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## Editorial – Kay Radford

Wow! Am I thrilled? The circulation of our journal is via our Mailing list and our Website, I also send it electronically to 66 other family history societies around Australia. During the week after it went on line we had two wonderful results from stories published in the December issue.

Wednesday volunteer Brian DAVIES article - *What's in a Name* had a link to our housekeeper Jennie, and Pam Williams article - *The Hon. Mr Perry – Earl of Limerick's Quest to obtain a copy of his birth Certificate*, we had an email response to this story from a person who had read our journal viewed from the website and wished to get in touch with the author, I was very happy to be able to forward the message on to Pam.

So it's all happening. I think the new website with its front page link to the e-journal was a wonderful idea from our new web designer. Even though it had been on the older website it is now very much in your direct line of vision when the site opens. The selection of the four categories works well, **Pelican Press**, Membership, e-**Fluster** Journal and Publications.

In this issue recognising 100 years since the beginning of the Great War, we have several articles relating to Australians at War, Marg ERTNER writes about her great uncle Warwick COLDHAM-FUSSELL, Judy GIFFORD her visit to France, Rhonda CETTA-HOYE with trench art, and Karys FEARON more about the uncle she never knew. I couldn't help putting together a piece about my husband's Uncle Edward Joseph RADFORD and his movements after death in Amiens in 1918. Marlene DAVIDSON has contributed an item about her Grandfather, Richard BOYCE.

I have included some photographs and a few words on our Heritage Memory Box – Seniors Week event in March and our very special guest speaker Mayor McKinna has written a brief version of his talk to us about his lace weaving days.

**Fluster Cover:** Our Cottage today

## President's Piece – Irene Jamison

Greetings everyone!

The months pass so quickly between the issues of our journal. Each edition is filled with interesting articles provided by our members, bringing an assortment of topics and perhaps inspiring their readers to look into their own family history and present Kay with more interesting items.

The month of May heralds our Annual General Meeting with the changes that eventuate at this time. I want to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all the many people who give freely of their time and expertise to promote our Society and to assist those members who are experiencing family history research for the first time. There are too many to name individually but if you assist in any way, then you know you are in my thoughts.

I must mention the members of the present Committee ... thank you for your efforts over the past months.

My thanks too, to Bennie Campbell, Warwick Forrest and Marlene Bailey, who have recently resigned.

With best wishes to all,  
Rene Jamison.

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Deadline for articles for the August 2014 edition is 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

For layout details see page 7



## 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 Bennie Campbell for inclusion on the Website.

1911	SCHIPP, Paul	1919	PALMER, Pamela
1912	CHURCH, Dianne	1920	MUNDAY, Jackie
1913	LUCAS, Brian	1921	VIDLER, Margaret
1914	BEGG, Pamela	1922	McSHANE, Trypheyne
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1917	PARSONS, Alan	1925	GRUNDY, Jenni
1918J	METZKE, Mari & Eric	1926	BURTON, Pamela Ruth

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## 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

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Wendy has already spoken at our February meeting on the success of our Christmas Luncheon. Our two patrons Lucy Wicks and Lawrie McKinna got into the swing of things and it was a great afternoon.

Same time same place next year. Keep the first Saturday in December free.

### **RESEARCH CENTRE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

I am sure I speak for our volunteers and library assistants when I say – we had a very good and long break – time to relax with family and catch up on all those things we seem to put aside for later i.e. house cleaning, I know someone we all know well finally got to her linen cupboard. She tells me her pantry has never been so organised. We bounced back the first week of February rearing to go.

### **FAMILY TREE MAKER ONE ON ONE HELP SESSIONS**

Don't forget! Kay Rawnsley (better known as Kay2) has organised to have one on one help sessions on Tuesday mornings. These sessions **MUST** be booked ahead. Kay can set up a program for you on your laptop and get you going. She can also sort out any problems you are having. The new Version 2014 is now available to purchase from the centre for \$60.00

During the year we will see if we can organise a larger get together on a Saturday afternoon. Nothing has been organised at this stage.

### **EDUCATION - WORKSHOPS**

FamilySearch – how to make the most out of the new website. Was to have been scheduled early in 2014 but due to unforeseen circumstances this had been put on hold for the present.

**Military Records** – The Australian War Memorial – took place 29<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Organising your family history records and Subject Headings** – now scheduled for 14 June 2014. Limited vacancies. \$5.00 fee.

Add your name to the Expressions of Interest List on the Noticeboard in the centre. Or contact the society via email on [kay1@centralcoastfhs.org.au](mailto:kay1@centralcoastfhs.org.au)

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2014 – effective March/April**

Annual Membership Fees for 2014-2015 will be:

Single Membership	\$43.00
Joint Membership	\$60.00
Re Joining Fee	\$ 5.00

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](http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au)

Please note there will be no rise in membership fees for the 2014-2015 membership year.

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

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### **CCFHS WRITERS' GROUP – 2014 WORKSHOP UNDERWAY**

Dates are for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from April through to September, with the exception of the first meeting which due to the Easter long weekend will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 26 April then thereafter 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August and finishing on 20 September. The Committee would like to thank Marie Riley and Terry Heffernan for their commitment to this workshop. Please arrive 12.30pm for 1pm sharp start. The cost per workshop is \$5.00.

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### **NEW SECURITY SOFTWARE**

New security software Kaspersky has been purchased through our membership with the Connecting-Up Organisation. Connecting-Up offers various software titles from time to time to non-profit organisation at a much reduced price. During March we purchased two Windows 7 versions to update our older laptops from Vista at a cost of \$13.00 each and also in 2013 we purchased four copies of Microsoft Office Professional for our administration computers in house also at a reduced price. Adam from Central Coast Mobile Computers installed the new software on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.



## EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**APRIL 5- GENERAL MEETING see speakers list**

**MAY 3- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**JUNE 7 - GENERAL MEETING**

**JULY 5 - GENERAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 2 - NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH**

We now have a full month in which to celebrate this event. No plans are as yet in place but we will definitely be doing something during the month of August.

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## OUTREACH EVENTS

**APRIL 12** - Kiama Family History Fair - Margaret, Kay1 and Yvonne will represent the Society at this event.

**APRIL 20** - Margaret Ertner in her capacity as Education Officer will be giving a talk at Kincumber Library - Subject: *War Records*

**MAY 10** - Terrigal Uniting Church - We will be helping people get started tracing their family history as well as holding a small trading table. Members are welcome to attend this function I will send out full details via the mailing list when they are to hand.

**MAY 18** - NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies committee meeting at Caringbah - Margaret and Kay1 will be representing the society.

**MAY 25** - Margaret Ertner will be travelling up to join our friends at Taree Family History Society on their open day. As Wendy will be away Kay 1 has offered to go with her.



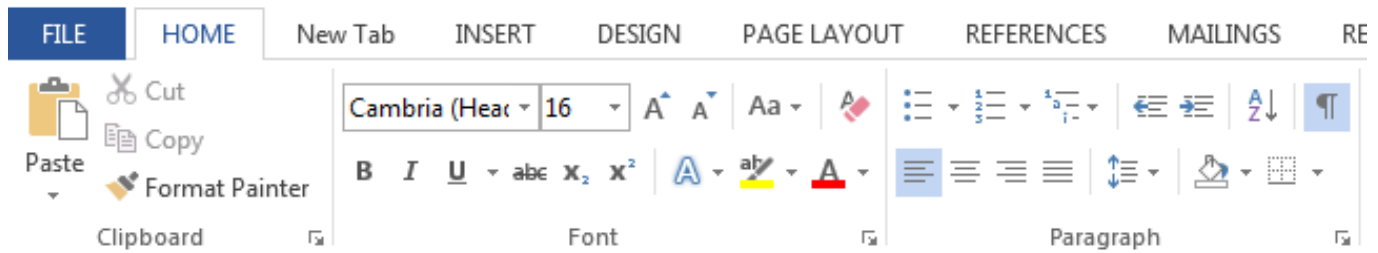
**SEPTEMBER 12 to 14** - NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc Annual Conference to be hosted by Illawarra Family History Group Inc.

Venue: Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. See the noticeboard in the centre for further details or go to <http://www.conference2014.org.au/>

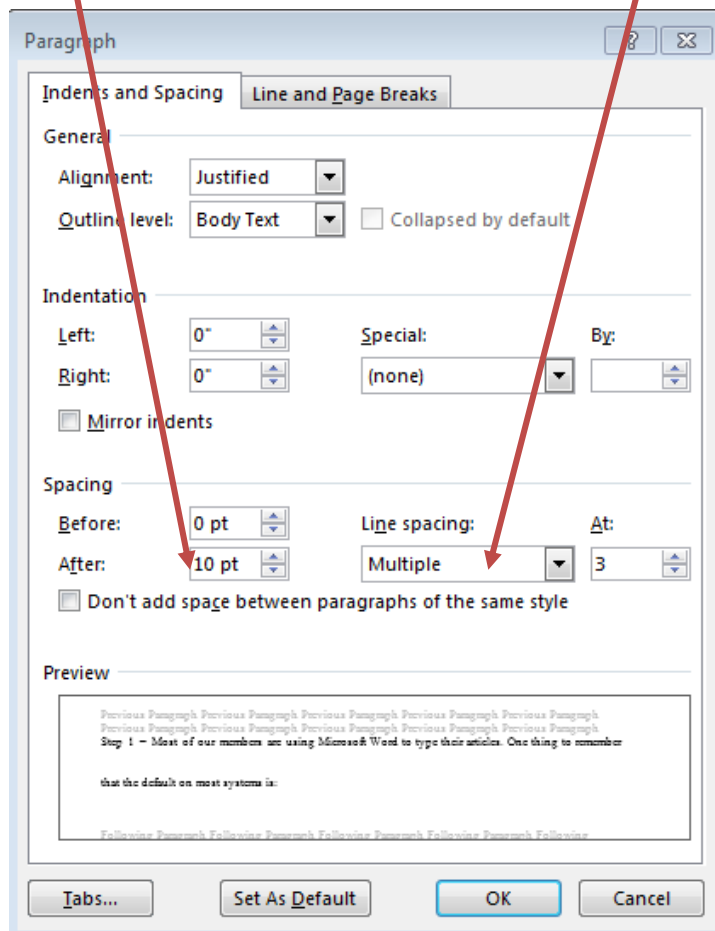
## MUSTER ARTICLES – Three Steps

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 default for new pages in Word. This is shown under the Paragraph section of the Home page see image below:



before you start please reconfigure your page to show under Spacing - After **Opt** and Line Spacing should read **Single**. **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 16 pitch 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 reformat 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 you can 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 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

## **PATRON ACCEPTS HER CITATION**

Federal Minister Lucy WICKS, MP was delighted when Rene presented her with her Patron Citation at our December Christmas Luncheon.

Lucy was most impressed by the turnout. We enjoyed her family’s company together with Mayor Lawrie McKinna and his wife Christine, all joined in the fun and celebration of another year – WELL DONE!

Photo: l-r Fed Memb Lucy, Wendy VP, Rene President, Mayor Lawrie holding vampire Nathan Hartley – editors #17 grandchild. In the foreground Margaret Ertner





### **April 5<sup>th</sup> – John SHARPLES - *The Men's Shed Movement***

John is a retired woodwork and metalwork teacher and is currently the President of the Bateau Bay Men's Shed. He also presides over the 10 sheds in Zone 8 of the Movement, from Murrurundi to Umina. In his talk he shows pictures of "Men at Work" and explains the rationale of the movement and its amazing growth since it began nationally in 2007.

This speaker is still to be confirmed in 2014

### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dawn SPRINGETT - *The Loss of HMS Sturdy and the 70th Anniversary Memorial Service***



Dawn is a retired librarian who has worked in school, special, college and public libraries.

For the last nineteen years of her professional life she taught at the Sydney Institute of Technology at Ultimo. Early retirement gave her the opportunity to indulge her passionate interest in maritime history especially the story of the loss of the *Walter Hood* in 1870 on the South Coast of New South Wales.

Dawn is descended from a long line of British sailors on two family branches and has undertaken extensive family history research. Her other research interests include Industrial Health Nursing and the little known Australian writer Harriet KELMAN. Her current interest is writing the story of her aunt's WAAF experiences during World War II. Dawn feels strongly that names and personal stories should be acknowledged in the terrible statistics of wars and conflicts.

## **7th June - Barbara SCOTT - T.A. Scott and Family**

Barbara is the great granddaughter of Thomas Allison Scott the sugar pioneer and early resident of what was called Point Clare in those days. Barbara is a resident of Tascott, knows the family well and has many reminiscences of the early days in this area and much knowledge of the extended family. Having published works in other genres she is currently writing a book on the Scott family.

Barbara is also a keen member of Brisbane Water Historical Society.

## **5<sup>th</sup> July – Lyn FERGUSSON –Governor FitzRoy - Beyond the Rumours: Tenth Governor of New South Wales, First Governor-General of Australia**

Was Governor FitzRoy the man popular history would have us believe? Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy's tenure as Governor of New South Wales and Governor-General of Australia between 1846 and 1855 was plagued by rumour. Mention FitzRoy and he is either not remembered at all, remembered as the Governor who caused his wife's death or as a shameless womaniser. Are these damning comments justified? It was the time of Wentworth, Parkes and Lang, giant political figures in New South Wales' early history. FitzRoy's administration oversaw matters such as settlement of the contentious crown land issue and squatters' rights, discovery of gold, education and introduction of the railway. A man of the British Empire, he served firstly his King, then a young Queen Victoria as the Crown's Vice Regal representative at Prince Edward island, the Leeward Islands and finally, New South Wales. This commissioned biography portrays FitzRoy in a light not previously considered, from a personal, family oriented aspect, stretching from childhood to the battlefields of Waterloo. Going beyond the rumours set in motion in 1847, it reveals a worldly diplomat, a Governor who encouraged those around him to act on their beliefs.

Lyn's CV could relate to the fact that she writes on historical themes and her new commissioned biography on FitzRoy is her first since the one she did on Admiral Arthur Phillip. She was our speaker on the latter in September 2011.



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

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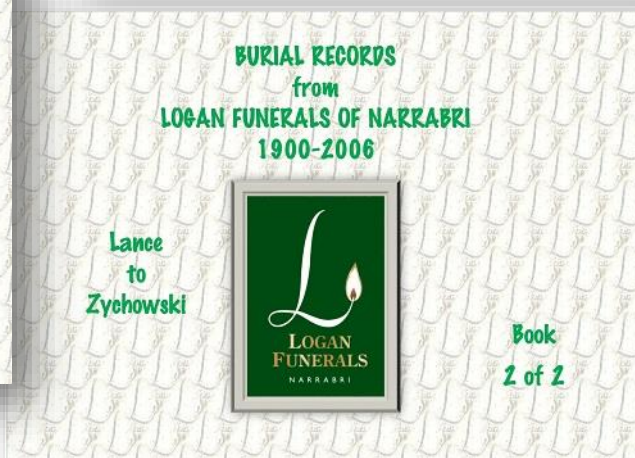
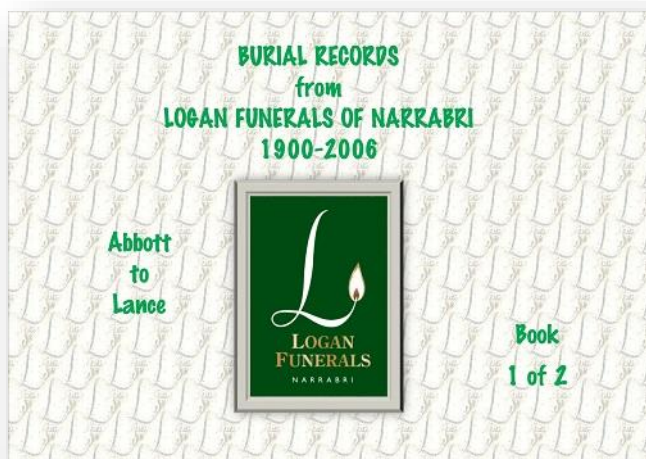
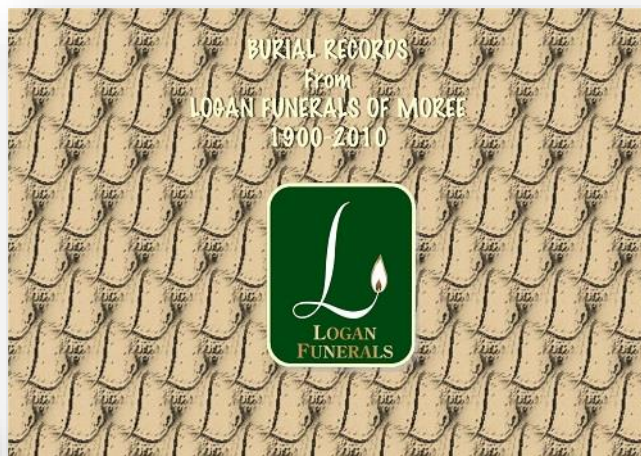
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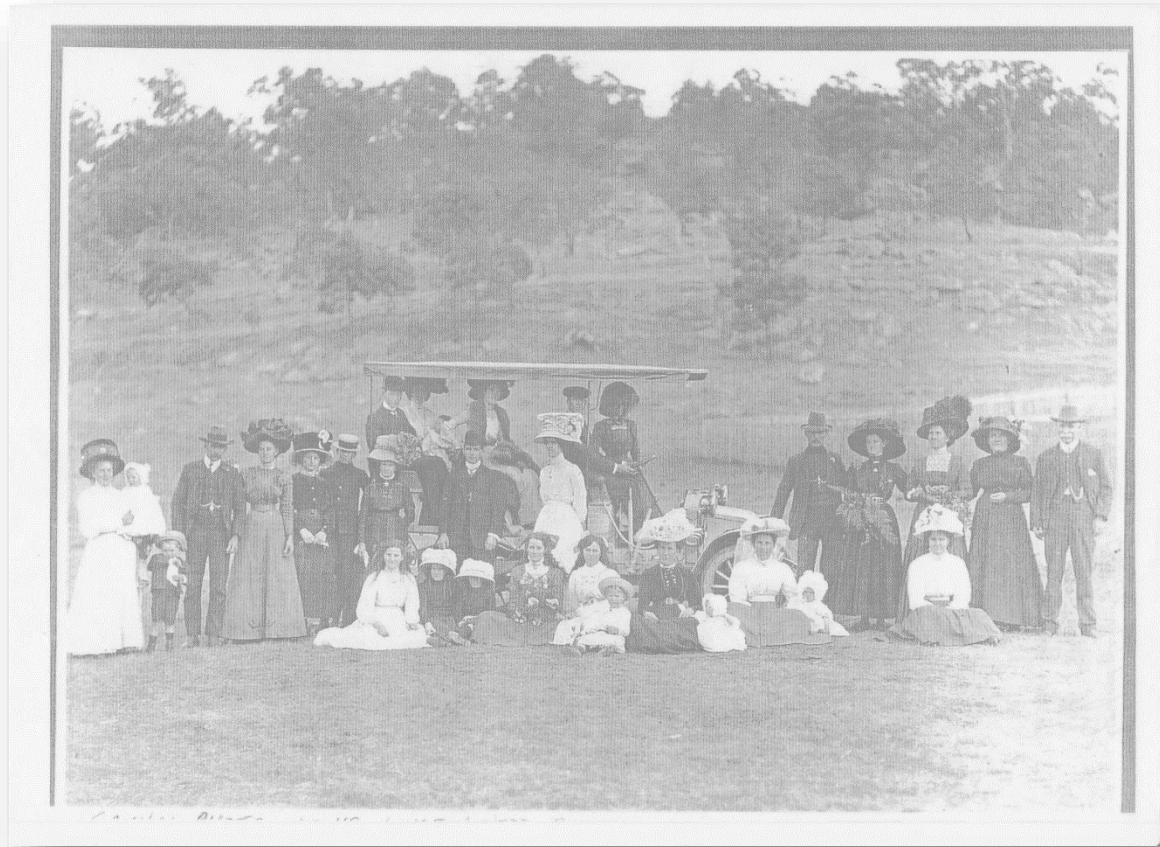
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## TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Time is running out for Jeanette Chapman, who has terminal cancer. Could you perhaps help Jeanette to identify this photo which was amongst some BEAVAN family photos she was given.



If you can help Jeanette identify the people or the place this photograph was taken then please contact the Editor for contact details. Jeanette feels the photograph was taken here on the coast somewhere.

### PARISH OF HECKINGTON BURIAL REGISTER LANCASHIRE 1852

*N.B. Duke of Wellington Died, at Walmer Castle Sep<sup>r</sup> 14.  
Grand Public Funeral Nov 18. cost £80,000.*

NB – Duke of Wellington died, at Walmer Castle, September 14, Grand Public Funeral Nov. 18 Cost £80,000

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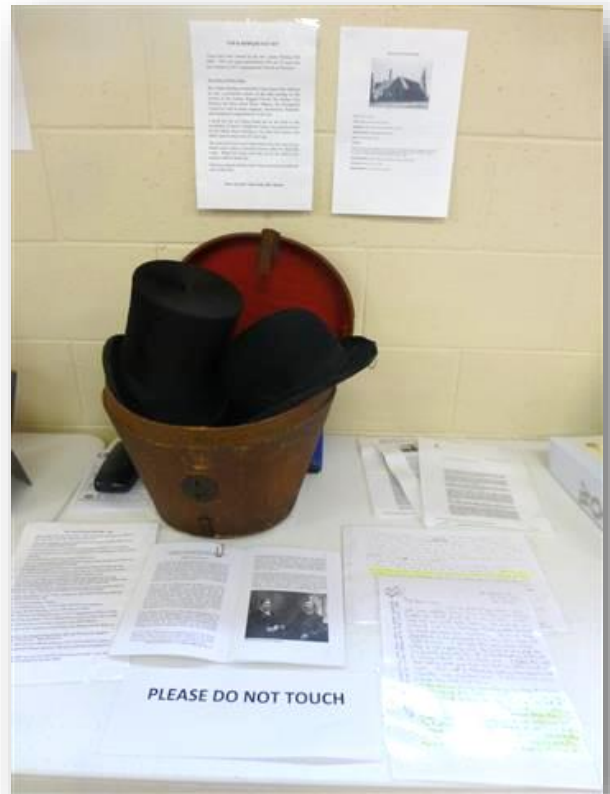
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valuable and what one would consider special though. I have nothing valuable but certainly have heaps of items that I consider special.



I would like to thank



everyone who gave us the privilege of enjoying their wonderful objects.



Pam Williams, Margaret Smith, Sylvia Marshall, Margaret Melnyk, Kay 1 and 2, Wendy Condon, Alan and Sandra Wood, Joan Patrick, Ian Rimes, Lindsay Watts and of course Deb. If I have omitted anyone I am sorry. Editor



There are so many photos I am unable to do justice to them all. At our April meeting Deborah will have a collage display of the photos taken on the day. If you're reading this online then just enlarge the copy.

**Editor**

## MAN OF LETTERS



From the service records of my great uncle, Warwick COLDHAM-FUSSELL, the 11<sup>th</sup> child of my great grandfather James COLDHAM-FUSSELL, who arrived in the colony in 1855, I had gleaned a lot about his rank, postings and the dates of his movements as he travelled from Australia in December 1915, an officer in the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse. He disembarked first in Egypt then a year later was seconded to the Australian Provost Corps in 1917 where he saw service at Ypres then took part in the Passchendaele operations being shelled on the Menin Road. Suffering from shell-shock he was sent to England for

recuperation. While in England

during 1918 he was promoted to Captain and was mentioned twice in despatches. He arrived back in Australia in 1920 after serving as Assistant Provost Marshall in Capetown.

This was the extent of my military research and I was quite satisfied to leave it there.

I knew he married Vera DWYER, a budding young authoress, daughter of George Lovell DWYER and Margaret Jane SHIELD both born in Tasmania, before leaving for overseas duty.

In his records there were copies of letters his wife had written to the war Office when she heard he was ill. But I had no photos of either of them.



One day while idling through TROVE I spotted a reference to photos and diaries and letters. Usually, I used TROVE for newspaper articles, forgetting it consisted of eight different databases so I entered a surname in search then I scrolled around the page and found there were references for Warwick at the Australian War Memorial and also two photos.

I noted the call number for the archival material at the research room at the AWM. All the heading said was "Letters". I imagined a folder of letters that he had sent to his wife during his time overseas but I did plan on visiting the research room at The Australian War Memorial when in Canberra for the Conference in September.



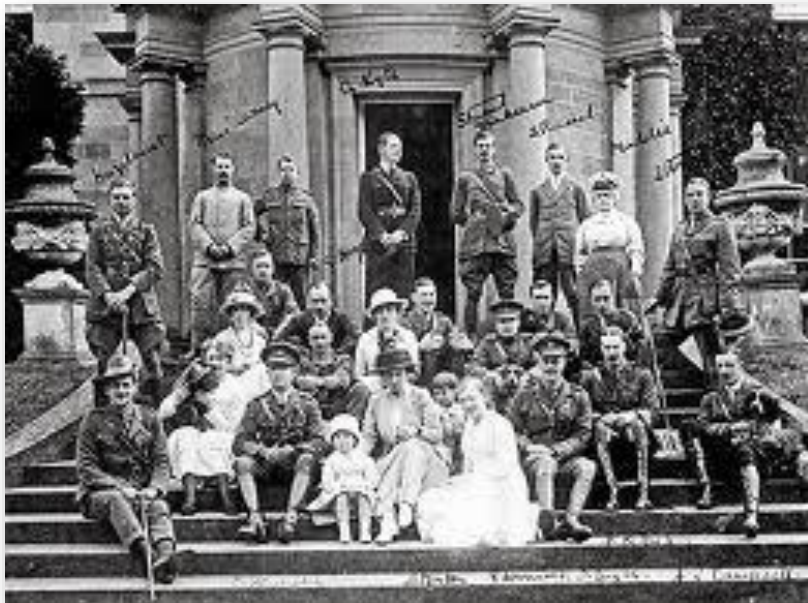
My original plan was to ask the Archivist what I needed to do to access the material as it was listed as Personal Papers. My travelling buddies had other ideas and convinced me to at least look in the folder to see what was there. So I put in my order and waited the thirty minutes for it to arrive.



A large box arrived containing 14 folders! I had allowed about an hour to make enquiries as we were travelling home that day! Opening the first folder was mindboggling and more than a bit emotional. It contained three diaries with the written entries set out as letters to his wife. They told of the everyday life in the trenches; the mud, the cold and the lack of food. There was some humour when he wrote of the threatened sacking of his cook "Snowy" for the awful meals he concocted!

*Photo: Lady Clementine Waring*

There were several addresses written in the back cover. One was Lady Clementine WARING of Lennel House, Coldstream, Scotland. This is apparently where he recovered after the shelling in France.



*Photo: Group at Lennel House is Warwick amongst this lot?*

By now my hour had run into 2 hours but I felt I needed to at least look in the second folder. It also contained 3 diaries! Quickly scanning through the pages, again written as letters to his wife, I could now expand on the

basic details I found in his service records. Four hours had passed! We had to get home but I didn't want to leave.

There are still 12 more folders to go through and I'm guessing they hold more diaries. I'll need months to read them all.

For a family historian the worse thing was I could not photocopy or photograph anything in the folders without the permission of the Curator and to get that could take from 2 to 3 weeks. I did take lots of handwritten notes and researched further when I got home with the intention of contacting the Curator and planning a much longer visit!

The Archivists at the research room were so encouraging and efficient. There is a large library in the Research room too, so even if you just want to research background to the Wars I'm sure you'll find information in the large collection of books they hold.



**Margaret Ertner – Member #1252**

Photo: Memorial Wall Canberra – Editors Collection

## TRENCH ART

Receiving Kay 1's request for Articles for the April ~~Fluster~~ and hoping to include some from WW1, I thought I would throw together an article which I find fascinating, Trench Art.

In my innocence, I found it to be a massive undertaking. So here in a very abridged version and asking you, the dear readers, to look up the history it entails for an enthralling journey of an art some may not have yet discovered.

Along with this beautiful art we can't ignore or forget the horrors but look past the tragedy of limbless children who earn money after every theatre of war selling shrapnel to feed their families. Let us not forget that in many areas it will take generations before farming lands will be free of insidious land mines. It is with sympathy for those people that I move on to the beauty that emerged from disarmed and denoted explosives and the histories they accompany. Mostly it is these abandoned brass armaments that Trench Art is fashioned into beautiful objects.

My personal interest was sparked by Ambrose (Amby) Robert CETTA 1887 – 1949 he was in the Light Horse and served in the Camel Corps in Egypt in what was known as The Great War.



Amby, my grandfather and known to us as Pop CETTA made a tea pot stand from the base of a brass shell. It has three legs made from the handles of brass garden taps which had been cut in half. On the surface is very crudely engraved with a single flower on a stem and a few leaves. This was my introduction to Trench Art. Being brass it conducted the heat from the teapot, through the little legs and left heat marks on the polished table. So it needed a round, wooden bread board to stand on to avoid this happening. Over the years this teapot stand

was pushed further back in the kitchen cupboard and for many years forgotten.

As Ambrose served in the Egyptian desert I doubt this teapot stand would have been made there. My Mum told us that Amby could turn his hand to anything. There is no doubt he made it but just where remains a mystery. So it is assumed he made it on his return to Australia.

We also had an ashtray with a bird from the hood of a car attached. Goodness only knows whose car the bird must have “flown” from as my grandparents never owned a car.

There is no end to the imagination Service Personal used to create beautiful artworks. Ashtrays, bookends, pen holders, vases, religious artefacts, you name it they made it.

Imagine the excitement on a trip to Bandiana Victoria last year when we visited the Service Museum. The Army Base was where my husband Ron had done his army training. As well as viewing the exhibits, the reason for our visit was for him to donate photos of his training days which the volunteers very gratefully accepted. Should none of my family want the little teapot stand it will find a home in this excellent facility.

The museum not only has every instance of Service vehicles, helicopters and tanks right down to uniforms and armoury.

The highlight was the magnificent and large display of Trench Art. One can't help marvel at the variety of the work, twisted brass formed into something so beautiful and polished to a high shine. Who were these artists? where did they come from?. Where did they serve? Did they get to come home? If they did in fact come home, was the recipient thrilled when presented with this art? This art goes back to the Boer War, and before, just amazing.

Occasionally we hear on the news of people having live ammunition in their home as a souvenir. One I remember was a large live shell that had been used as a door stop and kicked around for years. My thought on this is “thank goodness they didn't try to convert it into trench art and more so that it was



at last surrendered to Authorities. I know everyone will say of each piece, “If only it could talk.”

Below sums up eloquently what I have tried to express.

Book Description: **Trench Art - by Nicholas J Saunders** .

Source: Wikipedia

Publication Date: August 1, 2003 | ISBN-10: 1859736084 | ISBN-13: 978-1859736081 | Edition: 1st

Trench art is the evocative name given to a dazzling array of objects made from the waste of industrialized war. Each object, whether an engraved shell case, cigarette lighter or a pen made from shrapnel, tells a unique and moving story about its maker. For the first time, this book explores in-depth the history and cultural importance behind these ambiguous art forms. Not only do they symbolize human responses to the atrocities of war, but they also act as mediators between soldiers and civilians, individuals and industrial society, and, most importantly, between the living and the dead.

Trench art resonates most obviously with the terror of endless bombardment, night raids, gas attacks and the bestial nature of trench life. It grew in popularity between 1919 and 1939 when the bereaved embarked on battlefield pilgrimages and returned with objects intended to keep alive the memory of loved ones. The term trench art is however, misleading, as it does not simply refer to materials found in the trenches. It describes a diverse range of objects that have in some way emerged from the experience of war all over the world. Many distinctive objects, for example, were made during conflicts in Bosnia, Vietnam, Northern Ireland and Korea.

Surprisingly, trench art predates World War I and it can be made in a number of earlier wars such as the Crimean War, the American Civil War, and the Boer War. SAUNDERS looks at the broader issues of what is meant by trench art, what it was before the trenches and how it fits in with other art movements, as well as the specific materials used in making it. He suggests that it can be seen as a bridge between the nineteenth century certainties and the fragmented industrialized values and ideals of the modern world. This long overdue study offers an original and informative look at one of the most arresting forms of art. Spanning from 1800 to the present day, its analysis of art, human experience, and warfare will pave the way for new research and



will be of great interest to cultural and military historians, anthropologists, art historians and collectors.



**Rhonda Cetta-Hoye - Member #1307**

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### VISIT TO WWI BATTLEFIELDS, JUNE 2013

Like most people of our generation, my husband and I both had a great uncle who served in France during WW1. A highlight of our overseas trip to Europe last year was a 3-day personal guided tour of the battlefields. The tour company asked for details of our uncles and tailored the tour to that and the fact that we were Australian.



We were met at the railway station at Amiens and the first stop was the small cemetery where John's ancestor, the brother of his paternal grandmother, Morley Thomas BROWN is buried — the British cemetery of Nampsa-u-Val. This cemetery, like everyone we saw, is beautifully maintained by the

Commonwealth Graves Commission. It was near a dressing centre where the wounded from various battles were brought back. There are men buried here from many countries. The cemetery is in a beautiful peaceful valley with

wheat growing up to the edge of the road and surrounding three sides of the cemetery.

Morley came from Queanbeyan and was aged 26 at the time of his death, 5 April 1918, and was part of the 35<sup>th</sup> battalion (infantry).



Photo: Namps-au-Val Cemetery

My ancestor was Frederick Charles SKILLER, my maternal grandfather's brother. I am very proud of him as he and five mates won a Military Medal as stretcher-bearers, the highest award a private can receive. Our guide could not pinpoint exactly where this event happened — a bit of a pity.

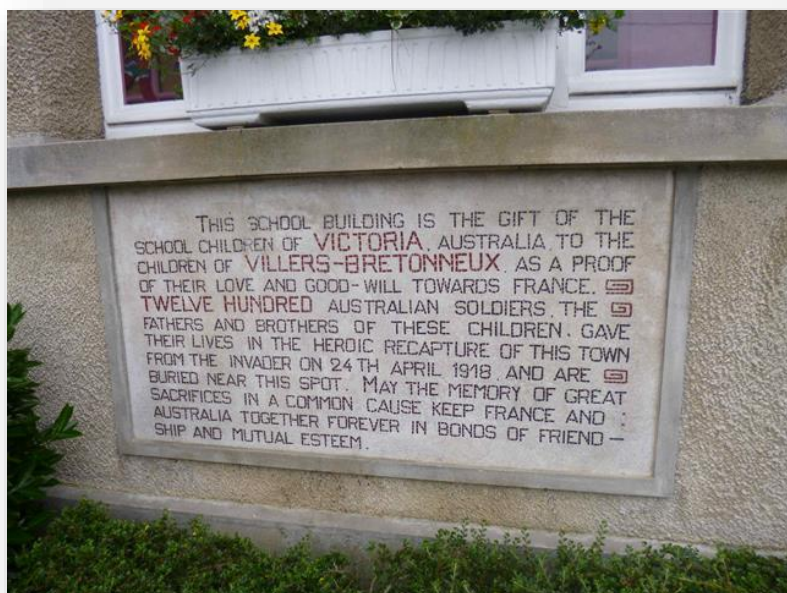
The citation is very moving:

*At the southwest of BELLICOURT during 29 and 30 September 1918, these stretcher bearers displayed conspicuous bravery in carrying wounded across ground exposed to enemy observation and under heavy shell and machine gun fire. Each carry was across the Hindenburg system and owing to the rain making the ground slippery each trip took 3 hours to carry 1000 yards across wire, trenches etc.*

*In spite of numerous casualties amongst the bearers, these men by their endurance, determination and example encouraged the other bearers and in an extraordinarily difficult situation, made the evacuation of wounded possible. Devotion to duty of these men is deserving of a special award.*

(This was written by the Commanding officer, 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Division. The award of the Military Medal was made 4 October 1918.)

Fred survived the war and returned to Sydney. My mother always remembers that he had to be careful how he walked as he could not feel his feet properly — a victim of trench feet.



We visited many sites including Villers-Bretonneux the school, rebuilt with money raised by Victorian school children. This town was completely destroyed during the war and liberated by the Australians. The streets have Australian names, there is a museum mainly about Australian deeds and the school playground

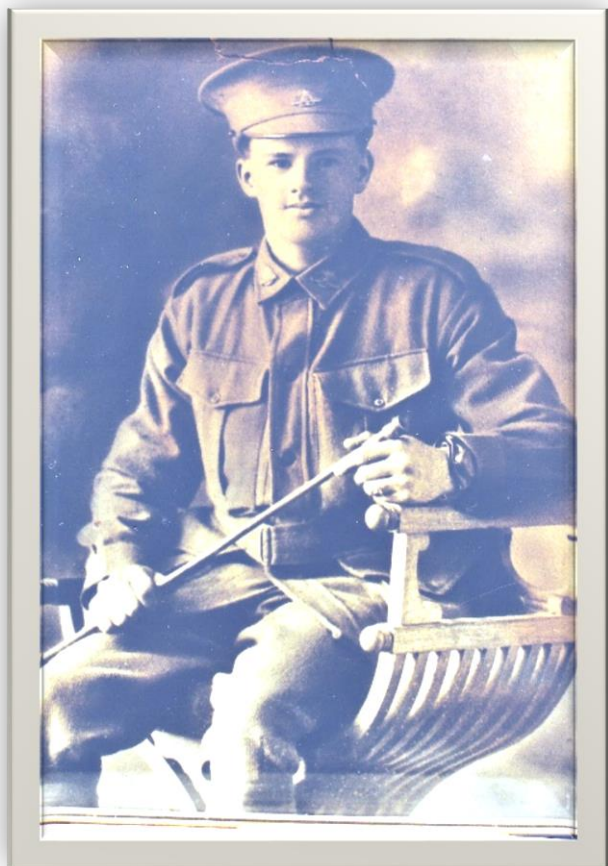
has a prominent sign *Oublions jamais les Australiens* (never forget the Australians). Battlefields and cemeteries we visited included: Pozieres, Newfoundland and NZ memorials; Vimy Ridge; VC Corner; the very stark and neglected German cemetery at Langmarck; Hill 69; Polygon Wood; Tyne Cot; Passchendaele; Ieper in Belgium (once called Ypres) which has been completely rebuilt as it was and has a terrific museum, plus the nightly ceremony at 8pm at the Menin Gate.

I took lots of photos. It is such a beautiful peaceful area. The needless carnage is very hard to comprehend nearly 100 years later.

**Judy Gifford – Member #333**



## EDWARD JOSEPH RADFORD 1890-1918



Edward Joseph RADFORD survived the horrors of WW1 only to pass away a few weeks after Armistice.

His war service record reports minor injuries during his years of service overseas, but the influenza epidemic of 1918 he did not survive.

Edward died on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1918 and was buried in the DURY HOSPITAL MILITARY CEMETERY. The cemetery had been located at the asylum near the west side of the Amiens-Dury road. From August 1918 to January 1919, this asylum building was used by British medical units. A cemetery was made next

to an existing French Military Cemetery. The British cemetery contained the graves of 195 Canadian and 185 United Kingdom soldiers and airmen. There were 63 Australian soldiers, one casualty from the Cape Auxiliary Horse Transport Corps, one French and one American soldier.

In a letter dated 21 February 1928 to my husband's grandfather, Joseph Henry RADFORD father of Edward, a comprehensive record of his burial and re-interment is given.

*Dear Sir,*

*With further reference to the report of burial of your son, the late 6377 Private E. J. RADFORD, 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice that the remains of this soldier have been exhumed from Dury Hospital Military Cemetery and re-interred with every measure of care and reverence in Plot 13, Row BB, Grave 7 of Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, France, where a permanent headstone of uniform design will be erected and engraved with his full regimental particulars and date of death, together with any verse or epitaph previously selected in the form of a personal inscription.*





*It is disclosed in the course of a report from the Imperial War Graves Commission that in order to reach Dury Hospital Military Cemetery, visitors were compelled to pass through the grounds of a French Lunatic Asylum where the inmates were at work. Notwithstanding that the local authorities fully sympathised with our representations in the matter. It was found impossible to provide other means of access, and in the interests of relatives the Commission decided to remove the graves to the nearest British Cemetery as the only practicable way of overcoming the difficulty.*

*Photo: Wooden Cross at Drury*

*The French Government officials, also realising the unfortunate consequences that might arise through*

*the presence of these patients, have removed their soldiers' graves from the vicinity, and it is felt that you will appreciate the necessity of similar action being taken in the case of British graves.*

*It may be added that under normal conditions Dury Hospital Military Cemetery would not have been selected as a suitable site for burial, but owing to the exigencies of military operations at the time these casualties occurred no other choice presented itself.*

*It is the practice of the Commission to notify relatives direct when the headstones are finally in position, and at the later date the opportunity will be afforded you of obtaining a copy of the printed Register containing full particulars of all British and Dominion burials in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery. It is signed Office In Charge Base Records*

In 2000 when my husband Ken's father was gravely ill I wrote to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission requesting a photo of his new resting place.

This second photograph arrived two weeks before my father-in-law passed away. Unfortunately he was too ill to comprehend what we were showing him.

Wall of Remembrance – Canberra



**Kay Radford – Life Member #530L**

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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
CENTRAL COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC  
Will take place on 3 May 2014**

**All Positions on the committee will be declared vacant.**

**Nomination Forms for Committee are available from the Acting  
Secretary on request.**

**All nominations should reach the Acting Secretary seven (7) days prior  
to the AGM.**

## A SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

What history is hidden in Grandfather's school certificate of 1887? The little certificate just 13 x 10 cm was kept in his office filing cabinet: a home-made box slightly larger than a cubic foot. How fortunate are we family historians with access to resources, on line and at State Records? Thanks to NSW Birth Death and Marriage records, State Archives and Trove, my brief family information can be expanded.



My Grandfather, Richard BOYCE, was the second son of James & Annie BOYCE (nee BLAKE) and was born in Walcha in October 1875. His birth was registered at the closest Court House at Armidale. He was only 3 weeks old, his brother James less than 2, when their father died. Fortunately his BLAKE grandparents, James & Hannah, lived and farmed in the *Irishtown* settlement nearby and later a few miles from Walcha. In 1878 Richard had a step father when Annie married William GREEN. Six 6 step siblings were born on various properties in the Walcha district where Richard's parents worked and the family lived.<sup>1</sup> Richard's grandmother Hannah BLAKE died in 1881 and by

<sup>1</sup> Childrens' birth certificates.



1887 three of Annie's & William's young children had also died. Traumatic times for all.

It was from this background that Richard's Grandfather James BLAKE took him to Sydney to go to school at Ultimo.

*Questions you wished you had asked.*

*Why did his Grandfather take Richard to school in Sydney?* Walcha school had opened in 1859.<sup>1</sup> Family suggest Grandfather BLAKE was so devastated by the death of his wife that he took Richard to school in Sydney "until the money ran out, then he would go into the poor house and Richard would return to Walcha." What money did they refer to? Had grandfather sold the farm and was he actually too old to continue to work it? Annie insisted he return to live with her.<sup>2</sup> Sydney was familiar to Grandfather BLAKE as he had worked there for a short time when his second Australian born child Thomas had been born in Sydney in 1845. So one surmises the Ultimo district was known to him.

*Of all the grandchildren why was Richard chosen for education in Sydney?* His elder brother James would have been beyond primary school age and working, and younger step-brother William was too young for school. More emphasis was placed on educating boys. Richard's mother Annie was the youngest of James & Hannah BLAKE's large family so all other grandchildren were working.

*Who was Richard's Teacher?.* Looking at the certificate one ponders, William C KENETT? Is his surname KENNETT, KENLETT, KEWETT or something else. Using BDMs and news items from the Sydney Morning Herald on Trove the most likely surname was Kensett. The Teachers' Rolls at State Records confirm William C KENSETT was 21 in 1881 and began teaching at Gilgandra. Ultimo in 1885 was his fourth school on a salary of £250. He took sick leave in 1894 after Blackfriars and North Broken Hill and died in 1897. Principal Teacher, Mr Geo SUTTIE, had been appointed in 1874 and retired from there in 1893.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> WALSH Bob, Walcha and its Schooling, 150 years. p18

<sup>2</sup> BOYCE Marjorie, Oral History

<sup>3</sup> MATTHEWS, Michael, Pyrmont & Ultimo, A History



*What was school like at Ultimo in 1887?* Yes, two Ultimo Administration Files at State records include interesting aspects. Weekly fees were one shilling. Times were hard as correspondence included requests for dispensation of unpaid fees, when folk were unemployed and unable to get jobs. Richard's name was not included.<sup>1</sup> Richard would have attended the school in Murray St which opened in 1876 and had replaced formerly rented school premises in Mount St.<sup>2</sup>

Teachers began as student teachers and passed through various inspection levels and exams from IIIA, B to IA & 1B. They too received certificates of attainment. William KENSETT passed five different stages of Drawing: Blackboard, Free Hand, from Models, Geometrical and Linear Perspective. He sat for Saturday exams in English Literature, Euclid and Algebra.<sup>3</sup> Richard was indeed fortunate to be in this progressive man's class.

Richard was in Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and had attended 97 ½ days till June 1887. He was then a lad aged 11 with excellent conduct. *What did Richard learn in this class?* It would appear from his success later in life, that excellent basics in English, Handwriting and Maths were included. Perhaps this certificate was presented when he left Ultimo School.

Richard returned to his family in Walcha. His youngest step sister Marjorie was born in July 1887. Electoral rolls confirm family oral history that his step father William GREEN left Walcha about 1890<sup>4</sup> looking for work and was never heard from again<sup>5</sup>. Richard's elder brother aged 19 was killed in a shooting accident in 1893.<sup>6</sup> Richard aged 17 was now the eldest family member and took on these responsibilities. His Grandfather James BLAKE lived with them at *Ohio* and *The Glen* Stations where all the family worked; men outdoors and women in the laundry. Richard's Grandfather died in 1898 aged 80.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> State Records, NRS 4073 Teachers' Rolls, 1869-1908 Reel 1992, page 1084

<sup>2</sup> MATTHEWS, Michael, Pyrmont & Ultimo, A History

<sup>3</sup> State Records, Schools, Ultimo 1878-1893 [5/17931.2], Administrative file (2 bundles, A and B)

<sup>4</sup> State Library, Electoral Roll, Walcha 1880 – 1893 (fiche)

<sup>5</sup> BOYCE Marjorie, Oral History

<sup>6</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, 31 Jan 1893

<sup>7</sup> NSW Registry BDM Death 7402/1898

A jump of twenty years sees Richard and wife Mary, on their own farm near Tamworth with 5 children. Despite the difficult years he encountered in Walcha, Richard stayed close to his step sisters and step brother and visited Walcha as often as possible. He took responsible positions in his community and church and was recognised as a Justice of the Peace. Mr KENSETT would indeed have been proud of this young bush student from Walcha who spent 97 ½ days in his class. Teaching is to touch a life forever.

**Marlene Davidson - Member #327L**

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## DEAR SIR - IS ANYONE THERE?

Recently I had a message from Kay1, saying she had got this brief note via the society website:

*“Hello I’m doing family history research here in Ireland and came across a post on line with a message from a Frank Cardiff, East Gosford NSW. He may have some affiliation with this society as he leaves a link to this family history society I would be grateful if you could pass on any info if possible. I know this is a very very long shot. Thank you for reading this message”*



Very very indeed! My post to Rootsweb was sent fifteen years ago! We have made contact, exchanged a few brief details and photos and it would appear that interest in the Gallagher- Logue Line has been revived. This might show how tenuous are these family links. Way way back, even before my note to rootsweb, I was just developing an interest but Thel had mentioned that she remembered posting letters from her grandma to Ireland. She knew that her Gallagher connection came from Falcarrah, via Letterkenny, Donegal Ireland. That was in the days before computers or microfiche and access to foreign newspapers then was rare.

How lucky are you young researchers with access to instant Family Trees? But I think maybe we oldies had a bit more fun!

**Frank Cardiff - Member #11**

*(91 and still researching.)*

## DISCOVERING AN UNCLE I NEVER KNEW - Part 2

Continued from e-Fluster - August 2013

Although Wensley HALL'S diary ended when he needed a new book, some Australian War archives stored in Melbourne as well as the internet have helped to complete more of the story. Even more exciting, however, is the recent discovery of a letter in my father's archives.

The letter is a carbon copy four page foolscap typed account of the machine gunners' mission into Greece and the initial aspects of their rescue. The letter, written in Egypt soon after their retreat, tells of the regiment's drive in a convoy of trucks northward through Greece. Warm welcomes were given by the locals, with flowers and food passed to the men as they travelled over mountain terrain. There were many dangerous hairpin bends over passes in two mountain ranges on their way to set up camp near Mt Olympus.

As the trucks left and returned south, word came that German troops were advancing from the north and that Greece had now surrendered. This was the signal for the battalions to retreat but with the trucks now on the southern side of the range, the only way out was on foot. This was no mean feat and made all the more difficult with ammunition and guns to carry along with their own personal goods. They were told to empty anything out that was not vital so that their loads could be made as manageable as possible. Although this was such a difficult crossing, it was a necessity as the road was now littered with bomb craters and impassable for vehicles. I wonder if this is how Wensley's diary ended up in a German soldier's hands rather than its having been lost?

Eventually the troops reached the trucks and the remainder of the retreat had to be made in convoy in the dark of night without lights. Rest was allocated during the day within the protection of olive groves. The horrors of the earlier trip north around those hairpin bends seemed as nothing now that they were negotiating those same roads at night with no lights and the ever present damage from German bombing to look out for along the way.

The evacuation from Greece onto the rescue boats was just as dramatic with German aerial activity ever present. The Germans referred to the rescue ships used as the *Scrap Iron Flotilla* due to their age and condition. The Australian

war records state that his 2/1 Machine Gunner Battalion left Crete and spent more time in Egypt before returning to Australia. Those left behind in Crete surrendered to the Germans when they were overwhelmed with no supplies left and in defeat. Many died and others were taken prisoner.

The 2/1 MG battalion were then given jungle training in Queensland before service in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and Borneo. Many of the battalion saw out the war in those arenas, most being discharged from the army in 1945 and all by 1946.

Wensley was a career serviceman who aimed for the highest rank possible so found his next enlistment possible with the Devonshire Regiment where he was immediately commissioned as a “temporary” Major. His mother, my grandmother, was English born hence Wensley’s eligibility to enlist with that regiment. He probably felt a real connection with the country and the relatives he had met up with during their waiting time in England. My sister had told me that he was involved in the Malayan Emergency and received an MBE, so my searching continued.

With the rank of *temporary Major* he was stationed in both India and Malaya. The available records so far found give no further details about what his posting was in India but the citation for his MBE award gives a clear account of his service in Malaya during the *Malayan Emergency*.

The Regiment was serving in Malaya during the Communist crisis and I have as yet found it difficult to isolate information specifically regarding the actual emergency in 1948. It was apparently not allowed to be referred to as *war*. The rubber plantations and tin mining industries had pushed for the use of the term *emergency* since their losses would not have been covered by Lloyd’s Insurers if it had been termed a war.) The Devonshire Regiment’s disbanding some years ago unfortunately has left that lead for research off line. What I did find was the newspaper record and the actual citation of his service worthy of an MBE and these make valuable reading:





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The War Office, 8th April, 1949.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to assume the appointment of Captain-General, The Combined Cadet Force.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period 1st July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948: —

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

reading:

Major Denis Robert Gerald Malise GRAHAM (62534), The Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major (temporary) Wensley HALL (350752), The Devonshire Regiment.

Action or service for which commended:—

(i) Place... **MALAYA**

(ii) Date... **JUNE 48 - DEC 48**

(iii) How employed... **COMPANY COMMANDER**

(iv) Other details:— This officer as a Company Commander, from the earliest days of the Emergency in Malaya, has rendered the most outstanding services to the Security Forces.

The excellent results obtained against the Communist Bands by this officer's Company have in very large measure been due to his own indefatigable energy and boundless enthusiasm.

His Company has had to endure prolonged periods of fatigue, hardship, and at times hunger while in the jungle, but these conditions have never affected the efficiency of the Company and the cheerful willingness of its Commander.

For most of the time, including extensive operations in the GUA MUSANG - FULAI area this officer has been single handed in his Company H.Q. and the only European officer in his Company.

Although due for repatriation to Australia, Major Hall has voluntarily remained on at his post. A more valuable loyal and cheerful fighting Company Commander one could not wish to have, and I recommend most strongly that his services be officially recognized by the award of the M.B.E.

*W. Bevin-Clifford*  
 Commanding, 2nd Bn The Malay Regiment, **Lieut. Col.**

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Lieutenant-Col. Commanding, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Malay Regiment."

After his service with the Devonshires Wensley re-joined the Australian army and was allocated a training role with the Pacific Islands Regiment based in Papua and New Guinea. His wife and two children joined him there and they lived in Port Moresby. Service with the Pacific Island Regiment continued until his resignation in 1956.

His love of the tropical life continued so as a civilian he remained in Papua New Guinea with his family working with mining companies until his retirement to Queensland. He lived out his remaining years in Brisbane until his death in 1989.

How sad it is that such colourful lives of close relatives are only discovered decades after they have died and contact is no longer possible!

## **Karys Fearon - Member #1612J**



### **Venue for the 2014 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference**

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## MY OTHER LIFE – BY MAYOR LAWRIE MCKINNA



I left school just before I turned 16 years old, I was lucky enough to get a job as a shuttler in a factory in Darvel, Ayrshire, Scotland called Stirling Brothers. Being a shuttler was at the bottom of the food chain in the Lace Mills but I was very keen to do better and asked a lot of questions then I started to do some spooling which was changing the spools over when they were running out of cotton as the

Lace Looms were still working.

When I started work in the factory an old retired part time worker, Bobby NESBIT, took me under his wing and kept me straight and told me all about the machines and how everything worked and when he was weaving on the Lace Machine he would show me what to do and I set myself a goal of becoming a Lace Weaver. Lace Weavers in the Valley were all men and not boys but by the time I had turned 17 I was a lace weaver with my own machine. It was an 8 point machine and you got 12 and 14 point and the higher the points the finer the lace was, so I started at the bottom. I was very proud of what I achieved in the factory as I wanted to be the best I could be with whatever I did and I certainly achieved that as a very young lace weaver.

My girlfriend Christine (my wife now) was a lace darner in another factory and her job was to repair the faults in the lace that the weavers made and some of this was done by hand and some by Machine.

I left the factory when I was 18 years old and became a Van driver for 6 months in a large local bakery before getting a Van Drivers job in Basford Dyers, a large dyeing factory which dyed all the Terylene and Lace that was manufactured in the Valley. I worked in the factory for 6 years going around all the factories and picking up the lace and terylene products and bringing them to the factory to get dyed and when they were done I dropped them back at the factory I picked them up from.

I left Basford Dyers in 1986 to come to Australia to play Football.

**Lawrie McKinna – Patron**

## TIME FOR A BIT OF FUN STUFF - ANSWERS TO WIFE

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husband. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.



Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?"

Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: "I love you, sweetheart."

Then, the women were then told to exchange phones with another person, and to read aloud the text message they received in response.

Here are some of the replies:

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeh, and I love you too. What's up with you?
4. What now? Did you crash the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean.
6. What the heck did you do now?
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need.
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

**Submitted by Maeve Davies – Member #1400**



## NATIVE ANIMALS NOXIOUS?

Just found this in Newcastle Herald 4 June 1895 p8, never realised we ever considered the native animals as noxious and had a price on their heads!

### P. AND S.P. BOARD

The adjourned meeting of the Pastures and Stock Protection Board was held at West Maitland yesterday afternoon. Mr Samuel CLIFT was appointed chairman, and Mr Jas. F DOYLE treasurer for the ensuing year. The rate of assessment on stock was fixed the same as last year, viz, 1d per head on large stock, horses and cattle, and ¼d per head on sheep. The rates of payment to be made for the scalps of noxious animals was fixed as follows: Dingoes, 5s; Wallaby, 2d; paddymelon, 2d; kangaroo rat, 2d. An application from Mangrove Creek for the appointment of a scalp

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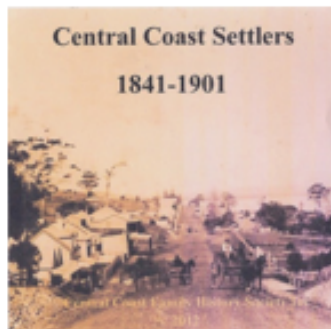
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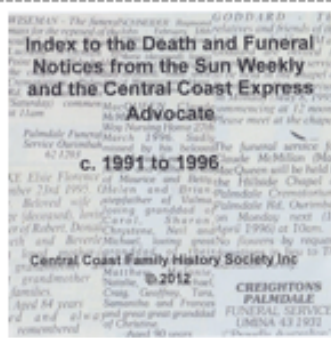
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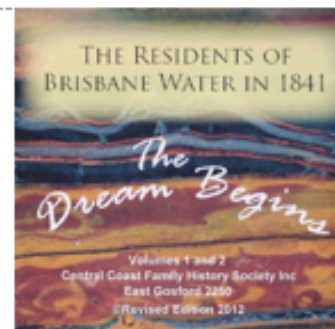
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