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Editorial – Kay Radford

Here we go again. Another issue of our journal finding its way into your home via the Internet.

Our articles for this issue are varied as usual and I am sure you will find something to make your reading of this offering enjoyable.

My story this issue is in the form of a reminder to keep going back and looking at certificates and other primary or secondary records you have in your collection. It backs up one of my favourite pieces of advice to researchers, what we read a year ago which meant nothing to us at the time amazingly further down the track could contain or not contain in my case, the one missing bit of information needed to finally see the “forest for the trees”.

Marg Ertner has shared some delightful family finds from Denmark with a decided Aussie connection. Jon Fearon shares a day at Hambleton Cottage at Parramatta with his granddaughter Aria. Whilst Karys writes another letter to an ancestor.

Robyn Arkinstall hasn't contributed to the journal for a very long time, it was great to receive her article together with information regarding a family reunion. Kay Rawnsley has another Small World story whilst regular Rhonda Cetta-Hoye gives us some Aussie Isms.

Outgoing President Rene Jamison's and my Research Centre Manager's Reports given at the Annual General Meeting are included as usual in this issue.

Finally Vale – Marie-Collette Louise TABUTEAU – contributed by one of her daughters for inclusion in the e-Muster.

Keep thinking about what YOU are going to contribute for the December issue, take it from me the journal deadlines no longer creep up on me they arrive faster as each year passes by.

Muster Cover: Our Cottage today

President's Piece – Wendy Condon

Hi everyone! David and I are home from our wonderful holiday. Three months wasn't long enough so naturally we plan to go again sometime in the future. There is so much to see in our wonderful country. Every time we take a trip it becomes more apparent there is so much more to explore.

I would like to start off this my first report as President by thanking the Membership for voting me to the position of President. I am committed and hope that during this my first year I can guide the Society to bigger and better things. I would especially like to thank Kay Radford my Vice President for filling in for me in my absence. I had no worries leaving the Society in her hands because we all know what a good job she always does.

I would like to welcome our new committee, many old faces together with new faces to whom I would like to offer a special welcome, Deborah Buist, Leslie Scotchmer, Lyn Thompson, Belinda Mabbott and a special welcome back to Heather Sushames. We have missed you.

There have already been a several changes this year. Firstly closing Saturday with the exception of meeting days. It had become apparent that we were not drawing the members in on a Saturday, each week only Library Assistants were turning up, with a very occasional member dropping in. So with the price of fuel being a huge factor, it was a committee decision to close but to offer instead a series of workshops. On 14 June Kay Radford ran her Organising your Family History Records class. Thirteen very happy people attended, it was such a lovely day and we all learnt a heap, also the Society made \$190 on the day

Kay Radford, Margaret Ertner and Kay Rawnsley are organising workshops on different subjects so keep your eyes on the web page. You can learn so much from these ladies.

Unfortunately, we were forced to close on Thursdays for a few weeks, but fortunately on 3 July we were able to open under a new Team Leader combination.

Wendy Condon – President

New Members

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new members. We hope they have many happy researching and social hours with us. Please remember to lodge your Members' 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 webpage.

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| 1927J | TAYLOR, Michael and Judith | 1933J | JAQUES, Robert and Sue |
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| 1931 | FINDLAY-BARNES, Teresa | 1937 | VERDON, Michael |
| 1932 | ZAMBERLAR, Ann | | |

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.

EDUCATION - WORKSHOPS

ORIENTATION DAY – FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

We have scheduled our next Orientation workshop for **NEW MEMBERS ONLY**

Facilitator: Margaret Ertner

Date will be Saturday 30th August 2014

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: The Research Centre

We have chosen this date because it will round off the end of National Family History Month and following on from our major event on 2 August and culminating in the four consecutive Friday Open Days on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Booking sheet will be on the notice board after Saturday 7th June - Limited spaces so don't miss out! Bring your lunch, stay back and have a browse of the sources whilst it is fresh in your mind. Book by ringing the centre or via email to kay1@centralcoastfhs.org.au

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER WORKSHOP - creating subject heading pages for your folders

Facilitator: Kay Radford

Date: 9 August 2014

Venue: Research Centre

Time: 10.30am - til whenever

Lunch: BYO

Fee: \$5.00

Limited to: 12 participants

Requirements - A Laptop with Microsoft Publisher installed. Versions 2007 and 2013 will be covered.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - names on list on the notice board.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2014 – effective March/April

Annual Membership Fees for 2014-2015 will be:

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| Single Membership | \$43.00 |
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MEMBERSHIP FORM is available to download from the website. From the front page click on themore information under Membership on the banner and all will be revealed. Remember the website is 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.

The three month grace period expired on 1 July so anyone renewing their membership now will be required to pay the \$5 joining fee again.

CCFHS WRITERS' GROUP – 2014 WORKSHOP

By the time you read this the 2014 Workshop will be drawing to a close.

If you are interested in joining the 2015 Workshop let Marie and Terry know.

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Deadline for articles for the December 2014 edition is 20th November 2014.

For layout details see page 7

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2 - NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Next Saturday will be the beginning of our involvement in National Family History Month.

See July ~~Pelican Press~~ for full details. Also please pass on the word to friends and family of our offer for Free Open Days at the research centre on the four consecutive Fridays, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of August. Hours 10 am until 2 pm. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THESE FOUR FRIDAYS – PLEASE RING 4324 5164 TO BOOK.**

OUTREACH EVENTS



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/>

Information Brochures are available from the research centre – for more details read the notice which is on the noticeboard in the Centre.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

It's on again this year. Same caterers, slightly different menu.

Wendy will be setting up the booking sheets after we return from the Conference down at Fairy Meadow so get your table mates organised.

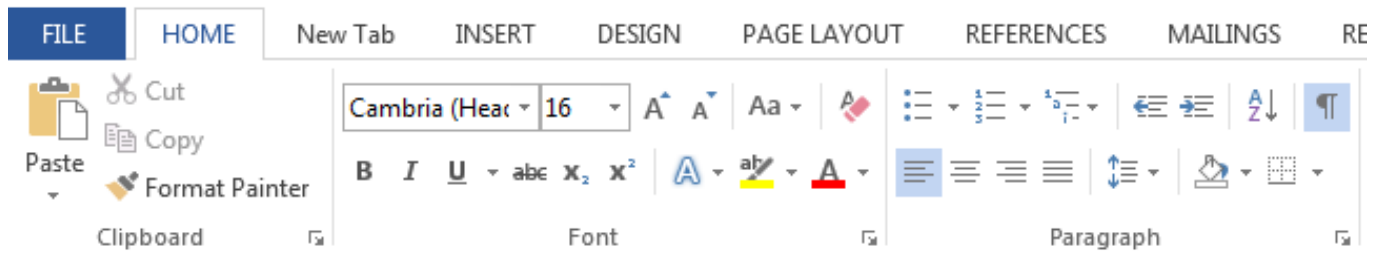
Invited Guests:

Sorry the Mayor and his wife Christine are unavailable this year, Chris Holstein and his daughter Councillor Gabby Bowles have accepted. We are looking forward to meeting Gabby for the first time. Federal Member Lucy Wicks has acknowledged her invitation but is yet to accept.

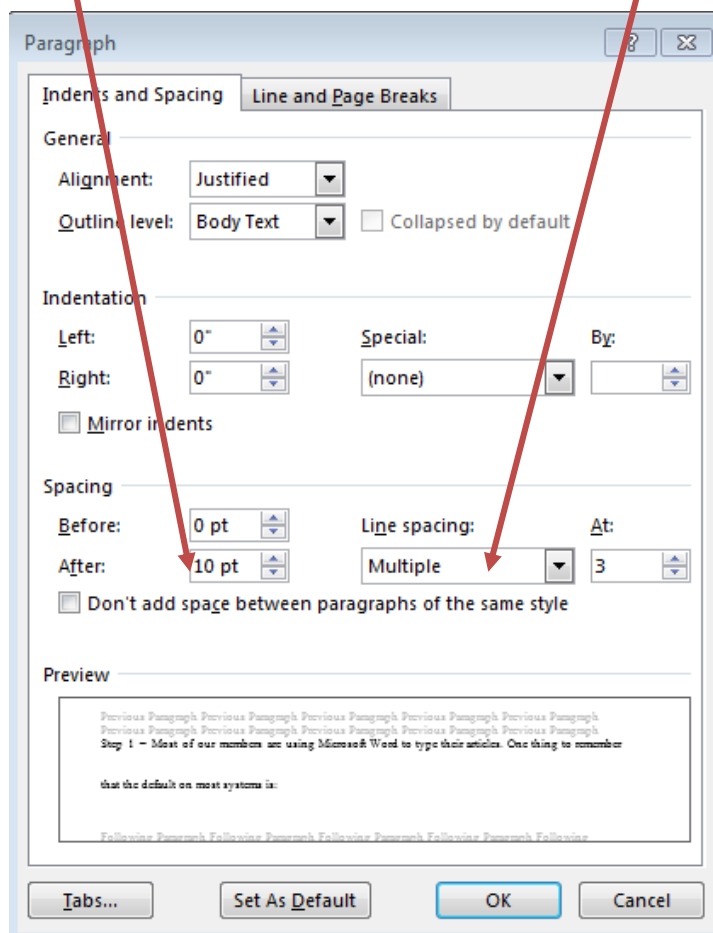
MUSTER ARTICLES – Three Steps repeated

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 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 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

MEET OUR LIBRARIAN AND HER ASSISTANT



A special welcome to two new faces on the Committee.

Lyn Thompson on the right is our new Librarian and Belinda Mabbott on the left is her assistant.

They have done a tremendous job already reorganizing and tidying up the Reference Library for us.

It has been and will continue to be a huge task as they systematically work their way through over 32 years of records which have been collected.

I wish them all the best with this mammoth task.

Kay Radford – Research Centre Manager

September 6, 2014 – Geoff Potter – Local Studies Librarian Gosford Library - *The wreck of the PS Maitland - A Scene to make the Angels Weep*



It was a shipwreck that brought out the best and the worst in human nature. Appeals for help from a group of men trying to recover the washed-up body of a naked woman protected only by a sheet were ignored by others more focused on looting grog scattered along the beach.

Hours earlier there had been repeated acts of heroism as passengers and crew on the stricken paddle steamer *PS Maitland* battled in boiling seas to get lines ashore. A baby was separated from her mother and three women from one family were all lost in the tragedy, which claimed 24 lives. Their stories are now recorded in this new book on the 1898 wreck, *A Scene to Make the Angels Weep*.

OCTOBER 4, 2014 - Peter Rae – *Woy Woy Tunnel Navvies Camp*

The Hawkesbury River Rail Bridge (opened 1889) and the Woy Woy Tunnel (opened 1887), were the last links in a railway system that linked Brisbane through Sydney and Melbourne to Adelaide. 600 labourers known as 'navvies' and their families were encamped at the southern end of the tunnel for 3 years. *See website for more information.*

NOVEMBER 1, 2014 – Patricia Skehan - *Elgin Marbles*

The Elgin Marbles is a strange story. Why were great works of antiquity removed from the Parthenon and other historic sites? How and when were they acquired by the British Government and at what great loss to the Earl of Elgin? With rare photographs of the famed collection, see where they really belong. Marvel at restored sites. See Winged Victory as it should be. *See website for more information.*

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| Welfare and Hospital Visits | Rene Jamison |

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A copy of *Dispatched Downunder* was presented at their members' meeting on July 5th to the Central Coast Family History Society by the Central Coast Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.



*Pictured is the Secretary of the Chapter, **Jon Fearon**, presenting the book to President **Wendy Condon**.*

Jon explained that the book, published in 2013, and written by Ron Withington, gives a full account, where they are known, of the burial places of First Fleeters.

The Fellowship, since 1975, has been conducting ceremonies and placing commemorative plaques at certain sites of particular First Fleet value.

At the time of publication there had been 119 such ceremonies,

usually attended by descendants of the First Fleeter so commemorated.

The book also contains descriptions of over 40 burial places, historic churchyards and cemeteries.

Included are appendices that give further details about the deaths of those who left Portsmouth in 1787 to come to NSW. There is also some biographical information about the First Fleeters and their descendants.

Jon said that the Fellowship considers the book to be a worthy addition to the resources of family history societies and that the local chapter hopes it will be put to good use.

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1828-1874 – Part 1: Court Cases: Depositions (3) will be available in
September.**

MEET THE REST OF THE NEW PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE



Deborah BUIST - Advertising and Publicity

Deborah actually stepped in to the position in 2013. She now joins us on the Committee. Deb's another caravan tripper person so from time to time will send her copy from various places around the countryside.



Leslie Scotchmer - Property Officer

Leslie was a Monday library assistant some years ago, due to some health issues Leslie needed to take a break. Enthusiastically ready to get involved.



Welcoming back Heather Sushames - Catering

Heather served many years on the committee and after a good break put her hand up join the Committee again. Heather wears many hats so check out the job list on page 10 for more details on not only Heather but the other ladies photographed here.

You know well the other faces on the Committee so they get a break from the Rogues Gallery!

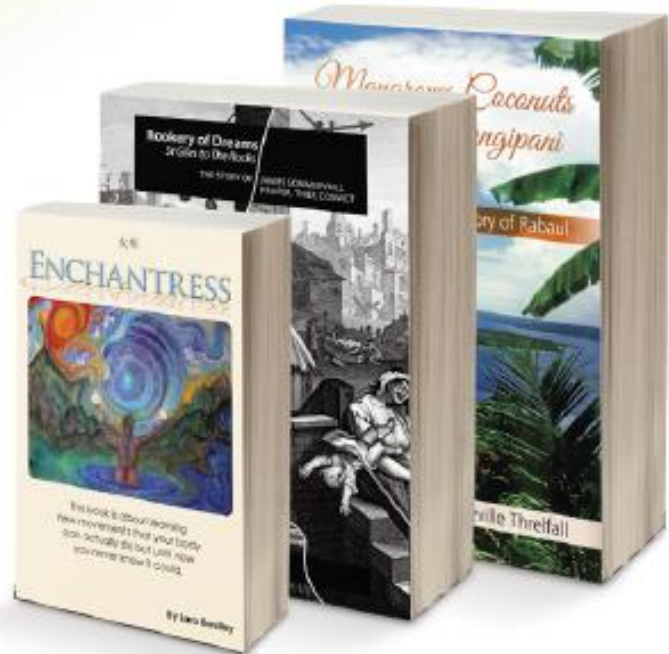
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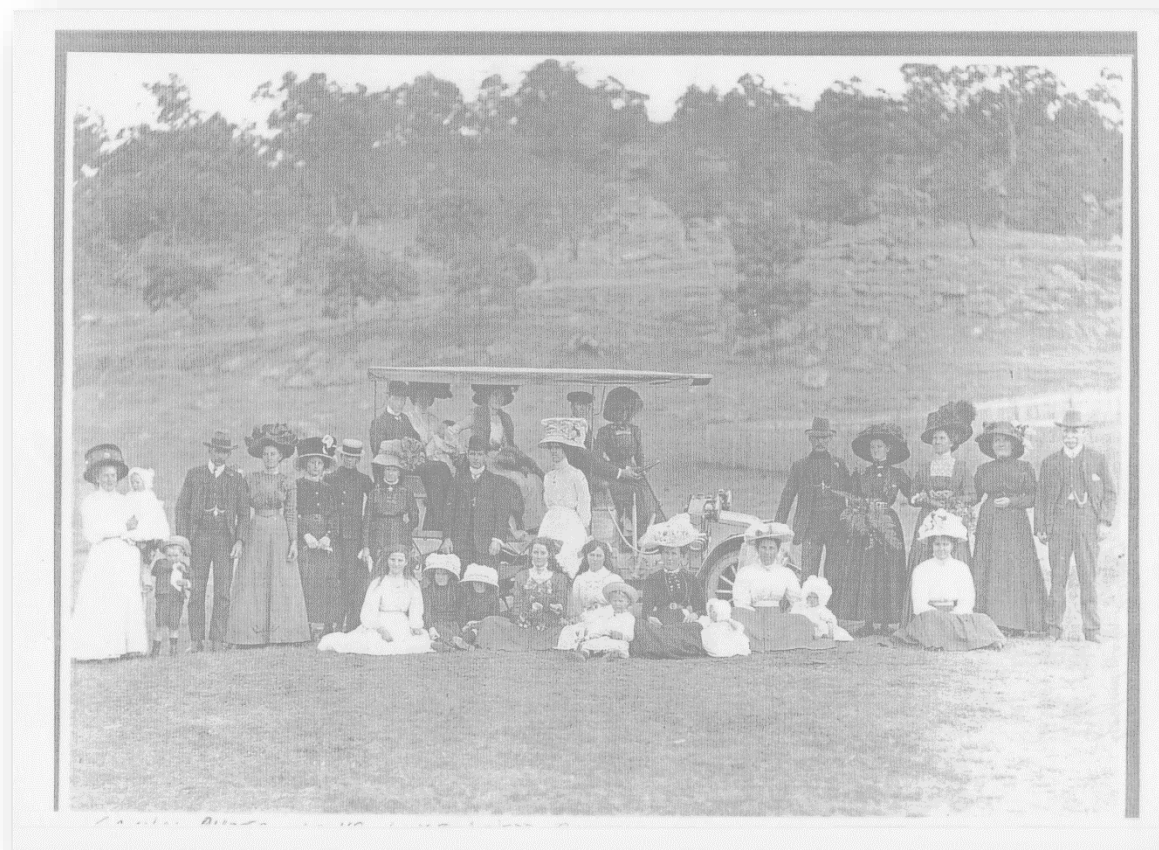
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TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Had a very grateful phone call from Jeanette Chapman, letting me know that a lady from Coff's Harbour had contacted her regarding the photo below which was featured in our April issue of the e-Fluster.



It's great to know we were able to help.

JUMPING JOHNNIES

Whisk well together three eggs and two tablespoons of sugar. Add grated rind of one lemon and half a cup of milk and two and a half cups of Self Raising Flour.

Fry teaspoons of the mixture in boiling fat, roll in icing sugar and eat hot or cold. Johnnies will turn over themselves when cooked on one side if there is enough fat.

Recipe found in my mother's handwritten cookbook - I would substitute fat for oil if I was going to have a go at them, which I AM NOT! Ed.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AGM 2014.

This year seems to have passed very quickly and there is no wonder when so many wonderful events have taken place to celebrate special occasions aligned to Family History and Genealogy. The events for our Society have been the results of the combined brainwaves of Kay Radford, Wendy Condon and Margaret Ertner. We owe a great deal to them, as the Fairs and Open Days make the general public aware of our existence and often result in new memberships eventuating.

Your Committee always has the best interests of our members at heart and strive to introduce new products for sale on our own Bookstall and work continually to produce books and CDs relating to people and places of interest to those researching ancestors with connections to the Central Coast. We have recently seen the efforts of Lorraine Greve and June Dawson that have achieved excellent results.

Whilst I am speaking about the achievements of members, I have to commend Kay Radford for her dedication to this Society. Kay not only works diligently here at the Research Centre, but spends countless hours each week at her home computer working on our behalf.

We have been fortunate to be entertained by excellent speakers this year, courtesy of Jon Fearon. Some of the presentations have been totally unrelated to Family History but have been so interesting that they have been well received by those present. Thank you, Jon.

Please continue to support the Bookstall and Nic Nac Stalls as these two facilities do play a big part in raising funds to provide resources for research.

I thank you, our members and visitors, for your attendance at our meetings and hope you will continue to give your support here and at the Research Centre. Many thanks to the outgoing Committee for your efforts on behalf of the Society and best wishes to the incoming Committee for a rewarding and enjoyable Term of Office.

Irene Jamison

RESEARCH CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – AGM 2014

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing committee, you have done a great job this year considering many obstacles we have faced.

I continue to be supported by several Team Leaders who manage their days at the centre with a minimum of fuss, to promote a relaxed and friendly environment for our members and visitors to research in. I recently decided to actually do some research for myself so popped in on a Tuesday. What a great day that was. So much exchange of information, it was amazing how problems were being solved whilst I sat there at the ScanPro scanning images from my FamilySearch Film. Heather Sushames, a Friday Team Leader, was in and she and Kay Rawnsley were working together discussing Irish records for a commission Kay is carrying out on behalf of the society at the moment. I congratulate Kay² on her dedication to the task of these contracted commissions.

We try to provide an atmosphere people like to return to, no regimented rules, just let's get on with the research and have some fun. The interaction between our volunteers and our members and visitors is well known, and often mentioned in conversations at the various outreach events and fairs we attend in the course of a year.

During the past 12 months our Education Officer has attended a record number of outreach events to educate the novice to family history and to encourage them to give it a go, to come along to the Centre and be guided by our volunteers to be led into the amazing world we all enjoy so much.

A contingent of members attended the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference in Canberra last September. We had a ball. A brilliant venue and good company made the trip down well worth it. We achieved good sales on the bookstall once again, but several of us did need to miss out on pre-paid talks so we could stay on the stall. We sent our poor Education Officer in our stead.

In April Margaret Ertner and I attended the Kiama Family History Fair and although the weather was mean, we had another great time, meeting up with friends from other societies and doing several hundred of dollars' worth of sales for the society. We also represented Gosford Council Printers at the

Kiama Fair. I got my first look at the Kiama blow hole – only took me 73 years to get there!

We have continued to make purchases of resources and some will be pleased to know that, on the recommendation of our Irish Expert Heather Sushames, we have upgraded our FindMyPast subscription to a World Wide Library edition. We had previously cancelled our Irish and Australian editions because every time a new data set was released (i.e. The British Newspaper Archive) they wanted to charge more money. The Irish content at that time was feeble and the Australian content consisted of resources we already had purchased from Gould Genealogy over the years and being mainly the Government Gazettes which can be found on *Pelicanet*. Now that FMP has obviously got their Library Edition act sorted out the committee were very pleased to approve the upgrade at our last Committee meeting on 28 April 2014. The cost of the upgrade to the World Version was \$AU199. This will probably take our total costs in providing FMP World Wide to between \$800-\$900 dollars per year. Time will tell when the renewal comes in next year.

It has been a very trying year for me, the crashing of our wonderful award winning website in June 2013 was a major blow to us all. The loss in online sales and memberships was considerable, when you take into account the same period of the year before.

After a delay of over 6 months and no website forthcoming from a free offer the committee decided that, as well as contracting the Central Coast Mobile Computer Service to look after our computers, we look to a local company to get us back on line with a new website. The website was up in 7 days from the agreement reached between the provider and the committee. Sales quickly increased and the many comments from our members on our new image has confirmed the committee's decision in November 2013.

As far as the Central Coast Mobile Computer Service we could not be happier, they have already saved our bacon on several occasions. When the network unexplainably went down with no warning, after a couple of hours – all fixed. When my admin computer died with no warning, a replacement in just over 24 hours is a significant indication that the committee made the right choice in contracting a local company highly recommended by other local central coast businesses.

IT technology as you all know is a world of change. We, as members of this society, do not have the ability or expertise to keep up with it. We needed to be professional in our choices and in the needs of our members. This all costs, and as the committee strenuously wishes to avoid increasing membership, the important purchase of Rotary Raffle Tickets each year or a \$10 donation will make the continued contract and equipment replacement costs more realistic. I sincerely hope that the new committee have a great year and, as one nominated, I pledge my continued efforts in my capacity as the RCM as I have done for the past 17 years.

Kay Radford – Research Centre Manager

AUSSIE ISMS

A suggestion for when articles are far and few between, I'd love to see Language of Yesteryear. My Uncle Clarrie always said "By Jove". Auntie Joyce would say "My throat is as dry as a fireman's shovel" of course meaning a fireman on a steam train. Then there was a "Snapper" for a ticket inspector. My father-in-law Ernie HOYE was always known as Shippa Hoye as my husband still is.

Like a lizard flat out drinking. "Consumption" because he wouldn't work in an iron lung. "The Ghost" because he was invisible when work was on. Then there was "J.C." because he thought he was God's gift to women. "Horizontal" because he was always laying down having a rest. "Bubba" as the youngest in the family stuck until the person died of old age. My 6'5" son is still called Stick and my 5'5" daughter called "Twig" because she is Stick's little sister.

Last but certainly not least is my older sister a Josephite nun, my son never liked driving with her and he has always called her "St. J..... of the Perpetual Accelerator". A friend's sister-in-law is a bit of a pain and we have nick named her St. of the Perpetual Irritation.

"It's just the Aussie Way. Let's keep these "Aussie-isims" going as part of Our Heritage.

Rhonda Cetta-Hoye – Member 1307

YET AGAIN – IT’S A SMALL WORLD

In the December 2012 Muster I wrote a story about a member of my family crossing paths with a member of the family of a person whose tree I was working on. Well, it has happened again. At the moment I am researching the family of Stephen Brooks and I have found the most amazing set of co-incidences.

On the 23rd August 1820 a certain Samuel KETTLE (Stephen’s 4xgreat grandfather) was tried at the Lancaster Assizes on the charge of uttering a Forged Order for Money. The sentence handed down was Death which was later commuted to Transportation for Life. Samuel was then sent to the Prison Hulk *Ganymede* which was moored at Chatham where he was held until 1821 when he was sent to New South Wales on the Convict ship *Speke 2*.

In 1823 Samuel’s wife Mary ICKE and five children followed him on board the ship *Jupiter* and she had Samuel assigned to her as a labourer.

So, what is the co-incidence? Well on the same day at the same court a certain John GREENHALGH (along with several other men) was tried for the crime of Uttering Forged Banknotes. John GREENHALGH received the same sentence as Samuel KETTLE, was sent to the Prison Hulk *Ganymede* at the same time and was transported to New South Wales on the same ship, the *Speke 2*.

And it gets even better, John GREENHALGH’S wife, also named Mary (nee SHAW), came out to New South Wales with their two children (and this is the only difference in their stories) on the same ship as Samuel’s wife Mary, the *Jupiter* in 1823. She also had her husband assigned to her as a labourer.

Do all these co-incidences suggest that they knew each other and were part of a gang of forgers?

You will note I have not explained my connection to John GREENHALGH. Well, I am not directly related to John but I am to his wife Mary SHAW, she is my 3x great grandmother, but her husband John GREENHALGH is not my 3 x great grandfather. But that is another story

Kay Rawnsley - Member 874

The CREBERT & GREBERT FAMILY of NORTH WARATAH (MAYFIELD)

My maternal 2 Greats Grandfather was Peter GREBERT who was born in Germany in April 1824. He married Maria Luise (nee WAGNER) in Germany in December 1848, and they were expecting their first child, when they decided to emigrate to Australia in 1849. They were amongst 165 other German immigrants to arrive on the *Parland*. Peter had been trained as a vine dresser and vigneron.

He purchased land at *The Folly* Mayfield in 1853, to grow his grape vines and citrus fruit gardens and after a few years had a very successful business, where he sold the first wine produced in Newcastle in 1859. He became a Naturalized Australian Citizen in 1854 where his surname shown on this document was anglicised to CREBERT.

CREBERT's *Folly Gardens* were in those days well-known throughout the district, and on Sundays (and often during the week) parties spent the day out at the Folly, to walk through the Gardens and purchase fruits and wines.

Peter paid for the passage of his parents, Franz and Catherine to come out from Germany, and together with Peter's brothers Michael [1832-1899], Anton [1835-1876] and Lorenz [1841-1919], they arrived in Australia on the *Daniel Ross* in April, 1855.

Peter and Maria had a very large family of 11 children, with all of them keeping the CREBERT surname, while all of Peter's 3 brothers' descendants are GREBERTs. Peter's sister Elizabeth [1837-1914] married Henry MAYAR/MYER [1826-1892] and although some of their 9 children were registered under the MAYAR surname, numerous spellings of MAYER/MYER/MYERS were used in several cases as their surname.

When Peter died in October 1895 he was buried in the Old Church of England Burial Ground at North Waratah. When Maria died in 1914 she was buried in the Sandgate Cemetery.

In the late 1950's an order for the removal of the St. Andrew's Cemetery was made, and all the historic headstones were either placed in a wall or smashed

up to make a rubble drain at Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle. The historic old original Church was also demolished.

Then, on 10th June this year another 2nd great grandchild of Peter & Maria – Mr. Ron CREBERT of Adamstown was contacted by a couple from Blackalls Park, when they noticed that a reunion was being planned for 13/14 September, 2014 for descendants of the GREBERT/CREBERT/MAYAR/MYER families. Lo and behold, they had found the Inscribed Memorial section of Peter’s headstone in an overgrown part of the backyard of their newly purchased home. They were very happy that they could give the stone back to Family members for a keepsake. We are now looking to have this part of Peter’s headstone placed back next to his wife, in the Sandgate Cemetery. His headstone is pictured in its original form and the second picture is of the recently found Memorial section. The organising committee have been amazed that the stone was found and returned just in time for the reunion. If you know of anybody who might like to attend the reunion they can get further details from the following:

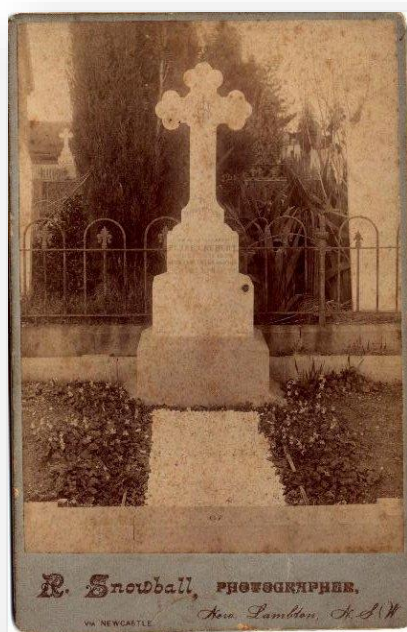
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Or Ron & Jan CREBERT - 041334966 or 49431118 or c/o

petercrebert@gmail.com

Robyn ARKINSTALL – Life Member 4L





VALE - MARIE-COLLETTE LOUISE TABUTEAU

Many of our members will remember Collette the widow of the late Philippe to whom we are indebted for the Philippe Tabuteau Collection in our reference library

Collette passed away on 18th March 2014 and this tribute was not available to me for the last e-fluster therefore I include the words written and given at her funeral service by her daughter in this issue.

Both Mum and Dad became Australian citizens in 1962. While Mum and Dad had little money to spare on family holidays, Mum always used to see the bright side of things and would say: Aren't we lucky. Most people who come to the Central Coast for a holiday can only afford to come to this beautiful place for a couple of weeks a year. And we are able to enjoy it all year round!

Mum had a very generous heart and a great sense of compassion. She would always offer to help her family, friends, and neighbours - wherever and however she could. We well remember her offering some neighbour a lift; doing someone else's shopping; picking flowers from her garden for friends and neighbours; and providing hospitality to one and all.

Raising the family - Over the next stage of their lives, Mum and Dad were busy raising their family. Mum took a keen and active interest in all our activities - schooling, sports such as netball, hockey, softball, basketball and sailing, Brownies and Scouts, and various hobbies.

One of her great joys was the car trip she took with our brother Guillaume, from Gosford to Perth - across the Nullarbor and back. She and another mother were co-drivers over this long trek, and accompanied the boats from the Gosford Sailing Club, that were taking part in the Perth Sailing Regatta. Indeed, Mum was thrilled to revisit Western Australia and to see the famous wild flowers, many years later on a coach-trip with our sister, Ann.

Eventually grandchildren appeared providing Mum with a new focus in her life. Mum was a devoted grandmother to Lara & Rachel, and Alissa, Fabian and Lucian all of whom are here today. Mum was a very family oriented person and welcomed the partners of her children - Maurice, Richard, Christine, and of her grandchildren - Paul, Scott, Tony and Tara.

Over the years Mum enjoyed her love of sewing, pattern making, and knitting from which we have all greatly benefited. She also was great support for Dad with some of his interests, including local history and genealogy. Through Dad's interest in genealogy we were all to meet a great number of Tabuteau's spread around the world — including a branch that had migrated to Australia!

Sadly Dad past away in late 2006, after Mum had nursed him through several years of illness.

The last years, as Mum's health declined, were spent at the Calvary Retirement Village in Canberra, near Brigitte's house. Mum was much loved by staff and residents, and their universal comment was 'what a lovely lady Colette was'. We would like to express our deep gratitude to the staff of the Village for their love, care and compassion shown to our mother.

While Mum was living in Canberra, she cherished the hope that she would get better and might return to home one day. Mum's Narara neighbours, with whom she had forged such close friendships, continued to watch over her property and to provide us with invaluable support, as we undertook maintenance during her return visits. We have many of them amongst us today, and for your help and support, our family is most grateful.

A CONVICT IN THE ROBINSON CLOSET

My story begins with the following: CORONER'S INQUEST - The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) Monday 23 November 1857

Newcastle - November 14 - An inquest was held yesterday, by Dr. Knaggs, coroner for the district, at the house of Mr Angus BESTON, on the Williams River, on the body of William ROBINSON, which had been found in the river on the previous Thursday.

Donald BESTON, son of Mr. BESTON, having been sworn, said that on Monday evening he saw the deceased pulling his boat up the river; the sail of the boat was up at the time; when deceased had arrived near McLee's Point, witness observed a splash in the water near the boat, and immediately ran and told his father that he thought ROBINSON had fallen out of his boat into the river; witness had not seen anyone in the boat with the deceased, or near to it at the time of the occurrence.

VERDICT: FOUND DROWNED.

I had in the collection of documents, passed on when my sister Pam died, a death certificate for William. This certificate had been issued by the Local District Registrar at Newcastle in 1987 and took the form of a prepared form in which details from the original register were typed. On this form there was no provision for Years in the Colony. At this period of time it was one of the standard questions asked when registering a death in New South Wales. It only took me a couple of months to realise this was missing and only when I was unable to find him on any shipping records coming here with his new wife Eleanor nee BLACKWELL sometime after the wedding took place in Hazleby in the December Quarter of 1853, that I finally realised this was the detail I needed to narrow down my search.

Well just how well this was covered up! My research for William was frustrating to say the least. I had information on his birth/baptism in Helpringham, I had him on the 1841 Census living with his mother Mary in Heckington.

Could not find him on any 1851 Census - would have been impossible, because in 1851 he was living in Tasmania probably as a free man having received his pardon - but I digress.

I emailed Joy Murrin - Joy is one of three transcription agents in NSW. I asked Joy to do a search of the original entry at the Registry and see if this information was included. Well to my amazement the email came back saying "7 Years in Van Diemen's Land, 3 years in Victoria and 2 years and 6 months in New South Wales. Well to say you could have picked me up from the floor is an understatement. This upstanding Robinson Family - a convict? - Never!

I think my late sister and our Aunt and Mum's deceased cousin Billie ROBINSON who lived in Canada would be up there jumping around - so excited if not a bit perplexed. These three between them had spent years working on the Helpringham ROBINSON'S to the extent that it became an obsession. We had all at one time visited Helpringham which is in Lincolnshire.

I took up the challenge ten years after they had all left this earth and I am so glad I have. Now what came next?

My first instinct was to go to Ancestry.com.au - my goodness do you know how many William ROBINSON's came as convicts - heaps! I did find a couple

who had been before the courts in Lincolnshire ranging from 1844, and several born 1822 or thereabouts. Frustration! Time for a nanny nap. Couldn't concentrate on my reading, couldn't doze off - mind racing.

Back out to the computer. Mr Google "Please can you tell me anything about Lincolnshire Convicts?" Well Mr Google came through again:

Convicts Details from Lincolnshire County Council online records

William ROBINSON

- Alias: N/A
- Of: Heckington
- Occupation: Labourer
- Age: 21
- Crime:

Breaking into the dwelling house of Thomas SINGLETON of Great Hale, farmer, and stealing 3 homespun linen sheets, 4 pillowcases, a tablecloth, a hand towel, a pair of men's shoes, a pair of steelyards, a pair of sugar nippers, a Bible, a boy's cap, another cap, a pair of women's stockings, an iron horse or toast stand, a pair of tongs, a poker, a ball of flax, a bell metal pan, another pan, and a steelyard weight

- Place of Crime: Great Hale
- Court: Kesteven Quarter Sessions
- Trial Date: 04/01/1844
- Sentence: 10 Years
- Ship: *Maria Somes*
- Destination: Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land)
- Transportation Date: 1844
- Sources Used: Calendar of prisoners, trial documents
- Other Remarks: Unable to read or write. Both Robinson and his mother lived at Heckington
- Document Ref:
COC 4/1/18/2; KQS A/2/522/54, 60, 68a-c, 72, 76,79a

Victim:

- SINGLETON, Thomas

TASMANIAN ARRIVAL

William arrived in Tasmania on the *Maria Somes* on 30 July 1844

I have looked at various newspapers on Trove but cannot find anything in the Tasmanian papers about William or his time in the colony. The next item was his PARDON which is listed in the time period of 1849-1851 and the entry states that he has served 6 years and 9 months of his 10 year sentence.

William did not waste any time in leaving Van Diemen's Land because he is soon on the ship *City of Melbourne* out of Launceston bound for the mainland and Melbourne. 11 November 1851

How he managed to get back to England is still a mystery. But back he did go -referring to an entry in FreeBMD database I found a marriage taking place between Eleanor BLACKWELL and William ROBINSON in the December Quarter of 1853 registered at Bourn, Linc. Vol. 7a Page 663 and is substantiated by Williams Death Certificate.

William did quite a bit of travelling in his short 36 years.

I would imagine the stigma of being a felon would have been part of his decision to travel back to Australia and settle near his elder brother Hardy ROBINSON I, my second great grandfather in the Raymond Terrace area. Here he could take up the life of an ordinary immigrant and start afresh. I am still searching for William and Eleanor arriving in Australia, I have the certificate of their daughter Mary Elizabeth who was born just months before William died.

Amazingly, what I can tell you is that after William's death Eleanor remarried a man called Thomas ROBINSON, yes would you believe ROBINSON, they had a daughter Rebecca. I have no idea what happened to the second husband.

And the story turns full circle back to the UK when what should pop up, Eleanor a widow and her girls mentioned in the 1861 and 1871 Censuses.

How much of this tale the family knew can only be surmised. I really don't think my grandmother Sarah Ann Elizabeth HALLSTROM nee ROBINSON knew. She was such a private person I doubt she would have told even if she did know.

Kay Radford – Life Member 530L

OLD STORIES, NEW TREASURES

Digging for Gold

Over the last couple of years I have been involved in researching my husband's family history. He, Stig ERTNER, migrated to Australia in 1967 from Dragør, Denmark. Dragør is an historic village about 12 kms outside Copenhagen. It was one of Denmark's major shipping towns until the end of last century.

During the course of my research there have been many emails back and forth to my sister in law Inge Lise MØLLER nee ERTNER, who still lives in Dragør and is the keeper of the family history! I think her enthusiasm for family storytelling has had an effect on her husband Søren MØLLER as he is now researching with his cousins to find their family stories. She mentioned in passing that during the 1850's Søren's great grandfather Hans PRÆST a sailor from Dragør had been a gold miner in Victoria, Australia. He had also had a business transporting provisions from the harbour to the gold mining areas. We don't know how much gold he found but he did become quite prosperous having later been able to buy shares in several ships. We discussed the coincidence that our families could have had a much earlier connection as my great, great grandfather James COLDHAM-FUSSELL in 1853 was also on the Victorian goldfields.



In passing she asked would I like a copy of Hans' gold licence! She said it wasn't the original one as they didn't know where that was but the local archives had a photocopy of it. I suggested she should try to find the original maybe hidden among some boxes of papers

they had. Three months after that correspondence they have found the original!

Hans PRÆST married Trein PALM and they had 9 children one of their daughters, Mathilde PRÆST married Frederik Wilhelm MØLLER. She died in childbirth and Frederik married her sister Bertha PRÆST. They had 10 children five of whom died when they were quite small. Their son Bertel MØLLER was Søren MØLLER's father.



It seems that the house Hans PRÆST had built in 1873 when he married Trein PALM at Kongevejen 8 has just been inherited by Marianne SVENDSEN a cousin to Søren MØLLER through their common ancestor, Hans PRÆST. It is one of the many historic houses in Dragør today and was built by the same Master builder who designed and built two other very distinctly different houses in the

same area, one of which the MØLLER family still live in. There were still many boxes of "old stuff" stored in the old house.



▲ *Photo: Kongevejen 8 and 10 (lived in by Hans' father)*

As you do with family history, one of the cousins who knew her slightly, ventured to introduce himself and the family were invited to visit the house.

What do you think was in a frame hanging on the wall? The original gold licence, faded but intact!

Marianne SVENDSEN is a designer and has a studio in her home where she designs jewellery. She also works in the local tourist office arranging tours of the area. Among the ancestors treasures Marianne found three pieces of gold Hans PRÆST brought back from Victoria which she has made into a pendant with the gold in a small glass case. She has also used buttons from great great grandmother Trein's dresses and made them into rings.

Her website showing her designs reminded me of the day we held earlier in the year where members brought in memory boxes and treasures from their family.

Sometimes with family history it is about asking the right questions to get the result we want. In the words of Inge Lise, "Hans PRÆST was digging for gold in the past and we are digging in the past for information!"

Marianne SVENDSEN very kindly allowed me to use photos from her website for this story. www.nanne.dk



◀ *The Gold nugget brought back from Australia*



▲ *Three rings made from the buttons from Trein's dress*

Margaret Ertner – Member 1252

LETTER TO MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, MARY nee CHILVERS

Dear Mary,

Your family has left an amazing mark on society, not just here in New South Wales, but also in many other parts of Australia. This year, 2014, we are celebrating the bicentenary of the arrival on 28th July 1814 of the convict ship *Broxbournebury*, and particularly of one of those on board, Mary SMITH, your mother. What an amazingly resilient lady she was, and that also goes for your incredible father, James CHILVERS.

Your mother Mary SMITH was born in Manchester, Lancashire and was living in London when she was convicted at the Old Bailey in 1811 for stealing a petticoat and other clothing items. We know little of her background but she came as one of the many illiterate arrivals to these shores. However, a letter she wrote to John MACARTHUR after James's death shows her great efforts to be literate and be able to sign her own name. This letter pleaded with John Macarthur to buy James's carpentry tools after he died because she was in 'great wants of the money'. He obliged, but only paid her a small amount, way below the value of those tools.

Your father, James CHILVERS, was born in Suffolk, possibly a place named Kelsale Cum Charlton. While most convicts' home towns were not in their Old Bailey records, being known as a 'notorious timber merchant' may have identified his home town through previous records.

As a trained architect and builder though, James must have been literate to complete his studies. I hear he was also a church organist so, being well educated, he may have received a more privileged upbringing.

The Morning Chronical (London, England) Thursday 16th Dec 1813

HATTON-GARDEN.—James Harrison and James Chilvers, the two notorious timber merchants, were brought up again yesterday, and underwent another examination, when the two following fresh charges were brought against them:—

Nathaniel Ponder, a carpenter and builder, residing in Fenchurch-street, swore, and brought forward witnesses to prove, that five pair of glazed window sashes, worth upwards of 10l. which were found by the Police Officers, in the prisoners' work shop, in Back-hill, were his property, and stolen out of the window frames, which were fixed in a dwelling house, in which no person slept, in Granby-street, Bethnal-green, together with two pair more of sashes, not found.

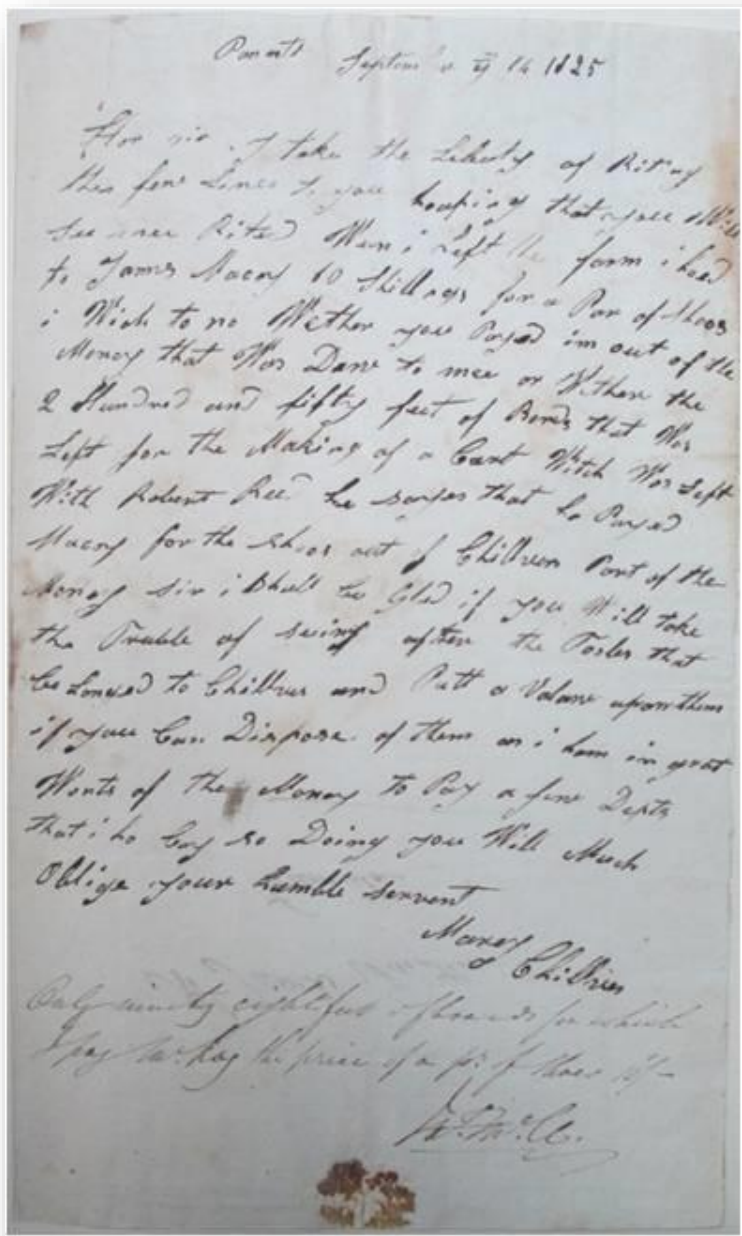
Two six-pannel doors, the property of H. Leech, which were feloniously stolen out of a new built house, not inhabited, were identified, and proved to be found by the Officers on the premises of the prisoners, on the 2d of this month.

The parties were bound over to prosecute, and the prisoners committed for another examination on Saturday, to answer to fresh charges.

He was working in London when convicted at the Old Bailey for being in possession of seven mahogany bed posts which the owner claimed to have been stolen. James claimed they were a legitimate purchase but the court declared him guilty and sentenced him to seven years transportation. Other charges were made against him and his

business partner James HARRISON while in custody. These had come about

after police inspections of their workshop. James arrived on *Indefatigable* in 1815. In the colony of Sydney, New South Wales he was employed by John Macarthur as a carpenter, helping to build Hambledon Cottage at Parramatta. He came to an untimely death in 1825 when you were just a young girl, 9 years old. The report simply states that James CHILVERS was 'killed in the employ of John MACARTHUR'. We have not been able to establish the exact significance of the word *killed*.



James and Mary were given permission to marry, but the actual wedding is not recorded. We presume they did marry at Parramatta about 3rd July 1820. Your mother Mary had six children and then, after your father died, another three by Samuel CROPPER. You were all very poor and several times when your mother was desperate for help, you all spent time in the Parramatta Orphan school. Some of your siblings died there either from disease contracted through communal living or just malnutrition from extreme poverty. The records these many years later show when you were in and out of the school. Possibly Mary was eventually employed and

able to earn a live-in allowance.

Your brother Thomas CHILVERS moved to the Newcastle area and sister Elizabeth CHILVERS to the Cobbity/Camden area. Amazingly, after such poor

beginnings, Elizabeth lived to 77 years, Thomas to 80 and you to 93! Those of your generation were certainly tough survivors!

At the age of 12 you were hired as a servant to Mr HAWDON at Elderslie, at the Cowpastures now known as Camden. You worked very well there but Mr HAWDON acquired more land at Moruya in southern New South Wales and he felt it improper to take a young girl so far away from civilisation.

Therefore after six years at Elderslie you were then sent to Liverpool for employment with a Mr James WOOD who owned the *Ship Inn*.

The Australian (Sydney, NSW : 1824 - 1848) (about) ◀ Friday 9 June 1837 ▶

Mary Chilvers, who was sentenced on Wednesday week to be confined in Sydney Gaol for three weeks by the Sydney Bench of Magistrates, for absconding from her hired service, was liberated on Wednesday last, in consequence of Mr. Wood, her former master, memorializing the Governor for a remission of the sentence, who stated in his memorial that he had known the girl almost from infancy, and that he was fearful if she were allowed to remain in the gaol and associate with the abandoned females who were her companions in that place of confinement, she would be entirely lost. Our attention has been called to the above case by several correspondents, but as our Reporter was not present on the occasion of its coming before the Police, we decline at all interfering in it.

Your next employment was with a Mr and Mrs STRODE of Harrington Street in Sydney. You were charged with absconding after one week. Mr STRODE's understanding was that you were to be trialled for one month whereas you thought the contract was for only one week. The kind Mr WOOD gave good testimony to your character and knew that a gaol term would be exceedingly wrong for an innocent girl as you proved to be. It was Mr

WOOD to whom John HALL was assigned prior to receiving his ticket of leave.

Your employment in Liverpool must have already allowed you to meet John HALL who was running a bakery and butcher's shop there. You and John HALL were married in St Luke's Church of England on 3rd April 1839. John had been given a 14 year sentence at the Old Bailey for stealing a handkerchief. He was initially detained on the hulk *Dolphin* before sailing in December 1830 and arriving in Sydney on the *Florentia 2* in August, 1831. He had worked in a bakery in London prior to his transportation so the move to Liverpool and your marriage there saw you both setting up as bakers on the corner of Moore and Macquarie Street. You had seven sons before three daughters and then another son, and my family line comes from your third son, Thomas Alfred HALL, who later became an established butcher in Woollahra.

In preparation for the bicentenary, it is because of these three daughters that I am now writing to you. I found in my father's archives a beautiful photo of you with the three girls which added to my interest in delving more deeply into their story. Your third daughter, Kezia Rebecca HALL was married to William HAWKEN and their son Ralph HAWKEN had many descendants. She died at the age of 97 in 1937 in Gosford, where I now live! The other two, Isabella Emily HALL and Victoria Mary HALL remained single women as far as we know. The records had implied that Isabella may have married, had children and then maybe suffered post-natal depression with having three children close together or had been overcome with grief after the husband died. However we now know for certain that she did remain single. This was clarified by obtaining the marriage and death transcriptions of that husband and the Isabella who married. The names of the parents of that Isabella are not John and Mary.



Victoria Mary remained living at your Moore St home. Perhaps, as being the more stable single daughter, her task in life was to look after you in your widowhood and old age. Your husband John had died much earlier in 1869 at the age of 61 from a bowel obstruction which, from my nursing background, I would understand must have been caused by a malignant tumour. Victoria's will does not refer to a supposed statement, recounted in family legend, that the contents of the house were to go to certain people except for what was left in a certain room. According to that legend, someone moved everything into that one room

so nothing else was left in the house for the other named beneficiaries! Victoria died in 1915 at the relatively young age of 59. She died of *sarcoma of*

the spleen, exhaustion and dropsy (oedema) less than five years after you.

LIVERPOOL POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1900.
(Before the P.M.)

ASSAULT.

Isabella Emily Hall pleaded not guilty to a charge of unlawfully assaulting Edward C. Wheeler, at Liverpool, on the 30th April last.

Mr. J. H. Marsden appeared for complainant.

Complainant, on oath, stated: I am a driver for my uncle, C. Fullagar, and reside in Liverpool; I was on my uncle's land on the date in question getting thistles for his horses, when defendant came up to me with a stick (produced) in one hand and a hammer in the other; she struck me about the body several times with the stick, bruising me considerably; I showed the bruises to Constable Harrison the same day; I gave defendant no provocation, nor did I quarrel with her; she said I was on her land and asked me if I was going off, and I replied "No"; after she struck me I took the stick and the hammer away from her and walked away; she was swearing at me when I was walking away.

By defendant: You ordered me off the land, but I refused to go; I did not say I would knock you down, neither did I threaten to strike you.

Amy Flood, on oath, stated: I remember the date in question; complainant was picking thistles on C. Fullagar's property on that day, and defendant told him to get off the land; complainant refused to leave and defendant struck him several times with a stick like the one produced; while defendant was striking complainant he pushed her away; I saw the bruises on complainant's body; defendant is of rather an excitable temperament.

By defendant: I did not incite complainant to strike you; you hit complainant and he took the stick away from you.

Defendant, on oath, stated: I have private means and reside in Liverpool; I know complainant, and saw him and his sister on the land on the day in

Isabella Emily looks so innocent and docile in the photo but in 1900 she was fined in the local court for attacking a neighbour with a hammer and stick when she was accused of trespassing on Mr Wheeler's Uncle's land! Whose land was it really because the boundary between properties was not clearly defined, each claimed the other was on their land!. She was described as 'of an excitable nature'.

These days I can look up electronic records that tell me much about the lives of your family members so long ago. In these I have details of the death of your eldest daughter.

Liverpool Herald (NSW : 1897 - 1907), Saturday 19 May 1900, page 8 <http://tro>

saw him and his sister on the land on the day in question: I was on the land with a stick and hammer for the purpose of repairing the fence; complainant's sister told him repeatedly to strike me; I told complainant to clear off the land, and he put out his hand to knock me down, but I prevented him by placing the stick in front of his hand; complainant caught hold of me by the right wrist and took the stick, and made a grab at the hammer and tore my hand.

By Mr. Marsden: I did not strike complainant with the stick; the stick produced is heavier than the one I had.

Defendant was fined 2s 6d, and ordered to pay £1 1s professional costs, 5s witness expenses and 4s 10d costs of court.

UNSOOUND MIND.

Alfred Ouant, an inmate of the Liverpool Asylum, was charged with being of unsound mind. Drs. Beattie and Birch gave evidence in support of the charge, and defendant was ordered to be sent to the Parramatta Hospital for Insane for treatment.

By then she was known as Emily and died 14th March in 1927 at the age of 75 in Parramatta Mental Asylum. Did that *excitable nature* of hers and the said court case, cause her to go off the rails and become unstable? Looking back from 2014 I know that treatment for cases like Emily's has now greatly changed and that such

people are able to remain safely as law-abiding citizens in the community.

In receiving Emily's death certificate through those electronic means, I found that she died of pneumonia and with 'no known family'. The year that her

sister Victoria Mary died was 1915, the same year that she was admitted to Parramatta. The hospital statement 'she had no known family', suggests that in those twelve years the staff must not have known of anyone visiting her. Even her admission papers did not record any family members. No doubt she would have been buried in a pauper's grave.

| NSW DEATH REGISTRATION TRANSCRIPTION | | REF NO 1927/4954 |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| NAME | EMILY HALL | |
| DATE OF DEATH | 14 MAR 1927 | |
| PLACE OF DEATH | MENTAL HOSPITAL, PARRAMATTA MUNICIPALITY | |
| OCCUPATION | | |
| SEX | FEMALE | |
| AGE | 73 | |
| CONJUGAL STATUS | | |
| PLACE OF BIRTH | UNKNOWN | |
| TIME IN AUST COLONIES | | |
| FATHER | UNKNOWN | |
| OCCUPATION | UNKNOWN | |
| MOTHER | UNKNOWN | |
| PLACE OF MARRIAGE | NOT MARRIED | |
| AGE AT MARRIAGE | | |
| NAME OF SPOUSE | | |
| CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE | | |
| INFORMANT | P F BROWN (ALTERED FROM G R HEPPLWHITE), FOR MANAGER, MENTAL HOSPITAL PARRAMATTA | |
| CAUSE OF DEATH | BRONCHO PNEUMONIA | |
| LENGTH OF ILLNESS | | |
| MEDICAL ATTENDANT | GUY P Y PRIOR | |
| DATE LAST SEEN | MARCH 1927 | |
| DATE OF BURIAL | 15 MAR 1927 | |
| PLACE OF BURIAL | CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY ROOKWOOD | |
| MINISTER & RELIGION | R O TODD, CHURCH OF ENGLAND | |
| UNDERTAKER | METCALFE AND MORRIS (AMAL) LTD | |
| WITNESSES | H DRIVER, F MORRIS | |
| CREMATION DATE | | |
| CREMATION PLACE | | |
| CREMATION INFORMANT | | |
| CREMATION RELIGION | | |
| CREMATION WITNESSES | | |
| REGISTERED | 17 MAR 1927 - PARRAMATTA | |
| NOTES | | |

After all those dreadful early beginnings you yourself lived to the ripe old age of 93. How tenacious you people were to life! Perhaps there is some truth in the story that when you died in 1910 you were 'afraid to die'? Your own death certificate states that you died of 'senile decay'. From that description, your dotage would have required a constant carer or carers. We know Victoria Mary must have been your prime carer, but where was Isabella Emily at this time? Was her own mental state already such that

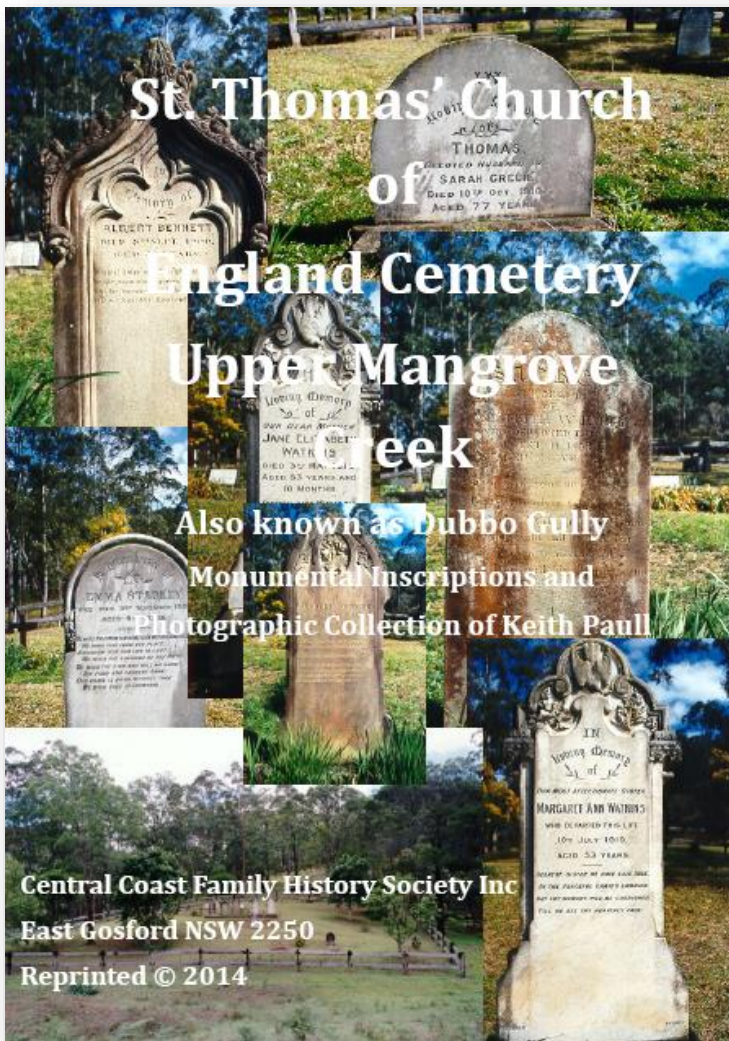
caused her to be put away five years later?

A lovely touch to end on is the fact that your grandson, my grandfather Rev Frederic Charles HALL, an Anglican pastor, conducted your funeral service at St Luke's in Liverpool on 20th July 1910. My own father, Kenwyn HALL, your great grandson, was just three months old at the time.

Your caring great-great-grandchild,

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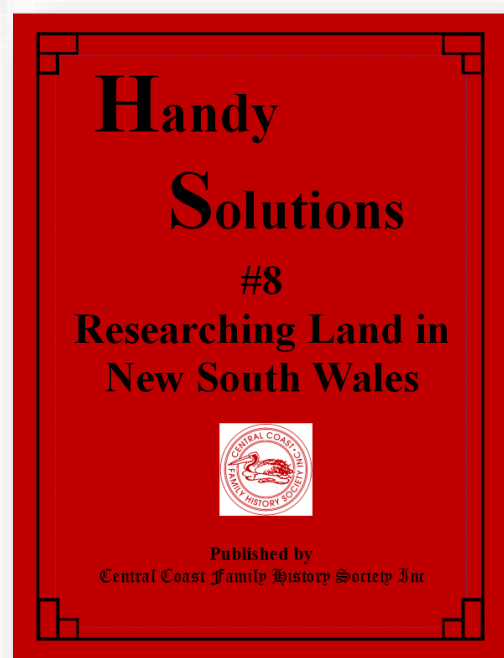
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TOM KITTEN AT PARRAMATTA FAMILY HISTORY FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS

For those of us with plenty of story books and grandchildren to share them with, there's no shortage of things to do when the day with Pa and Na comes round each week.

Karys and I look forward to our adventures each Friday with three-year-old Aria and our day usually starts with a train trip from Cronulla to the city or nearby suburbs. Recently our destination was **Hambleton Cottage** which we

wanted to look through before visiting it as part of a family reunion weekend.



Aria's fifth great grandfather **James CHILVERS** was one of the carpenters who, back in the 1820s, built the cottage as a family retreat for **Elizabeth and John MACARTHUR** of nearby Elizabeth Farm.

One of Pa's favourite stories when he was aged 3 or 4 was *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers*, or *The Roly*

Poly Pudding. If you're a **Beatrix POTTER** fan, you'll recall this tale with its mischief, its dangers and suspense and above all, its exquisite watercolour illustrations so loved by children and adults of all ages.

I love reading stories to Aria during our train journeys and the chosen highlight for this day's literary endeavours was, as you've probably guessed, *Samuel Whiskers*. Aria was enthralled and obviously kept pictures and story in her mind for her heritage adventure that was to follow.



Hambledon Cottage was the perfect venue and as we went from room to room, this canny three-year-old was obviously re-living the book from cover to cover. Here were the thick walls that the rats called home, there was the floor where John Joiner was



called in to saw through to rescue the errant Tom Kitten. And those beautiful cedar

doorways and architraves! Did James CHILVERS ever dream that nearly 200 years later a descendant of his would be admiring and feeling his handiwork?

The kitchen, beautifully set out in true house museum style as it would have appeared in the time of the Macarthur family, drew Aria back time and time again. 'Come and look at this Na and Pa', she said, as she took us in and showed us the fireplace where Tom Kitten climbed up via the bar holding the cooking pots, to get lost in the maze of brick passageways which took him to the den of Samuel Whiskers, the old man rat of the tale's title!

Aria searched earnestly for Tom Kitten as she peered up the chimney, noting that the Hambledon fireplace and the location of its adjoining oven and firebox, were almost identical in style to the original as pictured in the book. talk about literature coming to life! 'Look there', she said excitedly pointing to the kitchen table. There was the very rolling pin itself. Was it still covered in butter and flour that the rats had stolen to turn Tom Kitten into their evening meal?



Surely that was enough to make this a day of days! But no, there was more! In another room, as part of a display declared Aria, was Anna Maria herself! No sign of the butter, flour or Tom Kitten, but a perfectly sized model to relate to and with whom the story could be re-enacted once again.

I'm almost in tears of joy and remembrance as I recall what a wonderful day we three had, sharing in the excitement and wonderment that our three-year-old displayed throughout. Aria went home that night bubbling over

with the story of the naughty Tom Kitten, telling her parents of the visit to the house that her 'aunts and uncles' had built and all the olden day things that she saw and remembered.

True, it wasn't *Hill Top Farm*, Beatrix Potter's old cottage at Near Sawrey in Cumbria that Karys and I had visited a couple of years ago. Who knows, Aria might see that for herself in years to come. Not to worry, Hambledon Cottage is the perfect place to give a granddaughter a sense of heritage and history, all the more significant in that it reaches back, in the case of our family, for six generations.

Some books, even those written over a century ago, are timeless and they may be enjoyed by each succeeding generation. Hang on to them and share them with your youngsters.

Vale James CHILVERS, 1781-1825, Beatrix POTTER, 1866-1943, and all those since who have been touched in some way by their contribution to our history.

Jon Fearon, Member 1216J – *descended from old yeomen farmers of Cumbria and married to the third great grand-daughter of carpenter and Parramatta pioneer, James Chilvers.*



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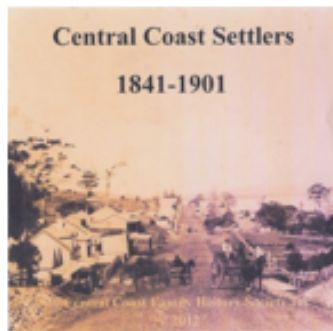
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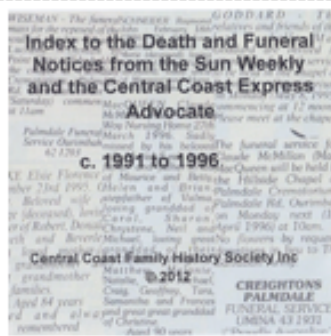
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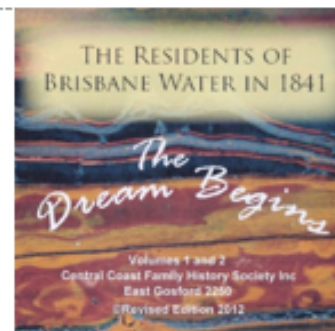
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