 14 December 1916. That's when he went to Rydalmere. There's a page from the Register of Admissions and Discharges that shows he was taken by Brother (sic)** 14 September 1916, taken by Son on 3 October 1916, taken by Friends 14 November 1916 for the day, absconded 12 December 1916 for a day. There's no record of why he was there, or what he did from 16 to 27 October 1909— unfortunately, the Lidcombe records are very sparse. Before he went into the asylum in 1905, he may have been mixing it with some fairly rough people in Sydney ('a labourer, James Hudson, was admitted to Sydney Hospital, victim of assault. S.M.H. 22 March 1894). Or he may have spent some time in prison (James Hudson sentenced to 4 years penal servitude for breaking and entering, S.M.H. 4/4/1895). The James referred to in these incidents may or may not have been our Jas.

There are two medical certificates that certify him insane and support for his transfer from the 'Rookwood State Hospital and Asylum Lidcombe' to the Rydalmere Mental Hospital. One is dated 8 December 1916 and gives the 'facts indicating insanity' as "very confused and mentally muddled. States that he has already contributed largely to the upkeep of this institution and that if he can go out, he can go to Cobar* and do some assaying and earn money which he is certain to give freely to this institution. That people come and talk to him at night charging him with making accusations against them, of which he is quite innocent. The attendant states that he is very stupid, excitable at

times, is then inclined to be violent and fight other patients. "The other is dated 6 December 1916 and states "Knows where he is, but does not know why sent here. Thinks he is a great road maker. Has been troubled by voices talking about him and charging him with doing things he has never done. These voices used to wake him up. Attendant Hey, Lidcombe State Hospital [says] patient becomes very excitable and requires careful supervision. At such times inclined to be dangerous."

So he was transferred from Lidcombe to Rydalmere on 14 December 1916 (having absconded 2 days earlier!) His Mental State on Admission at Rydalmere is "Answers questions readily and fairly to the point. Rambles a bit at times and for his age his condition is very good "Age is recorded as 83. His General Appearance and Physical State on Admission is "Very old man with sparse grey hair, scrubby beard and moustache, Blue eyes Scar on right side of top of head due to tree falling on him" Height 5ft 7 inches.

Weight 9 stone 2 lbs. "No teeth. Skin of face wrinkled" Physical disease: "Arteriole Sclerosis". At Rydalmere there is a single note in the Record of Progress, dated July 1918 "Pt is very shaky on his legs, has been put to bed [because] he falls about so frequently -otherwise is fairly well"

When he was first admitted to Rydalmere, there was no-one recorded on the Record of Visitors, but on 26 Jan 1917 they record J Hudson Son, of Dunlop Station near Louth, he was informed of his failing health by wire "1 August 1918, and then of his death per wire 3/8/18". No visits recorded.

How tragic - his son James knew where he was, but perhaps because he lived a long way outback in Bourke, didn't visit him for the last 18 months. His death in Rydalmere Mental Hospital occurred on 2nd August 1918 of arteriosclerosis and cystic disease of the kidneys.

Coincidentally, his estranged wife Mary Jane HUDSON, died in Adelaide a year later - it is possible they were still in contact, (on Jas's death certificate he states he married Mary "Sailes" in Adelaide) but on the death certificate of Jas's son, James (1864-1941), there was no mention of his mother.

So we have learned a lot about Jas. But there are still a lot of unanswered questions:

1. What happened to his first marriage with Eliza Cottrell 24 December 1852 in Tasmania?

- 2. Were there any children? What happened to Eliza? Did he commit bigamy by marrying Mary Jane Sales ten years later? What was he doing during those ten years?
- 3. When did he go to Tasmania and when did he return to Adelaide?
- 4. Why did he leave Mary Jane and his nine children and go to NSW?
- 5. Exactly when did he leave? Was he the father of the last child, Bertie?
- 6. Did he go to Bourke and meet up with his son who was establishing a new life there?
- 7. What sort of mischief did he get up to in the 24 years before he was admitted into Rookwood?
- 8. Who was this mysterious "brother" who visited him in hospital on 14 September 1916? He only came out on the ship with one male his step brother William VALLER who was 15 years older than Jas.

It took some time for me to conclude that the James HUDSON who died in Rydalmere Mental Hospital was indeed my James Hudson who lived and married in South Australia. I then made it my duty to find out as much as I could about his time in the mental hospital.

Fortunately State records have an *Archives In Brief #86 – Infirm and destitute asylums – Inmate records.* This gave me all the information that I needed to access the records of this James HUDSON. All records are closed to public access for 110 years unless you can prove direct descendant. I had to send

copies of Birth, Death and Marriage certificates to prove that I was the next living relative of James. It only took a couple of weeks to get my letter from NSW Health department and then I called State Records and ordered the relevant documents and then paid a visit to Kingswood where I was given access to both Rydalmere and Rookwood Hospital records. As you can see from this story there was a lot of information to be had.



Yvonne POTTS - Member 1620



I have been of late researching my ancestors (see previous article) who moved further east out of the East End of London to West Ham and suburbs encompassing this area.

Deceased online has the majority of these cemeteries as part of their datasets BUT there are still a few that have no representation so for.

I printed out a map using Google Maps and began a process of elimination regarding the records of the many cemeteries in the area as to their existence on Deceased online. So far I have found the infamous Woodgrange Park Cemetery and the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium are not represented.

The three cemeteries covered by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council – being Rippleside, Chadwell Heath and Eastbrookend are all searchable from their website.

Cemeteries included on Deceased online are: Manor Park Cemetery, West Ham Cemetery, and the Romford Cemetery

[Read the bit at the end of this article for a list of cemetery records sourced from the National Archives at Kew regarding the removal of graves and tombstones from disused and closed burial grounds and cemeteries in Essex.]

For Chigwell Cemetery - You can purchase a subscription to the Essex Archives – SEAX at

http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/EssexAncestors.aspx?selAlphabet=c&selParish=2226&selChurch=2227. I started to investigate this site but will leave it to those who have an interest in the areas covered.

I will continue to keep an eye on these Essex cemeteries. By the way I have four films in at the centre for Woodgrange Park at present due to be returned in a few days, which I plan to extend. Do you think you have anyone buried there from 1915-1917, 1922-1927, 1929-1932 and 1947-1951. I have copied the indexes which appear on each film for entries so if you have a name let me know I will look it up for you. I have ordered three additional films covering

1912-1915, 1919-1922 and 1927-1929. Be advised though that these films could begin halfway through a year and the entry you want could be on a previous or next film depending on what part of the year the burial took place.

Further reading https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch the following list of online records from Deceased online for Essex are shown.

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St Thomas Churchyard, Brentwood	Essex	East of England	1836 to 1875
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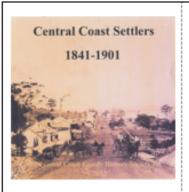
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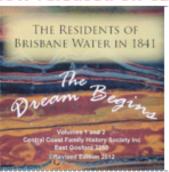
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