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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's Christmas again!

I would like to wish you the best for the season.

We have had two training programmes with reasonable attendance.

Please let us know of any training you would like us to run for you in 2024.



We close down 16/12/2023

Reopen 29/01/2024

We are always looking for members to do duty

Currently those that do duty are on every fortnight.

Duty gives you the opportunity to do your own research as well as helping, if able, others.

Have a great season

Ken

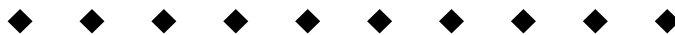


From the Editor's Desk

To all those member's who have contributed to the FigTree over the past year, whether it was a detailed family story, a poem , a little bit of humour, an interesting newspaper article or a website of interest —THANK YOU - please keep them coming.

New publications are continually being added to the Society's already extensive library, so next time you come into our room at Taree Library, remember to check out what is available—our Librarian Sue is continually updating the Index which is readily available for you to peruse.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season filled with all the joys of Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.



PLEASE NOTE

In the September Edition - No 167 of the FigTree I published an article "Matthew Everingham-Fact or Fantasy. When given the article I unfortunately did not check where the information had come from, and as such, now find that it was the work of Laraine Cross. As the Editor I take full responsibility for this lack of acknowledgement and apologise unreservedly to Laraine.

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THE MANNING RIVER VALLEY

O mighty Manning River, meandering eventually to sea,
You rise in rugged ranges where panoramic vistas be.
Winding through verdant valley, by pastures cows and farms,
by bankside homesteads, Moreton Bay Figs and palms.
Through Gloucester, Wingham, Tinonee and capital, Taree,
you flow down by the islands, the larger ones are three.
It is here you are unique, with two entrances to the sea!
The main at Harrington, the other at Old Bar to see.
Once you were a thoroughfare, where boatmen plied their trade,
but alas! That is over now and memories of it fade.
The railway and the highway came, and your fickle bar,
eventually made it unprofitable for ships sailing from afar.
Now your glistening waters are for recreation, tours and sports,
fishing, sailing, skiing, and boat racing of all sorts.
When angered by Jupiter Pluvius, and clouds that burst
your waters rush in torrents coastward, but first,
your banks o'erflow and muddy waters rise
over farmlands, roads and bridges, but the worldly wise
know what to expect of you and take timely care,
that little is lost and there is no despair.
O mighty Manning River, meandering to sea,
All my life you have meant so much to me.
Wherever I may venture, wherever I may roam,
I am forever proud to call the Manning Valley home!

RESEARCH SERVICE

Research Forms can be downloaded from Society Website

<http://manningwallambafhs.com.au/>

Initial Research Enquiry

\$20.00 including up to 2 hours research and limited photocopying, to the value of \$5.00

Extra microfilm copying \$1.00 per page. Additional

Research \$10 per hour



HAVE YOU HIT A BRICKWALL?

The FigTree is issued 4 times a year, so please feel free to send in any query you may have and it will be included in the next issue.

Our Journal is not only distributed to you, our members, but to other Societies throughout Australia and Overseas.

We also receive exchange Journals from a very large number of Societies electronically, if you would like to receive any of these, please let our Secretary know and you will be added to the distribution list,



GENEALOGY VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Being a volunteer with Manning Wallamba Family History Society Inc. is exciting. No two days are alike. No two enquiries are alike.

No one knows everything.

You will be rostered on with a more experienced volunteer who will help to familiarise you with the library resources.

Working hands on with someone else is the best way to learn, and instruction sessions are held on a regular basis.

A Remarkable Businessman

HORACE BEETON—HIS LIFE AND TIMES

The following article appeared in "The Manning River Times" Tuesday January 28 1986 by Athol Nelson

Horace's passing was recorded in the Manning Times of October 11, 1933, when he was 76. He was born in Sydenham, London in 1857 and at 21 migrated to New Zealand, to eventually settle in Christchurch where he bought a large house and converted it to accommodate boarders from the ranks of the unemployed.

The small, but successful enterprise, whetted his appetite for bigger ventures and his next move was to inaugurate the Sovereign Tea Co., exporting tea from overseas in bulk and packaging it for wholesaling.

After selling at a satisfactory profit, he left New Zealand to live in Australia and up until the time of his death, this company was flourishing.

Horace arrived in Taree in 1883, when the population was from four to five hundred people and from then until his passing, was very much involved in matters of far reaching civic importance, beside his undoubted talent in business and social organisation.



His first job in Australia was with Farmers and Co. Sydney retailers, as a department head. This led to a better position as manager of a Maitland drapery store, and it was during his stay there he met P.F. McPhellamy, later to be a leading retailer here (then a saddler). The pair decided to start a business in Taree, and subsequently opened an enterprise of hairdressers, saddlers and tobacconists in the end section of a single story building adjoining Thomson's Bee Hive store (still in use by various retailers etc.) about where Ernie Taylor once conducted a tailoring business.

Royal Hotel. In 1888 Horace bought land and built the first Royal Hotel. To consolidate his citizenship married Miss Elizabeth Sophia Boyce, only daughter of Charles, founder of the Manning Times. For 15 years they managed the hotel, then handed the licence over to Mr. E. T. Robinson and in 1907 the Royal was burnt down.

Horace built again a little further north of the original, much to be same plan, although extending further to the rear, and it was on these premises that he conducted a livery stable.

The builder was James H. Stewart, the constructor of many of the earlier Taree shops and business houses. Following his retirement as licensee and liveryman, his daughter was born, later to be Mrs. Bert (Boss) Mitchell (taxi proprietor extraordinaire).

Horace and family retired to a farm on Chatham, in the area where Peters was, thus the present Beetons Parade. He later bought a farm on Jones Island which he worked in conjunction with the Chatham property.

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HORACE BEETON—HIS LIFE AND TIMES Continued.

He later sold the Jones Island farm to a member of the Emerton family. *(At the time this article was published the writer believed the property was still Emerton property)*

When the railway line was nearing Taree, he bought the National Hotel at Cundle from Mr. H. Allan, but it was opened only for 12 months when a campaign of agitation forced its closure.. Cundletown was hotelless for over 60 years until the opening of the Airport Hotel-Motel.

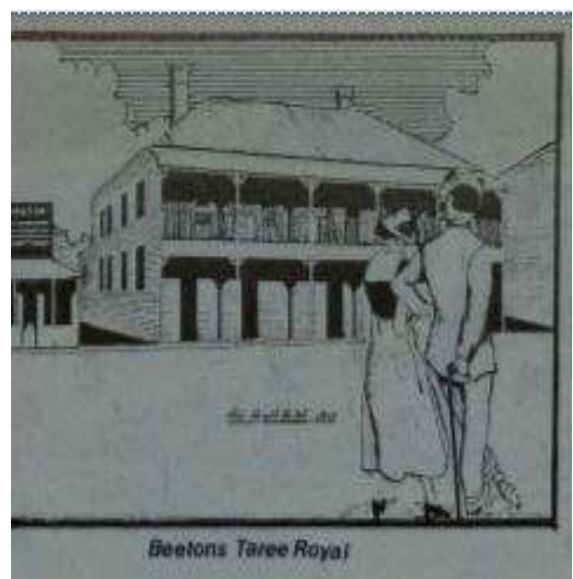
The first owner or licensee of the Cundle Hotel was Mr. W. Burchall, then Hackett, then Smith. At one time Cundle supported three hotels. They were Mrs. Bignell's, MaCaftney's and Rober Bryan's. Mr. J. Clune took over from Mrs. Bignell, the second was destroyed by fire, the third was the National.

The next major venture, and he was still operating the National, was to run a motor service from Cundle to Newcastle, linking up with the Newcastle Railway Station. With the expected opening of Taree Railway Station at least two years away and for this service he purchased three Albion Charabances (see footnote) and three motor cars, and it does seem rather ironic that this initial service was reintroduced some 70– odd years later, in the middle of 1985 and still a same day service.

When the line eventually arrived here in Taree on February 4, 1913 he switched from Taree to Kempsey, but this lasted only for a few months, until the licensee, Mr. George Cowan's lease expired at Horace's Royal Hotel and he returned to take over again.



Sketches by Athol Nelson



HORACE BEETON—HIS LIFE AND TIMES Continued.

BRICK YARD. It was about this time that he started a brick yard at the rear of Taree Railway Station, near to the showground, and manufactured a clay extruded brick later taken over by his son, Horace Manning Beeton.

Also about this time he had a large punt built, however this foundered some years later near Farquhar Park with a load of sand aboard.

In 1922 Horace had a new brick hotel erected and the license was transferred to Tooheys Ltd. who then sub-let.

Horace then owned quite a large slice of Taree's shopping area. These were the Royal, Peels old block to the boundary of the old Post office and blocks in Manning Street.

He bought the old Belmore Hall after the G.U.I.O.O.F, decided to sell it. Later he bought the rights of a permanent picture show from George Ikin (although my info gives the name of George Godwin?) and was in the happy position of showing in all weathers due to his owning the Belmore next door.

He later sold the picture show business to his second son Charles, which was later sold to the Robinsons, who around the early twenties built the Boomerang theatre.

CIVIC ROLE: Beside his many civic duties as Alderman, Inspector of Nuisances, Town Clerk etc. he was a keen follower of sport and was one of the original sponsors of the Taree Bowling Club and a life member of the MRA and H Association and something of an entrepreneur as evidenced by his launching a full sized gas filled balloon over Taree's Showground on the day of the show, featuring an escape by parachute.

The Society at the time had recently transferred to its present site, from, from the block bounded largely by Macquarie, Manning and Wynter Streets and was heavily in debt, and this did much to alleviate the financial position.



Footnote: I must confess my ignorance as I had no idea what an Albion Charabances was—just had to add a photo!

The Sailor- Passenger

William James Hoy

Submitted by Vicki Fletcher

William James Hoy was born on 28 November 1846 in Island Magee, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. His family lived at Blackhead, Port Davey, Island Magee. He was one of 8 children, 5 of whom were boys. He and his brothers were mariners and in fact 3 of his brothers lost their lives at sea (John Curry Hoy presumed died at sea off the coast of South Africa in 1875 while Joseph and Moore Getty Hoy both died 23 July 1883 on the St Lawrence Seaway.

William was known as the 'Sailor-Passenger' after a shipwreck in 1873. He was mentioned in a story from Dixon Donaldson's 'History of Island Magee' (1st published 1927) and later an extract was published in a local Irish newspaper.

William answered the call of the sea when still quite young, but as he grew older he pined for more solid ground beneath his feet. He decided to emigrate to Canada and work on a farm.

'So it was on March 20, 1873, that he sailed from Liverpool on the 'SS Atlantic' bound for New York. There were 794 passengers on board and a crew of 144 men. The ship was commanded by Captain James Agnew Williams.'

As they approached the coast of America on the night of the 30th the engineer reported that they were running low on coal. The captain decided to head for Halifax. The ship hit a sunken reef – Meagher's Rock, off the point of Prospect Cape, Nova Scotia in the early hours on April 1. The ship went over and most of the life boats were washed away with the exception of one, which an officer managed to get to a large rock where he attached a rope from the ship.



The Sailor- Passenger - Continued

Many perished in their attempt to reach safety. A later report on the wreck of the Atlantic stated that the wreck 'will long be remembered as one of the most disastrous wrecks which ever occurred on the North American coast.'

And what of William Hoy? An article in the Boston Advertiser sheds light on this when it says, "But for his great courage and endurance, the death list of the Atlantic would have been greater by scores".

Hoy's fellow passengers told how he had saved many lives and a Boston journalist made it a point to find this man known as the 'sailor-passenger'. 'Hoy crossed by the rope from the ship to the rock, and had great difficulty in climbing up its treacherous, slippery side. He saw others attempt it only to fall back into the waters and drown. The men were hurried on to the rope by the captain, who was on the ship, and many had not the strength to reach the rock, and were drowned on the way; others reached it only to meet death with safety at their fingers' ends.

'Hoy saw this, and realised how much a man might do in assisting those who got across; and , although suffering greatly from cold – he had for hours been exposed on the ship and had no clothes but his shirt and pantaloons – he undertook the work himself.'

'William laid over the top of the rock and reached out to the men as they came across on the rope and caught them by whatever means he could (including by their hair) and pulled them up to a place where they could stand. It was hard work and every time he pulled a man up he took the risk of being pulled down. When his hands could no longer work he reached further over the rock and began using his teeth in their clothes to pull them up.

A poem was written entitled

'The Sailor-Passenger at the Wreck of the Atlantic'.

The following is an excerpt:

'For hours, says one who saw,
In cold and peril thus he wrought
When power his hands forsook,
Men with his teeth he firmly caught
And drew to safety up
Beside him on his rocky steep
'thus sixty lives or more
He rescued from the hungry deep.'

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The Sailor- Passenger - Continued

What happened to William after this? He abandoned his idea to move to Canada and ended up back in Ireland. On 26 June 1882 William married Margaret Orr in Ballycarry, Island Magee, Ireland. By May 1883 William & Margaret were living in a bark shack at Blackhead, where their first child Maggie was born. They settled on some land about 3 miles from Blackhead, NSW in the Manning Valley.

It is believed that William named Blackhead because he said it reminded him of Blackhead in Ireland. It was in this area they raised their family of 10 children and they built the first guest house in Blackhead. Margaret and William did much for the advancement of the district. William died in 1917 and is buried at the Failford Cemetery.



William & Margaret Hoy with their 10 children.



A little bit of Christmas Trivia



“Three Wise Women”
Would have asked directions
Arrived on time
Helped deliver the baby
Brought practical gifts
Cleaned the Stable
Made a casserole and
there would be Peace on Earth.



DEDICATION OF GRAVES PILOT HILL CEMETERY HARRINGTON

SATURDAY 4 November 2023

Submitted by Pam Jarman

The Lions Club of Harrington commenced their Pilot Hill project in late 2021. A letter with a mud map was received from Irene Daniel indicating there were unmarked graves outside the cemetery fence. The northern fence was subsequently moved to include the two unmarked graves.

At the completion of the project, three crosses had been placed on unmarked graves – Dennis Cochran, Richard Guy and Susan Powell (daughter of Richard Powell, the first Harrington Pilot). These crosses were made by the Men's Shed of Harrington. A plaque for baby Maxwell Muir was added to his mother Margaret's headstone.



Reverend Helen Quinn was invited to perform a dedication service on 4th November 2023 for all those buried on Pilot Hill. About 60 people attended the service, during which Rev. Helen blessed each grave in the cemetery. An information handout was available on the day.

There was a gathering in the Harrington Memorial Hall following the dedication, which provided an opportunity for descendants to meet and share stories. Some members of these families had not previously met, so it was a special day for them. State Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams attended and instigated a presentation by a member of each descendant family.

The Harrington Hall Committee provided a very generous lunch. Each of the three families made a thank you donation to the Hall committee/and or the Lions Club to show their appreciation for the care of the cemetery, and researching and organising the day to remember their ancestors.

During my ongoing discussions with descendants I now have 2 additional names for the unmarked graves database. One is a Lindman baby (died in Harrington) and a stillborn McWhirter baby girl, who also died in Harrington.

Headstones on Pilot Hill

Henry Wallace Muir (Snr) Henry was born in the Orkney Isles in 1853, arriving in Sydney in 1884. Henry came from New Zealand to Harrington to visit his uncle, Captain John Muir. Henry decided to stay and became a boatman with the Maritime Services. Henry Married Margaret McIntosh and remained in Harrington until his death in 1931.

Margaret Muir (nee McIntosh) and her husband Henry raised 9 children. Margaret died in 1905 after the birth of their tenth child. The new plaque at the base of Margaret's headstone is a memorial to Baby Maxwell, who died a few days after his mother.

Captain John Muir. John, a sailor, arrived in Australia from the Orkney Isles in 1853. John sailed ships for the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company for 22 years before his appointment as Harrington Pilot in 1875. John married Elizabeth Coulter in Newcastle in 1864. John retired for health reasons in 1892, dying in 1893.

Elizabeth Laird Muir, wife of John Muir was the daughter of Ross Coulter of East Maitland. Elizabeth, who was proficient with Morse Code was the first Harrington postmistress, appointed in 1876. Elizabeth died in 1886 aged 47.

Headstones on Pilot Hill Continued

Daisy Kerkin : Daisy was the infant daughter of James Martin Kerkin (Harrington Pilot 1901-1921) and Mary Horn, who was the first shopkeeper in Harrington. Daisy died in 1894 aged 2 years, 11 months, from a disease of the heart. The information on her death certificate does not match the date on her cross.

M.A. Scott : Mary Ann Scott was the first wife of George Frederick Scott, one of the first boatman employed by the Pilot Station at Harrington. Mary Ann died in 1868 aged 70.

Susan Powell : Susan was the infant daughter of Richard Powell and Caroline Grainger. Susan died in 1857 after suffering from convulsions for 4 days. She was 2½ years old. Richard Powell was the first Manning River Pilot, appointed in 1856. The cross for this grave is a new addition to the cemetery.

Joseph Bradley : Job was born in Sydney in 1809, the son of convicts James Bradley and Sarah Barnes. Job's early life was with the whaling industry. Job later changed his name to Joseph before applying for the position of River Pilot at Harrington. Joseph was the Pilot at Harrington from 1863 until his death in 1875. Joseph married Mary Ann Halpin in 1839 and later Elizabeth Downs in 1851. Joseph and Elizabeth had 11 children.

Dennis Cochran Dennis was an English seaman visiting his brother. Thomas was a boatman with the Harrington Pilot Station. Unfortunately, Dennis, aged 28 drowned in a boating accident on the Manning River in 1864. Until 2022 his grave on Pilot Hill was unmarked.

Mary Anne Lindman : Mary Ann Georgina Lindman (nee Groves) was the wife of Gustaf Rudolf Lindman. Gustaf was one of the first boatman at the Pilot Station. Mary Anne and Gustaf were married in Sydney in 1863. An inquest says Mary Anne died in 1885 from a "faulty design of the heart".

Richard Guy : Richard was born in Ireland and at the time of his death, age 50, he had lived in New South Wales for 20 years. Richard was a school master, who unfortunately drowned in 1864 in a boating accident on the Manning River. Before a school was established in Harrington, itinerant teachers were employed to provide education for the children of Harrington. For Richard to be buried on Pilot Hill his wages needed to be paid by Maritime Services. Until 2022 Richard's grave on Pilot Hill was unmarked.

Plaques on Pilot Hill

Baby Maxwell died January 1905. There is a plaque at the base of his mother, Margaret Muir's grave.

Catherine Milne (Nee Muir) died 1985. Catherine was the daughter of Henry Wallace and Margaret.

James Henry Muir (Jim) son of Henry Wallace and Florence. Jim died in 2008.

James (Jim) Daniel, husband of Irene Daniel (Nee Muir) died 2020. Irene is the daughter of Wal and Flossie Muir.

Joan Elizabeth Muir (nee Schultz) - wife of John Andrew Muir died 2014.

John Andrew Muir son of Henry Wallace and Florence Muir died 1985.

Henry Wallace Muir (Wal) jnr. Wal was employed with the quarry at Crowdy Head and later with the construction of the south breakwall. Wal later became a commercial fisherman. Wal maintained the graves on Pilot Hill until his death in 1967 aged 76.

Florence (Flossie) Amy Muir wife of Henry Wallace was a milliner from Sydney. She became well known in Harrington as a midwife and a volunteer worked. Flossie died in Port Macquarie in 1986 aged 89.

Tips for Using TROVE

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Basic Search

In the Search box at the top of the Trove page, enter keyword/s for what you want to search. Ensure that the spelling is correct – Trove will search exactly what is entered.

2. Select the green magnifying glass button to begin the search. Trove will generate a list of results containing your keyword in each available category.
3. Scroll down the list of category results. To see more results within a category, select the “**See all...results**” button at the bottom right of the category section.

OR

4. Go directly to a category by selecting a tab above the search field.

Refine your search results

While viewing results within a category, you have the option to **Refine Your Results** with filters.

Filters are available on the right hand side of the page. Certain categories offer certain filters.

To apply a filter, select the checkbox adjacent to it. To remove the filter, select the checkbox again.

For each filter category you can only pick one filter (e.g. one state under place or one newspaper under title).

Options to use when searching for a person

Use variations of name & titles

Examples:

Clarence Mansfield Hayes

CM Hayes

Clarrie Hayes

Mr Hayes or Master Hayes

Ald Hayes

Boy Hayes

Joseph Simon maybe jos. Simon or Joe Simon

James Wilson maybe Jim Wilson, Jimmy Wilson or Jas. Wilson

Relict of Clarence Hayes

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Tips for Using TROVE (continued)

Search for names starting with “Mc”

Also try searching for the name excluding the “c” or replacing the ‘c’ with a space and searching as a phrase.

Examples:

Mchugh

Mhugh

“m hugh”

This is because names beginning with Mc may be printed as M’, and processed as an M followed by an apostrophe, M’ (and thus the c is not searchable).

Search for names or phrases containing punctuation

Search for words or phrases that would usually include punctuation. Remove the punctuation from your search terms, join the terms together, or replace the punctuation with a space and search for the term as a phrase.

Example – Instead of **o’reilly** and **2/14 Battalion**, use

oreilly and 214th battalion; or

“o reilly” and “2 14th battalion”

TROVE CATEGORIES

Newspapers:

Newspapers have been described in the following way to help you with your searches:

Article (includes news, feature articles, serials, advice columns, cartoons, etc.)

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In addition, illustrated articles are categorised as:

Illustrations, photographs, cartoons, maps, graphs, trademarks.



Graeme & Vicki have suggested watching

SEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY ON TROVE WITH JANETTE GRIGGS FROM

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/announcement/2022/08/18/search-family-history-trove>

Tips for Using TROVE (continued)

Gazettes:

Gazettes are mostly government publications which include information such as appointments to government positions, Government notices (includes land and mining notices, registers of medical etc. professionals, licencing, honours, electoral notices, trade registrations, population and trade statistics, government and colonial notices, employment advertisements, general notices and notices not included in another category.) Private notices, proclamations and legislation and tenders and contracts.

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Trove's digitised newspapers include titles published in Australia in many languages other than English. Languages include:

Chinese, Dutch, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Macedonian, Polish and Portuguese.

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Images, Maps and Artefacts have been described in the following way to help you with your searches:

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Tips for Using TROVE (continued)

Research and Reports:

Explore the Research and Reports category to find a wide range of publications from Australia's academic and research communities, in physical and digital form.

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Explore over 30,000 digitised and electronic books and find library collection items from across Australia in physical and digital form.

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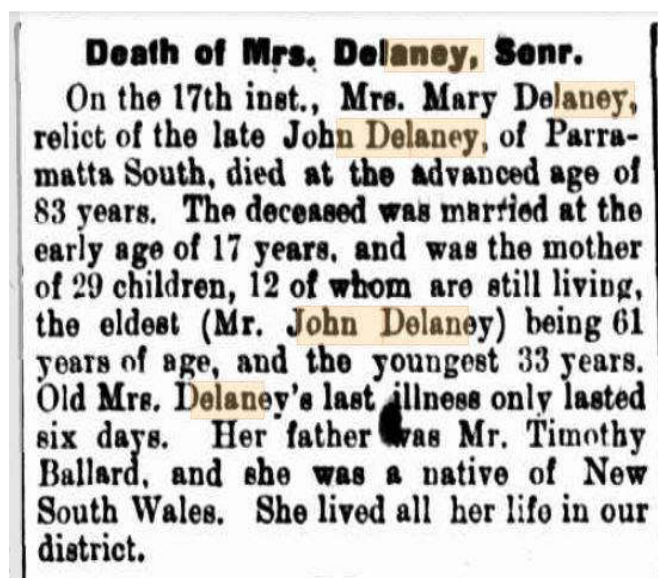


The following is just one example how TROVE can help with your research. Kay, one of our members found this article in the *Cumberland Growers and Fruit Growers Advocate*

"Guess where most of my DNA matches lead back to? My 2 x Great grandparents on my paternal side. Still trying to establish how many multiple births. So far it looks like Mary herself was a twin and John was an only child.

Death certificate shows Pneumonia and exhaustion. I'm not surprised"

Kay BROOKE



THE IRISH LAWS OF GENEALOGY

- ◆ The records you need for your family history were in the county record office that burned.
- ◆ James, the son of Robert, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of five.
- ◆ The public ceremony, in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform under him collapsed, turned out to be a hanging.
- ◆ Records show that the grandfather, whom the family boasted, "He read the Bible at four years and graduated from college at sixteen" was at the foot of his class.
- ◆ Your grandmother's maiden name, for which you've searched for years, was on an old letter in a box at the back of the cupboard all the time.
- ◆ You never asked your father about his family because you weren't interested in genealogy while he was alive.
- ◆ The family story your grandmother wrote for the family, never got past the typist. She packed it away "somewhere" and promised to send a copy but never did.
- ◆ The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who had no interest in genealogy and threw them out.
- ◆ A great-uncle changed his surname because he was the black sheep. He moved away, left no address and was never heard from again.
- ◆ Brittle old letters containing the info you desired have fallen apart at the fold or have yellow sticky-tape on the names and dates and places.
- ◆ The only record you find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at an bailiffs sale for insolvency.
- ◆ The portion of the index you need is contained on the next issue, only the publisher died prior to publication.
- ◆ When you find the obituary for your grandmother the information is garbled. Her name is exchanged with her daughter's, the whereabouts of her sons is unknown, the date for her father's birth indicates he was younger than she.
- ◆ The only surname not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archives is yours.
- ◆ The Register sends you a negative reply, having just been insulted by a creep calling himself a genealogist.
- ◆ The 4 volume, 4,800 page history of the town where your great-grandfather lived is not indexed.

Good Luck!!



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Tinonee, Bo-Bo, Bight, Murray Hills, Easton, Dunvegan	\$15.00
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Members are entitled to

Use the Society's Resources during opening hours

Attend meetings and workshops, and vote at meetings

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18 free entries per year each membership/family in Society's Members' Interest Directory

2 hours free research per membership year, for out-of-area members, on receipt of a business sized, self-addressed envelope

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