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Sergeant Rolland William (Roy) Bosisto, the uncle of member, Jon Bosisto, served in the 106 Howitzer Battery during WW1. Read Roy's letter from France, beginning on Page 11.

# From The President's Desk

A very happy and healthy new year to all our members.

We are all looking forward to a new and positive year with plenty of research and investigating into our families' history.

A friendly reminder (especially our newer members) that our Research Room at the South Tweed Bowls Club has ample desks and equipment, as well as books and journals for everyone to use for accessing the various and informative subscriptions we pay for every year for all of our members' benefit.

The sites we subscribe to are: Find My Past; The Genealogist; Deceased Online; SEAX - Essex Archives; Roots Ireland., as well as Ancestry.

The Research Room and these subscriptions are our largest expense on our ever depleting bank balance, so please do come in and say hello to our wonderful volunteers and enjoy the fun and excitement of researching your family or ongoing project.

Also please help us by putting pen to paper and submitting some interesting articles to go into print for future Tracks. It's always surprising how many of us are interested in something you may feel is "nothing". Give it a go, don't be shy, we need articles.

Happy researching.

Wendy Marshall  
President



# Editorial

Welcome to the first Tracks for 2023. We hope you enjoy the articles included herein.

## ***We want your memories!***

Here's a writing challenge which all of us can take part in, whether you are an experienced family historian or not.

Everybody has childhood memories, of events or people in our lives. Whether they are from early childhood or later, it doesn't matter. Other than the genes passed down in your DNA, memories form the fabric of our being who we are. It's important to write them down (now), otherwise they will soon be lost forever.

The challenge is for you to write down & describe your early memories, let's say those from before you turned 10. Description of each memory can take one paragraph or ten, length doesn't matter. The subjects of your memories is also open. They could be school based memories, or involving family members or friends. Or events which have seared themselves into your memory banks. It's up to you.

The challenge is not a competition. There's no prize for how young you were at the time. We just want you to share your memories with the rest of us, so that we all act on the 'prod' to start documenting our own lives. Not just our ancestors' lives.

I have included my very earliest memory as an example—see Page 21. I have lots more memories to share, but I don't want to monopolise the pages of Tracks with them. I'll add the occasional memory now and again.

Other than this challenge, we very much need articles for future issues of Tracks., so please keep sharing your family stories with the rest of us.

## ***Trivia Night—Saturday, 13 May 2023—South Tweed Sports Club***

We are holding a Trivia Night, as a fundraiser. We would love the support of all our members. Details are on Page 27. Hope to see you all there!

## **June 2023 Tracks**

**The cut-off date for ordering hard copies is 15 May 2023. Each hard copy will be supplied at a cost of \$5.**

## **Get-Together Dates**

**Place:** South Tweed Sports Club, 4 Minjungbal Drive,  
Tweed Heads South

**Time:** 1.15 pm for a 1.30 pm start

### **Future get-togethers**

**Tuesday, 4 April 2023**

**Tuesday, 2 May 2023**

**Tuesday, 6 June 2023**

Details of the agenda of each get-together will be advised in the monthly Trails newsletters, closer to the date/s.

## **Interest Groups**

We have organised dates for the first meetings of the following interest groups. The meetings will be held in our Research Room at the South Tweed Sports Club.

### **DNA Interest/Support Group—Monday, 10 March 2023, 10 am**

Many of us have had our DNA tested. Are we lost with all the jargon? Are we maximising the ability to make contact with others who share our DNA? This group will hopefully help others with their DNA 'journey'. Open to all members.

### **My Heritage Interest/Support Group—Monday, 8 May 2023, 10 am**

Open to all members who use or wish to use this subscription website.

# Websites of Interest

## **Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives**

<https://www.igp-web.com>

This website is a free repository of information provided by volunteers for use in genealogical research. There are two sides to the website—the county pages and the archives. The county pages include research aids available in varying layouts. The archives pages include data collected under various categories (e.g. cemetery records, obituaries, biographies). Records are added regularly to the archives pages.

## **Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, England Burial Records**

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/deaths-1/search-burial-records-1/1>

If you are lucky enough to have family members from this area, make sure you bookmark this website. The site can be searched for burials at Kingston Cemetery and Surbiton Cemetery, with records ranging from 1855 to 2003. Each search result includes a link to the image of the burial register page which can then be saved.

## **Family History Federation (UK)**

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

A valuable resource for those researching in the UK, although some resources are general in nature. For instance, the page *Can DNA tests help you?* provides good objective advice about the value of DNA testing. The *Really Useful podcast* page has regular podcasts on a variety of family history related subjects. A good website to bookmark and return to now and again.

## **Research Guide—Australian Shipping and Passenger Records**

<https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/finding-ship-and-passenger-records>

This research guide by the National Library of Australia (NLA) provides comprehensive information about shipping and passenger records for all of Australia. Although the guide refers to resources held by the NLA, most are now online or held in our Research Room.

## **“Who Done It?”**

Solve it on TV in an hour, read a book for a few days, study Ancestry’s family trees forever, and you may never know.

Let me lead you on a journey – I still don’t know!

I will start with my mother’s father’s mother. Yes, my great grandmother. Her name was Elizabeth Atkin. She was christened on 20 April 1862, in Over, Cheshire, England. Her father was William, her mother, Margaret.

In the 1861 census, Elizabeth is 7, a brother, William, 8, and another brother, Joseph, was 12.

Elizabeth married Ralph Powell on 4 September 1876 at St Michael’s Church, Hulme, Lancashire, England. A son born on 4 November 1876, died 1876, was called Joseph.

In Chorlton, Lancashire, England, a daughter, Mary, was born in 1880, and a son, Ralph, was born in 1882.

The family arrived in Sydney, New South Wales, as assisted immigrants on the ship “North”, on 24 December 1883. Ralph Powell was listed as a plumber, age 33, Elizabeth, 27, Mary A, 3, and Ralph, 1.

In 1885, a daughter, Elizabeth, was born, and died on 26 June 1886, at 12 University Street, Camperdown, in Sydney.

Another daughter, Jessie Beatrice, was born in 1887, at 12 University Street. No record has been found for Jessie after 1890.

A third daughter, Irene May, was born in 1890, and died in 1957.

In 1890, father, Ralph Powell, died at Prince Alfred Hospital of chronic (kidney) nephritis and uraemia. On his death certificate, children of his marriage to Elizabeth were listed as: Mary A – 10, Ralph – 6, Jessie – 3, Irene May – 2 months, with one male and one female deceased. (This was the last time that Jessie was recorded.)

On 2 July 1905, the death of Mary Ann Powell occurred at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown. She was aged 23 and the cause of death was listed as puerperal septicaemia. Her last address was shown as 25 Western Street, Petersham.



The following article appeared in "The Sydney Morning Herald", on Tuesday, 18 July 1905 (page 7):

*The discovery of a newly-born male child on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst formed the subject of an inquest yesterday morning by the city coroner, Mr A N Barnett. The body was found by Senior Constable Billson behind a register grate in a room at the residence of Mrs Elizabeth Powell, a widow, residing at Weston-street, Petersham.*

*Dr A A Palmer's report showed that the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition, and it was impossible to decide whether the child had been born alive.*

*Mrs Elizabeth Powell stated that a disagreeable odour was detected on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst, and it was traced to the fireplace. Examination of the fireplace by the police, whom she informed, led to the discovery of the body. She had no idea how the body came to be there.*

*The inquest was adjourned until the 24<sup>th</sup> inst.*

"The Braidwood Dispatch and Mining Journal" of Wednesday, 19 July 1905 (page 2) also reported on the inquest, not holding back on its opinion of the event:

#### *A Horror of Horrors*

*The awful depths which crime is descending to in our once fair metropolis, with its "beautiful harbor", are becoming more fiendish and horrible every day. One of our great writers has said there is no depth but there is a lower still, and it is the most shown in the cruel slaughter of the innocents which is continually going on. A post mortem examination was held at Petersham on Monday, on the body of an infant found behind a fire grate, which was so decomposed that it was impossible to say whether it was born alive or not.*

*Elizabeth Powell, a widow, said she went into the house on April 24. Two children, aged respectively 10 and 9 years, lived with her. A daughter named Mary Ann, aged 23, went into the house with her, but she died on July 2 in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and was buried on July 4. There was a large fire in the front room after that, and she noticed a very peculiar smell. That was the first time she had lighted a fire in the room. Two or three days after July 4 she noticed the smell, and she looked about for the cause. But could not find it. Twice last week it seemed to get stronger. Going to the fireplace to clean it, she pushed back the lid, and the smell increased. Then she got a poker, and raked out a piece of bagging, which smelled terribly. She mentioned this to a neighbor, who advised her to send for the police. Senior-constable Bilson came and found the body. She could not account for the child being put in the fireplace.*

*At this stage the inquest was adjourned until Monday.*

The 2 children mentioned in the Braidwood newspaper's article were a girl named Edith, born 1892, in Newtown, and a boy named William Alfred Ernest, born 1894. Their father was William Henry Button, and both were illegitimate. William junior was my mother's father. He was baptised at age 7 and, at that time, was still living where he was born, at Gerald Street, Marrickville.

On 24 July 1905, "The Australian Star", Sydney, New South Wales (page 4), reported on the resumption of the inquest:

*Found Behind A Grate  
An Open Verdict*

*The City Coroner, Mr A N Barnett, PM, resumed an inquest at his court this morning on the body of the male child found behind the grate of a house in Western-street, Peter-sham, on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> inst.*

*The inquest was opened last Monday, when evidence was given by a woman named Elizabeth Powell, who occupied the house when the body was found. A strange smell came from behind the fireplace, and on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>, the police were sent for, and Senior-constable Billson, found the body of a male child.*

*This morning further evidence was heard, but no light was thrown on the matter, and the Coroner recorded an open verdict.*

So who done it? Did Elizabeth have a hand in disposing of the baby, or at least knowledge of how the baby was placed behind the fireplace? I will never know.

Submitted by Herb McDougall (Member number 764)



# Letter from France

My uncle, Rolland William (Roy) Bosisto, was born on 6 March 1891, in South Australia. At the age of 24, Roy enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force, on 28 August 1915. At the time, he was a bank officer and single. Roy's service record indicated that he was 5 feet 5½ inches tall, weighing 139 pounds, with a fair complexion, grey eyes and brown hair.

Roy embarked for overseas service on 28 January 1916 and was taken on strength by the 106 Howitzer Battery. The letter appeared in "The Bunyip" (Gawler, South Australia) on 18 August 1916 (page 2), so was probably written in late July-early August, as the Battery was serving in the Somme, France.

On 10 February 1917, Roy received a gun shot wound in action. He was evacuated to hospital in England. Following some months in England recuperating, Roy returned to Australia, embarking on 27 August 1917, to continue his recovery. He did not return to action and was discharged on 29 April 1918.

## *A Letter from France*

*The following extracts were taken from a letter received by Mrs G Bosisto from her son, Sgt Roy Bosisto, in France:*

*"I am enjoying the French climate immensely; the weather recently has been really beautiful, just like the best of our own spring. But, by jove, we have had some experience of mud, slush and dark nights. I guess it would be impossible to imagine them. I reckon even old Job would have been liable to lose patience at dealing with mules on the roads here and the dark nights such as we have had; but it is wonderful how matter-of-fact the fellows become, and the training and experience one gets in the field creates a soldierly spirit that makes them take everything smilingly. Only the other night, when out with a team, the coverer riding on the left had his horse shy and run into the ditch, which accompanies all roads, with the result that it sank right up to the back, and we had a great job getting him out. The drawbacks here are the narrow roads and flat country, which necessitates a deep drain to carry the water off, and, not being fenced, it is a very common occurrence for vehicles to get one or more wheels in, with consequent delay in getting out again, as it is terribly sticky.*

*You will be glad to hear they have commenced granting eight day's leave to each man – according to his service, so he gets the preference. The eight days are calculated from the time of leaving France for London, and that of arriving back again.*

*In the course of a few days I believe I have to attend a school of instruction. I am looking forward to learn all I possibly can about our particular work, as I realize that the more every man knows the stronger our battery, and, indeed, the army is.*

*Things have been exceedingly lively round here during the last week. We had four gas attacks during five nights, with terrific bombardments by all the British guns to frustrate the working of the gas and the consequent charges. Not bad going, eh? Though, by jabbers, I hope the gas attacks are not too frequent, as the wearing of the helmet is not the most pleasant experience, but is most enervating. I have had the pleasure of firing a gun, or, rather, having charge of the detachment, and guess that more than one poor beggar of the enemy regrets the fact of our gun being near, if he is lucky enough to have any feeling at all. By jove, the experience of working a gun is great. Of course, the enemy were not idle, and we had the pleasure of hearing their shells whistle overhead just like a pigeon flying swiftly, but, except making a hole in the paddock in the rear big enough to stand in and barely be seen, no damage was done. We have very good officers, and I guess the pits we built under their direction will stand a few such ere they go. However, we always have reserve pits in case they find us. I really enjoyed my stay in the pits, and it is surprising how soon one becomes accustomed to the business of war, as in a day or two we thought nothing of it, and used to get up and go to the pits just as though we were off to business at home, having a shave and cleaning our leggings and boots before going in.*

*I am now at the wagon lines – came down to act as battery sergeant-major during the absence of our S-M on leave. I was acting likewise at the pits for a fortnight before coming down. A couple of nights before I left things were very lively and it is estimated the Germans fired 10,000 shells on the trenches in front of us. It was awful to see and hear them burst. It was good work, but I guess an awful waste of ammunition. I would like to be able to say more about it, but censorship rules forbid. After that, it is very quiet down here in the wagon lines, and when one awakes on a lovely bright morning (it is spring), hearing the birds chirping, and looks round on the beautiful surroundings, with all the hedges and fruit trees in full blossom, it is hard to realize there is a war on, and 'tis then the awful sin and wretchedness of it all strikes home. Just where we are all is fresh and lovely, but one has not to walk far to see beautiful towns nothing but a heap of ruins. Australians have a lot to be thankful for. Just think of it, the only country in the world that has been free from war on her own land, and yet many hesitate to save her.*

*I have been anxiously waiting to hear of certain of my old acquaintances enlisting. So far I think they have still to decide. I hope they don't wait too long. There is one thing I am not in favour of, and that is boys enlisting; the life is too strenuous for anyone under 20, and unless they are above the ordinary as regards stamina. I always feel sorry when I see mere boys here, and wish they had never come.*

*At present I am sitting on the floor with a box between my knees in a little loft, where three of we N. C. O.'s sleep. It is about 12 ft square, and is approached by means of a ladder when we have to pop in through a hole about 8 ft by 4½ ft. It has a gable roof, which means we can only stand upright in the centre, and then touch the top with our heads; a board floor with about 6 in of straw to lie on, which we carted about five miles, and it is very precious. It is nice and warm, and is really a happy little home. Am going to hang up some of the pictures from the "Chronicle", but I guess it won't stand too many. At night, as I lie in my bunk, I can look out of the entrance and plainly see the star shells from both sides go up and light the whole sky just like the most vivid lightning. By the way, I don't think I have mentioned these shells before. They are a most useful shell, and appear something like a big rocket, but are vastly brighter, and are used for the purpose of lighting up the trenches and surrounding spaces to reveal working parties making repairs, etc, and, of course, there are always machine guns ready, and as soon as a party is disclosed they get it, hot and strong. It is marvellous the schemes and contrivances they have. War has certainly developed into a science, this trench warfare often makes one tired and wish a chances would come when a man to man combat is possible.*

*We are kept busy nowadays from the fact that we shift camp just on once a week. There's not much fun in it, and it means a lot of cleaning up, both when leaving and going into a new billet. At present we are situated in an ideal spot; a bonza canal within 40 yards of our billet, where the lads can have a dip and water the horses without any trouble. Further, we are quite near the divisional baths, where we get hot baths and clean changes of clothing for old. We are praying that we may be left here. Can you wonder? But I guess it is too good for one battery to hold very long.*

*I wish I had learned to speak French. One would enjoy many an hour's chat with the peasants here, who have now experienced both the enemy and friendly nations in possession of their country, and I guess could tell many a tale worth hearing. Last night I walked about six miles to a half-ruined city, where a few people are still carrying on business, in the hope that I might buy a few suitable souvenirs. They were shelling the town while I was in it, and it makes one's blood boil to see the beautiful buildings going over and the electric car systems all stopped. I saw one beautiful church with holes all over it, and not a single whole window.*

Submitted by Jon Bosisto (Member number 268)



## The Lady in the Painting



As I looked at the face on the computer screen, I felt goosebumps rising. It was if I was looking at a blend of my father's two sisters, Jean and Betty. I'd been idly typing names into good old Google late one night—Mary Steven, Mary Ainslie, James Ainslie, Mrs James Ainslie—and up she popped "Mary, Mrs James Ainslie". I was looking straight into the eyes of my 2x great grandmother, Mary Ainslie! I couldn't believe it! Amazingly, a portrait of her had been painted in Hobart and was now in the possession of the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) in Canberra! Information accompanying the painting, and confirmed by the Allport Museum Hobart, matched the records I'd already found. This was indeed "my Mary". To say I was excited was an understatement to say the least

I immediately contacted the gallery to ask what they knew of the painting. While it is unknown why Mary was chosen as a subject, they could tell me that the artist was Norwegian Knut Bull, who had been convicted in 1845 of counterfeiting a £100 note in Britain and transported for 14 years, initially to Norfolk Island and then on to Van Diemens Land in 1847. The NGA records showed that the painting had initially been in the possession of family members, and then had been sold on to a couple of private collectors before being bought by the NGA in 2012 for an undis-

closed sum. Predominantly a landscape artist, Bull also painted portraits of several Tasmanian identities.

I was offered a private viewing of the painting and of course I leapt at the chance; it's not everyday you get the opportunity to "meet" an ancestor.

According to the curators at NGA:

*"Bull depicted Mrs Ainslie with a subtle sensitive attention to detail. Mrs Ainslie's cool steady gaze and neat attire convey a sense of her as a well-dressed and calm, yet serious character. Bull has also captured a glowing quality in the sitter set against a darkened background; her white bonnet is luminous against the black, and her cheeks have a rosy sense of warmth. With her attire and the glimpses of rich red wooden furniture on which she sits, Bull suggests a comfortable social status. The painting is a fine example of colonial Tasmanian portraiture".*

What a lovely description and I certainly felt a calmness about Mary when I spent time with her. Her appearance certainly suggests that at least at the time the portrait was painted, that Mary was a lady of comfortable means.



As you can see while the painting isn't large (neither is the Mona Lisa) it is framed by an ornate gold frame which I think complements the painting well.

James and Mary Ainslie, from Lanarkshire, had arrived in Hobart on board the immigrant ship *Louisa* in January 1853. With them were children Mary, John, Euphemia, Emily, Georgina (my great grandmother) and Jemima. Eldest son, Archibald, remained in Scotland.

James Ainslie was a tailor, and according to the immigration records, on arrival in Hobart, the family left the *Louisa* at their own request. An articulate man, James penned a letter, published in the *Hobart Guardian*, on behalf of the passengers of the *Louisa* to thank the ship's surgeon, Dr Kitching and teacher Mr Bray, for their kind superintendence and kind interest during the voyage.

The family settled in Argyle Street, Hobart, James took up work with Mr George Belcher, an established tailor of Murray St, Hobart. I wonder, could it have been that Bull painted Mary's portrait in exchange for newly tailored clothing some time after receiving his conditional pardon in November 1853?

Unfortunately all was not smooth sailing so to speak. Articles in Trove and from the Tasmanian libraries (linc.tas) reveal that in September 1853, Mr Belcher's infant son died of croup and a little over 12 months later, Mr Belcher himself died of "delerium tremens" (the DTs) resulting from severe alcohol withdrawal. I wonder how this may have affected James workwise.

Then in December 1854, according to a report in the *Hobart Mercury*, "*Mr Ainslie, the tailor, while on his way home from the house of a friend at the Old Wharf was assaulted by three ruffians who knocked him down and robbed him of his hat, his watch and £7 in money*", a considerable sum in those days; another great loss for James, the family breadwinner.

In 1859, James was found wandering "an unhappy man" and remanded to the New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane (*Hobart Town Daily Mercury*) where he died in 1860, a pauper, from an "affection of the heart brought on by previous intemperate habits" according to the inquest report. I contacted Mark Krause from The Willow Court History Group, who are restoring the New Norfolk Hospital; he suspected James may have suffered from a form of Post Traumatic Disorder leading to his admission and demise. A sad end for my 2x great grandfather.

What happened to Mary? I suspect she led a relatively peaceful life in Hobart after James' demise, I hope so anyway. Two of her daughters; Mary and Georgina married and left for Grafton NSW, her youngest daughter, Jemima married and settled in Sydney. Daughter Euphemia and son John remained single and in Tasmania. Daughter Emily became the third wife of the Francis Anderson Esq, 29 years her senior. Francis was a prominent Hobart builder. Up until his death in 1875 and subsequent sale of his properties, the Valuation Rolls tell us that Mary lived in one of several homes owned



by Francis in Macquarie Street, just a block away from the harbour. At the time of her death at the grand age of 82 in 1887, Mary was living with Emily in Elizabeth Street. Mary died of “old age”, unlike her poor husband, and is buried in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery with Euphemia and John, and next to Emily, Francis and their daughter.



Incidentally, Mary’s great grandson was Sir Earle Page, leader of the Country Party and Australian Treasurer. He became Australia’s 11th PM (for 19 days) following the death of Joseph Lyons and prior to the election of Robert Menzies in 1939. His painting also hangs in Canberra, but in Parliament House, and yes, I’ve visited him too (after all he’s my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin once removed).

Written by Robyn Dean

*(Editor: Thank you, Robyn, for allowing us to include your article in Tracks.)*



# New South Wales—Births, Deaths & Marriages— Local Registrar Numbers

We have heard that the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages is gradually changing the District on the indexes to Local Registrar numbers. Following is the list of Districts and the Local Registrar Numbers. Note: there are gaps in the numbers.

District	Local Registrar Number	District	Local Registrar Number
**Clerk of local court			
Sydney	L001	Gunning	L028
Kogarah**	L002	Hay	L029
Parramatta**	L003	Henty	L030
Bankstown**	L004	Hillston	L031
Burwood**	L005	Holbrook	L032
Blacktown	L006	Jerilderie	L033
Camden**	L007	Junee	L034
Campbelltown**	L008	Lake Cargillo	L035
Hornsby**	L009	Leeton	L036
Liverpool**	L010	Lockhart	L037
Lord Howe Island	L011	Murrumburrah	L038
Penrith**	L012	Narrandera	L039
Windsor**	L013	Temora	L040
Campsie**	L014	Tocumwal	L041
-	L015	Tumbarumba	L042
Albury	L016	Tumut	L043
Ardlethan	L017	Urana	L044
Balranald	L018	Wagga Wagga	L045
Boorowa	L019	West Wyalong	L046
Coolamon	L020	Yass	L047
Cootamundra	L021	Young	L048
Corowa	L022	Finley	L049
Culcairn	L023	-	L050
Deniliquin	L024	Fairfield**	L051
Grenfell	L025	Lidcombe**	L052
Griffith	L026	Ryde**	L053
Gundagai	L027	Sutherland**	L054

<b>District</b>	<b>Local Registrar Number</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Local Registrar Number</b>
Bathurst	L060	Bellingen	L105
Blayney	L061	Bingara	L106
Bourke	L062	Bundarra	L107
Brewarrina	L063	Byron Bay	L108
Broken Hill	L064	Casino	L109
Canowindra	L065	Cessnock	L110
Cobar	L066	Coffs Harbour	L111
Condobolin	L067	Collarenebri	L112
Coolah	L068	Dungog	L113
Coonabarabran	L069	East Maitland	L114
Coonamble	L070	Emmaville	L115
Cowra	L071	Glen Innes	L116
Dubbo	L072	Gloucester	L117
Dunedoo	L073	Goodooga	L118
Forbes	L074	Gosford	L119
Gilgandra	L075	Grafton	L120
Gulgong	L076	Gunnedah	L121
Katoomba	L077	Guyra	L122
Lithgow	L078	Inverell	L123
Menindee	L079	Kempsey	L124
Molong	L080	Kurri Kurri	L125
Mudgee	L081	Kyogle	L126
Narromine	L082	Lismore	L127
Nyngan	L083	Macksville	L128
Oberon	L084	Macleay	L129
Orange	L085	Maitland	L130
Parkes	L086	Manilla	L131
Peak Hill	L087	Merriwa	L132
Portland	L088	Moree	L133
Rylstone	L089	Murrurundi	L134
Tibooburra	L090	Murwillumbah	L135
Warren	L091	Muswellbrook	L136
Wellington	L092	Narrabri	L137
Wentworth	L093	Port Macquarie	L138
Wilcannia	L094	Quirindi	L139
Newcastle	L101	Raymond Terrace	L140
Armidale	L102	Scone	L141
Ballina	L103	Singleton	L142
Barraba	L104	Tamworth	L143

District	Local Registrar Number	District	Local Registrar Number
Taree	L144	Bombala	L203
Tenterfield	L145	Bowral	L204
Tingha	L146	Braidwood	L205
Tweed Heads	L147	Cooma	L206
Uralla	L148	Crookwell	L207
Walcha	L149	Delegate	L208
Walgett	L150	Eden	L209
Warialda	L151	Goulburn	L210
Wauchope	L152	Kiama	L211
Wee Waa	L153	Moruya	L212
Wingham	L154	Moss Vale	L213
Wyong	L155	Nowra	L214
Wollongong	L201	Pictou	L215
Bega	L202	Queanbeyan	L216

## Rod's Snippets

My name is Rod Austin. I have been a member of Tweed Heads Family History & Heritage Association since 2021. My member number is 1089.



I have never really thought myself as a Family Historian. However, I now say that I am a Family Historian. I have been researching my ancestors for over 45 years. It is really hard to believe that it's more two thirds of my life! I do not know the exact starting date but it was around 1978.

As everyone will know, it has not been a constant period of time. Life happens and researching ancestors takes a so called holiday but it is forever there. During my travels around the globe, I have made many discoveries and met some amazing characters – some even relatives.

Where am I at now? I have started a blog and I have found it a good place to record my findings, pitfalls, excitement and sadness. Family History is an amazing hobby.

*(Editor: see Page 23 for details of Rod's blog)*

## A Dip Into My Photo Album (and an Early Memory)



That cute looking baby is me, aged just 17 months. With my grandmother, Florence Marion Kelso (nee Boyd), father, Leslie James Kelso & mother, Patricia Beatrice Kelso (nee Delves). The occasion was to see off my aunt, Ivy Nina (nee Kelso), on a cruise, in October 1953. Ivy met her future husband, Allan Lloyd Hately, on that cruise. He was a member of the crew.

For many years (from childhood), I had an early memory which puzzled me. I remember being in this enormous open sided 'shed' with many big people (adults), looking up from (probably) a pram. I can still visualise it, though with the intervening years, it has faded a tad.

I had not seen the photo (above) until the early years of researching my family history, probably the early 1990s. I was going through Mum's suitcase of photos with her & labelling them as we went. I don't think I associated the photo with my memory until sometime later, but I do firmly believe that this event is the source of my memory.

I'm aware that those who have studied this subject, don't believe that such early memories are real. That, although they seem real, they are fabrications of a young mind. However, I have quite a number of other early memories (from before the age of 4), so I won't be convinced that this, my earliest memory, is not real.

Submitted by Marion Kelso (Member number 1)

## Trove Snippet

Discovered in *The Sydney Monitor*, Wednesday, 15 April 1840, Page 2

**Caution to Constables and Others**  
**I CHARLOTTE MORTIMER, now CHAR-**  
**LOTTE M'DERMOTT, free by servitude,**  
**having lost my Certificate of Freedom, hereby**  
**announce the same in order that I may not be**  
**molested.**  
**Description—Hair brown; Age, 30; Marks,**  
**none; Color, fair complexion; Sentence, seven**  
**years; Year of arrival, 1830; Ship, Asia.**

Submitted by Herb McDougall (Member number 764)  
(Charlotte's great-great grandson)

## Trivia Time

In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades	King David
Hearts	Charlemagne
Clubs	Alexander the Great
Diamonds	Julius Caesar

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase 'goodnight, sleep tight'.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the 'honeymoon'.

## Blogs of Interest

### **Public Record Office of Victoria (PROV)**

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-blog>

This blog is the PROV's vehicle to keep researchers up to date with the latest records. There are also interesting stories of Victorians who have been 'captured' within the archives records. An excellent article in December 2022 is *Land records of historical significance* which discusses the land records recently transferred into the custody of the PROV. Another article *What's new in 2023: January* details those records opened for viewing as of 1 January.

### **Ancestor Family—Exploring Family History/Genealogy—Making Discoveries**

<https://ancestorfamily.com/>

The new blog of our very own member, Rod Austin. Rod has been researching his family for 45 years and has many memories/stories to share with us all. By the time you read this, there will be a number of posts to read—all very enjoyable.

### **Tweed Gold Coast Family History & Heritage Association Inc**

<https://tweedfhs.blogspot.com/>

Our blog, which has been up and running for nearly a year. At the moment, we use the blog to advertise short term specials and events which happen between issues of Trails, our email newsletter. We would be happy to post any shortish articles from members. Send an email to [tweedfhs@hotmail.com](mailto:tweedfhs@hotmail.com) if you would like to do this. A 'subscribe' function has been added to the blog. If you subscribe, an email will be sent each time there is a post. That will remove the need to remember to visit the blog regularly. The subscribe service is provided by *follow.it*.

## Puns on the Web

*I tried to catch some fog. I mist.*

*When chemists die, they barium.*

*How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.*

# Acquisitions to January 2023

*Please note that as some items may only have recently been received, they may not yet be in the Room due to the need for processing.*

## **BOOKS**

Cornwall (audio book - trading table) (donated by Bert George)  
Roots & Branches by E Lea-Scarlett (trading table) (donated by Bert George)  
Churchill (trading table) (donated by Bert George)  
Cornwall's Central Mines by T A Morrison (donated by Bert George)  
Camborne by David Thomas (donated by Bert George)  
Bendigo & District – The Way It Was by Ken Arnold (donated by Bert George)

## **EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Hard Copy)**

Timespan (Nepean FHS) September & December 2022  
The Explorers' Tree (Blue Mountains FHS) October 2022  
Links 'n' Chains (Liverpool GS) October 2022  
The Tamworth Family Historian (Tamworth & District FHG) November 2022  
Journal of the Cleveland (South Durham & North Yorkshire) FHS October 2022

## **EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Electronic PDFs – Computers 1-8)**

Cedar Log (Richmond Tweed FHS) September & December 2022  
Bendigo Genealogist (Bendigo FHG) September & December 2022  
Caloundra Clipper (Caloundra FH Research) September & December 2022  
Golden Links (Bendigo Regional GS) July-September & October-December 2022  
The Endeavour (Botany Bay FHS) September & December 2022  
The South West Genealogist (Warrnambool FHG) October 2022  
The Hawkesbury Crier (Hawkesbury FHG) September 2022  
Lachlan Valley Gold (Forbes FHG) October 2022  
The Mail (Descendants of Convicts Group) November-December 2022  
The Parramatta Packet (Parramatta FHG) November 2022-February 2023  
Spreading Branches (Narre Warren & District FHG) November 2022  
The Argyle Bulletin (Goulburn District H&GS) November 2022  
Missing Link (Cooroy-Noosa G&HRG) November 2022  
GhostBuster (Campbelltown District FHS) November 2022  
The Crossing Place (Casino & District FHG) November 2022  
The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS) November 2022  
Lancashire (Lancashire FH&HS) November 2022  
The Fig Tree (Manning-Wallamba FHS) November 2022  
Journal of the Newcastle FHS December 2022  
Time Traveller (Shoalhaven FHS) December 2022



## **MAGAZINES**

Family Tree August, September, October, November & December 2022

Irish Roots Third & Fourth Quarters 2022

Several issues of Who Do You Think You Are, Family Tree, Irish Roots & Traces  
(donated by Trish Oldham)

## **OTHER (all PDF – Computers 1-8)**

NewsFlash (AFFHO) September 2022

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) September, October, November & December 2022

Newsletter of the NSW/ACT Association of FHS October & December 2022

Newsletter of the Fromelles Association of Australia November 2022

Newsletter of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends November-December 2022

Newsletter of the 2023 NSW & ACT FHA Conference December 2022

## **Featured Articles from Magazines and Journals**

Following is a sample of articles found in journals received from other societies on an exchange basis and other magazines and journals:

*Family Tree* August 2022

-Our land-holding Scottish ancestors

*Family Tree* September 2022

-1922 Irish Public Record Office fire

-A nation of shopkeepers

-Your ancestor's career changes

-Exploring the lives of your Welsh ancestors

-Researching ancestors in South Africa

-Nonconformists

*Cedar Log* (Richmond Tweed FHS) September 2022 (PDF)

-Private John Richard Cash – World War 1 prisoner of war

*Caloundra Clipper* (Caloundra FH Research) September 2022 (PDF)

-A country copper

-Looking for James Chant and how we found him

### *Irish Roots* Third Quarter 2022

- Back to school: primary education in Ireland
- Local resources for family history research: County Roscommon
- Adoption: major campaign launched to alert people adopted from Ireland of new legal right to learn about their birth information

### *Really Useful Bulletin* (Family History Federation UK) September 2022 (PDF)

- The UKBMD Project – a brief history
- Basics for beginners

### *The Endeavour* (Botany Bay FHS) September 2022 (PDF)

- The Dolans of Dolans Bay
- Henry Harrison Briscoe, from Kilkenny
- Frederick John Gibbins: Early days in the Australian oyster industry

### *Really Useful Bulletin* (Family History Federation UK) October 2022 (PDF)

- Was your ancestor really married?
- Keeping the costs down

### *The Hawkesbury Crier* (Hawkesbury FHG) September 2022 (PDF)

- Top local history resources sites

### *Family Tree* October 2022

- Administrations
- Ireland's Virtual Records Treasury – What's there? What isn't there?
- The Tudors & their history
- Thinking of tracing Tudor era ancestors?

### *The Crossing Place* (Casino & District FHG) November 2022 (PDF)

- From riding horses to riding waves

### *Journal of the Cleveland* (South Durham & North Yorkshire) FHS October 2022

- Know your parish – Kilburn
- Genealogical research corner – agricultural labourers

### *Really Useful Bulletin* (Family History Federation UK) November 2022 (PDF)

- Huguenots

### *Lancashire* (Lancashire FH&HS) November 2022 (PDF)

- Gov.UK – Marriage ceremonies – changes from 4 May 2021

### *Family Tree* November 2022

- The value of seeking evidence
- Who's the daddy? Proving paternity in Scotland
- Confronting the past: ethics of family history

### Journal of the Newcastle FHS December 2022 (PDF)

- The Tweed factory – Stockton
- Lost crafts

### *The Endeavour* (Botany Bay FHS) December 2022 (PDF)

- Invisible cemeteries – Balmain Cemetery and Balmain Catholic (Leichhardt) Cemetery
- A tale of Coogee in the 1900s

### *Irish Roots* Fourth Quarter 2022

- Visiting the National Archives of Ireland
- Local resources for family history research – County Wexford
- Eden could yield no more (Ulster Protestant immigrants to Moreton Bay 1848-1859)

### *Family Tree* December 2022

- Awaiting the 1921 Scottish census
- Interests and popular culture between the wars
- How to use AncestryDNA Sideview by Parent

### *Really Useful Bulletin* (Family History Federation UK) December 2022 (PDF)

- How to use The Gazette to search your family history

## **Trivia Night**

*Our new fundraiser—please support us!*

When	Saturday, 13 May 2023, 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start
Where	Function rooms, South Tweed Sports Club
Entry	\$10 per adult, \$5 per 12-17 year olds, free to those aged 11 & under
Teams	Up to 6 people per team (minimum age 12)
Bookings	Now open. Please contact Jan (janlpeters@hotmail.com) or Sharon (sharonec05@gmail.com)

*It will be a fun night. Please spread the word to your friends and family.*

*See you there!*

# Members' Interests

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
HEWARD	All		CUL & YKS	ENG
HEWISON	1810+	North Shields	NBL	ENG
HEWISON	1700s-1800s			SCT
HEYWARD	All		TAS	AUS
IRWIN	All		TAS	AUS
KELSO	All	Glasgow	LKS/AYR	SCT
KELSO	All	Yandoit	VIC	AUS
KNOP	All		TAS	AUS
KNOP	Pre 1870	Pomerau Recou	PRE	GER
LAMBERT	All		TAS	AUS
LANGTREE	All	Oldcastle	MEA	IRL
LANGTRY	All	Oldcastle	MEA	IRL
LAWRENCE	Pre 1850	Pembroke Dock	PEM	WLS
LOWNDES	All	Oldcastle	MEA	IRL
LOWNDES	All	Strathfieldsaye/Bendigo	VIC	AUS
McCLOUD	Pre 1790	Warrington	CHS	ENG
McKECHNIE	All	Glasgow	LKS/AYR	SCT
MITCHENALL	1700s-1800s	Edenbridge	KEN	ENG
POTTER	Pre 1790		DEV	ENG
PRICE	1700s-1800s		SRY	ENG
RANGER	All		SSX	ENG
SCHERZINGER	All			ENG
SCHERZINGER	All	Furtwangen	BAD	GER
SHEARS	All		VIC	AUS
SHEARS	All		DEV/CON	ENG
SIMS	All	Dover/Woolwich	KEN	ENG
SIMS	All	Hobart	TAS	AUS
STEWART	All	Newton Stewart	WIG	SCT
STEWART	1830+	Hobart	TAS	AUS
STOWER	Pre 1840	South Petherton	SOM	ENG
SYMONDS	All		SFK	ENG
TOMKEIGH	Pre 1870			GER
VINCE	All		NFK & TAS	ENG & AUS
WARREN	All		KEN	ENG
WILSON, Mary Ann	Pre 1843	Hobart	TAS	AUS

Marion Kelso (Member number 1)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
SHERIDAN	All	Sydney	NSW	AUS
TEMPORALI	All	Treviso		ITALY

Karen Sheridan (Member number 1119)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
ZAMBELLI	1914+	Levrance		ITALY

Marisa Zambelli (Member number 1120)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
BUSHELL	1700-1800		LND	ENG
ROBSON	1700-1850		CUL & DFS	ENG & SCT

Kaye & Ken Bushell (Member numbers 615 & 616)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
McGEE	1800-2000		DUB	IRL
MAGEE	1720-1990		DUR	ENG & SCT

Jackie Hegarty (member number 656)

These members may be contacted by sending an email to [tweedfhs@hotmail.com](mailto:tweedfhs@hotmail.com) or writing to PO Box 6729, Tweed Heads South NSW 2486.

There are many more entries on our website (see the inside the front cover and the back cover of Tracks for the website address).

Note: We use the Chapman codes to abbreviate the State/County and Country fields of our members' interests. If you are unfamiliar with the codes, google "Chapman Codes Genealogy". There are a number of sites with details.

## New Members

1117 Robyn Bresnan  
1118 Kevin Gibbs  
1119 Karen Sheridan  
1120 Marisa Zambelli

## Rejoined Members

736 Libby Fox  
957 Leone Freney  
570 Janise Solway  
952 Mary Kelly  
953 Fiona Kelly  
1004 Charmaine Bossie

*A warm welcome to our new & rejoined members.  
Happy ancestor hunting!*

*Members should note that we hold **free** classes in several subjects (beginner's, internet resources, Family Tree Maker, etc.) Please ask a Room Assistant in the Research Room or send an email to [tweedfhs@hotmail.com](mailto:tweedfhs@hotmail.com) if you are interested in a class.*



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GET-TOGETHER)*  
**WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY — 10AM TO 4PM**  
**SATURDAY — 10AM TO 3PM**

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