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Front Cover

George Frederick Linstrom, the grand uncle of member, Sue Thompson. This photo was taken in 1960, with his great nephew, Stephen. George was attired in his usual flat cap, shorts and pipe. Read Sue's story, starting on Page 8.

From The President's Desk

Firstly, a thank you to the office bearers and committee members elected for this coming year. We all look forward to some informative and positive meetings to assist and support all our valued members.

I would very much appreciate it if all current members could make an effort to encourage anyone they know to join our group and join in the interesting and addictive sphere of family history and heritage.

The committee has been bouncing around ideas for interesting subject matter for presentations in an effort to "liven up" monthly get togethers. Its not always possible to have the content family history based. Sometimes its just a good idea to have a subject that attracts members to the meetings and is of some assistance and knowledge in other fields. We do our best. So, if anyone has any ideas to put forward that would help in compiling future interesting talks or presentations please let us know .Thank you.

It is sometimes challenging to find kind members who put in the time staying in the Research Room during opening hours. We are only a small organisation in our field but have more extensive opening hours than larger clubs, even in Sydney. We can be justly proud we have made the effort over the years to supply this service and thank the volunteers. I have been impressed by the whole hearted and understanding manner with which members have participated in the friendly discussions about future hours of operation and found it heart warming to find the strong support to continue with the current opening hours. Its wonderful to know we can discuss matters with such accord.

A reminder please that the Christmas lunch is approaching fast and we really would like everyone to come and enjoy the friendship of the Christmas cheer.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Wendy Marshall
President



Editorial

Time to announce the winner of this year's Bruce Graham Memorial Award. This year, the Award goes to **Jenny Merrell** for her article **Lydia's Story** in the October 2023 Tracks. As the winner, Jenny will receive a certificate plus \$50 as a prize. Congratulations, Jenny.

Articles published in this edition of Tracks, plus those in next March and June's editions, will be eligible for next year's Award. The criteria for judging is as follows:

- The article must be the original work of the submitter
- The article should, if possible, be between 500 and 1200 words in length
- The article must have a basis of either family or local history

We are very much in need of articles for future issues of Tracks. Please consider submitting an item of interest or article.

On behalf of your committee, I'd like to wish all of our members (and your families) a very merry Christmas and a happy 2025.

Please come to the Christmas lunch—we'd love to see you!

March 2025 Tracks

The cut-off date for ordering hard copies is 15 February 2025. Each hard copy will be supplied at a cost of \$5.

Research Room Hours over the Christmas-New Year Period

We will be closing the Research Room from close of business on Saturday, 14 December 2024, and reopening at 10 am on Tuesday, 14 January 2025.

Thank you to our greatly appreciated group of Room Assistants for enabling our Research Room to open for 5 days every week.

Get-Together Dates

Place: South Tweed Sports Club, 4 Minjungbal Drive,
Tweed Heads South

Time: 1.15 pm for a 1.30 pm start (Daylight saving time)

Future get-togethers

Tuesday, 12 November 2024 (*second Tuesday*)

Tuesday, 3 December 2024 (*Christmas lunch*)

January 2025 (*no get-together*)

Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Details of the agenda of each get-together will be advised in the monthly Trails newsletters, closer to the date/s.

Christmas Lunch

Date and time	Tuesday, 3 December 2024, 12 noon (DST)
Venue	South Tweed Sports Club

All members and their guests are welcome. Please indicate, on the sheet in the Research Room, whether you will be attending, so that we can advise the Club how many to expect. ***We really hope to see more of our members attend this year!***

We always have a good time, with a trivia quiz (with prizes) and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

All meals and drinks can be ordered from the Bistro and/or Café, and will be left to each member to arrange on the day.

Websites of Interest

A few of the following websites were included in the March 2020 Tracks. Following our September get-together, where we watched a video about the Ryerson Index, it was decided to repeat and add to the websites, relating to newspapers. What everybody should remember about the following websites, is that they are FREE to use!

Ryerson Index

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Used in conjunction with the websites mentioned below, these days it is much easier to discover when our family members have passed on. The Ryerson Index has been in existence since 1998 and has nearly 9.5 million entries from 482 different resources Australia wide. Make sure you read all of the information found in the links in the left hand column on the front page. There you will find much relevant information about the Index.

Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

I always say this site is the best thing since sliced bread! Anybody who hasn't used this fantastic resource is not serious about family history. The site has an ever increasing collection of digitised Australian newspapers & gazettes, covering the early days of the colony of New South Wales up to 1954 (with a few newspapers past this year, eg The Canberra Times).

National Library of Australia (NLA) eResources

<https://www.nla.gov.au/#>

This site allows online access to a number of newspaper archives both here in Australia & overseas. Access to some of the archives require users to have a NLA membership to login. Use the link *Join the Library* to apply for membership (available to all Australian residents). Use the link *eResources* to browse & access the newspapers which includes:

- The Sydney Morning Herald & The Age: Library edition (2006 to the present)
- The Sydney Morning Herald Archives 1955-1995
- The Times Digital Archive (1785-2013)

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Small in Size, Big in Character

My granduncle, George Frederick Linstrom, was born at Stockton, New South Wales, on 22 January 1898, the eldest son of Frederick Lawrence Linstrom and Emily Dempsey, who were aged 20 and 16 respectively.

George had disproportionate dwarfism which was an average-size torso and shorter arms and legs. He was only 3 foot 9 inches in height. My mother was very concerned that having an uncle with dwarfism could cause her children to also be dwarves, so we were constantly measured from birth and our height and weight measurements were religiously recorded in our baby books. This continued until I was 9 years of age. Luckily for Mum, none of her kids had dwarfism, but for me, I remained the shortest in our family, and just managed to get past the 5-foot mark.

Being of short stature and having always lived at Stockton, George became well known to the locals. His father and brothers were fishermen and he and his mother sold prawns and bait from the family home on Fullerton Street. Buying fresh prawns straight off the trawlers from the Hunter River was very popular, as they were delicious. He also managed the books for his brothers for their six oyster leases at Fullerton Cove.

The reason I decided to write this little story is because my sister told me that Uncle George had popped up on the Stockton Community Facebook page earlier this year when someone commented *"Does anyone remember little George who used to sell the prawns from his house? We were only kids when my dad took us there.....I will always remember he was a beautiful man."*

It was really a blast from the past that someone would post that question, as it has now been 52 years since George passed at the age of 74 years in 1972 and obviously much longer than that since the person posting on Facebook would have gone with their father to buy prawns from George.

Having seen this post my sister responded with *"Here is a pic of him. My great Uncle George. Had the bait shop on Fullerton next to my Nanna Lorna Linstrom's. I used to take his dinner in for him that nanna cooked, and he'd open his change drawer and give me sixpence. I thought he was so rich....Good old days"*.

The Facebook comments then continued with others indicating they had bought lots of prawns from him over the years, there was talk of the local corner shops that sold lollies, someone even said their family lived close by and made pies for George back in 1956 saying he would then go and collect the pies from them, and then our first cousin said *"Wow, what a great memory.....thanks for sharing x"* to which my sister replied *"So many great childhood memories Cuz"*

My sister also let everyone know that George's youngest brother, Frederick Linstrom, 15 years his junior who was our maternal grandfather, was the fisherman. My sister also let the Stockton Community know that when Frederick Linstrom passed away early at 50 years of age that our uncle, Eric Linstrom, took over selling the prawns.

A favourite childhood memory of mine is going with Uncle Eric on the back of his Ute around Stockton to sell prawns for 30 cents a pound from the back of the Ute.



This is the photo my sister posted on Facebook of George. I don't know exactly when this photo was taken but it would have been when George was a young man based on the style of car. He is barefoot in this photo, and he always was. He was a lifelong smoker, and he is smoking a cigarette in this photo, but he must have changed to a pipe at some stage. He always had a pipe in his mouth when we were children, whether it was lit or not. He always wore a flat cap and I never saw him wear anything other than shorts.

George was also a good lawn bowler and I have found a couple of articles in Trove.

The first article was titled "*Smallest Bowler in Bare Feet*" and was published in The Muswellbrook Chronicle on 20 February 1948 and the article stated "*Australia's smallest bowler is among nearly 350 Newcastle bowlers at Country Week Carnival. He is George Linstrom, of Stockton. George, who plays in his bare feet, because he can't get bowls shoes small enough to fit him, is only 3ft 9in. He was 50 last week.*"

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article107725745>

Another Trove find was a photograph published in the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate on 5 February 1945 titled "*Stockton Bowler has Sydney Win*" and showed Stockton Bowling Club Secretary, Fred Clarence congratulating George on a win for Stockton against Victoria Park in Sydney.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article135000234>

Ian Healy was a journalist who wrote a weekly column in the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate called SUBURBIA, This Week and on 15 April 1950 he wrote one titled "*Ma*" is Queen of The Bait Trade. This is about George's mother, Emily Linstrom (nee Dempsey), and within this article is several paragraphs about how George was going away to King's School, Parramatta on a scholarship to study to be a barrister. It's a great read so to learn more about why he "didn't" go, then use this link to read the full Trove article.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article140635430>

George was also a bit of a gambler, prankster and was known to use a bit of language and there have been numerous stories told over the years to us from our older relatives to support this.

I was 10 years old, and my sister was 8 years old when our great Uncle George passed away in 1972 but as we were always visiting our Nan's place, we knew him quite well as he lived next door to Nan. He loved popping up from behind things to scare us kids, I guess we experienced the prankster side of him.

So, I hope you enjoyed this little story and that you take joy in the fact that even though more than half a century had passed, that a simple suburban man, was remembered by someone other than family, by a simple question and memory posted on Facebook.

Submitted by Sue Thompson (Member number 1063)

The Guy in the Glass

by Dale Wimbrow, (c) 1934

A variation of this poem (The Man in the Glass) hung on my mother's kitchen wall in her later years.

(Editor: This is the original poem, by Dale Wimbrow, found on the website <https://www.theguyintheglass.com/index.htm>)

*When you get what you want in your struggle for pelf,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.*

*For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,
Who judgement upon you must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.*

*He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.*

*You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.*

Submitted by Jenny Merrell (Member number 558)

Margaret Williams OAM (2005)

1925 – 2017

Civilian Service Medal 1939-1945

Margaret Gertrude 'Peggy' Williams was born to Margaret and Walter Feast in Ashfield, Sydney in 1925.

In 1942 after leaving school she worked for Peak Frean's biscuits making biscuits (Hard Tack) for the Army, and was a member of the Women's National Services engaged in first aid and blackout duties.



Hard tack, also known as "Anzac Wafer", or "Anzac Tile", has a very long shelf life, unlike bread. Hard tack or biscuits continued to be eaten during the Second World War. At its most basic, hard tack biscuits consist of flour, water and salt.

*Australian War Memorial Accession number:
REL/00911*

At the outbreak of the war, her brother applied to join the Defence Force but was deemed medically unfit and subsequently received a white feather in the post, so she decided to make her contribution to the war effort by joining the Women's Land Army. She could not get her parents to consent so she forged her father's signature and joined up to provide farm labour in the agricultural sector. When this was revealed to him he was quick to say that she wouldn't last the distance, but his remarks made her all the more determined to prove him wrong.

Her first posting was in Leeton picking oranges, an arduous task for a young girl to embark on, and the long ladders and heavy bags involved were the first of many surprises. This city girl did not anticipate such hard work, long hours, heat, dust storms, bugs and snakes. As soon as she was old enough she got her driver's licence for the utility truck, learned to ride a horse, operate a tractor and manage a horse-drawn plough.

They were known as Land Army Girls across Australia and their work included packing wheat, fruit and vegetable picking, and sheep and dairy farming. Their Land Army uniforms identified them in their new communities where they were highly regarded and appreciated. They were housed in dormitory-style accommodation where they formed lifetime friendships, sharing many fun times, but also witnessed the sadness of families who lost their sons in the conflict.

At one time she was allocated to an Italian family, and with most migrants being deemed to be the 'enemy' she pretended to be ill so that she could avoid working for him. Later however, she discovered that his son was serving in the same unit as her other brother Jack, so she took up other activities to make amends.

After the war she returned to Sydney where she met and married John Cecil Williams, a Navy man, settled in North Ryde and had four sons who all joined the Navy. It is hard to imagine how she coped during 1970-1972 when her husband and two older boys were all serving in Vietnam. The two younger ones became submariners and Ken, the baby, married my daughter, Michelle, and was involved with the war in Somalia in 1993.

In 1987 many of the Land Army Girls were invited by the local RSL sub-branch to march behind their banner on Anzac Day, and it was here that she met up with many of her Leeton mates. At their suggestion she joined the NSW branch of the Australian Women's Land Army Association, and in 1995 was very happy to be able to march with the Land Army Contingent in the main Anzac Day March in Sydney.

That same year she was elected president of the Association and remained so for the next 27 years.

In this position her first goal was to get recognition for 'her girls' and by 1991 the RSL finally agreed that the Land Army Girls could join the RSL in their own right. Her next goal was community recognition, and this occurred in 1995, 50 years after the war, when they were awarded official recognition with the Civilian Service Medal 1939-1945.



Civilian Service Medal 1939-1945 (front & back) ©Commonwealth of Australia 2023

Her ultimate goal was always to have the Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) recognised as the 4th Women's Service. In 1944 a submission had been made to the Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence-Related Awards, but it was not to be, mainly because the required recruitments to the Land Army were not met. A final draft was completed in 1945 but the war ended and as a result the proposal became redundant and they were never afforded the same status as the other Women's Services.

In 2005 Peggy was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for her other services to the community, and the Land Army.

In 2012 Prime Minister Julia Gillard invited members of the AWLA to Parliament House where each of the 200 in attendance were personally presented with a commemorative brooch to mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the AWLA. The accompanying citation referred to ***'a national women's service of vital importance to the Australian war effort'***, a direct quote from a Cabinet paper of December 1942. Peggy did not miss the chance to give a bold response to the Prime Minister's speech by declaring the AWLA really was Australia's 4th Women's Service.

The NSW branch of the AWLA disbanded at the end of 2012 due to the ill health of many of its members, and "Cec" her husband died the following year, but she continued to attend schools and functions as a guest speaker until her own failing health kept her closer to home.

Peggy is survived by her four sons, eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Submitted by Kerry Golds (Member number 835)

Did You Know?

Australia is wider than the moon

Human teeth are the only part of the body which cannot heal themselves

People once ate arsenic to improve their skin

No number before 1,000 contains the letter A

My brother Jack

My brother Jack was, and still is, quite a character, I often think of our childhood memories, the following story is for his grandchildren.

Jack was, excuse the expression “a little bugger of a child”, always in trouble or causing trouble!!

Mum told me this story.... When Mum & Dad left that church in Randwick, they were very happy, however 3 children came in 3 years, Carol, Jennie & Jack. They were living on an enclosed verandah with Nan at 7 Short Street, Rosehill and Dad hated it, so he was hardly ever home, so when the offer of a housing commission hut came up, they jumped at the chance.

The “huts”, as they were called, were at Merrylands (we were number 12E) there were rows and rows of attached houses. Everyone called them “I beg your pardon” huts because the walls were so thin!! They were small but it was their own. Carol started school while we were there and I was about 4 and Jack, I suppose, about 3.

Milk was delivered to the front door in real glass bottles (with cream on the top) by the “milko”. One day when Mum was hanging the clothes on the line in her small backyard, Jack somehow got out of the house and jumped into the back of the milk truck. The milko didn't know he was there and drove off with Jack in the back. Mum was frantic when she came in from hanging the clothes on the line and couldn't find him. I don't know how, but sometime later Jack was bought back home. Mum was so glad to see him safe and learnt a valuable lesson about leaving Jack inside while she hung out the washing.

Now, Mum was a great problem solver so she quickly came up with a solution, she bought a length of rope and while she was hanging out the washing, she tied Jack to the clothesline (via his walking lead) so she could keep an eye on him. She gave him just enough rope so that he could walk around and play. Next scenario was that one of the sticky beak neighbours reported her to the child welfare and they paid her a visit, the result being that Mum had to find another solution. I don't think she ever did, as my brother Jack was the Huck Finn of his day!!

Submitted by Jenny Merrell (Member number 558)

What Are The Odds?

One morning at Tweed City shopping centre, a former member of our group (Carol) told me about her son having a phone call from Melbourne, with a lady he did not know. (The call was unrelated to family history.) They both shared the same surname – Newton – and discovered that each of them had a great-grandfather born in Wagga Wagga. Carol asked if I could look up the records next time I was in the Research Room. It turned out that both men were brothers.

The family history:

Alfred Newton was born in 1837 in Somerset, England. He married Lucy Winnel in 1864, in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Alfred and Lucy had eight children:

James Herbert, born 1864, Wagga Wagga, died 1949, Wagga Wagga

Martha, born 1866, Wagga Wagga, died 1866, Wagga Wagga

Elizabeth A, born 1867, Hay

Henry Samuel, born 1869, Wagga Wagga, died 1878

Martha Amelia, born 1871, Wagga Wagga

Lamouth/Leamouth Alfred, born 1873, Wagga Wagga, died 1914, Sydney

Robert Collins, born 1875, Wagga Wagga, died 1942, Wagga Wagga

Emily M, born 1877, Wagga Wagga

Lucy died in 1886, Wagga Wagga, followed by Alfred in 1889. Therein lies a sad story. Alfred had been working as a boundary rider on a station in New South Wales. Some months before his death, Alfred had a fall from his horse and sustained several injuries which caused him continual pain. In July 1889, he took his own life at Lake Cargelligo, probably due to the pain he was suffering.

**BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ALBURY, This Day.**

A shocking case of suicide is reported from Lake Cudgellico. A man named Frederick Newton had been working for a considerable time as a boundary rider on the Wogeo station. Some months ago he met with a fall from his horse from the effects of which he has been suffering ever since. It is supposed that the injuries he received affected his brain. He has been found lying dead with his throat cut.

*The Herald (Melbourne, Victoria)
Tuesday, 30 July 1889, Page 2
(courtesy of Trove)*

Two of Alfred and Lucy's sons also had tragic deaths. In 1878, at the age of 9, Henry Samuel died when he fell into a water tank. He had been accustomed to filling a billy can with water from the tank. At the inquest, the Coroner ruled that Henry must have lost his footing and fallen into the tank.

THE WATER TANK.
The *Waggon Express* reports that an inquest was held on the body of a lad named Samuel Henry Newton, who came to his death under the circumstances described as follows in the evidence:—The witnesses examined were Samuel Hy. Winnell and Dr. Wren. From the evidence of the former, it appeared that the lad Newton had been living with him for about seven months. He saw him the morning previous, and then left home, being absent some two or three hours. On returning, his wife, who is a confirmed invalid, told him that she had missed the boy for some time. On hearing this the witness went to look for him, and calling round the premises without receiving any answer, went to the tank, and after some time he commenced searching the tank, and found the body of the boy. The water where the body was found was about 5 feet deep. A tin billy which lay at the bottom suggested that the boy had gone to the tank for water and had fallen in. He was accustomed to go to the tank and lift water with a billy by a string, and the witness believed the boy must have overbalanced himself. The jury, on hearing the evidence of Dr. Wren, who made an external examination of the body, returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

*The Albury Banner (Albury, NSW)
Saturday, 26 January 1878, Page 16
(courtesy of Trove)*

In 1914, Lamouth/Leamouth was working as a wharf labourer in Sydney. He was working on the steamer *Persic*, stowing mutton in the hold, when he was hit from above by a falling carcass. He died the next day in hospital.

FATALITY ON THE PERSIC.
On January 16 Leimuth A. Newton, 40, married, a wharf-labourer, was admitted at Sydney Hospital suffering from paralysis of the arms and legs, as well as injury to the spine. He died on the following day. At the inquest Daniel Brown, a wharf-labourer, said that deceased had been working in the lower hold of the steamer *Persic*. Witness was working at the same hatch on the orlop deck stowing frozen mutton. Half of the hatch was covered, to land the mutton on. As a sling of mutton was being lowered, the sling touched a carcass lying on the hatch, and caused it to roll down through the opening. "Under below in the lower hold," witness shouted, he at the same time endeavouring to hold back the carcass. But it fell on deceased's head. Mr. H. Giles Shaw, the acting City Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

*The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW)
Friday, 23 January 1914, Page 10
(courtesy of Trove)*

The two other sons, James Herbert and Robert Collins, lived out their lives in Wagga Wagga. Robert married Daisy May Linsell (1886-1958), in 1907. They had 5 children, one of whom (Frederick Robert) was Carol's father-in-law. The brother who moved to Sydney, Lamouth/Leamouth, was the grandfather of the lady who spoke to Carol's son on the phone.

Well, what were the odds? Everyone of us would have close encounters of some kind. If you know of them, write and let us know.

Submitted by Herbert McDougall (Member number 764)

Primary Schools of north eastern New South Wales

We were the recipient of a very generous donation of books in early September. John Selwood, from Wyong FHS, visited our Research Room and gave us a copy of six books he has recently published. The books are magnificently detailed, with information and photos of many primary schools in north eastern New South Wales—even some which no longer exist.

The books are:

- Primary Schools of the Tweed, Richmond and Brunswick River Districts of NSW
- Closed Primary Schools of the Tweed, Richmond and Brunswick River Districts of NSW
- Primary Schools of the Ballina, Coraki and Evans Head Districts
- Schools of the Upper Clarence
- Primary Schools of the Casino District
- Primary Schools of the Big Scrub and Surrounds

Thank you so much, John, for your donation. I'm sure our members will spend many hours perusing your books. They are a valuable resource.



Cross-referencing Bonus

Member, Trish Oldham, has supplied a copy of a New Zealand marriage certificate which unexpectedly included some bonus information.

1929. Marriage in the District of Chautauque

No.	Place and date of birth, (date of baptism, if baptized)	Name and Residence of the Father	Age	Rank or Profession	Residence	Signature & Name	Signature & Name	Parents' Names and Residences (If both Rank or Profession)	Parents' Names (If One Rank or Profession)
93	<u>March 10</u> <u>18 29</u> <u>at</u> <u>P. M.</u> <u>Chautauque</u> <u>Chautauque</u>	<u>Federick George Edwards</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Merchant</u>	<u>Chautauque</u>	<u>Chautauque</u>	<u>Chautauque</u>	<u>Chautauque</u>	<u>Chautauque</u>
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Witness, after due delivery in due form, of the Certificate to the County Clerk, to be signed by the Minister.

This marriage was solemnized before me at
Chautauque
Chautauque
Chautauque

I certify that the above is a true copy of the entry in the County Clerk's Office of the Marriage License for the County of Chautauque.

Engineer's Certificate No. 100 issued at Chautauque

Minister: Chautauque

Wouldn't be nice if all Registries provided the same information. Probably a logistical nightmare!



Smallpox Inoculations

One of the deadliest diseases known to humans, smallpox remains the only human disease to have been eradicated.

Over thousands of years, smallpox killed hundreds of millions of people. It killed at least 1 in 3 people infected, often more in the most severe forms of disease. Death often occurred within 2 weeks. Survivors could be left with permanent reminders, such as blindness and infertility.

The disease was highly infectious, with no known cure. Variolation (the deliberate infection with smallpox) was used for centuries in some parts of the world, as a method of preventing the disease. However, although it was successful in many cases, it also killed some people and contributed to smallpox outbreaks.

It wasn't until 1796 that Dr Edward Jenner demonstrated the world's first vaccine using a less dangerous viral source, cowpox, on 8 year old James Phipps. By 1801, through extensive testing, the vaccine was shown to effectively protect against smallpox.

With that history in mind, the following entry was discovered in the parish register of Swaffham, Norfolk, in amongst the recording of burials, in 1800!

Inoculation

The small-pox being in the neighbourhood, at my request a vestry was holden on the 25th May, & it was unanimously agreed, that it would be right for a general inoculation to take place immediately & not to wait, as had been usual, till the natural small-pox made its appearance in the parish, & accordingly 459 persons were inoculated, of whom one only died, as may be seen in this register; & I ought in justice to add, that the apothecary attributed the death of this child entirely to bad management & the refusing to adopt the methods prescribed by him, & I have reason to think this to have been the case. About six caught the disorder in the natural way, of whom one also died.

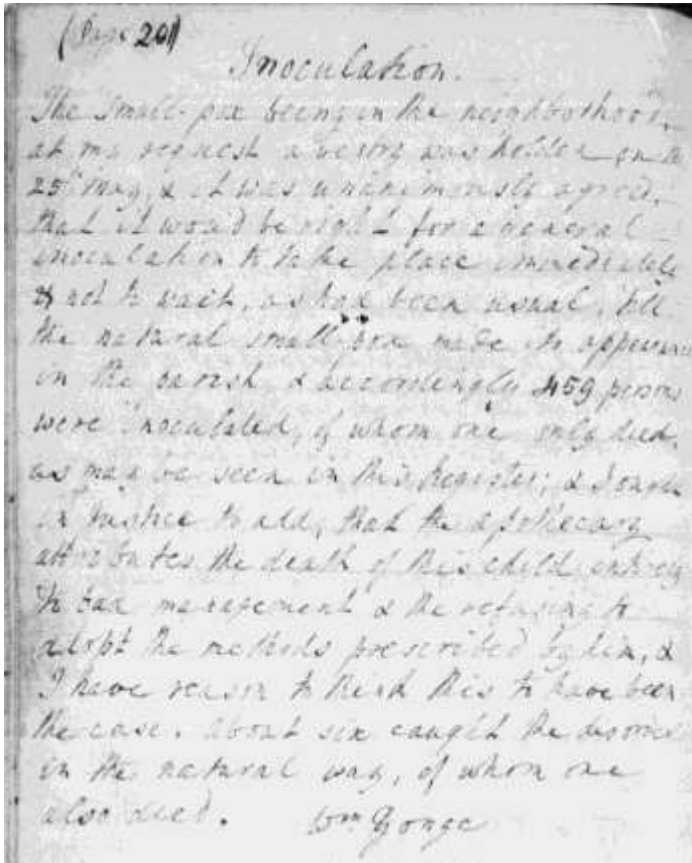
Wm Yonge

Following vaccination programmes over the next 180 years, in 1980, the World Health Organisation declared smallpox officially eradicated.

Read more about this disease, and its successful eradication, on the World Health Organisation website:

<https://www.who.int/news-room/spotlight/history-of-vaccination/history-of-smallpox-vaccination>

Thank you to member, Trish Oldham, for her discovery of the parish register entry.



(Page 201) Inoculation.
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Extract from the parish register of Swaffham, Norfolk, England

Websites of Interest (continued)

My Tributes

<https://www.mytributes.com.au>

A website run by News Corp Australia which includes (mainly) death and funeral notices from its newspapers—over 130 of them. Although there are a number of smaller local papers, eg. the Gold Coast Sun, there are also many major metropolitan newspapers included—Sydney's Daily Telegraph, Melbourne's Herald Sun, Brisbane's Courier Mail, just to name a few. The death and funeral notices are mostly from this century, although I have found a few from the 1990s. There are a few gaps here and there.

ACM (Australian Community Media) Tributes

Daily newspapers—<https://acm.media/brands/dailies/>

Non Daily newspapers—<https://acm.media/brands/non-dailies/>

A number of metropolitan & regional newspapers are now under this banner. Most, if not all, have their own tributes pages (as in My Tributes above) with notices going back to about 2010. Check the links above for the newspaper which interests you. The easiest way to go to that newspaper's tributes is to google the newspaper name and tributes (eg Newcastle Herald tributes) which will provide the direct link. Examples of newspapers included—Maitland Mercury, Bendigo Advertiser, Launceston Examiner.

Papers Past

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

This is the New Zealand equivalent to our Trove. Click on the link *All titles, all regions* and you will be presented with a total list of the newspapers covered, by region. Use the *Explore* links (*By Title, By Region, By Year*) to discover detailed coverage of each newspaper.



Acquisitions to August 2024

Please note that as some items may only have recently been received, they may not yet be in the Room due to the need for processing.

BOOKS

The 1788-1820 Association's Pioneer Register 2nd edition Volume 1 (donation)
Centenary of the Municipality of Singleton 1866-1966 (donation)
Under the Lino by Caylie Jeffery (donation)
Historical Records of Newcastle 1797-1897 by J Windross & J P Ralston (donation)
Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Northern Ireland) by Josephine Masterson (donation)
Gumeracha 1839-1939 edited by J E Monfries (donation)
Biographical Register of Muswellbrook & District Volume 1 (donation)
History of the German Community in the Clarence River District of NSW (donation)
A Historical Walk Through Clerkenwell by Mary Cosh (donation)
Memories of a childhood in The Netherlands & in Australia 1944-1956 (donated by Martien Jansen in de Wal)
Memoirs of Jozas van den Driest (donated by Marion Gardner)

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Hard Copy)

The Explorers' Tree (Blue Mountains FHS) June 2024
Links 'n' Chains (Liverpool GS) June 2024
Timespan (Nepean FHS) June 2024
The Tamworth Family Historian (Tamworth & District FHG) July 2024
The Line of Lode (Broken Hill FHG) 2024

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Electronic PDFs – Computers 1-8)

The Argyle Bulletin (Goulburn District H&GS) May 2024
The Mail (Descendants of Convicts) May 2024
The Crossing Place (Casino & District FHG) May 2024
The Cedar Log (Richmond-Tweed FHS) June 2024
Journal of the Newcastle FHS June 2024
Caloundra Clipper (Caloundra FHR) June 2024
The Fig Tree (Manning-Wallamba FHS) May-June 2024
The Hawkesbury Crier (Hawkesbury FHG) June 2024
Lancashire (Lancashire FHHS) February & May 2024
Lachlan Valley Gold (Forbes FHG) June 2024
Spreading Branches (Narre Warren & District FHG) May 2024
The Log Book (Tweed Heads HS) June 2024
Golden Links (Bendigo Regional GS) April-June 2024
Ancestral Lines (Maitland & Beyond FH) June 2024

EXCHANGE JOURNALS (Electronic PDFs – Computers 1-8) (continued)

The Endeavour (Botany Bay FHS) June 2024

Lithgow Pioneer Press (Lithgow & District FHS) June 2024

The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS) July 2024

GhostBuster (Campbelltown District FHS) July 2024

Time Traveller (Shoalhaven FHS) August 2024

MAGAZINES

Family Tree May, June, July & August 2024

Irish Roots 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2024 (PDF)

Moments in Time Parts 1-5 (donated by Linda Threlfo)

Sydney – A Celebration in Pictures Parts 1-6 (donated by Linda Threlfo)

Who Do You Think You Are (2 issues) (donated by Trish Oldham)

Family Tree (2 issues) (donated by Trish Oldham)

Irish Roots (1 issue) (donated by Trish Oldham)

OTHER (all PDF – Computers 1-8)

Newsletter of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends May-June 2024

RIP Rookwood in Profile (Friends of Rookwood) June 2024

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) May, June, July & August 2024

Newsletter of the NSW/ACT Association of FHS May 2024

Fromelles Association of Australia newsletter July 2024

NewsFlash (AFFHO) July & August 2024

Kerry's Titbits

Do you have somebody like Ellen in your tree?

Ellen Munsie

Great great grandfather's brother-in-law's granddaughter's husband's father's aunt

How about a competition for the weirdest name in the family? My contribution is:

Polly Ethelene Hodges (1879-1954)

In the early 1970s, I worked for one of the very first plastic recycling plants in Botany, Sydney, and we dealt with a lot of polyethelene. I couldn't believe my eyes when Polly popped up recently.

Featured Articles from Magazines and Journals

Following is a sample of articles found in journals received from other societies on an exchange basis and other magazines and journals:

The Argyle Bulletin (Goulburn District H&GS) May 2024 (PDF)

- Black Francis, the Goulburn castigator – is there any truth behind the legend?

The Crossing Place (Casino & District FHG) May 2024 (PDF)

- Coraki and surrounds hotels – family business – Part 2

The Cedar Log (Richmond-Tweed FHS) June 2024 (PDF)

- Australian probate records and wills

Family Tree May 2024

- How should we deal with our family secrets?
- Family history in the AI era
- Bogus coats of arms
- DNA test comparison guide

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) May 2024 (PDF)

- Researching British India family history
- Haplogroups in Y-DNA, part 2

The Hawkesbury Crier (Hawkesbury FHG) June 2024 (PDF)

- The sad demise of Dr Charles McClintock MD FRCSE
- Who was Sister Clara Gillespie of Pitt Town?

Irish Roots 2nd Quarter 2024 (PDF)

- Shared genes, unique stories: the role of siblings in genetic genealogy
- Local resources for family history research – County Waterford
- Surnames of County Waterford
- Australian Irish connections – establishing settlements

Family Tree June 2024

- Retention of probate records
- The value of interviewing older relatives
- Death & taxes – using the death duty registers
- Creating 'quick and dirty' trees
- Tracing ancestors in the British armed forces in WW2

The Log Book (Tweed Heads Historical Society) June 2024 (PDF)

-The Back Channel (Part A)

Ancestral Lines (Maitland & Beyond FH) June 2024 (PDF)

-Jack Farley's grandparents

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) June 2024 (PDF)

-Genealogy from a graveyard

The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS) July 2024 (PDF)

-Sarah Jane Murray – A woman worth knowing

Timespan (Nepean FHS) June 2024

-Nuts and bolts of census taking

Family Tree July 2024

-Surnames as false friends

-Dreaded institution – A history of the workhouse

-‘Proof’ or works of fiction?

-Shape up your search skills in 5 steps

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) July 2024 (PDF)

-Where am I? Are you searching in the right place?

The Line of Lode (Broken Hill FHG) 2024

-Several items about Broken Hill & residents

Family Tree August 2024

-Ancient DNA for genealogy

-Read all about it! (newspaper archives)

-Clustering: the secret to unlocking your DNA matches

-The plague years

Really Useful Bulletin (Family History Federation UK) August 2024 (PDF)

-The magic of Chancery

Irish Roots 3rd Quarter 2024 (PDF)

-An epidemic of bizarre genealogical social media posts are causing eyes to roll....

-Visiting Dublin City Library & Archives

-Haplogroups

-Local resources for family history research – County Dublin

Members' Interests

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
GOSWELL	All		BRK	ENG
HARRIS	All		WAR	ENG
HOGAN	All		TIP	IRL
HUNT	All		WAR	ENG
JUDGE	1800-1836		LET	IRL
JUDGE	1836+	Maitland/Sydney	NSW	AUS
KEASEY	All		WAR	ENG
KNIGHT	All		DEV/HAM/ LND	ENG
KNIGHT	1884+	Sydney	NSW	AUS
LOMMEL	All	Wurzburg		GER
LOMMEL	All			NEW CALEDONIA
LOMMEL	All		CA	USA
LOMMEL	All			CH
LUCAS	All	Sydney	NSW	AUS
McGORMAN	All		TYR	IRL
SOUTH	All		HAM/LND	ENG

Kathleen Lommel (Member number 662)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
BUCKLAND	Pre 1782	Gosport	HAM	ENG
GREEN	Pre 1762	Empshott	HAM	ENG
JOHNSTON, John	Pre 1802		LND	ENG
PINCHIN	Pre 1790	Limerick	LIM	IRL
SLEE	Pre 1725	Long Marton	WES	ENG
STAGG	Pre 1765	Alverstone	HAM	ENG

Peter Johnston (Member number 176)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
BAXTER	1810s	Streatham	SRY	ENG
BONE	1820s	Old Brentford	MDX	ENG
BURRIN	Pre 1836	Brentford	MDX	ENG
CLARK/E	Pre 1817	Swaffham	NFK	ENG
CLAYTON	1770s	Mirefield	YKS	ENG
ELTRINGHAM	1750	Tanfield	DUR	ENG
ESAU	1790s	Ty'nycwm	CGN	WLS
GREEN	1780s	Whitkirk	YKS	ENG
HALL	1770s	Tanfield	DUR	ENG
HENDERSON	1800s		DUR	ENG
HUNTER	1800s		YKS	ENG
JOEL	1770+	Llanbadarn Fawr	CGN	WLS
LEWINGTON	1800s	North Walsham	HAM	ENG
LOVEDEE	Pre 1825	Winchester	HAM	ENG
LOVEDY	Pre 1825	Winchester	HAM	ENG
OWEN	1760s	Llanbadarn Fawr	CGN	WLS
WHITE,	1820s	Harbour Breton	NFD	CAN
William Kepple				

Sylvia Coste (Member number 414)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
FLYNN	All	Cork	COR	IRL
FLYNN	All	Inverell/Gum Flat	NSW	AUS
GOLDS	All	Deptford	KEN/LND	ENG
GOLDS	1900+	Taree	NSW	AUS
MARA	All	Toomevara	TIP	IRL
MARA	All	Kogarah/Coraki	NSW	AUS
McMAHON	All	Fermoy	COR	IRL
McMAHON	All	Inverell/Gum Flat	NSW	AUS
MIL(L)GATE	All		KEN/SSX	ENG
MIL(L)GATE	All		NSW	AUS
O'M(E)ARA	All	Toomevara	TIP	IRL
O'M(E)ARA	All	Kogarah/Coraki	NSW	AUS

Kerry Golds (Member number 835)

NAME	TIME PERIOD	TOWN/CITY	STATE/COUNTY	COUNTRY
BARCLAY	1849+	Sydney	NSW	AUS
BOURKE	1858+		GAL	IRL
CAIN	Pre 1880		LIM	IRL
CASLEY	Pre 1832		CAV	IRL
COSTE	Pre 1831			FRA
GRADY	1810s	Twickenham	TAS	AUS
GRANT	1810s		MDX	ENG
GRELCK	Pre 1832			GER
GRILL	Pre 1832			GER
HITCHCOCK	Pre 1860		NSW	AUS
KAZELIS	Pre 1855	Isleworth		FRA
KING	1770s		MDX	ENG
MURPHY	Pre 1880		NSW	AUS
NAGLE	1826+		COR	IRL
NOVELL	1770s		MDX	ENG
WHITE	1760s	Twickenham	MDX	ENG
YOUNG	1760s	Twickenham	MDX	ENG

Glenn Coste (Member number 415)

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Note: We use the Chapman codes to abbreviate the State/County and Country fields of our members' interests. If you are unfamiliar with the codes, google "Chapman Codes Genealogy". There are a number of sites with details.



New Members

1133 Brandy Salmon
1134 Jacque Zoellner
1135 Grant Casey

Rejoined Member

894 Heather Ellis

*A warm welcome to our new members & welcome back to our re-joined member.
Happy ancestor hunting!*

*Members should note that we hold **free** classes in several subjects (beginner's, internet resources, Family Tree Maker, etc.) Please ask a Room Assistant in the Research Room or send an email to tweedfhs@hotmail.com if you are interested in a class.*



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