



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



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Welcome to the April edition of the Orange Family History Group newsletter.

As the weather begins to cool and the trees that Orange is famous for begin to change, this is a perfect time to settle in and catch up on your family history research.

This issue is full of interesting articles and updates on research that has been carried out, some particularly relevant in the lead up to Anzac Day. Highlights of this newsletter include an update on the Forgotten Diggers project, an interesting article on the Orange Woollen Mills, which played a large role in the social and economic history of Orange as well as information relating to the street banners that appear along Summer Street.

The Orange City Library will be hosting author Scott Honeysett on April 20 as he launches his new book *Shattered Branches*, which tells the story of the Honeysett family from the Central West who had twelve sons volunteer with the Australian Imperial Force. This event will be held on Saturday 20 April at the library.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter and if you have interesting research you would like to share contributions are always welcome.

Ruth Bingham
Local Studies Librarian - Orange City Library

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UPDATE – FORGOTTEN DIGGERS PROJECT

I missed an update on the Forgotten Diggers project in Orange Cemetery last newsletter. Progress is slow but it is happening.

To date 28 war graves have now been placed on previously unmarked graves, leaving 9 to still be done. Men whose war service was previously unacknowledged are now marked in perpetuity with the headstone bearing their names, rank, regiment and date of death. These headstones will be maintained by the Office of the Australian War Graves. Lest we forget.

Orange RSL Sub Branch have erected a wall behind newly installed flagpoles bearing the names of 19 war dead who are in Orange Cemetery but who's burial place has not been recorded.

Applications have been made to Department of Veteran Affairs, Orange City Council and Newmont Mines (Cadia Mines) to provide funding for the remaining graves. If this funding is provided, Forgotten Diggers will be able to put a small headstone on the remaining graves again bearing the same information as is on the War Grave headstone. McMurtrie & Co Stonemasons have been awarded the contract to do these headstones and have offered to place them at no cost to Forgotten Diggers.

This has been an ongoing project for over 5 years now. These men deserve to be remembered just as those who did not return. They returned to Australia many of them bearing both the physical and mental scars of war.

Lest We Forget.

Sharon Jameson
Researcher – Orange Family History Group

2024 NSW & ACT FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - A VIRTUAL MINI CONFERENCE

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc have advised that they will not be holding a state conference this year.

Instead, the 2024 NSWACT Family History Conference will be held via a virtual mini conference.

Theme 'Dig deeper in 2024'

	Virtual mini conference
Date	Saturday 14 September 2024
Cost	\$10 per individual
	\$50 per society

Visit their website for further details nswactfhs.org



ORANGE STREET BANNERS TO HONOUR SERVICEMEN

Forty street banners will feature the images and names of servicemen from Orange who died during World War I and II, as well as conflicts in Vietnam and Korea. The information in the banners has been compiled by the Orange RSL sub-branch.

As well as the street banners, information about each person will be presented on a new heritage section of the Orange City Council website, and a booklet will be published. An A3 framed version of each banner will also be presented to family members. The Council decided in July 2023 to support *The Local Fallen* campaign following a motion from Cr Kevin Duffy. "The willingness of these men to serve our country in time of war should never be forgotten," Cr Duffy said.

"The sight of these banners in the weeks around Anzac Day will be very important for the families of these men. When young people walk down Summer Street on Anzac Day this year they will see these banners and the many connections these names still have to the city today."

The RSL research found about 200 Orange servicemen and women died in wartime. It's expected to take several years to acknowledge them all by creating further banners. Orange RSL sub-branch president Chris Colvin welcomed the banner project. "The Orange RSL sub-branch members really appreciate the efforts of Council to recognise the sacrifice of local people who've served in wartime," Mr Colvin said.

"Sadly, there are many names on this list, and we're looking forward to seeing the project develop and seeing more banners produced in the coming years."

Private Tim Cutcliffe (photo) of Orange, who served in Vietnam and died of wounds aged 21, will be featured on one of the main street banners displayed in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

You can view further details on the first cohort of servicemen to be honoured by following this link:

orange.nsw.gov.au/local-fallen/



MOLONG ARGUS - FRIDAY 10 APRIL 1896: PAGE 2
A VISIT TO BOWAN PARK BUTTER FACTORY BY "THE RAMBLER"

This morning after the Cudal Agricultural Show I paid a visit to Bowan Park milk and butter factory. Only one of the proprietors was at the place viz Mr Richard Reid, and as I was there before the arrival of the milk, he very kindly showed me over the factory pointing out the many intricacies of the machinery which is worked by an upright engine. The water is pumped from the Paling Yard Creek, upon the right bank of which the factory is situated. At about nine o'clock the milk began to arrive, in all manner of vehicles, drays, springcarts, buggies, etc.

The milk is brought in about 10 gallon galvanised iron tanks and then weighed and emptied into a vat from which it flows, being strained, into a cylinder. Here it is heated by steam to 80 or 86 degrees, and from thence goes into the separator, being again strained, which is simply a bowl containing about a gallon, in which it is whirled round at a velocity of 700 turns to the minute, but is registered to go to 1,000. To this is attached a spindle and hammer which at every 100 revolutions strikes a bell, so that the speed can be regulated. It is almost wonderful the smallness of the hole through which the cream has to pass out. The milk, through a larger hole, is received into the same cans it was conveyed in, so that each person takes back his milk with him. The cream is left in a vat till the following day, when it is churned. Mr Reid informed me that it takes 25 pints of milk to make a pound of butter. If so, considering that he pays 2½d a gallon for milk, and butter selling at Cudal for 7d to 9d, he cannot make much of a profit. Yet I am told they are doing well.



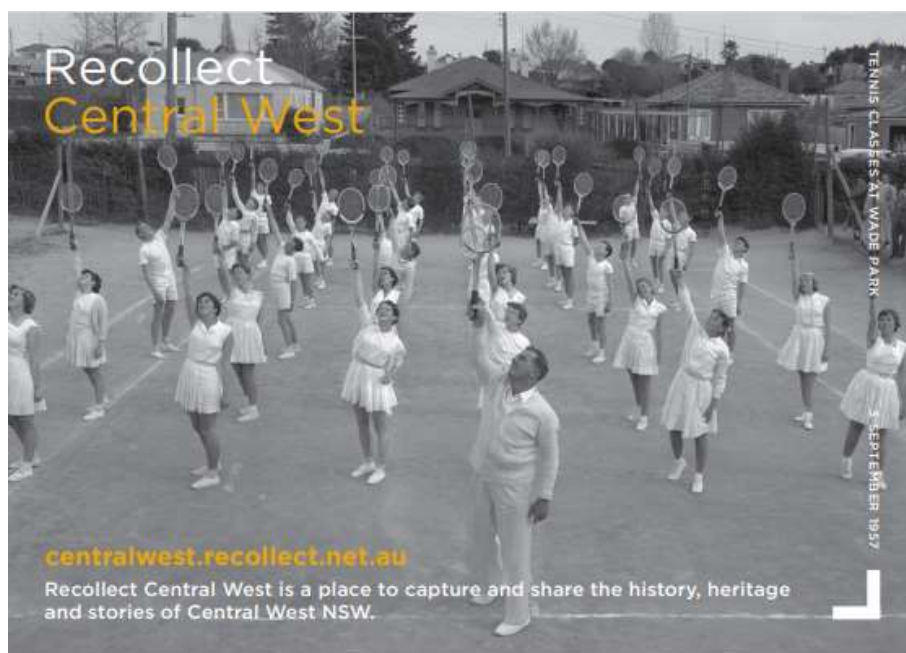
Bowan Park Butter Factory

The milk is not yet plentiful as the cattle have not quite recovered from the effects of the late drought. However, Mr Wm Green will shortly have about 40 head in full milk, Mr John Kearney about 20 head, and Mr Henry Green and many others some more, while Mr John Hegarty is buying cows, he having sold during the late dry season. Several others are also buying, so that a great increase in the supply of milk may be confidently looked for, and as the butter

produced is a splendid bright yellow, and of the finest flavour, there is little doubt but that it will command a ready market in Sydney and elsewhere. In my opinion it would pay the owners if the cows were housed and hand-fed during the winter months. Mr Kearney, with this object in view, has put in a paddock of barley.

Ten pounds of milk is allowed to the gallon. Whatever the factory may be to the community, it is a boon to the housewife, for she has no setting of milk, washing dairy utensils, churning washing and salting of butter, etc for it is all done by machinery at the factory, the hand never touching either milk nor butter. To the spirited proprietors, Messrs. Lannan and Reid, I wish a continuance of the signal that has attended their efforts so far.

RECOLLECT CENTRAL WEST



Recollect Central West is a digital platform that increases community engagement and online accessibility to the Central West Libraries heritage collections.

Here you'll find digital copies of maps, plans and out of print books as well as places in the region, the Orange & District Historical Society Central Western Daily Negative Collection; and the Orange Civic Theatre, Orange City Council and Orange City Library collections.

Register as a member and share material on this site to social media or between individuals. Please add images of Orange and the district, old school photos, family history photos or information about anything you find relating to the district. The aim is to continually grow and add to the Orange and Central West's stories and collections.

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Image: Tennis Classes at Wade Park, Central Western Daily, 3 September 1957
Image courtesy Central Western Daily Negative Collection, Orange & District Historical Society

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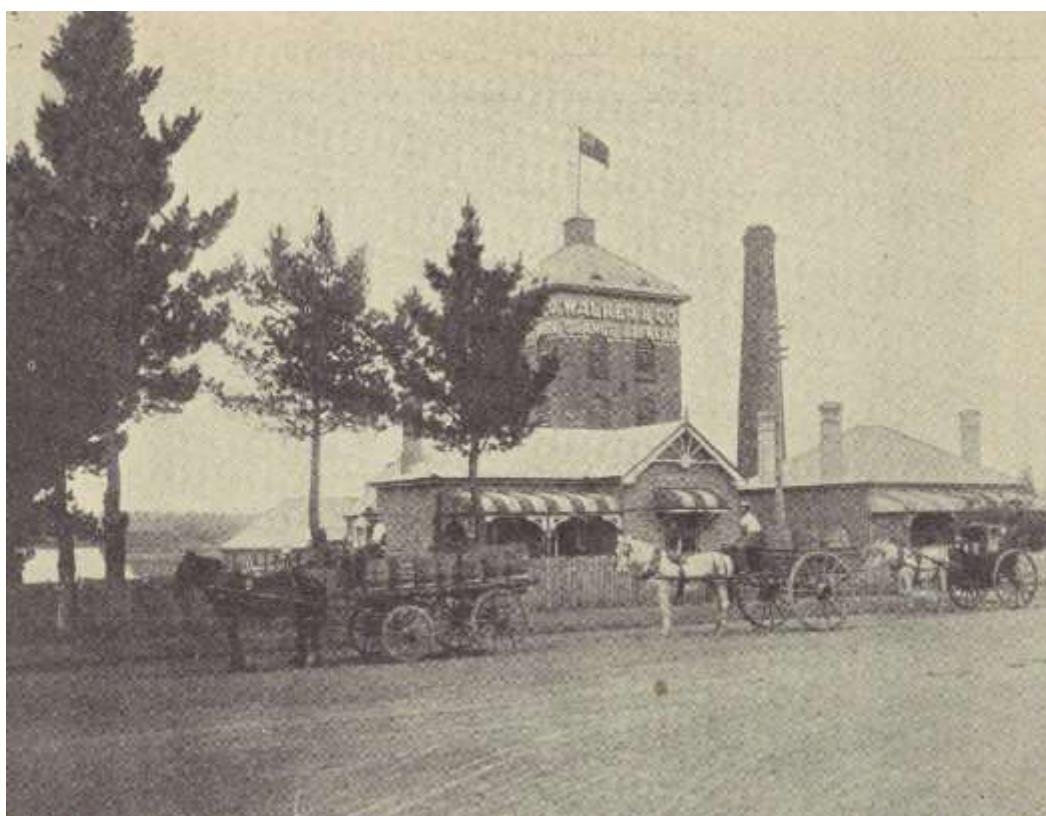
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**ORANGE BREWERY SOLD
TOOHEYS SWALLOW IT**

After thirty years' operations, work at Walker's brewery in Orange will probably cease after the end of next month. The brewery has been sold to Tooheys Limited, one of the trio of big brewery firms that have practically captured all the beer trade of this State. The other firms are Tooth's and Resch's, both with millions of capital.

Delivery of Walker's brewery is to be given to Tooheys at the end of June. The brewery has been giving employment to from eight to twenty men. It is fairly certain that Tooheys will close down operations at the local brewery.

Mr. Walker admits that city competition, aided by heavy railway freights, is in the main responsible for the sale. Freights are framed to suit the city manufacturer, and, in addition, it is the old story of Henry Ford' mass production winning. With city breweries turning out hundreds of thousands of barrels and bottles, it is easy for them to undersell country breweries. Add on the immense financial strength of the city breweries, and it is easy to see how the passing of the firm of Walker and Co. as brewers at Orange became inevitable.



Walkers Brewery (originally Elwyn's Brewery) cnr Moulder St and Hill St Orange
Photograph from [Orange District Guide p.90](#) which can be viewed in full on [Recollect](#)

**ORANGE WOOLLEN MILLS
THE PIONEERING WORK AND THE PLANT**

Five minutes' brisk walking from the Orange Post Office will take one to the spot in East Orange where have been built woollen mills for Amalgamated Textile Company.

Cast memory back 20 or 30 years, and remember the ridicule that was heaped on the heads of the small band of Australian patriots – the men of vision who lived for the future – when they argued, and fought with pen and purse, for the establishment of woollen mills in Australia.

"Ridiculous!" snorted the men who thought Australians were for ever destined to be a race of people to fill the part of 'wood and water joeys' to the nobler countries, content to raise and provide the raw materials, and leave to other people the manufacture of such materials into the finished article.

"But how much more ridiculous it is" hit back the Australia patriots, "for us to be growing the best wool in the world, and yet, continuing to send it abroad, paying men overseas to manufacture it into woollen garments, and then remanufacturing our wool, as garments, for our own wear! Would it not be better to pay men in our own country to manufacture the woollen goods we need ourselves, even if we can never hope to compete overseas, with our manufactured goods, owing to the cheap labour overseas that is available in manufacturers?"

"Then you will have the overseas manufacturers" countered his pessimists, 'refusing to buy our wool because we are entering into competition with them in manufacture."

"Bush!" replied the patriots with emphasis. "They have to buy Australian wool, because we have the largest wool clip in the world, and the best wool. Besides, what made the United States the great country it is today! manufacturers."

The war between the conflicting views waged for years. Today the patriots have decisively won. Only this year the Federal Parliament put the finishing touches to a tariff that will block the importation of millions of pounds worth of woollen goods in Australia on a basis profitable alike to the employers and employees.

As a unit in that new era of manufacture, the Orange mills makes its debut. Mills are built for use, not ornament. This is why the Orange mills, with its series of slanting roofs, presents a rather drab, unpretentious exterior. Inside all is different – a forest of orderly, amazing machines that turn the 'yarns' of wool into tweeds, blankets, etc.

Let the writer try and take the reader through the mills, as did the wonderfully-experienced manager of the mills (Mr Whiteley, pilot the writer through a few days ago.

As yet the machinery to convert the wool as taken from the sheep's backs into tops has not yet been placed in position, but it will be in a few months, and then the mills will treat the

wool as it comes from the shearing shed and complete all the processes will it becomes finished tweeds, blankets, etc. At present the Albury mills are supplying Orange with the tops.

First the tops are blended like a painter blends his colors, and put through a drawing box that lays the fibres of the wool parallel. A film of wool is the result, which is run through rollers and combs, and turned into thread. Placed on bobbins the thread is spun into yarn (thick thread).

The yarn is divided into what is called the warp and weft. The warp is the lengthway fibre of the cloth, the weft is for the cross threads of the cloth. The warp, having to stand the strain of weaving, has to be made stronger than the weft and this additional strength is gained in the winding. For warp, the yarn is given 17 turns to the inch, whilst for the weft, the machine takes but 5 turns to the inch.

The warp goes on to the weavers' beam, where it is divided into sections, and then is carried on to the looms. Here the warp and weft meet again, but this time at right angles. The warp is drawn through the looms, the weft is shot through the warp by means of long steel shuttles, and the cloth is made. At the time of the writer's visit the first piece of cloth manufactured in Orange was going through the loom.

After leaving the looms the manufactured cloth is taken to the mending room, where any little flaw or break in the thread is detected and mended by girls expert at the business.

After the mending the pieces of cloth are scoured. Then washed they are apt to crease, so the pieces are put through a 'crabbing' machine, which smooth the cloth out. Then steam is blown through till the cloth is well saturated, after which cold air is forced through by suction. "This process makes the cloth unshrinkable" declared the manager, "able to withstand tailors' irons, or anything."

The cloth goes next to the tentering machine, which dries the cloth and events the surface. Then to a machine that dampens the cloth, and on to a rotary pressing machine, with long winding brushes to keep the material clean. The fibre is taken off the rough surface, and the then clean cloth is measured, but and folded, ready for the trade.

Leave then the cloth section of the mill and go to the 'willey-room" where there is a huge machine for tearing the waste from the worsted section. The waste is then taken to the carding machine, and milled by wires driven through canvas. It is carried through a second carding machine, and comes out in a film, Carried through another machine it is rubbed into rough yarn and wound on to bobbins. The bobbins are placed on woollen 'mules' and spun into woollen yarn, suitable for the manufacture of blankets, rugs and overcoats.

In the mills are –

- 1,000 spinning spindles
- 2,000 twisting spindles
- 8 looms for blankets and flannels
- 24 looms for fancy worsteds
- 28 looms for plain worsteds and clothings



Macquarie Worsted Woollen Mills, Orange, NSW
Orange City Library photographic collection

LOOKING FOR YOUR STORIES

DO YOU HAVE ANCESTORS FROM HILL END, TAMBAROORA AND SURROUNDING AREAS
(OPHIR, SOFALA, TURON, WINDEYER , HARGRAVES ETC)

Karen is a volunteer with the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group and a descendent of these goldfields. She is undertaking a project in preserving the history of these and the surrounding goldfields. This project involves collecting handed down recipes from decedent's who have ancestors from Hill End, Tambaroora and surrounding areas such as Ophir, Sofala, Turon, Windeyer and Hargraves etc.

Along with these recipes she is looking for a food/cooking story about the ancestor. These stories can range from how the family survived on the goldfields, why they cooked certain foods, were they self sufficient, or any funny stories relating to food.

The story can be as long or short as required. Karen is also asking for a photograph of that ancestor, or as an example some people have also sent in photographs of their ancestors cooking utensil.

Please send your stories and contributions to karen.bates9@gmail.com

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OWNERS CONVINCED OF WONDERFUL FUTURE FOR ORANGE

In time to come—possibly in the near future—Orange will be dotted with factories.

Leading the way in the West in the complete manufacture of woollen goods. Orange is destined to become an important manufacturing centre.

In the way of manufacture first had to be shifted from the minds of Australians that all manufacturing had to be done overseas. That myth has now been effectually exploded, and the cities of Australia are alive with factories manufacturing all classes of goods.

With that stage reached— manufacture in Australian cities —the next step has to be taken, and that is in building of factories in country centres. City people will say it cannot be done—but it can. The contention that railway freights will be too high on the finished products need not be considered seriously. The railways belong to the people of the West just as much as they do to the people of Sydney, and the days of the railways being run to bolster the city have to end.

Already one private firm sees ahead, and sees Orange a city, a great manufacturing and distributing centre, which will capture the main western trade and spread further afield with its finished articles. That firm is A. S. Low and Co. Ltd., manufacturers of household furniture and general equipment.

This firm has now a factory at Bathurst. Eighteen months ago it established a depot at Orange for the sale of its goods. The business the firm gathered in in that short space of time plainly indicated the immense possibilities of Orange, so plans were laid accordingly for headquarters in this town.

Next Monday a start will be made on the erection of a factory building at the rear of the firm's present stores in Summer street, and its completion within a few months is expected. The building is to be erected on a block 60 ft. x 132 ft.

When the factory is ready an experienced staff will at once commence operations. A start will be made with about twenty men—mostly married men with families—but in a short time it is expected the working staff will be doubled.

The firm—which caters particularly for high-class goods and superior workmanship, yet also provides for every-day demand—has now in hand several big orders—one for Forbes, one other for Newcastle—each running well into four figures.

INFORMATION FROM JOURNALS

Cleveland Family History (England) - October 2023- Volume 15 no8- Page 49- A short life and not a merry one.

Harry Prior Born England - enlisted in Australia Victoria - died 27/6/1915 Killed in action.

National Archives of Australia - Harry Prior- St John Darlington Durham - 21 years 2 months (born 1894) - Sailor- service no: 1411 & 1303 - enlisted 19/11/1914 Melbourne - issued service no: 1303 13/3/1915.

Father Felix Prior mother Catherine Prior Durham England.

Burial Beach Cemetery - Gallipoli Turkey. Plaque.

RESEARCH

I was looking for Emily Zanker birth in Orange 1869. Could only find Amelia Sanker/Sauker - N.S.W. B.D.M - 15827/1869 father Robert Mother Jane - Orange. Also Orange Court House - index - Sanker Amelia - 1869- father Robert - Mother Jane Mallerd.

Records had she was born at Orange, the only record found was above.

Emily Zander married William Rapley 1888- died 1924 - Emily Rapley Wollongong - Father Robert. *The Daily Telegraph* 27/2/1924 -funeral notice - Presbyterian Cemetery. Mt Kembla.

Headstone: Byng Cemetery - William John Pasker - died 6/6/1865 - erected by his mother Sarah Jeffrey

Coroners Inquest - William John Pascoe - 7/6/1865- Cornish Settlement - injuries accidentally received.

Government Gazette - 23/6/1865 - Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction In the goods, rights, chattels, credits, and effects of William John. Pascoe, late of the Carangara Copper Mine, near Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales, miner, deceased, intestate.

Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, application 'will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, that letters of administration of all and singular the goods, rights, chattels, credits, and effects of the abovenamed William John Pascoe, deceased, intestate, may be granted to Sarah Jeffrey (formerly Sarah Pascoe), of Guyong, near Orange, in the Colony aforesaid, as the mother and next of kin of the said deceased.—Bated this 22nd day of June, a.d. 1865.

****N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - William J. Pascoe - 26 years - Died Orange .**

Albert Richard Baker - abode Manildra - died 5/5/1964 buried 6/5/1964 81 years -Retired.- Meranburn/Manildra cemetery - headstone.

Central Western Daily . 27/5/1964 - Mr A.R. Baker. A highly respected resident of Old Orange Road, Manildra, Mr Albert Richard Baker, died in Molong Hospital recently after a short illness. He was 81. Mr Baker a surgical instrument maker worked for a Bathurst St., Sydney firm for 53 years until he retired 18 years ago. Since then he had lived with his only son Manildra businessman Mr A.J. Baker. His wife predeceased "Pop" as he was familiarly known had many friends. Musically inclined he was a great favourite some years ago at social gatherings as an entertainer. As well as his son he is survived by three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Burial took place in the Anglican portion of Meranburn Cemetery.

N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - Albert Richard Baker died 5/5/1964 father unknown mother Elizabeth. Note: Find a grave and Australia Cemeteries have him as died 5/5/1954???

NEWSPAPERS

Central Western Daily - 9/1/1946: Obituary- Mr R.L. Gold.

Robert Levi Gold fettler 46 who was critically injured in an accident on the Forest Reefs Road on Monday night died in the Orange Base Hospital at 9 am yesterday. Gold failed to regain consciousness. He was cycling along Forest Reefs road when he was struck by a truck. Mr Gold was a native of Wimbledon and had spent the last 20 years at Orange. He leaves a wife and family of four Kevin; Fred; Margaret and Barbara; also three brothers and three sisters Mrs Webster (Georges Plains); Mrs Campbell (Newbridge); Mrs Hyland (Menangle Park); Cecil, Thomas and Adley (Georges Plains); Herbert (Blayney). His father Mr Thomas Gold is living at Georges Plains. He was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for some time. His funeral will leave A. McGrath's funeral parlors Orange today for St Barnabas Church thence to the Church of England portion of the Orange Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 23/7/1946: William J. Maunder.

Many old residents of Orange and Lucknow will regret to hear of the death of Mr William Maunder which took place in Sydney on Thursday last. About 30 years ago Mr Maunder was engaged in the clerical department of the Lucknow mines and because of his friendly disposition and outstanding ability he endeared himself to all sections of the community both at Lucknow and Orange. When quite a young man Mr Maunder became prominently associated with the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows and in that connection, he eventually returned to Sydney to assume the important position of valuator for the society and also a member of the Board of Directors with offices in the M.U.I.O.O.F Building Castlereagh Street. At one period he was president of City Tattersall's Club, Mayor of Lidcombe, director of City Funerals Ltd and also identified himself with other city interests. While residing at Lucknow, Bill Maunder took a leading part in the old Rugby Union being a member of the committee at the time the alte Rev. A.J. Rolfe of Wolaroi College was the chairman and for several seasons he rendered the game valuable services as a referee. He was a cultured speaker and a most interesting and entertaining personality. A son is a member of the metropolitan legal profession.

Central Western Daily - 29/10/1949: Death occurs of J. Healey.

The death occurred on Thursday night of an old business man, John Joseph Healey at the Base Hospital Orange. He was 80. In the first part of the century he was probably the best known man at Spring Hill where he carried on the business of blacksmith. He came to Orange in 1918 to further his business, being best known at the Five Ways where he had a blacksmith's shop. The late Mr Healey was born in 1869 at George's Plains near Bathurst. He became an apprentice in the employ of G. Fish and Co of Bathurst, well-known black smiths, waggon builders and general engineers. After serving his time he went to Spring Hill and eventually opened a shop in which he was blacksmith. During his term at Spring Hill he built a number of wagons and ploughs. One of his ploughs won high honors at the Millthorpe ploughing matches the fore runner of the show. He defeated a Victorian builder on one occasion to win the then large sum of 200pounds over four consecutive years. In 1918 he came to Orange and first opened a shop in Peisley Street, where the present firm of O.K. Elliott's is in business. Later he moved to a spot near Cahill's pharmacy and lastly to the Five Ways. He retired from business at the age of 72, shoeing his last horse. The late Mr Healey was a keen gunman. He married Miss Lillian Watson whose father Patrick Watson was well known in Orange, being secretary to the Dalton Brothers business. The late Mr Healey the eldest of 11 children of whom ten were boys leaves a widow, six brothers and one sister. All his own children - four boys and one girl are still alive. His sister is Miss Mary Healey (Bathurst) and brothers are William (Bathurst); Dennis (Sydney), Moss (Balladoran); Edward (Sydney), Frank (Bathurst) and Patrick (Orange). Francis (Orange); John (Hermidale); Jean (Western Australia) William (Sydney); Noel (Malaya) are the members of his family.

The Central Western Daily - 12/1/1952.

Obituary - A well-known and esteemed resident of the Orange district, Mr Charles Joseph McAtamney died at his residence "Mariellis Park" Forbes Road, yesterday morning aged 73 years. For many years Mr McAtamney and his brother, the late Mr Jack McAtamney had been identified with the hotel business in Orange. As partners they came here from Euchareena, where they had previously conducted a hotel to take over the licence of the Central Hotel which they controlled with conspicuous success for some time. In later years following the death of Mr Jack McAtamney the subject of this notice became the popular licensee of Hotel Orange, disposing of it some years later to take up residence in Sydney. He eventually returned Orange to live privately with his wife and family and a short time ago acquired the Forbes Road orchard property. "Charlie" McAtamney was an excellent citizen and his death will be regretted by a wide circle of friends and relatives. He married Miss Margaret Dougherty a member of a former well known Towac Road family and she and five sons Messrs Charles, Philip and John (Orange), William (Wollongong) and Patrick (Sydney) and one daughter Marea (Sister M. Catherine, of Sydney) are left to mourn their great loss. A requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this morning and the funeral will leave the church for the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 16/10/1952: Post Mortem on Woman's death.

A post-mortem was held on Tuesday into the death of a 56 years old Orange woman who collapsed and died less than half an hour after she had been talking and joking with neighbors, apparently in perfect health. She was Mrs Henrietta Agnes Gibbes of 152 Peisley Street. Mrs

Gibbes lived with her husband Mr Harold Gibbes above a garage in Peisley Street where he was employed. On Monday when her husband came upstairs for lunch Mrs Gibbes was placing the food on the table when she suddenly put a hand to her forehead and called out "Oh, Dad". She then collapsed onto the table and slid to the floor before Mr Gibbes could reach her. Dr R.F. Matthews was called and when he arrived about 10 minutes later he pronounced life extinct but declined to sign a certificate of death. Neighbors said that 20 minutes before Mrs Gibbes had seemed in perfect health. She had been laughing and joking and had run up the flight of stairs to prepare the midday meal. A post mortem by Government Medical Officer Dr J. Paton and Dr S. Dawes revealed the cause of death as a ventricular fibrillation caused by coronary scierosis. Sergeant E. Heron was in charge of investigations. Mrs Gibbes was well known in Orange, where she lived for several years. She is survived by her husband and one daughter (Mrs Marshall, of Lithgow) The funeral was held at Lithgow yesterday.

Central Western Daily - 29/12/1954: Obituary Mrs N.K. Arthur.

A highly esteemed identity of Orange for more than 30 years. Mrs Nora Katherine Arthur died at a local private hospital on Christmas Day. Mrs Arthur came to Orange with her husband the late Mr Raynor Arthur shortly after World War I following the latter's return from active service and they made their home in March Street, where Mr Arthur died a few years later as a result of war ailments. Mrs Arthur then moved to a flat at "Dombrance" at the corner of Sale and Byng Streets, where she remained until her death. The late Raynor Arthur was a Tasmanian a direct descendant of Governor Arthur and while living there was a noted golfer. Because of ill health on his return from active service he acquired a property at Forbes but later he and his wife came to make their home in Orange. To give him an interest, he conducted a sports store near the old Exchange Hotel in Summer Street for a brief period while he also became a shareholder in a skating rink which began operations in the old Imerial Theatre, Lord's Place now the O.P.R box factory. During his long illness he had the loving and devoted care of his wife who in later years also cared for her aged mother, Mrs Street, of Forbes who came to live with her and also passed away here. Mrs Street, had two daughters Nora and Beryl. The latter married Mr Reg Coward of Carrawobbity, Forbes and following his death a few years ago. Carrawobbity was acquired by the Catholic Church and is now a home for aged people. Mrs Raynor Arthur a gracious gentle personality made many friends in Orange and her passing is very deeply regretted. She had one son Raynor at one time a student at Orange High School, who later married a Tasmanian Miss Margaret McKinnon, friend of his father's people. They now live on their property at Deniliquin. A large number of old friends attended the funeral service at Holy Trinity Church on Monday morning where the chief mourners were Mrs Arthur's son and sister. There was a beautiful array of floral tributes. One of Mrs Arthur's oldest Orange friends Miss Gladys McKenzie presided at the organ. The service at the church and also at the graveside in the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery was conducted by Rev. Gordon Smee.

Northern Star Lismore - 28/11/1955: Obituary. Mrs Rachael Davison.

The death occurred at her home in Mullumbimby of Mrs Rachael Rosina Davison at the age of 75 years. Mrs Davison was the daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Henry Harvey and was born at Byng near Orange. At Millthorpe she married Mr A.J.W. Davison who survives her. In 1920

Mrs Davison with her husband and family came to the Mullumbimby district and settled at Bangalow. Later she and her family returned to Myocum where she resided for a number of years. Sixteen years later she left Myocum to reside at Main Arm and in 1946 came with her husband to Mullumbimby, where she lived until the time of her death. Mrs Davison was a keen horticulturist and spent much of her spare time in her garden. Her neighborly actions won for her a large circle of friends and this was evidenced by the large crowd which assembled at the Salvation Army Citadel Mullumbimby for the funeral service and later at the graveside. High tribute was paid by the Army officer who spoke of the deceased as a true christian. Besides her husband she is survived by five sons. Messrs Monty Davison (Mullumbimby); Harry Davison (Blakebrook); Jack Davison (Commissioners Creek); Percy Davison (Cairns) and Ron Davison (Mullumbimby). There are six daughters Mesdames J. Lattimer (Violet); Lismore; C. Gray (Mary) Lismore; Atkins (Thelma) Mullumbimby; R. Johnston (Dorrie) Lismore; D. Blanchard (Maisie) Condong and A. Warren (Daisy) Kingaroy. There are 38 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Messrs Jack; Ron; Harry Davison (sons) and D. Blanchard; C. Gray and J. Lattimer (sons-in-law). At the graveside R. Johnston replaced J. Lattimer. The numerous floral tributes were carried by members of the R.S.L. and Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Four of the sons were returned men.

Molong Express - 24/2/1956: Late Mrs Amos was life long Molong resident.

Mrs Stella Bertha Amos who died at Molong district hospital last week was born in the district and lived here all her life. She was the wife of Mr W.J. Amos of Gidley Street whom she married in 1919. The late Mrs Amos was a most enthusiastic worker for the Molong District Hospital for the British and Foreign Bible society and for her church. She was treasurer for the Hospital Women's Auxiliary for 14 years, treasurer of the Bible Society for a lengthy period and held the office of secretary for the Methodist Ladies Church Aid for many years. In her younger days she was also well known for her vocal ability and was in much demand at local concerts and church functions. During the first world war, Mrs Amos, then Miss Stella Hull, was a member of the concert party troop which raised considerable money and which will be well remembered by the older hands. Daughter of Mr James Hull of Phillip Street, who will be 104 in April and the late Mrs Hull who predeceased her by 16 years, the late Mrs Amos is survived by her husband and one son Ralph. Also surviving are five sisters Mrs J.H. Caldwell (Molong); Mrs A.W. Crouch (Kempsey), Mrs L. Beghin (Brisbane), Mrs C. Brennan (Jambaroo) and Miss J. Hull (Molong) and a brother Mr C.J. Hull of Molong. The funeral was on Friday when many friends from a wide area gathered to pay their last respects. The casket was covered with many beautiful floral tributes and the cortege was a very lengthy one. The Reverend H.J.A. Emms officiated at the church and graveside.

Molong Express - 6/4/1956: Death of former Eurimbla Resident.

The death occurred recently at an Orange Private Hospital after a short illness of a former well known resident of the Eurimbla district in the person of Mr Lawson Davis, aged 63 years. For a number of years the late Mr Davis resided on his property at Avondale where he carried out farming pursuits. He later moved to Orange to educate his family. Until early last year he, his wife and two sons resided on Mr Cullen-Wards property at Baldry. Failing health forced Mr Davis to retire and the family again took up residence in Orange. Eldest son of the late Mr Lawson Davis of Avondale and Mrs Davis of Cumnock, the deceased was highly respected. A

noted musician he played his accordion at dances in the district for many years. In addition to his aged mother and several brothers and sisters he is survived by his widow (formerly Miss Ruth Johns) and a family of seven. They are Florence (Mrs Sergeant), Iris (Mrs W. Lyons), Joseph, James, Robert, Raymond and Norman. There are also a number of grandchildren. A son Ross paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II. Sympathy is extended to sorrowing relatives.

Central Western Daily -23/5/1956 : Obituary- Mrs Fanny E. Dean.

The death occurred at her residence 26 Upper Beach Street, Balgowlah on Sunday of Mrs Fanny Elizabeth Dean widow of the late W.A. Dean formerly of Grenfell and the "Yarrans" Forbes. Mrs Dean was 85 years of age and was a daughter of Mr & Mrs Arthur Favell of "Pretty Plains" Millthorpe. Soon after her marriage to William Alfred Dean of "Tremain" near Orange the family moved to Grenfell and later to the "Yarrans" Forbes. Mrs Dean reared a family of seven, four of whom are still living. They are: Mrs C. Johns, of Balgowlah; Jack of Wirrinya, Forbes, Mrs J. Ticehurst, "Kanya" Forbes; and Mrs K. Farrell, Melbourne. There are 30 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. The funeral took place at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium on Monday.

Central Western Daily - 13/2/1962: Obituary- Mr J.H. Wilson.

The death occurred in Orange Base Hospital last Tuesday of Mr John Henry Wilson a well known resident of 52 Dalton St., Orange at the age of 62. He was born at Shadforth and was the son of the late Mr & Mrs Jack Wilson. Mr Wilson was employed on the per way branch of the Railways Department for some years and was later well known in the Central West as a shearer. When he moved to Orange he was employed by the M.L.C. Insurance Co of which he became a district superintendent. His duties in this capacity took him as far afield as Broken Hill. About four years ago he was forced into retirement by ill health. He is survived by his wife Ruby (formerly Miss Townsend of Manildra) three sons Wallace, Frank and Kenneth (Orange), one daughter Betty (Mrs Blackman of Perth W.A.) ten grandchildren. Five brothers Ted (Garland); Clarrie, Bruce and Amos (Orange) and Tom (Sydney) and five sisters Maud (Mrs Langbein, Brookvale); Glayds (Mrs Talbot) Phyllis (Mrs Chamberlain); Elsie (Mrs McNaught) of Sydney and Eileen (Mrs Field, Kingswood). His funeral left the church of England Manildra on Thursday afternoon for interment in the Meranburn Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 21/1/1957 : Obituary - Mrs E.J. Wicks.

Mrs Emily Jane Wicks died at Blayney Hospital on Saturday night at the age of 64 years. Mrs Wicks was a native of the Byng district and had lived in that district and also at Blayney the greater part of her life. She leaves a husband and a family of two daughters and four sons: Mrs Ross (Sydney); Mrs Burton (Cowra); Percy, Charles, Neville and William all of Blayney. There are 10 grandchildren. Her funeral will leave the Byng Methodist Church today for the Byng cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 23/6/1964: Mrs M.M. Marshall.

Mrs Minnie Machattie Marshall who died on Friday June 19, was the last surviving member

of the family of Lancelot Noel and Gertrude Jane Stewart Smith of "Boree Cabonne" Borenore. She was the sister of the late Lancelot Machattie and Cecil Smith and Kathleen, Maud, Ruth and Florence. Her grandfather was John Smith of Gamboola Molong. She was a keen horse woman and one of her favorite rides was up Canobolas on the western side from Boree a distance of about 12 miles when fences were few and easy for a horse to jump. She went to England where she worked in the hospitals as a Voluntary Aid during the first World War. After she returned to Australia she married Dr Thomas Edward Marshall and went to Malaya and Singapore. She loved those people and assisted her husband in the care of his patients wherever possible. On his retirement they lived in Collaroy. Their son Bayard was reported missing from RAAF on the last day of the second World War.

Note: Minnie Machattie Marshall - died 19/6/1964 87 years - Arklands Convalescent Home Mosman - Canobolas Gardens Crematorium - ashes returned to Cudal to be place in Cudal Cemetery. Headstone Cudal Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 12/3/1977: Former Orange man died after bull attack.

Former well known Orange grazier Mr Gordon Spiller Brandon died in a Sydney hospital on Thursday afternoon after being gored by a bull. The accident happened on Mr Brandon's property "Mundinie" near Goondiwindi in Queensland last Monday. He was transferred from Brisbane to Sydney by R.A.A.F Hercules transport on Tuesday afternoon and admitted to Prince Henry Hospital. Despite constant medical attention in the hospital's special decompression unit, Mr Brandon's condition deteriorated rapidly and he died on Thursday. Mr Brandon was trying to give the bull medical treatment when it gored him. He was well known in the Orange area as a prominent grazier and owned the Clifton Grove area before he sold it to Canobolas Shire Council about four years ago. After selling Clifton Grove Mr Brandon and his family moved to Goondiwindi where he continued working as a grazier. He was 62 years old when he died and is survived by his wife Cynthia, daughter Sandra (Mrs Menck), sons Richard and David, step-sons Ian, Bob and Johnny and step-daughter Heather. A funeral service will be held today at the North Sydney Crematorium for Mr Brandon.



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RESEARCHING THE LETTERS OF CAPTAIN JOSIAH HOLMAN

In writing about Captain Josiah Holman, I have followed his life from when he joined his father as a miner aged 14 in 1835. In the letter to John Christoe dated 11 January 1859, before he left for New Zealand, he writes..... . *I have been abroad six times viz. – to the Philippine Islands, the Brazils, twice to the Canadas and the Native Copper Mines of Lake Superior – to South Africa and lastly to Malacca.*

He was married in Gwennap in July 1842 and their first child, Elizabeth Simmons was born in November 1842. A second child was born in October 1844 in Gwennap but struck down by scarlet fever, died just over a year later. A third child, John Henry was born on 12 October 1846 in Redruth. All this leads me to determine he possibly travelled to the Philippines sometime around mid-1846 and returned the following year. In writing to John Christoe in December 1859, Josiah wrote that...

“....12 years ago (1847) I assisted in a large exploration in the Philippine Islands for gold and copper.”

The next country mentioned in his letter, Josiah was a meticulous man so they are in chronological order, is Brazil. The fourth child, Emily Louisa was born in November 1849 in Morro Velho Brazil. Overseas mining companies generally employed people on three or five-year contracts. He had returned to Gwennap sometime prior to the March 1851 Census where he describes his position as a Sub-Agent (Junior Manager or Deputy Manager). A 5-year contract seems unlikely, 3 years would suggest he left Cornwall in 1847. By mid-1851 he was being engaged as a Mine Captain overseeing the Penkevil and Creegbrowse copper and tin mines in Cornwall.

He led two expeditions to Lower Canada for the British American Land Company, one in June 1853 with 6 Cornish miners the other with 2 miners, as outlined at my Seminar in Orange in May 2022. While in Canada a son Josiah was born on the 10 October 1853 in Chacewater. The reference to Lake Superior would have been during the 1854 trip, as he only went as far west as Marmora near Lake Ontario in November 1853. Lake Superior is over 300 miles further west.

He next refers to South Africa. In around mid-1856, he was engaged by Phillips and King's Cape of Good Hope Mining Company to complete an assessment of their mines in Namaqualand. Charles William was born on 13 January 1857 in Cape Town and possibly in February they all returned home to Cornwall.

Of course, he may have travelled on to Malacca (Malaysia) from Cape Town as I have not found any reference of him in Cornwall. If so, wife Elizabeth and son Charles would have returned alone to Cornwall. In his letter of 11 January 1859, to John Christoe he states....

“Mr William Henry Christoe (elder brother) informed me about 3 months since on my return from Singapore”. From this it would seem he returned from Malacca in or around October 1858, leaving Singapore sometime in August.

The family left London on the 25 January 1859 on the S.S. Caduceus and arrived in New Zealand on 19th May. On their 233 acreage, Abbey Farm 5 miles outside Whangarei, they

built a fine stone house with expansive views over the bay. Annie was born on 2 November 1859. While in New Zealand he was asked by the Otea Copper Mining Company to complete an assessment of their mine on Great Barrier Island. On the 7 January 1862 J.P. Christoe wrote to Captain Holman offering him the Mine Manager position at the Cadiangullong mine, salary £500. Upon receipt of the letter, Captain Holman immediately wrote accepting the offer and booked the next berth to Sydney, Elizabeth and the children would stay. He arrived in March and travelled to Cadia where he worked until the mine closed in March 1868. On 3 January 1865 wife Elizabeth, Emily 15, Josiah Jr 10, Charles 7 and Annie 4, boarded the S.S. Egmont in Auckland and arrived in Sydney on the 11 January.

NOTE: Below is a photograph from the publication *Cadia District* by Alan Stanford from page 63. This is of Josiah Jnr and Annie dated 1862 taken in Orange. Could this have been taken in Auckland?



Photograph from *Treasures of Cadia*:
160 years of memories about life in the Cadia district by Alan Stanford

In 1870 Captain Holman secured an 18-month lease from the mine owners, Scottish Australian Mining Company, Manager Robert Morehead and continued working the Cadia mines. Highly regarded as a mine Captain, Holman also travelled extensively around NSW examining new mineral finds and reporting on the quality of the ore and prospects of the lease for companies looking to raise capital.

In September 1871, Captain Holman travelled to Tenterfield to inspect mineral leases, then Inverell and later Oban 16 miles east of Guyra. This was Tin mining country and Captain Holman could see the potential and recommended to prominent Sydney investors the purchase of mining leases. In early 1872 the Mount Mitchell Tin Mining Company began mining at Oban, Captain Holman being appointed to manage operations. After building a cottage and store, he asked William Smyth-Blood his son-in-law, married to daughter Emily Louise in 1870, to join him as Store Manager. William owned a thriving store in Cadia before the Cadiangullong mine was closed. The tin mining company had early successes and a dividend of 5% was declared in June 1872. As well, Captain Holman continued his mine inspection consulting until in mid-1873 when Robert Morehead asked him to take over the management of the Peak Downs mine some 200 miles north east of Rockhampton.

In April 1876, Josiah and wife Elizabeth returned to Cadia where he spent his remaining years, extending his farming interests and taking up numerous portions previously held by R. S. Wilson in the parish of Blake. He was assisted by his youngest son Charles, who would later take over managing the family property. One of his properties 'Rosemont', later became known as 'Tunbridge Wells'. With mining in his blood, Josiah also continued copper mining for a few years and again occasionally in the 1880s. By the time of his death at Cadia on 18 September 1893, Josiah held about 5,000 acres (2023 hectares) and was running 3,750 sheep as well as some cattle and a few horses. Included in this land holding was 'Boxland.'

Each of his overseas ventures make up a chapter of the book I am writing and include his exploits in Australia until his retirement, if indeed he ever really did. So far, 150 pages, I expect when finished around 200 pages.

I would welcome any additional information on his life, that may not be in the public domain or is of interest. I can be contacted via the Orange Family History Group familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au

Article Submitted by Michael Webb.
Michael is in the process of writing a book on this subject.

BARNARD STIMPSON, FIRST MAYOR OF CARCOAR

Barnard Stimpson was born in Berkshire, England, on New Years Day in 1819. He was the first son and the second of fourteen children born to contractor Barnard Stimpson and his wife Rebecca.

On 11 July 1833, 14-year-old Barnard was charged with house-breaking and stealing from his employer, grocer Ann Hartwell. Barnard had stolen nine halfpence, twelve biscuits, one orange, and some almonds and raisins. This was Barnard's second offence; he had been tried three years earlier for stealing a watch. The boy received a very harsh punishment – he was sentenced to death. This was later commuted to transportation for 14 years, presumably because he was a minor.



Barnard Stimpson – First Mayor of Carcoar
Image courtesy Ancestry.com

Barnard was one of 376 male convicts who left England aboard the *Fairlie* on 14 October 1833. The ship arrived in Port Jackson on 15 February 1834, a voyage of 111 days. By 1836 Barnard had been assigned to Thomas Icely to work as a labourer on his Coombing Park estate.

The *NSW Government Gazette* of 11 January 1837 listed Barnard among several prisoners who had absconded from their employer with stolen Certificates and Tickets of Leave. The Principal Superintendent of Convicts advised "all Constables and others are hereby required and commanded to use their utmost exertion in apprehending and lodging the absconders in safe custody." The directive included a description of each escapee. Barnard was described as: "4 feet 6 ½ inches, fair complexion, light brown hair, chestnut eyes, small mole left side upper lip." The lad was recaptured the following week.

On 3 April 1841 Barnard was issued a ticket of leave on condition that he remain in Carcoar. On 27 February 1842 he married free emigrant Anne Henry in the Church of England "by the Governor's consent." Their only child, a daughter, was born in November 1844. They named the child Ann Rebecca, perhaps after Barnard's sister Rebecca who had been born in 1836 but died in infancy.

In 1851 Barnard opened the Albion Store, and in 1859 built the family home - Blenheim Hall - on a hillside overlooking the town.

Stimpson embraced community life in Carcoar; he was one of the founders of the Carcoar Hospital, later treasurer and long-time president. He was the director of the sheep and stock and pastures boards, and for many years churchwarden of St Paul's Anglican Church. He also owned sawmills, a flour mill and gold mines.

Stimpson served in State Parliament between 1864 to 1869 and in the Legislative Assembly from 1865 to 1870. When the municipality of Carcoar was incorporated in 1879, Stimpson was elected first mayor. He was re-elected five times in consecutive years. He was a great benefactor of the poor, widely known and respected.

In his later years Barnard suffered from paralysis, now known as Parkinson's Disease. Mr Barnard Stimpson died at Blenheim Hall on 12 October 1897, aged 77. His wife Anne had died seven years earlier, in 1890, aged 70.

Back in 1865 their daughter Ann Rebecca had married James Lithgow Cobb, manager of the Commercial Bank in Carcoar. The couple made their home at Blenheim Hall, where they raised their seven children. Ann died there on 6 December 1910. Her descendants remained at Blenheim Hall until the 1960s.

Barnard, Anne and Ann Rebecca are buried in Carcoar Cemetery.

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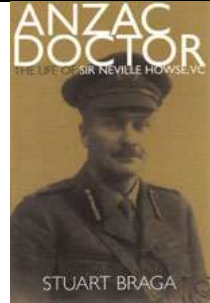
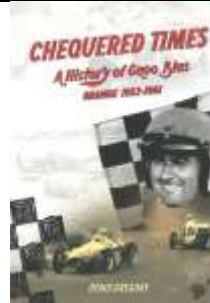
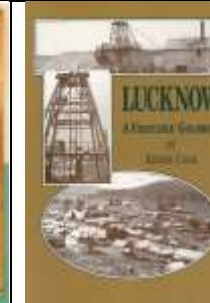
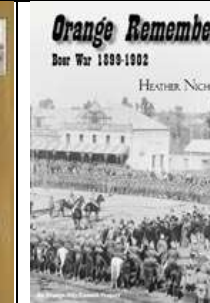
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