

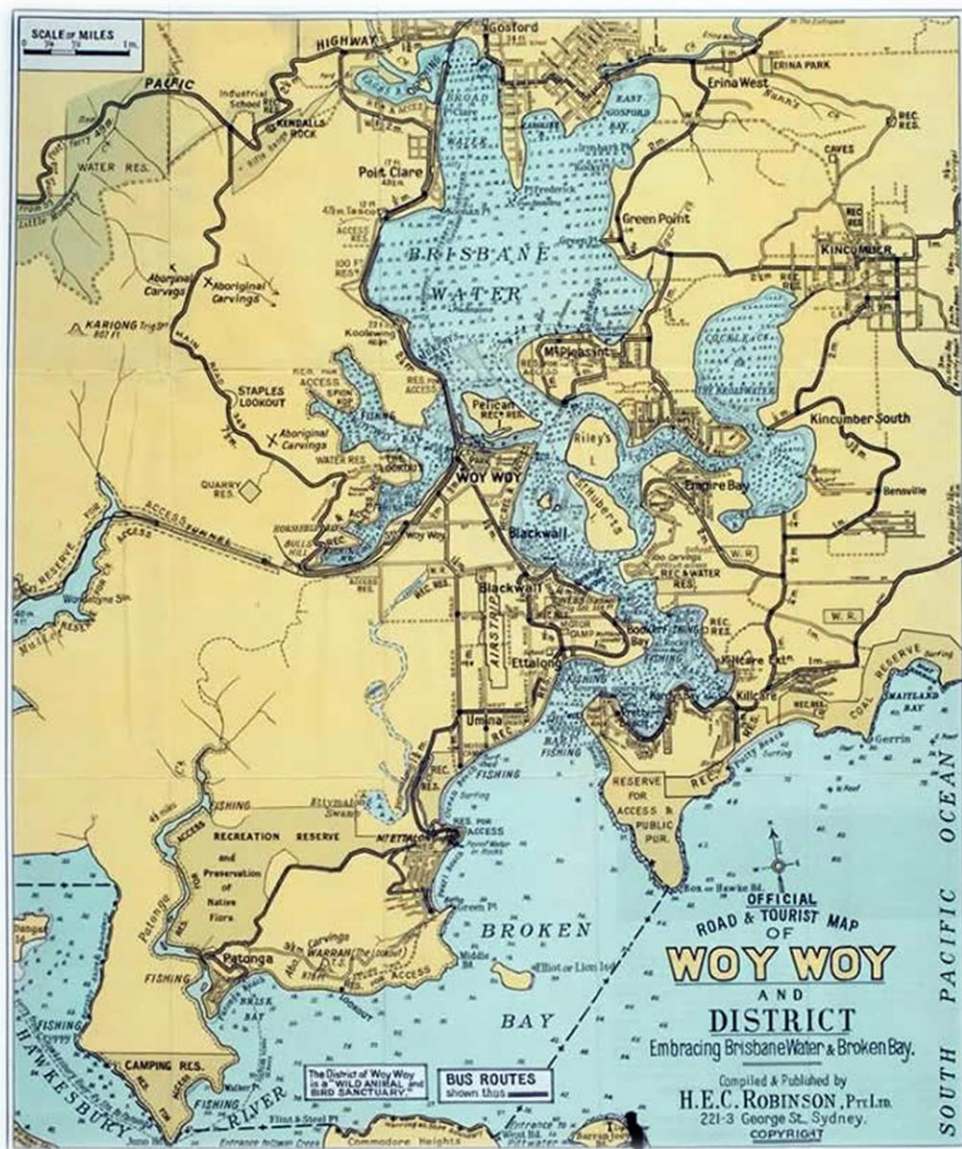
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EDITORIAL

Once again, sincere thanks are due to those who have contributed, prepared and presented the items included in this issue of the *e-Muster* for your enjoyment. As always, member contributions are greatly appreciated and encouraged.

As always, I would like to acknowledge the Research Centre Volunteers- they are the backbone of our centre - without these dedicated individuals we cannot operate. Thank you all for the time you give so generously to the Society and the assistance to our Members each week.

As the Editor of your magazine, I thank the contributors who have provided such interesting stories in this latest issue of the *e-Muster*.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PAUL SCHIPP

Welcome to another edition of CCFHS E-Muster. This edition comprises a mix of enlightening stories and intriguing research. A mix that will suit the varied interests of our readers who enjoy a *Me* time with the *e-Muster*.
Happy reading.

Regards;
Paul Schipp, CCFHS President.

NEW MEMBERS

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

2089	Sandra PARR
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2091	Gail PAGE
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2095J	David & Mia LEWIS

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How? From the desktop select the Pelican logo, and  then select E- Journals.

The list grows steadily every month so please make sure you keep checking back if you cannot find a hard copy in the Journal Basket.

SPEAKERS FOR 2019

1st JUNE 2019

Gail DAVIS- State Records archivist.

Gail will be speaking about “Identifying periods of Photography through history. We are very fortunate to have Gail, one of our favourite speakers, visiting us as she is retiring from her position very soon. She will be sadly missed.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



A Gold coin donation is gratefully received when attending the Research Centre to assist in offsetting the cost of online subscription sites. A Day Research fee for Non-Members is \$10.

All Saturday workshops will incur a fee of \$10 for members unless otherwise stipulated and must be paid for prior to the day.

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

Please read the two additional questions on your membership form regarding the Rotary Raffle to the value of \$10.00 and/or a once per year donation of \$10.00 to the Equipment Maintenance Fund. You can choose to collect the Tickets from the Centre or send in a stamped addressed envelope and we will post them to you.

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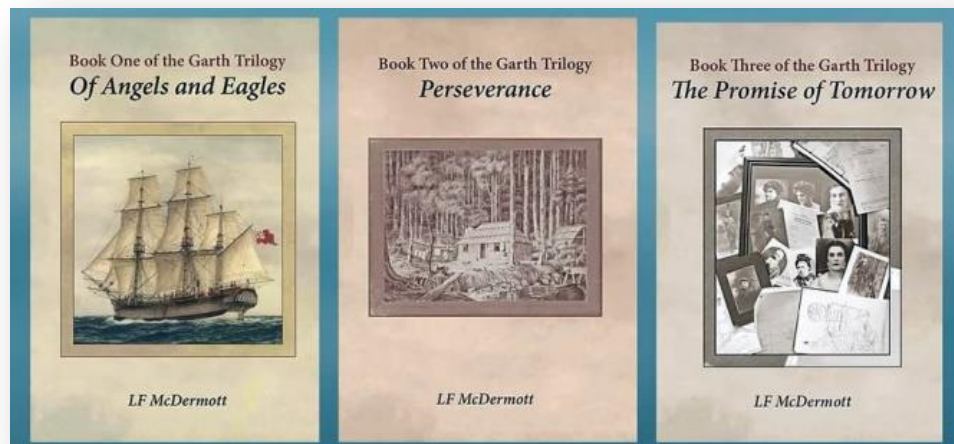
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Deadline for articles for the April edition of the Muster
20th July, 2019.

BOOK REVIEW

THE GARTH TRILOGY. Author: Lynette F. McDermott

For all those lovers of Australian history and the individual lives that built our history, here is a true story and insight into the lives of the Garth family. The Garth family history encompasses the very early life of those convicts who were selected



and sent to New South Wales, Norfolk Island, and Tasmania. It is a great read based on fact but of course fiction provides the characterisation and emotion as well as the dialogue between the characters therefore it is the following three novels which form The Garth Trilogy.

Of Angels and Eagles

Book 1 places the trilogy from the days of the Industrial Revolution and the rapid increase in poverty leading to the life of the lower classes living in dreadful living conditions and widespread crime. Convicted and transported to the other side of the world and selected to be part of the first settlement on Norfolk Island, the place of Angels and Eagles, they make a good life for themselves for 20 years.

Perseverance

Book 2 focuses on the Garth family and their close friends, the Bellets who are forced to move to Van Diemen's Land when the Norfolk Island settlement was to be abandoned. Despite their deprived beginnings the families rise to the challenges of farming, hardships, disease among the many issues relative to new settlers and aboriginals. These people are among the pioneers of Tasmania.

The Promise of Tomorrow

Book 3 highlights the development of pioneering families who were early settlers with their children branching out empowered by a spirit of adventure to make lives of their own in a harsh country which will push them to their limits.

It is quite possible that readers will have a connection to family members of this wonderful and inspiring story. An internet search of the book and its' author will further enhance the enjoyment of the trilogy.

Enjoy the read.

Books reviewed by Sue BRECKENRIDGE. Member 1561.

An audio interview re: the background of the Trilogy and of the Author L.F. Mc Dermott, conducted by Tim Webster from 2UW is available on www.lfmcdermottauthor.com

ARTICLES from our MEMBERS

JOSEPH POPPLEWELL and the ROYAL ASTRONOMER'S MEMORIAL TABLET AT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, KINCUMBER.

As far as I know, there has not been any extensive study done on the work of stonemasons in the early times of the district surrounding Gosford. The first of these who came to my notice were mason William Sidebottom and assistant Abraham Sidebottom, both convicts, some of whose work still exists from the 1830s on what was the "Wyoming" grant owned by Frederick Augustus Hely, Principal Superintendent of Convicts in Sydney.

The marble Boer War Memorial of 1902 at the northern end of Gosford Park in Mann Street, is of an attractive design topped by an artistic urn, and was the first memorial of many to be erected there. It was the work of Maitland monumental mason Thomas Browne who was also responsible for the headstone of George Duigan of 1900 in Point Frederick Cemetery, Gosford (now Pioneer Park). This has the same style of floral decoration and other carvings as he designed for the memorial. Possibly Browne made other headstones in the district which are no longer in existence.

No doubt capable stonemasons could carry out a variety of work, especially if they were also clever artists.

Some recent research into re-interments of certain remains from the Devonshire Street cemetery in Sydney in 1901 to make way for the construction of Central Railway Station took me again to Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty's weighty and informative book "*Sydney Burial Ground 1819-1901 (Elizabeth and Devonshire streets)*" published by the Library of Australian History in 2001. This is in the CCFHS library.

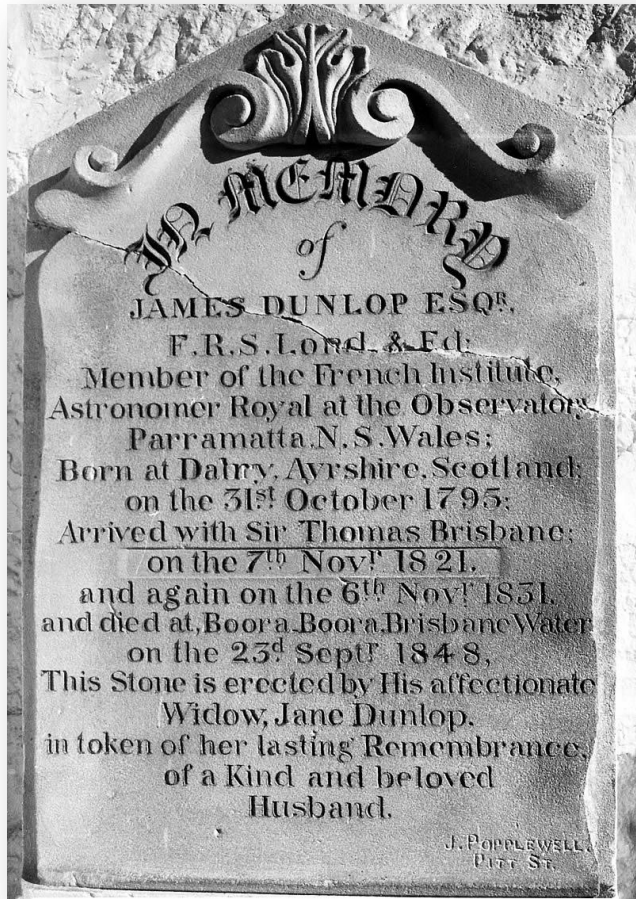
It was interesting to find details there of the life of sculptor and stonemason Joseph Popplewell (1800-1872), Yorkshire born and trained, who made a number of finely lettered monuments at the Sydney Burial Ground. Many of these were re-sited at Bunnerong in 1901 when about 30,000 remains had to be re-interred in other cemeteries (thousands more remains were never found). Popplewell carried on his business from the 1830s to 1850s at various addresses in the city. It was ironic, as pointed out, that when it came to his own death, he was buried in an unmarked grave at Rookwood Cemetery.

Stonemason Popplewell was a very gifted sculptor who is widely admired for his carving of gargoyles on the Great Hall at Sydney University.

We have an admirable example of Popplewell's work in the porch of our district's oldest Anglican Church, St Paul's of Kincumber.



St Paul's Anglican Church in 1984. The tablet can be seen up high behind the right hand iron gate. G. Dundon Photo.



James Dunlop Memorial tablet at St Paul's, Kincumber. G. Dundon Photo

It is the memorial tablet of Astronomer Royal, James Dunlop who died in 1848 on his property “Boora Boora” at the Kincumber Broadwater, which he had owned only for a short time.

Dunlop had given up his work at the observatory because of poor health, which may have been caused partly because in 1837 he picked up a wild cat in the bush and was carrying it under his arm, when he was bitten between the thumb and fingers.

The Sydney Herald newspaper reported on 15.6.1837 p2, that “Mr D. was seized with tetanus or lock-jaw and it was only by the most decisive steps that the medical gentlemen were able to preserve his life”



James Dunlop's wife Jane, nee Service and James Dunlop. From paintings owned by the late Mrs A.M. (Mollie) Heuston.

James Dunlop and his wife Jane, who had the tablet made “in token of her lasting Remembrance of a Kind and beloved Husband”, are both buried in the cemetery where another stone has much the same wording as on the tablet, but other members of the family have been added.

James Dunlop, Royal Astronomer, born Scotland, first came to the colony as assistant astronomer with Governor Sir Thomas Brisbane in 1821. His brother John who came out from Scotland with his family when James died, described him as” slight, of medium height and wore a blue coat with brass buttons” –he both smoked and took snuff.

Popplewell incised his name at the bottom of the tablet which has exceptionally fine printing in all details.

Minard Fanny Crommelin

During the period 1906-10, Miss Minard Fannie Crommelin was acting postmistress at Woy Woy on the NSW Central Coast. She fell in love with the area, became an enthusiastic bushwalker, and developed a keen interest in the local flora and fauna.

Despite her subsequent postings to over 200 different towns, it was to this district that she retired in 1935 when she was left a legacy which enabled her to purchase land at Pearl Beach.



In 1937 she had bought 2.8 hectares of land adjoining the sanctuary at Pearl Beach. She paid £84 for the land in Pearl Beach which adjoined the Brisbane Water National Park.



In 1938, after canvassing support from various societies to which she belonged Warrah Sanctuary was proclaimed with Crommelin the founding trustee.

She moved there in 1939. She built a house for herself and a cottage that was used by bushwalkers.

She constantly protested against the local destruction of flora and fauna, careless back-burning and debatable infrastructure developments and unsuccessfully lobbied politicians, government departments and newspaper editors for the establishment of a national botanic garden, fauna park and arboretum and for a national ecological conservation authority.

Miss Crommelin's interest in wildlife did not cease with her retirement - she fought hard for the preservation of the local ecosystems, wrote innumerable letters to the authorities, and was at one time or another a member of 154 conservation and natural history societies.

In 1947 she offered the cottages and their contents to the University of Sydney with one condition: she could live out her remaining years on the land. The University accepted and developed a biological and natural field station for research and named it the Crommelin Biological Field Station for use as a "natural field station for research into and for the promotion of the study and the improvement and preservation of the native flora and protection of the native fauna."

A valuable book collection formed part of this gift and many of these books are now housed in the rare book section of the University's library.

Crommelin died at her home in Pearl Beach on 14 February 1972, aged 90.

Marlene DAVIDSON Member 327L

For further information about this amazing woman visit: -
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minard_Fannie_Crommelin

MICHAEL PATRICK GILDEA

Michael was born on the 31st July 1877 in Cobargo, south east New South Wales. His father was Robert, a blacksmith and his mother was Jane Ellen Harris. He was one of twelve children.

The first mention of Michael's life is a shipping record showing that he travelled from Brisbane to Sydney on the ship "Cornwall" arriving in Sydney on 16th November 1901. He was one of a number of Australian and New Zealand stockmen employed to transport seven hundred horses to South Africa for use in the Boer War.

On the 3rd September 1902 Michael was attested into the Cape Police, as he was not able to make his way home to Australia. His regimental number was 1615 and he was attached to the Mounted Shoemsmiths.

102 Shoeing Smith C.F. 25. (Revised December, 1900.)

CAPE POLICE. CANDIDATE'S PAPER.

N.B.—Any person who shall, by false certificates or any false representations, obtain admission into the force shall upon conviction be liable to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding three months. (Vide 183, Act 12 of 1882.)

QUESTIONS. (To be in Applicant's own diction and writing.)

1. What is your name? *Michael Gildea*
2. What is your present age? *25 years*
3. What are your height and weight? *5 ft 10 ins 11 st 7 lbs*
4. By whom are you recommended? *References appended*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Shoering Smith*
6. Where were you born? *Ct. S. Wales*
7. Of what nationality are you? *British*
8. How long have you been in South Africa? *10 months*
9. Which Languages can you both read and write? *English*
10. Which can you speak? *English*
11. Which, though not able to speak, do you understand?
12. Are you single? If not, your application cannot be entertained. *Yes*
13. Can you ride and are you accustomed to travel on horseback? *Yes*
14. Are you accustomed to the use of firearms? *Yes*
15. Can you swim? *Yes*
16. Have you ever served in any Public Force or any other public situation? If so, attach your Discharge Certificate and other official papers. *No*
17. Have you been dismissed from any of the above establishments, or from any situation; or have you resigned, and if so, for what reason and with what object? *No*
18. How have you been employed for the last two years to date? *at my trade*
19. Are you subject to fits or any other bodily infirmity? *No*
20. Have you ever been convicted by a Magistrate or Jury? If so, state nature of offence and punishment inflicted. *No*

N.B.—No candidate will be formally enrolled until he has been certified by the Medical Officer to be physically fit for enrolment.

I hereby solemnly declare that the above answers, which are in every respect true, are in my own Diction and Hand-writing.

(Signature of Applicant) *Michael Gildea*

Declared before me at *Cape Town* this *3rd* day of *September* 1902.

Robert Thompson P.

C1728, 5000, 12, 1900.



Attestate Jan 1st 1899

This is to certify that I have known Michael Gildea about three years having worked for me for twelve months that time and I have no hesitation in recommending him to those who require his services as a good blacksmith & I have no hesitation in recommending him as a very industrious & trustworthy young man

Signed *John Harris*
Housekeeper & General Blacksmith
 Amavale

Michael is again mentioned in shipping records, this time sailing from Durban, South Africa on the ship "Llandovery Castle" and arriving in London 8th October 1915. His occupation on the manifest was "prospector".

The mystery of Michael's journey to England is solved with the discovery of his entry in the British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920. He served as a gunner with the Royal Field Artillery in France and his regimental number was 120540. The date on the card is 21.11.1915.

He was awarded the Victory Medal and Star.



In February 1936 a story appeared in several different Australian newspapers with headlines such as “BACK FROM THE GRAVE, MAN WHO “DIED IN BOER WAR”, “LONG ARM OF COINCIDENCE AFTER 35 YEARS”.

An Australian cricket team was touring South Africa and was visiting the diamond fields at Kimberley and was shown around the claim of one Michael Gildea. After the story of the cricket team's visit to the diamond claim of the Australian Michael Gildea appeared in the newspapers Mrs M Welsh of Cobargo wrote to him to see if he was her long-lost brother. He then sent a cable to say that he was the former Cobargo resident, and that a letter was following.

ARTICLE LEADS TO FAMILY REUNION

Man Reported Killed In Boer War

SYDNEY, Saturday.—An article by the former Test cricketer Arthur Mailey has led to a future reunion of a family which has been separated for 37 years. Indeed, it has proved that a man, who for that period had been believed to be dead, is still alive, and doing well.

After reading Mailey's story, published in a newspaper early in February, regarding the visit of the Australian cricketers to the diamond claim of a former Australian resident, Michael Gildea, Mrs. M. Welsh, of Cobargo, in the Bega district, wrote to Michael Gildea in the hope that he might be her long-lost brother, who left Cobargo in 1899 for the Boer war, and did not return. He was reported to have been killed.

Mrs. Welsh, and her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Walker, of Mullumbimby, were yesterday advised that Gildea had cabled that he was the former Cobargo resident, and that a letter was following.

REPORTED KILLED IN BOER WAR

**AUSTRALIAN SUCCESSFUL
DIAMOND MINER**

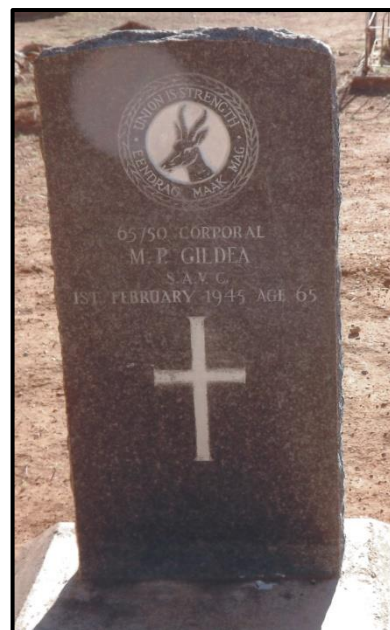
**RELATIVES TRACED
THROUGH PRESS REPORT**

Sydney, March 23.

Although his relatives had concluded that he had been killed in the Boer War, a former resident of Cobargo (on the south coast of New South Wales), has been traced in South Africa, where he is now a successful diamond miner.

Early in February it was reported in the Australian press that the Australian cricketers in South Africa visited a diamond claim in the Kimberley district, owned by a former New South Wales resident, Michael Gildea, where they fossicked for diamonds in earth brought from the river by natives. The account was read by Mylie O'Reilly, of Cobargo, an old schoolmate of one Michael Gildea, who was reported killed in the Boer War, and who had not been heard of since. O'Reilly notified Gildea's sister, Mrs. M. Welsh of Cobargo, and Mrs. Welsh and her daughter, Mrs. J. Walker, of Myoem, Byron Bay, communicated with the diamond field owner. He cabled that he was Michael Gildea, formerly of Cobargo. Letters from both parties are now on their way across the Indian Ocean.

Gildea has lived in the Kimberley district since he stumbled on a rich diamond field there more than 30 years ago.



Somewhere along the line Michael married Martina Hermina Bergh. They had four children: John Patrick (1924-1994), Beryl Caroline, Desmond Vincent and Desmona Lorraine.

Never one to shirk his duties Michael enlisted in the Second World War. He served in the South African Veterinary Corps, Corporal 65750. He died 1st February 1945 from wounds received in the conflict. He was buried in Barkly West Cemetery and is commemorated in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

He received the War Medal 1939-1945 and the 1939-1945 Star.



Judy GRACE Member 1997.

Streets of Sydney and the origin of their names.



CHOWNE ST, PYRMONT

This was the first of many streets in Pyrmont to be sold to the CSR, in 1893 and 1906. Thomas Chowne was a partner in a shipbuilding firm which acquired land here in 1840.

GODERICH LANE, POTTS POINT

Sir James Dowling (1787-1844), Chief Justice of NSW, 1837-44. He named his property which faced Bayswater Rd here 'Goderich Lodge', after his English patron, Lord Goderich.

HARRIS ST, PYRMONT

Between 1794 and 1818, Surgeon John Harris acquired most of the Pyrmont Peninsula. Harris St roughly follows the early foot track through his Ultimo estate.

The Harris descendants maintained a long involvement with this area and many of the street names on the peninsula mark their interests.

LIME ST, SYDNEY

Originally La off Erskine St, southerly, between Day St and Darling Harbour Section of Erskine St, Lime and Day Streets partly obliterated by Western Distributor.

Possibly Lime is a reference to the nautical nature of the St, as limes, rich in vitamin C, were used by sailors to ward off scurvy.

RILEY ST, SURRY HILLS

Edward Riley bought up tracts of Surry Hills after 1814. After he suicided in 1825 the estate was tied up in legal wrangles and it was not subdivided until 1844, when many new streets were added to Surry Hills.

RUMPH LANE, NEWTOWN

See Forbes Pl. Named after Mrs. Annie Rumpf who was a well-known political figure and property owner.

She was the proprietress of the 'Mount Eagle' Tin Plate and Galvanised Iron Works.

SHEPHERD ST, CHIPPENDALE

Thomas Shepherd's 28 1/2 acre grant of land in 1827, was not formalised until 1835, the year he died leaving his widow and eldest son to run his Darling Nursery. The grant required him to establish 'a nursery and fruit garden'. This is commemorated in the names of the streets around Shepherd St - Rose, Myrtle, Ivy, Vine and Pine Streets.



1878 Newtown from the Town Hall, Sydney.

GREAT BUCKINGHAM STREET off CLEVELAND STREET, REDFERN

2 storey Victorian terraces. This was not a functioning street until the 1840's. Earlier maps mark it as a surveyed 'Government Rd'.

Daniel Cooper built Cleveland House in the early 1820's on the original grant to Charles Smith, who established Cleveland Gardens nearby to here.

REDFERN

The Redfern Estate Heritage Conservation Area is historically significant as an early Victorian structured subdivision covering the entire grant to William Redfern. The development of the estate from the 1840s - 1890s reflects the establishment of the Railway at Redfern. The importance of the suburb of Redfern in the mid/late nineteenth century is evidenced in the development of the Commercial Centre, the fine Civic buildings, the Park and the prestige housing on primary streets. The area is able to represent a great diversity of housing types dating from the period 1840 - 1890. Large scale factories and warehouses reflect the importance of manufacturing in Redfern in the early twentieth century.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: I am looking for your stories about a street that features in your life and where its name originated. Please contact the Editor with your story for future publications.

William Bull, Esquire, J.P.

William Bull was born in Liverpool, New South Wales, in the year 1819, his father being paymaster of the 102nd Regiment, then stationed in Sydney.

Until the year 1837 he was engaged in the pursuits incident to a country life, which suited his constitution, and nourished that robust health which has enabled him to live up to the present time, with vigour both bodily and mentally.

He has seen these countries of the Southern Cross grow into importance and greatness, inhabited by an active and energetic people. Mr. Bull has seen bush growing and stock grazing, with but few houses, and more often than not only a few canvas tents.

In the year 1837 Mr. Bull became apprenticed to the waggon making trade, and after serving his time thereat he came to Sydney in 1841, where he worked with Mr. Bayliss for a period. After his term with this gentleman was completed, he returned to Liverpool, and set up as a waggon builder on his own account.

His first beginning was small, but it continued gradually to improve, so that he was enabled to marry in 1843. His wife was a granddaughter of the late Captain Rowley, of the 102nd Regiment, so that the memory of the regiment was well preserved. Until 1849 Mr. Bull carried on his business in Liverpool, when, thinking that a better field for developing his business was in Sydney, he moved thither, and set up as a wheelwright in the Haymarket.

At that time every trade was much depressed in the colony and his trade showed the effect of the depression as much as any other. As an instance of the state of things then obtaining in Sydney, Mr. Bull was able to obtain first-class tradesmen for 8s. per week with their board, in marked contrast to the present time, when tradesmen can command such high wages. Since 1849 the colony has progressed with great strides, and in almost every way can compare favourably with the parent country.

Up to 1883 Mr. Bull carried on his business in conjunction with his son at his place in the Haymarket, when he retired after a most successful business career in Sydney, extending over thirty years. During this time he succeeded in earning the respect of all with whom he was brought into contact, and among a large clientele he was highly valued. Like many men who have been busy all their lives, he was possessed of an active character, and always took an interest in politics as well as in all local matters.

He was ever deeply interested in Parliamentary elections, and the proceedings of Parliament have always found in him a close observer. He thus, as a voter, always supported the candidates whom he considered worthy of trust, and so brought his observation and reason to bear upon a subject about which people, as a rule, think too little.

Although so active, he never stood for a constituency himself, considering that good work can be done for the country outside Parliament.

In 1878 he was made a Magistrate of the colony, and he is also a Trustee of the Wentworth Park, Glebe. He was also for nine years an Alderman for that municipality, and he is a property-holder there. After a lifetime spent in hard work, he made a competency, on which he is enabled to spend his declining years in peace, satisfied that he has done a man's part, and has been a useful citizen in this grand and promising colony of New South Wales.



This is an excerpt from "Australian Men of Mark" VOL. II.

CHARLES F. MAXWELL, VICTORIA CHAMBERS, ELIZABETH STREET. MELBOURNE:

81 CHANCERY LANE, Sydney

William BULL is the 2nd g grandfather of **Lola CORMIE Member 324L** and the 3rd g grandfather of **Heather YATES Member 675**

International Womens Day

*It's a time to celebrate the achievements of women,
whether social, political, economic or cultural.*

International Women's Day and State Elections set my mind wondering and wandering too. Who was my first ancestor to register on that historic electoral roll of 1903 entitling women to vote for the first time in NSW? Easy as... CCFHS has the resources to search Australia wide.

The program *Early Electoral Rolls 1903* is on CD. My Blake, Green, Hogno, and Stier, ancestors were concentrated in Walcha at that time. I began with a search of the subdivision of Walcha to preview the details of the 599 registered. Then did two searches to reveal 298 females and 301 males. That result was more equally distributed than I would have thought.

Searching individual Blake, Green, Hogno, Stier surnames in Walcha subdivision resulted in:-

	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Blake	5	6	11
Green	5	9	14
Hogno	5	8	13
Stier	2	8	10

Goodwin Carole, Blake Stier & Hogno Ancestors of Walcha

Neither of the German ancestors Dorothea Stier or Caroline Hogno were listed. Their husbands had been naturalised as required to be able to purchase land. Original Blake ancestors had died pre 1903 but daughter Annie Green was listed under her married name of Green. She is my Great Grandmother.

Surname	Green	First Names	Annie	Sex	F
Address	The Glen			Year	1903
Town	Walcha			Roll Number	268
Occupation	Domestic Duties				
State	NSW	Division	New England	SubDivision	Walcha

YES. Add that information to her story. In my direct line of ancestors, Annie is the lady I was looking for, our first female ancestor eligible to vote. Other Great Aunts occupations were all like her as Domestic Duties except for Emma Stier who was recorded as a dress maker. Now that is another peep into her past. A family wedding at *Waterloo* is indeed on Hogno country. Lots of facts linking people to country properties and places emerged in the family searched electoral lists.

Occupations too were of interest when ladies and family members were linked. Whether labourer, selector, farmer, station manager, carpenter, or teacher each occupation would no doubt impact on each family and life style.

Perhaps by coincidence, Annie appears as the family historian with her collection of photos, letters and memorabilia. It is contributing much to our understanding of Blake history. In retrospect she indeed was a most significant ancestor with a vision to the future, despite her many hardships. She was twice married but a sole parent from 1891.

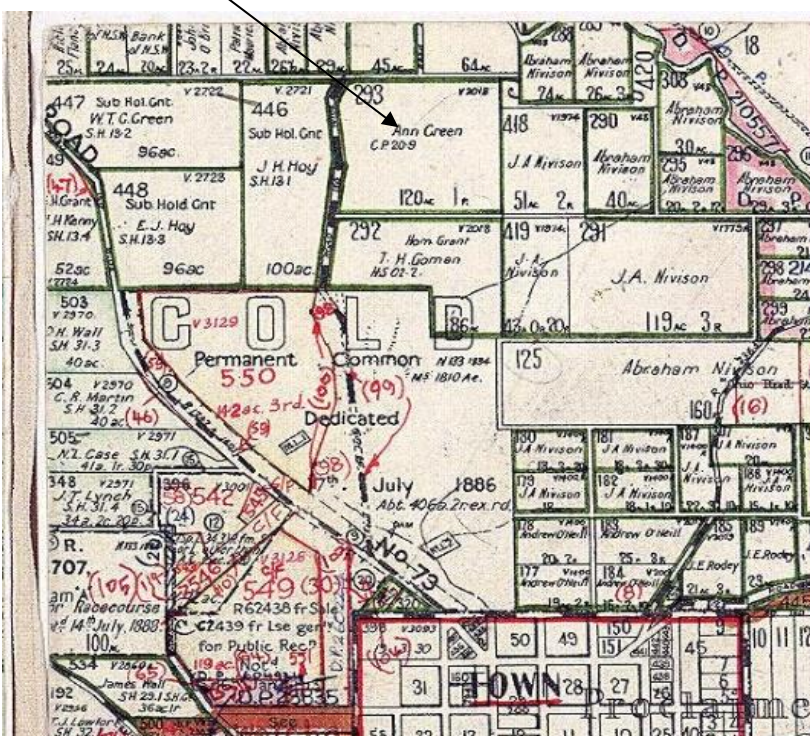
First husband James Boyce died in 1875 from inflammation of the lungs. Their second son Richard was a babe of 3 weeks. Sad days when Annie and second husband William Green had the death of two young children in 1878 & 1879.

After 1891 husband William's name does not appear on any Walcha or other electoral rolls. In the depressed rural economy at that time, family say he "rode off into the sunset" looking for work.

Annie was left as a sole parent. Another sadness 1893 when her first born then 20 year old son James Boyce died in a shooting accident. Her parents died pre 1903.

Annie had suffered much by 1903. Her four children were now aged 28 to 15 and living at *The Glen*. She and daughters Hannah and Marjorie Green were working in the laundry on the Nivison property. Sons Richard Boyce and William Green were labourers on "Ohio" another Nivison property. The Nivisons were their most respected long time employers.

Annie became a land owner of 120 acres, County Vernon, Parish of Walcha map.



Looking at the map it's instantly obvious how unusual it is to see a lady's name. This was her home site *Bellview*, now known as *Warroo*.

I'm anxiously awaiting more information about this from the land registers held in Armidale. Annie's block is the only one bearing a lady's name and is surrounded by Nivison names.

Annie was a lady ahead of her times.

LTO Charting Map, viewed online HLRV Co Vernon, Parish of Walcha

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Of the many photos Annie left, this is my most treasured. Annie and her family are in her *Bellview* garden about 1914. This photograph was taking by a professional photographer who remains unknown.

Babies Norma Boyce and Hannah Waller were born April 1914. It's most puzzling! What was the occasion? No one knows. The men wearing a flower in their button hole suggests a wedding, but daughters weddings were before 1914 and after 1915. Maybe it's the baptism of the young cousins Norma and Hannah.



Back row: Richard Boyce, William Green, John Waller, James Stier, youngster Charles Boyce
Middle row: Marjorie Boyce, Mary Boyce nursing Norma, Annie Green, Marjorie Waller nursing Hannah, Hannah Stier
Front row: Children ..Norma Boyce on mother's knee, Merle Boyce, Vera Boyce, Hannah Waller on mother's knee

My simple wonderings prompted by International Women's Day and the NSW State elections, have reminded me of the interconnectedness of people and place in the year 1903. Historic Land Records Viewer (HLRV) enables us to identify and pin-point the real landscape of our ancestors. This research now gives focus to the exact time and place of many of my ancestors.

I wonder who were your first female ancestors on the 1903 Federal Electoral Rolls?
Enjoy the search and be surprised at what else you may find.

Marlene DAVIDSON. Member 327L.

P.S. I'm reading Noeline Kyle's book, "Writing Family History Made *Very Easy*"

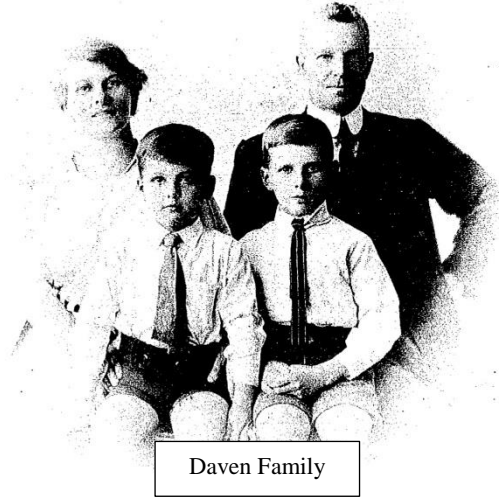
Her oft mentioned advice, *Keep researching but start writing it now..*

So my wonderings and research wandering here, ready to rewrite when the occasion warrants.



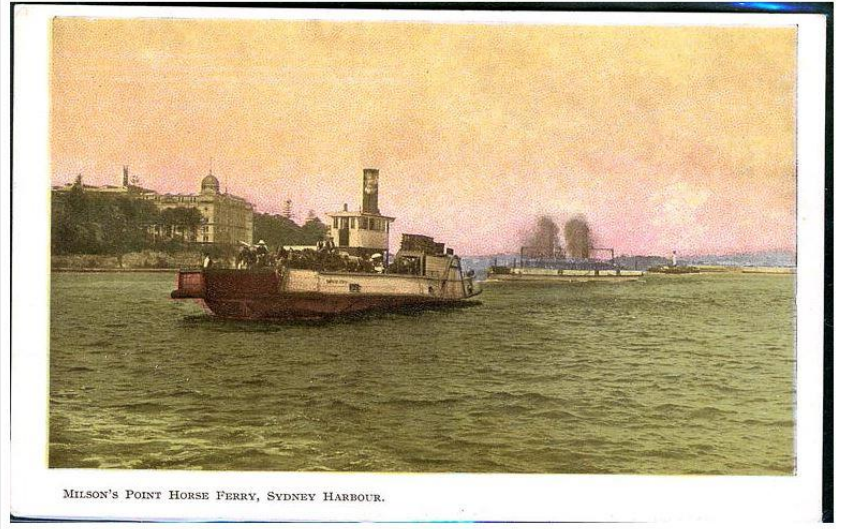
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DAVEN FAMILY FROM WAMBERAL

My father John Lance "Jack" Daven was aged about 7 when he moved, along with his brother Walter from Lavender Bay Nth Sydney to Wamberal. This was about 1925.



Daven Family

Dad's father, John Thomas Daven, was a Master Mariner with Sydney ferries prior to his untimely death in 1920. He was the Captain of the Ferry "Benelon"



which travelled Sydney Harbour transporting passengers and Horse drawn vehicles from Lavender Bay on the Northside to Circular Quay, obviously prior to building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

His death was ultimately brought about by a workplace accident, and whilst in Hospital a more sinister liver cancer was revealed, to which he succumbed.



John & Walter Daven c.1925

My Dad's mother Beatrice was left without income and 2 young boys and within about 4 years was remarried to a friend of the family Victor Denham, a 1st World War recruit and ex VFL player who was a Saddler by trade.

The family purchased about 15 acres of land at Wamberal bounded roughly by The Entrance Road and what is now known as Okanagan Road. Victor tried his hand at farming, becoming an orchardist and market gardener.

My Dad often spoke of his childhood- of accompanying his stepdad Vic in a Dray pulled by the farm horse "Bessie" and that it was a full day's journey taking produce to the local markets or the Railway for despatch to Sydney.



The family home at Wamberal, NSW.

For Jack and his brother Wal and sister Mary living at Wamberal was quite an adventurous change from their city life. They were always talking about fishing with the Gherisi brothers, the Setrees, the Vicary Family and the Gleesons as well as other mates at what he called "Bobs Bay " which is actually Spoon Bay.

Prawning in Wamberal Lake, something he continued with me which always reminds me of the young man who drowned on the north shore of the lake.



Wamberal Lake from Forresters Lookout in 1928,
Photo Erina Shire Development League Booklet.

I in turn carried on the tradition with my children and grandchildren, but not so in recent times. Playing tennis with the Brooks Girls who had a tennis court where they lived at the top of Brooks Hill was a regular weekend pursuit.

There were stories of the large Python which terrified them and lived in the vicinity of the Creek on the western boundary of the property. Both boys attended Erina Heights Public School.

My Dad always bragged about his physical stamina- once competing in a Scooter Race from Gosford to Terrigal Beach. In amongst the family history collection of photos and books we came across several book prizes awarded for attendance at the Wamberal Methodist Church Sunday School, hard to believe for those who knew my father- but nevertheless true, these books were about a boy called NED whose exploits in the bush, I feel inspired my Dads love of the bush, scouting, adventure and camping out.

When my Dad turned 13, his mum, brother and sister moved to Mann Street, North Gosford to enable Dad to attend firstly the "Gosford Rural" school and then the newly opened Gosford High School.

My Dad, Jack served an apprenticeship in the Electrical Trade with the local firm of Wainwrights- eventually travelling to the New England region where he worked at Armidale for a local Electrical Firm.

It seems that in that area he met and eventually married my Mum, Jean who was from Glenn Innes. They settled in Wollongong where Dad was a Maintenance Electrician at The Port Kembla Steelworks, eventually serving in the Navy mostly aboard HMAS Shropshire.

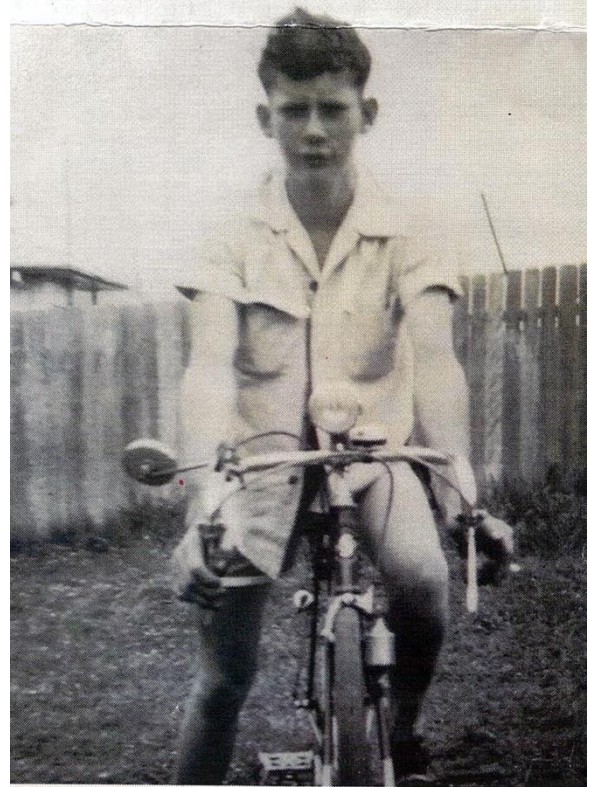
My sister Robyn was first born in Wollongong with me following 4 years later. Dad left the Navy and began his own Electrical Contracting Business in Gosford until his retirement in about 1970, when I bought the family Business and continued to trade until 2007. But then that is the start of a whole other story. So in brief this is a summary of my family's connection to Wamberal.

John DAVEN- Member 1631J - Avid Member of CCFHS.

SEARCHING FOR HARRY WARDLE

Please help me find my Uncle!

This is my Uncle Harry Wardle the last day my Mum saw him in 1953 at Tamworth in NSW. Their family was torn apart in 1940 and Harry was made a Ward of the State. Harry's birthdate is 20/2/1939 and he turns 80 this year, if he is still alive. We don't know if he married or had children, we are desperate to know his whereabouts. All information will be treated with the greatest respect/ privacy and confidentiality. Even if you don't think you know anything, please share our plea (especially if you have friends with the same surname.) Harry's childhood nickname was Rusty; he may have used that instead of his given name.



☆☆NOTE☆☆

I have just discovered that the death notice index I have relied on has a spelling mistake and it is not our Harry. There is no link to Mt Isa or Buderim now.

There is hope that Harry is still alive somewhere. Where there is life there is hope. He could be anywhere in Australia, please continue to share our search.

Many Thanks
Cheryl Wilson.
Muswellbrook NSW.

Editor's Note: If you have any information re: Harry Wardle please contact CCFHS Inc at admin@centralcoastfhs.org.au and we will pass it on.

WHAT'S THAT AGAIN?

Back in the 1970s and 1980s, some descriptive gems often crossed the sub-editor's desk at a Central Coast newspaper.

Long wedding reports were sent in by bride and groom, hopeful for publication, or members of their families.

Indeed, weddings were often given a lot of space because local readers found them very interesting.

Population was much smaller, and perhaps if you didn't know the participants, you knew of them. Those days have probably gone forever for most newspapers.



Here are some individual examples:

The bridegroom and groomsmen were married in black velvet suites.

The bride wore a headdress of a band of French flowers with lily of the valley falling across her forehead.

The bride wore a Satan gown.

The bridegroom's mother wore a lettuce gown with cabbage roses on her hat and she had bone accessories (this one was written by the bridegroom himself, possibly while thinking about food).

They were married at Our Lady of the Rotary.

A full choir sang at the church.

Mrs sang "Oh Perfect Love" and "Promise Me" in the church and "More" before the cutting of the cake.

The groom breeds pigs The church floral arrangements were white and oink (typo for pink?).

The bride wore a gown of lusted satin.

Gwen DUNDON Member # 134

Marg Morters Member # 406 helps us out with BDM Records.

This is how to find a full date-

For NSW BDM Indexes - To get the exact day of birth/marriage/death you need to narrow your search selections in the appropriate boxes:-

Date of event- from and Date of event to - by selecting the tab "Modify Criteria" each time you get a result.

Once you have found the year, change the search parameters by searching if the event occurred in the first six months, i.e. Jan to June in the Date of event, From and Date of Event to boxes, if no result, you know it occurred in the second half of the year, i.e. July - Dec.

Just keep selecting Modify Criteria and narrow down by month. Once you have the year and month keep changing the day until you end up with two dates, e.g. 16 12 1907 and 17 12 1907. Change the date of event Range box from Yes to No

- this will leave 16 12 1907 and your result will either be- the name is still there or therefore you know it occurred on 16th. If the name disappears, you will know it is the 17th. It is a little tedious but you get used to it and you can find the exact date that an event occurred.

Seven Australian soldiers identified from the Battle of Fromelles

Media Release - Minister for Defence Personnel -
Seven Australian soldiers identified from the Battle of Fromelles -
26 March 2019

Seven Australian soldiers who fought and died in the attack at Fromelles in France during World War One have been formally identified by the 2019 Fromelles Identification Board.

Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester made the announcement today saying new headstones would soon be installed at the soldiers' final resting place to recognise their correct identities.

"These soldiers were recovered in 2009 and were among 250 Australian soldiers buried as 'unknown soldiers' in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Cemetery," Mr Chester said.

"This is the tenth year the Fromelles Identification Board has met to consider evidence, including new DNA donors, to try to determine the identity of soldiers yet to be named.

"The board examines artefacts and historical records, as well as evidence gathered by anthropologists, archaeologists and DNA specialists to make its decision.

"Over this period, the Fromelles Project has successfully identified 166 Australian soldiers, while 84 soldiers' identities still remain undetermined."

Mr Chester said the soldiers' identification would be acknowledged during the annual commemoration ceremony at Fromelles in July 2019.

"This outcome represents the culmination of a powerful collaboration between Defence, other agencies, contracted specialists, volunteer researchers and, most importantly, families of the missing who have recently supplied DNA for comparison to the soldiers.

"I'm proud of the efforts of the Australian Army and all those involved in researching, finding and identifying these Australians. I hope that the remaining 84 soldiers can also be identified in the near future."

The soldiers have been identified as:

- 352 Private Arthur George BATT 32nd Bn. A.I.F. age 32 of Hilton, South Australia
- 4188 Private Edward James HOPE 54th Bn. A.I.F. age 28 of Penrith, New South Wales
- 641 Private Leslie Clark DUNN 31st Bn. A.I.F. age 28 of West Melbourne, Victoria
- 1291 Private George HONEY 32nd Bn. A.I.F. age 31 of West Guilford, Western Australia
- 715 Lance Corporal Ralph JOHNSON 32nd Bn. A.I.F. age 19 of Middle Brighton, Victoria
- 77 Lance Corporal John Alexander CRAWFORD 32nd Bn. A.I.F. age 30 of Hindmarsh, South Australia
- 3433 Private Peter Paul SHANNON 53rd Bn. A.I.F. age 35 of Merriwa, New South Wales

Defence encourages members of the public to register with the Australian Army's Unrecovered War Casualties team if they have relatives who fought at Fromelles, have a date of death between 19 to 21 July 1916 and have no known grave.

An online registration form can be completed at: <https://army.govcms.gov.au/forms/uwc-a-online-registration-form>

For more information about the identified soldiers, please refer to their service records available at: www.naa.gov.au

In 2009, a project commenced using DNA testing to determine the identity of 400 soldiers found buried in a mass grave at Fromelles. The search for a DNA matches continue.

Office of the Hon. Darren Chester, Canberra ACT.

Editor's Note: This is from a recent Media Press release I received.





John Francis Peggotty was born in country Limerick in 1864. He was born a tiny baby and grew to be a very small adult with childlike features which he used to the disadvantage of his victims. For reasons unclear, John travelled to South Africa in his late teens where he learnt to manage and ride ostriches.

With the stature of a seven year old child riding atop an ostrich was of no effort to him or the bird. On his return to England Peggotty became a thief with a difference. Being so small he scampered down chimneys of the wealthy and stole jewellery – gold jewellery being his fancy. Eventually this trade caught up with him as he had a tendency to flaunt his 'winnings' by draping the lode over his body and parading around half naked.

After a relatively short prison sentence he decided to travel to Australia to live with his farming uncle in NSW but he was not inclined to work on the farm and was caught adorning himself with his wife's jewellery on more than one occasion. From NSW he travelled to Adelaide to join a friend but soon slipped into the old trade of thieving with a gang of likely lads most of whom were caught by the police so Peggotty laid low for a few years. He eventually turned up again in the Coorong.

He was labelled the most eccentric bushranger in the history of Australia as he was often seen stripped to the waist and wearing stolen gold jewellery whilst brandishing two ornamental pistols and riding an ostrich.

Peggotty was credited with more than a dozen hold-ups and murder of several travellers in the area before his career ended in September of 1899. A fisherman by the name of Henry Carmichael was less than impressed by being held-up by the diminutive, jewellery laden, ostrich rider and gave chase on his horse. He was a crack shot and had a long range rifle which wounded the rider and killed the ostrich.

By the time Carmichael reached the ostrich corpse the wounded Peggotty had scampered off leaving a thick trail of blood in the sand. He had made it to thick scrubland so Carmichael was not willing to pursue this armed man under cover. Peggotty had at least 2 bullets in his body and was bleeding profusely – Carmichael new that he would perish in the sand hills of the Coorong and so departed to report his impending death to the authorities. Peggotty's body was never found, his bones still lie in the Coorong along with at least 1 million dollars' worth of gold and jewellery.

If you are interested in reading a full account of this amazing Bushranger's life use this link: -

<http://www.meningie.com.au/media/Birdman/Birdman%20of%20the%20Coorong%20Article%20A3.pdf>

VALE FREDA SUMMERFIELD

Freda was born on the 18th November 1933 in Coleraine N. Ireland, the eldest of the family, followed by Anne and Laura.

A rather shy and reserved child, happiest sitting reading, we often went to the library in town, where our Aunt Stella worked and came home with the usual children's classics e.g. Little Women, Black Beauty etc.

However we were not allowed to stay indoors unless the weather was dire, we roamed around in a threesome often with the neighbour's children Billy and Jennifer. A lot of time was spent at our Uncle Jimmy's farm a short distance away where we were tolerated by our much older cousins and a lovely Aunt Laura.

We would gather wild primroses; eat blackberries in the autumn and generally only return at mealtimes. We grew up during the Second World War but were lucky to be away from the bombing in Belfast, sweets were rationed, likewise food but we were lucky never to go hungry.

The highlight of the year was our season train ticket to Portrush a seaside resort 5 miles north of Coleraine. We would sometimes go 3 times a day and our Mother would always go with us for the afternoon. We all learnt to swim in the Atlantic and boy was it cold, Freda was always first out of the water having turned blue with her poor circulation, no wonder she loved the warmth of Australia.

Freda was a clever girl and did well at the High School her favourite subject being history. She first started to play hockey at school and eventually after she graduated from the Teacher Training College in Belfast playing for 2 local teams, Coleraine and Ballymoney. Freda became a primary teacher and taught in Coleraine schools, she also joined a golf club and played badminton being the sportiest one of us all.

Freda had various boyfriends over the years but met her husband Eddie sailing to New Zealand on a teacher's exchange scheme. Eddie got off the boat in Australia but they kept in touch, returning home together for Freda to give in her notice to return to Australia with Eddie.

Their first home was in Bathurst where Eddie had a job as a lecturer in a College and Freda taught in St. Philomena's Primary School. They both retired early and bought a plot of land in Berry's Head Road, Wyoming where they designed a lovely home with a terraced garden and enjoyed golfing, gardening and return trips to the U.K.

They had 22 happy years together until Eddie's death in 1995. After that Freda became interested in researching family history and had so much pleasure and enjoyment meeting with the Family History Group and researching our ancestors. I do not have to tell you how much she valued your friendship and support especially Trish who has been so good to Freda over the years. It was so sad when she began to have problems with her memory and eventually as you all know Freda downsized to a Retirement Villa and finally to Uniting Starrett Lodge.

"Freda was a very special lady and friend to many of us at Central Coast Family History.

She got involved in many ways, volunteering to help people starting their research and served on the Committee for several years. She was always willing to lend a hand to anyone.

I have known Freda for close to 20 years and I never heard her say a bad word about anyone nor any say a bad word about her. I didn't know Eddie but she talked about him all the time.

After her friends moved away my family invited her to have Christmas and Easter lunches with us. She knew Anthony slightly better than the older 2 boys, Andrew and Jamie, as he was younger and around more."

Trish MICHAEL Member 1163



"Freda found her idyllic home when she moved to Australia. She loved it so much and always wanted the Aussies to win any sporting contest even when the opposition was Ireland.

The other thing that Freda loved nearly as much as her country Australia was the Family History Group. She loved the researching etc. but most of all the companionship she found with the members. In fact our family always said we didn't know what she would have done without you all. I'm sure you all know that but please pass on my thanks and best wishes to them."

Laura LOWRY. (Freda's sister)

She will be missed by us all.



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