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The Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7.30pm in the Museum, Camden Library/Museum Complex. The Annual General Meeting of the Camden Area Family History Society Inc. is held on the first Tuesday of August each year.

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President's Report

The first half of 2023 has seen our Society return to more of our traditional events, while we have been waiting for progress on our Research Room renovations. We have continued to meet as usual, with enjoyable guest speaker presentations, and kept the research room operating throughout this time.

It was wonderful to see the return of the Camden Australia Day Parade and the Camden Show, and for the Society to participate in both events. Both were a great opportunity to spread awareness of our Society in the local community. We also had a popular display outside our room - 'Shared Family Stories' - for the Australian Heritage Festival.

Our workshops have been very popular, with members sharing information with each other, and learning new skills. The highlight was the wonderful presentation by Lyn Hudson-Williamson on Family Tree Maker, which was well attended and much appreciated. Some of our members also had a great day at NSW State Archives Open Day in April.

In December 2022, we moved our computers and volunteer area into Camden Library's local studies room, to keep our computers and volunteers safe. Although the ceiling leaks were fixed in late December, the repairs and repainting have taken much longer than we had hoped. However, finally, we have recently seen the room fixed and painted, and looking fresh and bright! We are arranging everything back in the room now, in anticipation of a re-opening on August 1st.

When everything is ready, we will be setting up our new IT resources, using funds raised at our last Bunnings BBQ, and

then looking at further events for our members, and promotions to increase our connections with the local community.

We will also be looking at changes to our opening hours and services to better suit our volunteers and visitors, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates, or contact us at cafhs2570@gmail.com to confirm current details.

We are very much looking forward to being part of the first in-person state conference since 2019, being held at Toukley, and hosted by Wyong Family History Group Inc., which is coming up this September (see below). I hope to see many of you there!

Thank you to our wonderful committee and all the volunteers who put so much effort into the Society. We hope to see more members in the room and using our resources when we are finally back to normal again, and focussing on what we love to do, family history research!

Jo O'Brien
President



The Running Waters of History

38th Annual Conference of
The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies
8th – 10th September 2023
Hosted by **WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.**

For more information see the Conference webpage at:

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Editorial

Welcome to the May issue of Camden Calling... though I am sure many of you will realise it is a little later than May! My apologies for running late with this issue, but there has been a lot going on at CAFHS over the last couple of months!

You will see this edition was worth the wait! We have a substantial collection of fascinating stories and articles, from a variety of authors, with lots of Camden connections.

Susan tells the moving story of the Irish Famine Orphan girls with her insights into the lives of Mary and Elizabeth. Will has a great investigative piece on finding a grave site despite the challenges of incomplete records. Patricia shares the story of several generations of her Moore family – no, not the Glenmore family - but the Catholic line of local farmers.

Sharon is lost down the rabbit hole of the Warrens at Denbigh, but thankfully emerges with a great piece about the Warren family! Sharon has also edited an article from the words of Catherine Williams, author of several comprehensive books on the Jenkins family. And Rosemary tells us the moving story of her relative Arthur Haddon and his WWI service at Gallipoli.

There is another story from St John's, on the Leuckel family, and photos from the year so far, as well as a review of the State Archives Open Day. Our popular book reviews and other features will be back next issue.

Many thanks to our contributors for your articles, and thank you for your patience! We are always looking for new story tellers, so if you have an article, short or long, or some interesting ideas to share please get in touch with me at cafhs2570@gmail.com.

Jo O'Brien
Editor

Membership Report

Our membership over the last six months has grown to 85, with two past members re-joining, they are Joy Riley and Paul Sweeney: welcome back. New members to the Society are Robin Williams, from Narellan; Tony Wales from the Central Coast; Vicki Starr from Nambucca Heads; Cheryl Dale from Macquarie Fields; Christine Larkin from Florey, in ACT and Amanda Higgins from Westbrook, in QLD.

Covid has made us realise distance is no longer an issue and information can be located via our finger-tips and our keyboards – distance is no longer a tyranny, well, hopefully!

We plan to update our Member's Interest Directory in the coming months, and I would encourage members to complete the reverse side of the Membership Form, with your relevant research information and details.

Membership falls due on the 30th of June 2023 and I encourage our members to renew their membership promptly and preferably via EFT, details can be found on our webpage: www.cafhs.org.au and clicking on the Membership tab.

Sharon Greene

Membership Officer

Our website <https://www.cafhs.org.au/> has information for members and visitors, including our Members' Interests list, Membership form, and other resources and information about our Society.

Members also have password access to past editions of Camden Calling and The Camden Valley Voice Newsletter, as well as a selection of other journals. For members' assistance please email cafhsmembers@gmail.com

Irish Famine Orphan Girls in Camden: Mary Aldridge and Elizabeth Cranfield (nee Rourke)

Susan Press

I was surprised to discover a large headstone near the front of St John's Church Camden, belonged to my 3x Great Grandmother, Mary Aldridge and her husband Joseph. I'd walked past that headstone many times over the years and never knew my direct line ancestors were there, what a joy it was to find this and I asked the question, who was Mary and where did she come from?



*Sacred to the
memory of
Joseph Aldridge
who departed this
life August 14th
1874*

*Also of Mary Jane
Aldridge
his beloved wife
who died
November 19th
1870. This stone is
erected by the
children in
affectionate
remembrance of
their departed
parents*

(Photo: S. Press)

Mary, 15 and her older sister Elizabeth (Bessy) 17, arrived into Sydney on the 13 February 1849 on the ship *Inchinnan*, from Ireland, and were housed at the Immigration Depot, Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney, until they found employment. They were among 4000 young girls from Irish workhouses sent to Australia under the Earl Grey Famine Orphan Scheme between 1848 and 1851.



Famine memorials in Dublin Ireland. Depicting the starving Irish walking towards ships, skeletal figures wearing nothing more than rags. (Photo: S. Press)

During the 1840's, potato blight infected potato crops and caused a period of starvation, disease and emigration that was known as the Great Famine of Ireland. Mary was only a little child at this time. She was born about 1835 in County Sligo, Ireland, the daughter of Patrick and Ann Rourke and her older sister Elizabeth was born about 1833. During the famine Patrick died and the family went into the workhouse in Sligo. The girls were fortunate to be selected to emigrate and escape the starvation. However, their mother too old to be selected for Australia, emigrated to Nova Scotia, sadly to never see her daughters again.

Mary's Story

In 1856 Mary age 21, married Joseph Aldridge age 51 at the Brownlow Hill Chapel near Camden, according to the rites of the Church of England. Joseph was born in 1805 and arrived in the colony in 1821 a convict sent from Hertfordshire, England. Joseph was a farmer and they lived at Spring Creek, near Camden. It is unknown how they met.

Joseph and Mary's children were – Joseph William born 1857, Mary Jane born 1859, Lucy Elizabeth born 1862, Elizabeth born 1865 and Annie born 1870.

Unfortunately 4 months after Annie was born, tragedy struck when Mary died from encephalitis, age 35. It must have been a difficult time for Joseph with a young family and it is possible that Mary's sister Elizabeth and her family helped Joseph at this time. Further tragedy occurred when Joseph died only 4 years later in 1874 from heart disease, age 68. Mary and Joseph were buried at St John's Church of England, Camden. It is not clear who looked after the young children at this time.

In 1879, their daughter, Mary Jane married Tippetts John Butchers. He was the son of Mary and William Butchers who had emigrated from Wraxall, Somerset, England, worked at Brownlow Hill and are buried at Glenmore Uniting Church. Mary and Tippetts lived at Picton and Razorback before securing property at Spring Creek where the family resided for 60 years. Their 11 children married into the Mitchell, Neve, Jenkins, Hodge, Winkler, Ryder, Selems and Nolan families.

In 1883 Lucy Elizabeth married Robert Bruce Campbell in Picton and they had 4 children.

In 1897, Annie married George William Watts in Sydney and they had 8 children.



*Irish Famine
Memorial, Hyde
Park Barracks,
Sydney. Mary and
Bessie's names are
among the 420
names etched on
the glass wall.*

*Annual
commemoration
ceremony held in
July/August
including flower
laying.*

(Photo: S. Press)

Elizabeth's Story

In 1853 Elizabeth age 20, married William Cranfield age 46, a widower, in Newtown, Sydney. William was born 1807 Belchamp, Essex, England and arrived in the colony in 1824 a convict on the ship Mangles 3. William had been an Innkeeper and was now a farmer living in Spring Creek. William had married Mary Ann Gittoes in 1835 in Cobbitty. She died in 1852 and was buried at St John's, Camden. Their 8 children married into the Clarke, Rofe, Dennis, Dawson, Kelloway and Loomes families.

When Elizabeth married William she cared for his 8 children and they had 5 children of their own over the next 7 years. They were Lucy Ann born 1854, William John born 1855, John born 1857, Joseph born 1858 and Charlotte Mary born 1860. Their children married into the Grundy, Moore, Pakenham, Shoobridge and Loomes families. Sadly William died aged 53 in 1860 and was buried at St John's, Camden. Elizabeth was only 27 and left to raise the children.

Two years later in 1862 Elizabeth age 29 married George Henry Cranfield age 21. He was William's son from his first marriage and in a time when a woman would have been destitute with many children to take care of, their union would have been not only practical but hopefully from love too.

Elizabeth and George had 7 children, they were – George Thomas born 1863, Mary Jane born 1864, Ann Jane born 1866, Alice born 1868, Susannah born 1870, Charles Henry born 1872, and Emmeline Elizabeth born 1875. Their children married into the Heard, Dawson, Evenden, Wilson, Rolfe and Gaudry families.

Sadly Elizabeth died age 51 in 1884, and is buried at St John's, Camden. George died in 1913 age 72 and is buried at St John's, Camden.



Cranfield grave at St John's, Camden (Photo: S. Press)

Multiple Issues with Finding a Local Grave

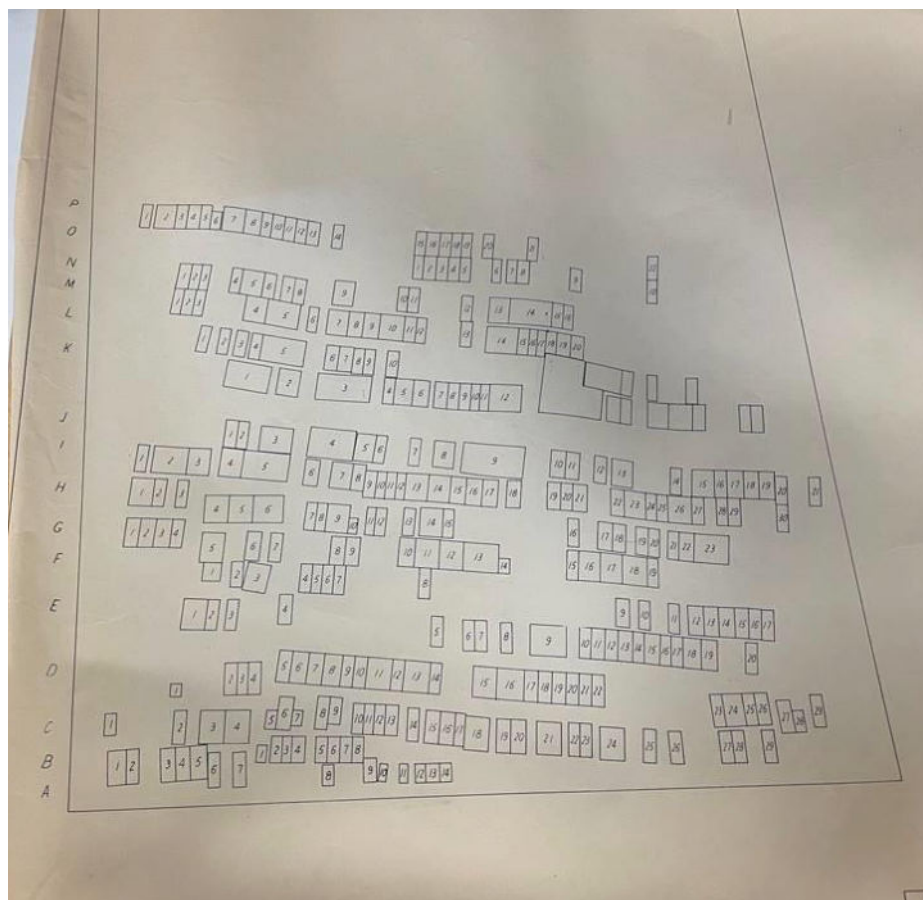
Will Apps

I was talking to a relative recently, and she said that her sister is coming to visit the following day; and, together, they're going to a local cemetery to locate their brothers' unmarked grave. Two brothers. One burial site. One tragic event for two deaths.

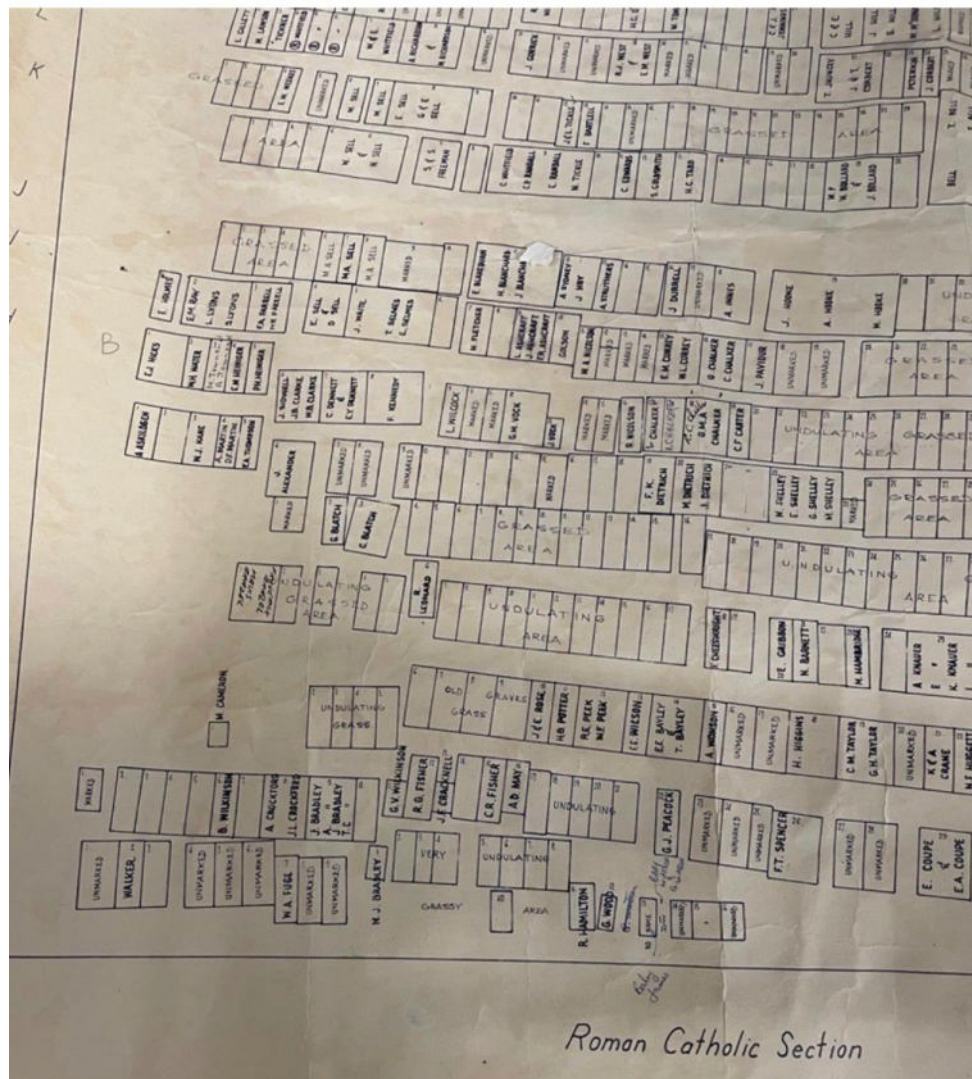
My relative had recently been talking to, and emailing, the local council staff member responsible for cemetery records in the area. Originally, the cemetery maintained its own records, but the council took them over in the past. The cemetery was known. The year was known. The rough location was known. And so, records were found, a page from burial records of the cemetery showing the correct names, dates, etc. A win, or so it seemed. The burial site was hard to read, was it a "C 21", or "G21" ... ?

The next morning I sat and studied the entry on a large screen. "C" or "G"? I had the idea that my relative could check both sites at the cemetery, and if one had a headstone for another person, then it is ruled out. Except, many of the graves are unmarked, so we needed a definitive answer. On the burial record, I noticed "dots" from the pen next to both the "2" and the "1", so I figured that the troublesome "G" could be a "C" with a "dot". I made a phone call to my relative to claim victory. Or so I thought...

Up until that time, I did not have a copy of the cemetery plan, and I had no idea where rows “C” and “G” were. I was then emailed three different maps, all with varying information on them. It turned out that rows “A” and “B” were short, and “C” continued past them, curving downhill towards a road at the cemetery border. That meant that “C 21” was at the bottom of the hill, which does not fit with the location remembered by my relative. My attention was then drawn to map #1, which was a detail of one section, showing two people in one plot with the correct surname. But the initials were wrong, so we ruled them out. I then looked at map #2, which showed the entire cemetery. It had no names, but clearly showed labelled rows, and what I thought were plot numbers. Row “G” did not even go up to “21”. Now I was stumped.



Edited cemetery maps supplied by Will Apps



I was still on the phone, chatting to my relative as we both looked at copies of the information. I then looked at map #3 which was also an overall view of the cemetery, but it was much “busier” than map #2, with dozens of plots on each row, but not many names, and those that were on there were hard to read as it was a large image, and I could not zoom-in easily. I noticed that maps #2 and #3 were the same basic shape, but #2 was mostly empty space, with a handful of markings. I theorised that #2 is most likely showing sites with marked graves, and the numbers do not align with actual plot numbers. It did, however, have excellent row markings.

My relative said to me that it is a strange “co-incidence” that the two people on map #1 with the right surname (but wrong initials) are buried in plot #21 on the map. I had not noticed that myself. I then sat the three maps side by side on my computer screen. I was able to align sections of the close-up map #1 with the overall “busy” map #3. It turned out that they were actually photos of the same map, as there was some sort of defect on the paper right next to a fold on both images. I was then able to align map #3 with #2 to get row markings. We then realised that the two people on the council plan with the right surname, albeit wrong initials, are buried in row “G”, plot “21”. I looked back at that original cemetery record with the maybe “C”, maybe “G”, and I thought, maybe they’re not “dots” next to the “C” ...

A few hours later, and my relatives were at the cemetery and went to “G 21” first. The location did not seem right, but there was a headstone. Unfortunately, that grave was not their brothers’. The surname matched, but the given names and dates did not. They then walked back to the start of the row and down the hill slightly. At the start of row “C”, they noticed that the house across the street was where their uncle had lived many years ago; and, during the brothers’ burial, the uncle had stood in his front yard the whole time. They then realised that they were standing at the actual place where they stood during the burial, which means that the unmarked grave is right near them, at the beginning of row “C”. Another look at the burial records, and the “21 with dots” looks like a “2.1”. The brothers are buried right at the start of row “C”, across the road from where the uncle lived, which could be plot #2.

The amount of co-incidences and near-matches was astounding. The cemetery record could be read as “C 21” or “G 21”, or, maybe, “C 2.1”. The brothers’ grave is known to be a single plot; and, it turned out that “G 21” has two people with the same surname as the brothers. Obviously that meant the brothers are not in “G 21”, but it was an amazing co-incidence.

The next stop was one of the local churches to check records as they knew which minister did the service, and at which church. Unfortunately there was no one there, so a phone message was left, and an email sent. An email reply was received. Another roadblock, as the records have been forwarded to Sydney archives. An email was sent to the archives requesting information regarding the funerals; however, the reply stated that no record was found of any funeral. Interestingly though, the funeral was in early December 1971, and the “proof” of no records were scans of two sequential pages from the funeral registry, one dated 19Dec70 to 26Aug71, and the other dated 30Dec71 to 14May73. The implication was that there were no funerals performed for a four-month period in 1971, including the brothers’ funeral. The records keeper suggested that my relative was mistaken about the church used for the service.

My relative was not dis-heartened, as she remembered the name of the funeral service used, and was hopeful they might have records. I called up the service, to find out that they had been bought-out by a larger company, and they had no way to know if the records still existed. My relative made the drive anyway, as the current address of the local office for the funeral

provider is the same as it was in the 1970's. The situation was explained, and the receptionist was more than happy to track down the records and email through scanned copies once she had found them.

That afternoon, we looked at the records and read the names of the minister and the church. They were exactly as we thought they were. So, confirmation that we had the right date, minister, church, and cemetery; but, disappointment as the church registry from that time does not show it. Co-incidentally, I had just resubscribed for one month of records access with one of the online providers, so I looked through scans of the entire funeral registry of the church. There was definitely no record of the funerals. But, I did find something interesting on the first page. It was a list of the FOUR places that all funerals must be recorded. The first was the church funeral registry – no luck there. The second was the cemetery registry – that had the ambiguous G / C / 21 / 2.1 entry. That left two more places for my relative to look – which meant we're only halfway there...

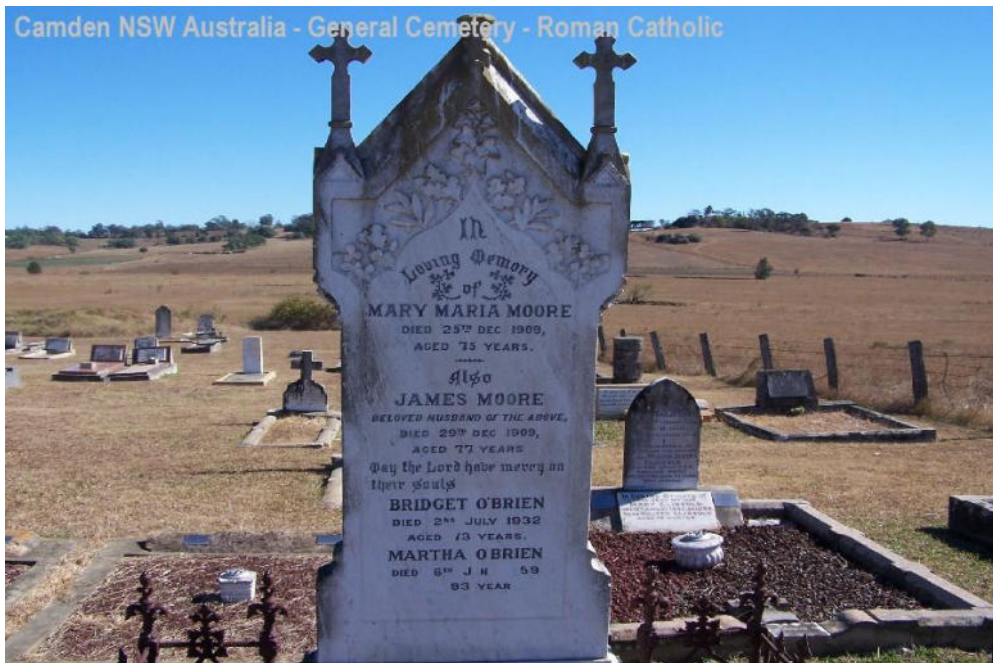
Note: Names, and some details of the graves and cemetery have been omitted to protect the identities of living people.

Will is continuing the search for more information and he will give an update in our next issue.

The Moore Family, Camden

Patricia Rainbow

James Moore was born c1832 in County Down Ireland and married in Sydney in 1856 to Maria Mary (aka Mary Maria) Dwyer from Tipperary, Ireland; they were listed as living in Cook's River at the time. Son Henry was born in Liverpool in 1858, they then moved to Kiama on the NSW coast, and later to Camden in 1889. They had seven sons. Henry was born in Liverpool in 1858, the other children were born at Wollongong. John in 1860, James in 1861, Robert in 1865, Thomas in 1867, Andrew in 1871 and William in 1872. Both James Snr & Maria died within a week of each other at Christmas 1909. They are buried in the Camden Catholic Cemetery.



(Camden Headstones - Camden Historical Society/CAFHS)

James was a dairy farmer and his sons followed in his footsteps in their early years.

Henry was a dedicated dairy farmer and agriculturist and a staunch advocate for the dairy farmers of the district, serving on the United Milk Suppliers' Association, at one stage the Senior Vice President. He was also an alderman for Camden from 1896 till 1905. He and wife Jane Elizabeth (nee Cook) and their 5 children, Henry James; John Earnest; Elsie May, William Frederick & Ethel Jane (who died young) lived at Fairview Farm & "The Ridges", Moore's Lane, Mount Hunter, near Camden NSW. Whilst focusing on dairy, Henry also diversified with pigs and maize growing, supporting the pioneering of several types of grass. Henry died in 1905 aged 46. Both he and Elizabeth are buried in the Camden Catholic Cemetery with Elsie.



(Photograph: J. O'Brien)

Little is known about John (although still in Camden according to census records in 1904).

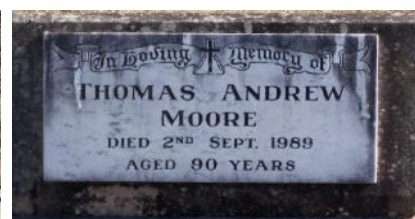
James left Camden and was living in Sydney, working as a hairdresser, when he married on 3/8/1892 to Louisa Elizabeth Toogood (Eliza). They had 4 children, Ellen, James Patrick, Andrew & Clement. James died 22/7/1926 in Canberra and is buried in Queanbeyan Catholic Cemetery.

Robert moved to Sydney and married on 17/10/1899 to Ursula F. Ferrari. He and his wife ran a business in Parramatta. He died at the age of 44 in 1910, leaving no children.



*Thomas & Ellen Moore m 5/1/1898 in Camden NSW
(Photograph courtesy of P. Rainbow)*

Thomas married 5/1/1898 to Ellen (Nellie) Josephine O'Brien and was a dairy farmer at the time of his death on 10th September 1905 in Camden aged 38. He and Ellen had three children Thomas Andrew (3/11/1898 – 2/9/1989); Francis James (8/5/1902 – 5/2/1986); & Ellen Margaret (known as Nell) (13/4/1905 – 9/9/1980). Because their father had died young, the children decided that they would not marry and leave a young family as their father had, but they lived to 91, 84 & 75 respectively. The family lived at "Moore's Cottage" Ellis Lane, Ellis Lane. They owned a large farm there and sold off acreage as they got older to enable them to stay there. They did not make many improvements to the house as again, they thought it not worth it, the bathroom was a very late addition and only as a concession to Nell as she got older. Their uncle Andrew worked the farm with Ellen and her sisters Martha & Bridget until the children were old enough to take over. The siblings kept the farm going until their demise. They are all buried in the Camden Catholic Cemetery.



(Camden Headstones - Camden Historical Society/CAFHS)

Andrew who had also decided not to marry because of the loss of many family members within a short space of time, changed his mind at the age of 49 and moved to Adelaide where he married Annie Maria Clarke in 1920. They had one son, Bernard. Andrew also worked in the dairy industry before starting a shop with his wife, selling confectionary and general goods as well as drapery. He died 26/11/1953 at the age of 82 (Luckily for me Andrew changed his mind about marrying, as Bernard was my father!)

William farmed at Cobbitty Paddocks, Camden and married Elizabeth Gleeson on 1/11/1899. They had 5 children - Veronica Mary, William Patrick, Rupert, Robert Joseph & Elizabeth Lillian. At the time of James's death William and his family were living in the family farm called "Sunnyside"

He died 2/6/1926 aged 55 and is buried with Elizabeth at Camden Catholic Cemetery.



(Camden Headstones - Camden Historical Society/CAFHS)

Patricia would be interested in hearing from anyone who knows more about John Moore (b.1860) or other members of her Moore family. Contact her via cafhs2570@gmail.com



*Moore graves at Camden Catholic Cemetery, Cawdor Road, Cawdor
(J. O'Brien)*

Did you know that CAFHS has a collection of photographs from local cemeteries as well as our Cemetery Transcription books? Contact us at cafhs2570@gmail.com for more details.

Down a Rabbit Hole ... The Story of a Warren Family

Sharon Greene

We receive numerous research inquiries asking for further information about local families, properties and known persons or places of interest. This is one such inquiry. Last year we had John Staton contact us about his ancestor's connection with the local property of Denbigh, in Cobbitty that was owned at one time, by the Reverend Thomas Hassall (famously known as the Galloping Parson due to his large parish that he visited on horseback).

John had collected a substantial amount of information about his ancestor 'Joseph Warren' however was keen to know details of his 'indenture' (or as an assigned convict) to Hassall, and also about Joseph's second wife, Sarah Hessell, from The Oaks.

Property ledgers, employment history, invoices and general information are often lost to 'time and death' and rob the family historian of this vital information, unless the family had the forethought to maintain (through various generations) or to donate their 'records', to such repositories as the State Library or local historical societies, this information is often lost to time.

Wonderfully, the State Library of NSW hold several items that belonged to the Hassall family: Hassall family correspondence c1796-1900, Account book and Muster roll of convict servants 1822-1833, Hassall diaries (2) for years 1859 and 1865, also some photographs. Never overlook our great State Library, as

some gems are there waiting to be discovered, even if it's some 'social history' of the day, to appreciate the 'times' of our ancestors.

John told us that his research had revealed a full and busy life for Joseph and I asked, could I share his story. As a researcher it is easy to get caught up with the person at the centre of your enquiry, verifying facts as an outsider and checking all possible sites that you, the researcher are familiar with. Well I must admit after several emails exchanges and resource checking, I was lost down a 'rabbit-hole' of interest with the said Joseph Warren.

Joseph Thomas Warren was 22 years of age when a spot of illegal poaching in late December 1828, (while shots were fired, none were aimed at any other than the pheasants) saw his life change, not immediately but change it did. Born in Collycroft, Warwickshire 1805, by 1828 young Joseph was married with one child (possibly two) and was a ribbon weaver (and wool-comber) by trade, was literate and had an alias of James Goldby. When the law caught up with Joseph, some months later, he was charged in company of 11-13 others, of not only poaching pheasants from the estate of Merevale, owned by DS Dugdale Esq. but of the attempted murder of his four game-keepers. One accused turned informer, some escaped higher charges, however ten were 'sent across the seas' for Life or Fourteen Years.

Due to the large number of accused locals and the final judgements, the magistrates requested help and military troops of 14th Dragoons arrived to quell the rioting. An attachment of 93rd Highlanders removed from the County gaol: For Life – Joseph Warren; William Ireland; John Mogford; Thomas

Darlistone and John Squelch. For Fourteen Years: William Goldby; John Mellor; John White; Henry White and David White. The prisoners were taken to the prison hulk, *Justica*, on the Thames at Woolwich to await transportation. During this time, prisoners capable of work were rowed ashore each day to work long labouring hours in gangs of 16 or 20 men, guarded by brutal armed guards, that were themselves the dregs of society, to work in the Royal Arsenal and other public buildings.

Joseph finally sailed on the convict ship *Layton* (2 – second voyage to Australia as a convict transport) arriving in Sydney Cove on 9 November 1829. Shortly after his arrival he was assigned to the Reverend Thomas Hassall, at Denbigh in Cobbitty, west of Sydney.



Convict dig at Denbigh – J. Staton

Denbigh at that time was a farm of 1100 acres. As well as the convicts, Hassall employed many local Aboriginals. The

convicts lived and worked on the property and were probably housed upstairs in the barn. John's research reveal Joseph worked as a gardener or general farm hand. Denbigh, as many other large properties of the day, established large superb English style gardens (many of these early plantings still survive at Denbigh today).

In 1839 Joseph received his 'Ticket of Leave' (39/0053) and was allowed to remain in the District of Camden.



Stairs to Convict accommodation at Denbigh – J. Staton

Joseph was married with 1 or 2 children in England however his Life sentence prohibited him from returning to his homeland. As a convict he needed to ask for 'permission to

marry', his first attempt was to marry colonial born Mary Morgan, aged 17 years. This marriage did not proceed. Joseph's second requested 'permission to marry' was to Sarah Hessell on 22 Jun 1841, was refused; applied again 13 Jul 1841 and again refused by Rev Hassall due to some discrepancy about a letter from England claiming he was married and not a widower, and that he had two children. However permission was granted on 24 Aug 1842, as 23 year old Sarah was 'with-child', marrying on 3 Oct 1842 at the School Church, Narellan where they were married by the Rev Thomas Hassall. Sarah's parents are recorded as living at Handcock's Farm, The Oaks, little other information is known of their time at The Oaks.

In 1844 Joseph was recommended for his Conditional Pardon by H Park, James VW Macarthur and J Barker and was granted his Conditional Pardon the following year on 15 Mar 1845, therefore free to travel within the Colony.



Denbigh verandah looking towards dairy – J. Staton

The only ‘real (possible) mention’ of Joseph and his time at Denbigh is a reference in one of Thomas Hassall’s diary for 27 June 1865: “*there was a picnic at the new bridge across the Cow Pastures River – the bridge was called Warrens Bridge*”.

Sarah and Joseph were now living at Narellan, possibly at Harrington Park, under the employ of Captain William Campbell, with his occupation recorded as a gardener. Their first child, William Henry Warren was born on 28 Feb 1843, with George John arriving in 1844, Harriet Ann in 1845, Sarah Jane in 1847 and Caroline Susana in 1850.

By 1850 Joseph and Sarah had moved to Canterbury, NSW where he set up as a butcher. The current day location of his shop/home is the site of the ‘old’ Post Office at the intersection of the busy Broughton, Jeffrey and Regent (now Canterbury Road) Streets. Sadly Sarah died on 6 Sep 1853, she was aged only 33 years and is buried in St John’s Anglican cemetery at Ashfield, leaving Joseph with five young children in his care.

Joseph, now almost 50 and in need of a mother for his five young children married 25 year old Mary Ann Thrasher in 1854 and they lived in Gladesville. Producing another nine children: Lydia Elizabeth (registered as Warine, pre official registration) in 1855, Joseph Thomas in 1856, Alfred born 1858 and died 1859, Emily Jane in 1860, John Charles Bolding in 1862, Albert James in 1863, Francis Edward in 1865, Turena Sophia in 1867 and Sydney Ernest in 1869.

Sadly Joseph’s life was to have an abrupt and violent end when he fell from a cart, driven by his son Thomas and dying from injuries on 6 Feb 1890.

The Coroner's inquest reported: *On Friday morning, Mr J E Bowden, Parramatta Court Coroner, held an inquest on the body of an old man Joseph Warren, aged 84, who met his death by being thrown out of a cart. From evidence adduced it appears that the deceased was being driven from Gladesville to Parramatta by his son Thomas Warren whom near the Hospital for Insane grounds, on the Rydalmere Road, the horse switched his tail over the reins and bolted. After going about 40 yards the cart capsized and the occupants were thrown out. Deceased, who seemed to have been internally injured by the accident, was conveyed to his son Albert's residence, Pennant Street, Parramatta and died there on Thursday morning. Dr Ferguson, who attended deceased, was of opinion that death resulted from the shock to the system. The jury returned a verdict according that no blame is attached to any one for the accident.*

Family stories tell that Joseph planted many of the trees in the grounds of the Gladesville Hospital, as a gardener, and being near to his home, also near the site of his accidental death.

Joseph was buried at May's Hill cemetery. His third wife Mary Ann was to join him, in their eternal rest the following year, when she died 7 Jan 1891, aged 62 years.

Joseph's life certainly was a very full and long one, on which one can only speculate, that his successful life was due to being transported 'across the seas' – three wives, sixteen children and 84 years of living.

He certainly would appear to have succeeded where many of his co-accused perished.

Sentenced to Life with Joseph:

Thomas Dailestone / Darlistone / Darlison: was 28 and left a wife and one child in England, he was a ribbon weaver and wool-comber by trade. He was assigned to W Gore at North Shore on his arrival. Granted 'his Ticket of Leave' in 1837 and to remain in the Goulburn district. Recommended for his Conditional Pardon in 1844, followed by his marriage to Bridget Hayes in 1846 in Goulburn. His Conditional Pardon was granted in 1850 and he was free to travel within the colony. His possible death recorded in Sydney in 1868 aged 61 years.

William Ireland: was 38 and left a wife and four children in England. He was assigned to JR Hume at Appin, he absconded in 1835 from the Gibraltar Road party, however by the 1837 Muster he was in the House of Correction, and absconded again in 1839 from SL Curlewis, Braidwood only to be recorded as killed on 9 Feb 1842 at Major Antill's quarry.

John Mogford: does not appear to have sailed or arrived in NSW, possibly dying in the UK.

John Squelch: was 29 and a single man and was a ploughman by trade. He was assigned to Col. Dumaresq, St Heliers (in Muswellbrook area). His 'Ticket of Leave' was granted in 1838 and had to remain in the Invermein district. His Conditional Pardon was granted on 13 Aug 1846 and John died in Muswellbrook in 1862, aged 62 years.

Sentenced to Fourteen years:

William Goldby: was 26 and left a wife and three children in England and he was a miner and well-digger by trade. He was

assigned to a mineral surveyor in the Windsor district. He received his 'Ticket of Leave' in 1838 to remain in the district of Windsor, he married Anna M Smith in 1839 and died at Richmond in 1852, aged 46 years.

John Mellor: was 25 and left a wife and three children in England. Listed as a ploughman and shoemaker he was assigned to John Buckman, Liverpool. His first 'Ticket of Leave' in 1839 was cancelled at Stonequarry. Then granted again in 1841, where he was to remain in Goulburn district and finally his Certificate of Freedom was granted in 1843. Unable to locate if he married or his death date.

David White: was 20 and single when he left England and was a ribbon weaver by trade: are the three White lads brothers, Colonial records indicate they were. On his arrived he was assigned to Robert Weeks at Kissing Point, and in the 1837 Muster he was at Parramatta, granted his 'Ticket of Leave' to remain in the Parramatta district.

Henry White: was 24 and married with one child in England, he was a ribbon weaver by trade. He was assigned to Edward Edmonds, Sydney on his arrival. He absconded in 1833 from Myrtle Creek and then in 1834 from the Argyle Bridge party, by the 1837 Muster he was at Henry Hewitt's property at Patricks Plains. His 'Ticket of Leave' was granted at Patricks Plains and to remain in the district. On 15 May 1846 he received his Certificate of Freedom.

John White: was 33 and married with four children in England and was a ribbon weaver by trade. He was assigned to William Dangar, Hawkesbury River on his arrival. Receiving his 'Ticket of Leave' in 1836 and to stay in the Invermein district,

he was still there in the 1837 Muster. He was granted his Certificate of Freedom on 27 Jul 1843.

There are too many Whites to know if these men married in NSW or when they died.

Timeline for Joseph:

Born: c1805 Collycroft, baptised 23 Aug 1807 Foleshill, Warwickshire, England.

Worked: Bedworth, Warwickshire as a ribbon weaver (and wool-comber).

First wife: Lydia Cook, b.c1806-1864 (married 17 Nov 1823) issue: Ann & ?. Lydia married Benjamin Neale on 2 Jun 1834 (according to 1861 UK Census Lydia & Benjamin were living at 126 Bedworth Road, Bulkington, Warwickshire and both were weavers). Lydia died in April 1864 at Foleshill, Warwickshire, aged 58.

Second wife: Sarah Hessell, b.1819 - 6 Sep 1853 (born East Sussex, England & died Ashfield, NSW) married 1842 at Narellan, issue: William, George, Harriet, Sarah & Caroline.

Third wife: Mary Ann Thrasher, b.1828 - 7 Jan 1891 (born Turvey, Bedfordshire, England & died Parramatta) married 8 May 1854, issue: Lydia, Joseph, Alfred, Emily, John, Albert, Francis, Turena & Sydney.

Died: 6 Feb 1890, 84 years of age, Parramatta, New South Wales.

Note about Sarah Hessell:

Sarah arrived in the Colony with her parents, Richard & Mary Maria, her sister Maria and younger brother James. As Government assisted immigrants, they had set out from Gravesend, England on 26 October 1838 aboard the *Juliana* however it ran aground at Table Bay in the Cape of Good Hope, on Saturday 20 January 1839, when the ship sailed too close to shore, ending upon rocks at Green Point. It was a pointless loss, as it appeared to be an unscheduled stop to give ill passengers some reprieve from sailing and collect fresh water and supplies. Occurring in broad-daylight, clear weather and within a biscuits throw of the shore, the press of the day was scathing of Captain FW Lodge, due to the loss of the ship; thankfully all passengers and crew were rescued. The emigrants aboard were collected in part by the *Morayshire* arriving on 20 April 1839 and the remainder by the *Mary May* bringing them to Sydney. Sarah and her family arrived aboard the *Mary May* on 19 May 1839.

John's research also revealed an interesting connection with Sarah's descendants. John's interests other than genealogy and gardening, is herpetology (I had to check the dictionary for that one) the Hessels (uncle of Sarah and his son in turn) were snake-show operators out at La Perouse and sold snake-bite remedy. Before the famous George Cann and family took over.

See Trove for an interesting read from 1913:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/126311524>

Should you have any connection with this family history, John is happy for you to make contact and his email is:

jstaton@tpg.com.au

John Ernest Lannstrom: A small window into his life.

Rosslyn Wing

I recently found some paperwork, bank statement and estate documentation on John Ernest Lannstrom (17.2.1885 Young NSW – 12.9.1955 Bathurst NSW), my grandfather, a tall, handsome, man of Swedish and Scottish heritage.



He loved life, believed it should be enjoyed. Worked as a carpenter for Shell Oil and searched for gold in country NSW. Raised a family of 6 boys and 3 girls.

One of his hobbies was raising and racing Greyhound dogs. He also loved dancing and dining and bringing home large slabs of cake for his children to enjoy.

When caring for his dogs he found that the oil by products protected his dogs against fleas etc. He had asked his boss if he could take home the oil by products and they agreed. Then one day they asked him what he used it for! The Scientists did tests and found that the oil waste could indeed be used as a spray for pests.



The outcome was that he received a royalty for the rest of his life and then it was handed over to his wife, Constance Caroline Lannstrom for the rest of her life.

It was known that John Ernest discovered a good use for oil by-products and that he received royalties but not known, the amount and that the payments on his death were given to his wife and it was so good to see the paperwork.

LR 13 C. C. Lannstrom.

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Sergeant Arthur Henry Haddon

Service No 1768

Rosemary Gibson

Arthur Haddon was born in 1885 at Liverpool NSW, 1 of 10 children to parents Ephraim and Mary Ann Haddon nee (Lavercombe). He married Dora Jane Hawkins in 1906 at Redfern NSW, they had 3 children Arthur William, Ralph Ephraim, and Beatrice Elizabeth Haddon.

Arthur enlisted in the Australian Royal Garrison Artillery which shared three military camps Randwick, Rosebery Park and the Show Ground. He served for 5 years full service in the 4th infantry Battalion where he manned the coastal defences at Sydney Heads. At the time he resided at Waterloo in NSW.

He was also involved in the Citizens Military Force, parading part time as a bandsman with the 6th Australian rifles regiment band for 2 years; headquarters were based at the Victoria Barracks in Sydney NSW.

After he completed his service as an Artilleryman and was discharged, he became a glass blower at the Botany glass works for 2½ years.

Arthur enlisted in the Australian Artillery Forces on the 3rd November 1914 aged 28 ½ years. After a period of training at Liverpool Military Camp he embarked on the H.M.A.T *Shropshire* on the 12 March 1915 and was allocated to the 4th reinforcement draft for the 4th Battalion, arriving in Zeitoun Egypt on 17th April 1915. They spent about 3 months training near Cairo Egypt before departing again by ship to the Gallipoli

peninsular along with New Zealand, British and French troops. By the time they had arrived in Turkey the Australian 4th Battalion had already landed in Gallipoli to attempt to gain control of Ottoman positions.

On the 7th of July 1915 he was listed as being promoted to Lance Sergeant. He joined up with the 4th battalion in early July 1915 and they set up at the front line at Maclaurin's Hill. As he had previous military experience, he was also promoted to platoon Sergeant of A company No1 Platoon.

Between the 6th and 9th August 1915, the Australian troops participated in an offensive attack along the Anzac front including assaults at The Nek hill 971 and Lone Pine. This diversionary attack on Lone Pine was meant to draw Turkish attention away from the new assaults to the north.

In the afternoon of the 6th of August 1915 at 5.30pm Australian troops of the 4th battalion charged towards the Turkish trenches at Lone Pine. Preceding this attack, the Australian Artillery sent a barrage on the Ottoman trenches. This was a prelude of what was to come. By nightfall the Australians had taken over most of the enemy front line. This became a fierce battle over the next 4 days fighting underground in a maze of Turkish trenches, they virtually fought hand to hand resulting in 6 Australian Battalions suffering nearly 2,300 Australians killed and wounded.

This was the highest number of casualties of the Gallipoli campaign. Among them was Sergeant Arthur Henry Haddon.

He was first listed as wounded and then missing in action, in the days following the assault. There were a number of conflicting reports as to what had happened. Information

gathered by the Australian Red Cross from informants first reported him as being seriously wounded. Another reported that they spoke with him as he was being carried out of a trench to a dressing station at Lone Pine on the 7th August 1915. Unfortunately, they never did recover his remains. Consequently, there was a court of enquiry on the 19 June 1916 which determined that he was killed in action between the 6th and 9th August 1915

Following his death, on the 17 July 1917 Dora his wife sent a letter to the war service requesting his death certificate as she was unable to draw any monies that were owed to her. Prior to this the children had been granted 13 Pounds per child from 31 March 1916

On the 31 January 1918 his wife Dora received a package containing his personal effects which included A book, store kit, handkerchief, notebook, photos and brush.

Dora also received correspondence from the war service on the 25th of May 1921 stating that they were unable to trace the last resting place of her husband. The Australian Infantry Force also requested any letters of communication she may have received concerning the circumstances surrounding his death or the locality where he was last seen alive.

Arthur's name appears on the Lone Pine memorial along with so many other troops killed at Gallipoli who have no known graves.

His medals included:

1914-1915 Star

British War Medal

Victory Medal

We should remember Arthur Henry Haddon who gave his life for us, for our freedom and in the hope of a better world.

Lest we Forget.



Late afternoon in July at the Lone Pine Cemetery,

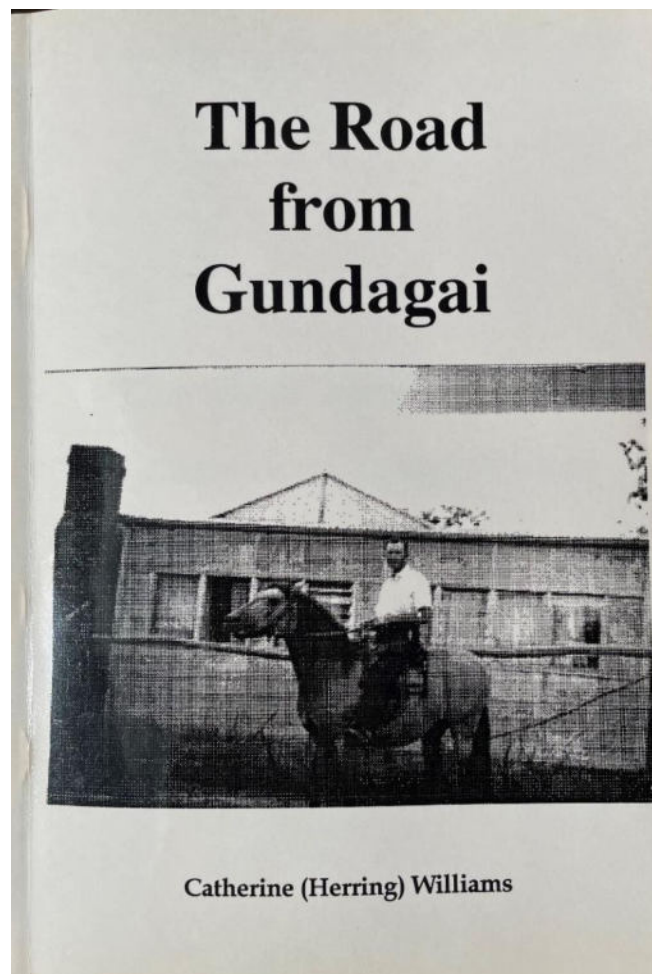
Anzac, Gallipoli, Turkey. Gary Blakeley.

(https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lone_Pine_Cemetery_2013.07.26.jpg)

The Jenkins Family of Spring Creek

Catherine Williams and Sharon Greene

Recently our Society purchased a great Reference book from Catherine (Herring) Williams about her ancestors - **William Jenkins and Eliza Tully: pioneers of Spring Creek, Picton & Camden NSW**. Both had arrived as convicts. William had served his time when he met and married Eliza, still a convict, with the permission of the Governor, at St James Church in Sydney. After a few years and three children they would make their home in the Spring Creek area.



William Jenkins was born in Warwick, England in c.1807, a boatman by trade. As a twenty year old he was charged at Worcester with stealing 'a harness'. He had two prior convictions and was sentenced to 7 years transportation, arriving in the Colony aboard the ship the *Champion* on 17 October 1827. It was stated that he could both 'read and write'.

Eliza Tully (alias Carr) was born in Antrim, Ireland in c.1820, was a housemaid, when she was 15 years-old was charged with 'stealing gowns' and received a seven year sentence of transportation. Eliza arrived in the Colony aboard the ship *Pyramus* (2) (second voyage of the ship to the Colony) on 14 December 1836. Within two years in 1838 she married William Jenkins, this marriage produced fourteen children that all survived to adulthood.

Eliza (tried 21 Oct 1835) and her sister Sarah (tried 6 Jan 1836) both arrived aboard the *Pyramus* 2 – possibly Sarah 'stole cotton' to remain with her younger sister, Eliza.

Author, Catherine Williams, has been researching her family history since 1985 and has published several books covering her extended family. Camden Area Family History Society now hold two of these titles: 'William Jenkins and Eliza Tully: pioneers of Spring Creek, Picton & Camden NSW' (purchased by the Society) and 'The Road from Gundagai' (kindly donated by the author).

Research on William and Eliza Jenkins during 1988, Catherine realised that year was the 150th anniversary of their marriage. Speaking with Jenkins family members she had keep in touch with resulted in a meeting of three of William and Eliza's descendants: Mrs. Joyce Jenkins from Liverpool, Mrs. Valerie

Malcolm from Picton and Catherine. A meeting in Joyce's place and this is where they started making plans for a celebration.

It was coincidental that William and Eliza's actual wedding anniversary, 2nd October 1838, fell on a Sunday, in 1988 and this meant that they could celebrate on the actual date.

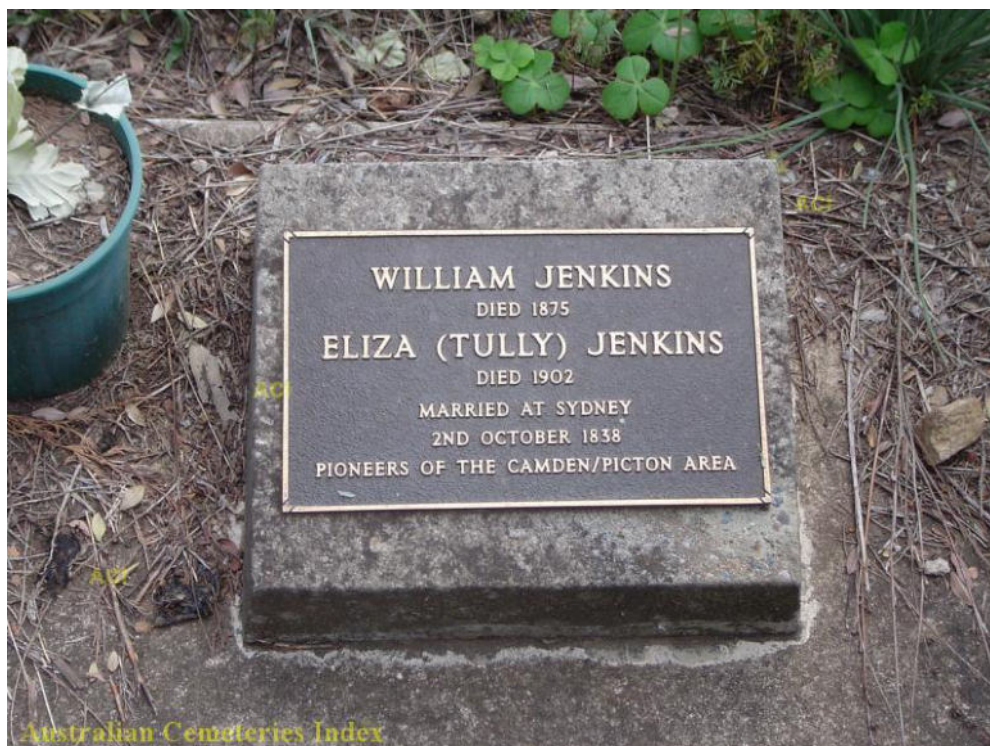
Initially thoughts to hold a celebration wedding service at the church where they were actually married, St James Church in Sydney however the logistics of several Sunday church services scheduled throughout the day, parking as an issue and then the cost of a venue for a meal afterwards, would not be possible. The Church Hall of St John's Church was chosen, with both William and Eliza being buried in St John's Churchyard. A special church service was planned at St John's at 12 noon on the day. Then a picnic lunch in the Church hall, with time for a good chat afterwards. Invitations were sent out and about, with a small cost of \$5 per family, to cover hall hire, souvenir program, telephone and postage costs.

Over 200 descendants, relatives and friends gathered at St John's on Sunday 2nd October 1988 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the marriage of William Jenkins and Eliza Tully. Peter Sherlock, a descendant, released his book 'Spring Creek Settlers' for the celebration (our Society holds a copy of this publication) this is a very detailed history of the Jenkins, their families and their lives. Some special guests present were Mrs Mabel Brown (91 years) a great-granddaughter of William and Eliza, 6 day-old Jeremy Belshaw a g.g.g.g.grandson and 17 day-old Susan Rossegger a g.g.g.g.g.granddaughter.

A tour of the graveyard followed and with the help of Camden locals, Dick Nixon and Ron Driscoll (a grandson of William Jenkins Junior) who had spent many hours to locate and mark many of the actual graves of the Jenkins descendants. It was then decided to place a plaque on William and Eliza's grave to enable future generations to locate their ancestors.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebrations were so successful and a profit was made after all expenses were paid, to enable a plaque to be erected on William and Eliza Jenkins previously unmarked grave.

Plans were then made for the construction of the cement slab and bronze plaque. A short cemetery service and unveiling of the plaque was planned for Sunday 17th September 1989, and then a picnic lunch in the Church hall.



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Over 70 descendants attended this second event. Mrs Catherine Williams performed the service. Mr Lance Phipson, a grandson of Sarah (Jenkins) Billett, unveiled the plaque. Mr Ron Driscoll, a grandson of William Jenkins Junior, prepared the cement slab for the bronze plaque. Descendants of eight of the 14 children of William and Eliza attended the service. After the singing of Advance Australia Fair and the unveiling of the plaque, the descendants enjoyed a picnic lunch in the Church hall.

William Jenkins died on 8th November 1875 and Eliza died 9th April 1902.

Their children: William (born 1839); Thomas (born 1840); Sarah (born 1842); John (born 1843); Eliza (born 1845); Lavinia (born 1847); Martha (born 1849); Hannah – known as Ann (born 1851); Jane Isabella (born 1852); Eleanor Catherine – known as Ellen (born 1855); Robert Augustus (born 1857); Jacob George (born 1859); James Albert (born 1860) and Mary Elizabeth (born 1862).

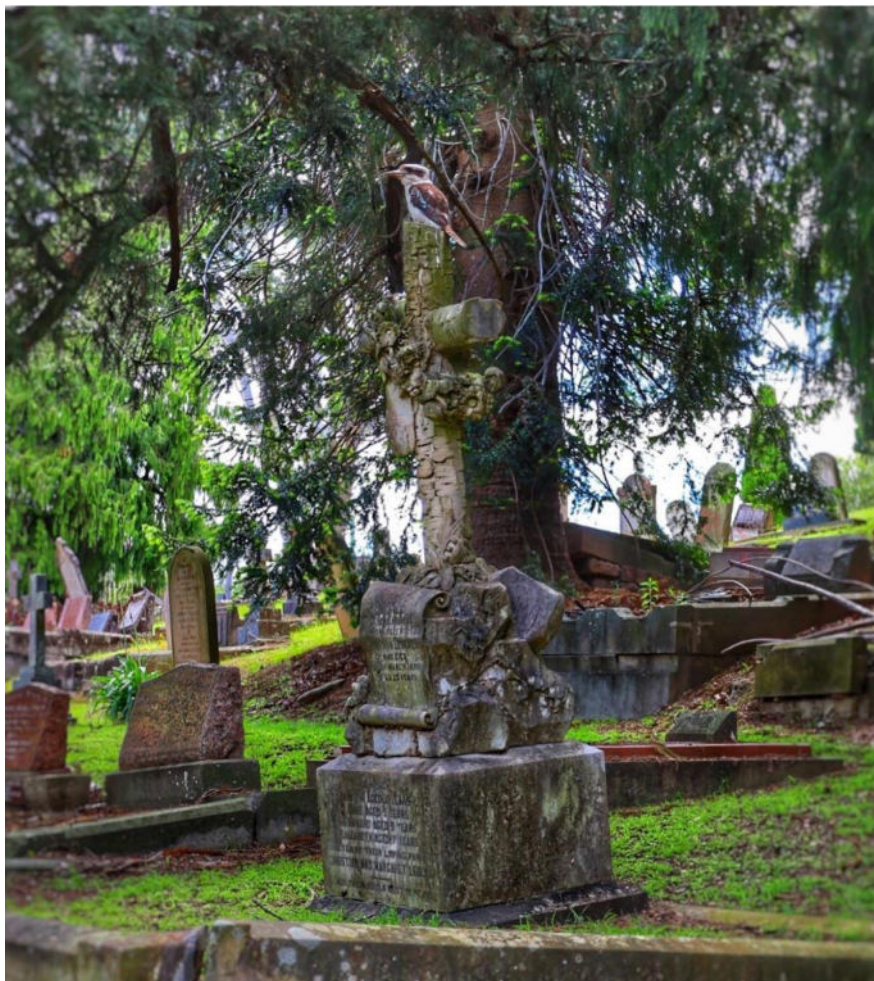
William Herring married Jane Isabella Jenkins on 25th January 1875 at Picton, NSW, they left Picton and settled on a property on Bongongolong at Gundagai and named it ‘Mt Pleasant’, raising a family of eleven children.

Catherine (Herring) Williams is a great, great-granddaughter of William and Eliza, through their ninth child Jane Isabella (Jenkins) Herring, she now lives in Cairns, QLD and kindly gave permission for this article. Catherine commented that both events were attended by different family groups, with only a small number attending both.

Stories from St John's Cemetery: The Leuckel Family

Jo O'Brien

This imposing and poignant monument at St John's Cemetery Camden is dedicated to the lost children of the Leuckel family. Christian Leuckel was one of a number of German vinedressers brought out by the Macarthurs in 1852, with his wife Margaretha (Margaret), on the ship *Reiherstieg*. He worked for the rest of his life at Camden Park, where the couple had 12 children.



Leuckel grave at St John's (Photographs by R. Mangion)

Five of their children are buried at St John's cemetery: Martin (1855-1859), Annie (1856-1863), Bernhard (1862-1867), Elizabeth (1860-1867) and Christian ('our benevolent son') who died in 1888 aged 29. The ornate stone of their resting place is topped by a cross in the form of a tree, with a wreath of flowers and a cloth draped over the left arm – possibly mourning symbols for a life cut short and sudden death.

There was little reported about the causes of death of the younger children, a sadly frequent occurrence in those times, due to various childhood diseases.



Christian (junior) was a groom and horse trainer working at the stables of James White at Randwick, and 'looked the picture of health and strength', before he died a few days after becoming ill with an 'inflammation of the lungs' (possibly pneumonia or bronchitis). According to reports he would be greatly missed in the stable, and his funeral at Camden was very large.

Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1919) / Sat 31 Mar 1888 / Page 36 / Turf Talk.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On March 23 one of the best known men in Mr. James White's stable, named Chris. Leuckel, died from inflammation of the lungs. He was only taken bad a few days ago, and looked the picture of health and strength. He was a most careful and obliging man, and one who will be greatly missed in the stable.

Australian Town and Country Journal Sat 31 Mar 1888 Page 36 Turf Talk.
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/71095935>

nd New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1871 - 1912) / Sat 31 Mar 1888 / Page 706 / Country Telegrams.

CAMDEN, MONDAY.
Christopher Leuchel, late trainer in the Hon. James White's stables at Randwick, who died in Sydney last Friday evening, was interred here yesterday. The funeral was a very large one.

The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser Sat 31 Mar 1888 Page 706 Country
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/164362731>

Mon 17 Aug 1891 / Page 6 / INQUESTS.

The circumstances attending the death of a man named Frank Lenckel, who was killed the previous day by being jammed between a cart and the wall of the Australasian Hotel, Druitt-street, formed the subject of an inquest held by the City Coroner at his court, Chancery-square, on Saturday. Deceased was 42 years of age, a married man, residing at 86 Gipps-street, Surry Hills. For the past 12 years he had been a horse-trainer at Kiss's Bazaar, Pitt-street. On Saturday Mr. Larkin, of the Haymarket, purchased a horse at the bazaar, one of the conditions of sale being that it should draw a ton load up Druitt-street hill. Leuckel took the horse with the load along Druitt-street, but when going down hill the animal would not come back to the breeching, and was allowing the cart to get some way on and running it into a telegraph post. The collision frightened the horse, and as soon as it was freed from the post made a dash for the open gateway of the Australasian Hotel, the wheel of the cart jamming deceased, who was by the side of the horse, against the hotel wall. When the cart had passed, Lenckel fell to the ground, and was then placed in a cab and conveyed to the Sydney Hospital, where he died a few minutes after admission. Dr. Davies deposed that six ribs on the left side had been fractured, and had penetrated the left lung, and that two ribs on the right side had been fractured and had ruptured the liver. Death was due to shock to the system. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

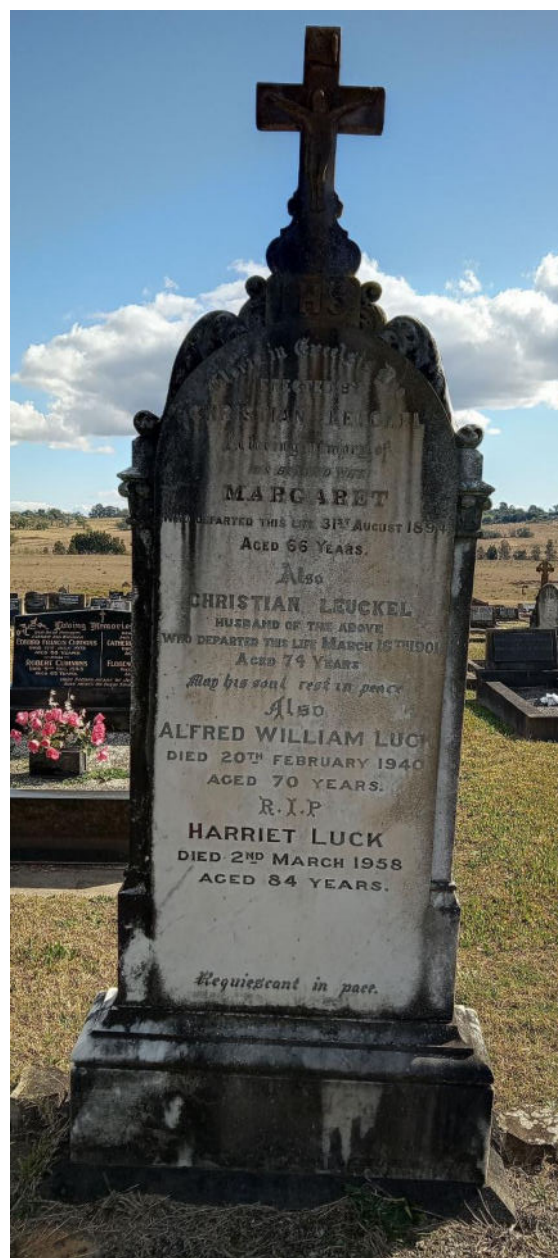
At the Prince Alfred Hospital on Saturday, the City Coroner held an inquest regarding the death of a man named Thomas Small, a driver. On Friday he was thrown out of his cart near the pier, Botany, and received injuries which caused death two hours later. Death was due to shock to the system, the result of penetration of the lungs by fractured ribs. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Just a few years later the eldest Leuckel son Frank, also a horse trainer and groom, died in an accident, when the wheel of a cart drawn by a frightened horse crushed him against the wall of the Australasian Hotel in Sydney. He was married with two young daughters and is buried at Waverley.

Mother Margaret 'a highly-respected and well-known resident of Camden Park' died suddenly of influenza in 1894, and father Christian died in 1901. They were survived by two sons and four daughters. Their grave is at the Catholic Cemetery at Cawdor, together with their youngest daughter Harriet and her husband Alfred Luck.

CHRISTIAN LEUCKEL, ÆT 74.

On Friday last, the 16th inst., passed away from our midst the late Mr. Christian Leuckel. Ripe in age and honor, a true and faithful servant. Mr Leuckel was a native of Mainz, Germany, reaching Sydney so long ago as 1852, in the sailing ship Rearstech which left in March and only reaching these shores in August, five months voyage. On arrival in Sydney the deceased came at once to Camden; he was engaged by Sir William Macarthur in his native district together with several others, notably the late Mr. Thurn, Mr Bruckhauser, senior of Elderslie, and other local well known and respected citizens. To the date of his demise Mr. Leuckel was in the employ of the Camden Park Estate, and a chosen and valued servant in almost every branch of the farming carried on by this vast estate. In his younger days he had charge of the grain department. Courteous in manner and honest in all his dealings. A worthy tribute. It is satisfactory to mention that Mr. Henry the eldest living son is following in the footsteps of his father, he having been appointed for his capabilities the farm manager of Camden Park, after the lamentable death of the late Mr. R. H. Druitt. Mrs. Leuckel came to Camden with her husband, and died some years ago. The decease leaves two sons and four daughters all in good positions in life. Everyone respected the old gentleman, the funeral being very largely attended at the R.O. Cemetery, the Rev. Father Sheridan conducted the impressive service. Mr. J. D. Rankin conducting the funeral arrangements.



*Leuckel grave at Camden Catholic Cemetery, Cawdor Road, Cawdor
(J. O'Brien)*

Pictures of Newspaper Articles from Trove (<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>):

Australian Town and Country Journal, Sat 31 Mar 1888, p36.

The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser, Sat 31 Mar 1888, p706.

The Sydney Morning Herald Mon 17 Aug 1891, p6.

Camden News, Thu 21 Mar 1901, p1

Events

Pictures from events so far this year, including: Guest speakers Andrew Allen and Marjo Hallowell; Australia Day Parade; Camden Show; Family Tree Maker Workshop with Lyn Hudson-Williamson; Heritage Festival display on Shared Stories; and the Hassall Family Reunion

Photographs: J. O'Brien, S. Greene

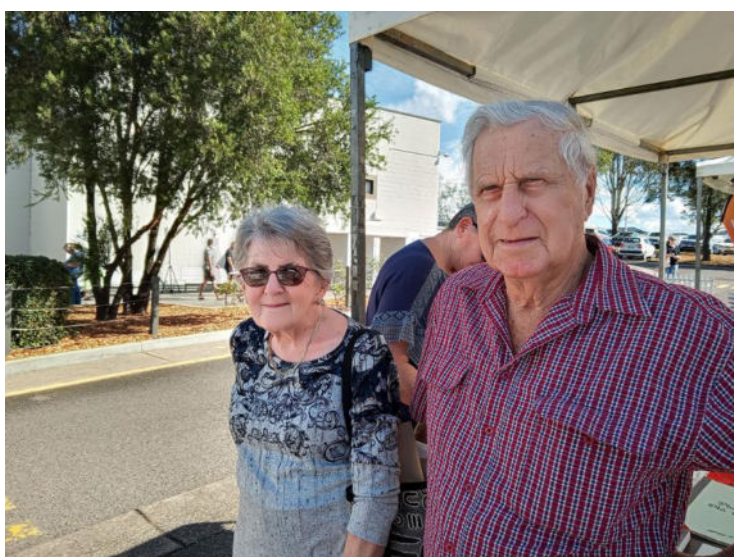




Open Day at NSW State Archives and Records, Kingswood

Jo O'Brien

Several Society members enjoyed a lovely day exploring the amazing collection of records at the free open day at the Western Sydney Records Centre on Saturday April 15th. It was a great opportunity to see behind the scenes, with a fascinating guided tour of the facility, showing the extent and range of the record collection, and a chance to see their specialist conservation techniques, and a few treasures from the collection. It was a bit tempting to stop and do some research when an interesting title caught the eye!





There were also interesting expert talks throughout the day - I really enjoyed those which I attended, on the Australian Railway History Society (must visit their facility in Alexandria! <https://arhsnsw.com.au/>), and Rachel Cullen from the National Archives of Australia, who spoke about digitising WWII records.

There were information stalls, with some good giveaways, brochures, badges, pens etc., bargain books from RAHS, laminated maps, bookmarks and postcards from the City of Sydney Archives, and a range of items from other stalls including local Family History groups, SAG, with lunch and afternoon tea options available. It was a great day all round!

If you missed this opportunity, a virtual tour is available here:

<https://mhnsww.au/stories/general/virtual-tour-of-western-sydney-records-centre/>

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CAFHS - Books for Sale

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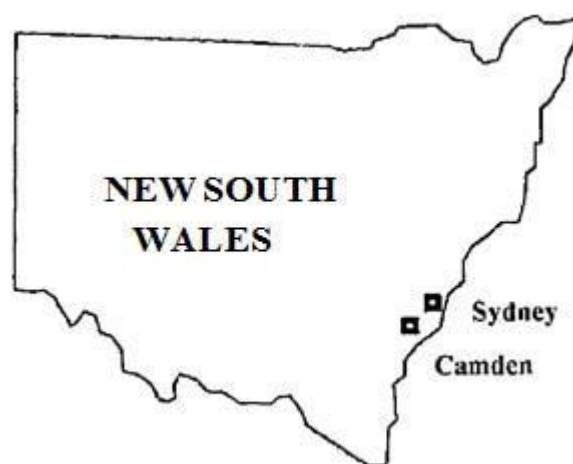
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