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Welcome to the May 2024 edition of our Newsletter,

Honorary Life Membership

I am writing about this topic which has not been covered in much detail before, in Newsletters, and a search of our Constitution reveals that it is not covered there, at all. However past Committees have considered it an excellent means of recognising very significant service to the John Nichols Family Society.

Hence we have records of just 3 being awarded, with 2 life members currently still with us. They are **Joy Marden and Barbara Coleman**, who were both members of the "founding five" ladies, as detailed on the cover of Newsletter #79, in May 2023.

In the December 2015 Newsletter, it was announced under "Committee News", that **Shirley Doherty** was awarded life membership. Shirley's was in recognition of 22 years of continuous service on the Committee.

In the May 2017 Newsletter, it was announced under "Committee News", that **Barbara Coleman** was awarded life membership. Barbara's was in recognition of her 24 years of service as both Committee member and Convenor for all those years

I have not been able to find any record of when **Joy Marden** was awarded life membership, but she has Honorary Life Membership .

Which brings me to the next purpose of this article, and that is to advise that your current Committee has awarded retiring Committee member, Carole Brown, an Honorary Life Membership.

CONGRATULATIONS CAROLE

Carole was a Committee member for 15 years, and Carole was JNFS Convenor for 5 of those 15 years.

In addition, significant details of Carole's service to JNFS were highlighted in the December 2023 Newsletter (#80) on pages 11 & 12

Honorary Life Membership of the Fellowship of First Fleeters (FFF)

In 2023, members of the North Coast Chapter of FFF unanimously supported the nomination of their Secretary, **Robyn M Condliffe** for the award of Life Membership of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. The testimonial opens with the following: *Robyn is a long standing and well-respected member of the Chapter and well deserves a full affirmation of her years of service to the Fellowship. As a founding member of the Chapter, she and her husband Tony formally took out membership in 1997. Since that time, when elected as Secretary at the inaugural meeting, Robyn has at various times over 26 years, held almost all Committee positions*

Robyn is also a long standing member of our John Nichols Family Society, and has been the Susannah Family Coordinator since 2001. In 1992 Robyn conducted research, and identified Joseph Nichols & Susannah Williams as John's parents Then again in 2003 Robyn conducted further research, which identified Samuel Nichols & Ann Child as parents of Joseph

In the words of another long standing member and family researcher, "Robyn went the extra mile: not only did she just rely on the abstracted register entries, she obtained film copies of the underlying registers to confirm the accuracy of the abstracts. She deserves full and sole credit for taking the John Nichols line back to Joseph and Samuel."

CONGRATULATIONS ROBYN

**Thank You Janette Pelosi,
Retiring long term Family Coordinator, and family researcher**

After many years in the role of Charles Nichols Family Coordinator, Janette has decided to retire from the role and hand over the reins. Janette has been the Charles Nichols Family Coordinator from November 1988 to May 1989, and from May 1998 to May 2024. From 1984 to May 1988 John Nichols Committee member Kaye Purnell filled this role and from December 1989 to May 1998 Charles line descendant Beverley Heath was our family coordinator. After more than 26 years in the role, and numerous articles on the Charles family line, as well as on the Kellick family and the Society's first 25 years, Janette has earned the opportunity to take a back seat.

Janette has always written high quality articles backed up by well researched facts, professionally referenced, as well as keeping the storyline interesting to the reader. She has amazing research skills which are obviously enhanced by her day job as the Lead Archivist Documentation, at NSW State Archives.

Regarding the Society's first 25 years, Janette compiled and wrote the detailed history of those years. Her research and documentation is presented in 2 separate articles, the first in Newsletter #51 in May 2009 and the second in Newsletter #52 in December 2009. I used Janette's research as the basis for the 40th anniversary update to our history in Newsletters #79 & #80

Many thanks, Janette

Those who attended the 2023 Reunion at Pennant Hills may already have met Allan Haynes, our new Charles Nichols Family Coordinator. I encourage all Charles line descendants to support our new coordinator by sending him family news and articles for future issues. I'm sure he will introduce himself in the December 2024 issue of the Newsletter.

COMMITTEE NEWS

We are very pleased to welcome our new Secretary and Committee member, **Debbie Katon**. Debbie is the second of our new Committee members for 2024, following on from our new Committee member in late 2023, **Margie Partridge**.

Both Debbie and Margie have already shown great dedication and enthusiasm towards their positions, with Margie also taking on the role of Sophia Family Coordinator

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

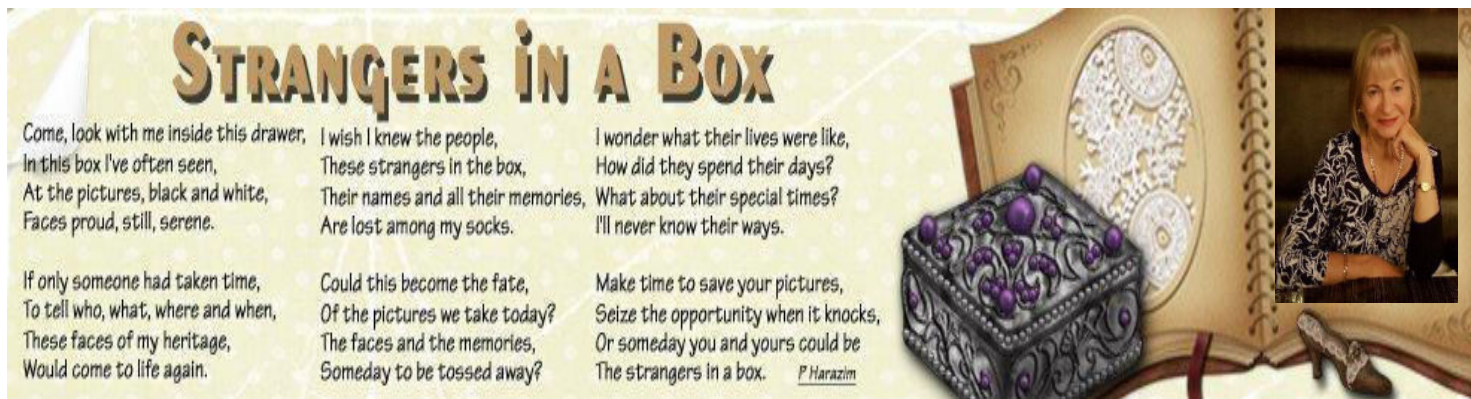
New Family Coordinator "in waiting" - The Charles Family Coordinator, **Janette Pelosi** has indicated her intention to resign the position after this Newsletter, and to assist **Alan Haynes** as he steps into the role. We thank Janette for her many years of service to the John Nichols Family Society, and look forward to Alan's contribution

Certificate Collection - 2266 certificates. Last year, **Sharon Bagnall** volunteered to take on the role of Certificate Coordinator, and has been doing a lot of work sorting out our collection. She is most recently working with **Helen Alderman and Debbie Katon** to bring our collection right "up to date"

Photo Collection - JNFS Photo Collection now totals **13,103 photos**. Refer to page 41 for a breakdown, by family.

Committee meets each April and October.

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We return to the Prisoners of War theme for this newsletter due to research yielding a number of photographs and stories found on the World War 2 site.

Edward Thomas Cusack: (24.08.1913 – 09.06.1943). Edward was the 5th child of Matthew Cusack and his wife Hannah (nee Duckworth) born on the 24th August 1913 at Redfern, Sydney and comes through the Sophia line. From the day of his birth Matthew would have found life difficult, his father Matthew died in April 1919 from the influenza pandemic when Edward was just five, leaving his mother to raise six children under the age of twelve. No doubt family would have contributed in his formative years and his mother remarried in 1930 to Herbert Mason, so hopefully he would have shouldered many of the mentoring roles within the family. Edward worked as a 'Mill Hand' according to his attestation form, when he enlisted for military service at the Paddington Drill Hall, in Park Road, Paddington, on the 10th July 1940, with Service No: NX54055. Edward stated he was 26 years and 10 months of age, single, Roman Catholic, lived at 156 Gardeners Road Roseberry and listed his mother Hannah Cusack as his NOK. According to his file, Edward began his military career as a cook but relegated quickly to more front line duties and reclassified as Cook Grade 2, then attending Cooking School on the 19th March 1941. By the 10th April 1941 he ceased to be Grade 2 Cook and was taken on strength, embarking for overseas duty, disembarking at Singapore on the 3rd May 1941. The next documentation in his file states "12.01.1942: Wounded in Action, but remained on duty". He is not hospitalised. The 17th January 1942 "wound to sacrum." Edward embarks Singapore and disembarks at Java on 11th February 1942. Edward is about to be caught up in the fall of Java which came about from the 9th March 1942. The following entry states "MISSING" – 27.04.1942. Five months go by and the next entry states "09.08.1942: Missing – believed POW", followed by 24.11.1943, now POW. Then 23.12.1943 "Interred in Thai POW Camp in Java." The final entry in Edward file states "died of Disease (dysentery) whilst POW in Thai Camp. We do not know which POW Camp Edward died in as this is not stated in his military file, which is only four pages long. We do know that the Japanese Captain Susami Hosijima was appointed overseer of all POW Camps in Java from July 1942 to April 1945, and ordered more control over all prisoners, particularly over those who had attempted to escape. Their punishment was to be locked in small cages out in the weather, exposed to the sun and rain with little rations and very limited water. They were made to count in Japanese on parade and mistakes in counting resulted in prisoners being slapped, struck with a rifle butt and often kicked repeatedly. On the 12th September 1942 a 'no escape document' was signed by some prisoners but Colonel Walsh (in charge of Sandakan) refused to sign and was threatened with the firing squad. Most prisoners in these Java Camps weighed between 5 and 6 stone and disease was rife. Edward was aged 29 years when he died, and his final resting place is not documented.



Gilbert Edgar Loller: (18.07.1918 – 27.08.2001). Gilbert was born at Belka, W.A. Gilbert grew up in Western Australia, the seventh of fifteen children born to parents James Leslie Loller (1880-1939) and Rosetta Nellie (nee Barr) Loller (1888-1983). Gilbert enlisted for military service in WW2 on the 24th May 1941, at Claremont, W.A. He attested to being single, occupation; labourer, 6'2" tall with grey eyes and fair hair, aged 22 and 9 months of age, a Methodist and gave his sister Gladys Agnes Loller as the N.O.K. Service No: WX13536. According to his military service file, Gilbert initially joined the 3rd Training Battalion on the 30.5.1941 before transferring to the 2/28 Battalion on the 7.6.1941. Later that month he was promoted to A/Corporal and on the 16.8.1941 he attended an N.C.O. Course. On the 30.10.1941 he was promoted again to A/Sgt and embarked for overseas a week later for the Middle East, landing in Egypt. By the 2.4.1942 Gilbert was attached to the 2/28 Batt. Then no documentation until the 9.8.1942 when MISSING IN ACTION appears in his file. We find out later that Gilbert was captured on the 27th July 1942, at the battle of El Alamein. The reason that the El Alamein was deemed significant, was due to the fact it was the largest battle of the campaign in North Africa, our 9th Division played a pivotal role as part of the combined allied effort, despite casualties being high (5,500). This battle marked a major turning point in the Western Desert Campaign. Gilbert is now a POW and is "interred at POW Camp 106 – Italy." Next notation in file states "Transferred to Germany (ex Italy) - Stalag 18A, POW No 8640. **27.7.1945: Recovered POW.** On the 4.9.1945: Embark U.K. Return to Australia. Disembark Sydney 17.9.1945 and Gilbert is admitted for rehab. treatment. One can only imagine how he feels, now back on Australian soil and his three years in several prison of war camps are behind him and no doubt his family would be overjoyed that he survived the ordeal. Gilbert completes his 'Australian Military Forces Statement - by Repatriated Navy, Army and Air Force Prisoners of War and the first section appears below in his handwriting dated 1st June 1946.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES			
Statement by Repatriated Navy, Army, or Air Force Prisoners of War taken			
at <u>EASTBOURNE</u> on <u>JUNE 1ST 1946</u>			
Name in full	<u>LOLLER, GILBERT EDGAR</u>	P.O.W. No.	<u>8640</u>
No.	<u>WX13536</u>	Rank or Rating	<u>PRIVATE</u>
		Unit (or ship)	<u>2/28th Bn.</u>
1. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE.			
(a) Date	<u>27/7/42</u>	(b) Place	<u>El Alamein</u>
(c) Events immediately prior to and leading up to capture.			
<u>Attached to 2nd Bn. ridge midnight 26th. Counterattacked & surrounded by enemy tanks, antitanks unable to fire, pinned down by fire from tanks which were picking off our rangers. Give in or else!</u>			



Gilbert was discharged from military service on the 26th September 1945.

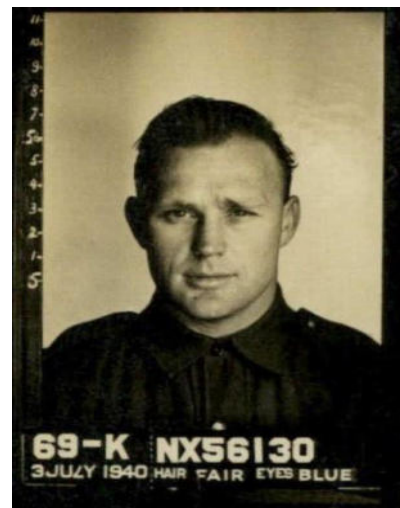
On the 29th January 1949 Gilbert Edgar Loller married Pearl Nichols (1922-2013), (left) daughter of James Charles Nichols and Ethel May (nee Tonkin) and three children were registered to the marriage. (Thomas line).

Gilbert Edgar Loller worked as an Assistant Storeman after the war and died on the 27th August 2001, aged 83, at Byford, Perth, W.A.

Arthur Henry 'Snow' Holm: (21.02.1914-22.07.1996). Arthur Henry 'Snow' Holm was the son of Arthur Louis Holm (1893-1961) and Ruth Colling (1895-1979) born at Paddington, in Sydney on the 21st February 1914 and descends through the Martha line. He married Thelma Cecelia Eather (1910-1977) on the 3rd July 1936. Arthur enlisted for WW2 on the 03.02.1939, at Parramatta, and stated his occupation was a Carrier, aged 25 years, married, 5'7 ½" tall, blue eyes and fair hair, C of E, but no NOK and his address was the Rifle Range at Northmead. His previous military experience was with the Militia (21.2.1935 for three years until 1938). Arthur was allocated the Service No: NX 5242, served 15 months and was released from service on compassionate grounds on the 15.3.1940.

Arthur re-enlists for military service on the 03.07.1940 at Walgrove, and now states he is a Lorry Driver / Carrier, married and his wife Thelma Cecelia Holm is his NOK, but his permanent address is still the rifle Range at Northmead. Now allocated Service No: NX56130 he is promoted to A/Sgt 11.1.1941 and embarks on HMT QM on the 18.2.1941 for Malaya. Arthur is assigned to the 2/19 Batt. but is reported MISSING on the POW dated 23.11.1943." Arthur has been held captive by the Japanese and has spends over 3 ½ years at Changi, working on the infamous Burma Railway.

No reports in file until 24.09.1945- Recovered from Nakama, Japan. On the 1st October 1945 he embarks Manila for Australia on HMS 'Formidable' and spends 8 weeks in rehabilitation before disembarking at Sydney on the 8th January 1946. He is discharged four days later "at his own request". Arthur returns to his family and has seven children; 'Ted, Joan, Bill, Mari, Rhonda, Gwenda and Len' all taken from his headstone after his death on the 22nd July 1996, aged 82 years.



Ross Harold Mudge (06.02.1920 – 13.11.1943): Ross was born in 1920 at Murwillumbah, the 2nd child of six children, to parents Thomas Harold Mudge (1899-1982) and his wife Mabel Patten (1901-1981). In his youth Ross was a well-known Light-weight Boxer around the local area. Ross enlisted for military service in WW2 on the 15th June 1940 and allocated the Service No: NX54257. He attested to having served with the 41 Batt. No VF:267211 as a Private, was aged 20 and 4/12 months, Single, Church of England and worked as a bakers assistant prior to the war. His father Harold Thomas Mudge (1899-1982) had also enlisted in WW2 (1942 to 1947) and was his NOK. Photograph right of Ross Harold Mudge; taken on enlistment. On the 3.12.1941 Ross embarked from Sydney and disembarked six weeks later in the Middle East. On the 5.11.1942 he was reported as 'MISSING IN ACTION' Believed POW.

16.01.1943 – Interred Camp 106 P.M. Milan Italy.

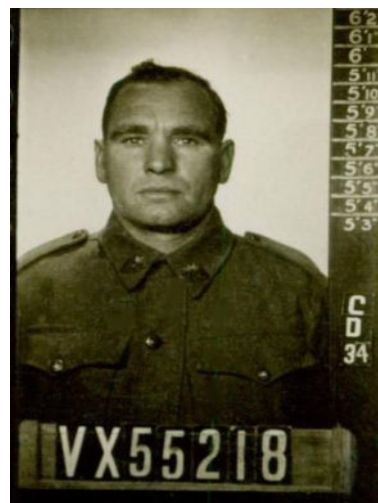
25.09.1943 – Written in his file "Declared protected personnel under the Geneva Convention, Stretcher Bearer."

09.20.1943 – Interred Camp 106 and reported Deceased Ospedale, Civile, South Italy 13.11.1943.

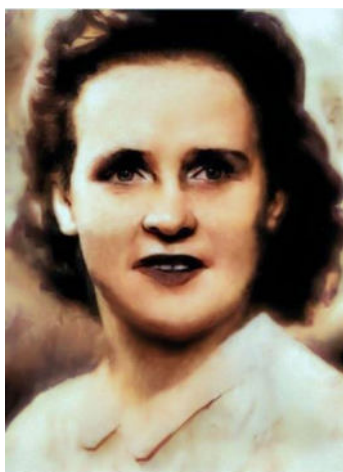
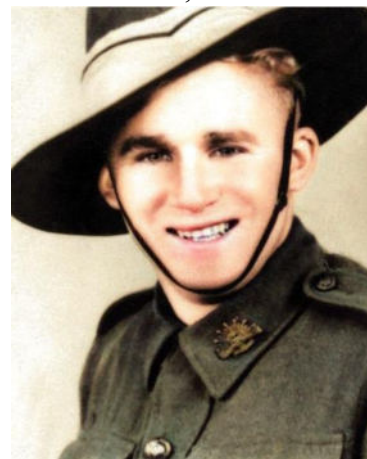
No cause of death or where his remains were laid to rest were documented. Ross Harold Mudge was aged 23



Wilfred James Dellar (24.02.1905 – 06.01.1949): Wilfred was the eldest child of nine of Richard James Dellar (1865-1935) and Marion Esther (nee Johns), born in Rainbow, Victoria on the 24th February 1905 and descends through the Sarah line. Wilfred worked as a farm labourer according to his WW2 attestation form that he completed when he enlisted for military service in WW2 at Rainbow on the 7th May 1941. He stated he was single, 36, 5'11" tall with hazel eyes and brown hair, a Baptist and gave his NOK as his mother Marion Esther as his father had died in 1935. His Service No: is VX55218. Wilfred James Dellar embarked for Singapore on the 15.10.1945 as a Driver with the 4 Aust. Motor Transport Coy. On the 31.03.1942 Wilfred is listed As MISSING. Wilfred has been captured by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore. The next documentation in his file states "POW Thai Camp dated 3.11.1942." Wilfred is recovered from Changi POW Camp and embarks Singapore on the 15.10.1945 after spending 3 ½ years in Malaya, and of the 1,682 days in the service, he spent 44 days in Australia. He arrives back in Melbourne on the 30.10.1945, is discharged from the Army on the 13.12.1945 and returns to Jeparit, Vic. where he dies 3 years later on the 6th January 1949, aged 43. Wilfred James Dellar was buried in the Dimboola Cemetery surrounded by other family members.



Robert Robinson (15.10.1921 – 11.01.1977): Robert Robinson was the son of George Robinson and Rebecca May Elliott, born in 1921, at Lismore. He worked as a 'Grocer' prior to his enlistment in WW2, beginning his military service on the 5.12.1941, at age 20 and one month. He attested to being single, 5'10 ½" tall with auburn hair, grey eyes and was Presbyterian. His Service No: NX73786. Six weeks later on the 26.01.1942 he disembarked the 'Batavia' at Singapore with his unit, the 2/30 Re INFTS Infantry Batt. On the 11.04.1942 Robert was reported MISSING. There is no documentation in his military file now for 19 months, until the 23.11.1943 when he is officially recorded as a POW at Changi, in Malaya. Robert spent from the 10.01.1942 to 08.09.1945 held captive by the Japanese before he was recovered, embarking Singapore 22.09.1945 on the 'Esperance Bay' disembarking at Sydney on the 09.10.1945. Most of the men recovered from Changi were grossly underweight, many to the point of starvation. Leg ulcers common and disease was rampant and those who did survive had short lives due to the prolonged deprivation of decent food and little if any medical supplies. Robert was discharged 'at his own request on compassionate grounds' on the 31.12.1946. On the 26th July 1947 Robert married Shirley May Patch (1929-1999) at Lismore, N.S.W. Shirley (pictured left) was the daughter of Bertha May (nee James) and Thomas Bertram Patch, granddaughter of Louisa (nee Philips/Philps) and William George James) on the Sophia line. The couple had six children, Sheryl, Janne, Robert, Kerry, Carol, and John Robertson. Sadly, Robert Robinson passed away on the 11th January 1977, aged 54 years, Shirley May died on the 29th November 1999, aged 70, both buried at Lismore.



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ANN PUGH NICHOLS married JOHN KELICK in 1825

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

Part 2

In the last newsletter I shared my journey to try to establish and verify who John Kellick's parents were and in part 2, I will continue with his mother, Jane Gardener nee Hay's story of her time in Australia.

After John Kellick's father John Kellock left Australia and returned to England on board HMS Glatton Jane partnered with William Crockett.

William Crockett was an able seaman serving on board the store-ship Fishburne which left from Portsmouth on the 13th of May 1787 bound for Australia. The ship was carrying 1400 persons among who were 780 convicts. It arrived at Sydney Cove as part of the First Fleet on the 26th of January 1788. Fishburne's departure from Sydney was delayed until a storehouse could be built to receive its cargo. It was noted in October 1788: *'the cellar being completed and ready for the reception of the spirits that were on board the Fishburne, they were landed from that ship; and she, being cleared and discharged from Government employ, hove down, and prepared for her return to England'*, leaving Australia on the 19th of November 1788. William took up the opportunity to stay in Australia as a free settler. Jane and William had a son, James Crockett born on the 10th of September 1805.

It is unclear what happened to William Crockett as Jane partnered with George Coulston c1808. There are a number of 'online family trees' that state that William Crockett died on the 3rd of April 1807 but they have not supplied a source for his death and I have so far not been able to find any record for his death or burial.

George Coulston, was one of 298 convicts transported on the ship Hillsborough. He had been convicted and sentenced at Leicester Quarter Sessions for a term of seven years transportation to Australia on the 11th of July 1797. Hillsborough left England October 1798 and arrived in Sydney on the 26th of July 1799. I have contacted the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland to get a copy of George Coulston court records that led to his transportation to Australia but they could not find any court records. It has been challenging researching this line until I used a different spelling for Coulston i.e. Coulson Coleson. For clarity in this story I will use George's original surname spelling of Coulston.

Jane and George went on to have at least the following four children,

1. Elizabeth Coulston, born on the 18th of September 1809, died aged 14 on the 10th of August 1824.
2. Mary Coulston, born on the 14th of May 1810, died aged 93 on the 18th of May 1903.
Married 1st 22nd July 1830 to Peter Butchard, born c1801, died 5th October 1839.
Married 2nd 19th January 1853 to Robert Henry Wiley.
3. Jane Coulston, born on the 1st of March 1813, died aged 78 on the 23rd of June 1891.
Married 15th August 1831 to John Maynard born 13th August 1804, died January 1843.
4. George Coulston, born on the 17th of November 1815, died aged 67 on the 10th of January 1883.
Married 12th July 1842 to Margaret Grounds born 5th March 1823, died 1st February 1866

Jane Gardiner gained her Certificate of Emancipation February 1811 (certificate 203/702). A Certificate of Emancipation (Certificate of Freedom) was issued at the completion of a convict's sentence, as proof he/she was a free person. They were then free to travel anywhere, and could return to the United Kingdom (if they could afford it). The 1814 NSW Population Muster had Jane Gardiner with George Coulston and five children all living 'off stores'. The five children would have been John Kellick, James Crockett, and Elizabeth, Mary, Jane Coulston.

I have found on Ancestry a record in the New South Wales, Australia, Gaol Description and Entrance Books, 1818-1930 that a group of Native boys (*born in Australia*), Jon Kellyck (*John Kellick*), James Cocket, James McAlister, William Cummins, Henry Crock, James Byrne and William Dalton were admitted to the goal on the 8th of June 1822. They were all sentenced to 14 days labour, and were discharged on the 22nd June 1822. I have contacted the Sydney Archives to see if any record of the court hearing existed but they informed me that “few court records have survived from this time period, especially for minor charges. I have checked our finding aids and indexes and can find no reference to this case”. I have also checked on Trove for any newspaper reports of the case but was unable to find any record of the event.

The reason that I said Jane had at least four children to George Coulston is because in the NSW 1828 Muster there are a number of Coulston listed. In the Muster there is an Isabella Coulston, age 10, born in the colony and boarding at Mr. John Eyre School Parramatta. Her listing is adjacent to Thomas Coulson came free, age 27, arrived in Australia 1823, Henry age 22, and John Coulson aged 20 both came free, arrived in Australia 1824. Those three men could not be her father as they all arrived in the colony after Isabella’s birth in 1818 so I think their only connection is alphabetical. Then there is Jane aged 14, and Mary Coulston aged 17 both born in the colony and both household servants. Lastly there is Peter Coulson aged 45, a ‘lifer’ arrived in 1818 also likely unrelated.

No.	Name	Age	Birth Date	Arrived	Employment	Residence
64	Coulston, Isabella	10	1818	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
65	Coulston, Thomas	27	1823	1823	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
66	Coulston, Henry	22	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
67	Coulston, John	20	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
68	Coulston, Jane	14	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
69	Coulston, Mary	17	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta

I believe that Isabella was a sister to Jane and Mary as their ages line up with the second and third daughters and son George Coulston of Jane Gardiner and George Coulston. Their first daughter Elizabeth had died in 1824 four years before the 1828 muster so would not be on the muster. I have not been able so far to find any BD&M or other records for Isabella Coulston.

Jane Gardiner died aged 38 on the 4th of May 1818 and was buried two days later on the 6th of May 1818 but no

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67	Coulston, John	20	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
68	Coulston, Jane	14	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta
69	Coulston, Mary	17	1824	1824	Govt. Cooper	Mr. Eyre's School, Parramatta

Jane Gardiner Certificate of Emancipation Reel 601 page 552-553

burial site was given on her burial certificate. I have found an entry on the ‘Find A Grave’ web site which stated that she was buried at the Old Sydney Burial Ground, Sydney, Australia which is now the site of the Sydney Town Hall. If Isabella was Jane's daughter and as both Jane’s death and Isabella’s birth happened in

1818, it may be possible that Jane died during or due to the birth of her daughter Isabella which could explain why no birth record and that Isabella at the age of 10 was boarding at Mr. John Eyre School Parramatta. John Kellick's father John Kellock died in the Plymouth Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, England only 19½ weeks later on the 19th of September 1818.

Jane's second son James Crocket died aged 46 on the 29th of December 1851. There was a coroner's inquest held due to his sudden death and was reported in several newspapers and I have reproduced one of the articles below.

Freeman's Journal, Thursday 1st of January 1852 Page 10

CORONER'S INQUESTS- An inquest was held on Tuesday last, at the Lemon Tree, Philip-street, on the body of James Crocket. It appeared from evidence adduced, the deceased was a carpenter by trade, and long addicted to habits of intemperance: he became suddenly ill on last Monday night near Dunn's timber yard, Sussex-street, and made a request that he might be taken to Mr. Kellick's in Phillip-street. Before medical assistances could be procured he died. Dr. Douglas having viewed the body stated that intemperance of long duration and the heat of the weather would account for the suddenness of his death

Verdict-"died by the visitation of God."

It appears that Jane's three sons may have kept in touch with each other as:-

- They were all carpenters.
- John Kellick applied to the Sydney Male Orphan School, Sydney for the release of his younger half-brother George Coulston to enter him into a carpenter apprenticeship with him.
- John Kellick and James Crocket were arrested in 1822 and sent to goal together in 1822.
- When James Crocket was taken ill he asked to be taken to his half-brother John Kellick's house.

New South Wales, Australia, Gaol Description and Entrance Books, 1818-1930 for Jno Kellyck

Entrance Book > Sydney > 1819-1833

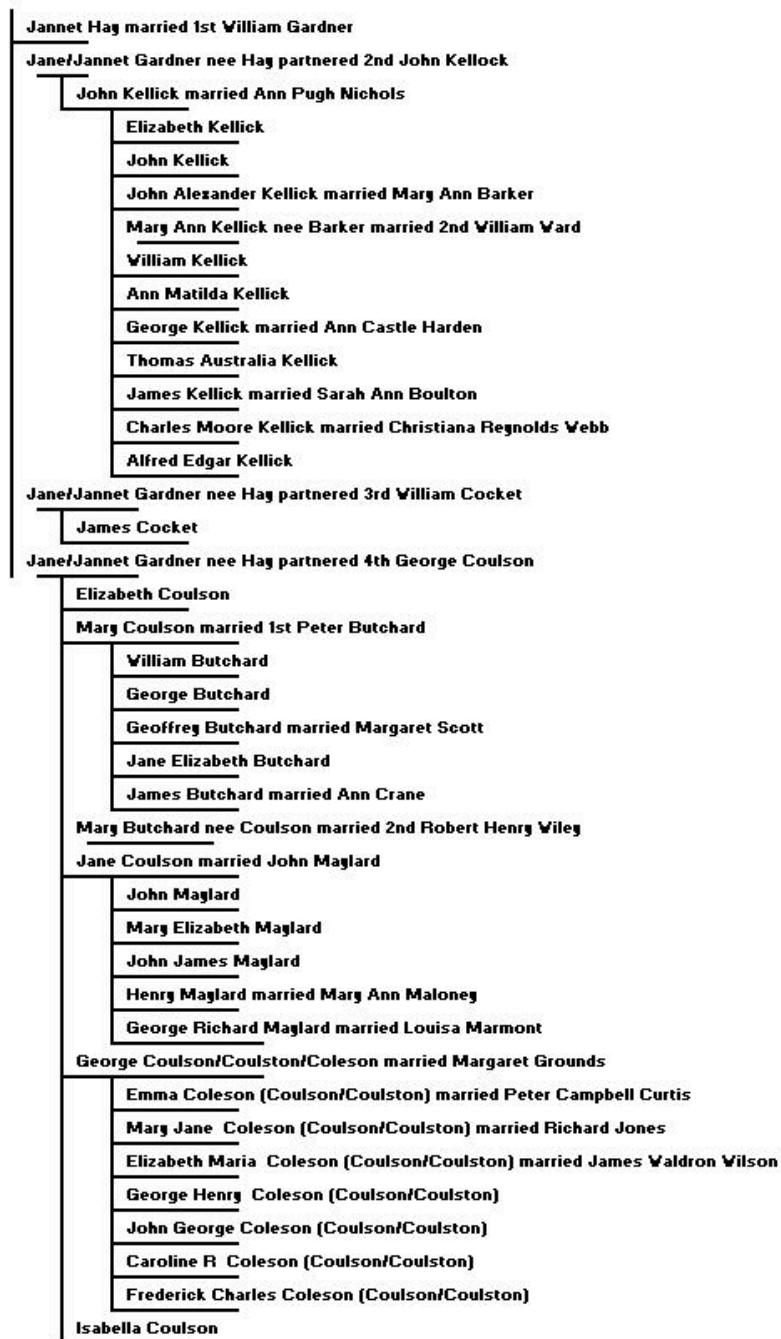
Date	Name	Age	By whom Committed	Remarks	When and to whom Discharged
1822. June 7	Pat ^r M ^r oy	Isabella	Mr. Eyre	To be put to L. Spool. 15/10/22 by H ^{on} P ^{er} sonal Court	
8	Mr. Lynch				
	Mr. Kellick				
	Mr. M ^r O'Atcher	Native	Mr. Wainwright		
	Mr. Cummins	Boys	Mr. Wainwright	14 Boys Later	12 hours Discharged
	Wm. Crockett				
	Mr. Crockett				
	Mr. Byrne				

As I said at the beginning of part 1 of this story, I started out to try and find out more on John Kellick's parents and I have had some success, but now have even more questions that I would like to clear up. If any JNFS members have any ideas where/how I can get answers for the question below I would be very happy to hear from you.

- I now believe that John Kellick's mother is Jannett Gardener nee Hay but I would like to find her birth and/or marriage records
- Was Marine Gunner John Kellock the father of John Kellick? I will have to look into whether I can find a DNA match with a known ancestor of John Kellock and compare it with mine to be sure.
- Did Jane's 3rd partner, William Crocket die on the 3rd of April 1807 or as he was an able seaman did he sign up with a ship returning back to England and return back to England.
- Where did John Kellick's half-brother James Crocket serve his apprenticeship?
- What charge was George Coulston convicted and sentenced for?

- Any information on Jane's possible daughter Isabella Coulston.

It has been a pleasure and honor to research and to tell Jane Gardiner's story although I will have to keep on researching in the hope to find more records for her life. I feel that she must have been a strong woman and did what she had to do to survive as a woman in the 1700-1800s. While researching Jane Gardiner I have found and have been in contact with two of Jane Gardiner and George Coulson's great-great granddaughters through the Mary Coulson and Jane Coulson line. We have compared and exchanged our research and we have expanded our family trees. It is such a pity that Jane died only 15 years after arriving in Australia at the young age of 38 and would not be around to see her 7 children or any of her 27 grandchildren grow up.



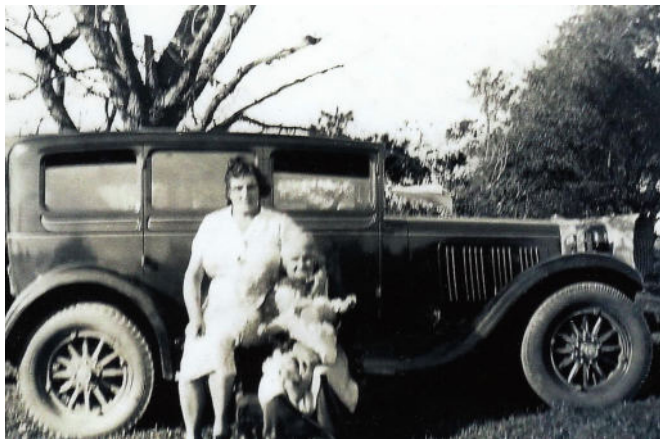
THOMAS NICHOLS married MARTHA JOHNSON on 1st April 1850

Family of the 8th, 9th & 10th children of Thomas & Martha (continued from Newsletter #80)

This is the fourth of several articles about the children of Thomas & Martha Nichols. The articles focus more on the traditional historical events and dates, than some articles in the past. Articles have been written in the past about isolated sections of Charles' family, firstly in May 2008 by Lorraine Milner, then May 2009 by Frank Crameri, then December 2017 & May 2018 by Frank Crameri.

A correction is necessary to the previous 3 articles where I referred to the children of the children of Thomas & Martha as **great grandchildren** whereas they are in fact **grandchildren** of Thomas & Martha

Recapping - Thomas & Martha's 8th child, Charles Nichols was born on 10 April 1868 at



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

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



Charles and Catherine had ten children (grandchildren of Thomas & Martha Nichols) and **Continuing**, we are now up to their eighth, Daniel Patrick Nichols who was born on 18 September 1907 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 18 July 1965 at East Bentley, Melbourne, Vic, at age 57 and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic. He married Nellie Irene (Nell) Matthews, daughter of Roy William Matthews and Lily Agnes (Nellie) Garlepp, on 31 May 1941 at St. John's Catholic Church, Koo Wee Rup, Vic. She was born on 4 December 1920 at Lemon Avenue, Mildura, Vic. Nell died on 26 May 2014 at Frankston, Vic. and was buried with her son at the Frankston Cemetery at grave site C 335 Row WW 005 area code No. 4 on 30 May 2014.

Ninth, Mary Ann Magdalene (Annie) Nichols was born on 6 December 1909 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 23 January 1977 at Koo Wee Rup, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic. She married Henry Alfred Hodge, son of Alfred Hodge and Susannah Stanfield, and grandson of Abraham Hodge and Margaret Hunter. Annie's older brother John Thomas Nichols married Mary Gertrude Hodge, daughter of George Hodge and Sarah Mulgrew, and granddaughter of Abraham Hodge and Margaret Hunter.

Which means siblings Annie and John Thomas Nichols married first cousins: Henry Alfred Hodge and Mary Gertrude Hodge who were both grandchildren of Abraham Hodge and his wife Margaret Hunter. These Hodges were originally from Devon, England before

emigrating to Victoria. Annie & Henry in photo right, at daughter's wedding.

Annie & Henry's wedding was on 22 February 1933 at St. Monica's Catholic Church, Moonee Ponds, Vic. He was born on 01 July 1904 at Musk Vale, Vic. and died on 04 December 1968 at home, 48 Henry Street, Koo Wee Rup, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.

And tenth, Eileen Iris Nichols was born on 12 August 1912 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 19 September 1982 at Koo Wee Rup, Vic, at age 70 and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.



She married Francis 'Joseph' Cramer, son of Carlo / Charles Cramer and Edith Josephine Colombo, on 16 April 1938 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,

Koo Wee Rup, Vic. He was born on 5 September 1906 at Moon Street, Eaglehawk, Vic. and died on 6 March 1990 at the Koo Wee Rup Hospital, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Pakenham, Vic.



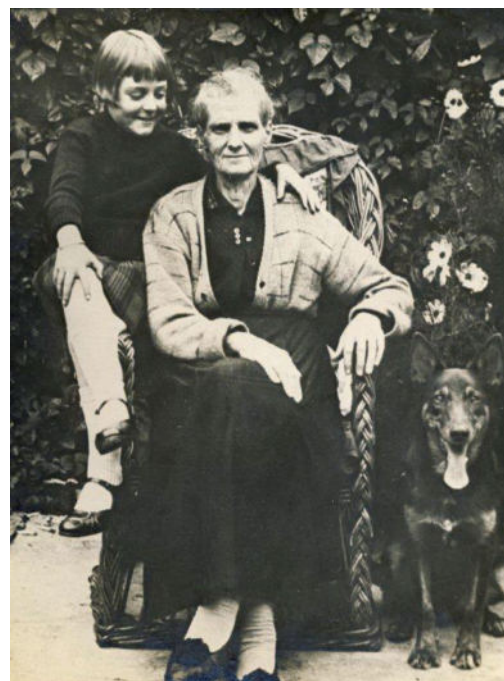
Thomas & Martha's 9th child, Sarah Jane Nichols was born on 9 June 1870 at Werribee, Vic. and died on 5 December 1937 at Geelong, Vic, at age 67 and was buried in the Church of England Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. She married Thomas Goss, son of John Goss and Belinda Hoey, on 22 August 1885 at the Wesleyan Parsonage, Daylesford, Vic. He was born in 1862 at Maryborough, Vic. and died on 11 October 1936 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the General Cemetery, Faulkner, Vic.

Sarah & Thomas had 13 children (grandchildren of Thomas & Martha Nichols) in the following 25 years. Sadly 6 of the 13 died in early childhood, and 5 of the surviving 7 had children of their own.



Firstly, Thomas Edward Goss (at left) was born on 1 January 1886 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. died on 22 November 1960 at the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, Yallourn, Vic. and

was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Yallourn, Vic. He married Mary Jane Trew, daughter of Walter James Trew and "Bridgett" Charlotte Edwards, on 28 November 1914 at Christ Church, Birregurra, Vic. She was born in 1897 at Corinella, South



Gippsland, Vic. Irene Koerper, granddaughter of Mary, says Mary Jane Trew was born 3rd or the 5th September 1900 at Corinella, which is near Phillip island, Vic.

Mary Jane Trew's grandmother, also named Mary Jane Trew, was midwife at Woolamai, nearby. There is a road named after her at Woolamai called "Trew Road".

Thomas & Mary had 8 children about whom we know quite a lot.

Secondly, James Henry Goss was born in 1887 at Bullarto, Vic. and died on 7 May 1962 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Vic. He was a Teamster / Railway Employee and married Eileen Hester Gurrie, daughter of Michael John Gurrie and Catherine Helena Burke, on 9 March 1910 at Christ Church, Birregurra, Vic. She was born on 9 April 1887 at Mt. Moriac, Vic. and died on 30 March 1965 at Fairfield, Vic.

James & Eileen (on left of photo at right) had 8 children about whom we know very little



Thirdly, Annie Louisa Goss was born on 14 February 1889 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. died on 21 August 1889 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Fourthly, William John Goss was born on 14 February 1889 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. died on 13 May 1889 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.



Fifth, Gertrude Annie Goss was born on 15 October 1891 at Bullarto / Korweinguboorra, Vic. and died on 17 April 1954 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. She married George Michael King, son of Job Fletcher King and Jane Lloyd, on 1 September 1908 at Christ Church of England, Birregurra near Colac, Vic. (wedding photo at left) He was born on 29 August 1885 at Mineral Springs, Ballan, Vic. He was a Timber Worker / Splitter / Mill Hand and died on 29 May 1925 when struck by a falling tree at Noonday Creek, Forrest, Vic. and was buried in the Yaugher Cemetery, Forrest, Vic.

Gertrude & George had 5 children.

Sixth, Martha May Goss was born on 23 February 1894 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. and died on 18 August 1968 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Lawn Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. She married Gilbert, son of Henry Duck and Hannah Maher, in 1915 at Geelong, Vic.

(Photo at right) He was born on 29 October 1893 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. and began Military Service on 8 July 1942 enlisted at East Geelong, Vic. – Service No. V379407 and was discharged as Private – 6 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He died on 11 August 1979 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the



Eastern Lawn Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. Martha & Gilbert had 3 children.



Seventh, Isabella Goss (at left) was born on 20 February 1896 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. and died on 2 July 1966 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, East Geelong, Vic. She married Ernest James Drewry, son of Thomas Drewry and Rose Ann McCallum, on 24 April 1916 Vic. He was born in 1884 at Winchelsea, Vic. died on 16 January 1955 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, East Geelong, Vic.

Isabella & Ernest had 1 child.

Eighth, Annie Goss was born on 24 January 1898 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. died on 7 February 1898 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Ninth, Mary Goss was born on 28 February 1899 at Korweinguboorra, Vic. died on 27 March 1899 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Tenth, Agnes Jane Goss was born on 6 January 1901 at Forrest, Vic. and died on 27 April 1901 at Birregurra, Vic.

Eleventh, Florence Bertha (Florrie) Goss was born on 4 August 1904 at Forrest, Vic. died on 6 February 1970 at a Private Hospital, Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. She married Albert John Wood, son of Albert Wood and Ann Smith, on 27



December 1930 at Christ Church of England, Geelong, Vic. He was born in 1901 at Geelong and died on 16 June 1995 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Vic.

Florrie & Albert had 1 child who died under an anaesthetic, age 7

Twelfth, William Goss was born on 4 December 1906 at Forrest, Vic. and died on 17 December 1906 at Forrest, Vic. and was buried in the (Yaugher) Forrest Cemetery, Vic.

Thirteenth, Pearl Irene (Pearlie) Goss (on left with her 4 sisters) was born on 20 March 1910 at Forrest, Vic.

Occupation – Departmental Manageress and lived at 60 Victoria Parade, Geelong, Vic. She died on 14 February 1985 at East Geelong, Vic. – unmarried - and was buried in the Eastern Lawn Cemetery, Geelong, Vic.



Thomas & Martha's 10th child, Annie Nichols, was born on 25 March 1873 at Barkstead, Vic. died on 22 August 1956 at Woodend, Vic, at age 83 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Murtoa, Vic. She married Noel Michael Davey, son of Noel Davey and Eliza Ross Mc Queen, on 31 January 1907 at Christ Church of England, Daylesford, Vic. He was born on 21 March 1878 at Daylesford, Vic. and was a Railway Employee, who died on 3 November 1935 at Hospital, Horsham, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Murtoa, Vic. Annie & Noel had 3 children, 2 of whom lived to adulthood

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

JOHN PUGH/NICHOLS married REBECCA MOSS on the 18th January 1825.

Their daughter Ann Louisa (Nichols) Bradney / Clarke married John Bradney on the 9th June 1869*.

Their son Herbert Lindsay Bradney (1870-1949) married Amy Ann Mackay (1878-1946)
on the 29th September 1906.

Herbert Lindsay Bradney was the 12th and last child of Ann Louisa (née Nichols) and John Bradney, born on the 28th December 1870, at Jamberoo. Family tradition says that Ann Louisa supported her children by weaving 'cabbage-tree hats' and selling them by the side of the road to travellers along with monies from John Bradney's farm. No doubt that Herbert Lindsay's life would have been difficult at times, particularly after his father died on the 2nd January 1872, when Herbert was a toddler aged two and a half. His mother Ann Louisa did not remarry until seven years later to Samuel Clarke on the 8th July 1879*. Samuel was a wealthy widower with extensive land holdings at Yellow Creek and Stockyard Mountain, between Albion Park and Jamberoo. Herbert and his two older brothers were given five years of schooling at Albion Park, and most of the older children were provided with employment at Clarke's farm. Herbert may have worked for Samuel Clarke at his Mount Terry property, before moving to Sydney where he drove a steam tram.

On the 29th September 1906 Herbert married Amy Ann Mackay (1878-1946), the daughter of Edward Thomas Mackay and Annie (nee West) at Newtown. Photographs of Amy and Herbert appear right of the page.



Their first child **Lorris Jean Mackay** (1905-1910) was born at Sydney but sadly died at aged five years. After Lorris died in 1910 the couple moved back to the North Coast and Herbert farmed at Lismore, where their second child **Walter Lindsay 'Wally' Bradney** was born on the 22nd August 1911. Walter married Joyce (Squelch) Le Geyt (1916-2003) on the 30th October 1934 at Byron Bay and a son Maurice Walter Bradney was born on the 1st April 1935. In 1939 Walter must have discussed joining the RAAF with his wife Joyce, who wrote a letter to the local member.

40 Manning St.
South Brisbane
11th July 1939.

Esq. M. H. R.
Mr Anthony.

Dear Sir,

Until about 3 months ago my husband & I were constituents of yours living at Lismore. He is at present a mechanical worker for the firm Massey Harris South Brisbane, and as the Defence Dept. are about to enlist about 300 men for mechanics etc. in the Air Force, I would be glad if you would obtain particulars, or when to apply, necessary qualifications of applicants etc.

My husband's people were also constituents of yours.

My husband is of good character and a first class fitter etc.

Thanking you in anticipation.

yours Faithfully
Mrs. W. L. Bradney.

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Walter Lindsay 'Wally' Bradney enlists for military service in WW2, joining the RAAF on the 17th July 1941, at Brisbane (photo right). He has been employed by the firm 'Sunshine and Massey Harris Farm Implements Pty Ltd'. at South Brisbane for three years and a reference was provided by the Assistant Manager stating that Walter has been employed as a mechanical worker there from 30th November 1938. He states "at all times we shall be happy to know of his progress and feel sure that he will give a good account of himself, and his action to commit to military service is commended."

Walter attests to being 29 and 10 months of age, fair hair and brown eyes, 182 lbs and married with one child under 16. Walter also writes under occupation; that he was a truck driver for 8 years and is a "Machinery Expert and Radio Salesman". He is allocated the Service No: #42372. After basic training he attended a Flight Rigger Course 9.11.1941 to 6.2.1942 and received a pass mark of 80%. Walter also attended the No 10 Coppersmith's Course from 11.5.1942 to 3.8.1942 with a High Distinction. The report reads "This airman displayed outstanding trade ability and it is strongly recommended that he be reclassified to L A C." Walter attends Engineering School and is promoted to Corporal on 1st August 1944. He served with the 6th Aircraft Depot and was discharged from the RAAF on the 12th March 1946. He then re-enlists on the 28th May 1948 as an accredited Coppersmith with rank and pay at Leading Aircraftman rate. In 1950 Walter applied to the RAAF as a Private Contractor, and appears to be self-employed. We know that Walter Lindsay Bradney and his family lived out their later years in the Brisbane area. Walter died on the 13th November 2000 at Brisbane, Queensland, aged 89 and wife Joyce passed away on the 17th July 2003.

Stanley Bernard Bradney was the 3rd child of Herbert Lindsay Bradney and Amy Ann Mackay, born on the 13th September 1914, at Narrandera. Stanley enlisted for military service in WW2 on the 31st July 1942, Service No: NX123116. On the 2nd January 1943 Stanley married Frances Jean Taylor (1913-2004) and the wedding announcement made the local newspaper, stating that "Sergeant Stanley Bernard Bradney was on leave from his military unit in Northern Australia." Stanley was discharged as Staff Sgt. After serving with the 68 Field Park Company. Two children; Kay and John Bradney, were registered to the marriage. Stanley died on the 30th January 1984, aged 69, Frances passed away in 2004.



Wedding

:o:

BRADNEY—TAYLOR

At St. Joseph's Church, Leeton on Saturday, 2nd January, the marriage was celebrated quietly of Frances Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Taylor, of Midgeon St. Narandera, and the late Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Jerilderie, to Sergeant Stanley Bernard (John) Bradney (A.I.F.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bradney, of Arthur St., Narandera, and formerly of Lis-more.

Mrs. Rod. Ryan, of Leeton, was matron of honour, and Mr. Rod Ryan attended the bridegroom. The bridegroom was on leave from his military unit in Northern Australia.

Edith Rita 'Babs' Bradney was born on the 6th October 1916, the 4th child of Herbert Lindsay Bradney and Amy Ann Mackay at Byron Bay. Edith married twice, firstly to Leslie Gordon Squelch (1911-1948) in 1936, at Byron Bay. Sadly Leslie died aged 37 on the 2nd February 1948 from injuries sustained in a car accident, leaving Edith a young widow with two daughters; Valerie and



Pamela. In 1952 Edith remarried to Alexander George Lamond (1.3.1915-8.3.1967). Alexander had enlisted for military service in WW2 on the 5th August 1940 at Sydney, with the RAAF - Service No: 33027. He suffered an 'Allergic Asthma' attack and the medical board directed that he be returned to Australia from Bombay, for medical repatriation – dated 14.10.1944. Discharged as Sgt 16.12.1946. Alexander George Lamond (right) passed away at age 52 on the 8th March 1967, cause of death unknown. Edith Rita Lamond died on the 20th May 1981 aged 66.



Allan Byron Bradney was born on the 17th November 1919, at Byron Bay, N.S.W. the 5th child of Herbert Lindsay Bradney and Amy Ann Mackay. According to his attestation form, Allan worked as a Mail Contractor prior to his enlistment into WW2 on the 2nd April 1942. He declared to being single, 22 years and 4 months of age, and of the Church of England faith with his mother the N.O.K. Allan was 5'10 ½" tall with grey eyes, brown hair and allocated the Service No: NX94308. On 11.4.1942 he attended the School of Mechanics at Cowra and then was taken on strength with the 58th Aust. Corps Field Pk. Coy. On 9.11.1943 Allan joined the Parachute Training Unit and was transferred to his new role within the Parachute Troop Unit on the 3.3.44, where he stayed for the remainder of his military career. During a training jump on the 25.9.1945, he fractures his right Fibula and then spends six weeks in hospital recovering. Walter was discharged from the Army on the 25th March 1947, after serving 1,395 days in military service. In 1951 he married Betty Marie Miller at Ryde, in Sydney, and the couple have four children. Allan Byron Bradney died on the 29th April 2012 at Narrandera, New South Wales aged 92.



Raymond Sydney Bradney was the 6th and last child of Herbert Lindsay Bradney and his wife Amy Ann Mackay, born on the 29th May 1922, at Byron Bay where his father was a farmer. Following in the footsteps of his three older brothers, Raymond also enlisted for military service in WW2, on 09.07.1943 at Narrandera, with the Service No: NX172271, serving with the Z Force Commando Squadron. Raymond married Joyce Ellen Briggs who had enlisted in WW2, serving with the AWAS from 20.11.1943 to 08.08.1945. The couple married on the 12th May 1945 with Beryl attaining the rank of Lance Corporal, VF: 512038, and her enlistment photograph appears on the right. Raymond was discharged from the Army on the 27th August 1946. A son Bruce Raymond Bradney was born to the marriage and the family lived at Narrandera where Raymond died on the 5th May 2010, aged 87. A photograph of Raymond Sydney Bradney probably taken in retirement appears below, C 1990's.



Herbert Lindsay Bradney turned his hand to several vocations after farming at Lismore and at Byron Bay. In his later years he worked in sawmills and the timber trade as well as employment in a meat cannery. Amy Ann (nee Mackey) Bradney died on the 12th August 1946, aged 67, at Narrandera, Herbert passed away on the 20th September 1949, aged 78 at Brisbane, Queensland.

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SUSANNAH NICHOLS, MARRIED CHARLES KINSELA on 7th MARCH 1837

Hello fellow "Susannah" and other John Nichols Descendants. I do hope members and their families are keeping well and the Year 2024 is bringing better health to each and every one of our members!



I am happy to announce, on 13 Dec 2023, the six weeks early, safe arrival of my fourth Great Grandchild, first Great-Granddaughter, Zahli Violet Smith. Zahli is the third child of my grandson, Brendan Barry Clayton Smith and his wife Casey née Wade Smith. Zahli is very loved by her two siblings Ronan George and Darcy Elliott Smith. A busy household with Ronan 3 years in October and Darcy still 1 year old.

I would like to thank Tony and Christina Allen for supplying me with a digital Booklet, First Four Score Years Christ Church Bexley 1887, by E Herbert Bates and photographs of the inside of the Church, taken by Tony a couple of hours prior to our 2023 Reunion.

Our **Kinsela**, **Preddey/Preddey** and **Holliday** Families were very prominent in the area and very tireless in their efforts to have the Christ Church Bexley built, so I feel it is appropriate to try and tell the story of Christ Church Bexley, which held such an important part in the lives of our Family, through regular worship and socialising, Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals. **Part 1 of 2.**

PURCHASING THE LAND FOR CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEY:

FOR SALE: In May 1885 a fund was opened to buy plots of land on which to establish a church and back-up buildings for the Anglicans of Bexley and in the same year two parcels of land was purchased on Ocean View at the corner of Dunmore and Albyn Streets where the church now stands and where a very large mushroom patch was lovingly cared for by the previous owners.

The plot purchased on the recommendation of the Church Trustees was able to be purchased by the energies and donations of Messrs Joseph Davis, Henry Kinsela, H. P. Tidswell and others, started a move to build an Anglican Church at Bexley and so began the impetus for personal energies and financial support to the fund established. Looking to the future requirement of land for a larger building **Mr Kinsela** bought a second plot in Albyn Street, adjacent to the Church site, on the understanding with the Church Trustees that he would give the land to the church at a small advance of five percent "when the time is right for so doing".

CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEY: Laying the Foundation Stone as Reported in Sydney Morning Herald, Monday 26 July 1886, Page 5 (In Part)
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13641910?searchTerm=christ%20church%20bexley>

'The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of Christ Church, in the parish of St. George, Bexley, near Rockdale, was performed on Saturday by Dr. Barry, Primate of Australia. The weather was bleak, and a drizzling rain fell during the afternoon. The attendance of spectators was consequently rather small but not unsatisfactory considering that the district is about 12 miles from the city, and at present only sparsely populated. The assisting clergy who were present on the occasion were the Rev. W. H. Saunders, incumbent of the parish; the Rev. G. E. Stiles, of Canterbury; and the Rev. Charles Baber. The clergy and people repeated by alternate verses the 132nd Psalm; after which the lesson (I Corinthians iii.), followed by the collections for the 13th Sunday after Trinity, and for St. Simon and St. Jude, were read. The Primate, who had previously been presented with a silver trowel, then laid the foundation stone, using the following words : "I lay this as the foundation stone of the church in this place, named Christ, to be set apart for the preaching of the right Catholic faith, which we believe and confess, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O, prosper Thou our handy work; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Advocate' ".

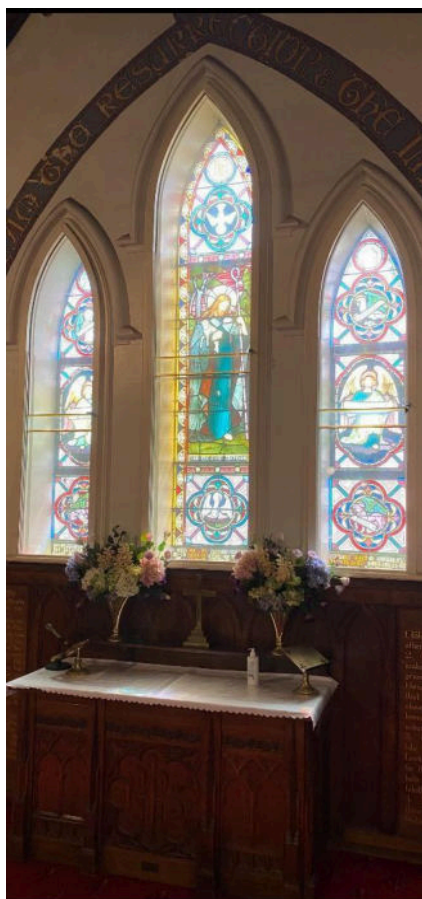
The scroll bore the following inscription: "This foundation stone of Christ Church, in the parish of St. George, was laid by the Most Rev. Dr. Barry, LL.D., D.D., Primate of Australia, on the 24th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1886, the 50th year of the reign of H.M. Queen Victoria, and the 98th year of the colony

of New South Wales. Baron Carrington, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor; W. H. Saunders, incumbent; Messrs. Ransoms and Hardy, architects; John Bonner, builder. Committee: Rev. W. H. Saunders, chairman; **Henry Kinsela, George Preddey**, Joseph Davis, Alexander Milsop, Thomas Milsop, C. J. Burney, H. P. Tidswell, Thomas Leeder, Fred. J. Gibbins, David White."

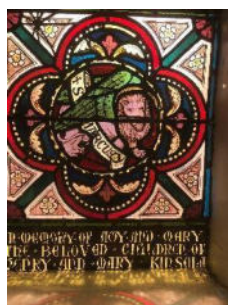
The stone having been duly laid.



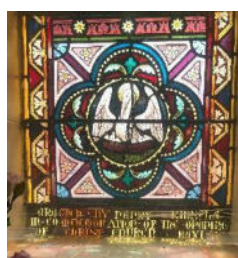
Above: Early Picture of original Christ Church Bexley, prior to extension.



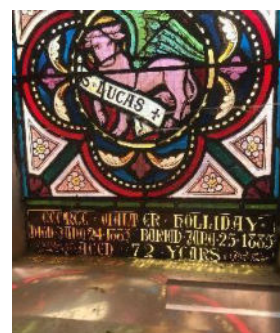
Left: Three Stained Glass Windows behind the Altar inscribed as follows.



Left: In Memory of Amy and Mary the Beloved Children of Henry and Mary Kinsela.



Middle: Erected by Henry Kinsela in Commemoration of the Opening of Church Bexley.



Right: George Walter Holliday Died June 24 1885 Buried June 25 1885 Aged 72 Years.
CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEY: As reported in St George Call; Saturday 22 December 1906, page 1.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/209629728?searchTerm=christ%20church%20bexley>

The accompanying sketch of Christ Church, Bexley, provides a great fund of information, as regards the growth and development of that Church. In the early days, Kogarah was the central Church, or Hurstville in the distance, whilst Arncliffe (St. David's) provided the necessary Church for that end.

The services at Bexley commenced in the open air, under a large tree, near White's brick kiln, and were conducted by Rev. R. Kelly, the Incumbent at the time. The growing state of the district forced the people of Bexley to make a start in the direction of erecting a Church. The site selected, which is an excellent one, is in Dunmore and Albyn-streets, Bexley, facing Forest-road. The foundation stone was laid by the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, the then Primate. The Church was completed for the sum of £1,400, and dedicated for worship by the Primate on February 26, 1887, the following clergy being present : Rev. E. N. Saliniere, Rev. James Clarke, and Rev. W. H. Saunders. The first baptism in the Church was that of Miss Eva Scholes of Bexley. The first incumbent was the Rev. W. H. Saunders, who was succeeded, after a term extending over 18 months, by the Rev. C. J. Byng, who was noted far and wide for eloquence and rare gifts as an orator and lecturer, entered upon his duties on Sunday, June 17, 1888. The first sermon preached by that gentleman was taken from the 133rd Psalm, the subject being "Christian Socialism " — fitting in with present day politics — the burning question of the hour. On September 20, 1898, Christ Church, Bexley, together with St David's, Arncliffe, was made into one parish.

Mr. Byng passed away on November 17, 1904, after 16 years' faithful work in the parish. The present Rector, Rev. J. Howell Price, entered upon his duties on April 1, 1905. The Primate conferred the honour on the present Rector of making him the first Rural Dean of South Sydney, on July 24 of this year. The following parishes give the reader some idea of the scope of the Rural Deanery under his charge — Botany, Waterloo, Erskineville, St. Peter's, Tempe, Bexley, Arncliffe, Rockdale, Kogarah, Hurstville, Canterbury, Belmore, Moorefields, and Sutherland. The growing state of the parish, which has been so rapid of late, has forced the necessity of securing a Curate for the parish. At the rear of the Church and facing Alloyn-street, is the handsome school hall, erected during the Rectorship of the Rev. C.J. Byng, the foundation stone being laid by late Lady See. The hall provides for the use of S.S., also meetings of Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEY: As reported in St George Call; Saturday 22 December 1906, page 3

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The Annual Children's Concert in connection with the above came off last Friday evening, in the Parish Hall, and was much enjoyed by the crowded audience of parents, parishioners, and young people. About 40 children had been trained by Miss Cope and Miss E. Howell-Price and the smooth, bright manner in which the programme was carried out, reflected the greatest credit upon those young ladies.



The concert opened with a Maypole dance by 20 little maidens who danced blithely, they were enthusiastically applauded. A cantata, " The Seasons," with their appropriate months, all suitably attired to represent the characters. At the close of the cantata the whole of the performers grouped, formed a brilliant tableau, and won unstinted applause. A " rainbow scarf drill ", an attractive item always, was skilfully performed by the little maidens.

Twelve small " Jack Tars " made their appearance and illustrated their tuneful song by vigorous actions. This item evoked much laughter and applause.

The "Japanese umbrella drill," performed by 16 girls in national costume and hair also dressed a la Japanese was the concluding item. At the close they were most artistically grouped in tableau, and judging by the storm of applause this was the favorite item of the evening.

The limelight, skilfully handled by Mr. Copp, greatly added to the effect of the tableaux. Interspersed between the chief events, vocal and instrumental pieces were rendered. The proceeds are in aid of the debt on the Parish Hall.



Notes: "Maypole Dance" and "Japanese Umbrella Drill" photos were not in the Article but are of the era and authentic.



"Jack Tar" was a familiar name for a British seaman. Tar is the shortened version of tarpaulin, the tarred canvas which seamen, and especially topmen, used to wear as protection against the weather during the days of sail. Also, when pigtails were the fashionable hairstyle afloat, seamen always dressed theirs with tar.



The above article pinpoints the varied entertainment our Ancestors enjoyed when fundraising was needed to cover Parish Debts.

HISTORY OF THE PIPE ORGAN, CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEY, newly opened: Taken in part from "FIRST FOUR SCORE YEARS, CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEY 1887" By E Herbert Bates. It would be only natural that Rev William Harris Saunders and the new Christ Church Bexley Trustees, would immediately seek information for the purchase of a pipe organ and they were soon successful. During their inquiries they heard that All Saints Cathedral at Bathurst was willing to sell their sweet-toned pipe organ and although the journey to Bathurst for an inspection was rather arduous, as the newly established railway particularly over the Blue Mountains, one of the greatest engineering feats of railway development, did provide a means of passenger

travel, at a speed little more than walking pace.

The buyers were shown a pipe organ built in 1858 by J W Walker of London (Job No. 606) which they purchased at a very reasonable price and after being adjusted to the satisfaction of Mr J C Richardson, an organ builder, it was installed at Christ Church Bexley and the adjustments were very satisfactory. Renewed excitement amongst the parishioners was shown when the Church Organist, Emily Susannah Preddy (née Kinsela), who was mentioned in the church records as being the first organist, commenced playing some of their favourite hymns. The organ having a twin keyboard with seventeen front tubes and sixteen adjustment valves, requires a strong youth pumping vigorously and applying active physical strength to fill the organ air chambers, providing sufficient air to allow the organist by the touch of the keys to open the pipe-valve. Often during the playing of the hymns, the youth became a little tired and to the anger of the organist, who had often to call for more effort. In 1921, Electricity was introduced to the organ and the pumping youth became redundant.

Part 2 Christ Church Bexley and our Ancestors continued involvement in the December Issue.

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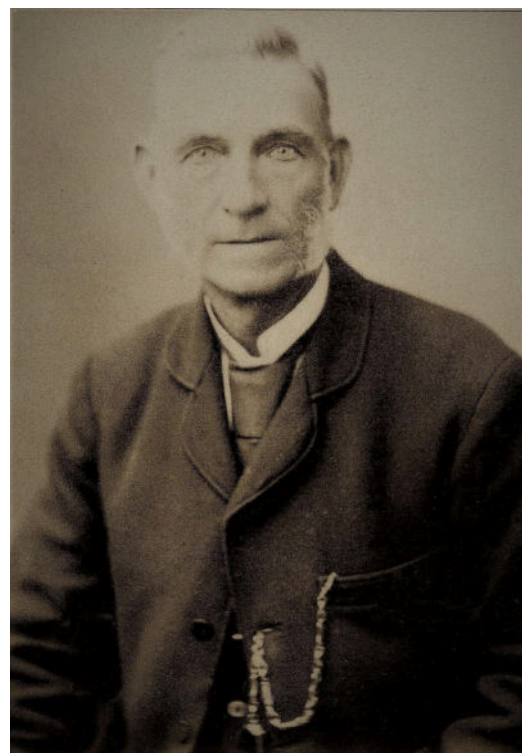
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AMELIA NICHOLS married CHARLES HUGHES on the 8th July 1827

Charles Andrew Hughes (1830-1906) married Mary Jane Coneybeare (1864-1951)

Hi everyone. This issue I thought I would look at my thinnest family file and see if anyone out there could fill in a few generations, send me some interesting stories, or leads for some interesting stories.

Charles Andrew Hughes, (photo at right) son of Amelia Nichols and Charles Hughes, was born on the 27th Apr 1830 in Newcastle. After his first wife Mary Lowe died in 1893, he married the widow of William Sherriff, Mary Jane Coneybeare in Orange on the 17th May 1894. Mary was the daughter of John Powsland Coneybeare (1833-1911) and Mary Anne Hobbs (1833-1914). She was born in 1864 and married William Sherriff in 1885. William died in 1888. Charles and Mary went on to have 5 children.



Firstly Theodore Sydney Hughes was born 16th Jun 1895 in Darling Street, Balmain. On the 10 Mar 1917 in enlisted in the Australian Flying Corps. He was listed as a Postal Assistant and Telegraphist. He had previously served in the 17th Infantry Battalion. On the 12th Aug 1922 at the Christ Church of England, Enmore, he married Firmin Frances Fell, daughter of Alfred Bowen Fell and Ethel Bridget Herzog. Firmin was born on the 31 Aug 1893 in Condobolin. In 1938 he was working for the Department of Taxation as an Assessor. In 1968 his occupation was Clerk and he was living at 61 Carlingford Road, Epping, with his wife and his son who was a shop assistant. Theodore and Firmin had 2 sons. Both served in WWII. Theodore died on the 20th Sep 1975 at the Concord Hospital. Firmin died on the 11 Sep 1981 in Trundle.

Second, Isoline Freda Hughes (photo at right) was born on the 11th Jul 1897 Darling Street, Balmain. She was employed by the Department of Public Instruction. Her 1st appointed was on the 21st Jan 1918 as an assistant teacher in Orange. On the 14 Apr 1925 at the Holy Trinity Church of England, Orange, she married Harold James Lewis (1900-1977). He was the son of James Richard Lewis and Mary Christine Goodfellow. In 1930 Harold and Isoline were living in Kite Street, Orange. Harold is listed as a telegraphist, Isoline - Home Duties. She had become a mother the previous year, so, as women did in those days, she gave up work. In 1954 they were still living in Kite Street with their son and daughter-in-law. Harold was listed as a Railway Employee, the son as a Bank Officer. Harold died in 1977 at Hornsby and Isoline followed in 1989 in Sydney.



Third, Edwin Randolph Coneybeare Hughes was born on the 30th Apr 1900 at 97 Darling Street, Balmain. Edwin worked for the Lands Department from the 15th May 1916 as a Clerk. On the 16th Feb 1924 at the Lavender Bay Christ Church, Nth Sydney, he married Irene Dickerson (1900-1973), daughter of Alfred Marrow and Emma Dickerson. In 1968 they were living at 81 Griffith Street, Balgowlah. Edwin and Irene had 2 sons, 1 of which died young. Irene passed away in Balgowlah in 1973 and Edwin died in 1974.



Fourth, Lillian Mary Hughes (photo at left) was born in 1903 in Branxton. In 1930 at Canterbury, she married Prescott Ellis Cazneau (1899-1944) (photo at right). Prescott was the son of Prescott Cazneau and Maria Ann Taylor. In 1935 Lillian was residing at 19 Vale Street, Portland, listed as Home Duties. Prescott was at 6 Vale Street, Portland, Listed as a Printer. Lillian and Prescott had a daughter, who married and had a family. Prescott died in Bega in 1944 Lillian died in Bega in 1980. I have no evidence that she remarried.



Fifth, Leslie John Hughes (photo at left) was born in Branxton in 1905. In 1934 at Orange, he married Dorothy Agnes Williamson. Dorothy was born in 1907 at Ashfield, daughter of Bernard Henry Williamson and Mary Cawker Morrison. From 1936 to 1954 they were living at 32 Sampson Street, Orange. Leslie was listed as a Railway Clerk. Leslie and Dorothy had 2 sons, 1 dying in infancy. Leslie died in 1986 Orange and Dorothy passed away in 2001, Orange. I exchanged emails with Dorothy years ago regarding the siblings of Mary which turned into a story for our newsletter. She seemed a lovely lady and was very happy to share information with me. Actually she told me she was happy to share with anyone who was interested. She did like a chat.

I haven't mentioned any names of Charles and Mary's grandchildren. I do have some, but due to privacy issues they can not be published. So if you know who you are and you don't mind sharing, I would love to hear from you.

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SOPHIA NICHOLS married ALEXANDER PHILP on 24 February 1823
then formed a relationship with PATRICK MARKEY from 1839

Greetings All, I am the new Sophia Line Coordinator, and my descent is through Sophia and Alexander's daughter Ann Philp who married Thomas Mitchell.

I have been researching my family history for almost ten years and am a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists, having completed their Certificate in Genealogical Research in 2022 (Distinction). I currently reside in Toowoomba, Queensland having been born and spent my childhood in Sydney, and lived and worked in Brisbane.

I welcome hearing from all Sophia line members and would appreciate any ideas or contributions for articles on our prolific line!

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SOPHIA NICHOLS married ALEXANDER PHILP on 24 February 1823
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Ann ‘Annie’ PHILP (1836-1911) married Thomas MITCHELL

Thomas Mitchell was born on 6th May 1832 at Marnham, Nottinghamshire, England and was baptised a week later at St Wilfrid’s Church of England, Marnham¹. Thomas was the eldest son of George Mitchell, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Mary Ancliff. The family, which consisted of 8 children (several dying as infants), were struggling to survive. A search of the Churchwardens Account Book in the Parish Chest for St Wilfrid’s Church, Marnham reveals that George Mitchell and family were in receipt of funds on an almost annual basis from 1831 to 1851². George Mitchell is noted amongst “Given to the Poor” with 10 shillings cash provided each year. In addition the family were provided with kids (goats for milk?), coal and clothing over five years (1847-1851). Without this support from the church it is likely the Mitchells would have ended up entering nearby Tuxford or East Retford Workhouse.

It is therefore not surprising that Thomas Mitchell’s family was given assistance (encouraged?) to emigrate to New South Wales in 1851 by the Church of England Society.

The Mitchell’s eldest married daughter, Ann Davison, remained in England and George 48 yrs and Mary Mitchell 46 yrs boarded the *Kate*³ with children **Thomas** 18 yrs, William 15 yrs, Jane 12 yrs, George 10 yrs, Mary 8 yrs, James 3 yrs and newly married and pregnant daughter Emma Nelson, 19 yrs and her husband William Nelson. The *Kate* departed Plymouth in the middle of the English summer on Sunday 6th July 1851.

The voyage was marred by the death of Emma’s young husband from consumption. Upon arrival in Sydney, further sadness was to haunt the family with 19 year old Emma being admitted to the Sydney Infirmary to give birth, with Emma and her child dying on 26th October 1851,⁴ three weeks after arriving in New South Wales. Emma was buried two days later in the Church of England section of the recently opened Camperdown Cemetery. After the burial of their eldest daughter, the grieving family would have made its way via steamer to Morpeth, in the Hunter Valley.

In December 1851 only a few short weeks after the death of their eldest daughter, and less than two months after arrival in New South Wales, Mary Mitchell 47 years old, the family matriarch died at Morpeth on 3rd December 1851⁵. The cause of Mary’s death is unknown, it is possible she also suffered from the consumption which killed her son-in-law and possibly contributed to the death of daughter Emma. Mary Mitchell was buried from St James Church, Morpeth on 4th December. There is no record of a gravestone in the Morpeth Cemetery.

One can only imagine the heartbreak felt by this vulnerable family in a new country without the support of family and friends. We know that the Church of England Society and Bishop Tyrrell provided much kindness and assistance to George and the family.

George, 48 yrs old, was responsible for the raising of five children, excluding Thomas who was 18 years old. George, who could neither read nor write, would have depended on his wife Mary who could do both. Thomas who could read and write would have been an immense support to his father.

The family secured work on the farm of William Soper, Police Magistrate at Berry Park, four miles from

¹ Baptism entry for 13 May 1832, Parish Register of St Wilfred, Marnham, Nottinghamshire, England.

² St Winfrid’s Church, Marnham, Nottinghamshire, Parish Chest records.

³ Immigrant Passenger Register Listing for the ‘Kate’ arrived Sydney on 8th October 1851. (State Records Authority of New South Wales, Kingswood, New South Wales, Australia; Persons on bounty ships to Sydney, Newcastle and Moreton Bay (Board’s Immigrant Lists) Series: 5317; Reel: 2462; Item: [4/4921])

⁴ NSW BDM Death Registration 436/1851 V1851436 37B;

⁵ Burial Register of St James Church of England, Morpeth, NSW in the year 1851, entry no 20.

Morpeth. This poor family's bad luck continued with 4 year old James Mitchell dying on the 1st March 1852⁶ and being buried the following day from St James Church of England, Morpeth.

Thomas Mitchell, worked as a farm hand on Morpeth Police Magistrate William Soper's farm at Berry Park for three years. We have learned from his obituary that Thomas "was regarded as one of the best in the district with a hay knife, his work always showing trim and neat, whether in the stack or in the bale"⁷. Whilst working at Berry Park, Morpeth, Thomas met 'currency lass' **Ann (Annie) Philp/Phillips** who was living in Morpeth. Ann Philp was born at Druitt St, Sydney in 1836⁸ to Alexander Philp/Phillip and Sophia Nichols, daughter of John Nichols and Ann Pugh. A baptism for Ann is yet to be discovered.

Thomas Mitchell (21 yrs) and Ann *Phillips* (17-18 yrs) were married by Banns and with consent of Friends at St James, Church of England Morpeth on the 30th May 1853⁹*. Thomas signed the parish register



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Marriages solemnized in the Parish of Morpeth in the County of Northumberland in the Year 1853.

No. 2. *Thomas Mitchell* of the Parish of *Morpeth* Bachelor. and
Ann Phillips of the Parish of *Morpeth* Spinster. were
 married in this *Church* by *Banns* with consent of *Friends*.
 this *thirtieth* day of *May* in the year 18 *53*.
 By me *John R. Blomfield.* Chaplain.

This Marriage was solemnized between us { *Thomas Mitchell*
Ann Phillips
Alexander Philp of *Millers Forest*
Jane Mitchell of *Morpeth*

In the Presence of

St James, Church of England, Morpeth – Parish Marriage Register 1853

with Ann making her 'x' mark. The witnesses to the ceremony were Thomas' sister Jane Mitchell of Morpeth who signed and Ann's brother, Alexander Phelp of Millers Forest who made his 'x' mark. Note it is Alexander, her brother not father who was a witness to Ann's marriage as her father was able to sign his name per his marriage entry.

Thomas and Ann welcomed their first child, *Emma*, on 14 May 1854¹⁰ at Berry Park and was baptised on 31 May at St James, Morpeth. This child was named for Thomas Mitchell's sister who had died in childbirth shortly after arrival in NSW. Unfortunately this young Emma died a few days later on 3 June aged 3 weeks

⁶ Register of Burials in the Parish of Morpeth in the County of Northumberland (NSW) page 131, Entry No 30

⁷ *Raymond Terrace Examiner* 22 August 1924, Raymond Terrace Historical Society

Ann Philp Mitchell

⁸ NSW BDM Birth Registration 18271/1874 for Arthur Mitchell (Ann, who was informant, state

⁹ St James Church of England, Morpeth, NSW - Parish Register Marriages Page 79, Entry No 2.

¹⁰ St James Church of England, Morpeth, NSW - Parish Register Baptisms Page 255, Entry No 30.

and was buried on 4 June 1854¹¹ at Morpeth Cemetery. Ann gave birth to their first son, *Thomas*, on 27 August 1855¹² at Berry Park and he was baptised a month later at St James, Morpeth.

Thomas and Ann remained at Berry Park until 1857 when they then made the move to Raymond Terrace near Newcastle, on the Hunter River, 17 kilometres east of Morpeth. It was here at Raymond Terrace that the couple's second son, *Samuel*, was born on 3 January 1858*¹³ in their Port Stephen Street home. Thomas Mitchell's occupation was noted as fisherman on Samuel's birth certificate.

Thomas was a keen boatsman, and rower and competed in sailing regattas. Along with his brother-in-laws Alexander Philp, William Philp and Peter Markey he would regularly issue a challenge to all comers in the local papers.

WE, the Undersigned, do hereby CHALLENGE to pull our fishing-boat, *The Rose*, with a pair of oars, against the boat that beat *Uncle Tom* in the four-oared match at Raymond Terrace on the 26th instant, in two months, for any amount above £10; and Thomas Mitchell will pull *The Rose* against James M'Pherson in the same boat with a pair of sculls, for £10 or upwards, within a month from this date.
If this suits M'Pherson, we will be at the Junction on Saturday evening next, to stake money.
**ALEXANDER PHELPS.
WILLIAM PHELPS.
THOS. MITCHELL.**
Raymond Terrace, March 26, 1859. 2041

On 4 November 1859¹⁴, another daughter was born to Thomas and Ann Mitchell who was named *Florence*.

Thomas worked on the Punt from Millers Forest to Raymond Terrace for many years from when it operated as a hand punt with rope haulage. The passengers seized the rope at one end of the ferry and walked to the other, and then returned to the other end to repeat the performance. Later he worked on the steam punt. He was also a fisherman and his obituary mentions that he was the first man to take an interest in the prawning industry of the Hunter River.



Hunter River Punt

¹¹ St James Church of

¹² NSW BDM Birth Registration No 3629/1855 V18553629 42B

¹³ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 11626/1858

¹⁴ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 12040/1859

Ann Philp Mitchell was one of the witnesses at the marriage of her half-brother *Charles Markey* (known as Philp) to Margaret Woods on 21 June 1860^{15*} at the temporary Church of England, Raymond Terrace.

The following year, Ann gave birth to another son, *William George*, on 22nd August 1861^{16*} at their home at Port Stephens Street.

Three years were to elapse before another child to Thomas and Ann was born. On 6 April 1864¹⁷ * *Reginald* was born at Port Stephens St, Raymond Terrace.

Another daughter, *Elizabeth*, joined the family on 11 March 1867^{18*} with another son, *Ernest Edward*, being born on 9 April 1869¹⁹ *.

Thomas and Ann Mitchell's last daughter, *Cecilia*, (Celia) was born on 18 September 1871²⁰ * with their youngest child, a son, *Arthur James*, born on 20 April 1874²¹. *

Thomas and Ann Mitchell were witnesses to their daughter Elizabeth's marriage to William Childs on 24 September 1883^{22*} at St John's Church of England, Raymond Terrace.

Ann Mitchell nee Philp, aged 75 years, died on 31st August 1911^{23*} from broncho-pneumonia from which she suffered for five days. Ann was buried at Raymond Terrace Cemetery (now Raymond Terrace Pioneer Hill) on 2nd September 1911.

The death of Ann Philp Mitchell was taken exceptionally hard by one of her sons, *Ernest Edward*, who started drinking heavily and five days after his mother's death he took his own life, by taking poison (lysol), so popular was this method it was known as the 'lysol craze'. Thomas Mitchell would suffer two major losses in a week, a wife and a son.

By this time, Thomas Mitchell had lost his eyesight and after his wife and son's death, his daughter Florence Childs and her family lived with him at his home at Port Stephens Street, Raymond Terrace. The last four years of his life he was an invalid unable to leave his home.

On 14th August 1924^{24*}, his daughter Florence, having given him a drink, returned to his room a short time later to ask him a question and, receiving no reply, discovered that he had passed away. Thomas Mitchell had lived to the impressive age of 92 years, although his gravestone and some obituaries state incorrectly 96 years.

Should any Sophia Line descendants have photos of any members of this family please kindly get in touch.

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* Certificate held by JNFS

*****SOPHIA FAMILY NEWS*****

Welcome Odette Jasmine Holmes born 29 Aug 2023,
4th daughter of Lauren and Anthony Holmes and
granddaughter of Kerry Louise Philp nee Kelly



¹⁵ Marriage register transcription extracted in 1995 by Archives Clerk, University of Newcastle Archives

¹⁶ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 12341/1861

¹⁷ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 14166/1864

¹⁸ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 15389/1867

¹⁹ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 17327/1869

²⁰ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 16766/1871

²¹ NSW BDM Birth Registration No 18271/1874

²² NSW BDM Marriage Registration No 4745/1883, Raymond Terrace

²³ NSW BDM Death Registration No 11905/1911

²⁴ NSW BDM Death Registration No 15763/1924

SARAH NICHOLS married RICHARD JOHNS on 29th April 1845

In this and in the next few JNFS newsletters, members will be writing about the nine children of Sarah Nichols and Richard Johns. John Johns (1849 – 1929) moved to Gilgandra, NSW while the remaining eight lived their lives totally in western Victoria after 1863. They were all involved in farming on newly settled and sometimes marginal land. They all went through very hard times in droughts, the depression of the 1890s and then the loss of their family members in France in World War One.

Elizabeth Johns, the fourth child of Sarah and Richard Johns, married **John Shemeld** on 22nd March 1871 in Hamilton, Victoria and their photographs appear right of page. John had probably worked for Elizabeth's father in Nairne, SA and then in Bochara near Hamilton. The two eldest children were born near Hamilton, Emma in 1871 and Sarah in 1873. John selected land at Kellalac near Warracknabeal in 1873 and it would seem that Elizabeth and John moved there with their young family in 1874. This new farm was only 220 acres and had no improvements at all. Another nine children were born in Kellalac between 1875 and 1892. My grandmother, Clara Victoria Shemeld, was born in 1887 and she was one of Elizabeth and John's eleven children. Clara was widowed in 1929 and she spent a lot of time with her children until her death in 1966. Clara stayed with my parents on many occasions for long periods and I got to know her very well indeed. She spoke of extreme poverty as being normal and natural. She was however very happy at all times and always had a smile on her face. In December 1929, Clara was a widow with eleven children ranging in age from 4 months to 20 years with no house, no money and the Great Depression starting to take hold of country Australia. It was clear to me that Clara's parents, Elizabeth and John Shemeld, and all her siblings had very little money and lived very frugally.



Farming at Kellalac in the late 1800s was very difficult. Droughts were common and the wheat prices fluctuated greatly. Many farmers received letters from the Lands and Survey threatening to revoke their licences. Of the 137 original selectors who took up land in the parish of Kellalac only 51 were able to pay the annual rent until the total £1 per acre had been reached and the Crown Grant (title) issued. The other selectors had either forfeited their licences or had sold their leases.

At first glance it would seem that when Sarah and Richard Johns moved to Victoria in 1861 after selling their 333 acre farm at Nairne, South Australia the Johns family were financially on the way up. However, they had 104 grandchildren and one grandchild in particular, my grandmother Clara Shemeld, had 48 grandchildren. These statistics often prompted my late wife Ruth to say – “Your lot didn't know the difference between quality and quantity.”

John and Elizabeth Shemeld lived next to Frederick and Marie Jensz on neighbouring farms in the 1890s at Kellalac and Ailsa. My grandmother Clara Shemeld knew my Aunt Emma Jensz very well and I can remember them chatting about old times when my grandmother was staying on the farm with us in about 1950. At that time Emma and her husband Benjamin Saunders lived about a mile away from our farm. The Peters family lived about a mile away from the Saunders farm. My father, Victor Jensz born 1910, went to school with the Peters children who were first cousins of my mother. They were George (1903), Olive (1904), Victor (1905), Cliff (1909), Stan (1910), Annie (1915), Mavis (1917) Daisy (1918) and Ted (1920).

I felt like I was surrounded by relatives when I was growing up – and I was! Also, because we lived only a mile from the sea at Narrawong, many relatives from the Wimmera descended on our farm in January every

year. If only I had a computer program in 1948 with details of the Jensz, Jeitz, Fulton, Shemeld, Johns, Sheriff, Peters, Varley, Klauss, Holland, Wade, Lightbody, Dellar, etc families all recorded like I have now in my computer. Some of the students at Portland High School during the time I was a student there from 1950 to 1955 were in fact third cousins and I had no idea where they fitted into the family tree.

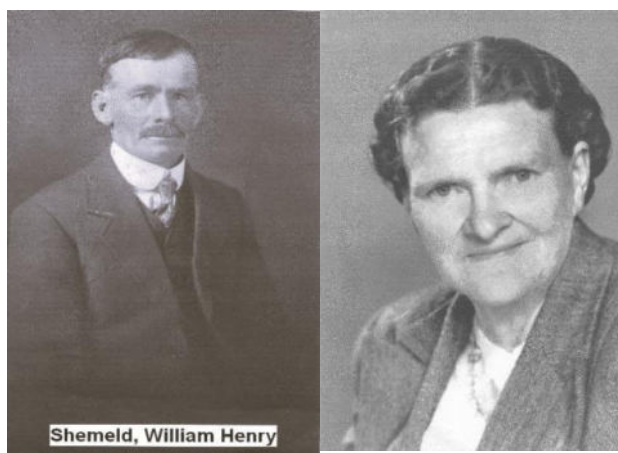
The Sheriff family, like the Johns family, also moved from South Australia to the Wimmera in the 1860s. Three members of the Sheriff family married three members of the Shemeld family.

William Henry Shemeld married Lillian Sheriff in 1919

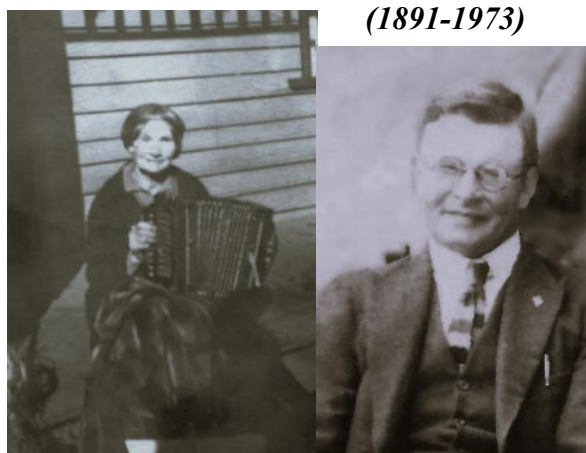
Elizabeth Jane Shemeld married William Alexander Sheriff in 1915

Rose Ann Shemeld married Andrew Thomas Sheriff in 1919

William Henry Shemeld & Lillian (Sheriff) Shemeld
(1875 – 1939) (1889-1966)



Elizabeth Jane Shemeld & William Alexander Sheriff
(1883 – 1965) Sheriff
(1891-1973)



In the same manner, two Shemeld sisters married two Peters brothers.

Sarah Shemeld married Henry Carter Peters in 1899

Phillippa Ann Esther Shemeld married James George Peters in 1901

Religion was very important to most of the Shemeld family. My mother told me many times that her grandmother, Elizabeth Shemeld, told everyone and anyone about her faith. I well remember my three unmarried great aunts Rebecca Louisa Shemeld (1877 – 1958), Lavina Matilda Shemeld (1879 – 1962) and Anne Christine Shemeld (1889 – 1964) as practising Cooneyites. These three great aunts lived in Portland from about 1925 with their mother, Elizabeth Shemeld, and youngest brother, Joseph Shemeld. I understand that Elizabeth and Joseph were also practicing Cooneyites. My grandmother, Clara Fulton, was a practicing Jehovah Witness from about 1940 until her death in 1966.

(Cooneyites followed the teachings of a protestant evangelist, Edward Cooney, who was born in Enniskillen, Ireland in 1867 and died in Mildura, Victoria in 1960. Followers of Cooney used several names for their religion, one being Two by Twos. Those who did not belong to the following almost always referred to the group as Cooneyites. They did not have churches but met in homes or in rented buildings and their faith was somewhat similar to the Amish. All the leaders were male and those who strayed were quickly expelled. Edward Cooney travelled from Ireland to preach in England, US, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. He had a relatively strong following in Western Victoria.)

Elizabeth Shemeld's religious convictions would have come from her father Richard Johns who was a practicing Methodist. His son, Richard Johns (1835 - 1905) and son-in-law John Edmonds were leading Methodists in the Clear Lake Methodist Church. I am certain that members of the Shemeld family did not get any religious conviction from John Shemeld. It would seem that John Shemeld had little to do with his family from his teenage years. An advertisement in "The South Australian Register" on 18th July 1867 read

“MRS EMMA SHEMELD, Angus Park, wishes to know the permanent residence of her STEPSON, JOHN SHEMELD” John Shemeld was 26 at that time and working for the Johns family in Bochara, Hamilton, Victoria. John’s mother had died in 1844 and his father in 1858.

Elizabeth and John Shemeld sold their property in Kellalac in about 1910 and moved for a time to Wonwondah near Horsham. John Shemeld died in 1919 and Elizabeth then relocated to a small property near Portland with her unmarried children, Rebecca, Lavina, Anne and Joseph. Elizabeth died in 1934 and is buried in Portland. All eleven of Elizabeth’s children were still alive in 1934 and their ages ranged from 41 to 62.

Thomas Johns, the second child of Sarah and Richard Johns, married **Sarah Dellar** in 1869 at Hamilton, Victoria. Sarah was born in Melbourne, Cambridgeshire, England and was the sister of William Dellar who had married Phillippa Johns in 1863. Thomas and Sarah Johns had two children in Hamilton before moving to Dimboola in 1873 where they had another seven children. They moved to Beulah in about 1890. Beulah is 36 kilometres north of Warracknabeal. In the 1890s, the family was tragically ravaged by tuberculosis and seven members died between 1897 and 1907.

Thomas Johns b 1847 Nairne, S.A. d 1930 Geelong, Vic married 1869 in Hamilton, Vic
Sarah Dellar b 1847 Melbourn, CAM, England d 1907 Hamilton (Tuberculosis) Age 60

1. Thomas b 1870 Hamilton, Vic d 1897 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 27
2. William b 1872 Hamilton, Vic d 1899 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 27
3. Phillippa b 1874 Dimboola, Vic d 1899 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 25
4. James b 1877 Dimboola, Vic d 1897 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 20
5. Caroline b 1879 Dimboola, Vic d 1902 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 23
6. Francis b 1881 Dimboola, Vic d 1969 NZ
7. Anne b 1883 Dimboola, Vic d 1939 Horsham, Vic
8. Mary b 1885 Dimboola, Vic d 1901 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 16
9. Eliza b 1888 Dimboola, Vic d 1901 Beulah, Vic (Tuberculosis) Age 13
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Thomas Johns re-married in 1908 to Elizabeth Jane Kennett (1867-1930); daughter of John Rumble and Sarah (nee Dillon), and the couple had two sons; Thomas Johns (1910-1948) who married Druscilla Robina Rumble (1915-1975) in 1935 and Richard James Johns (1912-1986) who married Olive Myrtle Irene Harding (1913-2005) in 1932, at Geelong West, Victoria.

***Standing is Thomas Johns (1847-1930)**
(son of Sarah (nee Nichols) and Richard Johns)
Seated left: Elizabeth Jane (nee Kennett) Johns
(1867-1930) with their two sons
Richard James Johns (1912-1986) and his older
brother Thomas Johns (1910-1948)
Photograph right taken C 1918*



Thomas Johns (1847 – 1930) and his 2nd wife Elizabeth Jane (nee Kennett) Johns (1867 – 1930).



Photograph taken C 1915

***Thomas Johns
(1910 – 1948)
son of Thomas Johns
(1847 – 1930)***

***and Elizabeth Jane (nee Kennett)
Johns (1867 – 1930)
Photograph right taken early C 1940's***

***Photograph far right depicts Richard
James Johns (1912 – 1986) with his wife
Olive Myrtle (nee Harding) Johns
in 1932.***



We often look up old death certificates when there are five on a page. We concentrate on the ones that pertain to our family. A careful look at the death pages prior to about 1920 indicate causes of death we hardly hear about today.

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MARTHA NICHOLS married WILLIAM WINDLEY on 6th January 1829

Descendants of Thomas Windley and Mary Jane McGillick

Continued from last Newsletter

5. Robert James HEWITT was born on 29 May 1907 at Crooybar near Milton. He was a Farmer and married Mabel Edith BIDDLE, daughter of Albert BIDDLE and Clara WILLIAMS, on 28 June 1930 at Gympie, Qld. In 1972 Robert and Mabel were living at McIntosh Creek, Gympie, Qld. He died on 25 August 1975 at Gympie and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. Mabel was born on 13 November 1912 at Gympie, Qld. died on 27 July 1999 at Gympie and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. By 1980 Mabel had moved to 27 Hilton Road, Gympie, Qld.

6. Leonard Milton HEWITT was born on 16 December 1909 at Opossum Creek, Bangalow. He was a Dairyman and Railway Employee and married Hilda Eileen LATHAM, daughter of Andrew Henry LATHAM and Charlotte SUTCLIFFE, on 21 March 1934 at Gympie, Qld. He later married Esther Louisa CORNFORD nee SIMPSON. He died on 25 March 1974 at Cooroy, Qld. and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. In 1968 Leonard and Hilda were living at Pinbarren, Qld. Hilda was born on 7 March 1911 at Hamilton, Newcastle and died on 12 February 1971 at Cooroy and was buried in the General Cemetery, Shields Street, Gympie, Qld. By 1972 Leonard was living with Esther at Pearl Street, Cooroy, Qld.

7. Elsie Elizabeth HEWITT was born on 8 March 1915 at Brisbane, Qld. She married Norman DRESCHER, son of Friedrich Ferdinand DRESCHER and Ida Bertha SCHWENKE, on 25 March 1936 in Qld. She married Charles Frederick DUNBAR, son of James Alexander DUNBAR and Jane COSGROVE on 15 January 1947 at Brisbane, Qld. She died on 22 December 2003 at Carinya, Brisbane, Qld. and was cremated at Mt Thompson, Nursery Road, Holland Park, Brisbane, Qld. Charles was born in 1907 at Belfast, Ireland and died on 2 August 1977 and was cremated at Mt Thompson, Nursery Road, Holland Park, Brisbane, Qld.

8. Alfred Arthur HEWITT was born on 17 August 1918 at Cedar Pocket, near Gympie, Qld. He began military service on 12 July 1940 – Service No QX12913. He ended military service on 16 November 1945 – discharged as Private – 2/26 Aust Infantry Battalion. He married Hazel Mary JOHNSON, daughter of Oscar Johan JOHNSON and Mary Matte SORENSEN, on 26 October 1946 at Gympie, Qld. He died on 21 November 1985 at Gympie and was cremated at Cooloola, Qld. Hazel was born on 5 November 1922 at Gympie, Qld and died on 22 March 2007 at Gympie, Qld. In 1972 Alfred and Hazel were living at Cedar Pocket via Gympie, Qld.

F. Arthur George MUDGE was born on 13 June 1880 at Ferndale near Milton. He was a Carrier. He married Ruby Florence MOORE, daughter of George MOORE and Janet SMITH, on 21 February 1903 at Newtown, Sydney. He began military service on 22 October 1915, enlisted at Lismore - Service No.4304 - Private with 13/15 then 47th Battalion. He ended military service on 31 July 1919, discharged at Brisbane after being wounded in France then taken Prisoner of War in Germany. Medals - British War Medal No. 11368 - Victory Medal No. 11222. He died on 5 March 1955 at Murwillumbah at age 74. He was buried in the General Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. Ruby was born on 8 January 1884 at Shoalhaven and died on 11 December 1976 at Sydney and was cremated at the Northern Suburbs, North Ryde, Sydney.

1. Colin Rowley MUDGE was born on 24 April 1903 at Nowra. He was a Bread Carter and married Isabella Henrietta STELLING, daughter of Albert STELLING and Esther Isabel (Ettie) HORTHINGTON,

on 16 March 1927 at North Sydney. In 1958 Colin was living at 173 President Avenue, Kogarah, Sydney. He died on 23 February 1969 at the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney and was cremated at the Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney. Isabella was born on 9 October 1903 at St Leonards, Sydney. She died on 7 July 1954 at Rockdale and was cremated at the Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney.

G. Lydia Maud Isabel MUDGE was born on 18 April 1882 at Ferndale near Milton. She married Raleigh Wellington John (Joe) ELYARD, son of Walter Raleigh ELYARD and Rebecca GRAHAM, on 27 April 1904 at St Peter & St Pauls Church of England, Milton. She died on 19 August 1965 at Nowra at age 83 and was buried in the General Cemetery, Nowra. Raleigh / Joe was born on 14 November 1879 at Nowra and died on 31 July 1937 at home, Bridge Street, Nowra and was buried in the General Cemetery, Nowra. Joe was a Shipping Agent and lived at Bridge Road, Nowra.

1. Merle Winley ELYARD was born on 2 October 1905 at Milton and was baptised on 19 December 1905 at All Saint's Church of England, Nowra. She died on 6 June 1906 at 'Merindah' Nowra and was buried in the General Cemetery, Nowra.

2. Elizabeth Rebecca ELYARD was born on 6 May 1907 at Milton and was baptised on 13 August 1907 at All Saint's Church of England, Nowra. She married Hessel Marchant BATE, son of Edward BATE and Jessie Dorothy Ashdown KNAPP, on 7 February 1931 at All Saint's Church of England, Nowra. She died on 24 May 2002 at Nowra and was cremated at Nowra. Hessel was born in 1902 at Tilba Tilba, Moruya and died on 29 July 1976 at Sydney and was cremated at Nowra. Hessel was a Greenkeeper and in 1972 lived at 32 Worrigee Street, Nowra.

3. Geoffrey Raleigh ELYARD was born on 20 February 1910 at Milton and was baptised on 24 May 1910 at All Saint's Church of England, Nowra. He married Edna Anne BLEWETT, daughter of William John and Lilian BLEWETT on 3 June 1940 at Auckland, New Zealand. He was a Shop Fitter, lived at 12 Annie Street, Hurstville, Sydney until his death on 16 May 1990. He was cremated at the Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney. Edna was born on 9 November 1916 at Auckland, New Zealand and died on 10 July 2009 at Camden and was cremated at the Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney. Geoffrey was a Shop Fitter and in 1968 lived at 12 Annie Street, Hurstville, Sydney.

4. Margaret Millicent ELYARD was born on 3 October 1912 at Milton. She married Frank Huntley BODE, son of Leonard Landsborough BODE and Annie Ethel COLES, on 18 July 1936 at All Saint's Church of England, Nowra. She died on 12 December 2000 at Figtree near Wollongong and was cremated at the Wollongong City Memorial Gardens, Berkeley Road, Unanderra. Frank was born on 27 October 1913 at Winton, Qld. He was a Salesman, died on 18 August 1998 at Figtree near Wollongong and was cremated at the Wollongong City Memorial Gardens, Berkeley Road, Unanderra. In 1972 Frank and Margaret lived at 34 Eastern Avenue, Wollongong.

H. Charlotte Louisa (Louie) MUDGE was born on 22 January 1884 at Ferndale near Milton. She died on 27 May 1907 at a Public Hospital, Victoria Road, Rydalmere, Sydney [unmarried] and was buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.

I. Nicholas Ernest MUDGE was born on 17 July 1887 at Ferndale near Milton. He was a Dairy and Banana Farmer and married Charlotte May BRIMS, daughter of William BRIMS and Fanny HOAD, on 22 April 1914 at the Methodist Church, Main Street, Murwillumbah. He died on 7 March 1948 at the Tweed District Hospital, Murwillumbah at age 60 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. Charlotte was born on 7 July 1893 at Cundle Flat, Taree. She died on 13 November 1934 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah. In 1930 Nicholas and Charlotte lived at North Arm, Murwillumbah.

1. Doris May MUDGE was born on 23 June 1915 at Murwillumbah. She married Sydney GRANGER, son of Sydney John GRANGER and Elizabeth BUCK, on 29 March 1933 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. She died on 2 August 1986 at the Gold Coast, Qld. Sydney was born on 24 July 1910 at Murwillumbah. He was a Farmer and died on 23 March 1981 at Hospital, Brisbane, Qld.
2. Lillian Maude May MUDGE was born on 16 January 1917 at Murwillumbah. She married Victor GRANGER, son of Sydney John GRANGER and Elizabeth BUCK, on 22 June 1938 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. She died on 11 August 1961 at Kingscliff. Victor was born on 4 November 1914 at Murwillumbah. He was a Farmer and enlisted for military service on 19 April 1942 – service No Q203646. He ended military service on 21 October 1945 – discharged as Private – 5 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps (Qld). He died on 13 April 2000 at Hospital, Innisfail, Qld.
3. William Robert MUDGE was born on 16 October 1918 at Murwillumbah. He was a Dairy Farmer and married Poppy Edna THOMPSON, daughter of Edward Alexander THOMPSON and Violet Edith DODDS on 3 April 1940 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. He began military service on 3 February 1942, enlisted at Murwillumbah - Service No. N299142. He ended military service on 28 May 1942, discharged as Private - General Details Depot. He died on 5 November 1964 at 125 Cassowary Street, Longreach, Qld. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah.
4. Allan Ernest MUDGE was born on 13 September 1920 at Murwillumbah. He married Joyce PERRY, daughter of Siddle PERRY and Grace Elizabeth DEAN, on 24 March 1943 at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah. He began military service on 23 April 1943, enlisted at North Arm, Murwillumbah - Service No. N469827. He ended military service on 24 September 1945, discharged as Private - 1 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He died on 25 February 1969 at Tweed Heads and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, South Tweed Heads. Joyce was born on 27 April 1919 at Murwillumbah, died on 13 March 1975 at Tweed Heads and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, South Tweed Heads.
5. Jack Douglas MUDGE was born on 5 February 1923 at Murwillumbah. He married Marie Patricia Ann NOONAN on 2 August 1941 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Main Street, Murwillumbah. He began military service on 4 August 1943, enlisted at Redcliffe, Qld. / Sydney - Service No. NX173542. He ended military service on 4 February 1946, discharged as Private - PAGA Battery, Port Moresby. Jack and Marie divorced on 20 July 1951 at Brisbane, Qld. Jack changed his name to John BENTLEY and married Joan Patricia MURPHY on 1 December 1951 at Sydney. He died on 31 October 1982 at Engadine, Sydney and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney. Joan was born in 1926, died on 1 November 2009 and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Woronora Memorial Park, Sydney.
6. Leah Daphne MUDGE was born on 8 February 1925 at Murwillumbah. She married Alan Evan JACK, son of William Nicholls Mayall JACK and Hilda BROWN on 16 February 1946 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. She died on 8 June 2015 at Brisbane, Qld and was cremated at 400 Albany Creek Road, Bridgeman Downs, Qld. Alan was born on 13 December 1921 at Warwick, Qld and died on 4 June 2001 at Brisbane, Qld and was cremated at 400 Albany Creek Road, Bridgeman Downs, Qld.
7. Isobel Louisa MUDGE was born on 10 March 1927 at Murwillumbah. She married Maxwell 'Patrick' HOWARD, son of Michael HOWARD and Daisy Linda GIGGINS on 26 May 1951 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. She died on 5 May 2009 at Ipswich, Qld and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Warrill Park, Qld. Patrick was born on 3 September 1926 at Murwillumbah, died on 6 May 2008 at Ipswich, Qld and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Warrill Park, Qld.
8. Gloria Dawn MUDGE was born in 1929 at Murwillumbah. She married Roy Reginald AKED, son of John Copley AKED and Florence Ethel HUMPHREYS on 12 April 1952 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. Roy was born on 5 December 1927 at Murwillumbah, was a Banana Grower at Dunbible. He died on 18 August 2007 at the Tweed District Hospital, Murwillumbah.

9. Barry Nicholas MUDGE was born on 8 December 1930 at Murwillumbah. He married Fay Marie YORKE, daughter of William George YORKE and Annie O'DONOHUE, on 15 January 1955 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Main Street, Murwillumbah. Barry was a Labourer and lived at 15 West End Street, Murwillumbah in 1958. He married Beverley Jean DEUCHAR, daughter of Lindsay Thomas DEUCHAR and Beryl 'Jean' BODLEY. He died on 9 January 1997 at Byron Bay and was buried in the Lawn Cemetery, Byron Bay.

10. Nancy Margaret MUDGE was born in 1932 at Murwillumbah. Nancy was a Shop Assistant and lived at 15 West End Street, Murwillumbah in 1958. She married Brian RYDER, son of Cyril James RYDER and Frances Audrey ARNOLD on 17 November 1959 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. She died in 2023 at Tweed Heads. Brian was born on 25 October 1928 at Ipswich, Qld was a Fitter and Turner, lived in Kingscliff and Murwillumbah, died on 4 March 2011 and was cremated at Murwillumbah.

J. Alfred Windley MUDGE was born on 2 July 1890 at Croobyar near Milton. He was a Carter. He began military service on 14 October 1915, enlisted at Enoggera, Brisbane, Qld. - wounded in action in France on 11 August 1916. He ended military service on 21 June 1919, discharged from the 46th Aust. Infantry Battalion. He married Grace O'NEILL, daughter of Katie O'NEILL on 11 June 1924 at All Saint's Church of England, Main Street, Murwillumbah. He died on 21 May 1960 at Grafton at age 69 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Villiers Street, Grafton. Grace was born on 14 January 1900 at Brisbane, Qld died on 19 February 1963 at Grafton and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Villiers Street, Grafton.

1. Thelma Gladys MUDGE was born on 12 November 1924 at Murwillumbah. She was baptized on 5 December 1924 at Crystal Creek, Murwillumbah. She married Gordon Ernest WATKINS, son of Arthur Ernest WATKINS and Florence May LAYTON on 13 April 1946 at Grafton. She died on 25 February 1997 at South Grafton and was buried in the Clarence Lawn Cemetery, Armidale Road, South Grafton. Gordon was born on 5 October 1919 at South Grafton, was a Transport Driver – they lived at 51 / 63 Bligh Street, South Grafton. He died on 28 September 1991 at South Grafton and was buried in the Clarence Lawn Cemetery, Armidale Road, South Grafton.

2. Gordon Winley MUDGE was born on 3 August 1926 at Murwillumbah. He was baptized on 8 August 1926 at Crystal Creek, Murwillumbah. He died on 8 August 1926 at Murwillumbah and was buried in the Banner Street Cemetery, Murwillumbah.

3. Lorna Elizabeth MUDGE was born on 24 August 1927 at Murwillumbah. She was baptized on 10 November 1927 at Crystal Creek, Murwillumbah. She married Kenneth Gordon LAW, son of Gordon Clarence LAW and Amanda RICHARDS on 1 December 1951 at Lismore. She died on 17 October 1981 at Lismore and was cremated at the Lismore Memorial Gardens, Goonellabah. Kenneth was born on 14 November 1930 at Lismore – a Panel Beater. The family lived at 19 Kareela Avenue, Lismore Heights. He died on 19 March 1985 at Lismore and was cremated at the Lismore Memorial Gardens, Goonellabah.

4. Ronald Alfred MUDGE was born on 1 September 1928 at Murwillumbah. He was baptized on 18 December 1928 at Crystal Creek, Murwillumbah. Ronald was a Labourer and in 1949 lived at Ridge Street, South Grafton. Ronald died in 2011 at Grafton.

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CHARLES NICHOLS married MARGARET FINLAY

Handing over the reins

After many years in the role of Charles Nichols Family Co-ordinator I have decided to hand over the reins. I have been the Charles Nichols Family Coordinator from November 1988 to May 1989, and from May 1998 to May 2024. From 1984 to May 1988 John Nichols Committee member Kaye Purnell filled this role and from December 1989 to May 1998 Charles line descendant Beverley Heath was our family coordinator. After over 26 years in the role, and numerous articles on the Charles family line, as well as on the Kellick family and the Society's first 25 years, it is time for me to take a back seat.

Those who attended the 2023 Reunion at Pennant Hills may already have met Allan Haynes, our new Charles Nichols Family Coordinator. I encourage all Charles line descendants to support our new co-ordinator by sending him family news and articles for future issues. I'm sure he will introduce himself in the December 2024 issue of the newsletter.

If any Charles Nichols family have any news or stories to share please pass them on to Allan by email, alanlesliehaynes@gmail.com

Janette Pelosi

A Second World War Evacuee (by Janette Pelosi)

Many of you will have heard of 'Operation Pied Piper' where children in England were evacuated to the countryside to escape the bombings of London and other targets along the coast.¹ Fewer may know of the CORB child evacuees who came to Australia until the Second World War was over. My mother, Wanda Jeanne Beard (nee Smith) (1932-2018), wife of Lloyd Beard (1931-2012), was a ten year old child when an evacuee from England came to live with her family at Granville on 1 November 1942.

CORB stands for the Children's Overseas Reception Board.² There were 577 CORB children evacuated to Australia, aged from five to fifteen, comprising 310 boys and 267 girls. Of these 240 children came to New South Wales. They were placed under the legal guardianship of the Commonwealth Government and through the responsible Federal Minister under the direct care and supervision of child welfare authorities in each State.³

CORB was established in late June 1940. More than 3000 parents sought to register their children for evacuation to the Dominions. The chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board, Mr G.H. Shakespeare, stated that "safe refuge is intended for a limited number of children on a well-ordered plan".⁴ Canada was one of the Dominions which took children but unfortunately one of the ships headed there, the *City of Benares*, was torpedoed and 320 children were forced to take to its lifeboats, though none died.⁵

¹ Dr Grace Huxford, Child Evacuees in the Second World War: Operation Pied Piper at 80, History of Government blog [UK], 30 August 2019, <https://history.blog.gov.uk/2019/08/30/child-evacuees-in-the-second-world-war-operation-pied-piper-at-80/> (accessed 13 April 2024).

² Derek E. Johnson, *The Exodus of Children: Story of the Evacuation, 1939-45*. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, Pennyfarthing Publications, 1985, p. 131. The acknowledgements on p. 6 include Philip Stone.

³ Stokes, *Innocents Abroad: the story of British child evacuees in Australia, 1940-45*. St Leonards, N.S.W., Allen & Unwin, 1994, p. x.

⁴ "RUSH TO EVACUATE CHILDREN OVERSEAS", *The Newcastle Sun*, 21 June 1940, p. 5, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article167470815>.

⁵ "BRITISH CHILDREN", *National Advocate* (Bathurst, NSW), 3 September 1940, p. 2, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article160868342>.



Photo at left: (L to R) Graham Smith, Vic Smith, Philip Stone, Flo Smith and Wanda Smith on an outing, about 1943.

There were three CORB ships to Australia, the *Nestor*, the *Diomed* and the *Batory*.⁶ The Stone brothers travelled on the *Batory*, arriving in Sydney on 16 October 1940.⁷ The MV *Batory*, a Polish ship, was known as the “Singing Ship” because the children were taught to sing by one of their escorts, Miss Meta Maclean, who wrote many of their songs. These included “The Call” which begins: “We heard your voices across the sea / And were proud to answer the call / With heads held high, ’neath a friendly sky, / For we know you will welcome us all.”⁸

Philip Stone⁹ was only 9½ years of age when he left his parents in Manningtree, a quiet village in Essex, England, on the east coast, north of Colchester. Philip came to Australia by ship with his brothers Geoffrey, 14, and Michael, 12.¹⁰ Unfortunately few families in Australia could take in all siblings from an evacuated family. Philip and his brothers were split up and raised by separate families in Sydney. No doubt this separation from both parents and siblings left deep scars for many of the evacuees.

Philip recalled that in August 1940 he left England via Liverpool to Australia via Fremantle and Melbourne to Sydney. He travelled on a Polish ship, the “Singing Ship”, from the Polish pre-war company G.A.L

Gydia America Line, built 1836. It was a troop ship. It took the Gordon Highlander and Manchester Regiment personnel, veterans of Dunkirk, to Singapore. The ship was accompanied by the *Stratheden* (P&O ship). He was in Section T for the journey, comprising 15 lads with Mrs Fellows (as escort to these children) and he was in Cabin No. 995. There was a large convoy to Freetown (Sierra Leone) but they didn’t go ashore. On arrival in Sydney the children were billeted at the Old Quarantine Station at North Head. Philip and Michael arrived back in England in January 1946 and their brother Geoff came back a little earlier.¹¹

⁶ Stokes, *Innocents Abroad*, p. 59.

⁷ National Archives of Australia (NAA): K269, 9 OCT 1940 BATORY. Incoming passenger list to Fremantle “Batory” arrived 9 October 1940 [Includes list of children sent to Australia under Children's Overseas Scheme and list of escorts].

⁸ “CHILD EVACUEES ARRIVE IN “SINGING SHIP.””, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 17 October 1940, p. 17, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17706706>; See also Meta Maclean, *The Singing Ship : an odyssey of evacuee children*. Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1941.

⁹ Born 17 January 1931 in England.

¹⁰ Stokes, *Innocents Abroad*, pp. 221, 225 (numbers 493, 494 and 495).

¹¹ Letter from Philip Stone to Wanda Beard, May 2004.

A magazine was compiled during the voyage with contributions by the children.¹² After arrival in Sydney the children were taken to North Newtown Public School where they were given a medical examination and a psychological test, to help in grading them at school, and were handed over to their guardians.¹³

Philip's CORB Record of Evacuation (CORB Number 495) shows that he was first hosted by Mr. E. Sherwood, 25 Northcote Street, Killara, from 23 October 1940 to 8 January 1941. While there he received a free telegram "Have received your telegram Glad know you are safe. Write soon. Mother." Philip was next temporarily housed with Mr. A. Illingworth, 30 Albe Street, Guildford from 9 January 1941 to 16 January 1941. Next he went to stay with Mr. J. Golder, 34 East Crescent Street, McMahon's Point from 17 January 1941 to 10 June 1941. Then followed Mr. D.V. Cumming, 99 Chandos Street, Haberfield from 11 June 1941 to 31 October 1942. Finally, on 1 November 1942 to departure he stayed with Mr V. Smith, 154 Sydney Road, Granville. The form also recorded his health and education, showing he had attended Gordon Public, North Sydney Public, Haberfield Public, Granville Public and Parramatta Intermediate High School and noting he was interested in Woodwork and Technical Drawing.¹⁴

Mr. V. Smith was Mr. Victor Warren Smith, Principal of Granville Technical College, who also acted as an air raid warden at Granville. His wife was Florence Norris Smith (nee Tarran) and they had two children, Graham Warren Smith (b. 21 February 1930) and Wanda Jeanne Smith (b. 2 November 1932). When Philip Stone arrived he had already lived at four different homes in Sydney. It was with my mother Wanda and her family that he felt most comfortable and he thus stayed with them until the end of the Second World War. Vic Smith (known to his friends as "Skip") made an effort to take Philip with his family on holidays and trips to the Blue Mountains, to Minnamurra Falls, Kurnell and other places. "Skip" also tried to get the three brothers together when possible. The photograph here may show all three Stone brothers.



(L to R) Flo Smith, Wanda Smith, two friends of Graham Smith from Granville Public School, Graham Smith, Philip Stone (centre front), possibly Geoff Stone (behind), Michael Stone (front), and possibly the host parents of the family he was staying with. The photograph may have been taken by Vic Smith who was an amateur photographer. Taken about 1944 or 1945.

The parents of evacuees in England did not pay for the hosting of their children in Australia. "Senator Foll said that the children were not refugees. They were guests of Australia. The British Government undertook to defray the cost of sending the children, and would pay for their return to Britain. He added that parents in Britain paid a weekly contribution to the Children's Overseas Reception Board, but no portion of these contributions was paid to the Commonwealth or to any person in Australia."¹⁵

¹² *The Albatross : dedicated to the Captain, officers and crew of this ship by its young passengers*. Journal of M.V. Batory carrying the first party of 477 children and escorts from England to Australia August-October 1940 (17 pp.). Troopship Serial, Australian War Memorial Library, <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/LIB146541>.

¹³ "CHILD EVACUEES ARRIVE IN "SINGING SHIP."", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 17 October 1940, p. 17, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17706706>; 1940 "More British Children Coming", *The Daily Telegraph*, 24 October 1940, p. 10, viewed 14 Apr 2024, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article247619220>.

¹⁴ Johnson, *Exodus of Children*, p. 133 (Philip Stone's Record of Evacuation form and telegram used as illustrations.)

¹⁵ "PARENTS OF EVACUEES NOT ASKED TO PAY", *Daily Mirror* (Sydney, NSW), 28 June 1941, p. 6. (War News Edition), <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article270544246>.

There were delays in returning British evacuee children in Australia to their homes. According to the representative in Australia of the United Kingdom Children's Overseas Reception Board, Mr Cyril Bavin, this was due "solely to lack of shipping space, on which prisoners of war had first priority". Parents were pressing for their children's return. The delay was because the Ministry of War Transport did not have the accommodation available on the few vessels that were sailing for the United Kingdom.¹⁶

Following Philip's return to the United Kingdom my mother lost touch with him. Then in the 1970s she decided to trace him and rang the British High Commission for help. They were able to give her an address of a relation in Manningtree, Essex. My mother wrote and her letter was passed on to Philip. They then began to correspond for many years, sharing news of their families. Philip's brother Michael had joined the merchant navy following the war and travelled the world. Just after my mother had regained contact with the family Michael fell ill on a ship near Sydney and Philip rang her to help. The ship left port and Michael was left ashore in hospital. My mother contacted the ship by ship-to-shore telephone as all his belongings and wages had been left on the ship. My mother ensured that Michael was well-treated and visited him regularly until he recovered and could return to England.



Many years later in 1984 my brother Kevin Beard travelled to the UK and was able to visit both Michael and Philip in Essex. Later again on 5 May 1993 I too, along with my husband Gus, was able to visit Philip and his wife Anita in Manningtree, Essex (see colour photo). Gus and I lived in London at Croydon for a year and my parents visited us on holidays in late 1993. They too were able to visit Philip and Anita at Manningtree on 3 September 1993. It was a joyous reunion for both Philip and for my mother Wanda

Having been separated from his parents in Australia during the war, Philip preferred to stay close to his home in Manningtree. After his return to England he rarely ventured further than Colchester in Essex. Both Michael and Geoff had passed away before I visited. Anita passed away later too. Philip continued to write to my mother Wanda Beard until she too passed away in 2018 when I continued writing in her place.

Sadly in January 2024 I learned that Philip had passed away in Manningtree, Essex, on 9 December 2023, aged 91. His two children, their partners, and his grandchildren all cared deeply for him.

My mother Wanda had considered Philip to be her "other brother" as they had grown up together during the war and Philip never forgot her.

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¹⁶ "BRITISH CHILDREN", *The West Australian* (Perth, WA), 16 October 1945, p. 4, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article44825277>.

ELIZA NICHOLS married JAMES WILLIAMS on the 28th September 1840.

(their daughter Jane Eliza Williams (1842-1918) married Noble Latimer (1832-1907) in 1867)

(their son Joseph Latimer (1876-1939) married Florence Jane Robb (1879-1965) in 1900)

Albert William Latimer (19th July 1902 – 9th December 1965)

Albert William Latimer was the 2nd eldest and only son of four children born to parents Joseph Latimer and Florence Jane (nee Robb) and grew up in the inner Sydney suburb of St. Peters where his father worked as a 'Boot clicker / Repairer' and then worked in a meat and small-goods shop. Albert had three sisters but always remained close of his older sister Lily May, who was two years his senior and the photograph right depicts Albert and Lily C 1904. Joseph Latimer played for the Tempe Football Club in the late 1890's, and spent most weekends with his family either at football matches, family picnics or the beach.



Left: Lily May Latimer (1900-1977), her father Joseph Latimer (1876-1939) and Albert William Latimer (1902-1965) lying on the sand (with clothes on) C 1918.

Like most young men of that era, Albert would have gone to the local dances and socialized with friends from school, community sports and church on weekends. We know he enjoyed spending time with his sister and her friends as evidenced in the family photographs at picnics and other group outings that have been donated on this line. In the photograph below (right) Albert is standing left with his sister Lily May Latimer seated and her friend George Bridge is standing to her right, C1919.



Latimer family group photograph taken C 1921: Left is Florence Mary Latimer (1909-1971), her mother Florence Jane (nee Robb) Latimer (1879-1965), Albert William Latimer (1902-1965), his father Joseph Latimer (1876-1939) and front is Doris Vera Latimer (1918-1994), taken in the backyard of their home in Robert Street, St. Peters around 1922.



Albert married Esma Lillian Hartley (29.10.1906-28.05.1973), daughter of John William Hartley and Annie Jane (nee Culbert) on the 4th March 1925, at St. Peters, in Sydney. Two sons were registered to the marriage; Raymond Albert Latimer (1925-2010) and Mervyn William Latimer (1929-1978), both born at Paddington, in Sydney. Albert William Latimer died on the 9th December 1965, aged 62, at Sydney, his wife Esma Lillian (nee Hartley) Latimer passed away on the 28th May 1973, aged 66.





Raymond Albert Latimer was the eldest of Albert and Esma Latimer's two sons and he enlisted for military service in the RAAF in WW2 on the 25th January 1944, and allocated Service No: #139511. His file is not yet digitalized but his enlistment photograph was on the WW2 website and he shows a strong resemblance to his father, comparing it to others when Albert was around the same age. Raymond was discharged on the 3rd July 1945 after serving as a Leading Aircraftman with the 7 Aircraft Depot. Raymond Albert Latimer died on the 24th September 2010, at Sydney, two days after his 85th birthday. Below are 2 unidentified photographs that have been donated by Eliza line descendants, so if you can put a name to a face please.

1. "1933 – Uncle Peter and Aunt Polly".
2. Roy Family line.



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Since the reunion held in October 2023 at St. Agatha's Pennant Hill, the photograph collection has reached the grand total of **13,103** and a breakdown of the individual family lines appears below. A huge thanks you to those who made the effort and attended and although the numbers were down on previous reunions, the camaraderie and sense of pride in those members sharing stories about their ancestors was evident. The day was a great success thanks to the hard-working committee led by our Convenor Peter Nichols.

John and Ann = 276
Martha = 1,041
Eliza = 236

John Pugh/Nichols = 3,579
Sophia = 4,518
Sarah = 497

Ann = 113
Amelia = 1,758
Joseph = 1

Charles = 277
Susanna = 195
Thomas = 612.

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An Historical Guide to Sydney - Green Plaques

Idea from member Stephen Cummings

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

11. General Post Office Martin Place. This imposing building is famous for the richness of its carvings. Look for the carving of a postman handing a letter to a smiling young woman. In the 1880s this was considered suggestive and caused a public outcry.

12. Strand Arcade Between George and Pitt Sts. The shopping arcades popular in Sydney in the late 19th Century were grand examples of high Victorian architecture. The Strand is the sole survivor. Although damaged by fire three times - most recently in 1976 - it stands in all its original charm.

13. City Railway St. James and Museum Stns. When this, the first underground railway in Australia, opened in 1926 it was proclaimed 'one of the most up-to-date products of civilisation'.

14. Palace Garden Gates Entrance to the Botanic Gardens, Macquarie Street. Large international exhibitions were popular in the late 19th Century. When Sydney was host in 1879 the massive Garden Palace Exhibition Building was built. But it didn't stand for long. The building was totally destroyed by fire on 22 September 1882.

15. Bridge Street Bridge Bridge St., cnr. Pitt St. The Tank Stream divided the first settlement at Sydney into two camps. Convicts built a wooden bridge, joining the two sides, and later replaced it with a more permanent structure. At the time it was just as important as the Sydney Harbour Bridge is today.

16. The Observatory Observatory Point. For over 100 years the time ball at the Observatory dropped at precisely one o'clock p.m. This allowed ships' captains to set their chronometers and people in the city to correct their watches. Look for this tradition to re-appear soon.

17. Horbury Terrace Macquarie St., near Bent St. To live in one of the eight townhouses here in the 1840s was to reside at one of the best addresses in the colony. They were some of earlier residences to have running water. Today only two townhouses remain, both used as offices for an insurance company.

18. Walsh Bay Wharves Hickson Road. In 1900 bubonic plague hit Sydney, especially in the area of The Rocks. Some of the area was demolished to check the spread of the disease. This part was later re-built as new harbour facilities.

19. Mortuary Station Regent St. south of Central. As the city grew it became obvious that its cemeteries, occupying valuable real estate, could not be extended. The Mortuary Station was built for funeral trains to the grand new cemetery, the Necropolis, at Rookwood.

This batch of 9 green plaques, follows the batch of 10 in Newsletter #80, and future Newsletters will contain details of the remainder. Member and past Secretary, Stephen Cummings is on a mission to photograph all 101.

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We are still in need of an Eliza Family Coordinator

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

We thank the New Members and Members who have renewed from 9 November 2023 to 20 April 2024
You are acknowledged as follows:

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