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William Dawson (WD) Lamb, 1847-1925, is member Tom Fletcher's great great grandfather. Read Tom's article about WD, starting on Page 15.

From The President's Desk

As the year marches on, we can delight in knowing that we still have seven more months of 2023 to investigate and enjoy the delights of finding out more information about our family history and extended family!

As more and more people take up this addictive pastime and hobby, its amazing to see so many television series being produced on the subject. No one should think it is only the participants of these shows that have the monopoly on finding some "juicy" bits of family history! It could be you!

So many members have already found exciting facts about relatives from years ago, not least the fact so many have first fleet relatives. Not so impressive for some is the knowledge that some have convicted criminals in their lines, even if only convicted of stealing a loaf of bread!

So lets keep in enjoying the excitement of the hunt to find our extended family in the archives at our disposal.

Happy Hunting!

Wendy Marshall
President



Editorial

Another financial year is about to end and, with it, our membership year. By the time you read this *Tracks*, most members* will have received a membership renewal form by email. We do hope that all of our members will wish to renew. We work hard to keep everybody up to date with what is happening in the world of family history. We also maintain a valuable resource, our Research Room, for all members to use. When was the last time you visited the Room?

*Members who joined during and since the Seniors' Festival in February this year are already paid up to 30 June 2024, so will not receive a renewal form this year.

We will shortly begin to prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is to be held on Tuesday, 1 August 2023. The AGM is when we elect new office bearers and present annual reports from the President and Treasurer.

A notice for the AGM and a nomination form for the position of office bearers and membership renewal forms will be sent out shortly by email. (For those couple of members who do not receive *Tracks* by email, the forms will be included with your *Tracks*.)

Trivia Night

A successful and entertaining Trivia Night was held on 13 May 2023. Thank you to the organising committee—Linda, Jan, Therese & Sharon. Great job, ladies! A few photos of the night can be seen on Page 24.

For the last few years we have been sending *Tracks* out by email, rather than posting hard copies. This has saved our group quite a bit of money which is now very important to our continuing financial viability. Although an emailed version of *Tracks* is the norm, a printed version is still available at a cost of \$5.00 per issue or \$15.00 per year. Please contact Marion to organise this—contact details are on the inside of the front cover (or page 2 of the PDF *Tracks*).

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The cut-off date for ordering hard copies is 15 September 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 July 2023

Tuesday, 1 August 2023

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Tuesday, 3 October 2023

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

Membership Renewals to be paid by 1 August 2023

Membership of our group is due for renewal on 1 July 2023—unless you joined or re-joined as part of the Seniors' Festival special earlier this year.

In line with our current procedure, the grace period for renewal of memberships expires on the date of our Annual General Meeting (1 August 2023).

Please note that if you have not paid your membership fee by 1 August 2023, you will no longer be a financial member. Members paying after this date will be charged another \$10 joining fee.

Please also remember to keep your membership of the South Tweed Sports Club current.

Websites of Interest

British Newspaper Archive—Newspaper Titles

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/titles>

A complete list of all newspapers included in the Archive, plus years of coverage. Can be handy to know if your area of interest is covered. Do remember that our Group's Find-MyPast subscription includes the British Newspaper Archive newspapers.

NSW Online Registry (Courts and Tribunals) - Probate Index

<https://onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/content/search-probate-notice>

Up to January 2013, probate notices in NSW were published in The Sydney Morning Herald and/or local newspapers. Since then, probate notices have been published online. At this website, you can search for notices with just a surname. The results will include a date of death. Clicking on the deceased's name will provide some additional information, which may include the names of the executors. The results can be downloaded as an Excel file or a PDF.

Wikishire

https://wikishire.co.uk/wiki/Main_Page

The site describes itself as *where you may find the best of Britain and Ireland. And: a growing guide on all you need to know about the British and Irish lands*. The interactive map of the counties of the British Isles may be worth bookmarking.

GENUKI—UK and Ireland Genealogy

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

This website provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland. The site has been around for many years, but is still quite relevant to researchers. It is easy to navigate. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be helpful to those new to family history or GENUKI.

Memories—Kerry Golds

I certainly agree that one can remember as far back as 2-years old.

At age two I was in the Pacific Hospital, West Botany Street, Brighton-le-Sands to have my tonsils out. I remember standing in a cot, behind French doors with glass panels.

At the same time, my Aunt Mary was on a different floor where she had just given birth to my cousin Marie. We all remember that children were not allowed into hospitals (except the newborn, of course!) but I was smuggled into this ward to visit my Aunt and hopefully to get a glimpse of the baby. While there we heard the nurse approaching and I was swiftly put into a wardrobe out of sight.

I also remember my home at the time. It was a new Housing Commission home in Georges River Road, Jannali, a brand new suburb. Across the road was native bushland and my Dad used to take me over to pick little white flowers which I sucked to get the nectar. I vividly remember the floor layout, the little flower garden at the front door, and Dad's vegetable garden down the back.

The baker used to have a horse and cart and would stop outside each house waiting for customers.

The milkman delivered milk in bulk and would fill up my mother's billy can. The red-headed boy next door was a bit of a 'Denis the Menace' and I remember seeing him spin his full billy can above his head, and his mother threatening him with all sorts of punishment if he spilt any.



Kerry as a toddler

Memories—Colleen Cartwright (nee Tyler)

In 1945, when I was almost 3, my parents moved into a new social housing estate in Liverpool, NSW. They had 5 children ranging in age from 9 years to almost 6 months old.

Social housing estates (in those days called Housing Commission homes) were built very quickly in many parts of NSW (and other States/Territories) to house returned service men, war refugees and other very-low-income families.

While the houses were a reasonable size, they were built of fibro and “washed” with calcimine, which was a white powdery substance that rubbed off on navy blue school uniforms. A frequent injunction to my sisters – and later to me – was “don’t lean against the walls”.

The estates where they were built were bulldozed of any trees or other growth, and the back “yard” was initially just a muddy patch. My mother used to hang the washing on a “line” held up with a clothes prop. One day she was hanging out the washing and she stepped into a pothole in the yard and broke her leg.

I clearly remember standing by the front gate of the house while the ambulance officers loaded my mother and my baby brother into the back of the ambulance. (The baby was still breast-feeding, so he had to go with my mother to the hospital). I felt totally abandoned, even though my wonderful father was still there with we four children. Along with my older brother, who was about 5 at the time, I went to stay with a very kind aunty and uncle.

That certainly left a lasting impression!



*The Tyler children, c1946
Front: Maureen, Michael and Colleen
Back: Ursula and Peter*

Memories—Gaynor McDowell

One of my earliest memories is when I was five or six years old and my family were living on Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills. It was a busy road even in the early 1950s. Our milk was delivered by horse and cart and my favourite time of the day was to run out with the billy can to collect our milk with my mother very close behind because of the road and I don't think Mum wanted the milk spilt. I believe the draft horse may have been the main attraction.

I had to travel by bus to school and passed Koala Park which in those days was both sides of Castle Hill Road. The number of koalas dead on the road, obviously hit by cars, was heartbreaking. Some years later the Burnet family, who owned the Park, relocated all the koalas to one side of the road and built their family homes on the other. This would have saved many koalas. The local children were allowed to visit Koala Park free whenever they wanted. None of us liked the emus as they would take anything out of our pockets and run off.

Noel Burnet had started the park in the 1920s or 1930s in the hope of saving the koalas which were at that time being killed for the overseas fur trade. The Burnet family still own Koala Park almost 100 years later.

My father was a commercial traveller and only came home at the weekend. I was sick with glandular fever and my mother allowed me to sleep in her bed but I was returned to my own bed when Dad arrived home. I greeted him with "Why did he have to come home?"

Dad had been offered a number of jobs in the country and my greeting was the reason he accepted one. We moved to the country in 1953.



My Blog – Ancestor Family

So why have I started a blog?

It is an outlet to write about my ancestors, my family tree, as well as creating a record for those in the future.

- I write, how I speak.
- I don't use fancy words.
- It's basic and what I think is easy to read.
- I'm not writing a novel, so I can write about anything, in any order.
- I write about myself. (Some will wonder why!)
- I give insight into how I have done my research – the pitfalls, the discoveries, the secrets – it all adds context or as I say in my writing, adding fruit and leaves to my branches within my tree.
- It's an emotional rollercoaster – full of my memories as I have travelled the world seeking out where I came from and/or for whom I came from.

I say I am a family historian who has been researching for over 45 years. Like everyone, we have good and bad days – lots of results or nothing – go off on tangents and wondering where all those hours went. A lot of you will know and understand what I am referring to. Those of you just starting out, may wonder what it's all about. Don't want to really spoil it for you. But this is why my blog fills in some of those gaps – for instance, what it was like before the digital age!

YOU OR ME?

My name is Rod Austin. I have been researching where I came from since the late 1970s.

I age gracefully and expose details about myself as I investigate and explore my ancestors...



Anyway, I'm jumping ahead a lot so back to why a blog and what's it all about to set one up.

Why a blog?

I want to record my research and my findings for those in the future.

Setting a blog up

Using our friend Google, I did some research on blogs and which platform to use – there are lots! I broke it down to family history/genealogy blogs and found three suggestions. I can only remember two: Blogger and WordPress. The third wasn't taking any new accounts and recommended some other site – I didn't think very much of it, so it was gone from the list.

I'd previously used Blogger before its takeover by Google. It's basic and could get the job done. However, I wanted something more professional looking and WordPress certainly caught my eye. Little did I know I was heading towards a massive learning curve. I had thought, just type (like in Word), add a picture here and there, then publish it to the world! I soon found out it wasn't like that at all.

WordPress is massive – you can have a free account – that's what I did to start – get the feel. Yeah, right!! There are themes, pages, blocks, headings, text, images and so, so much more.

Basically, you are creating a web site. Then, there are the menus, then the pages (Menu Headings). I used About (this is about me), Home (the landing page), Blog (the real reason what I wanted to do/am doing to tell my story), Contact (how people contact me). I also added a Thought page, just for me but everyone can see.



My original thought was to have a “Home” page as the first heading. Nope – it’s all in alphabetical order!! It all depends on the Theme you have chosen – this would take a book to explain, so that’s not happening. There are so many Themes within Word-Press.

I eventually published my first blog on 26 January 2023. I needed to, as my first blog was titled “A New Year Dawns”.

I am still developing my site – so much more to be done – it’s like another adventure – I will learn as I go – there are many ways to learn – I have a “mock” learning site within the site so I can try things out.

I am still learning. It can be a challenge but, in the end, I see the fruits of my labour. It’s all about being committed. I have enough subject matter so that’s not an issue. I have over 1600 people in my tree so basically that’s 1600 plus blogs – one for each person!

So far, as I write (3 February 2023), three blogs have been published. I have written another nine to date. I attempt to keep them around the 500 words or so. There are hints and tips within them. Some of these will become a blog in themselves since a lot more needs to be said. Just from the last seven blogs, there are another ten that will come out of them – more on this later.

The process seems to just flow as I write. Even this is done with no plan – just a subject and off I go – write.

I do go back over things – it is first written by hand – then typed. After that, I get the computer to “read” the typed words. I make some changes as this process happens. I do it all a second time. Then, I print out the pages, re-read – make adjustments before the final version is completed in Word.

To get the blog published – I cut and paste from Word into WordPress – this is where the Main Heading is created – then the sub heading, plus the content and repeat the process. Adding documents and photos can be tricky but I’m getting better at it.

My first post “A New Year Dawns” was a cut and paste then publish – it wasn’t my best effort. I did some adjustments and those worked better.

Now, I do all the background processes – check what it looks like many times – add categories and tags then schedule a publish date and time – all done.

After the schedule date and time, I check that it has all happened. Then it’s do it all again.

The link for my blog is:
<https://ancestorfamily.com/>



Enjoy the read, subscribe so you will be notified when new content is added.

Thank you for reading my article.

Rod Austin
(aka NomadDownUnder)

Note: All images within this article have been taken directly from my blog.

Trivia Time

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave oven was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

William Dawson (WD) Lamb, 1847-1925

My great-great-grandfather, Thomas Lamb's younger brother, William Dawson Lamb, commonly known as "WD", son of Cuthbert Lamb and Ann Dawson¹, was born on 22 Mar 1847 in Kendall Hill Farm, Thurnham, Lancashire, England.^{2 3} As he was 20 years his brother Thomas' junior and often confused with Thomas' eldest son, William, who was of a similar age, to distinguish between the uncle and nephew, William Dawson Lamb was commonly known by the nickname of "WD".

WD married Jessie Tulloch on 20 Jul 1871 in Glencairn, via Warwick, Queensland.⁴ Jessie was born on 12 Feb 1849 in Ardersier, Inverness-shire, Scotland.

They produced ten children: William Cuthbert, John, Isabella Tulloch, Annie Elizabeth, Charles Edward, Catherine, Jessie, Margaret Jane, Frederick and Grace May. Jessie died on 7 May 1918 in Lambford, Yangan, Queensland and was buried on 9 May 1918 in General Cemetery, Yangan.

After Jessie died, WD married Mrs Rachael Mathieson, née Ackroyd, on 26 Jul 1920 in St Nicholas Anglican Church, Sandgate, Queensland.⁵ Rachael was born on 27 Apr 1859 in Manchester, Lancashire, England, dying on 27 Jul 1940 in Warwick⁶ and was buried in the General Cemetery, Warwick.

WD died on 17 Mar 1925 in Warwick and was buried on 19 Mar 1925 in the General Cemetery, Yangan.

WD spent a very interesting life, detailed in the following obituary, appearing in the *Warwick Daily News*, Thursday, 19th March 1925 (courtesy of Trove).

William Dawson Lamb - Interesting Reminiscences.

The passing of Mr W D Lamb, whose funeral takes place at Yangan to-day, marks the removal of one of Warwick's oldest and most respected pioneer residents. Arriving in this district in 1864 he worked his way up from a small beginning to an honored position in the community and he played an important part in Warwick's development.

About a year ago Mr Lamb compiled some interesting notes concerning his strenuous life. From those we glean the following:

Mr Lamb was the youngest in a family of six sons and two daughters.

He first saw the light at Kendal Hill Farm, near Glasson Dock, six miles from the county town of Lancaster, on March 22 1847, and was christened at Christ Church, Glasson Dock, in the following month.

His school experiences are reminiscent of a Dickens' novel. The school he attended was a State Church institution as it was a considerable time before national schools came into existence. The school fees were 3d (3 cents) to 4d (4 cents) per week, with an extra 6d (5 cents) in winter for coal for firing.

The schoolmaster was minus a leg and in Mr Lamb's recollection, was "not too kind". The youthful scholar, being left handed, thought it cruel to be hammered into using pen and pencil with the right hand. He survived, however, but never forgot the cruel treatment received.

The schoolmaster was apparently a gentleman who believed in looking after himself. During the winter months, his desk and himself were kept close to the fire, and there was little warmth for the youngsters who brought the money to school to buy coal. Apparently little interest was taken in school affairs at that time, and the only visits were from the clergyman who came along twice a week to give religious instruction.

The school was situated about a quarter of a mile from the dock, and as the bigger boys had a good view of the shipping, there was great interest taken at high water when ships would either be coming in or going out of port. According to Mr Lamb that was the time the schoolmaster would have his innings by sneaking up behind the boys and boxing their ears or making them stand on a form for a time where they nursed their wrath.

Boxing of ears was a favourite punishment with the schoolmaster, but it was a bad one, and to that punishment Mr Lamb attributed the deafness from which he suffered during after years. Another form of punishment was the use of the black ruler on the bare hands which, in this particular school, was used with great force.

Later on Mr Lamb went to an old fashioned school where he had a much better time. He speaks with great affection of the good old pair in charge of the school. He remembered Sunday in his schooldays as the hardest day in the week. There was Sunday school twice a day and church twice a day.

From the time he was nine years of age, he had to work both before and after school and all day on Saturday. During hay and harvest time, and at other busy times, he was kept from school altogether so that he considered he had a hard upbringing.

Being the youngest boy in the family he felt he had to submit to his elder brothers but he held very kindly recollections of a good mother who stood up for him. Being on a small farm all the family were very busy working to meet the landlord's demands for rent and claims from other creditors.

When he was ten years of age his father died after an illness of about four years. The complaint which carried him off was one which, with present medical knowledge, could have been easily cured.

At the age of 14 his mother wanted to apprentice him to a trade, but this was over-ruled by his brothers, and this made young Lamb very dissatisfied.

In 1852 his brother Thomas, who had left home for Australia, wrote to his mother for him to come out. His brother nominated him for a passage in 1864 and he sailed in August of that year from Birkenhead to Queensland in the ship, "Queen of the South", 1800 tons burden, with 370 passengers on board. He regretted very much leaving his mother and thought that had he been a few years older he would not have done so. He was soured with hard work and no play. As the American war was on at the time, things were very bad in the cotton trade, which made times particularly hard.⁷

The ship made a good passage, reaching Cape Otway, Victoria in 70 days, and Moreton Bay (Queensland) in 90 days, which was considered very good going at that time. During the trip the mizzen mast of the vessel broke off in the night and caused some commotion. A small jury mast had to be rigged. This interfered with the speed of the ship as she would not "bout-ship" and had to wear round which meant loss of time and mileage.

The passengers were landed in Brisbane from a lighter, pulled up the river by a small tugboat which arrived on the night of November 1, 1864. There Mr Lamb had his first experience of the Queensland mosquito which was far from pleasant.

At that time, the Brisbane River could be crossed on foot at low water, now there is a 26 feet fairway. Brisbane was then a scattered, swampy place with a population of about 8,000 people. It had no railways and no coaches.

After staying in Brisbane for three days, the young immigrant left for Ipswich in a small river steamer. Ipswich was then quite a busy centre. All the produce from the country was landed there from lighters. During the day, the Ipswich streets near the wharves were lined with bullock teams yoked to drays as the wagon age had not then arrived.

The first section of the railway line to Grandchester was then in course of construction and the rails had been laid a few miles out of Ipswich. A tiny locomotive was on the job and the same class of engine was used for many years after. Compared with the English railway engines, Mr Lamb looked on the whole outfit as a mere toy.

The Inter-State telegraph line had then been newly opened to Sydney and was worked by one wire only.

From Ipswich Mr Lamb came by team to Warwick with the original Mr Thompson and his 2 sons whose families are now well to-do members of the community in this district.

When he landed in Warwick it was harvest time and being a good hand with the reaping hook, he could easily hold his own with other workers, although he was then only 17 years of age.

Clark's flour mill, which stood near the west end of Fitzroy Street, was then a new building and as flour had to be imported to Australia at that time to make up a shortage, wheat was 10/- (\$1) per bushel. There were no reaper machines or no mowing machines at that time. Wheat was threshed with small travelling machines worked by two or four horses. The machines only threshed the wheat. Men had to shake the straw with wooden forks to get the loose wheat out and then a man had to get the short straw out with a rake and kicking with his foot. Then the wheat and chaff had to be put through a winnower twice before it was ready for the mill.

At this time (1864) the bulk of the wheat was grown on Deuchar's Creek, at the Pocket and in the Sandy Creek district, with a little on Campbell's Plains, Freestone and Swan Creek. These last named districts were only just opened up at that time. Only land on the creeks was considered fit to cultivate.

Wages were then from 15 Shillings (\$1.50) to 1 pound (\$2) per week, the latter figure being considered a good wage.

Mr Lamb's late brother ran a thresher and for a time the new arrival used to drive the horses which he considered a nice soft job at 4/- (40c) per day and tucker (of a kind), three times a day. Later on Mr Lamb got a machine of his own and did fairly well with it. He could see that wheat would need to be produced more cheaply or cultivation would cease.

Wages began to rise and people increased their areas. In the 'sixties land was hard to get hold of, as there was no land tax, and according to Mr Lamb the squatters got all the best land available and forced the settlers on to the scrub and mountain country where they had to struggle against big odds owing to want of water and bad roads or no roads at all.

Mr Lamb painted a vivid picture of the pioneering struggle of those sturdy men and women, who went out into the wild bush to carve homes for themselves and suffered inconveniences of fire and floods, and often actual hunger that people of the present day would not face. There was then no sympathetic Government to turn to for assistance and the banks would not look at a farmer even if he had good security to offer.

As the number of settlers increased and the price of land went up, the big owners found it paid them better to sell and go further west to cheaper country. Mr Lamb paid a high tribute to the early storekeepers who were liberal in their assistance to the small man in tiding over many difficulties, without which assistance a large proportion would never have pulled through.

There were no 8 hour days in those times. There was also hardly a newspaper, and European news had to be telegraphed from King George's Sound (Western Australia).

In 1868 Mr Lamb was camped near what is now Loch Lomond, and was engaged in splitting posts and rails to fence the north side of the then new road from Murray's Bridge to old Killarney, a distance of about six miles (10 km). After finishing that contract he went to Canning Downs and was employed as a rouseabout at the building of a new wool scour six miles up the river from Warwick.

Returning to Mr Lamb's history in the wheat industry, he did fairly well for a number of years threshing in the seasons and chaff cutting at odd times. He then purchased a steam threshing plant, including a 6 hp (horsepower) portable engine and a 4 ft (about 122 cm) thresher, both of which had to be moved with bullocks. Wheat was then reaped by side or back delivery and bound into sheaves by hand. His first experience was at the late Mr Thomas McGuckin's farm at Jew's Retreat, where 100 acres (40.5 hectares) had to be dealt with along the banks of the river.

This was the beginning of the larger areas of wheat growing in the district, and Mr Lamb's first start with steam power. He threshed out 830 four-bushel bags, or about 3300 bushels, which was sold at 5/- (50c) per bushel to Horwitz's mill (late Clark's). He had a good season's run in good weather and afterwards took the engine to Hall Bros sawmill and put in the winter sawing timber until the next threshing season, when he had a still better run, which was continued for some years until other machines came along. Then a war of prices took place, and things were not so good.

In 1876, in conjunction with his brother-in-law (Mr W Hall) he bought a "W A Wood" wire-tie reaper and binder and they both worked at it day and night and did well, although the season was dry and crops were thin and short. After finishing up the season with the binder it was raffled and he and Mr Hall got the cost of the machine for themselves, in addition to what they had earned during the season.

In 1877 Mr Lamb bought a farm at Yangan⁸ and combined agricultural pursuits with threshing and other works until 1896, when he ventured on a new plant with a 4 ft 6 in (137.16 cm) thresher and an 8 hp traction engine and elevator. Owing to a controversy with the then Railway Commissioner (Mr Thallon) who wanted £32 (\$64) to bring the machine up from Brisbane by rail, he and his brother-in-law decided to run it up by road. This was done, and the machine was landed at Yangan after nine days of actual travelling.⁹ This was the first traction engine to cross the range from Brisbane under its own power. Mr Lamb stated that the first man in Queensland to get a traction engine in this district was Mr John Hall, of Mt Sturt, and he was followed by Mr Canavan, of Freestone, and Mr John Kelly, of Allora.

As years went on, Mr Lamb added more land to his holding, and when a firm built a cheese factory at Yangan he did some dairying, but a price of 3d (3 cents) per gallon for milk and no whey back, soon gave him enough of this class of business, especially as a little later the price dropped to 2½ (3 cents) per gallon. Many suppliers then left the factory. It was at about this time that the Government brought up Mr Mahon from Victoria to demonstrate the modern methods of making butter. This was the start of the co-operative business in cheese and butter making, which has since been so successfully developed.

In the year 1900, in company with Mr and Mrs P Mathieson, Mr Lamb went for a trip to Europe on the P and O steamer "Arcadia". Their itinerary included Denmark, where a great deal of experience was gained from Danish dairying methods. On returning to Queensland however, Mr Lamb paid particular attention to wheat, and in 1901 he had two plants in operation, one run by a 10 hp portable engine that required 20 bullocks to haul, and the other by a Buffalo traction engine. He did very well that season as there was a big crop and good wheat.

In 1902 and 1903, during the big drought, wheat was a failure, as there was no rain to give the wheat a start at sowing time. The result was a shortage of seed and he was chosen by the wheat growers to go to South Australia in company with Mr Peter McLean, who was at that time Director of Agriculture. They bought about 12,000 bags of different kinds of seed wheat there. Some of these proved good but others were too soft and rusty. The Gluyas variety proved about the best, and that wheat is being grown here at the present time.

A little later, Mr Lamb and his son went into partnership and engaged in the industry of sheep and fat lamb rearing. They did very well with fat lambs at a price of 11/- (\$1.10) at yards, and wool at 1/- (10 cents) per pound (454 gms). In 1911 Mr Lamb and his son dissolved partnership and he sold to each one-third of the estate of about 650 acres, all good land, as well as a third of the stock and machinery. Mr Lamb then led a quiet life for a few years until his wife died.

Mr Lamb was twice married. In 1871 he married Jessie, the second daughter of the late William Hall and Mrs Tulloch of Glencairn, Swan Creek, and reared a family of three sons and six daughters, all of whom are still alive.

A little over four years ago he married Mrs Mathieson and spent the evening of his days very happily and quietly.

During his residence in this district Mr Lamb took a considerable interest in public affairs. He played a prominent part in the development of the Warwick Farmers' Mill, and in 1895 was elected a director, and held that position until the time of his death. Upon three occasions he was chairman of the company.

He was a foundation member of the Rose of Warwick Oddfellows Lodge established in 1873.

In 1894 he became a foundation member of the Pride of Yangan Lodge, and several of his sons are Past Grands in that society. His photograph with three surviving members of the "Rose of Warwick Lodge" (W Collins, T Mogridge, and G Finch) appeared in the "Queensland Oddfellows' magazine" in January last.

He joined the St George Masonic Lodge in 1885, and in 1904, when the Masonic Lodge was opened at Yangan, he was its first Master.

He was also chairman of the Yangan school committee and occupied that position from 1884 to 1916 when the present school was opened. He was a member of the Eastern Downs Association since its formation in 1867 and in the Jubilee year of the society in 1917 was elected a life-member.

In 1894 he was elected a member of the Glengallan Shire Council and held this position for three years, but was defeated at the next election because, as he said, he was instrumental in getting a bridge over the creek at Yangan which he did not use.

In 1870, when the Franco-Prussian war was raging, he joined a company of volunteers started in Warwick and attained the rank of Lieutenant .¹⁰

Mr Lamb lived a busy and hard life and it is to men of his calibre that Queensland owes its development.

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- 9 The journey via Spicers Gap Road over the Great Dividing Range, the main road of the time but since supplanted by the modern Cunninghams Gap Highway, took nine days. One can imagine the dangerous trip over such steep, rugged terrain without the aid of modern hydraulic brakes and it would be interesting to learn just how many tonnes of wood the machine consumed, especially when "keeping up steam" whilst negotiating the steep inclines.
- 10 Before Federation in 1900, each Australian colony was responsible for its own armed forces and navy, largely created in response to a build up of Russian Naval vessels in the Pacific Ocean. The Queensland force consisted of two regiments known as "The First Q'lders" with companies based in Brisbane, Ipswich, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Warwick. Whether for excitement or just plain patriotism, WD joined "The First Q'lders" in May 1875. Attached to No 5 Company, Queensland Volunteer Rifles to which he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant.

Submitted by Tom Fletcher (Member number 193)

Blogs of Interest

British Newspaper Archive blog

<https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

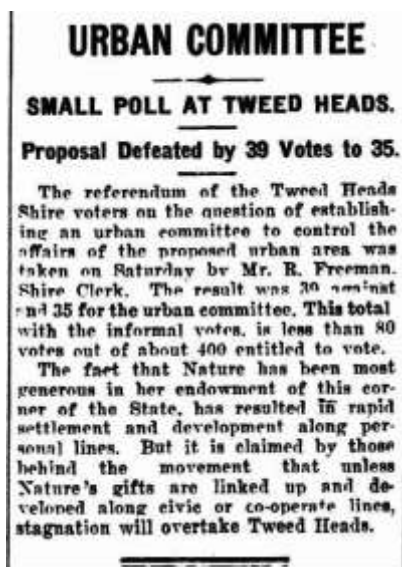
This blog has regular posts detailing the latest additions to the British Newspaper Archive. There are also occasional articles on subjects reported in newspapers of old, such as a recent post *The theft of the Mona Lisa as told through our newspapers*. There doesn't appear to be a subscribe function, so it may be worth visiting the blog every week or so.

Your DNA Guide blog

<https://www.yourdnaguide.com/ydgblog>

Although the website Your DNA Guide exists to sell online courses and books, its blog is free to read. There are some very helpful posts, such as *Compare DNA matches to each other* and *Organizing DNA research—tools we love*.

Tweed Heads 100 Years Ago



The Tweed Daily, Tuesday, 15 May 1923, Page 2 (courtesy of Trove)

Trivia Night

A good night was had by all at our first Trivia Night fundraiser. Thanks to the excellent work by the organising committee, we raised \$1200 for the group. Well done!



Acquisitions to April 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

And Olive Married Jack by Jacqueline Grant (donated by Carolyn Heaton)
A Short History of Brisbane Architecture by P Bingham-Hall (donated by Erica Beben-
dorf)
River – 150 Years of Brisbane River Housing by P Dixon (donated by Erica Beben-
dorf)
The Queensland House edited by R Fisher & B Crozier (donated by Erica Beben-
dorf)
Pioneer Women of the Bush & Outback by J Isaacs (donated by Erica Beben-
dorf)
Lost Brisbane & Surrounding Areas 1860-1960 by RHSQ (donated by Erica Beben-
dorf)

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Hard Copy)

Blayney Diggings (Blayney Shire Local & FHG) November 2022 & January 2023
Links 'n' Chains (Liverpool GS) February 2023
The Explorers' Tree (Blue Mountains FHS) March 2023
Journal of the Cleveland (South Durham & North Yorkshire) FHS January 2023
The Tamworth Family Historian (Tamworth & District FHG) March 2023
Timespan (Nepean FHS) March 2023

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Electronic PDFs – Computers 1-8)

The Log Book (THHS) December 2022 & March 2023
Lithgow Pioneer Press (Lithgow & District FHS) October 2022
Spreading Branches (Narre Warren & District FHG) February 2023
The Argyle Bulletin (Goulburn District H&GS) February 2023
The Crossing Place (Casino & District FHG) February 2023
Lachlan Valley Gold (Forbes FHG) February 2023
The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS) March 2023
The Cedar Log (Richmond Tweed FHS) March 2023
Bendigo Genealogist (Bendigo FHG) March 2023
Lancashire (Lancashire FH&HS) February 2023
The Endeavour (Botany Bay FHS) March 2023
Caloundra Clipper (Caloundra FH Research) March 2023
South West Genealogist (Warrnambool FHG) January-February & March 2023
Fig Tree (Manning Wallamba FHS) March 2023
Relative Thoughts (Fleurieu Peninsula FHG) October 2022 & January 2023
The Parramatta Packet (Parramatta FHG) March-June 2023

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Electronic PDFs – Computers 1-8) (continued)

Journal of the Newcastle FHS March 2023

Time Traveller (Shoalhaven FHS) April 2023

GhostBuster (Campbelltown District FHS) March 2023

Golden Links (Bendigo Regional GS) January-March 2023

MAGAZINES

Family Tree January, February, March & April 2023

Who Do You Think You Are (1 issue), Family Tree (1 issue) & Traces (1 issue) (donated by Trish Oldham)

OTHER (all PDF – Computers 1-8)

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) January, February & March 2023

Parramatta Female Factory Friends Newsletter January & April 2023

Newsletter of the 2023 Conference of NSW & ACT Association of FHS February, March & April 2023

Newsletter of the NSW & ACT Association of FHS February 2023

RIP Rookwood in Profile (Friends of Rookwood) March 2023

Newsletter of the Fromelles Association of Australia April 2023

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:

The Log Book (Tweed Heads Historical Society) December 2022 (PDF)

-The 'Pacific Clipper' restaurant and nightclub 1954

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) January 2023 (PDF)

-A window on heraldry

Spreading Branches (Narre Warren & District FHG) February 2023 (PDF)

-A visit from the good fairy of family research

The Argyle Bulletin (Goulburn & District H&GS) February 2023 (PDF)

-The history of Goulburn ambulance

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) February 2023 (PDF)

-What can a postcard tell us?

Links 'n' Chains (Liverpool GS) February 2023

-Beginner's corner – German research

Family Tree January 2023

-Tracing gentleman's servants

-The York Fever Hospital

-Double take: my ancestor's alias

Journal of the Cleveland (South Durham & North Yorkshire) FHS January 2023

-Genealogical research corner – newspapers

Family Tree February 2023

-The family history revolution

-What's heraldry ever done for us?

-Scotland's 1921 census

-Tracing your Holocaust ancestors

Caloundra Clipper (Caloundra FH Research) March 2023 (PDF)

-Fascinating finds in a probate packet

Relative Thoughts (Fleurieu Peninsula FHG) October 2022 (PDF)

-Cornwall: A land of superstitions, mythical creatures, saints and holy wells

-Remembering a wireman from the overland telegraph line

Relative Thoughts (Fleurieu Peninsula FHG) January 2023 (PDF)

-Origins of names on the Fleurieu peninsula

The Parramatta Packet (Parramatta FHG) March-June 2023 (PDF)

-Do you remember Jack Davey?

-Crabby old lady

Family Tree March 2023

-How to build a research plan

-Some tips on researching the early 1500s & before

-Dos & don'ts of building an online family tree

-Feedback on 'To tell or not to tell'

Journal of the Newcastle FHS March 2023 (PDF)

-What my great-great-grandmother Eliza taught me

-Voyage to Australia 1927

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) March 2023 (PDF)

-It's all in the numbers: Using regimental numbers to unlock military service

Fromelles Association of Australia newsletter April 2023 (PDF)

-The families of Fromelles

Family Tree April 2023

-All change: ancestor money & measurements

-Tips & tactics to prove your family tree is correct

-Acquiring clothes in the pre and early industrial age

-Note taking applications for family history

-Family Tree Academy guide to birth records

Members' Interests

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
BROWN	1850s+	Rous & Richmond Rivers	NSW	AUS
CLARK	1850s+	Wyan	NSW	AUS
McDONALD	1850s+	Lismore	NSW	AUS
RAPP	1850s+	Rappville	NSW	AUS
RAPP	All			GER
SABIEN	1840s	Clarence River	NSW	AUS
WEST	Pre 1800	Sydney & Nimbin	NSW	AUS

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MADDEN	1860+	Broken Hill	NSW & SA	AUS

Marion Gardner (Member number 84)

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ATKINSON	Pre 1853	Penrith	NSW	AUS
BLACKBURN	Pre 1805	Wandsworth	SRY	ENG
BRAY	Pre 1804	Portsea	HAM	ENG
BURCHAM	Pre 1792	Wymondham	NFK	ENG
CARTER, Rueben	Pre 1824			ENG
CONNOR	Pre 1866	Molong	NSW	AUS
CUMMINS	Pre 1831	Cork	COR	IRL
DEVIR	Pre 1855	Donegal	DON	IRL
GRAFFICE	Pre 1847	Dundalk	LOU	IRL
GRATTEN	Pre 1847	Dundalk	LOU	IRL
GRATTION	Pre 1847	Dundalk	LOU	IRL
GREEN	Pre 1818	Henley on Thames	OXF	ENG
GREENTREE	Pre 1812	Portsea	HAM	ENG
JOHNSTON, John	Pre 1823	Southwark	SRY	ENG
LAMBOURN/E	Pre 1809	Burcock	OXF	ENG
McCARTHY	Pre 1841	Peel (Bathurst)	NSW	AUS
NESBITT	Pre 1820	Tipperary	TIP	IRL
PEARS	Pre 1648	Lazenby	CUL	ENG

Peter Johnson (Member number 176)

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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.

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1121 Jenny Smith
1122 Pauline Sheehan
1123 Maureen James

Rejoined Members

4 Margaret Finlayson
526 Yvonne Reeds
992 Gianna Rea
716 Helen Banister-Clow
755 Jenny Gilmour

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

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