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## Duty Volunteers – thank you

Bill, Carolyn, Chris, Elsie, Gwen, Ken, Lorelle, Lynne, Margaret, Marienne, Neville and Sue

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## From the Editor

It's coming to the end of another year, and hasn't this year flown!!! This year we have had some very interesting speakers and from the roll up at the November meeting everyone was interested to hear what Tony Wennerbom had to say about Empire Training for RAAF.

Just a reminder that the 2024 Membership Subscriptions are due 01 January 2024 and the Membership renewal form is attached but more importantly our AGM is in March, and we would love to see some new faces and ideas on the Committee!

Merry Christmas everyone and looking forward to seeing you all next year



*Jenni Carfoot 22/01*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we wind down towards the end of 2023, it is time to reflect on the history of our family. Life is so busy that it is very easy to let some things slip. However, researching and recording the story of your family is so important for those family members who follow on from you that I hope you resolve to approach your family history with renewed vigour in 2024. This is where the volunteers who selflessly 'man' the research centre at Pyree can be of great assistance. In 2024 set aside some time from your busy schedules to come out to the research centre and get your research back on track. Our society is an affiliated library of familysearch.org which means you can have access to restricted records not available to you from your home computer. A reminder to 'Out of area' members that you are entitled to 3 free short research queries per year so please take advantage of this offer.

The DNA group meets at regular intervals and those attending are finding the collegiate atmosphere of co-operation to solve queries very helpful. Please watch out for notifications of the next DNA group meeting. Also, please let us know what other subjects you would like to learn about so that we can perhaps include them in our program.

The research centre at Pyree will closed for the Christmas break at 2pm on Sunday, December 10, 2023 and will reopen at 10am on Thursday January 11, 2014.

All the best for Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you to the research centre at Pyree in 2024.

*Lynne Allen*



## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

THE S.F.H.S Committee and members extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

Linda Knight  
Judy Watson  
Nikki Austin

Vicki Sweeney  
Robyn and Shane Johnson  
Kaylene Fenech

## IN SEARCH OF THESE ANCESTORS

Interest Names	Details	Member #
Doyle	1874+ Ireland & NSW	23/11
M(a)cDonald	1840-1970 Shoalhaven, Sydney, Illawarra	23/12
Rossiter	19c	23/12
Rose	19C Millthorpe NSW	23/12
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Conroy	19C, 20C NSW	23/12
Nicholls	19C, 20C, NSW -Sydney	23/12
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Hutchinson	1850	23/13
Kennedy		23/13
Roberton		23/13
Bendeich	1855-1890 Shoalhaven & Braidwood	23/14
Baumgartner	1856-1890 Shoalhaven & Majors Creek	23/14
Tetley	Shoalhaven & Nerriga	23/14
Hockey	Shoalhaven & Nerriga	23/14
Pasfield	1955-1985 Nerriga & Shoalhaven	23/14
Temple	Nerriga & Shoalhaven	23/14
Clarke		23/15
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In accordance with standard Private Practice and to reduce the risk of spam, members email addresses are no longer published in the Time Traveller.

## RESEARCH REPORT JULY – OCTOBER 2023.

The following families have been researched for members and clients, some with no result due to insufficient details known to work from, others very successfully completed.

Once again, several queries have been received and assessed, but not taken any further once the \$25.00 fee was mentioned. An opportunity missed.

- Seeking details of children born to Alice Bailey formerly Callahan (nee Maher) in Tipperary and if they came to Australia. *No result as children's or father's names unknown. #23/05*
- Burial place of Murdo Thomson 1946 supposed Bamarang. He died in Queensland –ashes collected. *Client advised to contact funeral director for any burial instructions.*
- Details sought on John Smith, (Schmitt) Martin & Ann, Christina & Elizabeth from Shoalhaven. *Completed - but the wrong Smith family was requested. Client's John Smith was born Grafton died in Victoria in 1939.*
- The birth of Malcolm William Mottram required for an upcoming publication. *Completed*
- Sarah Jane Graham & Michael Ryan. Details of Sarah's 1826 birth / baptism in Limerick Ireland requested. *Details not found.*
- Details of Francis Ryan & Lydia White /Wilson requested. These were thought to be the parents of Sarah Jane Graham. *Not found*

### Tree Packages

Client requested information available for an Australian, who was born in 1880 and died in 1954, by the name George Henry Johnston.

George served as part of a contingent of naval infantry, as they were then called, in the NSW Corp of the British Navy at least from 1900-1901. He was one of 300, alongside 200 from Victoria and 100 from South Australia, sent to help the British quell the Boxer Rebellion in Peking at that time. Interested to know whether he had any descendants. *Completed*



**The NSW Naval Brigade Ambulance Corps.** Note the top row have yet to receive their uniforms.

Source: <https://jmvh.org/article/https-doi-ds-org-doilink-03-2023-25857289-jmvh-vol-9-no-2/>



## Research Officer Services

Our Research Officer will undertake research on behalf of paying clients.

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Additional fees may be requested depending on the scope and level of the request.

All enquiries should be addressed to:

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Microfilm/Fiche	A4	50c		
SFHS Family Group Sheet (blank)		20c		
SFHS Family Group Sheet (with information)		\$1	Pre-1856 BDM record (Microfilm printout)	\$7
Pre-1856 BDM record (Microfilm printout)		\$5	Family file Certificate Photocopy	\$7
Family file Certificate Photocopy		\$5	Nowra Birth or Death record	\$7
Nowra Birth or Death record		\$5	Photographs via email	\$5

## S.F.H.S. Inc. 2024 MEMBERSHIP

**It's that time of year, S.F.H.S. Membership Subscriptions are almost due — 01 January 2024**

Included with your December Time Traveller email is a second attachment: 2024 SFHS Inc. Membership Renewal.

If renewing your S.F.H.S Inc. Membership, please complete the attached form and return with your payment.

- ◇ Memberships not renewed by 01 March 2024, will be considered lapsed and membership access to the S.F.H.S. Resources at the Pyree Research Centre will be revoked.
- ◇ Lapsed members will also be removed from the Time Traveller journal email list.

### S.F.H.S. Inc. Membership includes:

- Time Traveller e-journal (April, August and December)
- Assistance from experienced research volunteers at S.F.H.S. Research Centre
- Guest Speakers at Monthly Meetings
- Access to information sessions, seminars, webinars, interest groups, family history projects, volunteering, social gatherings and a whole lot more.

## MANNING – KEY NAME IN NOWRA DISTRICT’S SOCIAL HISTORY

By Alan Clark, AM.

May 13 of this year saw the death at Nowra aged 96 years, of Mrs June Manning, who had a special place in the district’s history. Some 60 years earlier, she had come to Nowra with her husband Lloyd who had been appointed here as the Methodist minister. His inspired vision was the catalyst for the first aged care facility in the district – Shoalhaven Aged People’s Home, which became Shoalhaven Retirement Village, and is now known simply as “Uniting”.



**Lloyd Frank Manning** (1923-1969) was born at Ballina, the first child of farmer Frank Manning and his wife Ruby (nee Weigall). Shortly after his 21st birthday Lloyd made the decision to work full-time in the Methodist Church and was appointed as a home missionary at the North West Mission, Narrabri. He also spent some time in the Manly Circuit where he met a young lady from the Balgowlah congregation.

**June Haroldine Looby** (1926-2023) was born at Oberon, the second child of Michael Patrick Joseph Looby and his wife Vera Merle “Jenny” (nee Graham). Her unusual second name may have been in memory of Jenny’s brother Harold, head shunter at the Mudgee Railway Yards, who died tragically when struck by a train in July 1918. June’s father was a local government clerk who during the 1920s worked for Oberon, Bourke, Campbelltown and Yallaroi councils.

By the time June was ready for school, Michael was clerk of Macintyre Shire Council at Inverell. She attended the Ross Hill Primary and after starring on the sporting field in the under seven age group, she started to excel in her classes – was called on to recite at the school’s Anzac Day ceremony in 1936; and was the female dux in sixth class.

From early 1940, June lived with an aunt at Mosman for a time before the Looby family came together again at Balgowlah. She left school aged 14 and during the war years worked for an insurance company and then Warringah Shire Council. Aged 18 she met Lloyd Manning and while they announced their engagement in December 1946 – would not marry immediately. Lloyd started his formal training for the ministry at Leigh College in 1947; the year when June passed the Local Preacher examination with honours, alongside a younger brother Peter, who would later become a Methodist minister.

In that era June was appointed to the Taxation Branch of the NSW Department of Treasury and worked there for six years. After an engagement lasting more than three years, the couple married at Balgowlah Methodist Church in March 1950, the same month that Lloyd was ordained to the ministry and appointed to West Wollongong. [He had gained the non-degree qualification of Licentiate in Theology at Leigh College and would go on to take the Bachelor of Divinity degree at London University, and the Diploma of Religious Education.]



The first of their five children, Rosemary June was born in 1951, before Lloyd was appointed to Blayney later in that year. It had been his dream to work in overseas missions and was appointed in 1956 to work among the Indian population at Lautoka in Fiji, but that changed when June contracted rheumatic fever and they went to West Wyalong instead.

**Shoalhaven:** The Manning family arrived at Nowra in early 1962, and when Lloyd was inducted as circuit minister on the evening before Australia Day, few people realised the impact he would have. He was called on to conduct at least three worship services each

Sunday, and there were other tasks during the week. His social conscience came to light when he discussed a home nursing service, but with the thought it may have clashed with Chesalon (conducted by the Anglicans), he chaired a community committee that formulated a plan for an aged people's home that utilised government funding.

Land on the western side of the church property was made available, and more was purchased, going through to Osborne Street. Less than four years later, the first stage to house 22 people was officially opened by State Governor, Sir Roden Cutler on Sunday, 8 October 1967 with the name "Manning House". Shire president, Bruce McIntosh told the gathering that "This magnificent undertaking is an outstanding tribute to Rev. Manning for it was he who conceived the project and without his driving force and wise guidance, the first stage of the homes would not have become a reality".

Lloyd Manning was subsequently named "Citizen of the Year" in 1968 by the Rotary Club of Nowra, and he became the first minister to stay here for seven years – the maximum allowable under Methodist regulations. He was the last minister to occupy the parsonage fronting Berry Street, that would later be modified as office space. Organisers of his farewell hired the larger Presbyterian hall which was packed to capacity, not only with members of his congregations, but with citizens from all parts of the Shoalhaven. Although he had requested there be no presentation, one was made by circuit steward, Jim Gough.

He departed at the end of 1968 to become superintendent minister at Manly, a circuit which held fond memories, but six months later he died on 27 June 1969 aged 45 years, when contemporaries suggested he was at the peak of his powers. June was left to raise their five children, and she also found a niche working for 16 years in the church offices – the NSW Synod with Rev. Winston O'Reilly, and then the National Assembly Office with Rev. Dr David Gill whose writings she would appreciate. She left aged 63 and would pursue varied interests in her latter years.

A generation later, on 9 March 2014 (by which time the Methodist Church had evolved to become Uniting and the retirement village had flourished), a plaque was erected on the lawn in front of Manning House, honouring the inspiration of Lloyd Manning, and unveiled by June and members of the family. The service was led by elder Cathie Cochrane, while a short history of the project was read by Verna Symons who had been on the inaugural committee.

After attending the farewell back in 1968, parishioner Ethel Watts wrote a letter to the editor of the *Shoalhaven and Nowra News*, suggesting that the Mannings should reserve units in the complex bearing their name, for their retirement years. Although not quite as Mrs Watts had envisaged, June did return in late 2017 and she again became part of the Nowra congregation, attending worship services and then watching on-line when Covid-19 and ill-health prevented her attendance in person.

Sources: Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative – Thursday 11 July 1918; Lithgow Mercury – Friday 11 June 1920; Western Herald, Bourke – Saturdays 23 February 1924, and 16 January 1926; Wialda Standard and Northern Districts Advertiser – Monday 27 September 1926; The Inverell Times – Fridays 17 October 1930, 25 November 1932, 10 November 1933, Monday 27 April 1936, and Friday 6 December 1946; The Methodist, Sydney – Saturdays 17 March 1945, 14 December 1946, 25 October 1947, 11 March and 7 April 1951, and 26 July 1969; Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – Thursdays 3 March 1949 and 20 April 1950; Shoalhaven and Nowra News – Tuesday 6 February 1962, Wednesdays 11 October 1967, and 18 December 1968; Methodist Church of Australasia, NSW Conference Minutes, 1969; Check It Out (Nowra Uniting Church) – April/May 2014, February/March 2021, June/July 2023; Deanna Moore, Archives Officer, Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT.



## Opening Address - Official Opening of the Empire Air Training Scheme Memorial.



Distinguished gents, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of Group Captain Jeff Howard, the Senior ADF Officer for RAAF Wagga, I would like to welcome you to RAAF Base Wagga and the official opening of the Empire Air Training Scheme Memorial. Today we are delighted to be able to finally deliver the last of the six events RAAF Base Wagga originally proposed to be a part of the overall Royal Australian Air Force Centenary programme, which was delivered around Australia and across the world between March 2021 and March 2022. With us today are some special guests that I would like to acknowledge and welcome them on behalf of GPCAPT Howard. They include:

- **Hon Michael McCormack - Federal Member for Riverina**
- AIRCDRE Andrew Elfverson – Director General AF2021
- **Mrs Kay Hull AM**            **Former Federal Member for Riverina**
- AIRCDRE Robert Lawson - Director General HH-AF
- COL Andrew Deacon - COMDT Kapooka
- **WGCDR Martin Rendall - from the Royal Air Force - Air Advisor UK**
- WGCDR Glen Graham - from the RNZAF – the Air Advisor NZ
- **Mr Murray Kear - CEO of Temora Aviation Museum**
- Councillor Dallas Tout - Mayor for Wagga Wagga
- Councillor Dave McCann OAM – Mayor of Cooloman Shire and RSL NSW Board Director
- Councillor Nigel Judd OAM – Temora Council
- **Mr David Gardiner – President of the Wagga Wagga RSL sub-Branch**



The Empire Air Training Scheme, abbreviated to EATS, was formed at the end of the 1930s, and within a cultural context where Australia was reforming attitudes towards the world and the place it occupied.

Empire Air Training Scheme was a programme designed to train Royal Australian Air Force pilots for eventual transfer into the Royal Air Force during World War II. In Australia the scheme also branched out and provided trained pilots for deployment in the Pacific War. Likewise, it was the motivation for the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force so that women could fulfil the many support roles.

As Australia was marching to nationhood, the world of flight was being celebrated through the achievements of aviators, such as Charles Lindbergh. In Australia, we were producing our own aviator heroes, the likes of Ross and Keith Smith, Bert Hinkler, Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm. The media portrayed each of these men and their aerial accomplishments as the embodiment of the idealised hero flourishing in the 1930s. The spirit of flight, represented adventure, freedom and escape.

As such, attitudes in Australia in 1939 provided a fertile ground for boys to seize the opportunity to become men by joining EATS. EATS offered the opportunity to 'be a man' by serving the Empire but it added a further dimension to the attainment of military masculinity. Being an airman offered a valiant alternative to the squalid and anonymous war in the trenches experienced during World War 1. Aviation offered a way to serve in war following a new ideal of chivalry and manly behaviour, and the public image was constructed around this central theme.

The image of a group of recruits setting off for Canada epitomized the masculine appeal of EATS. It promised adventure, travel and mateship. Waving, cheering and laughing, many of these boys were off on their first adventure away from home. Such images created the illusion of youthful enthusiasm that formed part of the official campaign to recruit prospective airmen for a war to defend the Empire.

These recruits were seen as the guardians of the Empire and in this heroic form the image promised EATS would fulfil their desire for adventure travel and flight. They represented the popular conception of what the hero should be, almost as a cult devotion of those who followed Lindbergh and Kingsford Smith, who had both acquired legendary status.

Such representations gave inspiration to young Australian men as they volunteered for EATS grasping their chance to also become knights of the air. Young Australian men responded to the challenge to join the 'Empire Air Armada.' They flew in every major theatre of war: Britain, the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Burma, South East Asia and the South West Pacific area. It is maintained, where there was an aerial operation a member of the RAAF, trained under EATS, was sure to be a participant

Sadly, post 1945, the role of EATS diminished in importance within the identity of the individual veteran and was marginalised within the collective Australian war narrative.

Although 188,000 Australian men and women were to serve under the Empire Scheme, in the decades following the end of the war it is difficult to discover any mention of the scheme, and in the twenty-first century it no longer holds a place in Australian collective memory.

The omission of EATS from the Australian public narrative at the end of the war appears to have been dramatic and was noticed in the records of the returning veterans. EATS Veteran diaries provided the intimate responses of the men. Already disillusioned by the impact of combat, they were now confronted by a lack of public recognition.

Disillusionment and bitterness at the public reception also characterised their homecoming. Many were sent to the transit camps, like the one at the MCG, where they were ordered to attend two parades, one church service and then to raise war bonds, which they thought ridiculous. These were airmen who were awarded AFCs and DFCs, and who had flown over 80 missions. As a consequence, almost all resigned and left for a life on the land.

Post war, EATS achievements became ancient history as the government's priority was to rebuild the nation. 'Disposing of aircraft was the most symbolic act in dismantling the wartime Air Force,' and the institution of EATS. With no physical reminders it was now possible to delete EATS from the collective memory.

Identifying the specific role of Australia in the air training scheme to provide an 'Australian' war record was difficult. Two reasons include:

- Firstly, the RAAF being 'absorbed into the Royal Air Force through the Empire Air Scheme and then subsumed within broader US strategy in the south west pacific. The integration of Empire Crews, and the wide area of their service, would make it impossible for Australia to claim a specific air battle for its national EATS commemoration
- Secondly, Australian commemorative practices and rituals are strongly linked to physical places. As already mentioned, EATS aviators flew in every major theatre of war, and therefore the air war of 1939-45 did not have the contained geographical location that we are so familiar with when we remember places like Gallipoli.

These difficulties do not mean a commemoration cannot occur. Canada hails its equivalent involvement through The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) or the 'PLAN' as being 'Canada's greatest achievement' and it continues to be celebrated today. For Canadians, as with Australians, their country's involvement in the Second World War has been reinterpreted with time but, undaunted, is Canadian pride in its wartime achievements and the belief that 'The Plan' stood as a symbol of the spirit of cooperation between the countries of the Commonwealth and all likeminded democratic people of the world.'

So, in order to rebuild Australia's collective memory about the Empire Air Training Scheme, this memorial has been created here in the Riverina. Its aim is to tell the story of those men and women who travelled from across Australia, to regional towns like Wagga Wagga, Temora, Deniliquin, Uranquinty, Narrandera and Cootamundra, in order to train to become aircrew and ground support staff within the scheme. This memorial seeks to share with the nation a valuable piece of Australia's war time history, highlighting the success of EATS and the Royal Australian Air Force during World War Two, particularly in this centenary year of the Royal Australian Air Force.

On that note, I welcome you here today to the opening of the Empire Air Training Scheme Memorial and hope that you become a part of a new national collective war narrative about EATS. It is time that we can begin to highlight the remarkable spirit and sacrifice of those aviators, and the towns that were closely connected with the scheme.





## WAGGA WAGGA RAAF

**Artist:** Sam Brooks

**Location:** Newton Rd, Forest Hill, New South Wales

**GPS Coordinates:** AT - 35.149420  
LNG 147.467378

### Wagga Wagga RAAF Water Tank Art

This mural titled 'Now, Then and Always' was commissioned as part of a celebration and recognition of the 100 year centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force. The design was created through a collaborative process between Sam and current members of the RSL, RAAF members and local historians.

The vision for the piece was to allow people to understand and connect too, the rich history and incredible contribution and sacrifice the Riverina residents made to our country during World War Two.

The site of this painting is significant, as the Wagga Wagga, Royal Australian Air Force Base base was the main training centre for "Empire Air Training Scheme"



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- A massive training mission undertaken during 1939 - 1945 - where an incredible 27,387 aircrew were trained in aviation, navigation, engineering and ground operations.

Photos by Sam Bates



1939 - 1945



# EMPIRE AIR TRAINING SCHEME



## **Colony by Colony: Nineteenth-century arcades of Sydney**

Almost 30 years after the first shopping arcade was built in Melbourne, the first was constructed in Sydney. The 1881 Royal Arcade, which ran between George & Pitt Streets, was considered 'one of the most tasteful features of [the] city' by the *Illustrated Sydney News* (25 Nov 1882, 8)

This was followed quickly by the Sydney Arcade and later in the decade by the Victoria Arcade on Castlereagh Street. Despite the depression of the early 1890s, several more arcades were built in Sydney at this time, including one that has been completely forgotten. In discussions of these social spaces in Sydney most authors/historians discuss only five or six arcades, depending if they include the QVB or not (which I do, but more on that later). In fact, there was a seventh.



Located on George Street, the Central Arcade was a rather small arcade with only a handful of shops, that first appears in city directories in 1890. It certainly received little fanfare, with almost nothing written about it in the newspapers of the time, apart from a few advertisements. Perhaps this is not surprising given that it lacked the grandeur and luxury shops of the other arcades located closer to the heart of the CBD. Rather it housed more practical shops such as an herbalist and a variety of tradesmen. The only reason I even identified it is because I caught site of it in the directory listings.

The seventh and final arcade constructed in Sydney was the large Queen Victoria Markets building, which took up an entire city block adjacent to the Town Hall. While some don't count it in lists of Sydney Arcades, it certainly was one for all intents and purposes, despite its name. The Sydney City Council, shamed by the supposedly run-down George Street markets in the vicinity of their new, grand Town Hall, desired a more fitting structure for their aspirations as a city. The brief for City Architect, Scottish-born George McRae, was to design a building in arcade form that would occupy this block, containing shops in its main spaces with a market hall in the basement. It is possible that McRae was inspired by the monolithic arcades of Europe that took up single blocks, such as Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and the new Upper Trading Rows building in Moscow, which was built in 1893 and which bears a striking resemblance to McRae's original design for the Sydney Markets.

### **Sydney's nineteenth-century shopping arcades:**

1881 Royal Arcade, George & Pitt Streets – demolished

1882 Sydney Arcade, George & King Streets – demolished

1887 Victoria Arcade, Castlereagh & Elizabeth Streets – demolished

c1890 Central Arcade, George Street – demolished

1891 Imperial Arcade, George & Castlereagh Streets – demolished

1892 Strand Arcade, George Street & Pitt Streets – extant & operating continuously

1899 Queen Victoria Markets, George, Market, York & Druitt Streets – extant & operating



Source:

<https://afashionablepromenade.com/tag/1887-victoria-arcade-sydney/>

Images: Portal into the Past Sydney & Beyond, Facebook

Jenni Carfoot 22/01

One interesting comment made on the Old Bailey records which start in 1674, is that “before 1760 many of the trial accounts read like true-crime tabloids, heavily edited to make the accused appear as guilty as possible. By the mid 18th century the transcripts become a fair representation of trials, recorded by stenographers hired for the purpose.” Something to keep in mind if you are researching a case that occurred in the earlier period.

*Source: Journal of the Moruya & District Historical Society*

#### “OCCUPATION YEOMAN”

Below the English landed gentry there were "Yeomen" who could own land and have their own businesses.

Below the Yeomen were serfs and vassals, Serfs were agricultural peasants who had no rights at all.

## NSW Probates & Administrations 1800-1901

Probate & Administration packets can be viewed at NSW State Records repository in O'Connell Street Kingswood, and will contain affidavits, statements, maybe a death certificate and of course the last Will & Testament if one was written.

If you only need to see the actual Last Will & Testament, you can view it in our research library at Pyree.

The documents filmed are listed in the 'Supreme Court Of NSW Probate Index 1800-1901' set of microfiche, so if your ancestor died in this period it is well worth a look to see if a will exists.

When you search the index you will find the names, residence, & date of death of the deceased, A or P for administration or probate, and two columns of numbers. The series is 1-4 and the number is the indexed number assigned to the document.

The microfilm reel will be labelled with the series and range of numbers covered, and the wills are in numerical order, so you need to scroll through the film, until you find yours.

The bequests in these documents would very often be to children or relatives who were born pre 1856 registration, with birth or baptism records maybe not appearing anywhere else. Daughters were most often named with their married name, enabling you to find that marriage also.

The wills are all handwritten, with no punctuation, which can be a challenge in itself, but take a tip and make a copy then read it through several times. On the first reading highlight any names and phrases which are easily recognisable, and the legal phrases will be repeated often throughout the document, so once you decipher them it will be easy to repeat.

We have books in our library which can help with the legal jargon used.

Transcribe the document one word at a time, and on each successive reading you will recognise more words as you become accustomed to the handwriting, and after a few goes you will probably be left with just a few words, and that is when you get someone else to look at it with fresh eyes and the problem should be solved in no time.

M.Faull 02/18

## NOWRA BENCH BOOKS 1858 - 1869

In our research library at Pyree, and also for sale, is the indexed, transcribed copy, with original pages, of the Nowra Bench Books from 1858 to 1869.

This is a document which will bring to life the names & dates you have found in your research, and if your ancestor is Mary Goddard & you didn't know where she came from, then read this extract, as you probably won't find this information anywhere else!



***"Court of Petty Sessions held at Nowra on Tuesday the 24th December 1861 before Alfred Elyard Esqr James Aldcorn and the Mayor Burry v. Goddard. Assault***

*Willet Burry, duly sworn, says yesterday Mary Goddard came to my house and called my wife names & threatened that she would do for her— She had an axe in her hand. Mr Glanville came past and I asked him to call Grieve the Constable as I could not leave the house considering my wife's life in danger. Grieve came up and took her in charge at my request— This is not the first or second time that the prisoner said to my wife that she would do for her. ( signed) Willet Burry*

*Augusta Burry duly sworn— Yesterday Mary Goddard came to my house and abused me— She had an axe and said she would chop me up— She has said so on other occasions— I am afraid she will do me some serious harm. I consider my life in danger. (signed)Augusta her X mark Burry*

*Thomas Grieve duly sworn says Yesterday Mr Burry sent down for me & said that Mary Goddard was annoying him & threatening his wife- When I got to Burry's house she had just gone up through the paddocks to her own place- he went after her & he gave her in charge to me for threatening his wife's life- She resisted and assaulted me several times- She bit me-I had to get assistance to carry her to the Watch House- She struggled fearfully all the way. (signed) Thomas Grieve*

*Walter Hodgkinson duly sworn says Yesterday I saw the prisoner at Mr. Burry's fence— She was making a great noise— She was using obscene language to Mr & Mrs Burry— She threatened to cut Mrs. Burry with an axe— She had a large paint pot full of rubbish in her hand. She has filled up our well with rubbish so that we have had to dig it out again— I saw her strike the fence with the axe— (signed) Walter Hodgkinson*

*To find sureties for one month herself in £20 and two sureties in £10 each to keep the peace or in default to be committed to Wollongong Jail.*

*The clerk of the Bench is also instructed to communicate with the Consul for the Sandwich Islands, intimating to him the sentence and requesting him to take steps to have Mary Goddard removed from Wollongong to her native country.*

*Alfred Elyard JP. Jas Aldcorn JP. J. L. Biddulph JP. H. Moss Mayor. James Graham JP “*

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With Tradies working in the house and no power, I amused myself today for a couple of hours by lighting the fire & reading the latest edition [September /Spring 2023] of Descent, the journal of the Society Of Australian Genealogists, in comfort.

This journal is packed with the most interesting and informative articles, from the Croker Prize For Biographies winners' articles to several engrossing stories on aspects of Child Welfare, orphans, foundlings and adoptions.

DNA is explored in depth as a means of furthering your research and connecting with relatives who although quite distant have the information which you have not found.

Along with requests for help with current and future projects, the book reviews are valuable in deciding whether we need that item in our research library.

If you have ancestors hailing from Cornwall, take a look at the list of names transcribed from the back of photos in an album found in a second-hand book shop & see if you can claim the man with no name.

For those with female convict ancestors who arrived in the Colony between 1788 and 1818, (the years when finding a primary resource was most difficult), the Archives story of 'The Ironclad Sisterhood' is enlightening.

We receive journals from many different societies, and as this particular journal is received as a hard copy, you can read it in our research library or if a member, you can borrow hard copy journals free of charge for one month and read at your leisure as I did.

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## **Learn from the Library**

### **Badgery's Creek Cemeteries**     No. 4826 in the CT section.

This booklet has been compiled by the Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc. in 2016.

It contains maps of the area covered by the cemeteries in relation to the proposed airport and the proposed relocation notices. A short history of the area and its churches follows these notices, with information regarding the internments and grave numbers within these cemeteries. Then shown are many photos of grave sites and headstones, many with etchings still decipherable.

The main part of the book is then devoted to individual listings of internments featuring family names and sometimes short historical information regarding that person.

### **Gladesville Hospital Cemetery**     No. 4085 in the CT section.

The forgotten cemetery- the forgotten people

This booklet is a Revised and Updated edition from its previous version; compiled during 2023 by Maureen Copley and Helen Patterson from Ryde District Historical Society.

This carries stories relevant to Gladesville Hospital Cemetery, (Sydney suburbia), and the resting places of most the people who died whilst in this facility; earliest recognised was in 1839, but mostly in the late 1880's. Formerly known as the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, it is thought to have more than 1200 burial sites. Many of the graves are unmarked – patients were of all ages and came from all walks of society; finances were not always available to add headstones and those who did have close kinships were often taken to be buried elsewhere.

The preface of this book has interesting reading and photographs regarding the cemetery. The lists of deaths and burials at Tarban Creek Asylum are listed in two categories – those deaths from 1839 to 1868: and those deaths and burials from 1869 to 1893.

### **My Forebears In England**     No.3794 b. in the Family History section of our library.

Compiled by Colin David Handel.

There are two editions to this story. The first is 'a short outline of his life and that of his children' and covers the years from 1825 to 1887; mentioning research efforts and anecdotal references; excerpts from media of the time, of occurrences and happenings within the family and associated relationships.

The second edition carries entries from 1475 and follows the surname of Han Dole and the various derivations of this surname into the 20th century.

A good social history of this Family's story and useful tips for researchers looking into their own Family story.

### **The World Book of Widdows**     No. 4627 and A & B in the Family History section of our library.

Compiled by Joyce A. Widdows

This trilogy of publications relate the various stories pertaining to the Widdows' family.



**Our Life Story As I Remember It.** The first book tells the story of Joyce's life in amazing detail; from quite humble beginnings to the eventual journey to Australia; then follows stories of their family life in the New Country.

**The World Book Of Widdowses.** This 1992 publication covers a great deal of information regarding tracing family tree and origins. The introduction is by Sir Winston Churchill and then follows chapters covering general and specific information on The Great Migration Of Man, Early Origins, Settlement And Development; How Names Originated and What The Widdows Name Means; How Early Coats Of Arms Were Granted; How To Discover Your Ancestors; The Widdows International Registry. These chapters also contain information relevant information about worldwide places and appropriate addresses from where information may be gained. This booklet pertains to the Widdows family name, but the generalised info can be applied to any surname. Published by Halbert's Family Heritage.

**WIDDOWS.** The chapters covered in this book cover A History Of Our Forefathers In Australia; The Role Of Greatness Of Of Australia; Interesting Facts About Australia, Her People, States And Territories; How Names Originated and what The Widdows Name Means; how An Early Widdows Was Granted A Coat Of Arms; The Widdows Population In The Commonwealth Of Australia. The Glossary of terms in the back of the book is of great reference. This book has a good deal of general information for researchers.

A new interesting publication -- **Bergalia, Meringo and Bingie.** PDF 4827 in the NSW section.

This is published by the Moruya and District Historical Society and covers the Bergalia, Meringo and Bingie area since the 1830's including sections on individual properties and families.

Bergalia is an area south of Moruya, south along the Highway just before arriving at the Tuross Head turn-off. It is difficult to determine the location of each of these villages, as the boundaries overlap, and families have become intertwined.

Bergalia was once a thriving village with its own school, post office, stores, butchery and bakery, cheese factory and licensed inn / tavern.

What was once Bergalia Station, is now a collection of farms. Originally squatted upon by John Hawdon, it has been sold-on several times and has since been subdivided and sold off again as smaller farms. The area gained electricity in 1954.

Bergalia area became less known when upgrades to the Princes Highway skirted the village.

This is PDF book and an interesting read.

From Marienne & Gwen.





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