

## Casino and District Family History Group Inc

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Monday and Friday CLOSED

Monday nights only when advertised.

Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm

Wednesdays 12pm – 4pm

Saturdays open 3<sup>rd</sup>only 9am – 11.30am

Closed mid-December – late January

Open by appointment mid Dec – late Jan

#### Memberships:

Single \$40

Family \$50 (2 People same address)

Pensioner \$35 Pensioner Couple Student \$30 (needs to show card)

Joining Fee \$5 All prices include GST

(Membership year Jan to Dec)

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## President's Report Dec 23 - Feb 2024

Another year and the weeks are just flying. I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the holiday season. We welcome members back to use our research room and this will be the year to jump those fences and find those hiding ancestors.

<u>December Christmas Party</u>: What a great turn up for our Christmas Party. A beautiful spread of foods supplied by members. Guest speakers were Joanne Wilton and her husband who talked about their trip to Poland in search of family history and the success they had. Thanks to members who decorated our room in the Christmas theme and for packing up later. <u>January</u>: We held a Planning Meeting Day, and it was pleasing to have a good roll up to put together a program for 2024 year. We hope members take up the opportunities offered for workshops etc.

**February Meeting**: It was decided that we will not hold a street stall during Beef Week but will organise two Trivia Nights throughout the year to raise funds to keep our group functioning. After our meeting we had the pleasure of listening to our Guest Speaker Laszlo Biro, who told us about his family history, of living in Hungry at the time of the Russian invasion of Hungry, his father being arrested and his escape from a prison camp by hanging underneath a train. He spoke about the escape of his mother, brother, and himself, aged nine, making their way to the Austrian border. Then his parents meeting up again in London and later sending him and his brother away for safety and the eventual immigration of the family to Australia about 1960. Laszlo is a sculptor, painter in all mediums, and makes beautiful items in glass. It was a most interesting talk.

<u>Members:</u> We need your support in attending meetings, participating in workshops, and helping us raise funds. It is disappointing to see our membership dropping considerably. Please speak with friends, family and neighbours about the thrill of doing family history and promote our group. We cannot continue to function without members. We need to increase the membership to continue financially.

<u>February 23rd</u>: Come along to a <u>Members Morning Tea</u> at 10 am. Catch up with friends, meet and mingle with our new members. Those who do rosters this is a day to learn what's new in our library and where items are housed on shelves. A day to ask questions. Committee members please bring a plate of goodies to share with a cuppa.

<u>March 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Friday workshop</u>: Question and Answers about Computer Family History Programs such as Legacy, Family Tree Maker, Brother's Keeper for examples. If you use a program, you can share your knowledge of how the program works. If you are looking to purchase a program someone will give advice. If you don't know how to use a program come along and ask questions. Hope to see a good roll up.

Please add your pioneer women's names to be considered for a project for Mary Madden Park, Queensland Rd Casino. Names to be in asap. Women must be from Casino and/or the district and arrived before 1870.

**AGM next meeting**: Please consider putting your name forward for a position on committee.

Happy hunting everyone. Cheers Barbara

## **Beginning Family History** - Submitted by member Kaylene Morris

Just beginning your family history and your question is "Where do I start?" That's the easy bit. "Yourself." Next you need to record your parent's birth, marriage and possibly death. If your parents are both still living, write some questions for them. Ask about their siblings and parents recording the information. If you can, record them on your phone. Ask permission first. Also ask aunts, uncles and/or cousins.

My mum is ninety-five and I often ask her questions about her mum, grandmother and her two brothers. She knows only a small amount about her father as he died when she was only seven months old. Anything she knows is from other sources, eg. her mother and her paternal grandmother. Her older brother could tell her a little as well, but unfortunately for me, by the time I had an interest in family history, both my mother's brothers had died. I would have liked to talk to them about their war service, as both were in New Guinea. I now have their World War II records to view, but it doesn't tell you much. One uncle made metal rulers and matchbox holders using the metal from a wrecked plane.

Photos are great. You may see yourself in one of your relatives. I had a photo that I showed to some friends. I asked if they could recognise anyone. They said it was me but were confused as to why the photo looked so old. The photo was my maternal grandmother. I guess I wasn't adopted.

Now you need to acquaint yourself with both the internet and microfiche and microfilm. Births, deaths, and marriage sites for each state are available online and on microfiche in our room. The microfiche doesn't go as far as online Birth, Deaths & Marriage's (BDM) now, but if you have a variety of ways to spell the name you are searching, then microfiche can be very helpful. New members to our group usually receive a package that contains a couple of "pedigree charts." I suggest you make several copies, before you write on them, or download more from the internet. Always use pencil, much easier to erase mistakes, and yes there will be some.

After your chat with your parents or relatives, you may now have grandparents and great grandparent's names to add to your tree. You can now find when and where they were married and born and died. Sites to find birth, marriage or death details, as mentioned BDM's, cemetery sites eg. **austcemindex**, **Find a Grave**. Other paid sites are **Ancestry.com**, **Find My Past**, **the Genealogist**, which are available on computers in our rooms. Another paid site, which we don't have is **Billion Graves**. Also, you can join "**Familysearch.org**" it is free. They have records from all over the globe. Some films are not available except through an affiliate library, which we are.

The Ryerson index is very helpful if your ancestor had his/her death or burial notice in a newspaper. This is a free site. The index gives you the date and name of the newspaper. If you can't find the newspaper in amongst our microfiche newspapers, then you can "Request a lookup". They don't charge, but don't ask for a lot, unless you are willing to give them a donation. It can take 2 months for them to get back to you. If your ancestor was born, married, or died before 1954 you may find information on "Trove" digitised Australian newspapers from 1788 to 1954. Some newspapers go past 1954. Not all newspapers are there but there is plenty to search. Another helpful site is The Biographical Index. Some other newspapers (not online) are on microfilm in our rooms.

Don't forget books. Our library has **Pioneer Registers** from many areas of **NSW** and **Queensland**. We also have some of **early settlers in South Australia**. We have **cemetery books**, books to do with **convicts**, **shipping**, **funeral directors**, then there are books on **schools**, **hospitals**, **pubs** etc. **Microfiche and microfilm** are also available for baptism, marriages, and deaths from 1788 to 1856. Fiche for **electoral rolls** for many areas of the NSW from 1903 to 1930. Local area 1903 to 1950. Also, some **Queensland electoral rolls**.

**Bounty ships and immigration** are also on microfiche or microfilm, as are newspapers from many areas of NSW. There are many other books, microfiche, and film for many different areas to help you with your research as well as online. Sometimes just chatting to another member may help give you a clue to follow. Always ask the roster persons on duty to help you or point you in the right direction. Happy hunting!

### **CORAKI AND SURROUNDS HOTELS - FAMILY BUSINESS - PART 1**

Written and researched by Tim Smith

This article was supplied by member Roseanne Birmingham with permission from the author. It was originally shared with the Lismore Facebook group and Roseanne thought it might be suitable for our newsletter. I have made some changes with abbreviations and punctuation and trust this does not alter the original story in any way. If you would like to read the unaltered article, please contact me.

<u>WARNING</u>: This is a long post about the pubs in Coraki, mainly Nolan and the Club Hotel and some family crossover to other local pubs in my grandmother's family. Like many folks of the Northern Rivers, I have a strong family connection with the pubs in and around Coraki on my Mum's side. When I started looking into them, I found some conflicting dates and confusing or misleading information via various sources; no doubt giving information to the best of their knowledge at the time. So, I've been researching this for a few years to clarify the history, at least for me and my family, but thought I'd share in case others might be interested.

I've been reading through old newspaper ads and articles as well as Government documents, licensing registers, and information from the Australian National University to confirm the history, with a focus on my own family connections; my grandmother's maternal Thearle and paternal Nolan. I've listed a few interim owners who I'm not related to so anyone with links to them who would like to add to the history, please feel free to share what you know. A couple of them were regular publicans across the area, so would have interesting stories! Similarly, if you'd like evidence of anything I state below for your records please reach out, especially if it is different to what you may have seen or heard previously!

To go back to the start for my maternal family, four of the Nolan brothers came here from Kilkenny, Ireland in the 1860s each coming separately with my great, great, grandfather, Michael being the eldest, arriving first in March 1859, with a brother Daniel and sister Catherine staying behind. Times were tough in Ireland and the family farm couldn't support them all. The brothers spent a few years in Sydney before heading up to the Clarence and then paid their way by mining gold from the beaches of Evans Head (sand mining at Chinamen's Beach). In 1866 they settled west. Michael went to Tatham, the others to Coraki to capitalise on activity around the region's major highways - the rivers. When my great, great Uncles Kyran and Thomas, bought farmland on the North Arm, it was one of only three properties in the area. Mr. William Yabsley and Mr. William Yeager being the first two.

Kyran, on my grandmother's paternal side, built the original Nolan's Coraki Hotel (aka bottom pub) in 1868. Fig.1. This was a single-story hotel on land near the current pub. It quickly became the hub for important meetings and events in the region, including hosting esteemed visitors, Governor's, Premiers, and sport stars, for public and business meetings, athletics events in the prepared lot next to the hotel, the Tattersall's race club, Caledonian Society events (e.g., Scottish band), and of course, the annual rowing regatta post event drinks and ball.

Before St Joseph's church was opened on 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1877 the hotel even hosted weekly mass. The Nolans were staunch Irish Catholics! After running the pub for almost five years, Kyran leased it to Silvester Shanley in 1872 before his younger brother Thomas Nolan took over as the licensee from 1876 until his death in 1887 while Kyran ran his general store in town on the site where the existing pub now stands. Thomas's wife Elizabeth Mary Nolan continued to run the Hotel after his passing until 1892 – one of many successful widow publicans in the early days of the Northern Rivers.

In January 1892, Kyran decided to build a new two storey pub on the lot where his grocery store was and called it the Coraki Hotel. Fig. 2. This is the only pub still in operation today. World champion sculler, Mr John McLean, took on the lease of the new hotel on 1st of September 1892. On the 30th of January 1892, Elizabeth Mary Nolan married Mr John White at the original Nolan's Coraki Hotel and in that same year, John White was granted a hotel license. In 1893, John ran the new hotel "The Palace Hotel" completed in January 1892, owned by Mr Hugh Livingstone, on the corner of Richmond Terrace and Minto Street. The Palace didn't last long and burned down at 1pm on 9th February 1897, with Hugh's son, Alex Livingstone (later of the Club Hotel from 1901) at the helm and was never rebuilt.

The fire started in the linen room and was believed as having been started by children playing with matches, although the Police Officer of the time Senior-constable Rogers stated rats may have ignited the matches or

disturbed a candle, so the cause was never confirmed. Alex's year-old daughter was rescued from the fire with Alex dropping her over the balcony to the street below. In a horrible year for the Livingstone's, their almost 4-year-old son tragically drowned in June 1897. It was also a bad year for the pubs with the Club Hotel burning down in November of that year too!

In February 1896, Kyran once again returned to run his hotel after McLean moved on to the Half-Way Hotel on Chatsworth Road north of Maclean. He advertised the lease for the Coraki Hotel in October that year but with limited interest transferred the license to his son Alderman (later Mayor) Mr William Nolan JP. A few articles in 1904 mention William refurbishing and installing an acetylene plant and gas lighting throughout the hotel - modernisation!

After a number of successful years running the hotel, William advertised a five-year lease for it in October 1911. In November 1912, one of William's wife's (Mary Ann Bugden) family members took over the hotel. Some news articles listed J.R. Bugden, others J.P. Bugden and most said J.B. Budgen, whilst a few mentioned B. Bugden. Court documents (E. W. Mackay v W. Nolan) confirm it was purchased by Mary Ann's Uncle, (John) Bernard Bugden.

In October 1916, William returned to manage the hotel. William's son Kyran was a barman at the hotel in the early 1920s. Under instruction for the execution of the late Kyran Nolan's will (who had passed 26 May 1919), the Coraki Hotel and Kyran's estate (34 business and residential sites in total) were put up for auction on the 2nd of December 1922. No news on a sale and it was up again on 16th December 1922. The estate and hotel were put up for auction once more on 17th November 1923 but once again failed to sell. Based on news articles at that time, the license was transferred to my grandmother's uncle (on her paternal Thearle side, not the Nolan side), Frederick Buckland (who had previously managed the Club Hotel) in August 1922. Fred was husband to Edith Alice Palmyra Thearle – my great grandmother's sister. A June 1925 article confirms Fred as the licensee until August when he sold the lease to Alf Bugden (William Nolan's brother-in-law so back to my grandmother's paternal side and Nolan family ownership again) who took charge on 16th September 1925.

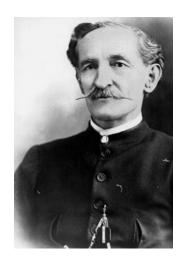
The hotel changed hands regularly for a while as Alf was also only a brief licensee, selling it to Edward Dominic Ward from Sydney in March 1926, a transfer contested by the Police due to Ward's past indiscretions. Mr Ward then sold the lease to Mr W.P. O'Brien of Mullumbimby in June that year. Mr O'Brien stayed only one year when he transferred the license to Edward Naughton. At this stage the hotel was still owned by the Nolan's. William and his brother-in-law Henry Edwin Pidcock were responsible as executors. Fig. 3. In April 1927 papers confirmed Council approval for the sale and transfer of the Coraki Hotel from the estate of Kyran Nolan to Ralph Henry Hendra of 117 Pitt St, Sydney. But then on the 13th of November 1928 the license was transferred to Alfred Nunn after the Naughton's headed to Sydney. — to be continued in May issue No 145



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## FORGOTTEN TRAGEDIES - A NORTH COAST EPIC.

Tweed Daily, 6 October 1923, Page 2 - Mr. N. C. Hewitt, Tweed Heads writes:



In the Brisbane Daily Mail, of September 21, Mr. A. Meston (Archibald Meston image left) writing of the fate of the "Beagle," states: "In the 50 's on the Tweed River, a settler named Johnny Boyd, a timber getter, was walking along the beach with an axe over his shoulder when he came to the hull of a vessel lying bottom upwards on the sand. Hearing a knocking from inside, he cut a hole large enough to free a Frenchman, who was the sole survivor of the wreck!"

Now in the above rehash of a story of sorrow from the sea, which forms an epic in the romance of North Coast beaches, Mr. Meston, true to label, gives a fantastic rendering which contains five errors of commission and several of omission! A good story is never the worse for being twice told and as this epic forms, the basis of one of the finest works given to us by the late Sir Thomas Ewing, C.M.G., Minister for Defence, for many years State and

Federal member for the North Coast, the narrative will bear repetition — not from Mr. Meston; who, if he was born at the time it happened, and I "hae mee doots," was in swaddling clothes — but in the words of the actual participant, and of a pioneer of the "forties," the late Mr. Charles Jarrett, J. P., who kept a diary and from which Colonel-Chaplain Green, C.M.G., wrote "The Lost Echo."

In the "Casino Diamond Jubilee (1922) Historical Sketch," Mr, John Boyd's account states that, after some very heavy weather on the coast he set out on foot from the Brunswick to the Tweed. When he

got to Billinudgel beach, about two miles on his journey, he saw the hull, of a vessel on the beach turned bottom up. He went to it and putting his. hand on the schooner said "God help the poor fellows who were lost in this vessel." He was astonished at hearing knocking inside and knew someone was alive and wanted help. His mind was soon made up and being a fast runner and in good form, he started back for the Brunswick. He made very fast time for the two miles. Seeing some blacks on the North side of the river he despatched two of them with instructions to cut a hole in the vessel. He then let the white men on the other side of the river know what the matter was and started for the wreck. He went at such speed that he caught up to the blacks although they had a long start from him. Reaching the vessel, he soon made a hole in her from which two men were rescued, after they had given up all hope. The vessel was a schooner named the "Swift," bound from Brisbane for Sydney with a cargo of hides and tallow.



Mr. Jarrett's version is contained in his "Reminiscences of the Richmond" (No. 4.) published in "North Coast Beacon," Ballina, April 12, 1902 and it in the main corroborates his speech before the largest reunion of pioneers that ever assembled on the North Coast held at Ballina on May 14, 1902, report of which appears in "Northern Star," Lismore, May 21. Mr. Jarrett states: "On the night of May 6, 1849, there was a dreadful gale – a black nor-easter. A schooner which left the Tweed loaded with cedar capsized and all on deck perished except Captain Robb and a passenger named Brown, known by the cognomen of "Tastey" Brown, from his careful attention to dress. But the timber prevented her from sinking and she drifted ashore a mile North of the Brunswick.

Two Timber getters, the late Mr. John Boyd, of Casino, and Steve King (who was one of the early residents of the Macleay, and a member of the first boat load of white persons to cross the Clarence bar and ditto the Richmond bar, and after whom Steve King's plains, Wyallah [sic] is named) and a blackfellow, strolled along to the headland on the morning of the 7th, which broke beautifully clear.

Looking North they saw a large black object on the beach which was not there the previous day. This attracted their attention. One said it was a rock exposed by the gale of the previous night, the other thought it a log which had been cast up by the sea. The native at first said, "baal mudlow" (native name for stone) then his keener sight said it was a "marran-doey" (a ship). They hastened to it and found the vessel high and dry on the beach, bottom up with the masts gone. King putting his hand on the vessel remarked "God help the poor fellows who were in her, they must all have been drowned," whereupon a faint "coo-ee" was heard from the stern end. Then thinking the sounds came from the bush, they looked in that direction for survivors at the same time answering the "coo-ee" which was again replied to. The native now told them that "docriki" (white man) in "munen-dowie," or "marrendoey" (vessel) whereupon the native was despatched with all speed to the Brunswick Heads for an axe. When he returned, they set to work with vigour and cut a hole in the cabin, through planking, timbers, bolts and nails. At last the men were released from their prison. They had a terrible experience in the vessel before being finally cast upon the beach and left by the receding tide where even worse fate awaited them had they not been fortunately discovered as they were. The Captain was in a terrible state, his legs lacerated by nails in the cabin lining which had broken loose and washed to and fro in the cabin. The two men had to perch up on the cabin beams out of the water, the captain being naked. The latter did not succeed in this altogether, there being a small keg of rum at hand. The Captain broached the rum and drank copiously, advising his companion to do likewise as they were doomed. Brown, however, wisely declined, and getting the keg, took out the plug and let it run out, and a terrible task he had afterwards to hold up his helpless companion out of the water until washed ashore.

They were taken to the sawyer's camp and of course kindly treated. It was six weeks before the Captain could walk to Ballina and take passage to Sydney. Brown left for the Tweed and thence to Moreton Bay. As a sequel Mr. Jarrett related that the Captain had a gun with him which one of his rescuers was desirous of possessing, but the reply was that it had cost too much money to give away!" Was it not Sammy Weller whom Shakespeare made say "a thankless child is sharper than a serpent's tooth." Alas for the saving grace of gratitude!

Now wherever, did the Frenchman come in? Mr. Meston who so recently took to task Dr. Cumbrae Stewart, reminding him that the writing of history involves a reasonable sense of responsibility, himself needs to be reminded of the axiom of Polybius "never hand down to posterity anything you are not sure of that may deceive them." Instead of that in December 1918, he contradicted several correspondents on the history of the North Coast of N.S.W., who quoted official records (the only reliable proofs extant) whilst he had the audacity to inform readers "all this history has been written (by him) entirely from memory, but I guarantee, the accuracy." One would expect Mr. Meston to be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion, but his guarantee only aroused suspicion, and on the authorities being examined, it was found that Mr. Meston's "Guarantee" was not worth the value of the paper on which it was printed.

Tweed Daily, 6 October 1923, page 2

## **Archibald Meston**

26 March 1851 – 11 March 1924. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Immigrated with his parents in 1859. The Meston's took up farming at Ulmarra on the Clarence River. Meston was an Australian politician, civil servant, journalist, naturalist and explorer. Throughout his life he was a prolific writer and, in addition to the newspapers he edited, he published frequently in *The Queenslander*, *The Brisbane Courier* and many other papers. After a long and varied career, Meston retired to Brisbane where he died (a pauper) of tetanus on 11 March 1924. Meston was survived by his wife and, out of seven children, by four sons and a daughter. He is buried in South Brisbane Cemetery. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archibald Meston">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archibald Meston</a> Archibald Meston at one point in his career (1880s) lectured to sugar cane farmers on the Clarence River enticing them to move to the Mulgrave River, Queensland and select land for sugar cane there. Several selectors including three brothers, my McPherson gr-gr uncles did so, which ultimately failed for them. After the murder of a fellow selector Donald McCauley, Meston mentions the McPherson brothers in a letter to the Brisbane Courier 31 December 1884, page 5 titled THE MULGRAVE MURDER. One McPherson brother died in July 1884 of low fever. Another returned to the Clarence and one moved onto to succeed at Innisfail, Qld. – Editor <a href="https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/meston-archibald-4191">https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/meston-archibald-4191</a>

## 100 years On - Happenings Around Casino & District – January 1923

## PARLIAMENT – VIEWS OF MR. PERDRIAU He Claims that the Government has Done a Lot for the Country

The Government had also taken decisive action in regard to facilitating closer settlement. Earnest efforts were being made to settle fresh people on the land, and especially to people (populate) the vacant lands on the North Coast.

A railway to develop the Clarence Valley had been favourably reported on, also the Casino to Killarney proposal, which would enable the products of the Darling Downs to pour into the North Coast and would enable the people of far western Queensland to utilise our North Coast ports.

Tweed Daily, Monday 1st January 1923, page 2. – Part Extraction

#### **CASINO V KYOGLE**

The first eleven of the Casino and Kyogle Cricket Unions met on Carrington Park, Casino, on New Year's Day and the result was a draw; the visitors requiring 26 to avert defeat and having one wicket to fall.

The Casino team wore a black band on the left arm out of respect to the Rummery family, one of the sons, Harold George, aged 12, who had been ill for some days, passing away in the early morning. Two of his brothers had been selected to play for Casino. At the luncheon Mr. W. Williams, president of the Casino Cricket Union, referred feelingly to the loss Mr. Rummery, of the Forestry Department, and his family had sustained, and he also mentioned the fact that the Kyogle Cricket Association had lost Mr. Fitzhardinge, who had recently died.

Northern Star, Wednesday 3 January 1923, page 2 – Part Extraction

### **AEROPLANE VISITS CASINO**

On Sunday, December 23, Casino people received an unexpected visit from an aeroplane, which brought a passenger from Tweed Heads. A landing was made on the golf links. The machine was an Arvo piloted by Captain Percival, who thrilled spectators with his daring stunting over Casino. Captain Percival flew the machine from Sydney to Tweed Heads in 5 Hours 2 Minutes. This gives an indication of the fast service we may expect from the aerial service between Brisbane and Sydney in the New Year. Captain Percival landed and inspected the new aerodrome at Kempsey and Grafton and viewed the one at Ballina from the air.

Casino and Kyoqle Courier and North Coast Advertiser, Wednesday 3 January 1923, page 2

#### TWEED CALEDONIAN SOCIETY - TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GATHERING

In many sections there were competitors from centres as far away as Casino and Kyogle on the one hand and Brisbane and other Southern Queensland centres on the other.

Northern Star, Tuesday 2 January 1923, page 5 – Part Extraction

## **OUTFITS AND PASSAGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES**

Extracted from "The Emigrant's Friend"

Published in London in 1848 (Recreated by Reader's Digest Sydney, 1974), pp 24-27

The usual length of the voyage to the Australian Colonies is about four months, and to New Zealand a little longer; and as, at whatever season of the year it may be made, passengers have to encounter very hot and very cold weather; they should be prepared for both. The following is a list of the principal articles required; but it cannot be too strongly impressed, as a general rule, that the more abundant the stock of clothing each person can afford to take, the better for health and comfort during the passage:—

Single Man's Outfit to Australia.

2 beaverteen jackets,
be warmly lined.
2 ditto trowsers,
1 beaverteen jackets,
1 beaverteen jackets,
2 duck trowsers.
4 worsted hose.
2 ditto trowsers,
1 ditto.
1 Brazil straw hat. [hat.
2 cotton hose.
1 pair braces.
1 ditto without sleeves.
1 pair of boots.
3 towels.

2 duck frocks. 1 pair of shoes. Razor, shaving-box, and glass.

Single Woman's Outfit to Australia.

1 warm cloak, with a cape. 2 flannel petticoats. 4 night caps. 1 stuff ditto. 4 sleeping jackets. 2 bonnets. 1 small shawl. 1 pair of stays. 2 black worsted hose. 1 stuff dress. 4 pocket handkerchiefs. 4 cotton ditto. 2 net ditto for neck. 2 pairs of shoes. 2 print ditto. 6 shifts. 6 towels. 3 caps.

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Each person would also require :—

1 knife and fork.1 tablespoon.1 comb and hairbrush.1 deep tin plate.1 teaspoon.1 pair of sheets.1 pint tin drinking mug.2 lbs. of marine soap.2 pots of blacking.

2 shoe brushes. 1 pair of blankets. } A married couple require only one

1 counterpane. 1 strong chest with lock } set of these articles.

Cost of above Outfit for a Single Man, about .... £4 10 0
Ditto ditto Single Woman " ...... 5 0 0
Ditto ditto Married Couple " ..... 9 0 0

The cost of an Outfit for Children varies with their size. Generally speaking, three Children under 7, or two between that age and 14, may be clothed for about £5; but a well grown Girl or Boy of 13 years of age, will cost nearly as much as an adult.

**Ships and Extra Provisions** —The provisions furnished to the passenger is always, even to the poorest, quite sufficient to preserve health. Of necessity, it is of a different nature from that we have been accustomed to on shore. Neither fresh meat nor vegetables (except potatoes of itself) makes a great difference, the frequent use of peas and rice, also of biscuit instead of bread, no beer, &c. produces a

great change, so that persons often are affected for a time with trifling disarrangements of the system; children particularly suffer from sea sickness. We strongly advise the Emigrant to take a few trifles with him, to add to his comforts. According to his purse, he should furnish himself with some additional potatoes, candles, preserved meats, jams, butter, ham, cheese, a ship candle lamp, 100 eggs, preserved in a keg of salt, any fruit he can get, particularly apples, some bottled porter, some good biscuits, by no means forgetting some cakes of gingerbread for the children, a good packet of soda powders, or ginger beer powders, these, with lump sugar, tea, some red herrings, lemons, &c. will make him very comfortable.

The Cost of Passage is, for the steerage, from £15 to £20—for intermediate passengers about £35 or £40—and for cabin passengers from £60 to £75. This, in every case, includes provisions. The last are fed with very great comfort, though neither beer, wine, or spirits are included. Unless an Emigrant goes out as a gentleman, and has money to spare, it is far the best for him to take or hire a certain portion of the steerage room, and partly fit it up himself; this, together with the above supply of extra comforts, will make him much more comfortable on his voyage than were he to enter as an intermediate passenger; and if he fears to mix with the steerage passengers, lest his pride may be wounded, the sooner he gets rid of such English notions, the better for his future comfort and prosperity; and even in this case, the probability is, that he will find other voyagers in the steerage, richer and wiser than himself, and quite as amiable as are usually in the intermediate deck.

**Free Passages—to what Colonies granted**. —The Commissioners are enabled to grant free passages to those Colonies only which provide the necessary funds for the purpose. These funds, which in the Australian Colonies are derived from sales or rents from Crown lands, are intended not for the purposes of relief to persons in this country, but to supply the Colonists with the particular description of labor of which they stand most in need. New South Wales and South Australia are at present the only Colonies which supply the means of Emigration. The following are the regulations:—

- 1. The Emigrants must chiefly be agricultural laborers, shepherds, and female domestic and farm servants. A few mechanics may also be accepted, such as blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters, &c. All the adults must be capable of labor and must be really people of the above description working for wages and going out with the intention of settling in the Colony.
- 2. Persons intending to buy land in the Colony, or to invest a small capital in trade there, are not eligible for a free passage, nor are their families; nor yet reduced tradesmen and persons resident in a workhouse, or in the habitual receipt of parish relief.
- 3. The Emigrants must consist principally of married couples, not above 40 years of age at their last birthday; but for every child above 14, an excess of one year will be allowed in age of the parents, if they are still hale and capable of labour. The candidates most acceptable are young married couples without children.
- 4. No family can be allowed a free passage to Australia which includes more than two children under 7, or more than three under 10 years of age; but, in particular cases, families having more than this number of children will be accepted on condition of their paying for the children above the prescribed number at the rate of £7 each. The separation of parents from children under 18 will in no case be allowed.
- 5. Single women, under 18, without their parents, are not admissible, unless they are Emigrating under the immediate care of some near married relatives or are under engagement as domestic servants to ladies going out as cabin passengers in the same ship. They cannot be accepted if above 35 years of age.

- 6. Single men must be between 18 and 35 years of age. No greater number can be taken than of single women in the same ship. If named by a person who has deposited money in this country for the purchase of land, they can only be accepted if eligible in other respects, in case the same party has named an equal number of single women who conform to Regulation 5.
- 7. All Emigrants, adults as well as children, must have been vaccinated, or have had the smallpox.
- 8. Good character is indispensable, and decisive certificates will be required both to this point and also to competence in the professed trade or calling of the proposed Emigrant.
- 9. **Form of Application**. —All applications must be made in a form to be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, which must be duly filled up and attested, as explained in the form itself, and then forwarded to this office, with baptismal and marriage certificates. The nomination of laborers for a free passage by land purchasers will be subject to the approval of the Commissioners, whose answer must be received before the Emigrants are led to make any preparation.
- 10. Before the embarkation order, entitling them to a passage, is issued, £2 must be paid for every person above 14, and £1 for every child above 1 and under 14, which will be retained to meet the expense of bedding and mess utensils supplied by the Commissioners, and as some security that the people will come forward to embark.
- 11. If any Emigrants fail to attend at the appointed time and place for embarkation, they will never again be allowed a free passage, and will forfeit one moiety (*meaning 50%*) of any money that may have been paid, unless they give to the Commissioners timely notice, and a satisfactory reason for their inability to proceed.
- 12. Provisions, medical attendance, and cooking utensils will be provided by the Commissioners; also new mattresses, bolsters, blankets, and counterpanes, canvas bags to contain linen, &c., knives and forks, spoons, metal plates, and drinking mugs, which articles may be kept by the Emigrants after arrival in the Colony, provided they behave well on the voyage.
- 13. The Emigrants must bring their own clothing, which will be inspected at the port by an officer of the Commissioners; and all parties are particularly desired to observe that they will not be allowed to embark unless they provide themselves with a sufficient supply for their health during the voyage.
- 14. It is desirable that Emigrants should take out with them the necessary tools of their trades; bulky agricultural implements, however, cannot be admitted, on account of their inconvenient size and weight; neither can furniture be received on board; mattresses especially, and feather beds are strictly prohibited.
- 15. The whole quantity of baggage for each adult Emigrant must not measure more than 20 cubic or solid feet, nor exceed half a ton weight. It must be divided into two or three boxes, the contents of which must be closely packed, so as to save space in the ship. Large packages and extra baggage will not be taken unless paid for, and then only in case there be room in the ship.
- 16. Only the luggage really belonging to each family of passengers can be taken. If anyone should attempt to impose on the Commissioners by letting the baggage of other persons, not members of his family, go under his name, he will forfeit his passage, and not be suffered to proceed.

17. On arrival in the Colony, the Emigrants will be at perfect liberty to engage themselves to anyone willing to employ them, and to make their own bargain for wages. No re-payment in service or otherwise is required from them for the passage out. The only return expected is a strict observance, on board, of the regulations framed with a view to their health and comfort during the voyage, and general good conduct and industrious habits in the Colony.

18. Letters and applications should be addressed, post-paid, to Stephen Walcott, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Emigration, No. 9, Park Street, Westminster.

The following are also Government Emigration Agents in the United Kingdom:—

Lieut. LEAN, R.N., London (Office, 70 Lower Thames Street).

Lieut. HODDER, R.N., Liverpool.

Lieut. CAREW, R.N., Plymouth.

Lieut. FORREST, R.N., Glasgow and Greenock.

Lieut. HENRY, R.N., Dublin.

Lieut. FRIEND, R.N., Cork.

Lieut. STARK, R.N., Belfast.

Mr. LYNCH, R.N., Limerick.

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Lieut. MORIARTY, R.N., Sligo, Donegal, Ballina, &c.

Lieut. RAMSAY, R.N., Londonderry

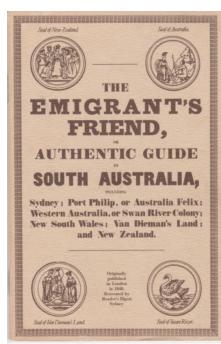
Commander ELLIS, R.N., Waterford.

These officers act under the immediate directions of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, and the following is a summary of their duties:—

They procure and give gratuitously information as to the sailing of ships and means of accommodation for Emigrants; and whenever applied to for that purpose, they see that all agreements between shipowners, agents, or masters, and intending Emigrants are duly performed. They also see that the provisions of the Passengers' Act are strictly complied with, viz., that passenger-vessels are sea-worthy, that they have on board a sufficient supply of provisions, water, medicines, &c., and that they sail with proper punctuality.

They attend personally at their offices on every weekday and afford gratuitously all the assistance in their power to protect intending Emigrants against fraud and imposition, and to obtain redress where oppression or injury has been practised on them.





## "WATCHING THE WEB"

## **New Zealand Research**

- •New Zealand BDMs https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/search
- New Zealand National Library https://natlib.govt.nz/services/get-advice/family-history
- FamilySearch https://www.familysearch.org These are genealogy links to New Zealand online databases and indexes that may include birth records, marriage records, death records,
- <u>Papers Past</u> National Library of New Zealand's digitised New Zealand historical newspapers Works like TROVE <u>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers</u>
- <u>Goldrush Online</u> search the names of 50000 goldminers from the goldrushes of New Zealand Spanning the years 1861 1872 <a href="https://www.kaelewis.com">https://www.kaelewis.com</a>
- New Zealand Genealogy Records from Ancestry.com a collection of digitised sources for genealogists, including some that can be accessed for free
- Wellington City Council Archives https://wellington.govt.nz/arts-and-culture/archives
- New Zealand Tributes online

https://www.tributes.co.nz/Browse.aspx?page=355&sort=date of death&existing=date of death

• New Zealand Herald Find an Obituary (Includes all time)

https://notices.nzherald.co.nz/obituaries/search?affiliateId=2865

- New Zealand Hutt Roll: Dokumen PDF: <a href="https://dokumen.tips/documents/hutt-roll.html?page=70">https://dokumen.tips/documents/hutt-roll.html?page=70</a>
- New Zealand Pioneer Families 1800-1899 (Geni) https://www.geni.com/projects/New-Zealand-Pioneer-Families-1800-1899/4812
- Archives New Zealand https://www.archives.govt.nz/discover-our-stories/family-history-resources
- Find my Past New Zealand, Electoral Rolls 1853-1935

https://www.findmypast.com.au/articles/world-records/full-list-of-australia-and-new-zealand-records/census-land-and-survey-records/new-zealand-electoral-rolls-1853-1935

## "FAMILY REUNIONS"

- How to Plan a Family Reunion https://71toes.com/how-to-plan-your-family-reunion/
- Six Steps to Making Events Memorable <a href="https://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2022/reunion-planner.html">https://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2022/reunion-planner.html</a>
- Family Reunions 10 Steps to Plan (and Save Your Sanity) https://familytreemagazine.com/reunions/10-steps-to-family-reunion-success/
- Organize a Family Reunion With These Planning Ideas <a href="https://www.calendar.com/blog/organize-a-family-reunion-with-these-planning-ideas/">https://www.calendar.com/blog/organize-a-family-reunion-with-these-planning-ideas/</a>
- Fun Ideas for Your Next Family Reunion <a href="https://familytreemagazine.com/family-reunions/">https://familytreemagazine.com/family-reunions/</a>
- How to Make a Family History Trivia Game https://familytreemagazine.com
- Rules for Trivia Games https://reunionsmag.com/reunion-trivia-2/
  - O Never ask a question for which there is no answer.
  - o A little foolishness is fun.
  - o Be creative.
  - o Avoid negatives.
  - Welcome family stories that often interrupt the game.
  - o Teach youngsters that family history is fun.

**Cyndi's List** — Reunions - https://www.cyndislist.com/reunions

Reunion Planner - https://www.reunionplanner.com

Reunions Magazine - https://reunionsmag.com

## **MEMBER'S NOTICE BOARD - February - May 2024**

- Friday 23 February Morning Tea New members & Roster Persons
- <u>Friday 8 March</u> Workshop Q & A on Family History Programs
- Wednesday 13 March AGM 10.00am All members welcome to attend
- Wednesday 10 April 2024 General Meeting 10.00am Speaker TBA
- Wednesday 8 May 2024 General Meeting 10.00am Windara Lunch

## All Members are invited to a Social Morning Tea

A chance to catch up socially.

An opportunity to welcome our New Members.

An occasion to thank those who give up their days to do Roster Duty.



A day to be informed of new accessions & changes within the research room.

Date: 23 February 2024
Time: 10am
Place: Family History Research Room

"We look forward to seeing everyone"



## MEMBERSHIPS 2024 – NOW DUE

Payments can be made by post or by electronic transfer or by coming to our rooms.

Electronic transfers (EFT) require a reference. Use your name as a reference.

See membership form for our banking details.

Please check your membership form and <u>return</u> it either by email, post or drop it into the rooms. Be sure you mark which age group you are in, for insurance purposes, and don't forget to sign your name. Also consider being on roster. Thank you. *Kaylene Morris, Membership Secretary* 

#### **RESEARCH ENQUIRIES – General Information**

(per family name e.g.: Mr and Mrs Smith and children)

\$25 for initial enquiry using resources available at rooms with 10 photocopies included in initial fee.

You will be advised of any additional information available over the fee with extra photocopies charged at 20 cents per page. Please supply basic information i.e., BDM dates and parents if known. Inform research officer **exactly** what you are looking for and what you already know so time is not wasted doubling up on research.

Research will not be undertaken until research fee is received. Research may take 4-6 weeks depending on number of enquiries received and availability of the research team.

Research where reference given from book or newsletter: \$5.00 includes 2 photocopies – 20 cents each for any additional pages.

### ROSTER

It is the Roster person's responsibility to find a replacement if they cannot do their roster. If you cannot get a replacement for your roster, please ring the rooms or ring Cherryl on 0490149905 and leave a message as soon as you know you cannot do it.

WE URGENTLY NEED ROSTER PEOPLE. We will place you with an experienced person.

#### **MARCH 2024**

	Sat 2 CLOSED
Tues 5 R Nesbitt, P McDonald	Wed 6 M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer
Thurs 7 C Mison, L Reynolds, Y Downes	Fri 8 CLOSED
Sat 9 CLOSED	Tues 12 Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen
Wed 13 AGM M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	Thurs 14 C Houlihan, N Cowen, J Rowe
Fri 15 CLOSED	Sat 16 L Yates, G Rooney
Tues 19 J Gorry, K Morris	Wed 20 R Nesbitt, J Griffiths
Thurs 21 K Francis, Y Downes	Fri 22 CLOSED
Sat 23 CLOSED	Tues 26 K Morris, J Gorry
Wed 27 R Nesbitt, C Mison	Thurs 28 B Hollis, J Wilton, J Rowe
Fri 29 CLOSED	Sat 30 CLOSED

### **APRIL 2024**

Tues 2 R Nesbitt, P McDonald	Wed 3 M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer
Thurs 4 C Mison, L Reynolds, Y Downes	Fri 5 CLOSED
Sat 6 CLOSED	Tues 9 Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen
Wed 10 M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	Thurs 11 C Houlihan, N Cowen, J Rowe
Fri 12 CLOSED	Sat 13 CLOSED
Tues 16 J Gorry, K Morris	Wed 17 R Nesbitt, J Griffiths
Thurs 18 K Francis, Y Downes	Fri 19 CLOSED
Sat 20 L Yates, G Rooney	Tues 23 K Morris, R Birmingham
Wed 24 R Nesbitt, C Mison	Thurs 25 ANZAC DAY CLOSED
Fri 26 CLOSED	Sat 27 CLOSED
Tues 30 Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen	

### **MAY 2024**

Wed 1 M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	Thurs 2 C Mison, L Reynolds, Y Downes
Fri 3 CLOSED	Sat 4 CLOSED
Tues 7 R Nesbitt, P McDonald	Wed 8 Mtg M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer
Thurs 9 C Houlihan, N Cowen	Fri 10 CLOSED
Sat 11 CLOSED	Tues 14 Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen
Wed 15 R Nesbitt, J Griffiths	Thurs 16 K Francis, Y Downes
Fri 17 CLOSED	Sat 18 L Yates, G Rooney
Tues 21 J Gorry, K Morris	Wed 22 R Nesbitt, C Mison
Thurs 23 B Hollis, J Wilton, J Rowe	Fri 24 CLOSED
Sat 25 CLOSED	Tues 28 K Morris, R Birmingham
Wed 29 C Mison, R Nesbitt	Thurs 30 C Houlihan, N Cowen
Fri 31 CLOSED	

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- **1. Every book is a quotation**; and every house is a quotation out of all forests, and mines, and stone quarries; and every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. Ralph Waldo Emerson
  - 2. If you are lucky enough to be a genealogist, you are lucky enough. Ruth Padilla
    - **3. Friends come** and go, but relatives tend to accumulate. Unknown
    - **4. Genealogy**: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living. Unknown https://familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/15-genealogy-quotes-love/



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