

# JOHN NICHOLS FAMILY SOCIETY Established 1983

JNFS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/JohnNicholsFamilySociety/>

Website - <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~johnnichols/genealogy/>

NEWSLETTER 80

December 2023

ISSN-1444-612X

**Welcome to the December 2023 edition of our Newsletter, in which we again celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the John Nichols Family Society and Celebrate the 11th Family Reunion, held at Pennant Hills in October 2023.**







## COMMITTEE NEWS

**Pennant Hills Reunion** - Our **11th reunion** on the **40th anniversary** of our Society; the **235th anniversary** of the arrival of John Nichols at Sydney Cove; the **222nd anniversary** of the arrival of Ann Pugh at Sydney Cove, and the **220th anniversary** of John & Ann's wedding.

75 people attended on the Saturday, generating much animated conversation and in depth research centred around the excellently prepared photograph albums by Helen Alderman; and 42 attended the dinner on the Friday night where we were well looked after by Hornsby RSL staff, and entertained by Court Jester Tim Abrams with his First Fleeter trivia quiz.

**Michael Branson**, representing the group who are restoring Pat Hughes' Spitfire, made an excellent presentation on the Saturday, and everyone enjoyed a hearty Pizza lunch.

**A personal thank you from me to Committee members** Helen Alderman, Tim Abrams, Carole Brown, Gerard Abrams, June Harber, Frank Crameri & David Jensz who all contributed a lot of time and effort planning & preparing for the reunion throughout this year, & for making it happen successfully on the day.

**Thank you Sharon Bagnall** who has volunteered to take on the role of Certificate Coordinator, and who has also joined the Committee this year!

**New Committee Member:** We welcome new member for 2024 **Margie Partridge**, who is also taking over the role of Sophia Family Coordinator from **June Harber**. Thank you June & Margie

**New Family Coordinator:** We welcome **Sharne Rolfe** as the new Eliza Family Coordinator

**New Family Coordinator** - We welcome Garry Holman as the new Ann Pugh Family Coordinator, and thank Sue Pierce for her contribution

**Certificate Collection** - 2609 certificates.

**Photo Collection** - JNFS Photo Collection now totals **12,905 photos**. Refer to the last page of the PHOTOGRAPHS article for a breakdown.

Committee meets each April and October, with several special meetings this year, for planning our Reunion.

**Compiled by Peter Nichols - Convenor** - nicholspeter021@gmail.com

## **Milestones: John Nichols Family Society Celebrates 40 Years (Part 2)**

**authored by Janette Pelosi (1983 - 2008); and Peter Nichols (2009 - 2023)**

Last issue we highlighted how the John Nichols Family Society started, remembered the family reunions, and celebrated the publication of the John Nichols book and the beginnings of the Society's *Newsletter*. This issue we look at the many other achievements of the Society over 40 years and acknowledge the contributions of its members.

### **Highlights from the Newsletter**

The *John Nichols Family Society Newsletter* has featured research on all the family lines of our large family. In 1984 Kaye Purnell reported that there were 85 known grandchildren of John Nichols and Ann Pugh making ours certainly one of the largest First Fleet families.<sup>1</sup> In 1998 Pearl Loller noted there were 16 great-great-grandchildren still living in Martha's line and Ken Brown wrote of the passing of Bernice Elliot, one of the great-great-grandchildren in the John Pugh Nichols line.<sup>2</sup>

Early newsletters reported the 'Life and Times of John and Ann Nichols'.<sup>3</sup> Research on John Nichols appeared in 1992 relating to the Leominster district.<sup>4</sup> Details of John Nichols' trial at the Old Bailey were given in 1997 together with research commissioned by the Committee<sup>5</sup>. On 21 July 1991 Committee members joined the Prospect Trust Group in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the 'First Land Grants' at Prospect Hill. Of course, this included the grant made to our own John Nichols. Ann and the village of Lyonshall were shown in May 1990.<sup>6</sup>

Ken Brown's detailed research on Ann Pugh and her origins in the village of Lyonshall was reported in 2001.<sup>7</sup> Other research on Ann appeared in 1992.<sup>8</sup> More information on John Nichols' origins in the village of Leominster were reported in 2007 by Aileen Fergusson.<sup>9</sup>

There have also been many stories of cemeteries, headstones and burials. Memorials to John Nichols and Ann Pugh at both Devonshire Street Cemetery and Botany Cemetery have featured.<sup>10</sup> Peter Nichols arranged for a memorial to Thomas and Martha Nichols at Daylesford Cemetery in Victoria in 2007.<sup>11</sup> Of course many of the stories of burials came from the Kinsela family of undertakers!

The John Nichols Family Society Newsletter has shared many family stories over the years. Many are tales of courage in raising families in difficult times and in serving in times of war. In December 1995 the Society published a special issue 'John Nichols Family Society Remembers' which recorded the names of those family members who served in conflicts from the Sudan War through to the Vietnam War along with many of their stories. One of those mentioned who stands out in our newsletters is Paterson Clarence (Pat) Hughes b.1917 d.1940), the son of Percival and Caroline Hughes nee Vennel. He was an Australian who served with the Royal Air Force as a Flight Lieutenant. He lost his life during the Battle of Britain and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is buried at Sutton, Hull in England where his life is still commemorated. Further details of his life and death were given in later issues.

---

<sup>1</sup> Newsletter No.2 (October/November 1994), p.2.

<sup>2</sup> Newsletter No.29 (May 1998), pp.4-5; No. 30 (December 1998), p.6.

<sup>3</sup> Newsletter No.8 (October/November 1987), pp.6-8.

<sup>4</sup> Newsletter No.17 (May 1992), pp.1-3.

<sup>5</sup> Newsletter No.28 (December 1997), p.1-7

<sup>6</sup> Newsletter No.16 (December 1991), p.1.

<sup>7</sup> Newsletter No.13 (May 1990), pp.4-5

<sup>8</sup> Newsletter No.36 (December 2001), pp.2-16

<sup>9</sup> Newsletter No.18 (December 1992), p.4.

<sup>10</sup> Newsletter No.48 (December 2007), pp.5-6

<sup>11</sup> Newsletter No. 20 (December 1993), pp.16.

Other stories have revealed the many talents and interests of our family, both present and past. Trevor Stewart has written a number of poems on the family.<sup>12</sup> Valerie Windley also wrote a poem.<sup>13</sup> Other family poets have been Percival Clarence Hughes<sup>14</sup> and Mary Locke.<sup>15</sup> Who would have thought that a John Nichols descendant would have raised a lion cub in the middle of London? Well John Rendall did! Or who would have thought that Joseph John Pearce (b.1919 d.1969) would have contested the America's Cup with Dame Pattie in 1967! Members have also shared their personal memories of events such as the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and various generations' memories of walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge at its opening in 1932 and up to its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.<sup>16</sup>

### **A number of our family members have been honoured for their achievements.**

In the 1996 Olympic Games **Rechelle Hawkes**, a Thomas Nichols descendant, won Gold as the Captain of the Hockeyroos, the Australian hockey team.

In 2006 **Allen Findlay** (Windley family) received the Medal of the Order of Australia for 'services to the community through aged care, educational and service organisations'.

In 2001 **Glennis Manuel** (Charles Nichols family) received the Order of Australia Medal in the General Division 'for service to the establishment of the Interstitial Cystitis Support Group in Sydney and assisting the establishment of similar support groups around Australia.'

In December 2012 we congratulated **Stephanie Rice** on representing Australia in swimming. Stephanie, GGGGG Granddaughter of Sophia Nichols and Alexander Philp was one of Australia's most successful Olympians and one of the most recognised athletes in the country.

**Islay Lee**, whose 3rd great grandparents were Sophia Nichols and Alexander Phelps (Philp), is the partner of Em Blereau who highlighted to us that he was a fifteen times national champion (sculling and sweep oar) and represented Australia in two Olympics. Most of his youth he trained on the Clarence River.

In May 2014 we celebrated our 30 year anniversary, and consolidated many genealogy sites connected to John & Ann into a list to help descendants plan a journey of discovery

We have highlighted the great service to Australia and Australians by descendants who are either Nurses, Policemen, and World War veterans &/or POW's

Research has continued into the origins of Ann Pugh, but without a lot of success

Research has been given a large boost with the development of DNA testing and its availability to everyone. We have written articles about its use in identifying cousins as well as going further back to try and find the origins of Ann Pugh and the families of the siblings of John Nichols

In 2015 we commemorated the centenary of the Gallipoli landing by retelling the stories of cousins who were there.

---

<sup>12</sup> Newsletter No.47 (May 2007), pp.29-30.

<sup>13</sup> Newsletter No.41 (May 2004), pp.18-20; No. 46 (December 2006), pp.22-25; No.47 (May 2007), pp.41-44; No.49 (May 2008), pp.8-13.

<sup>14</sup> Newsletter No.24 (December 1995), pp.18-20; No.31 (May 1999), pp.12-13; No.38 (December 2002), p.15; No.39 (May 2003), p.18

; No.45 (May 2006), pp.30-31; No.47 (May 2007), p.28.

<sup>15</sup> Newsletter No.26 (December 1998), p.1 'John Nichols c1755-1822—Ann Nichols c1774-1849'; No.36 (December 2001), p.1 'Ann Pugh Nichols', Newsletter No.39 (May 2003), p.1 'The Scarborough – 1788'.

<sup>16</sup> Newsletter No.35 (May 2001), p.27 'The Town Where I Live'.

In 2016 a magnificent memorial was unveiled at the Pioneer Park of the Eastern Suburbs Cemetery by the Trust and the Fellowship of First Fleeters, It was attended by all 3 past and present Convenors of JNFS.

We updated the JNFS Constitution to meet the guidelines laid down by the Department of Fair Trading

Back copies of newsletters 10-70 were made available on USB for members to purchase

With the pandemic of Covid 19, we were unable to get the Newsletter printed and were forced to email a digital copy to members. As pandemic restrictions eased, many members elected to stay with the emailed version.

We reached agreement with similar organisations to accept a digital copy rather than a posted copy. The National Library, and State Libraries are now linked via the National e Deposit such that we are now able to upload Newsletters to the library rather than post them

All of our family members have made a contribution to the success of the John Nichols Society. So thank you to all of you! They may have been Committee members, Family Coordinators or filled other roles in the Society. Thank you also to all those John Nichols Family Society members who have supported the Society by subscribing to its Newsletter, organising and attending reunions, and providing photographs, certificates, information and articles to their family co-ordinators. We can be confident that we have left a lasting record of our John Nichols family past and present for our future generations!

### **Committee Members**

**Barbara Coleman** (Sophia Nichols): Convenor, 1984-2007, Committee Coordinator, 1 Jul-30 Dec 2008, Committee Member, 1984-2017 **Rhonda Beattie** (Sarah Nichols): Committee Member, 1989-Sep 1991, **Kaye Purnell** (John Pugh Nichols): Committee Member, 1984-1988 **Judith Manuel** (Charles Nichols): Committee Member, Sep 1991-2005 **Sharon Draper** (Martha Nichols): Committee Member, 1984-1988 **Shirley Doherty** (Charles Nichols): Committee Member, 1993 to 2015 **Sue Tuck** (Martha Nichols): Committee Member, 1984-1988 **Sue Downes** (Sophia Nichols): Committee Member, 2000 to 2013; Secretary, 2001 to 2013 Treasurer 2012-2013, **Joy Marden** (Sophia Nichols): Committee Member, 1984-2003; Treasurer, 1988-Dec 1990 **Janette Pelosi** (Charles Nichols): Committee Member, 2000-May 2004 **Marie Walsh** (Susannah Nichols): Committee Member, 1989-2007; Secretary, 1989-2000, **Helen Alderman** (John Pugh Nichols): Committee Member, 2003 to present Convenor 2014 to 2020, **Daphne Cummings** (Sophia Nichols): Committee Member, Dec 1990-2008, Treasurer, Dec 1990-30 Jun 2008 **Dorothy Mulholland** (Sarah Nichols): Committee Member, 2006 to 2020, Treasurer, 1 Jul 2008 to 2011 **Anne Kellick** (Ann Pugh Nichols): Committee 1989-1990 **Cheryl Ianson** (Sophia Nichols): Convenor, 1 Jan-30 Jun 2008; Committee Member, 2007-30 Jun 2008 **Jenny Gleeson** (Ann Pugh Nichols): Committee Member, 1989-1992 **Carole Brown** (Amelia Nichols): Convenor, 1 Jan 2009 to December 2013; Committee Member, 1 Jul 2008 to 2023, **Lilian Magill** (Membership Secretary) 2009 to 2014 Acting Convenor 2013, Treasurer 2014, **Stephen Cummings** Committee member 2014 to 2016 Secretary 2014 to 2016 **Gerard Abrams** Committee member 2015 to present, Treasurer 2015 - present **Tim Abrams** Committee member 2013 to present Membership Secretary 2014 to 2020. **Gary Holman** Committee member 2016 to 2018 Membership Secretary 2016 to 2018 **Lynelle Maude** Committee member 2016, **June Harber** Committee member 2016 to 2023 Secretary 2017 to 2023 **Athol Searston** Committee member 2016, **Leanne Grey** Committee member 2017 to 2022 **Peter Mulholland** Committee member 2017 to 2022 **Peter Nichols** Committee member 2020 to present Membership secretary 2020 to 2021 Convenor 2021 to present **Frank Cramer** Committee member 2021 to present, Membership secretary 2022 to present **David Jensz** Committee member 2023 to present, **Sharon Bagnall** Committee member 2023 to present

### **Other Positions**

**Newsletter Editor:** Kaye Purnell, 1984-May 1988; Barbara Coleman / Joy Marden, 1988; Marie Walsh,

1989-December 2000; Sue Downes, May 2001 to 2010. Post 2010 the Newsletters have been edited by the Convenors

**Calligrapher:** Joy Marden accepted this position in 2002. She designed the banner headline for the John Nichols Family Newsletter from 1988.

**Webmaster:** Rodney Nichols, 2001- Dec 2008; Bruce Markey, Dec 2008 to present

**Certificate Coordinator:** Laurie Holmes, Dec 2003 to 2014, Convenor & Family Coordinators 2015 to 2020. Sharon Bagnall 2023 to present.

**Photo Coordinator:** Helen Alderman, Dec 2003 to present

## **Family Coordinators**

Note: the title of John Nichols Newsletter Coordinator (later Family Coordinator) was first used in November 1988. Some Coordinators shared their position at times. Dates have been taken from the Newsletters and may be approximate.

### **John Pugh Nichols and Rebecca Moss**

Kaye Purnell (1984-May 1988); Don Allen (Nov 1988-May 2005); Helen Alderman (May 2005 to present)

### **Susannah Nichols and Charles Kinsela**

Kaye Purnell\* (1984-May 1988), Marie Walsh (Nov 1988-2000), Robyn Condliffe (2001 to present)

### **Ann Pugh Nichols and John Kellick**

Sue Tuck\* (1984-1986), Sharon Draper\* (1986-May 1988), Anne Kellick (1988-1989), Jenny Gleeson (1989-1991), Vacant (1992-2007), Cheryl Ianson\* (2008), Sue Downes\* (2009 - 2013), Garry Holman 2014 to 2018, **Susan Pierce** 2019 to present

### **Thomas Nichols and Martha Johnson**

Vacant (1984-2000), (Note JN Book research by Kaye Purnell), Rodney Nichols (2001 –May 2007), Peter Nichols (May 2007 to present)

### **Charles Nichols and Margaret Finlay**

Kaye Purnell\* (1984-May 1988), Janette Beard (Nov 1988-May 1989), Beverley Heath (Dec 1989-May 1998), Janette Pelosi (née Beard) (May 1998 to present)

### **Joseph Nichols and Hannah Vistirin**

Vacant (1984 to present), (Note JN Book research by Kaye Purnell)

### **Sophia Nichols and Alexander Philp/Patrick Markey**

Barbara Coleman (1984 to 2019), June Harber (2020 to 2023)

### **Eliza Nichols and James Williams**

Kaye Purnell\* (1984-May 1989), Jean Staines (Nov 1988-Dec 1989), Ross Williams (Dec 1989-Dec 2007), Cheryl Ianson\* (2008), Carole Brown\* (2009) Lilian Magill 2011 - 2014, Vacant 2015, Helen Alderman 2016, Dorothy Mulholland 2017, Helen Alderman 2018 to 2021, Vacant 2022 to present

### **Martha Nichols and William Windley**

Sue Tuck (1984-1985, May 1988), Sharon Draper (1986-May 1988), Vernon Windley (Nov 1988-May 1996), Sue Burnett (May 1996-May 2002), Laurie Holmes (May 1996 to present)

### **Sarah Nichols and Richard Johns**

Kaye Purnell\* (1984-May 1988), Rhonda Beattie (Nov 1988-Sep 1991), Winsom Miller (1992-May 2005), Dorothy Mulholland (May 2005 to 2020) Peter Mulholland (2021 to 2022) David Jenz 2023 to present

### **Amelia Nichols and Charles Hughes**

Kaye Purnell\* (1984-May 1988), Margaret Deane (Nov 1988-Dec 1996), Malcolm Booth (Dec 1996 to 2013) Tim Abrams 2014. Karen Hughes 2015 - present\* Denotes a researcher not of that family line.

## **Peter Nichols**

### **Convenor**

nicholspeter021@gmail.com



## PHOTOGRAPHS

## PHOTOGRAPHS

## PHOTOGRAPHS

We continue our Policeman theme from Newsletter No 79 – Part 5.

### Eric Joseph Walsh (1904 – 1988) and his brother Joseph Gerarde Walsh (1914-1984) Policemen, who descend through the Amelia line.

**Eric Joseph Walsh** was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1904, in New Zealand, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of Martha Ann (nee Newitt) and James Joseph Walsh. Eric's parents had relocated from Tasmania after their wedding in 1901. Recapping from the last newsletter, Eric came to New South Wales and by 1924 was residing in Dorrigo, this is evidenced by the 'Valedictory Dinner' held in his honour on behalf of the Football League' on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1924. Eric was transferring to Casino to police, as he had obtained a position working there. Eric's younger brother Joseph Gerard Walsh (1914-1984) also became a policeman and their stories and photographs are featured below, compiled by their nephew Patrick McKenna (who was also a Policeman in New Zealand).

I never met my Uncle Eric, I grew up in Auckland and he had long since moved to Australia. What I do know of him is from my Uncle Jack's (John Walsh) family story which he was writing in 2008. Uncle Jack passed away in 2011. The following is from my Uncle Jack's memoirs:

*"I know very little of Eric's life before he left for Australia in about 1927. One instance I recall is his placing some small chocolate bars on the very top of a tall wardrobe stationed in the hallway of the family home at 8 Rendall Place Auckland. They were for Patricia and I. He was watched by myself and twin sister Pat at that time, we were four years of age.*

*Eric was athletic and performed gymnastics and is pictured here as the 'Anchor-man in a gymnastic pyramid' standing centre in 1925, at Kohimarama Beach, in Auckland. He drove in a bus fleet named Keys around our waterfront drive from downtown to St Heliers township and return for some years before leaving for Australia. Eric married Mary Florence Sullivan (1907-1999) in 1928, at Paddington, in Sydney. He wrote home occasionally and also sent photos. Martha, my Mum and James our Dad made a trip to Sydney with Irene on the 'Niagara' with the intent of seeing Eric. Irene, then at 18 years of age was going to work at David*



*Jones in Sydney. They arrived after three days steaming at Sydney and Mum and Dad enjoyed the trip and went to Sydney again in 1933 on the Number 7 Matson Liner SS Mariposa the date of departure was February 27 1933. They revisited relatives and friends, saw the new Sydney Harbour Bridge on disembarking at Sydney. Dad recalled seeing Eric training in a Police gymnasium in Sydney, climbing a rope to the gym ceiling. Eric had joined the New South Wales Police Force and over the years was on the beat on Sydney streets with the Water Police on the harbour and then on motorcycles. (Left: Eric C1933) We next met up with him when Martha took my twin Patricia and I to Australia in the Christmas/New Year holidays of 1938/39. My brother Joseph already in Sydney, arranged the meeting and we met at Joseph and Joyce's home in Hornsby and at places such as Watson's Bay and Sydney CBD. It was great to make contact again. I am aware that Eric lived with wife Pat at Bondi at one stage where he used to climb up and down the cliffs with his Alsatian dog for a swim.*



*My brother Joseph and his wife Joyce met up with Eric and Pat several times before Eric and Pat moved north to Palm Beach and other places before choosing to settle in Old Bonalbo. From that time possibly in the 1980s, Joseph lost contact with them. I made enquiries by writing to the postmaster there. She kindly informed me he had had heart surgery and was still living in the District. Eric and Pat were not letter writers. An infrequent letter to Mum and Dad was all you could expect and they preferred to live in out of the way places, not cities. Towards the end of their lives they lived in Bean Creek Old Bonalbo. Rosalie and I and lifelong friends Maree and Tom Sheehan visited Australia in March 1988 at the time of the Expo in Brisbane, and managed a visit to Casino not far from Old Bonalbo. Eric had died of bleeding ulcers on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1988, according to a letter from his wife Pat and dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1988. When we were in Casino we contacted Pat by phone and talked with her. She did not encourage a visit from us and was devastated. After we came back from holiday we had a letter from Pat's half sister received on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1999 saying Pat had died on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1999 at 4:20pm. Both Eric and Pat are buried in the Casino Lawn Cemetery after Catholic funerals. They left no issue. They were best mates and lived an 'Australian lifestyle'. In the early 1980's Joe and Joyce tried hard to make contact with Eric and Pat to no avail. The nomads did like to shun even family contact. We were left with happy memories of both of them despite their wanderings.*

### **Joseph Gerarde Walsh (25.01.1914 – 25.04.1984)**

I met my Uncle 'Joe' only once when I visited him in Gosford in 1980. I travelled there by train from Sydney where I was honeymooning from Auckland with my then wife Jane. I remember that his property had beautiful gardens and inside his house were many paintings that he had done. He was very artistic and I recall he and my mother shared that love of botany and art as my mother was a floral artist. I remember as a child a beautifully carved wooden ashtray that stood about one metre tall in our drawing room; it was of a tree with a young woman standing beside it holding a towel draped to preserve her modesty but it looked like a scene where she had been swimming in a lake or river naked and just emerged, it was carved but then somehow smoothed and polished to a high degree. This had been done by Uncle Joe; since my mother's death I don't know what happened to that piece but it was a striking example of his artistic talent. On my visit he was very kind to me and took us around the area before we enjoyed his and his wife Joyce's hospitality back at their home. I was aware that he had been in the sign-writing business for a significant part of his life in Gosford and it was only during the time I was researching family history with Uncle Jack (John Walsh, his younger brother) that I learned he had been in the New Zealand Police. Much like Uncle Jack my Uncle Joe struck me as a very kind man and they were both very good role models to have as a youngster growing up. Uncle Jack had a copy of one of Uncle Joe's Police notebooks which made interesting reading of what a beat cop in Wellington might encounter in the 1930's. It was the same style as I was using when first a beat cop in Auckland in the 1980's. Uncle Joe had a daughter Maureen who worked in Rome as a secretary in the Australian Embassy and then settled in Italy with quite a well-known artist Tonino Caputo. Joe and Joyce also had two sons Barry and Dennis of whom I know very little. The following is from my Uncle Jack's memoirs written in 2008:

*"Joseph Gerarde Walsh – written by his younger brother Uncle John 'Jack' Walsh's 2008 story)*

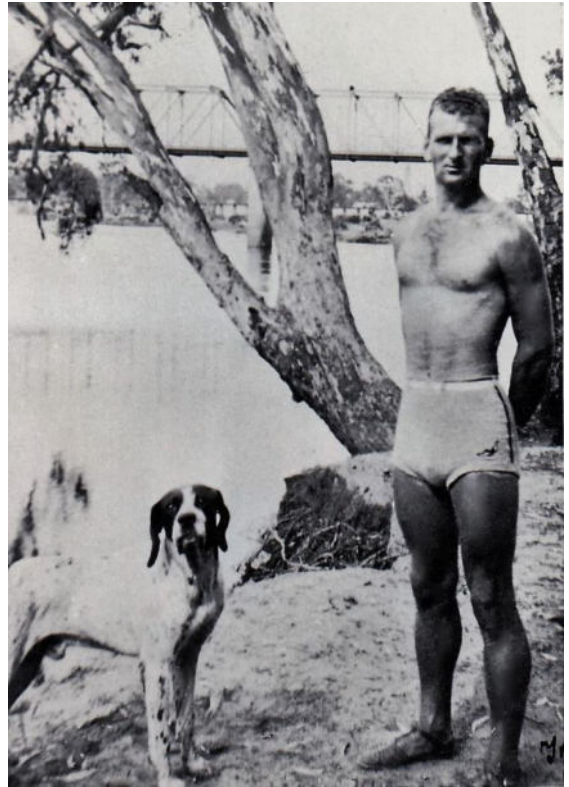
*He was a handsome child and the apple of his mother's eye. His mother Martha recalls him as a child sketching the fowls in the coup next door from our sitting room windows at 8 Rendall Place, Auckland! At age 13 he did a nativity scene in pastels and we have this framed courtesy of our son Michael and in our possession at 16 Matai Road. This drawing talent blossomed at secondary school during the years 1927 to 1929 at Sacred Heart College then situated in Richmond Road Grey Lynn and where he topped his class in drawing in the upper forms. He was a good scholar, applied himself well but didn't enjoy athletics or football. He was faithful to Catholic worship and was an altar boy at St Benedict's.*

*His school leaving coincided with the onset of the depression. He had to leave home for a job on a farm in the Coromandel District for 10 shillings a week and keep, and loathed the mud and filth. He eventually came*



back to Auckland and undertook gardening duties with the Auckland City Council and used this talent at the Auckland Domain, the Monte Cecilia garden in the convent grounds and the Mater Hospital in Epsom. His talent in gardening and landscape was put to good use at 8 Rendall Place and the grounds were a picture. He occupied a 'bach build' for his Dad on the property where he slept and used it as his own.

About 1934 he signed up to become a Policeman and trained at Trentham. He graduated and had patrol duties in Wellington City. After a time he didn't fancy policing as a career and he resigned. He came back to Auckland and within a short time departed for Sydney in 1936. Photographs he sent home were views of Sydney, Brisbane and Albury. Joe enjoyed a holiday, swimming a lot, sunbathing and seeing some of Australia and his picture taken C 1934, appears to show that. He always maintained good health and we next met up with him in Sydney at Christmas 1938, when Martha and my twin Patricia and I came on a visit for 3 weeks. When Joe first arrived in Sydney he met up with his older brother Eric who was in the Police Force and spent time with him and his wife Patricia. Patricia was also employed in Sydney. He next set up a flower business growing blooms for the Sydney market.



He did this for a short time but found that water shortages and other difficulties meant he had to change his occupation. Photograph left depicts Eric's wife Mary Florence (nee Sullivan) Walsh and her brother-in-law Joseph 'Joe' Walsh C 1938.

'Joe' married a Sydney girl Joyce Cotterill from Waitara and started a family- Maureen their first child was born in 1942.

Once Joe got married he set about getting a house built on a section in Hornsby, North of Sydney. At one stage in the building programme he fired the builders and finished the task himself. It was an attractive little property and we visited there in January 1939 and Eric came along on his Police bike too. Joe did Army service in Australia and due to his experience in Police work he was drafted into the Military Police. Photograph right: 'Joe' and daughter Maureen taken in 1944.



A talent for wood sculpture resurfaced when in Auckland he carved a racehorse in motion out of wood blocks. He achieved this by sketching on all six sides and then whittled away to produce life like figures. Dad and he had gone to the Ellerslie races to watch the favourites powering around the course and he completed models of Peter Pan and Star Stranger, both champion racehorses of the time.

The Peter Pan and Star Strangler models were returned to Joe in

*Australia. Our Keven has a horse race relief carved in Kauri by Joe and framed in Rimu by his Dad.*

*Joe enjoyed swimming and especially gardening, particularly his own home in Terrigal on the N.S.W. Central Coast. He had a real gift for plant culture, garden design and structure and was much respected in the community. He established a successful sign-writing business which he eventually operated out of Gosford. He battled cancer and had ray treatment which made him nauseous. He still maintained an interest in gardening at his home and photographs we have show its beauty and grandeur.*

*His daughter Maureen at the time of writing still lives out of Rome as far as I know and has two grown up daughters. Her partner Mario Caputo (Tonino Caputo) is a professional artist/painter who has exhibited in America, Italy and Australia and she assisted him to stage his exhibitions.*

*Barry and Dennis, Joe's two sons are very good artists I have been told. I am not aware of their status.*

*Joe and Joyce visited New Zealand several times when Martha was alive. Joe stayed in Auckland when Martha was at The Mater Hospital in their care. He took her out in the wheelchair when calling there in 1975 and 1980. Martha passed away on 30 August 1981. Joe succumbed to cancer on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1984, aged 70, and his wife Joyce passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2004, aged 86 and they were buried in the Wamberal Cemetery on the Central Coast. Their headstone appears below.*

Story and photographs kindly donated by  
Patrick McKenna, (pictured right; Beat Section,  
Auckland City 1989); nephew of Eric, Joseph and  
John Walsh (twin of his mother Patricia).  
Patrick was with New Zealand Police 1986-1992  
and now works in Queensland Community Corrections.



**Photograph**      **Archivist:**      **Helen**      **Alderman**  
([helenAlderman1717@hotmail.com](mailto:helenAlderman1717@hotmail.com))

---

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

John and Ann = 256  
Sophia = 4,419  
Thomas = 608

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

John Pugh/Nichols = 3,575  
Martha = 1,038  
Joseph = 1

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

Ann = 112      Charles = 259  
Amelia = 1,747      Susanna = 184  
Eliza = 236      Sarah = 470

We can now boast a grand total of **12,905** photographs in the John Nichols collection. Of course this is written pre-reunion so hopefully the tally will soar again post reunion. Best wishes to all our members for your contributions, to all we met at the reunion, may you all have a wonderful Christmas season.

**Helen Alderman - JNFS Photo Coordinator**



## **John Nichols Family Society (JNFS) - Thanks Carole Brown**

### **Committee Member from 2008 to 2023, and Past Convenor from 2008 to 2013**

Carole is retiring from Committee, having been very closely involved with JNFS from the time her father William “Bill” Durrant (1912-2005) became a founding member of the Society back in 1983/84. More formally, at the Committee meeting on 1st August 2008 Carole was invited to join the Committee and immediately take on the role of Convenor. Computers were still in the 'cut and paste' mode and members were not as “tech savvy” as they are today. Photographs didn't always look their best and margins were not always the same.

From day one Carole was faced with many challenges and rose to the occasion with professionalism and minimum fuss. **Privacy issues** were coming to the fore, and at the committee meeting in August 2008, Carole presided over the decision to no longer publish members' email addresses in the Newsletters.

For comparison with today, the December 2008 Newsletter (15 years ago) consisted of 36 pages and cost \$12. Money was paid by 'Cheque' or 'Postal Note'. Perhaps some younger members have never heard of either? The society held 5,096 photographs and 1452 documents.

The feature article: *The Thomas Line*, by Helen Alderman was available for purchase for \$10.

Almost immediately Carole was faced with **personnel changes**. In February 2009 Lilian Magill accepted an invitation to join the committee. Webmaster Rodney Nichols retired after doing a wonderful job and his shoes were filled by Bruce Markey who has held the role ever since. Sue Downes took on the role of Ann Pugh Nichols / John Kellick Family Coordinator

**Celebration of the 25th Anniversary** of John Nichols Family Society (1984-2009) was another task facing Carole early in her tenure as Convenor. The cover of the May 2009 Newsletter, was designed by Joy Marden (Philp family) and the family tree on the cover has twelve branches representing John & Ann's children and one hundred and six leaves representing their grandchildren.

Carole's compassionate nature became evident in May 2009 when the Society **donated \$300 to Red Cross BushFire Appeal** stipulating the money be used for food and counselling. This followed the dreadful Victorian Bushfires where John Broadbear, a member of JNFS lost his home and all his memorabilia.

**Nomination by each Family Coordinator, of six certificates / transcripts of BDM certificates for purchase** by JNFS, was introduced by Carole and Committee. Copies of these purchases are then FREE to members on their family line.



Carole & Committee decided a **new position, Membership Secretary**, was needed in December 2009. In May 2010, with membership numbers growing, this position was filled by Lilian Magill. This task was previously carried out under the umbrella of the Treasurer.

**Carole** on left with fellow Amelia descendants at the Pennant Hills reunion on 21 October 2023. Her husband **Mal** is in the back row 4th from the left.

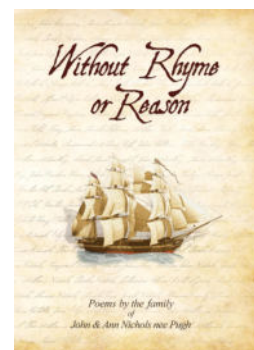
In May 2011, Carole announced that she would oversee **the organisation of the Daylesford Reunion**, a major task for any Convenor. Again showing her compassion, Carole & JNFS donated \$300 to the Queensland flood relief and offered to help/replace lost JN memorabilia. At that time, JNFS collections were growing and the Society held 5,483 photographs and 1652 BDM certificates / transcripts.

**The First Reunion Outside of NSW was held at Daylesford Victoria on 2nd and 3rd October 2011.** Over 250 people attended on the Sunday and 104 people attended the dinner. Carole **introduced several new innovations for our reunions including The First Reunion Dinner**, and the engagement of a professional photographer. This resulted in fabulous family line photos with each person named as well as a 'big' group photo. In 2011 Carole again presided over several personnel changes including Dorothy Mulholland retiring as Treasurer (2008-2011). Sue Downes became both Secretary and Treasurer.

Over the years descendants of John and Ann have had over 30 poems published in the newsletters. Carole **suggested they be compiled into a poem book**. So in December 2012, members were asked to send in their poems and the Poetry Book was to be in Memory of John Nichols First Fleeter and his wife Ann nee Pugh to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the First Fleet Landing. A copy of the book is retained for JNFS Archives, and copies were given to the National Library of Australia, State & local libraries and many Genealogy Societies. A copy was also given to Jerangle Public School, who named their school library after Percival Clarence (Percy) Hughes (1874-1970) great-grandson of John & Ann Nichols.

In May 2013 Society produced the book containing ninety poems written by descendants of John and Ann Nichols and their family. The earliest poem was written in 1849. The book is called: **"Without Rhyme or Reason"**, and a successful book launch was held on Sunday 30th June 2013 at Fox Hills Golf Club on land previously owned by John Nichols.

**"Without Rhyme or Reason"** received a very favourable response and many books were sold on the day. After the formalities and lunch, many folks took the opportunity to visit the reserve at Samuel Way, Pemulwuy, Prospect to see the street named after our John. 'Nicholls Way' is near a street called Driftway Drive.



At left, Carole Brown Convenor and her husband Mal Brown.  
Below guests enjoying the book Launch.



The photo above right, is of a plaque in the Fox Hills Golf Club, taken by Carole Brown in 2004.

Carole also **liaised with Holroyd City Council in 2013**. The council had recently held a re-enactment of 'The First Act of Reconciliation, 3rd May 1805'. The Council offered to include the John Nichols Family Society in future re-enactments and to keep us informed.

**Thank you Carole for your great contribution through management, compassion, and innovation.**  
**Peter Nichols, Convenor - nicholspeter021@gmail.com**



## **THOMAS NICHOLS married MARTHA JOHNSON on 1st April 1850**

### **Family of 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th children of Thomas & Martha (continued from Newsletter #79)**

This is the third of several articles about the children of Thomas & Martha Nichols. The articles will focus more on the traditional historical events and dates, than some articles in the past. Articles have been written in the past about isolated sections of this family, firstly in December 2007 by Peter Hoffman, then December 2011 by Alan Palfrey, then May 2017 by Peter Nichols, and most recently in December 2021 by Ann Wells.

**Thomas & Martha's 3rd child, John Nichols**, was born on 8 November 1856 at Ballarat, Vic. He was a bushman, an asthmatic and died of pneumonia on 26 August 1877 at Werribee, Vic, at age 20 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. His Mother, Martha nee Johnson was buried in the same grave in 1911.

**Thomas & Martha's 4th child, Joseph Nichols**, who was born on 27 August 1858 at Ballarat, Vic. died on 2 September 1909 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Vic, at age 51 and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. He married Elizabeth Frost, daughter of John FROST and Leah Norman, on 6 August 1883 at the Wesleyan Parsonage, Daylesford, Vic. She was born on 5 October 1860 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 30 November 1924 at 44 Chestnut Street, Richmond, Melbourne, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Joseph & Elizabeth had one child (great grandchild of Thomas & Martha Nichols) He was John Thomas NICHOLS who was born on 1 October 1887 at Mirboo North, Vic. died on 6 July 1956 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. He married Emma May Culph, daughter of John Thomas Culph and Eliza Ann Mitchell, on 16 September 1914 at the groom's residence, Sailor's Falls near Daylesford, Vic. She was born on 17 Feb 1893 at New Mill, Musk Vale near Daylesford, Vic. died on 28 August 1973 at East Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic.

**Thomas & Martha's 5th child, Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Nichols** who was born on 19 September 1860 at Ballarat, Vic. died on 12 June 1904 at Daylesford, Vic, 2 days after her 9th child was born, at age 43 and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.



She married Nicholas McCann, son of Charles McCann and Mary Johnson, on 27 October 1884 by Presbyterian Service, in the Lismore District. He was born on 19 July 1860 at Ballarat, Vic. died on 29 November 1889 at Rous Mill near Lismore, N.S.W. [fell from tree top] and was buried in the Memorial Rest Park, Nimbin Road, Lismore.

She married Edward William Turvey, son of William Edward Turvey and Letitia Bradford, on 30 May 1894 at Christ Church of England, Daylesford, Vic. He was born in 1860 at Clunes, Vic. died on 14 December 1913 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Elizabeth & Nicholas had three children (great grandchildren of Thomas & Martha Nichols)

Elizabeth & Edward had six children (great grandchildren of Thomas & Martha Nichols)

Firstly Nicholas John McCann who was born on 2 July 1885 at Teven Creek near Lismore. He died on 1 August 1886 at Teven Creek near Lismore and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Ballina. No photo found



Secondly, Annie Louisa McCann, who was born on 16 December 1886 at Lismore, died on 29 September 1951 at the Novar Hospital, Ballarat, Vic. and was buried in the New Cemetery, Ballarat, Vic. She married Alexander Peter Mc Kenna, son of John Thompson Mc Kenna and Emma Rebecca Anne Good, on 23 August 1911 at Christ Church of England, Daylesford, Vic. He was born on 4 August 1883 at Smeaton, Vic. and died on 14 December 1958 at Ballarat, Vic. and was buried in the New Cemetery, Ballarat, Vic.

Thirdly, May Maud McCann who was born on 20 August 1888 at Lismore, died on 18 September 1960 at 10 May Street, Footscray, Melbourne, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Footscray, Melbourne, Vic. She married Joseph Jackson, a Joiner, son of Horace Jackson and Lily Harris, on 25 January 1911 according to the rites of the Church of England at Daylesford, Vic. He was born on 3 March 1889 at Kidds Gully, Daylesford, Vic. and died on 2 August 1948 at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Footscray, Vic. May is seated below left, with younger sister Letitia



Fourthly, Letitia Bradford Turvey was born on 7 November 1892 at Bullarto, Vic. died on 12 May 1974 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. [with her brother William]. She married Martino Antonio TATTI, son of Carlo Martino Tatti and Elizabeth Ann Jackson, on 21 February 1914 at the Methodist Parsonage, Daylesford, Vic. and lived at 10 Raglan Street, Daylesford, Vic. Antonio was born on 15 June 1888 at Daylesford, Vic. died on 24 Sep 1950 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. Letitia at left, standing beside older sister May.

Fifthly, William Edward Turvey who was born on 18 July 1894 at Bullarto, Vic. He was a Timber Worker. He died [unmarried] on 28 November 1973 at Castlemaine, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. William below left with older sister Letitia



Sixthly, Henry Turvey who was born on 1 December 1897 at Bullarto, Vic. He was a Linesman in the Postmaster General's Dept. died on 10 September 1963 at Upwey, Vic. [without children] and was buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Footscray, Vic. He married Ivy May Chick, daughter of Frederick Arthur Chick and Betsy May Jewer on 6 February 1943 at Footscray, Vic. She was born in 1903 at Burwood, Vic. died on 04 May 1961 at Upwey, Vic. and was buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Footscray, Vic. No photo found

Seventhly, James Turvey who was born on 27 August 1899 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 5 April 1900 at Bullarto, Vic. and was buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. No photo found

Eighthly, Elizabeth Ann TURVEY was born on 16 January 1901 at Daylesford, Vic. She married Albert William Scott in 1922 in Perth. He died on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1954 and was cremated at the Karrakatta Crem, Perth, W.A. Elizabeth remained in Perth until at least 1980, She died on 21 March 1990

at St Kilda, Vic. with no children. No photo found



Ninthly, Muriel / Marion Beatrice Turvey who was born on 10 June 1904 at Daylesford, Vic. and was alive when her Father died in 1913. Nothing more is known.

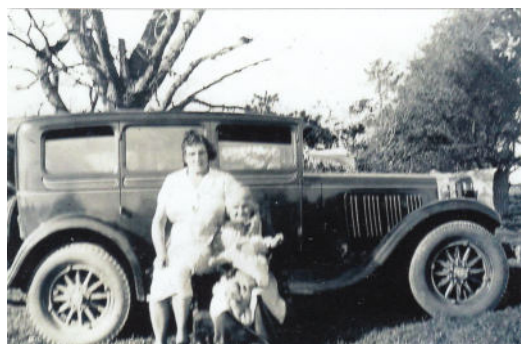
**Thomas & Martha's 6th child, William Nichols** who was born on 8 November 1862 at Ballarat, Vic. died on 26 January 1932 at Geelong, Vic, at age 69 [unmarried] and was buried in the General Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. No photo found

**Thomas & Martha's 7th child, Louisa Nichols** who was born on 30 November 1866 at Ballarat, Vic. died on 11 January 1942 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Vic, at age 75 and was buried in the General Cemetery, Preston, Vic. She married John Goss, son of William John Goss and Belinda Hoey, on 26 July 1884 at the Presbyterian Manse, Daylesford, Vic. He was born in circa 1857 at Melbourne, Vic. and died on 25 April 1896 at Willunga, Adelaide, S.A.

Louisa & John had one child (great grandchild of Thomas & Martha Nichols), William Thomas Goss who was born on 3 July 1885 at Bullarto, Vic. and died of diphtheria on 10 June 1890 at Korweinguboorra near Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. No photo found

Louisa had one other child (great grandchild of Thomas & Martha Nichols), Doris Lillian Goss (father unknown) who was born on 1 December 1901 at 175 Mary Street, Richmond, Melbourne, Vic. Doris was not the informant on her mother's death certificate. [Hospital staff]. Her gravestone at Mornington Cemetery states she died 9 May 1993, and had 3 children. No photo found

**Thomas & Martha's 8th child, Charles Nichols** who was born on 10 April 1868 at Korweinguboorra, Vic.



He was a Labourer and died on 19 February 1935 at Koo Wee Rup, Vic, at age 66 and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic. He married Catherine Helena Lynch, daughter of John Lynch and Mary McCarthy, on 13 October 1891 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Daylesford, Vic. She was born on 12 April 1872 at Lal Lal near Ballarat, Vic. died on 22 June 1940 at 26 Swan Street, Footscray, Melbourne, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.

Catherine seated on the running board of the car nursing baby granddaughter. No photo of Charles found

Charles and Catherine had ten children (great grandchildren of

Thomas & Martha Nichols) Firstly, Horace Edward Patrick Nichols who was born on 12 September 1891 at Bullarto, Vic. died on 17 November 1891 at Bullarto, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.



Secondly, Charles Alphonsus Nichols (at left) who was born on 13 October 1892 at Bullarto, Vic. He was a farmer at Koo Wee Rup and died on 29 November 1963 at Koo Wee Rup - unmarried, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.

Thirdly, Catherine (Catie at right) Nichols who was born on 22 April 1894 at Bullarto, Vic. died after



childbirth on 16 September 1915 at Warburton, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. She married Thomas Herbert Batson, son of John Batson and Mary Jane Law, on 26 May 1915 at the Methodist Parsonage, Daylesford, Vic. He was born on 19 March 1887 at Korweinguboorra near Daylesford, Vic. began Military Service on 23 December 1915 enlisted at Melbourne, Vic. and was reported missing in action on 26 August 1916 in France [previously served in Egypt].



Fourthly, John Thomas Nichols who was born on 23 May 1896 at Bullarto, Vic. died on 26 December 1941 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic. He was a Farmer and married Mary Gertrude Hodge, daughter of George Hodge and Sarah Mulgrew, on 27 June 1923 at the Methodist Church, Daylesford, Vic. She was born on 22 January 1898 at Korweinguboorra near Daylesford, Vic. died on 8 April 1972 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

John & Mary at left.

Fifthly, Martha Agnes Nichols who was born on 3 June 1898 at Bullarto, Vic. died on 6 August 1898 at Bullarto, Vic. and was buried [with her brother Horace] in the Catholic Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Sixthly, William James Nichols (at left) who was born on 28 May 1900 at Bullarto, Vic. began Military Service on 11 July 1940, enlisted at Caulfield, Vic. - Service No. VX46150. and died on 29 October 1943 - P.O.W. - 2/29 Aust. Infantry Battalion, [without issue], at age 43 -

plaque in the Cobden Cemetery, Vic. He married Emma Rose [twin] Reeves, daughter of Arthur Samuel Reeves and Elizabeth Connolly, on 05 May 1934 at St. Stephen's Church of England, Richmond, Vic. She was born on 20 October 1906 at Dargo, Vic. died on 14 June 1995 at Cobden, Vic. and was buried in the Cobden Cemetery, Vic.



Seventhly, Bernard Joseph Nichols (at right) who was born on 25 July 1902 at Bullarto, Vic. He was a



Labourer and in 1931 lived at McDonald's Road, Koo Wee Rup, Vic. He died on 12 December 1961 at Footscray, Melbourne - unmarried, Vic, at age 59 and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.

**To be continued in the next Newsletter. Article compiled by Family Coordinator Peter Nichols ([nicholspeter021@gmail.com](mailto:nicholspeter021@gmail.com)) from material provided by descendants over many years.**



## **JOHN PUGH NICHOLS married REBECCA MOSS on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1825.**

John Bradney (1822-1872\*) married Ademia (née Henry) (1828-1863) in 1843.  
John Bradney (1844-1916 ) married Catherine (née Brownlow) (1851-1908) in 1869.  
Auriol Agnes Bradney (1878-1932)

**Reginald Raymond Bradney aka Wildman (14<sup>th</sup> April 1896-20<sup>th</sup> July 1916)**

*This is a very sad story in many respects but one that has had me intrigued for many years and it began after I watched a 60 Minutes program in 2008. They were calling for people to come forward and donate their DNA to help identify 75 WW1 soldiers, who had been found in a mass grave from 1916, following the battle of Fromelles, in France. Exhumations of the bodies, and extensive testing began in 2008, to ascertain the identity of the men who had been listed as MIA, their bodies lying in a mass grave for over 90 years. One of the young soldiers was positively identified as Reginald Raymond Wildman. My mother's maiden name was 'Wildman' and her father George Negrus Wildman and family grew up on the South Coast of New South Wales in the years that Reginald and his mother Auriol were born and residing there. This is what we do know: Auriol and her baby Reginald moved into the household of John and Emma Wildman and MY grandfather George was the same age as Auriol. After a short time Auriol moved out, but the baby stayed and was raised for many years by the Wildman family. Was Reginald their grandson via one of their four sons?? A great mystery.*

**Auriol Agnes Bradney** (photo right C 1895) was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1878, at Narrandera, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 11 children to parents John Bradney (1844-1916) and Catherine (nee Brownlow) (1851-1908). Auriol was 17 years and 4 months old when she delivered her son Reginald Raymond Bradney, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1896, registered at Wollongong. No father's name appeared on the birth certificate. Auriol's father John Bradney (1844-1916) was a farmer and the family re-locate several times, probably chasing employment.



We believe the rationale behind this move was initially due to Auriol's older brother John Bradney born 29<sup>th</sup> June 1874, being successful in applying for a soldier Settlement Grant (No: 1907/33), Farm No 150 in the Parish of Cottee, near Wagga Wagga, after he returned from the Boer War. John was a Riverina Scout with the Hon. Rupert Carrington Force, shortly before the end of that conflict. John Bradney (left C 1916) played a huge role in his family's lives. As a child he was privately tutored at home and according to his sister Emily "growing up he understood all kinds of machinery and farming, and helped support the younger children in the family". After purchasing 'Gobbagombalin Farm' with his settlement grant monies, he enlisted for WW1 on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1916, then aged 41 years and 9 months, his Service No 2376. John stated he was 5'9" tall, weighed 155 lbs with a fair complexion, black hair and was unmarried. After basic training in Goulburn, he

embarked on the 'Aeneas' for Plymouth in England, disembarking on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1916, joining the 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion. John's WW1 record states 'he marched into France on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1916'. According to his military file he was missing in action for several days, then pronounced dead on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1917, having been killed on the battlefields of France, during the campaign which pushed the German troops back to what was known as the Siegfried line. He was 42 years old. John was also the **official guardian** of Reginald Raymond Wildman, who worked and lived with him, and Reginald had listed his Uncle John as his N.O.K. on his attestation paperwork.

**Reginald Raymond Bradney AKA Wildman** (right) was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1896 and it appears that he spent his youth ‘with the Wildman relatives of Kiama.’ His mother writes a letter to the Army and states that *“he was my son, he had no nearer relatives than myself. He was illegitimate unfortunately, so that his father’s name would not be necessary. Wildman was not my sons’ name. It was Reginald Raymond Bradney but as he lived with people of the name Wildman, he was mostly called Reg Wildman, and when he registered for cadets some years ago he was advised to register under that name.”* Auriol married David Jones on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1903 and they have six children together.



Although Reg clearly had a closer relationship with his mother when older, we have no evidence he ever lived with her; except when they both lived with the Wildman family immediately after he was born. There was contact between Reg and his mother Auriol (nee Bradney) Jones, as part of his schooling was done at Kittigra Public School, near Coolamon. Reg wrote to her whilst on active service and she received the notification when he was killed in action as the primary NOK; John Bradney (Reg’s uncle), had been killed the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1917.

It is well documented that he spent his early years with ‘his mothers’ Wildman relatives, and then spent the years prior to the outbreak of WW1 residing with his ‘Uncle John’ Bradney on his Wagga Wagga property at Coolamon, working as a farm hand.

Reginald enlists for military service on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1914 at Liverpool and states he is aged 18 years old and his TRUE name is Reginald Raymond Bradney but attested for the Rein 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion as Reginald Raymond Wildman. His Service No is 1888 and he is Church of England. Reg is 5’8”, weighs 126 lbs and his current address prior to enlistment was at ‘Hevington,’ Cottee Mail, via Coolamon N.S.W. and gives his ‘Uncle John Bradney as his N.O.K. (same address). Stating that he was employed there as a Farm Hand. Coolamon is situated 40k’s North-west of Wagga Wagga, and 506 k’s South-west of Sydney. His entire military file is in the name of **Wildman**.

Reg is attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the unit embarks Sydney on board *HMAT A8 Argyllshire* on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1915. On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1915 he joins the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt and arrives at Gallipoli. The following day he is admitted to the Convalescent Camp at Cairo with influenza, but re-joins his unit on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1916 at Gallipoli and takes part in the Battle of Lone Pine. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July he reports sick (diarrhoea) and is transferred to the 24<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Lemmas, re-joins Batt 29<sup>th</sup> August 1915. 18<sup>th</sup> October 1915 transferred to No 3 Aust. General Hospital with an abscess on his neck, 24<sup>th</sup> November 1915 re-joins his Batt. Reg is then transferred to the 54<sup>th</sup> Batt on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1916. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April he falls ill with pneumonia and gastritis but is discharged back to his unit 18<sup>th</sup> April 1916.

Reg embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, 19<sup>th</sup> June 1916, disembarked Marseilles, France and reported missing 19/20<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

A court of enquiry was held in the Field on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1917, pronounced fate as “killed in Action, 19-20 July 1916, in the Battle of Fleurbaix, Poziers, France.

Three witnesses are interviewed and an account of their statements follows.

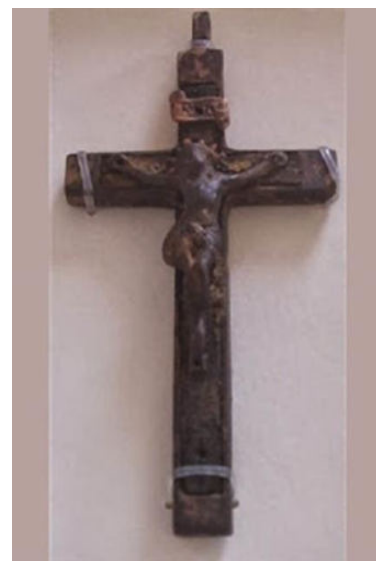
“RED” “CROSS “FILE No 2940705 Statement from Private 4226 L. Hanna, B Company, 30<sup>th</sup> December 1918. “On the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916 at Fleurbaix I was alongside him when he was shot dead by a sniper. Hit in the head (eye). We were then in Enemy’s second line trench. They got in behind us into their 1<sup>st</sup> line and we were cut off. I was hit through the helmet by the same man immediately after, but not hurt. We were taken Prisoner of War about 1 hour later. His body would be left in the trench. I did not know his Christian name.”

2<sup>nd</sup>–Witness Statement: 3511A W.D. CARR, 54<sup>th</sup> Batt. 24th Dec 1918: “In the morning between 8 and 9 o’clock I saw him assisting 1909 H.W. Bilbow with a machine gun, when he was shot through the right eye either by a sniper or a machine gun bullet – not shrapnel, as he was killed instantly. It was a quickly dug trench. We were captured shortly afterwards so I know nothing as to his burial.”

Third Witness Statement: 1909 Lance Corporal W.H. Billow, 13<sup>th</sup> January 1919. “He was not killed going over the trenches but after he got over in the Germans’ second line on the morning of the 20th. I was standing shoulder to shoulder with him up to the moment he was killed. He was shot by a sniper from behind, the bullet passing through his head. He had been working all night with me, trying to build up the trenches. It happened at Fleurbaix – I took his paybook and his identification disc but was forced to give them up to the Germans with my own paybook.”

**Conclusion:** Reginald Raymond Bradney/Wildman was shot at the Battle of Fromelles on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916 and his body remained unfound. An unmarked mass grave was discovered after excavations in 2006, and the wooden cross that he carried, pictured right, was found in his uniform pocket. With the assistance of D.N.A. provided by his half-sisters daughter Norma Staber (daughter of Alice (nee Jones) Rock, in 2008, Reg’s remains were positively identified and his body finally laid to rest in 2010 in the Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery, Plot 111, Row A, Grave 4, in France. Norma Staber is given the wooden cross that Reginald had in his pocket, and it is still intact.

His mother Auriol Agnes Jones signs for his medals on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1922, her signature appears in the military file (page 47) as having received them. See Auriol Agnes Jones signature below.



**NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA  
NAA: B2455, WILDMAN REGINALD RAYMOND**

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

2 Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late  
No. 1888 Private R.R. WILDMAN, 54th Battalion.

Signature *O. A. Jones*  
Date *18/10/22*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455, WILDMAN REGINALD RAYMOND

A letter addressed to the Army and dated the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1967, is written by Auriol's eldest daughter; Molly Elizabeth (nee Jones) Hayes (Reg's half- sister). Page 45 of 52 in R. R. Wildman's military file.

"Dear Sir,

In reference to the Anzac commemorative Medallion Badge.

I wish to make an application for the Medallion Badge for Pte. Reginald Raymond Wildman No 1888, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, who later, after Anzac landing and Gallipoli, was killed in France with either the 54<sup>th</sup> or 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion (4 years later I think.)

"Reginald Raymond Wildman was my half-brother, his mother and mine was Auriol Agnes Bradney (maiden name), then I understand, Wildman, and later married my father David Jones and I am the eldest of the family." "My mother was living in Yass when R. R. Wildman was killed in France. I have seen his name on the wall of honour at the War Memorial in Canberra, but I am not sure if it was with the 54<sup>th</sup> or 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion as two of my uncles were also killed in France about the same time and they were in 54<sup>th</sup> or 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion; John Bradney and Wentworth Bradney." "I don't think anyone else will claim the medallion of my half-brother as my mother and father have both been dead many years, and I have other things here my mother gave me belonging to her son. "Am I entitled to both Badge and Medallion? If so I would greatly appreciate receiving your reply and medal etc as soon as possible." Yours faithfully.

Mrs. Molly E Hayes

This now confirms that Auriol had for a time **taken the Wildman name.**

The Wildman family were John Robert Wildman (1851-1915) and Emma Bradney/Nichols (1856-1915) who married on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1871. Emma was the 4<sup>th</sup> child and daughter of John Bradney (1822-1872) and Ann Louisa Nichols (1831-1914).

Emma and John Wildman had four sons. John Robert Wildman (1872-1946), Frederick William Wildman (1875-1951), **George Negrus Wildman (1877-1935) MY GRANDFATHER**, and Ernest Vane Wildman/Hearne (1880-1939), all a similar age as Auriol Bradney (1878-1932). Could one of these boys have fathered Auriol's child and that is why they took Auriol and baby Reginald into their home and then raised Reg with the Wildman surname. Remembering that George Negrus Wildman was my grandfather, this reflective journey has heightened my curiosity even more about my g-grandparents Emma and John Wildman, and I hope to gain a deeper understanding about the Wildman/Bradney relationship that transpired all those years ago, so I am off to find Norma Staber who may be able to shed light on who Reginald Raymond Wildman's father was.

Within a week, with the help of Mr. 'Google' and some super detective work I found Norma Staber! She answered my phone call and after a short conversation she invited me to visit, and I promptly accepted as she only lived 45 minutes down the freeway from me at Noraville! Two days later, cake in hand, I called on this delightful lady who welcomed me with arms of family history to ponder over. Although we spoke at length for 5 hours, there is no hard evidence to say who was the father of Reg Wildman was but she firmly believes that it was one of the 'Wildman boys' and George was closest in age. We have discounted Ernest as he was only 14. Auriol would never disclose who fathered her son, so we are no closer to proving to certainty, but happy with leaving it unsolved and I got to hold the cross from his pocket which was incredibly humbling.

**Helen Alderman. John Pugh Family Coordinator.**

Email: helenalderman1717@hotmail.com



## AMELIA NICHOLS married CHARLES HUGHES on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1827

**Charles Andrew Hughes (1830-1906) married Mary Lowe (1832-1893) and then remarried to Mary Jane (nee Coneybeare) Sherriff / Hughes**

Hi everyone. I am a member of Ancestry, and I find it very useful for filling in gaps in my Trees, though you have to take some information with a grain of salt. Recently I have been updating my records and found an interesting letter from Dorothy Agnes (nee Williamson) Hughes, wife of Leslie John Hughes. She was writing to a Betty Garrard about the Conybeer side of the family. I have found several variations of the spelling, which makes it interesting when looking through records. Conybeer, Coneybeer, Coneybear, Conybeare. I got in touch with Dorothy and asked her if I could use the info in her letter for a story. She said yes. So here it is. John Powsland Conybeer was born 1833 in Somerset, England and died 1911, in Granville, NSW. He married Mary Anne Hobbs, born 1833 in Somerset, England and died 1914 in Orange, NSW. They immigrated to Australia aboard the "Wallasea" and arrived on 27 Sep 1865 with 5 children. Apparently, he was moving to Australia for employment at Dales, a harness making business for the Coaches of the day.

Their first child was **Matilda Jane (Conybeare)**, b 1853 in Devon, UK. Died 22 Feb 1924 Woollahra and was buried in Waverley Cemetery. She married 1878 Orange, to Walter William Evernett 1854-1932. They had 9 children- Frederick Clement 1878-1965, Percival John 1880-1947, Walter Leslie 1882-1964, Cecil Herbert 1884-1910, Bertrand Guy Gary 1886-1957, Mildred Jane 1888-..., Mabel Grace 1891-..., Norman Sidney 1894-1971 and Beryl Marion 1909-2010.

Child 2 **John (Conybeer)** b 7 Dec 1855 Bedminster, Bristol, UK. Married 6 Oct 1881 at Orange to Mary Bowyer, 1861-15/10/1899. They had 9 children-Mary Lena 1882-1956, Ruby Edna 1883-1946, Hilda Jacqueline 1885-1968, Eva Kate 1887-1933, Alfred John 1889-1937, Lilian Fanny 1891- , Irene 1893-1969 (Conybeare), Elsie Jane 1895-1898, and Ida Doris Madeline 1897-1974 (Conybeare). John was a saddler, a similar trade to his father. He also served in the Imperial Army in the Sudan 1884-1886. After his wife Mary died, he left his children with his parents and travelled to New Zealand, where he remarried on the 16 May 1905 at Wanganui. His new wife was Alice Allan 1869 NZ-1949 NZ. John and Alice (pictured right C1940) had 4 children-Edward 1905-1992, Frederick James 1909-1970, Annie Kate 1911-1996, Mary Alice 1912-1996. John died 1 April 1950 Wanganui and was buried at the Aramoho Cemetery.



Child 3 The Honourable **Frederick William (Conybeare)** known as Bill b 27 Sep 1859 Bristol, UK-30 May 1950 Sth Australia. He married 20 Feb 1886 to Margaret Jane Thomas- 21 May 1858, Koorunga-8 Feb 1940 St Peters. Bill and Margaret had 6 children- Olive Lillian Harriet (Coneybeare)-1887-1967, Ivy Muriel-1891-1898, Frederick Roland – b.1894, Edmund Harold -14/12/1894 -1955, Victor Torrens-25/4/1896-25/10/1897, Herbert Llewelyn-b.16/4/1904. Bill was a Politician in South Australia and has quite an impressive resume. He was a Member of the House of Assembly for East Torrens 1893-1921 + 1924-1930. Speaker of the House-1915-1921. Minister Of Education-1908-09 + 1910-1912, member of 5 Royal Commissions, chairman of 7 wage boards, Secretary + Whip for the Labour Party for 10 years, Whip for the Price-Peake Government for 4 years, parliamentary representative on the Adelaide



University Council, Treasurer to the Adelaide Co-op Society Clubs-20 years, and president of numerous athletic clubs. He was also named Father of the House.

Child 4 **Annie Kate**, b 1863 Bristol, UK and d.1944 Orange. She married in 1900, Balmain Nth, to John Patrick Lindfield, b 1866. John was an Orchardist. They had no children.

Child 5 was our **Mary Jane Coneybear (1864-1951) who married Charles Andrew Hughes (1830-1906)**. Mary Jane Coneybear was born in 1864, and her first marriage was to William Mather Sherriff (1859-1888) the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1885, at Orange. Mary remarried to Charles Andrew Hughes (1830-1906) on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1894\* and her name is spelt as CONEYBEAR on the marriage certificate, which is held in the JNFS certificate archives. Mary and Charles Hughes had five children (Theodore Sydney (1896-1975), Isoline Freda Kate (1897-1989), Edwin Randolph (1900-1974), Lillian Mary (1903-1980) and Leslie John Hughes (1905-1986). Charles Andrew Hughes died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1906 and his wife Mary Jane (nee Coneybear) Hughes passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1951, at Orange.



on

Child 6 **Evelyn Fanny (Conybeare)** 28/8/1866 Orange-10/5/1954 Rockdale. Evelyn was buried in Woronora Cemetery, Married 12/11/1890 at Forest Lodge to Alfred Horan Cunningham 1861-1935. They had 3 children- Clarence T 1891-1924, George A b 1894, and Evelyn Sophia Mary b 1896.

Child 7 **Edwin James b** 1/2/1868 Orange. Married 1891 in Orange to Gertrude M Hennessy. They had 2 children- Vera G b 1893 and Gertrude Minnie 1894-1984. Edwin served in the Boer War and died on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1900, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa. He was buried in the President Brand Cemetery, Bloemfontein.

Child 8 **Alfred Henry** 1/2/1870 Orange-21/11 1934 Sydney. Married 1901 Unley to Marion Forrest Eglinton. They had 1 child- Alfred Theodore 1902-1979. Possibly worked for David Jones in some artistic position. Son Alfred was an Industrial Judge.

Child 9 **Elizabeth Lillian** 23/2/1874 Orange-9/11/1955 Orange. Married 1898 Orange to Alfred John Ross 1868-1946. They had 4 children. Mabel Jane-1898-1980, Edwin George 1901-1902, Alfred Charles 1903-1974 and George 1908-1980.

Child 10 **Charles Richard** 27/2/1877 Orange-20/5/1954 Orange. Married 1918 to Annie Moody Feltham 1885-1961. They had 4 children- Charles Henry 1918-1989, John Powsland 1919-1929, Grace Anne 1921-2005 and Evelyn May 1924-2017.

Child 11 **Theodore Sydney**-7/7/1872 Orange- 12/9/1889 Orange.

Dorothy said there was a 12<sup>th</sup> child, probably died young. I found an unnamed male child born in 1868 but could not find a corresponding death. Dorothy's letter was written in 1992, aged 85. She passed away in 2001. She sounded very upbeat when talking about the family and was able to recall details vividly. Further on in the letter she sounded a little despondent, as she remembered she was the last of the Hughes family in that generation. She said and I quote "I have had many blessings & wonderful friends along the way and am very grateful". I hope this outline will help family members extend their trees or give them a starting point to start growing one.

**Karen Hughes - Amelia Family Coordinator**

**Email - [klhughes@sctelco.net.au](mailto:klhughes@sctelco.net.au)**

**31 Matthew Street, Rosewood, 4340 Phone 0424586385**

## **SARAH NICHOLS married RICHARD JOHNS on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1845**

The remarkable lives of Sarah Nichols and Richard Johns were quite unknown to virtually all of us until the publication of 'The Story of JOHN NICHOLS – First Fleeter' in 1988. Kaye Purnell's very informative article printed on pages 266 to 268 told the story of these two people in great detail. All members from the Sarah line owe much to Kaye for her story.

I have endeavoured to add to Kaye's story over many years but this has been difficult. Richard's early death in 1866 at the age of 56 and Sarah's inability to read or write have been obvious issues. My reading of old newspapers has only turned up good stories about the Johns family at all times. Richard Johns must have been a very wise and well-respected person. He must have been a successful farmer in Nairne, South Australia before the whole family moved to Bochara near Hamilton in Victoria. All newspaper references to Richard after his death refer to him as Dr Johns. We now know that he was never a doctor but this only indicates the high respect he was accorded.

Upon marrying Richard Johns on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1845, Sarah took on three step-children – Richard 9, Mary 7 and James 4. (One of John's children had died in 1851) Richard, Sarah and the three children set sail from Sydney on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1845 for Adelaide. Fancy getting on a sailing ship when heavily pregnant with three young children. Phillippa Johns was born aboard ship, probably in the rough seas of Bass Strait, on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1846. What a way to have your first child!

Richard and his growing family moved immediately to Nairne, about 40 Km east of Adelaide, and started farming on firstly rented land rather than his own land. By 1861, Richard owned 333 acres of land about 2 Km north-east of Nairne. He sold all this land at auction on 11th April 1861 because of ill health and then moved to Bochara, near Hamilton in Victoria. The sale notice states that there was a stone house of six rooms together with a garden of one acre on Sections 5287 and 5295, and a stone house on Section 5303 which was 1 Km closer to Nairne. It would seem that Richard had hired help and it seems likely that John Edmonds and John Shemeld were employed as farm labourers by Richard Johns.

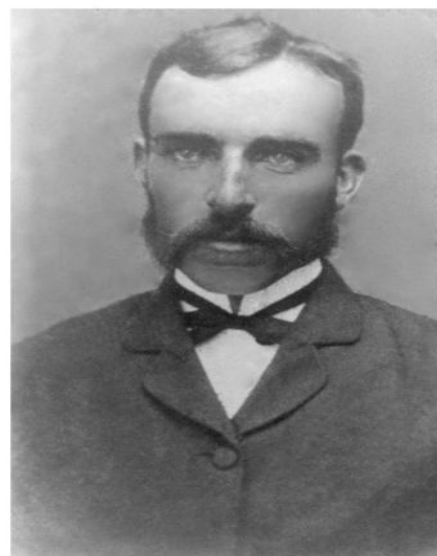


John Henry Edmonds was born in 1831 in Surrey England and after being a sailor for some years, migrated to South Australia with his sister, Susannah, in 1853. John Edmonds married the seventeen-year-old daughter of Richard Johns, Mary Johns, in 1855 and then in 1858, the seventeen-year-old Susannah Edmonds (John Edmonds sister) married Richard Johns, eldest son of Richard Johns. It is quite likely that Susannah Edmonds was employed to help Sarah Johns with her large family.

By the time the Nairne farm was sold in 1861, Sarah was the mother of Phillippa 15, Thomas 13, John 11, Elizabeth 10, Esther 7, William 5, Emma 2 and Henry 8 months. It must have been quite an exercise to move the whole Johns Family, including the families of John and Mary Edmonds and Richard Jnr and Susannah Johns, to Bochara. It would seem that another farm worker employed by Richard Johns, John Shemeld, also moved to Bochara at the same time.

Richard Johns died in 1866 in Bochara and was buried in Hamilton. His youngest child, Sarah was born in Bochara and was just two when he died. Sarah Johns was a widow at just 44 years of age with eight unmarried children ranging in age from 18 to 2. Her eldest child, Phillippa, was married in 1863 at the age of 17 to William Dellar. The extended Johns family by now had numbered twenty-five with a 44 year-old widow as the 'head' of the family. Sarah Johns was already the step grandmother and grandmother to 9.

In 1871, John Shemeld (pictured right) married the nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Johns. I assume that he came to Victoria as a Johns Family farm labourer. Once again we see that staged moves from employee to son-in-law take place. John Shemeld, just like John Edmonds, had come from a difficult background to start a very respectful life as part of the Johns family. John Shemeld's father, John Shemeld Snr (1805 – 1858) was a convict who was transported to NSW in 1830 and made his way to Adelaide by 1840. John married Elizabeth Moses, a young widow, in 1841 and John Shemeld was born in the same year. John's young life was very difficult – his mother died in a kitchen fire in 1844 when he was 3 and a year later his young brother died. Meanwhile his father made several court appearances in Adelaide for various misdemeanours. His father married again in 1853 and had at least three more children. John's father accidentally drowned in a creek in 1858. He then had little to do with his family and became more attached to the Johns family.



The Johns family moved to a farm at Clear Lake in 1876 next to a farm owned by Johann and Anna Jenz, a German speaking family who had moved from South Australia some years earlier. The last three Jenz children, Albert, Richard and Lewis (my great uncles) were born between 1883 and 1887 and all had several Johns connections. They were all born at home and delivered by Mrs Sarah Johns and Mrs Susannah Johns. The three births were then registered by the local Clear Lake register of births, deaths and marriages – Mr John Henry Edmonds. All three Johns names appear on each of the Jenz birth certificates. The link between the Johns and Jenz families was further entwined in 1885 when the 23 year old Richard Johns, eldest son of Richard and Susannah Johns married the seventeen year old daughter of Johann and Anna Jenz, Mary Elizabeth Jenz.

In 1937, my father, Victor Jenz, grandson of Johann and Anna Jenz married my mother, Doris Fulton, great granddaughter of Richard and Sarah Johns.

The death of Sarah Johns in Dimboola on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907 was the final chapter of the amazing lives of Richard and Sarah Johns. Richard had 13 children, 4 from his marriage to Margaret Nancarrow and 9 from his marriage to Sarah Nichols. There were 104 grandchildren – 81 were from Sarah and she had 23 step grandchildren. Sarah was born in Sydney and she lived in NSW for 23 years. Then followed 16 years in South Australia and 46 years in Victoria. Richard Johns lived in Cornwall for his first 28 years and then in NSW for 6 years before moving to South Australia. He only lived for 5 years in Victoria and Sarah was then a widow for 41 years.

By about 1950, the descendants of Richard and Sarah Johns were obviously very numerous and almost all lived in the western part of Victoria from Portland to Mildura except for John Johns (1849 – 1929) who moved to Gilgandra, NSW with his family.

A large crowd of descendants paid tribute to the life of Sarah Johns on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to commemorate her death on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907. A moving service was held at the Dimboola Cemetery on the day exactly one hundred years after she was buried in 1907. It was a fitting memorial to the person who was probably the last surviving child of a First Fleet Convict and the matriarch of the Johns Family.

**David Jenz - Sarah Family Coordinator**

**Email - [djenz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:djenz@bigpond.net.au)**



## SUSANNAH NICHOLS married CHARLES KINSELA on 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1837

Hello fellow “Susannah” and other John Nichols Descendants. I do hope members and their families are keeping well and safe and I wish you all Peace and Joy for the coming Christmas. May the New Year 2024 bring good health and happiness to each and every one of our members!

You might be wondering why I am featuring a story about Mary ADAMS and the reason is, as mother of Charles KINSELA who was the husband of our Susannah NICHOLS, Mary shared a pivotal part in the life of this couple and their children.

My four times Great Grandmother, Convict Mary née ADAMS TRISTRAM, has always intrigued me and over the years I have imagined what her life entailed. Not least of the intrigue was the difficulty, for me and others, in being able to prove her parents in Hampshire. I am about to purchase a DNA kit through Ancestry in the hope this might help solve this “Brick Wall”. Prior to doing this I am going to enter on Ancestry, a “possible” Baptism for a Mary ADAMS, 11 Mar 1781 in Fareham Hampshire, England, to parents William ADAMS and his wife Elizabeth. Fareham is only 8.3 Miles from Portsmouth Hampshire where Mary was tried and convicted on 6 Oct 1803 at age 22. I will also endeavour to add possible siblings in the hope I receive a connection from this “line of hope.” Death entry 18 Aug 1862 in her Family Bible says age 80 and Funeral details given by son Charles says in her 82<sup>nd</sup> year and “Find a Grave” lists her birthdate as 3 Aug 1782.

Mary ADAMS was tried at Southampton (Portsmouth) Quarter Session 6 October 1803. The Hampshire



Telegraph 22 August 1803 reported: This morning Mary Adams was examined before the sitting Magistrates, at the Guildhall, on a charge of her having stolen a quantity of lace, muslins, &c. from the shops of Mr. Paine and Mr. Allen, drapers, at Portsea. After a short investigation she was remanded for a further examination and sentenced to 7 years transportation and arrived on our shores 11 April 1806, after a very long voyage on board the Convict Ship “William Pitt” (see left). All women Convicts were in good health; however two convicts had died on the voyage. Three months later Enoch KINSELA (born John

KINSELAGH), Forger, Extortionist and Bigamist, arrived 12 Jul 1806 as a convict on board the Convict Ship “Fortune”.

A report in the Sydney Gazette, dated 25th January 1807, six months after his arrival, shows an advertisement placed by Enoch KINSELA, Manager of the Government Salt Works at Rosebay. Enoch’s intelligence, literacy and business acumen and no doubt cunning must have stood him in good stead in the new Colony because varying notices appeared in the Sydney Gazette, advertising his business premises at 6 Upper Pitt Row, selling candles, hard soap and later advertised the establishment of a brewery selling bulk beer and at a later date, bottled beer. By now his business had expanded to include number 5 Pitt Row.

During this time Enoch formed a liaison with our Mary ADAMS, convict per William Pitt, arriving in the Colony 11 April 1806. Enoch’s former forays into marriage must have ‘put him off’ formalising this partnership even though the quasi-official attitude was that transportation rendered void any current marriage. Enoch and Mary did however have a family together, Eliza born 12 March 1810, Thomas born 4 June 1812 and Charles born 31 July 1814, five weeks after Enoch’s death, aged 44 years by his Baptism Certificate and understated as 37 years on his burial certificate. A good lesson for all of us – never trust details on Death Certificates.

Enoch’s fortunes in the Colony between his arrival and his death eight years later on 21 June 1814 fluctuated greatly. He was granted a Ticket of Leave on 28 February 1811 which was cancelled almost immediately when he was given his Certificate of Freedom 11 April 1812 after the expiry of his sentence on 9 March 1812. We can but wonder how Mary coped with three small children, the eldest four years old, to raise

without her partner and their father. Enoch had certainly lost all his assets. It would appear by notices in the Newspaper of the time, all houses had been either sold voluntarily or by forced sale to cover debts. Poor Mary! We do know that both Mary and Enoch were both well-educated and this would have stood Mary in good stead.

Fortune appears to have smiled on Mary as just under two years after Enoch's death, Mary ADAMS married William TRISTRAM 5 Jun 1815 at St Phillip's Church of England, Sydney. I do wonder if they were acquainted prior to Enoch's death. William, who was also a Convict, certainly was in gainful employment and so gave Mary and her three little children the security she deserved. I hope it was a "love match."

Sadly, Mary's eldest child and only daughter Eliza KINSELA, died on 29 May 1822 at the age of twelve years, (listed as 13 years on the Burial Certificate) and buried at Devonshire Street Cemetery, Sydney. By this time Eliza's stepfather William TRISTRAM was the Gaoler at Liverpool Gaol and still District Constable, a position he had held since his appointment 12 August 1820.

The 1825 General Muster lists Adams Mary, Free by Servitude, per ship "William Pitt", 1806, Sentence 7 years, wife of William Tristram living at Liverpool. William Tristram in the 1825 General Muster lists his employment as Gaoler at Liverpool.

Adams	John	,	a	Dick	1821	L	L.I. Gauge by	Coast
Adams	Mary	,	f	William Pitt	1816	7	Wife of Tristram	Liverpool
Adams	Patrick	,	a	Southworth	1822	L	Isi. Employ	Coast

William Tristram arrived on the "Guildford" on 18 Jan 1812 and was employed as a stone cutter in 1814. He was appointed constable in Sydney by 1820 and Liverpool in 1825 - 1828. He was appointed gaoler at Newcastle gaol on 18 May 1845. Mary was employed as Matron of the gaol.



VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Mitchell 1829



Wallis c1818



Reston c 1820

THE GAOL. NEWCASTLE 1820'S

Newcastle gaol was constructed in 1818 on a site overlooking the ocean above Newcastle Beach and divided from the inhabited portion of the town by a Tract of sand. The vegetation had been removed from these sand hills to prevent escaping convicts concealing themselves.

The gaol was a two storied building and surrounded by a stone wall 12 feet high with foundations of stone and walls of brick. In the interior of the structure, wide corridors ran the entire extent of the building on either side of which were strong barred cells. The upper story was similar. In the gaol yard, various instruments of torture stood out prominently.

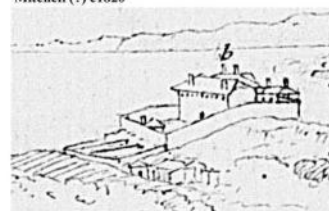
Outside the walls a cottage which was occupied by the keepers and turnkeys; through this cottage an entrance led to the interior of the gaol. The building was substantially constructed of brick, stone and hardwood. Here the convicts were flogged and public Executions were carried out.

**FREE SETTLER OF FELON**  
<http://www.jenwilletts.com/Newcastle%20Gaol.htm>

The Gaol as depicted in these contemporary views vary somewhat, but the representation above is thought to be a good depiction of the building in its heyday. The gaol was closed between 1848 and 1855. It was then used for storage before being condemned. In 1892 the site was excavated to make way for the construction of tram sheds. The site was completely levelled by the early 20th century, and is now the site of luxury beach side apartments.



Mitchell (?) c1820



Mitchell 1829

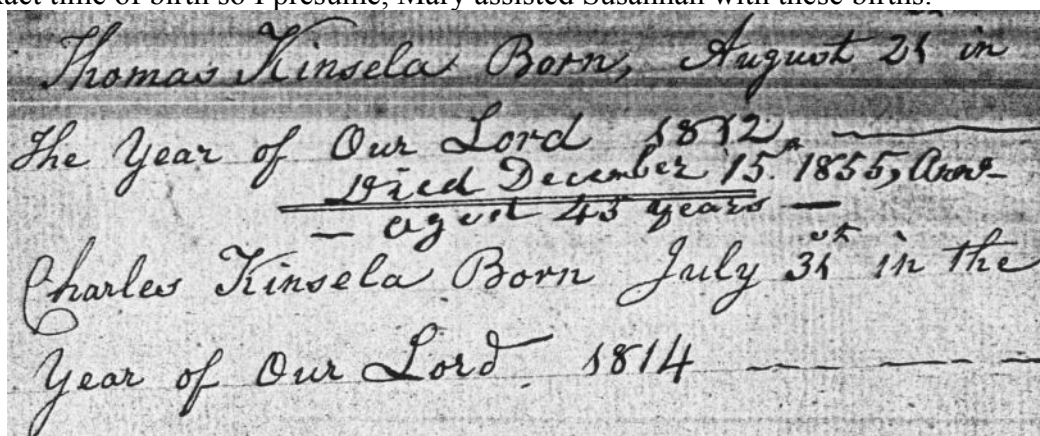
A black and white photograph of a large, two-story stone building, likely a prison or institutional structure. The building features arched windows and a prominent corner. A large, ornate metal gate with a decorative archway is visible in the foreground, leading to the entrance. The number '3' is visible on the corner of the building.

William and Mary were dismissed from their positions at Maitland after the escape of prisoners Davidson and Smith in 1849 and because it was found that William had been drawing from government rations for his private servant. They auctioned their household goods and returned to Sydney.

A black and white photograph showing a high-angle view of a prison courtyard. The courtyard is paved and surrounded by stone buildings. In the foreground, a small building with a gabled roof and a circular vent is labeled '10'. To the left, a long building with multiple windows is labeled '2' and '3'. Further back on the left, another building is labeled '6'. On the right, a long wall with a crenelated top is visible, with a building labeled '11' behind it. In the center background, a small figure of a person is walking towards a gate. The buildings are constructed of stone and have various rooflines and chimneys. The overall scene depicts a typical prison layout from the early 20th century.



**Mary Tristram Bible Entries:** Mary Tristram nee Adams made many entries in her Family Bible which was printed in 1800. Mary's entries appear to begin with the Birth of her son Thomas Kinsela, followed by the Birth of her son Charles Kinsela. Thomas Kinsela's Death entry is also noted below his Birth entry. Subsequent pages list details of Birth, Baptism and infant Deaths of her grandchildren from 1838 to 1857 including exact time of birth so I presume, Mary assisted Susannah with these births.



Thomas Kinsela Born, August 2<sup>nd</sup> in  
The Year of Our Lord 1832  
Died December 15<sup>th</sup> 1855, Aged  
— aged 43 years —  
Charles Kinsela Born July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the  
Year of Our Lord 1844



Eliza Jane Kinsela, Born on the  
26<sup>th</sup> July, and Baptized on the  
21<sup>st</sup> August 1842 —  
Died 15<sup>th</sup> October 1848 —  
Emma Kinsela Born on the  
30<sup>th</sup> of May 1844 — at half past  
3 o'clock on Thursday morning A.M.  
Baptiz<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1844 —  
Henry Kinsela Born the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
April 1846 — On Sunday morning

While looking for records of William Tristram's positions as Constable, I found this Website with a very interesting and informative 147-page downloadable pdf file Police of Sydney 1788 – 1862.  
<https://www.aic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-05/the-police-of-sydney-1788-1862.pdf>

Mary Tristram died in Sydney on 18 August 1862 age 81. William died just one month later aged 85. Their death entries are also in the Bible and their Headstone has been removed to the Liverpool Pioneer's Memorial Park.

In Fellowship,  
**Robyn Mélise Condcliffe**  
28 Sandpiper Crescent  
Boambee East NSW 2452

Telephone Number (02) 6653 3615; Mobile 0420 923 140  
Email [condcliffe@smartchat.net.au](mailto:condcliffe@smartchat.net.au)



**MARTHA NICHOLS married WILLIAM WINDLEY on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1829**  
**Descendants of Elizabeth/Eliza Windley and Robert Ryder Mudge - update**

**I.** Robert Ryder MUDGE was born on 12 March 1836 at Torquay, Devonshire, England. He emigrated on 30 August 1854 from Plymouth as a steward on the 'Rajasthan' to Sydney with his brother Nicholas, arrived 11 Jan 1855. He was in the Merchant Navy and later a Dairy Farmer. He died on 17 July 1910 at the Byron Hospital, Bangalow, at age 74 and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Bangalow. He married Elizabeth (Eliza) WINDLEY, daughter of William WINDLEY and Martha NICHOLS, on 29 May 1871 at her father's home, Ulladulla. She was born on 4 April 1847 at 'Otter Farm', Stoney Creek, Jamberoo, died on 23 December 1922 at Bangalow and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Bangalow.

**A.** Charlotte Louisa WINDLEY was born on 22 January 1868 at Milton and was baptized on 24 January 1871 at Milton. She married [under the name of BEATTIE] Frank TAYLOR, son of William TAYLOR and Sarah Anne WEBB, on 25 April 1889 at the School Church, Nowra. She died on 21 July 1942 at 385 Miller Street, North Sydney and was cremated at the Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens, Sydney. Frank was born on 23 December 1863 at Sofala and died on 7 May 1913 at Nowra and was buried in the General Cemetery, Nowra.

1. Frank TAYLOR was born on 22 September 1889 at Nowra and was baptised on 2 August 1893 at All Saints Church of England, Nowra. He married Lily Ada INGOLD, daughter of Charles INGOLD and Mildred Annie WOODS on 28 August 1926 at Milton. He died on 9 Feb 1928 at Nowra and was buried in the General Cemetery, Nowra. Lily was born on 26 Apr 1905 at Milton and died on 18 Aug 1955 and was cremated at the Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney.
2. William Gladstone TAYLOR was born on 29 Mar 1891 at Nowra and was baptised on 2 Aug 1893 at All Saints Church of England, Nowra. He married Mary Ellen PATES on 3 Mar 1931 at Sydney. Mary was born in 1890 at Derbyshire, England and died on 29 July 1971 at 39 Ross Street, Nowra.

**B.** Thomas William MUDGE was born on 4 February 1872 at Milton. He was a Bullock teamster / Dairy Farmer. He married Anna Christina (Annie) SMITH, daughter of Francis Johann SMITH and Ann FRASER, on 23 May 1894 at the Congregational Church, Milton. He began military service on 18 August 1915, enlisted at Brisbane, Qld. - Service No. 4206 with 13/15th then 47th Battalion. He ended military service on 19 August 1918 discharged as Private after being wounded [shell shock] in France. Medals - British War Medal No. 11370 - Victory Medal No. 11224. He died on 6 January 1938 at Gympie, Qld, at age 65.

1. Muriel Gladys MUDGE was born on 26 January 1895 at Milton. She married Henry SWEETNAM, son of John SWEETMAN and Annie BARBER, in 1916 at Murwillumbah. She began military service on 12 October 1942, enlisted at Brisbane, Qld. - Service No. Q265330 with the Australian Women's Army Service. She ended military service on 24 August 1943 discharged as Private. She married James French KERKHAM, son of Sydney Chambers KERKHAM and Grace FRENCH in 1950 at Brisbane, Qld. She died on 13 November 1980 at the Palm Beach Nursing Centre Qld. and was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Nursery Road, Holland Park, Qld. Henry SWEETNAM was born on 11 January 1894 at Murwillumbah and died in 1949. James French KERKHAM was born on 31 January 1894 at Summer Hill, Sydney and died on 25 April 1981 at the Palm Beach Nursing Centre, Gold Coast, Qld and was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium, Nursery Road, Holland Park, Brisbane, Qld.

2. Francis Robert MUDGE was born on 2 April 1897 at Milton. He was a Labourer. He began military service on 22 January 1915, enlisted at Murwillumbah - Service No 1767. He was discharged as Sergeant on 13 August 1919 after serving in the Middle East and France. Medals - 1914/15 Star No. 5831 - British War Medal No. 3311 - Victory Medal No. 3248. He married Thelma Irene LLEWELYN, daughter of Henry LLEWELYN and Mary Ann Mc NAMEE, on 24 April 1924 at Brisbane, Qld. He began military service on 25 May 1943 enlisted at Redbank, Brisbane, Qld. - Service No. Q226666. He ended military service on 19 August 1944 discharged as Private - 7 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. Qld. He died on 24 March 1966

at Brisbane, Qld, at age 68 and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, St Vincent's Road, Nudgee, Brisbane, Qld. Thelma Irene LLEWELYN was born on 1 August 1902 at Gympie, Qld. and died on 18 February 1984 at Brisbane, Qld. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, St Vincent's Road, Nudgee, Brisbane, Qld.

3. Harold Thomas MUDGE was born on 10 June 1899 at Newrybar near Bangalow. He was baptized on 24 July 1901 on Methodist records, Ballina circuit. He married Mabel PATTEN, daughter of Samuel Thomas PATTEN and Harriet MILLER, on 18 May 1918 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tumbulgum, Tweed River. He began military service on 21 April 1942, enlisted at Lismore / Paddington, Sydney - Service No. N391447. He ended military service on 30 June 1947, discharged as Staff Sergeant - RR & GDD. He died on 26 July 1982 at Port Macquarie and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Laurieton. Mabel PATTEN was born on 11 January 1901 at St Marys, Sydney and died on 14 April 1981 at Lismore and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Laurieton.

4. Doris Bertha MUDGE was born on 29 May 1901 at Murwillumbah. She was baptized on 24 July 1901 on Methodist records, Ballina circuit. She died on 12 December 1904 at Murwillumbah at age 3 and was buried in the General Cemetery, Bangalow.

5. Aubrey Carl MUDGE was born on 3 July 1903 at Coorabel Creek, Murwillumbah. He married Kathleen Elizabeth FRIAR, daughter of Clarence Edward FRIAR and Adeline Matilda BROWN, on 13 June 1932 at Newtown, Sydney. He died on 14 July 1983 at Nambour, Qld, at age 80. Kathleen Elizabeth FRIAR was born on 12 November 1910 at Pound Street, Grafton and died on 12 September 1987 at North Gosford.

C. Robert Charles MUDGE was born on 27 August 1873 at Milton. He married Clara Jane MOON, daughter of Allgasson MOON and Christina SHEPPARD, on 9 October 1895 at Milton. He died on 17 January 1944 at Rosebank near Bangalow at age 70 and was buried in General Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby. Clara Jane MOON was born on 28 February 1877 at the Boat Harbour, Ulladulla and died on 28 February 1938 at Rosebank near Bangalow and was buried in the General Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby.

1. Frederick Arthur MUDGE was born on 15 February 1896 at Milton. He married Kathleen Annie HARRISON, daughter of John Wilson HARRISON and Annie Isabella DALLEY, on 11 July 1920 at Lismore. He died on 26 April 1966 at Mullumbimby and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby. Kathleen Annie HARRISON was born on 8 December 1896 at Bathurst and died on 19 August 1985 at Lismore and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby.

2. Horace Lyel MUDGE was born in 1898 at Milton. He was a Labourer / Butcher. He began military service on 6 January 1917, enlisted at Lismore - Service No. 669A - 11th Machine Gun Company / 41st Battalion. He ended military service on 6 October 1919, discharged as Private after serving in Belgium & France [gassed]. Medals - British War Medal No. 30664 - Victory Medal No. 29064. He married Dulcie Margaret COLEMAN, daughter of James COLEMAN and Catherine FINN, on 4 January 1921 at Murwillumbah. He died on 20 January 1953 at Sydney and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney. Dulcie Margaret COLEMAN was born on 2 December 1899 at Ballina and died on 5 September 1987 at Lidcombe, Sydney and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.

3. Alexander Robert MUDGE was born on 25 April 1900 at Milton. He married Gladys May BENSON, daughter of Georgina BENSON, on 15 June 1926 at Murwillumbah. He died on 14 September 1957 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. Gladys May BENSON was born on 29 January 1907 at Redfern, Sydney and died on 4 March 1999 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah.

4. Bertram William MUDGE was born on 23 July 1902 at Milton. He married Violet Elizabeth Ann BOXSELL, daughter of Joseph Arthur BOXSELL and Janet CHILCOTT, on 15 July 1922 at Byron Bay. He

died on 19 June 1972 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Tree Street, Murwillumbah. Violet Elizabeth Ann BOXSELL was born on 3 July 1902 at Murwillumbah and died on 10 September 1991 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Tree Street, Murwillumbah.

**5.** Myra Christina (Marie) MUDGE was born on 12 August 1904 at Milton. She married Henry Roy (Harry) MORTIMER, son of George MORTIMER and Dinah SEREY, on 28 November 1923 at Byron Bay. She died on 29 July 1981 at Lismore and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Goonellabah, Lismore. Harry MORTIMER was born in 1899 at Crookwell, he was an Assistant Stock Inspector and lived in Parkes Street, Lismore until his death on 22 September 1968. He was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Goonellabah, Lismore.

**6.** Robert Leslie MUDGE was born on 19 June 1906 at Milton. He married Isabel May (Belle) RYAN, daughter of John Joseph RYAN and Mary Maud O'REILLY on 20 September 1941 at Murwillumbah. He was a Butcher and died on 15 October 1980 at Tweed Heads and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Sunshine Avenue, South Tweed Heads. Isabel was born on 7 May 1919 at Murwillumbah and died on 2 November 1991 at Tweed Heads and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Sunshine Avenue, South Tweed Heads.

**7.** Allan MUDGE was born on 30 August 1908 at Milton. He married Myrine Phyllis (Marie) KLAUS, daughter of Clarence Ernest KLAUS and Rosena Elizabeth BENNETT, on 10 July 1948 at Lismore. Allan was a motor mechanic. He died on 24 September 1958 at Mullumbimby and was buried in the General Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby. Marie was born on 14 October 1911 at Casino and died on 25 September 2002 at Lismore and was cremated at the Lismore City Crematorium, Goonellabah.

**8.** Olive Merle MUDGE was born on 12 August 1913 at Byron Bay. She married William Francis BARBER, son of William Alfred BARBER and Sarah JACKSON, on 4 January 1936 at Lismore. Olive had moved to Newcastle by 1949 and died there on 16 October 1975 under the name of MUDGE. She was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Sandgate, Newcastle. William was born on 22 February 1909, became a Butcher and Carpenter – his last known address was 41 Coolangatta Road, Kirra, Qld. in 1980.

**9.** Kenneth Earl MUDGE was born on 2 July 1917 at Goonengerry. He married Verlie Cecilia NEELY, daughter of William James NEELY and Ellen LULHAM on 5 June 1937 at Byron Bay. He began military service on 26 February 1942 – enlisted at Mullumbimby, Service No NX90417 and was discharged as Sapper, 2/3 Field Company on 14 June 1944. He died on 20 August 1976 at Mullumbimby and was buried in the General Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby. Verlie was born on 12 March 1916 at Lismore and died on 25 December 2005 at the Pine Haven Nursing Home, Suffolk Park. She was buried in the General Cemetery, Poplar Street, Mullumbimby.

**10.** Heather Merle MUDGE was born on 30 March 1922 at Goonengerry. She married James MACKENZIE on 18 November 1939 at Lismore. She married William Luke REAY, son of Robert William REAY and Sarah HANDCOCK on 25 June 1951 at Newcastle. She died on 23 September 2002 at the Allendale Nursing Home, Allendale via Bathurst.

**D.** Sarah Ann MUDGE was born on 20 October 1875 at Milton. She married Ernest Matthew SMITH, son of Francis Johann SMITH and Ann FRASER, on 27 November 1895 at Milton. She died on 15 January 1901 at Milton at age 25 and was buried in the Sandridge Cemetery, Milton. Ernest was born on 31 December 1866 at Ulladulla and died on 18 September 1947 at Milton. He was buried in the Sandridge Cemetery, Milton.

**1.** Amy Amelia SMITH was born on 28 September 1896 at Milton. She married Cecil James SNOW, son of Joseph Griggs SNOW and Mary JAMES, on 6 June 1919 at the Church of Christ Tabernacle, Conway Street, Lismore. She died on 24 November 1989 at Murwillumbah at age 93 and was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. Cecil was born on 21 October 1895 at Dunoon near Lismore and



died on 12 August 1959 at Murwillumbah. He was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah.

2. Howard Robert SMITH was born on 8 July 1898 at Milton. He married Agnes Mary SPINDLER, daughter of Thomas Joseph SPINDLER and Mary RUTTER, on 30 August 1924 at Annandale, Sydney. He was a Scale Mechanic and lived at 34 Thompson Street, Drummoyne, Sydney. He died on 23 April 1970 at Lismore at age 71 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Maclean. Agnes was born on 6 March 1899 at Annandale, Sydney, died on 1 May 1980 at Strathfield, Sydney and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Maclean.

3. Ernest Matthew SMITH was born on 31 December 1900 at Milton. He married Ellen Elizabeth BRUGGRAM, daughter of August BRUGGRAM and Abel Catherine Nissen GAHNSTROM on 7 April 1928 at the Church of Christ, East Ipswich, Qld. He was a Carpenter and lived at 4 Advance Street, East Ipswich, Qld. He died on 13 March 1965 at Ipswich and was cremated at Mt Thompson, Nursery Road, Holland Park, Brisbane, Qld. Ellen was born on 8 August 1904, died on 10 March 1979 at the Tara Nursing Home, Toowoomba and was cremated at Ipswich, Qld.

E. Lila May MUDGE was born on 4 May 1878 at Milton. She married James (Jim) HEWITT, son of James HEWITT and Janet ROBB, on 26 October 1898 at Milton. She died on 9 December 1947 at Gympie, Qld, at age 69 and was buried in General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. James was born on 8 September 1872 at Eyrie Bourie near Ulladulla. He was a Dairy Farmer at Cedar Pocket near Gympie, Qld. where he died on 20 October 1928 and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld.

1. Florence May HEWITT was born on 3 October 1899 at Croobyar near Milton. She married Arthur Leslie SORENSEN, son of Wilhelm SORENSEN and Annie Marie HANSEN, on 8 March 1919 at the Methodist Parsonage, Red Hill, Gympie, Qld. She died on 6 August 1970 and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. Arthur was born on 14 February 1900 on the family farm at Deep Creek, Cedar Pocket near Gympie, Qld. He was a Farmer and died on 21 September 1954. During WW2 he enlisted in the 15 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld.

2. Cecil George HEWITT was born on 8 June 1901 at Croobyar near Milton. He married Edna Auguste DRESCHER, daughter of Friedrich Ferdinand DRESCHER and Ida Bertha SCHWENKE, on 16 September 1928 at the Presbyterian Church, Red Hill, Gympie, Qld. He was a Dairyman at Cedar Pocket via Gympie. He died on 16 February 1968 at Ipswich and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. Edna was born on 9 November 1909 at Pimpama, Qld and died on 26 January 2005 at Presbyterian Care, Michaels Road, Ipswich and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld.

3. Vida Gladys HEWITT was born on 15 May 1903 at Croobyar near Milton. She married Thomas Roy SAXELBY, son of Thomas Scott SAXELBY and Frances Louise FLETCHER, on 27 August 1924 at Gympie, Qld. Vida died on 19 January 1991 at Gympie and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. Thomas was born on 2 March 1902 at Gympie, Qld. He was a Farmer at Cedar Pocket and died on 27 January 1968 at Gympie and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld.

4. Gwendoline Isobel Maud HEWITT was born on 20 October 1904 at Croobyar near Milton. She married Robert George SCOTT, son of Robert SCOTT and Belinda BRETT, on 30 April 1930 at Gympie, Qld. She died on 19 June 1998 at the Gold Coast and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. Robert was born on 5 October 1899 at Gympie. He was a Dairyman at Cedar Pocket and died on 6 March 1975 at Gympie and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld.

**To be continued in the next Newsletter.....**

**Windley Family Co-ordinator – Laurie Holmes, P.O. Box 205, Southport, Q'ld. 4215.**

**Email: [laurieholmes@bigpond.com](mailto:laurieholmes@bigpond.com) Phone: 0409 314 850**

## **CHARLES NICHOLS married MARGARET FINLAY**

**“For she’s a jolly good fellow”**

Many of the John Nichols Family members will know that I have been a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) since I was at high school and that I have served as a Director on its board since 2012. In May 2023 I was honoured to be made a Fellow of the Society of Australian Genealogists (FSAG). The full citation is available in the Winter 2023 issue of *Descent*, the Society’s magazine. My SAG roles have included writing articles for *Descent*, guest-editing and regularly proofreading *Descent*, membership of the Diploma and Certificate Committee, the Education Committee, and the Collections Committee. All this has been done as a volunteer for the love of family history. I’m sure you’ll all agree that once you have been bitten by the family history bug you are hooked for life!

More recently I have been involved with the St George Historical Society, which is planning to open historic Lydham Hall, Bexley, to the public in 2024. I recently wrote a history of the man who built Lydham Hall and his wider family, titled *Joseph Davis, From Lidham Hill to Lydham Hall*, as an entry to the 2023 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition run by Bayside Council. It may currently be freely downloaded from their website and is held by Bayside Library.

Thank you to all the Charles Nichols family line members who attended the reunion at Pennant Hills on 21 October 2023. I was very pleased to meet Charles line descendants Beverly Toland and Kay Blake and Allan Haynes along with many others there from other lines. Welcome to my brother, Kevin Beard, who also attended the reunion and is a new John Nichols Family Society member!

If any Charles Nichols family have any news or stories to share please pass them on to me by mail or email.

Janette Pelosi

### **The families of John Joseph Manuel and Emma Jane Heaney**

The John Joseph Manuel and Emma Jane Heaney family line descends from the second child and first son of John Joseph Manuel (1828-1901) and his wife Susannah Nichols (1829-1899), daughter of Charles Nichols (1804-1867) and Margaret Finlay (1800-1873). John Joseph Manuel (1859-1918) married Emma Jane Heaney (1860-1946) in 1881.<sup>1</sup> Their children were:

- Emma Susannah Manuel (1882-1974) married in 1909 at Balmain South to Joseph Solomon (1880-1948)
- Charles Westrock Manuel (1884-1962) married 1911 to Ethel May Harlon (1881-1937)
- Heleanor (Nellie) Manuel (1886-1973) married 1912 to John Nicholas Feltham (1884 Vic-30 Oct 1968).

John Joseph Manuel’s probate packet was transcribed in the December 2004 newsletter and his career as a policeman was featured in the June 2008 newsletter. In this issue we turn to his wife Emma Jane Manuel.

---

<sup>1</sup> *The Story of John Nichols, First Fleeter and Five Generations of his Family*, by K. Purnell, S. Tuck, S. Draper, B. Coleman, J. Marden. John Nichols Family Society, 1988, pp.94-95.

Emma Jane Heaney was born in 1860, the daughter of Henry Heaney and his wife Emma Heaney nee Elwin. Emma was a dressmaker.<sup>2</sup> John Joseph Manuel and Emma Jane Heaney married on 24 October 1881 at Sydney. John Joseph Manuel passed away on 1 July 1918.<sup>3</sup>

Emma Jane Manuel lived until 25 June 1946.<sup>4</sup> Her death notice recorded:

MANUEL -June 25, 1946, at her residence, Marine Parade Watsons Bay, Emma Jane, relict of the late John Joseph Manuel, and dearly beloved mother of Emma (Mrs. J. Soloman), Charles, and Nellie (Mrs. J. Feltham), aged 86 years.<sup>5</sup>

Her funeral notice shows that she was buried at the Church of England Cemetery, South Head:

MANUEL -The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Soloman and Family, Mr. C. Manuel and Family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Feltham and Family, are invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved Mother, Mother-in-law, and Grandmother, Emma Jane Manuel to leave her late residence, Marine Parade, Watson's Bay, This Wednesday, after Service to commence at 2.15 p.m. for the Church of England Cemetery, South Head. Charles Kinsela Pty., Ltd., A.F.D.A., Est. 1830. Taylor Square, Darlinghurst. 'Phones FA4136-7-8.<sup>6</sup>

Emma Jane Manuel lived most of her life at 23 Marine Parade, Watsons Bay. Her executors were her two eldest children, Charles Westrock Manuel and Emma Susannah Solomon. Her will dated 18 March 1920 divided her estate equally between her three children. Her whole estate was valued at £1342.10.42. The property at Watson's Bay in the Municipality of Vacluse, Parish of Alexandria, Count of Cumberland (Certificate of Title Volume 3756 Folio 100), comprising Lots 2 and 3, was worth £1125. The land, of 66 feet by 140 feet, fronted both Marine Parade and No. 9 Cliff Street (formerly Military Parade), and the houses were described as a "Double fronted weatherboard cottage, four rooms and kitchen and attic, iron roof and double fronted weatherboard cottage, three rooms and kitchen, iron roof." Her furniture, worth £22.15.0, was listed as "1<sup>st</sup> Bedroom: 1 Wardrobe, 1 Cedar Chest Drawers, 1 Easy Chair, 1 Bedroom Chair, 2 Pictures, 1 Whatnot, 1 Occasional Table; Kitchen: Crockery Cabinet; Attic: 1 Iron Double Bedstead and Mattress, 1 Oak Washstand, 1 Dressing Table, 1 Sideboard and Overmantle, 2 Chairs, 1 Hanging Wardrobe and 1 Hall Stand." In addition her assets included two Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd. insurance policies worth £60.4.3 and an account with the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Rose Bay, worth £139.14.9. She also owned jewellery comprising "One old fashioned gold watch (out of order) £2.10.0, One gold brooch, £2.10.0 Two tie pins – one with cat's eye and one imitation stone, 10.0, totalling £6.10.0".<sup>7</sup>

Both John Joseph and Emma Jane Manuel have many Manuel family descendants alive today.

**Janette Pelosi**, 9 Blanche Street, OATLEY NSW 2223  
Charles Nichols Family Co-ordinator 2023

Email: [jpelosi@tpg.com.au](mailto:jpelosi@tpg.com.au)

---

<sup>2</sup> *The Story of John Nichols*, p.94; NSW BDM Birth 484/1860 Heaney Emma J.

<sup>3</sup> *Evening News* (Sydney, NSW), 3 July 1918, p. 3 (Death); *Daily Telegraph* (Sydney, NSW), 4 July 1918, p.4 (Funeral).

<sup>4</sup> NSW BDM Death, 14343/1946 Manuel Emma Jane.

<sup>5</sup> *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 June 1946, p. 22.

<sup>6</sup> *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 June 1946, p. 22.

<sup>7</sup> NRS-13660-27-7414-Series 4\_317540, Probate packet, Emma Jane Manuel – Date of Death 25/06/1946, Granted on 10/09/1946; NRS-133400-1-[20/3759]-A 99016, Deceased Estate file, Emma Jane Manuel – late of Watsons Bay.



## **ANN PUGH NICHOLS married JOHN KELICK on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1825**

**John Kellick's Mother, Jannet (Jane) Gardiner nee Hay, Born c1780 – Died 04<sup>th</sup> May 1818**

### **Part 1**

John Kellick is my great-great grandfather and my first Australian born ancestor on my mother's (Joan Holman nee Kellick) side. John Kellick was born in Bligh Street, Sydney, Australia on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1803 and was baptised at St. Philip's, Church Hill, Sydney, Australia on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1804. It was noted on John's baptism certificate that his mother was Jane Hay, his father was John Kellick and the baptism was registered at St Phillip Church, Sydney. It is noted on John Kellick's death certificate that his father was John Kellick, a gunner on board HMS Gluton and his mother's name was Jane Hay.

There is a good deal of information on my great-great grandfather John Kellick but no mention of his mother under the name of Jane Hay living in Sydney in the early 1800's.

Below is an extract from part of an article written by Sue Tuck for the John Nichols Family Society (JNFS) November 1984 Newsletter (the society's second newsletter) detailing the research which was carried out to establish the name of John Kellick's mother.

*There is a good deal of information on John Kellick junior but we could find no mention of his mother under the name of Jane Hay. On checking the convict indent, Sharon (Draper) could not find a Jane Hay, so all the women with the Christian name of Jane were noted, one of which was Jannet Gardiner. In the meantime I came across a letter written by John Kellick junior dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1826 in which he applied to the Sydney Male Orphan School, Sydney for the release of his (half) brother George Coulson, so that he could enter into an apprentice carpenter with him. We now had another name for his mother, Jane Coulson.*

*With this name we hit the jackpot and discovered the following; Jane Gardner had four children to George Coulson, they were Elizabeth born 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1809, Mary born the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1812, Jane born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1813 and George born on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1816. Now our question was why was George in the Sydney Male Orphan School? He had been admitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1822 but listed beside his name under the heading "Parent" was the name Jane Dew. We wrongly assumed that Jane Hay/Gardiner/Coulson had either remarried or taken another name. Kaye (Purnell) then found the death of a Jane Gardner in the Birth, Death and Marriage Records for the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 and now we feel quite sure that this is in fact John Kellick's mother.*

*Our reasons for this is as follows; on checking through some early musters we found in 1811 Jane Gardiner is listed as being transported on the Glatton, the 1814 muster shows Jane Gardiner as arriving on the Glatton and being the wife of G. Coulston with five children (we had accounted for four). Then in the 1822 muster there is no Jane Gardiner/Coulston listed. On the 1822 muster George Coulson junior is shown as living in the Sydney Male Orphan School while his sisters Elizabeth, Mary and Jane are listed as being at the Parramatta Orphan School.*

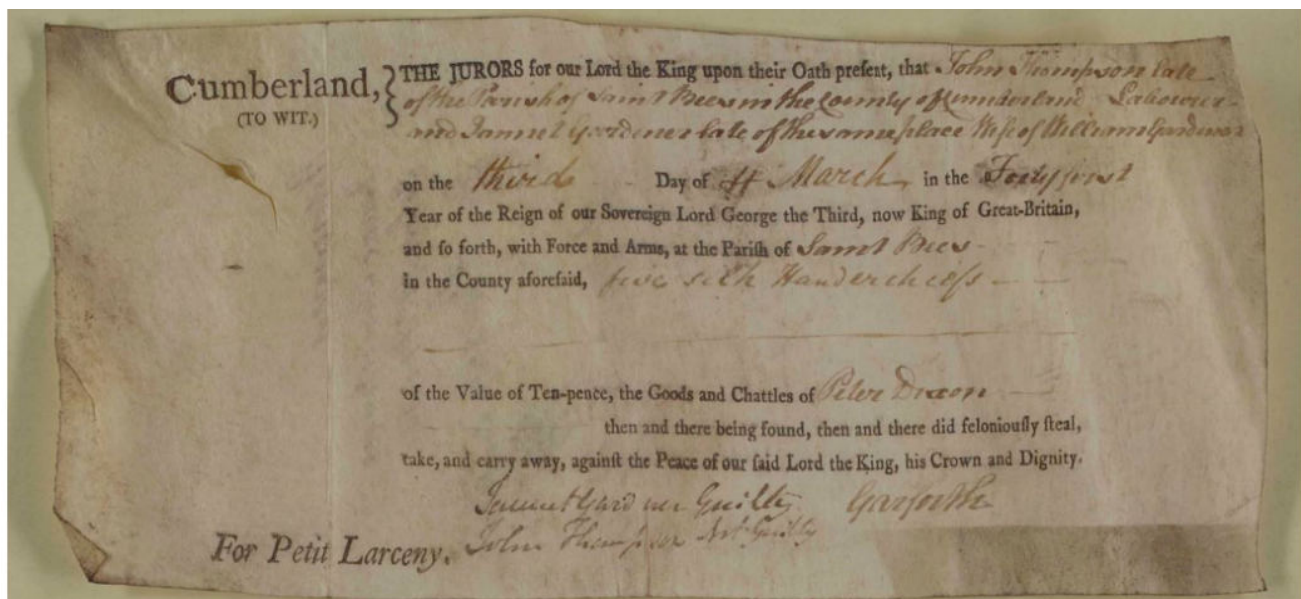
*In regard to the name Jane Drew, we assume that George junior and probably the three girls were placed in the care of Jane Drew (a washerwoman of Farm Cove) and when her husband John Dew died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1821 Jane Dew put the children into the orphanages. The fact that George Coulson senior is shown in the Sydney Gazette (Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1818, page 4) as intending to leave the colony for England in 1818 further supports our assumption that the children would have been classed as orphans.*

After the great detective work carried out in the mid 1980's by the founding members of the JNFS we now know that John Kellick's mother was Jannet Gardiner. At the time that the above research was carried out

the JNFS members were busy collecting material for the John Nichols First Fleeter book for its publishing in 1988 in time for the 200 year anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet in Australia and would not have the time to research Jane any further.

There are a number of online family trees including the JNFS web site that have John Kellick's mother as Jane Hay alias Janette Gardiner. There was one internet site that stated that Jannet Gardiner and Jane Hay were not the same person. I think that a lot of people have used the information from the JNFS site and put it in their family trees and because it was not their direct line have not researched her further.

As John Kellick is my direct line, I am trying to research Jannet Gardiner/Jane Hay further but with limited success. I have tracked down where her court record of the Cumberland Quarter Sessions are held and was able to purchase a copy of her Court Records. The record state in part that Jannet Gardiner was the wife of William Gardiner. I have not so far been able to find any records for her birth or marriage to prove her maiden name was Hay but as Hay is listed on her son, John's birth and death certificates as his mother's maiden name, I am confident that her name is Jannet (Jane) Gardiner nee Hay. It was the practice of that time that the sentence of *transportation beyond the seas* effectively terminated the marriage, leaving both Husband and Wife to remarry and this may be the reason that she took on her maiden name Hay. As for the Jannet/Jane christen names, it appears that she either took on or was given the christen name Jane as she is referred to as Jane once she arrived in Australia, so I will refer to her as Jane Gardiner after she arrives in Australia.



A copy of Jannet Gardiner's court hearing held at the Cumberland Quarter Sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1801 where she was sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia for the theft of five silk handkerchiefs of the value of ten pence the chattels of Peter Dixon of Whitehaven

*Cumberland, the Jurors for our lord the King upon their Oath that John Thompson late of the parish of Saint Bees in the county of Cumberland labourer and Jannet Gardiner late of the same place Wife of William Gardiner on the third day of March in the forty first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, now King of Great Britain, and so forth with force and arms, at the Parish of Saint Bees in the County aforesaid, five silk handkerchiefs of the value of ten-pence, the goods and Chattels of Peter Dixon then and there being found, then and there did feloniously steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity.*

*Jannet Gardiner Guilty For Petit Larceny      John Thompson   Not Guilty*



Newspaper article dated 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1801 reporting on Jannet Gardiner's court verdict and sentence for the theft of silk handkerchiefs

Jannet Gardiner nee Hay boarded the ship HMS Glatton captained by Captain James Colnett along with 129 other females and 271 male convicts on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1802 in preparation for the 169 day voyage to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Jannet Gardiner appears to have become pregnant during the voyage to Australia.

Seven weeks after arriving at Sydney Cove and almost 10 months after she left England Jane gave birth to a son whom she named John Kellick. It is noted on her son's John Kellick's Baptisms Certificate that the father was John Kellick and her name as Jane Hay and on his Death Certificate it was noted that his father was John Kellick and that his father's Occupation was 'Gunner on board HMS Glutton'.

The general consciences among the majority of family history researches is that Marine Gunner John Kellock was the father of Jannett Gardener's son John Kellick.

Serving on board HMS Glatton at the time Jannett Gardener was transported to Australia was an Officer, Marine Gunner John Kellock. It was common practice at that time that on Navy ships that the Offices were able to have a servant for the voyage and it appears that John Kellock chose Jannet Gardiner and it appears she became pregnant to him during the voyage to Australia. The Kellock/Kellick surname and the Ship HMS Glatton/Glutton may have either been a spelling mistake or a problem with Jannet's Northern English accent.

John Kellock was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1770 in Burntisland, Fife, Scotland and married a widow Sarah Sergeant (nee unknown) on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1796 at the Minster Church, in the Parish of Minster Isle of Sheepy Kent, England. In the Minster Isle parish marriage records it noted Sarah Sergeant as a widow. John Kellock died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1818 at the Plymouth Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, England.

HMS Glatton arrived in Sydney on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1803, disembarked its consignment of convicts and supplies and departed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1803 with John Kellock on board for the return trip to England.

I will finish off now but will continue in the next Newsletter Jane's story of her time in Australia.

**Story researched and written by Garry Holman  
Susan Pierce - Family Coordinator**

**garryholman53@gmail.com  
cameragirl552004@yahoo.com.au**

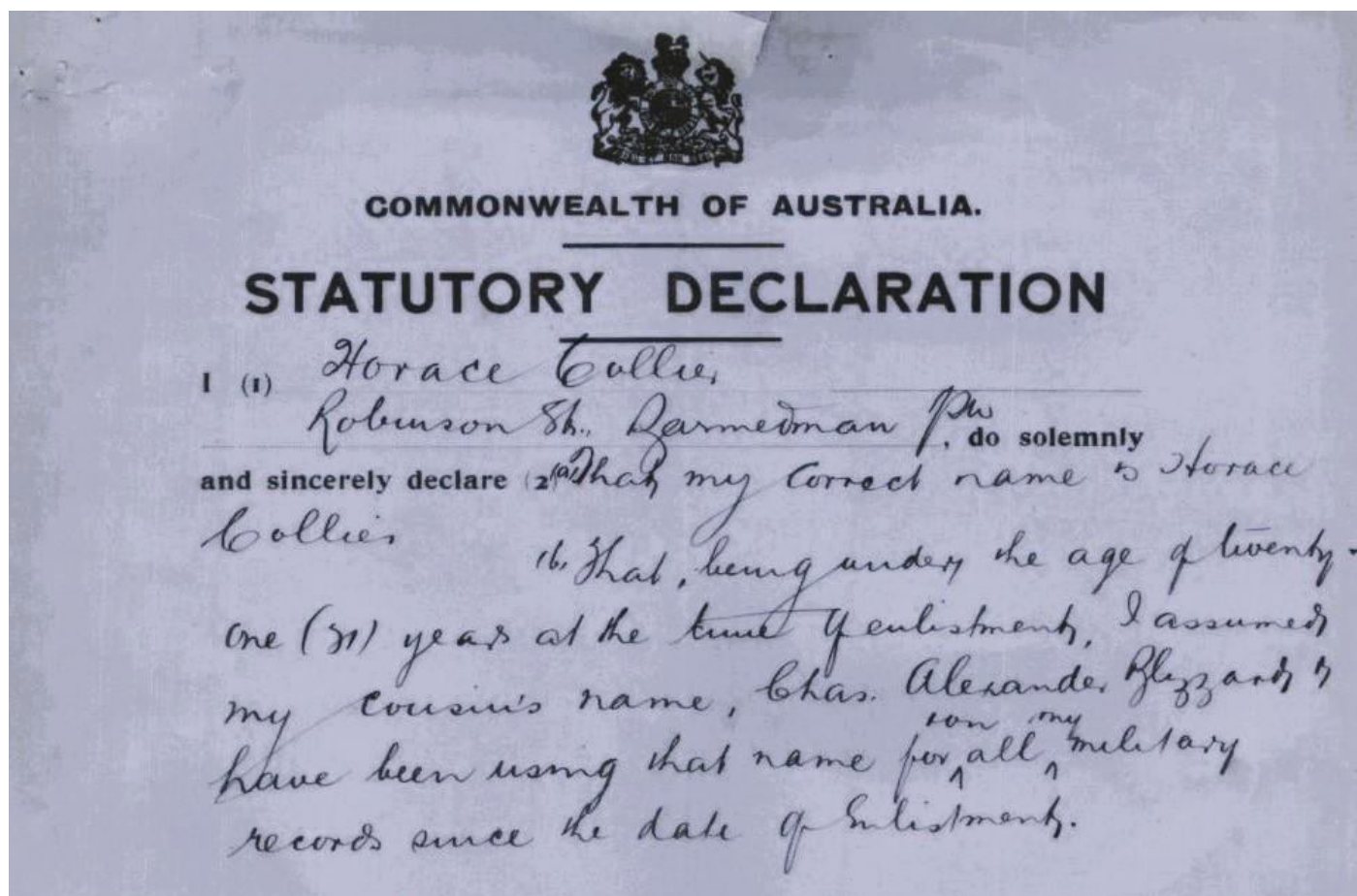


**SOPHIA NICHOLS married ALEXANDER PHILP on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1823, then formed a relationship with PATRICK MARKEY from 1839**

Whilst researching the WW2 site for photographs prior to the recent reunion, I came across the military file of a remarkable man who I believe deserves to have his story told as I feel the members would enjoy following his life story as much as I did reading through his military service file, following his adversity and the obvious challenges and adventures of Horace Collier.

**Horace Collier** was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1894 at Broken Hill, the son of Elizabeth Nolan (1865-1941) and William Henry Collier (1865-1945). When WW1 is declared Horace is too young to enlist legally so he assumes his cousin's identity and enlists at Randwick, Sydney, stating his name is 'Chas Alick' Blizzard,' aged 22 years and 3 months who is employed as a Tram Conductor. When filling out the medical page his name is spelt Charles Alec Blizzard, 5'11" tall, weighs 164 lbs, chest 38" and religion C of E with his sister Elizabeth Collier as NOK.

With the Service No: 4066 he completes his basic training. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1916 he writes a 'Stat-dec' that states "That my correct name is Horace Collier. That being under the age of twenty one (21) years at the time of enlistment I assumed my cousin's name, Chas. Alexander Blizzard and have been using that name for all my military records since the date of enlistment." Records adjusted, Horace is assigned to the 13th Battalion and embarks from Sydney on the HMAT A15 Star England' on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1916, for the Middle



East.

By mid October 1916, Horace spends his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (18.10.1916) fighting at Alexandria, with the 17<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1916 he 'Marched into France' with 13<sup>th</sup> Batt. and on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1917 is promoted to Lance Corporal. The next notation in his military file states "MISSING IN ACTION" dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1917.

19<sup>th</sup> May 1917: Confirmation received that Horace Collier is now a Prisoner of War, having been shot in the left hip, he was captured at Reincourt and is now interred at Gefangenenlager Hamelin POW Camp, in Germany.

B.R. Form No. 9.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

E.P.      BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA BARRACKS,

17th Sept. 1917.

Dear Mad m,      to advise you that  
now beg      has been reported      Lance Corporal H. Collier,

His postal address will be:— ~~XXXXXX~~ officially reported wounded and  
Prisoner of War Germany, was captured 11.4.17 at Reincourt, and is intern  
at Gefangenenlager Hameln. Germany.

British Prisoner of War,      Australian Imperial Force,  
No 4066, Lance Corporal H. Collier,      Abroad.      Germany,  
13th Battalion,      370 Australian Red Cross Commissioners,  
In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is  
being maintained, but anything further received will be promptly transmitted, it being  
clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more  
information to supply.

Yours faithfully,  
**J. M. LEAN**, Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.104/9.17.—C.3416.

National Archives of Australia      NAA: B2455, COLLIER H

Nothing is written in his military file for the next nineteen months, except a reply letter written by his mother stating "that she is grateful to hear the news that her son Horace is still alive albeit in a POW Camp in Germany, as she lost her older son to the Great War on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1917, and finds solace in knowing Horace didn't suffer the same fate as his brother. The letter is dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 1917.

Around 14 months go by with no further documentation in his military file but I stumbled on an extract from the Aust. Red Cross – Missing and Enquiry Bureau Files which appears as it was written below. It reads:

Extract taken from the Aust. Red Cross Society – Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau Files.

**"Escaped from Germany on 7<sup>th</sup> – now in Holland at ESCHEDE"**

**Would you be good enough to cable my mother, Barmedman, N.S.W. Extract Rec. from man.**

**Dated 9.12.1918**

Horace has survived the battlefields of Egypt and France, being captured and interred in a POW Camp in Germany, has escaped from the POW Camp and made his way to Holland. We believe that with help from the local resistance he made it to Hull in England.

20<sup>th</sup> December 1918: Arrived in England. Horace takes leave in the UK and also goes AWOL, which is overridden and extended leave granted to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1919. Eight weeks later Horace arrives back to Caloundra, in Queensland, and is discharged from



the Army on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1919. We believe he initially settled at Merrylands, Sydney, as the 1920 census has him residing in the western suburbs of Sydney and that may be where he met his future wife; Florence Adelene Bysh (1899-1986) whom he marries in 1920, and her photograph appears right of page. Horace is now aged 23 & 10 months.

In 1921 their daughter Grace Adeline Collier (1921-1928) is born and the family relocate to Muckalilla, in Queensland. Tragedy strikes when a branch from a tree, where Grace is playing falls on her, and she dies on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1928. The family move several times from 1930 to 1949, as we believe Horace is working as a Cane Cutter and probably chasing employment, but eventually settles in Goondiwindi, Queensland in 1936.

But that is not the end of Horace Collier's military career!

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1940 Horace Collier enlists for WW2. His Attestation form states he age 45, a cabinet maker and fought in WW1 in Egypt and France with the 13<sup>th</sup> Batt. giving the name of his daughter Elizabeth who is the NOK. He also states he is married to Myrtle 'Nellie' Philp (1911-1984) the daughter of Alfred Henry Philp and Rosina Gertrude Claven, Alfred being the son of William Philp and Sarah Ann (nee Harvey).



Horace is allocated the Service No: 50618, states he is now 6' tall and his photograph taken from his military file appears right. Note he has three stripes on his shirt signifying he is a Sergeant. Horace spent a total of 1,809 days in military service and was attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. Garrison Batt. He spent the majority of his time stationed in Darwin and the Northern Territory.

On his discharge paperwork Horace states he is married and resides at Albert Street, Caloundra, in Queensland and has five children with four under the age of 16 years. Horace is now 48 years and 11 months old and was discharged as Sgt. on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1945.

We know his son Brian William Collier (5.11.1946-29.10.2007) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, wrote to the Army asking about his fathers will, after Horace died on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1970, aged 74, at hospital, in Crows Nest, Queensland. Horace was buried in the General Cemetery at Toowoomba. The will of Horace Collier could not be found and was not in his WW1 or WW2 records.

Myrtle Ellen Philp died at Hospital Crows Nest, Queensland on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1984 from Lung Cancer, and was buried in the Toowoomba Cemetery.

We certainly thank Horace Collier, a remarkable man who patriotically answered the call to arms when his country needed him and his service has enabled those who came after him to enjoy the freedoms and lifestyle we all enjoy today in this country.

**Compiled by Helen Alderman** with research from the National Archives found on WW1 and WW2 website

**June Harber** - Sophia Family Coordinator - [juneandbarry52@bigpond.com](mailto:juneandbarry52@bigpond.com)



## **An Historical Guide to Sydney - Green Plaques**

### **Idea from member Stephen Cummings**

Take a walk through history with the compliments of the State Bank. With the help of the Royal Australian Historical Society and the Sydney City Council, one hundred and one plaques have been erected around Sydney, celebrating historic places, people and events. Start walking and experience the Sydney of yesterday today.

1. Campbell's Bank Circular Quay West. The Rocks. On this site in 1819 Robert Campbell, Sydney's leading merchant, opened Australia's first savings bank. He accepted shillings, dollars, dumps, and rupees. And convicts.
2. History House 133 Macquarie Street. Built in 1871 for the Parramatta politician George Oakes, History House is now the home of the Royal Australian Historical Society. They'll help you to find out more about historic Sydney.
3. The Lands Department Bridge St. Between Gresham and Loftus Sts. You can explore your local history at this treasure house of property maps, and you can look at the many statues of Australian explorers in the niches outside.
4. Treasury & Audit Office Bridge St, corner. Macquarie St. a most refreshing historical stop - it's now the Inter-Continental Hotel. A wonderful combination of old and new, where you can dine in the Treasury Restaurant, have a drink in the courtyard or hold a meeting in the Premier's Room.
5. The First Execution Cnr. Essex & Harrington Sts. In 1788 convict Thomas Barrett stole butter peas and pork peas and pork from camp provisions. This is as far as he got. A gallows tree located here between the male and female convict camps was used for the deed.
6. St James' Church King St., near Macquarie St. This church is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture. It was originally intended to be a courthouse, but there must have been a sign from above, for it was converted into a church at an early stage of construction.
7. Tank Stream Hunter Street. When the First Fleet landed in Sydney Cove, it was this 'fine stream of fresh water' which attracted them. Over the years the Tank Stream became severely polluted by the people of the new colony. It now serves as a storm water channel running underneath the city streets.
8. Mort's Wool Store Young St., corner Albert St. Before Thomas Mort established specialized wool sales on this site, local trading was disorganized. Buyers often stopped wool growers on the road to Sydney and persuaded them to sell their wool before they could find out the real market price.
9. Legislative Assembly Chamber Parliament House, Macquarie Street. The home of Australian democracy actually had its beginnings as the Surgeon's Quarters of the Rum Hospital.
10. The Supreme Court Elizabeth St., corner King St. This building was the first permanent seat of justice in New South Wales. In the early days the wind whistled through the rooms and the noises of horses and carriages outside made working difficult.

These are the first 10 green plaques, and future Newsletters will contain details of the remainder. Member and past Secretary, Stephen Cummings is on a mission to photograph all 110

**Peter Nichols - Convenor - [nicholspeter021@gmail.com](mailto:nicholspeter021@gmail.com)**



# John Nichols Family Society

**Convenor** : Peter Nichols  
18 Henry St, Port Elliot, SA, 5212

**Secretary**: June Harber

174 Trafalgar Avenue, Umina Beach  
NSW 2257

## Financial Statement for the period to 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Opening cash position June 30, 2022</b>	<u>13,154.71</u>	<u>10,699.03</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Fees Received – Current Year	1,275.00	1,665.00
Membership Fees Received – Future Years	1,230.00	1,900.00
Donations Received	15.00	45.00
Souvenir Sales	-	-
Fundraising (Re-union)	1,595.00	-
Other Income (USB)	80.00	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>4,195.00</u>	<u>3,610.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Newsletter – Printing Costs	551.50	509.70
Newsletter – Postage Costs	36.65	-
Newsletter Software Costs	827.63	-
Photo Project	504.17	594.62
Flowers and Cards	-	-
Postage Costs	11.00	-
Bank Fees	20.00	20.00
Souvenir Costs	-	-
Other Expenses (Re-union)	112.30	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,063.25</u>	<u>1,124.32</u>
<b>Net Profit for the year</b>	2,131.75	2,485.68
Cash repaid – Reunion dinner	-	(30.00)
Outstanding payment - postage	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



## Closing cash position June 30, 2023

Gerard Abrams, Treasurer,  
20 Myson Drive Cherrybrook 2126

15,286.46

13,154.71

### **John Nichols Family Society - Office Bearers 2024**

**We welcome Margie Partridge to Committee and thank Carole Brown for her valued contribution.**

**We welcome Sharne Rolfe as our new Eliza Family Coordinator**

**We welcome Garry Holman as our new Ann Pugh Family Coordinator**

**Convenor: Peter Nichols:** Tel: 0439 687646 nicholspeter021@gmail.com  
**Secretary:**  
**June Harber,** 174 Trafalgar Ave, Umina Beach 2257 Tel 43414684 juneandbarry52@bigpond.com  
**Treasurer:**  
**Gerard Abrams** 20 Myson Drive Cherrybrook 2126 Tel: 0413624557 gerard@benbowpike.com.au  
**Membership Secretary: Frank Crameri** Tel: 0427 564 367 FrankC@srw.com.au

### **JNFS GENERAL COMMITTEE 2024**

**Helen Alderman** 15 Carrick Street, Cardiff 2285 Tel: 02 49 54 7207 helenalderman1717@hotmail.com  
**Tim Abrams:** 18 Welham St, Beecroft, NSW 2119. Tel: 0417 662 405 abramsc@bigpond.net.au  
**Carole Brown** 56 Arnhem Road, Allambie Hts 2100 Tel: 0416 170 022 carole\_brown@optusnet.com.au  
**David Jenz,** 13 Sophora Court, Templestowe Lower, Tel: M: 0417 101 968 [djensz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:djensz@bigpond.net.au)  
**Sharon Bagnall** PO Box 282 Swansea. 2281 NSW llangab2@gmail.com

### **JNFS SUB COMMITTEE 2024**

**Webmaster: Bruce Markey** brmarkey@bigpond.net.au  
**Photo coordinator/archivist:**  
**Helen Alderman,** 15 Carrick Street, Cardiff 2285 Tel: (02) 4954 7207 helenalderman1717@hotmail.com  
**Newsletter Despatch Officer.**  
**June Harber** 174 Trafalgar Ave Umina Beach 2257 juneandbarry52@bigpond.com

### **JNFS FAMILY COORDINATORS 2024**

**John Pugh Nichols / Rebecca Moss**  
**Helen Alderman,** 15 Carrick Street, Cardiff 2285 Tel: 02 4954 7207 helenalderman1717@hotmail.com  
**Ann Pugh Nichols / John Kellick**  
**Garry Holman, Welcome Garry and thank you Susan Pierce** garryholman53@gmail.com  
**Charles Nichols / Margaret Finlay**  
**Janette Pelosi,** 9 Blanche St, Oatley NSW 2223 Tel: (02) 9585 9797 jpelosi@tpg.com.au  
**Sophia Nichols / Alexander Philp & Patrick Markey**  
**Margie Partridge Welcome Margie and thank you June Harber** djpmmp@gmail.com  
**Martha Nichols / William Windley**  
**Laurie Holmes,** PO Box 205, Southport. Qld 4215 Tel: 0409 314 850 laurieholmes@bigpond.com  
**Amelia Nichols / Charles Hughes**  
**Karen Hughes** 31 Matthew Street, Rosewood 4340 Tel: (07) 53 200704 klhughes@sctelco.net.au  
**Susannah Nichols / Charles Kinsela**  
**Robyn Melise Condliffe,** 28 Sandpiper Cres, Boambee East 2452 Tel: 6653 3615  
[condliffe@smartchat.net.au](mailto:condliffe@smartchat.net.au)  
**Thomas Nichols / Martha Johnson**  
**Peter Nichols,** Tel: 0439 687 646 nicholspeter021@gmail.com  
**Eliza Nichols / James Williams**  
**Sharne Rolfe** sharne@fastmail.fm  
**Sarah Nichols / Richard Johns**  
**David Jenz,** 13 Sophora Court, Templestowe Lower, Tel: M: 0417 101 968 djensz@bigpond.net.au

### **DISCLAIMER**

**The John Nichols Family Society or any of its members accept no responsibility for any information contained in this Newsletter and any person acting in response to such information does so entirely at his or her own risk.**

## **JOHN NICHOLS FAMILY SOCIETY**

### **Renewing and New Members**

Membership falls due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Our records indicate you are paid up to the end of the year that appears in the right-hand corner of your envelope address label. We request that **new members, renewing members, and members who have changed contact details** complete the relevant form in full. This will assist us to communicate with you more efficiently and accurately.

For making payments, please take advantage of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by transferring your subscriptions directly into the JNFS bank account, with BSB No – 062 669 and Account No 10087182.

**Ensure YOUR full name is printed as the reference.** We also accept cheques or money orders, **but please do not send cash.** We will not be responsible for cash that is lost in the Post.

No receipts are issued – your payment is acknowledged below and is current to the end of the year shown following your name.

We thank the New Members and Members who have renewed from 9 April 2023 to 8 November 2023

You are acknowledged as follows:

**AMELIA** – BLADEN Stephanie (2024), HUGHES David (2027), LEBSANFT Karen (gift from C Brown 2024), SCHLOMAN Jennifer (2025 new member)

**ANN** –

**CHARLES** – BEARD Kevin (2025 new member), EWING Ian (2025), HAYNES Allan (2028)

**ELIZA** –

**JOHN PUGH** – DAVID Judy (2024 new member), HUNT Daniel (new member 2025),

**MARTHA** – BIERMANN Annette (2024 new member), BROWN Julia (2024 new member), DUCKSBURY Graeme (2025 new member gift), DUNLOP Robert (2024), GRANGER Russell (2025 new member), MORGAN Jeannette (2024), STEVENS Car;a (2024 new member gift) WINDLEY Nevyl (2023),

**SARAH** – JOHNSON Sarah (2025 new member)

**SUSANNAH** –

**SOPHIA** – DIXON Joy (2025), JENNINGS Allen (2024 New Member), PHILP Ronald G. (2025) TAYLOR Enid (2025),

**THOMAS** - COUSINS Marilyn (2023), MCBRIDE Karen (2025), NICHOLS Lloyd (2024),

**Peter Nichols, Convenor - nicholspeter021@gmail.com**

COPYRIGHT© *The articles contained in newsletters remain the copyright of the authors and due recognition needs to be given to authors if they are reproduced. The JNFS is assigned the right to publish all articles and photographs contained in newsletters produced.*