

Remembering Barbara Nellie (nee Williamson) Coleman
(13th November 1937 – 21st August 2024)

It is with immense sadness that we let our members and friends know that Barbara Nellie Coleman passed away on the 21st August 2024 at hospital, on the Central Coast, NSW. As many of you would know, Barbara was a driving force behind the John Nichols Family Society for many years and without her efforts over so many years, the Society would not have continued into its fortieth year, and we extend our sincere condolences to her many friends and family. I would like to share with you some of her achievements, acknowledging her passionate dedication to our heritage through John Nichols and Ann Pugh and celebrate Barbara's 86 years of life, which enriched all that crossed her path.

Barbara was the daughter of Stanley Williamson (1898-1958) and Charlotte May (nee Redden) Williamson (1899-1971), born on the 13th November 1937, when her father was aged 39 and her mother 38. Her father had fought in WW1 in Egypt, with the 7th Australian Light Horse as a Trooper (No. 3679). After the war he worked for a time in his father's Grocery shop before purchasing his own Grocery business, with his mate Les Evans at 98 Beaumont Street, Hamilton, in Newcastle, from around 1929/1930. Barbara (pictured right in 1942) was an only child and clearly remembered spending many hours with her father in the shop, until its doors closed in 1960. By 1958 the family were residing at 28 Hebburn Street, Hamilton, Newcastle and Barbara did very well academically. Her father Stanley Williamson died aged 60, listing Barbara's age as 20 and the family were still residing at 28 Hebburn Street, Hamilton. Barbara and her mother stayed in the family home until Barbara decided to take up a career in General Nursing.



Barbara trained at The Royal North Shore Hospital and told me on many occasions how much she loved being a nurse, and later made a long career for herself working for many years in the Sterilisation Department. She maintained life-long friendships with fellow nurses she had worked with and would meet up regularly for lunch and socialising, long after her retirement.



Barbara, like most young women, liked mixing with people and parties, and this photograph of her taken when she was about 18 years old in 1957 at a party depicts an elegant, beautiful, smart, outgoing confident young woman with the world at her feet.

Barbara married young Accountant Allen Albert Coleman (17th October 1935 – 18th June 2017) and they both worked hard for many years saving to purchase their home at Turramurra. Barbara didn't think she would have children of her own so the couple decided to adopt, and bought home Allen 'Anthony' Coleman only to find that within weeks she was pregnant with their son Aaron Coleman making the 'perfect family' in Barbara's words.



Allen Coleman was always supportive of Barbara and this was clearly evidenced by the actions of Allen who attended many reunions with Barbara and supported her in her research pursuits.

Barbara was one of the organisers of the first family reunion held at Greystanes on the 21st August 1983, writes Janette Pelosi. "I was in my early 20's and it was my first large family reunion which I excitedly attended. Barbara along with Joy Marden, Sue Tuck, Sharon Draper and Kaye Purnell wrote the 'John Nichols First Fleeter Convict' book which proved such a success, it was sold out before final publication. Barbara was the Sophia Nichols/Philp/Markey line Coordinator and the Society's Convenor 1984-2007, Committee member 1984-2009."

Barbara held the Committee meetings at her home in Turramurra, shared with her husband Allen. She was always welcoming with cups of tea, her favourite orange cake with poppy seeds and never forgot the scones with jam and cream. Barbara was extremely well organised, keen to engage with existing family members and always encouraged new generations of John Nichols descendants to join and keep the society going. In the early days the newsletters were typed out by the Secretary Sue Downes and **'cut and paste' was with scissors!** Barbara would decide, then organise how the newsletter fitted together and edit the content, and photographs were inserted ready to be scanned by the print-shop. She stepped down as Convenor at the end of 2007 allowing others to lead the Society going forward, but remained engaged with Society newsletters and attending reunions when able, until the last few years after Allen died in 2017.

Carole Brown wrote "Barbara was a tireless worker for the society and kept in contact with people like my father. She was always generous with her own information, offered assistance to new research and was a good organiser with a great memory. Barbara was always a 'good mixer' with people, excellent communicator and committee member and loved a 'good chat' particularly if about 'family.' Barbara was extremely supportive of the Convenors that followed her, and she kept up with the times when computers replaced the typewriter and the newsletter was put into PDF with photographs inserted electronically." We also welcomed electronic transfer of funds instead of money orders and cheques. Barbara was also made a 'Life Member of the John Nichols Family Society'.

Barbara welcomed me to her home in late 2003, after I found out I descended from John Nichols and Ann Pugh through my sister Lynelle Maude's research. I began to collect photographs and found I had amassed around 200 when I phoned Barbara and joined the society. She invited me to come to the next committee meeting and I did a presentation on what I had on my line; John Pugh/ Nichols. I left there that day being



voted in 'The Photograph Archivist' and now we have nearly 14,000 old photographs. Barbara was extremely supportive of the Photograph Project and when I became Convenor after Carole Brown, Barbara was always there for advice. If ever I received a photo and didn't know how they fitted in - then all I needed to do "*was to call Barbara.*"

Barbara Coleman was one of those people who leave a lasting memory of someone who is quite unique. Her thirst for new information and her passion for the John Nichols Family Society can be applauded for the role she

took on in 1982 and kept going for over four decades. A woman who was always supportive, generous with her time and had a keen wit that complimented her wry sense of humour. Barbara knew she had a hereditary illness transmitted via females similar to Parkinson's Disease, and knew it would claim her in the end, but as she said 'you cannot worry about what you can't change'. We all thank Barbara for her amazing contribution..... We shall miss you!

Helen Alderman

COMMITTEE NEWS

Introducing Our Very Dedicated and Capable Secretary, Debbie Katon

My love of family history is in my blood. I grew up tending my ancestor's graves at Kincumber when my brothers and I spent our school holidays with our grandparents at Wamberal. As family historian I have been entrusted with priceless photos and documents which I lovingly scrapbook (my other passion) to preserve for future generations. I am a proud descendant of ten convicts, but not a First Fleeter!

My earliest ancestor buried at Kincumber is William Ward who travelled to the Central Coast after becoming "Free by Servitude" in Tasmania. He was a pioneer of the district and traded goods in his general store which he purchased in Sydney. He travelled to Sydney by sea and his daughter's family were the Beatties of Palermo who ran a very successful shipyard there. I wonder if he knew John Kellick who was also a prominent east coast trader? Another of my maternal convicts, David Whittaker, was transported on the "*Glatton*" in 1803, the same ship as John Kellick!

My introduction to this prestigious family occurred through my husband, Kevin Katon, son of Gwenda Philp (Sophia Line). Kevin is one of eleven children, nine of whom survived to adulthood. Kevin is the youngest boy and like a true country man can recall many anecdotes of his relatives when I ask for a bit of background behind that dash between birth and death dates. I imagine him in the kitchen of the family home with his mother, who died tragically, cooking and chatting about their family and friends. Over the coming



years I will share these stories with you. Recently Kevin and I visited Wamberal Cemetery where Kevin's uncle, Rueben Philp (and coincidentally my cousin) is buried. See photo on left, above. Photo on right, above is of Deb & Kevin Katon, on their Wedding Day, 24 March 2007.

In 2017 I graduated with a Diploma of Family History- a course I highly recommend.

Honorary Life Membership

This is to advise that your current Committee has awarded Honorary Life Membership to two dedicated members who are Family Coordinators.

Robyn Condliffe is 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." As reported in the last Newsletter, **Robyn** was recently awarded Life Membership of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU, ROBYN

Laurie Holmes has been a member of the Society for 30 years; was a meticulous Certificate Coordinator for 11 years from 2003 to 2014; and has been the Martha Family Coordinator from 1996 to present, 28+ years. He provided all the genograms we use for all the photos in our collection and which are displayed at reunions; and still today, produces an article every Newsletter despite his declining health.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU LAURIE

VALE - Charles Family member **BETTY ANNE (nee Manuel) MAXWELL / WATKINS**

Betty was born on 23.02.1932 and died on 20.04.2024

She is the daughter of William Antoni 'Bill' Manuel (1908-1996) and Edith Isabelle (née Hilder) (1912-1974), and hence the Granddaughter of Antoni 'Charles' Jerome Manuel (1864-1948) and Frances Alice (nee Edwards) (1870-1941).

Betty loved getting the newsletter, looked forward to the magazine arriving and would read it from cover to cover, and later reread it again. She has been described as a real lady. Betty was a member through the Charles line and her photo is at right.



IN MEMORIUM

Merryl Dawn Richardson nee Barron

(14 Feb 1936 - 29 Aug 2024)

Mother of Wendy Bennett nee Richardson (JNFS member)

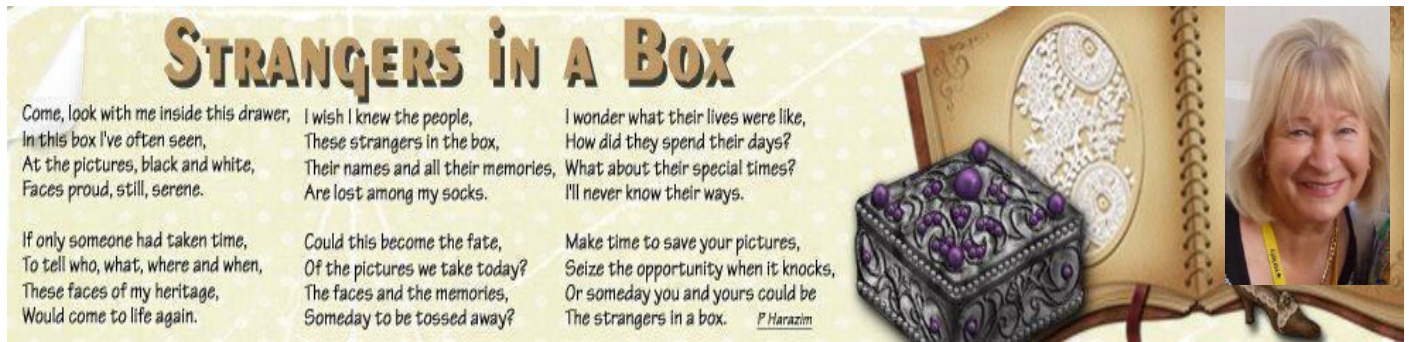
Descent: Sophia Nichols Philp – John James Francis Philp –

Ann Sophia Philp Bratby – Sidney George Bratby -

Elizabeth Marjorie Bratby Barron

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In this edition of the photographs article we continue with the stories and photographs of the Prisoners of War theme, as our research has yielded several soldiers in the John Nichols line who fought bravely for their country but were captured by the enemy. We will remember them.

Emil William Vivian Johns (19.01.1914 – 24.08.2006): Emil descends through the Sarah line and was the eldest son of Samuel Francis Johns (1893-1964) and Evelyn 'Effie' (nee Bateson) born at Tutye, Victoria, on the 19th January 1914, where he was raised on a farm, along with his six siblings. Emil was 26 years and 6 months of age when he enlisted for military service at Caulfield, Victoria, on the 23rd July 1940 and attested to being 5'10 ½" tall with grey eyes, medium complexion, dark hair, single, a labourer and Presbyterian. He gave his father Samuel Johns name as his NOK and Service No: VX47944. His enlistment photograph appears right. Emil is allocated to the 2/2 Aust. Motor Amb. Convoy and embarks for Singapore on the 2nd February 1941. Unfortunately his unit is caught up in the 'Fall of Singapore' and he is wounded and captured by the Japanese on the 31st March 1942, and suffers wounds to his left forearm and right shoulder blade. Emil would spend a total of only 53 days inside Australia and the next four years as a Prisoner of War. His file reports that he was officially a missing person in Malaya 26th April 1942, and by 12 July 1943 he is documented as officially a POW at Hoten, near Mukden, (now Shenyang) in Manchuria where he would spend the next three years. Of the 1,420 allied prisoners of war held there, 1,193 were liberated and 224 did not survive. The recovery Team arrived at Hoten around the 19th August 1945, and Emil is discharged on the 26th November 1945 after serving 1,953 days in military service. He carries with him shrapnel scars to his right scapula and left deltoid.



On the 12th April 1946 Major General E.F. Mitchell (US General) writes a Letter of Appreciation to the Australian Government in regards to services rendered by Private E.W.V. Johns whilst he was a POW.

1. It is desired to add the appreciation of the War department to that of Colonel J.O. Gillespie and Major S.H. Hankins for the manner in which you conducted yourself at the Mukden, Manchuria, Prisoner of War Camp between November 1942 and September 1945.
2. As a member of the hospital staff, you helped care for fellow-prisoners suffering from the ravages of captivity in the hands of the Japanese and the destruction of an air raid, in which fifty-four prisoners were either killed or seriously wounded.
3. Your unselfish efforts on behalf of the ill and wounded were admirable.
4. This report has been placed with your personal file in this office.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Edward F Witsell
Major General.

07.10.1945: Emil returns to Irymple, near Mildura, Victoria, where he marries Isobel Sarah Matthews (22.04.1924 - 01.02.1999) in 1946 and they have three children; Shirley (1947-1992), Desmond and Kaylene Johns. Emil died on the 24th August 2006, aged 92.

Albert Norman HAINES (08.08.1919 – 01.05.1945): Albert was the son of Norman Frederick Haines (1895-1958) and Gladys May (nee Cason) (1899-1972), grandson of Frederick John Haines and Mary Ann Matilda (nee Byrne) via the Sarah and Richard Johns line. Albert enlisted for military service on the 5th July 1940, stating he was aged 20 and 10 months of age, single, unemployed, Presbyterian and residing with his family, listing his father as the NOK. He was posted to the 2/21 Battalion on the 24th July 1940 with the Service No: VX44919 and joined the Army Battalion band, as Albert was a gifted musician and played several instruments. The photograph below depicts Albert 3rd down, 4th left with the 2/21 Battalion (A.I.F. Band) – Bonegilla, Vic dated 02.03.1941. His unit embarked for overseas on the 13th December 1941, arriving at Ambon, in Indonesia, on the 17th December 1941 and then reported MISSING on the 20th April 1942. Albert was confirmed a Prisoner of War being held at Ambon by the Japanese on the 11th May 1942. The next documentation in his military file states 16.12.1945- “became missing on the 9.4.1944 and is for official purposes presumed to be dead – now reported “Died: cause unknown on or before May 1945.” Members of the 2/21 shared Hut 9 and signed a flag which is on display in the Singapore War Museum.



Sadly, Albert’s body and last known resting place was never found. Albert along with 90% of the boys in the band photographed below also died at the hands of the Japanese at the Ambon POW Camp.

Over one thousand Australians had been forced to surrender in February 1942 and by War’s end, more than two thirds at Ambon were dead. It is reported that the conditions at Ambon were reasonable in the beginning, then deteriorated, with starvation and brutality prevailing. Some prisoners died in allied air raids on a Japanese bomb dump next to the camp and others were used in medical experiments, Ambon was second only to Sandakan in respect of atrocities. No doubt his parents and family were devastated, one can only imagine the horrors Albert endured and how he spent his last days. Some solace in knowing the commandant was arrested and prosecuted for war crimes committed at Ambon.

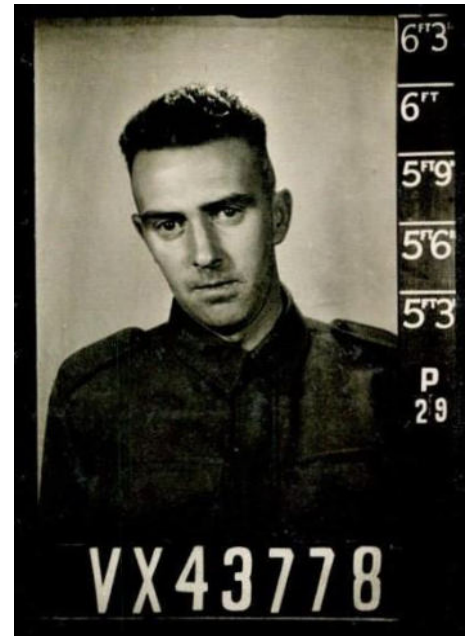


Hector Edward Russell (03.09.1914-26.01.1976): Hector Edward Russell was born at Geelong, Victoria, and was the son of John Henry Russell (1873-1937) and Lillias 'Lillian' (nee Shrubsole (1879-1955) and in 1950 married Irene McKenna (26.10.1923-02.09.1958) the daughter of Ann Louisa McCann (1886-1951) and Alexander Peter 'Alex' McKenna (1883-1958) and comes through the Thomas line via Elizabeth Ann 'Lizzie' (nee Nichols) and Nicholas McCann.

Hector was aged 25 and 8 months of age when he enlisted for military service on the 15th July 1940 at Ballarat, in Victoria, and stated he worked as a Miner, was single, a Methodist and his NOK was his mother Lillian Russell. Hector was a 6' tall, fit looking man who joined the 2/23 Australian Infantry Battalion with the Service No: **VX43778**. He embarked for overseas on the 16th November 1940, leaving Melbourne for the Middle East and saw action on the front lines at Tobruk, in Libya, landing there on the 17th December 1940.

A little history: Tobruk is a port city on Libya's Eastern Mediterranean coast near the border with Egypt. The siege of Tobruk took place between 10th April 1941 and the 27th November 1941 during the Western Desert campaign. The 'Rats of Tobruk' were soldiers of the Australian led allied garrison that held the Libyan Port of Tobruk against the Afrika Corps, during the siege of Tobruk in WW2. Beginning in April 1941 it was held by the allies until its surrender on the 21st June 1942. Between April and August 1941 some 35,000 allies including 14,000 Australian soldiers were besieged in Tobruk by a German / Italian army, commanded by General Edwin Rommel.

Origins of the Name: The defenders had adopted Tobruk's excellent network of below-ground defensive positions which had been built pre-war by the Italian Army. The propagandist for Germany; William Joyce (better known as Lord Haw-Haw) began describing the besieged men as 'living like Rats' in underground dug-outs, tunnels and caves. Australians reclaimed the name as a 'Badge of Pride', and went as far as having their own medal with the likeness of a RAT with the words underneath NO SURRENDER. Insignia shows the elements of a large uppercase 'T' for Tobruk, a long-tailed desert rat with a crown. The crown depicted is variously The Tudor Crown (or St. Edward's Crown) since 1953, representing the allegiance to the Australian Sovereign, or a crown mimicking Tobruk's official pre-war city flag which was liberated from the city's hall during the siege.



On the 18th May 1941 Hector Edward Russell was captured by the Germans at Tobruk! On the 27th May 1941 his file reads "Officially reported POW". In a paper he filled out after the war he stated **"Surrounded by Germans while holding position on the Tobruk front."** Captured with him were R. Beggs, B. McGrath, J. Fletcher and R. Ford. His fellow soldiers S. Harrison and F. Kennedy were dead – "Not buried."

Initially Hector was transported to Port Acroma 18.5.1941-1.6.1941, then Benghazi 4.6.1941 - 3.7.1941, transferred to Camp No 57 on the 28.10.1941 - 15.4.1943, transferred to Stalag 8B in Italy on 16.12.1943 - 14.1.1944, then Stalag 344 (Germany) 15.1.1944; where Hector is forcibly made to work on the railways for ten hours a day and is paid 10 marks per month. The form also asks questions about accommodation, rations/food, clothing and footwear, bathing, washing and sanitary conditions, recreational facilities and forced work. The form along with Hector's photograph, Army details, and finger-prints taken in the German stalag appear over-page.

Recovered from the Germans on the 24th May 1945 and embarks for the U.K. 4th July 1945.

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Personalkarte I: Personelle Angaben


Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager: _____

Befestigung der Erkennungsmark:
Nr. 33700
Lager: Stalag VIII B

Name: Russell
Vorname: Hector Edward
Geburtsort: Geelong
Religion: Methodist
Vorname des Vaters: John Henry
Familienname der Mutter: Shrubsole

Staatsangehörigkeit: Australien
Dienstgrad: Soldat
Truppenteil: Infaubric Komp. usw.: _____
Zivilberuf: Miscer in Berufs-Gr.: _____
Matrikel Nr. (Stammrolle des Heimatstaates): V 43778
Gefangenname (Ort und Datum): Tobruk 18.5.41
Ob gesund, krank, verwundet eingeliefert: gesund

Lichtbild



Nähere Personalbeschreibung


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| Größe | Haarfarbe |
| 185 | braun |

Befondere Kennzeichen: Narbe am linken Ellbogen

Name und Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person in der Heimat des Kriegsgefangenen

Mutter: Mrs. L. Russell
11 Rice-Street
Ballarat
Victoria Australia

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Above is the POW Identification card for Hector Edward Russell (POW NO: 33700) Stalag V111 - showing his photograph, date of birth, religion, parents names, that he was captured in Tobruk, along with his fingerprints and NOK in Australia.

Hector arrived back in Australia on the 8th May 1945 via the Ship 'B2' and by the 7th September was back in Ballarat. He was discharged from the Army on the 17th September 1945 on 'Compassionate Grounds'.

Hector married Irene Ann McKenna in 1950, at Ballarat, there were no children to this marriage and Irene died eight years later on the 2nd September 1958, aged 34, at Ballarat, Vic. Her photo appears right, taken C 1941. Hector lived to age 61 and passed away on Australia Day, the 26th January 1976.



In April 2007, the Victorian contingent of the 'Rats of Tobruk Association' concluded that they could no longer afford the upkeep of 'Tobruk House', the inner-city meeting hall that had been purchased by the association in the 1950's. Back then, there were 1,800 members. By 2007 there were only 80 left, all in their 80's and 90's. The members all voted to sell the hall and from the sale, they hoped to raise 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS which was to be donated to the children's Hospital in Melbourne, where a Neuro-Science Ward had already been named after them. Bill Gibbons (who had already made his fortune in trucking) paid 1.73 million, outbidding a Sydney developer. In an act that stunned the diggers, Mr. Gibbons told the veterans "they could keep the hall as long as they wanted".

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CHARLES NICHOLS and MARGARET FINDLAY

**(Susannah Nichols (1829-1899) and John Joseph Manuel (1828-1901)
(Annie Claudine Manuel (1867-1947) and John Frederick Warner (1867-1947)
Son John 'Jack' Charles Frederick Warner (18th July 1899-17th September 1964)**

John Charles Frederick Warner was the eldest of three sons born to Annie Claudine (nee Manuel) and John Frederick Warner. John Frederick has been written about previously but to refresh your memory, he was one of only 9 Australian soldiers to fight and survive three wars. Aged 21, he fought in the Sudan War, with the Service No: 1141, as a horse-driver in the artillery attached to the Australian contingent. John Frederick Warner was one of less than 90 known survivors of that regiment. John Frederick returned home and married Annie Claudine Manuel on the 4th April 1888, at Woollahra, in Sydney and three sons were born between 1889 and 1893, John Charles (1889-1964), George Andrew (1891-1955) and Christopher Walter Warner (1893-1972)

It wasn't long before John Frederick was off to the Boer War. The British Government asked the colonies for hardy bush-men who could ride, shoot and find their way, in order to fight the Boers with their own weapons. Volunteers were tested and they then formed the N.S.W. Bushman's Regiment and John was allocated Service No: 312, but quickly promoted to Corporal. He embarked on the '*Armenia*' on the 23rd April 1900 from Sydney, and the troop consisted of 40 officers, 722 Sergeants, rank and file with 800 horses and 6 carts. Their cartridge belts were provided in Sydney, with supporting braces, fully horsed along with saddlery. John Frederick served with the 6th Batt. For 18 months and was then promoted to Sergeant, and continued for another 9 months with the Bechuanaland Rifles. He received the King and Queen's Medals with six bars.

Aged 52, John Frederick re-enlists for the Great War (1914-1918) enlisting on the 8th March 1915, Service No: 3197 he is quickly promoted to Transport Sergeant when they land at Suez on the 10th May 1917, serving with the 7th Aust. Light Horse. John Frederick was hospitalised twice in France and once in Belgium. He was honourably discharged on the 12th April 1919.

John Frederick Warner and Annie Claudine (née Manuel) celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on the 4th April 1938 in their home at Lidcombe, in Western Sydney where they settled 19 years ago. Their home is named "Rooiwal" after the battle in the Great War when he received a gun-shot wound to the fleshy part of his hand, was gassed and suffered shell shock from which he still has bad memories. John Frederick tried to enlist for the Burma War but was told 'he would have to make his own way there and pay his own expenses'. He decided against it.

Annie Claudine (nee Manuel) stated that she did have fears for her husband when he was away fighting overseas when interviewed in 1938 for the local paper. John Frederick's advice was "marry young – if you can afford it." The photograph on the right shows John Frederick and Annie Warner c 1940.



John Frederick Warner died on the 8th April 1942*, aged 79, at the Prince of Wales Hospital, cause of death 'Acute Pulmonary Oedema', and Arteriosclerosis. Occupation "Engineer and Soldier". He was cremated on the 10th April at the Rookwood Crematorium.

Annie Claudine (nee Manuel) Warner passed away on the 29th May 1947*, aged 79, at The Mental Hospital at Gladesville, Sydney, cause of death 'Cerebral Haemorrhage,' Charles Kinsela Funerals provided the hearse that took Annie to Rookwood Crematorium, where she was cremated on the 31st May 1947.

John 'Jack' Charles Frederick Warner (18.7.1889 – 17.09.1964)

'Jack' was the eldest of the three sons born to John Frederick Warner and Annie Claudine (nee Manuel). Prior to his enlistment into WW1 on the 12th September 1914 he listed his occupation as a sailor in the Royal Naval Reserve, Liverpool, England (resigned). He also attested to being single, 25 years and 2 months of age and although he did not write the exact date of birth on the form, 25 years and 2 months from September 1914 works out mathematically that he was born in July 1889, which is correct. He uses the name JACK Warner, describes himself as having blue eyes, brown hair and is 5'9" tall, 10st. 6lbs, and declares his address was 259 Annandale Street, Annandale, Sydney, and his father John Warner is his NOK. Jack's religion is R.C. He is allocated the Service No: 1305 and is assigned to the 20th Batt. On the 12th April 1915 he embarks Australia headed for the Gallipoli Peninsula. After the Anzacs land at Gallipoli in Turkey on the 25th April 1915, the steep ridges, deep gullies and thick scrub made it extremely difficult to move forward and attack the Turkish soldiers. All their ammunition, water and supplies had to be landed on the narrow beach and then carried up the steep hills. They also had to dig trenches and tunnels to protect themselves from the constant enemy attacks, and to live in them as well as defend and fight. Conditions were horrific and disease was rife. After 8 months, the Anzacs advanced little further than the positions they had taken on the first day.

31st July 1915: 'Jack' is admitted to hospital with 'Varicocele' which is an enlargement of the vein that transports oxygen-depleted blood away from the testicle, and Jack would suffer from this condition his entire life, requiring multiple admissions to hospital.

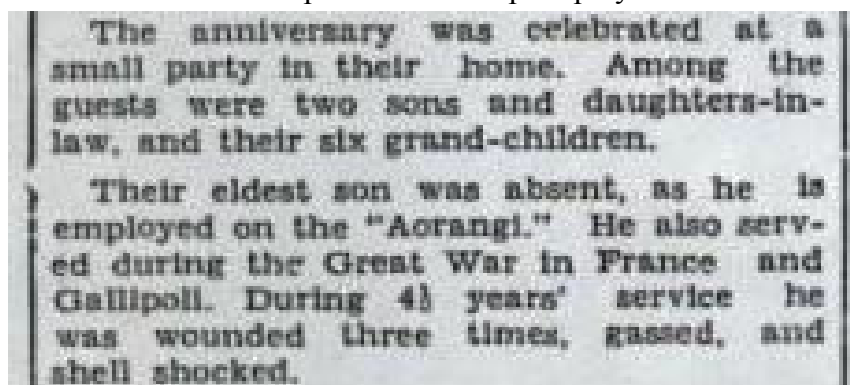
7th November 1915: Arrives at Anzac Cove via the 'Ionian' to join the fighting, then to Alexandria and re-joins his unit, the 20th Battalion, 7th Division, stationed at Cairo.

21 April 1916: Jack is hospitalised with Dysentery and so ill he is transported back to England. Jack makes a full recovery then takes leave, but is charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, striking a civilian (1st Offence) and is docked 14 days' pay.

20th June 1916: Jack embarks for overseas duty to France (via Southampton) and is fighting on the battlefields with the 20th Batt. A.I.F before he is relocated to Belgium where he is wounded (shrapnel wound to shin) on the 2nd November 1917. Two weeks later Jack returns to duty with his unit.

Jack returns to France and on the 27th July 1918 he is wounded (gassed). The next entry in his military file is dated 9th August 1918. He is still in France and has been wounded for the third time with a gun-shot wound to his right thigh and invalided to England for treatment for two months. It is considered that his wounds make him ineligible to return to the front, and so he is reassigned to Submarine Guard duty (briefly) before he embarks for Australia on the 21st October 1918, and then discharged from the military on the 20th February 1919.

Jack comes home and post-war took up employment in the mines, then working as a 'wire-splicer' and also



a 'horse trainer' to earn a living, but was obviously the happiest when he was on the high seas and travelling. We do know that by 1938 Jack had returned to being a sailor with a New Zealand passenger line 'Aorangi,' as he is absent from his parents 50th wedding anniversary celebrations and also gets a mention in the local paper and the section referring to Jack and his war service appears left of page. The

‘Aorangi’ was a passenger/cargo liner launched in 1924 that was the first motor passenger vessel on the Pacific and Jack returned to an ocean-going occupation up until the outbreak of WW2, when he re-enlisted, this time using his correct name John Charles Warner but lied about his age and date of birth.

Two years later Jack is back home in Australia and enlists in WW2 on the 15th May 1940, at Randwick, in Sydney. He gives his name as John Charles Warner and states he has had military experience with the Cape Mounted Rifles, as a Trooper. He gives his mother Annie Claudine Warner as his NOK who resides at Lidcombe, Sydney. Jack also attests to being single, 5’9” tall with blue eyes and brown hair and aged 38 years and 10 months being born on the **18th July 1902**. He has taken 13 years off his age, as he was actually born on the 18th July 1889 and is 7 weeks shy of 52. This was commonplace with men who were over the age limit and Jack being a reasonably fit man who had experience with a rifle was a desirable soldier. He states previous occupations as Wire splicer, Miner and Horse trainer. Jack is issued Service No: NX16673 and his enlistment photograph appears on the right.

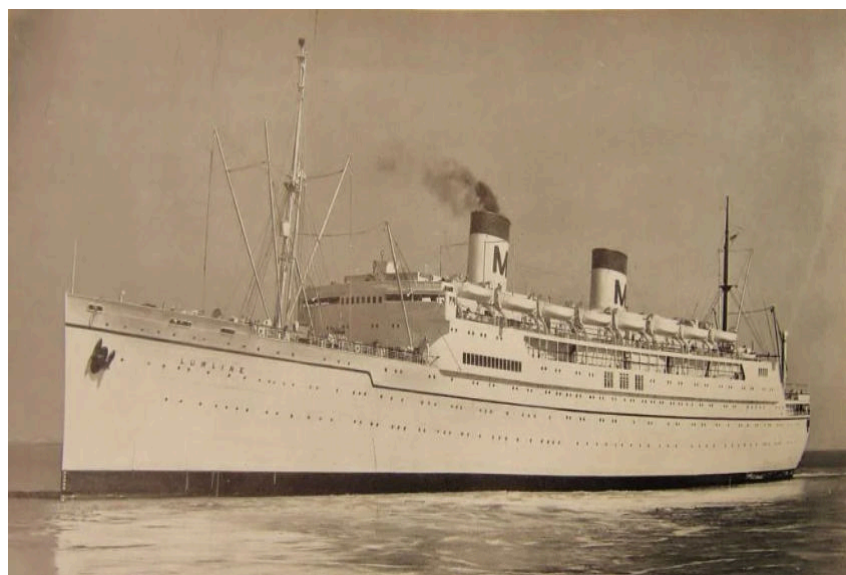
23rd May 1940: Taken on strength.

04th August 1940: Promoted: Grade 11 Engineers.

19th October 1940: Allocated to 2/5 Infantry Field Coy, 7th Division, he embarks Sydney bound for the Middle East, arriving there on the 25th November 1940. He served mainly in Syria but by 1941 on the 16th August was evacuated to the 23rd Scottish Hosp. with ‘Enlarged Prostate.’ As he did not respond to treatment he was evacuated to the Hospital Ship and by 8th November 1941 diagnosed with ‘Hypertrophy of Prostate’ and “Unfit for duty”.

Jack leaves the Middle East via Hospital Ship and arrives back in Sydney on the 8th February 1942. His condition is unchanged and on the 6th July 1942 he is medically discharged ‘due to no fault of his own.’

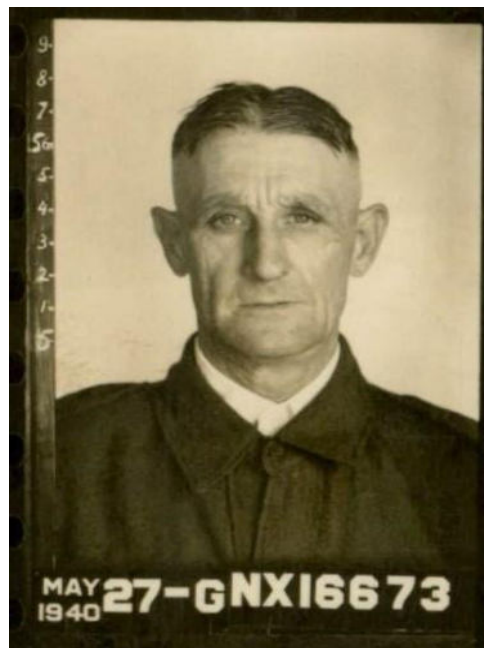
Jack’s career in the Army has come to an end but his love for the sea and travelling hasn’t and by 1943 Jack



has joined the Merchant Navy and is serving on the ‘S.S. Lurline’, which left Melbourne and arrived in San Francisco on the 17th November 1943 for 10 days and then travels on to Canada. He is listed as ‘Seaman aged 54, from Sydney, Australia.’ Photograph of the ‘S.S. Lurline’ taken after a major refit in 1948. John Charles Frederick ‘Jack’ Warner served his country proud and we thank him for his service. His later days were spent residing at his brother Christopher’s house in Maroubra and later at Ewey Bay, N.S.W. He died on the 17th September 1964* aged 75, at the Newcastle Hospital, and his death

certificate states “Jack’ Warner died of Arteriosclerosis, Coronary Atherosclerosis, and Fractured left Femoral of the Neck. His nephew Walter was the informant and stated he “was single and his occupation was a SEAMAN.”

Compiled by Helen Alderman (on behalf of the Charles line with special recognition to the WW2 site that enabled the research.)



THOMAS NICHOLS married MARTHA JOHNSON on 1 April 1850

Family of the 10th, 11th & 12th children of Thomas & Martha (continued from Newsletter #81)

This is the fifth & final article 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 Thomas John's family, Charles' family, and James' family.

Recapping - 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.

Firstly, Noel Thomas was born on 19 December 1908 at Daylesford, Vic. He was a Clerk and began service in the R.A.A.F. on 20 August 1941.

He enlisted at Murtoa / Melbourne, Vic. - Service No. 42476 and was discharged on 12 September 1947 as Sergeant at Laverton, Vic. Noel Thomas lived at 6 Paterson Street, East Geelong, Vic. and died on 26 May 1978 at Geelong, Vic, at age 69 and was buried in the Eastern Lawn Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. He married Margaret 'Beryl' Cameron, (photo at left) daughter of Donald Cameron and Florence McLaren on 23 Nov 1946 at Fenwick Memorial Baptist Church, East Geelong, Vic. She was born on 21 December 1915 at Willaura, Vic. and died on 11 July 2006 at Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Lawn Cemetery, Geelong, Vic.



Secondly, Jack Nichols Davey was born on 1 October 1911 at Daylesford, Vic. died on 15 October 1911 at Daylesford, Vic. and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Daylesford, Vic.

Thirdly, William Alan was born on 24 June 1915 at Daylesford, Vic, and died on 5 January 2002 at the Hospital in Wycheproof near Boort, Vic. He married Ada May Latimer, (photo at right) daughter of Albert Latimer and Bertha Kaye, on 25 March 1940 at St. Mary's Church of England, Woodend,



Vic. She was born on 24 Feb 1913 at Malmsbury, Vic. She died on 9 June 1994 at Boort, Vic.



Thomas & Martha's 11th child, James Nichols was born on 27 March 1877 at Barkstead, Vic. He was a Labourer, and died on 17 May 1947 at the South Melbourne Football Ground, Vic, at age 70 and was buried in the Eastern Church of England Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. He married Frances King, daughter of Job Fletcher King and Jane Lloyd, on 12 May 1909 at the Congregational Church, South Melbourne, Vic. She was born on 6 September 1877 at Bolwarra near Bungaree, Vic. and died on 28 February 1947 at East Geelong, Vic. and was buried in the Eastern Church of England Cemetery, Geelong, Vic. James and Frances had 2 sons.

Firstly, James Herbert 'Clive' Nichols was born on 29 May 1910 at Skenes Creek near Apollo Bay, Vic. He was a Postal Employee and began service in the R.A.A.F. on 8 October 1942, enlisted at West Preston, Vic. - Service No. 119434 and

was discharged on 4 December 1943 as Sergeant - NEAHQ - TCU. He died on 2 January 1971 at Dandenong, Vic, at age 60 and was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium, Springvale, Vic. He married Edith Emily Olney, (photo at right) daughter of Albert Olney and Louisa Batchelor on 18 July 1936 at the Newtown Methodist Church, West Geelong, Vic. She was born on 24 Aug 1913 at Drysdale, Vic. and died on 16 October 1990 at Dandenong, Vic. and was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium.



Secondly, Raymond 'Jack' Nichols was born on 9 November 1916 at Forrest, Vic. He was a Textile Worker then Carpenter, and began Military Service on 7 June 1940. He enlisted at East Geelong, Vic. - Service No. VX24122 and was discharged on 13 February 1946 as Staff Sergeant - H Q - 1 Aust. Corps. He died on 24 December 1988 at Hospital, Geelong, Vic, at age 72 and was cremated at Grovedale Memorial Park, Geelong, Vic. He married Edna 'Muriel' Smith, (photo at left) daughter of George Ebensor Reginald Smith and Ethel Marguerite Riley, on 20 January 1945 at St. George's Presbyterian Church, East St. Kilda, Melbourne, Vic. She was born on 7 September 1915 at 85 Lewisham Road, Prahran, Melbourne, Vic. and died on 12 January 2001 at Hospital, Geelong, Vic. and was cremated at the Grovedale Memorial Park, Geelong, Vic.

Thomas & Martha's 12th child, John Nichols was born on 28 March 1879 at Barkstead, Vic. died on 13 September 1937 at Geelong, Vic, at age 58 [unmarried] and was buried in the Eastern Church of England Cemetery, Geelong, Vic.

Compiled by Family Coordinator Peter Nichols (nicholspeter021@gmail.com) from material provided by descendants over many years.

ANN PUGH NICHOLS married JOHN KELLICK in 1825

Elizabeth KELLICK – Born 1st June 1826 – Died 7th August 1886

Elizabeth was John and Ann's first born child and was born on the 1st of June 1826 at 146 Phillip Street, Sydney. Six weeks later on the 16th of July, she was baptised at St. Phillip's Church by Reverend William Cowper. Throughout her life Elizabeth was affectionately called Betty by her family and friends.

As a young lady Elizabeth would have studied reading, writing and arithmetic as well as the fashionable accomplishments of singing, drawing etiquette needlework, letter writing, music and dancing. According to family records Elizabeth led a pleasant and varied social life. On Sundays she regularly attended church service. During the week she accompanied her friends to tea meetings and to performances at the local theatres, concert halls and the opera. For example, on Saturday the 13th of July 1867, Elizabeth attended a performance given by the Bacchus Minstrels at the School of Arts in Pitt Street, Sydney which was in aid of the Flood Relief Fund. A little over a week later, on Monday the 22nd of July, she went to the Victoria Theater to see Madame Celeste perform in a farce entitled 'The Sea of Lee'. The play was so delightful Elizabeth and her friends returned to see a second performance the following Friday.

Elizabeth also enjoyed watching her brothers play cricket. On Saturday the 30th of November 1867, Elizabeth watched her brother James score 19 runs for his team, the Warwicks, against the Alberts at the Albert Cricket Ground.

By the 1860's Elizabeth and her brothers were traveling by train to South Creek (now St. Mary's) to visit the family of Mathew and Elizabeth Webb (her younger brother Charles More Kellick's wife's parents). When young friends from the country visited the Kellicks, Elizabeth and her brother James took them on walking tours around Sydney and on trips to Manly on the steamer. On social occasions she chaperoned the young ladies; in quieter moments she practiced playing her piano in the family's dining room.

To our knowledge the only property Elizabeth owned was situated at East Kempsey. The two parcels of land were comprised of two acres at the junction of Wharf and Rudder Streets which fronted onto the Macleay River plus a town allotment at the junction of Rudder and Bissett Streets. These properties were sold to Alfred George Lee in 1876 for £100.

Elizabeth was the eldest child and the last surviving daughter of the family. She remained a spinster and lived most of her life with her parents with the final years spent at her brother, James Kellick's residence 'Bundarra' 479 Dowling Street, Moore Park.

On the 7th of August 1886, aged 60 years, Elizabeth died of cancer of the neck at her brother, James Kellick's home at 'Bundarra', Dowling Street, Moore Park, Sydney. She was buried in St. Stephen's Churchyard, Camperdown in her father John Kellick's Family Plot (section 12, plot 63) by the undertaking firm of her father's brother-in-law Charles Kinsela.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Monday the 9th of August 1886, Page 1, Family Notices

KELLICK. — August 7th, 1886, at the residence of her brother James, of cancer, Elizabeth, only daughter of the late John Kellick, of Sydney.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Monday the 9th of August 1886, Page 14, Family Notices

THE FUNERAL of the late ELIZABETH KELLICK will leave the residence of her brother James, Bundarra Dowling-street, Moore Park, THIS DAY, MONDAY, at a quarter to 3 o'clock, for the Camperdown Cemetery. All friends will kindly accept this invitation.

The Camperdown Cemetery was established in 1848 on about 13 acres of the 240 acres granted to Governor Bligh, known as the Camperdown Estate. This was the first privately owned and operated Anglican cemetery in Sydney. It was the main cemetery for Sydney from 1849 to 1867. During this time it received over 15,000 interments and was the subject of a state government select committee inquiry. This inquiry was convened to address the mismanagement of a number of cemeteries within Sydney and it found that the accusations directed at the Camperdown Cemetery were founded. Sale of plots was terminated in 1867 and it closed in 1868 but a trickle of burials continued until c1920s-1940s (sources conflict on the end date), these being within family and pre-purchased plots and crypts.

Following its closure, the cemetery fell into disrepair. It was reduced in size in the 1950s when Camperdown Memorial Rest Park was established, comprising two distinct sections: the St. Stephen's Church and graveyard (within a six foot high sandstone wall) and the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park (without the wall), treated as broadly grassed open space with pockets of tree planting, and, directly south of the graveyard wall, a children's

playground area. The Church and graveyard have been managed since the 1970s by the Camperdown Cemetery Trust and the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park is managed by Marrickville Council.



line of the wall which encloses the current cemetery. The Kellick Family grave site is located outside the wall just beyond the south-west corner of the current cemetery.

While researching Elizabeth I came across interesting information that Elizabeth had a ship and an island named after her.

Elizabeth's father John Kellick's mother Jane Gardener nee Hay died in 1818 and at the age of 12 John Kellick was admitted to the Sydney Male Orphan School where he served an Apprenticeship as a Cabinet Maker.

He later went on to building houses and factories and trading in timber. In 1829 John paid £25 for a licence to retail wines, malt and spirituous liquors at his public house 'The Cabinetmakers Arms' at 42 Phillip Street. In 1833 John made the patriotic gesture of changing the name of his public house to the 'Australian Inn'. The current building at 42 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW, is Kusu House and at the ground level there is a wine bar called, "Bar Luca"

The spread of settlements to the north and south of Sydney required coastal shipping services to provide regular communications, transport and supplies. John realised that there was a profit to be made from the growing coastal trade in timber and colonial produce and also, an obvious advantage for John was having a constant and cheap supply of cedar for his cabinet making business. In 1831 John commenced a small colonial shipping enterprise. One of his ships was the cutter 'Elizabeth' presumably named after his daughter Elizabeth. He also had his own Wharf at Darling Harbour named Kellick's Wharf.

In 1837 to meet the growing need in the cedar timber trade, Thomas Small and Henry Gilbett sailed their new vessel named Susan north of Sydney to the Big River (now known as the Clarence River) but found that the Bar at the entrance to the river was too rough to attempt a crossing. After waiting a couple of days they decided to return to Sydney to collect a whale boat (or long boat) so that a sound and safe route could be taken to be able to cross the Bar.

On the 1st of May, the Susan having been registered and restocked, headed for the Big River again. This time it was noted in the Sydney newspapers-

The schooner, Susan, went out on Saturday, on a trip northwards whither she proceeds with a party of men (sawyers) for the purpose of cutting cedar from the banks of a river near Morton Bay, being the first vessel which has gone to that place.

John Kellick on hearing about this immediately sent his small Cutter the Elizabeth captained by Daniel Keele and met up with the Susan waiting to cross the Bar. It is unclear if John Kellick was on board.

Both ships sailed up the river for about sixty miles and the Susan put down the anchor adjacent to an Island and named it Susan Island in honour of his ship. Captain Keele set down anchor near the other island further up the river and named this island Elizabeth Island in honour of his ship and daughter.

John Kellick's Cutter Elizabeth being smaller, and of shallow draft, explored further up the river, but the captain made a mistake when the river forked and travelled up what is now known as Orara thinking it was the main river, but it ended in swampy shallows. This branch of the river was known as Dan Keele's Mistake or The Mistake for quite a while locally, before it was officially named 'Orara'. The Elizabeth, having returned to the river junction, proceeded up the main river as far as it was navigable, and Kellick's men set up a camp there as the first cedar cutters in the area.

1839: John Kellick advertised cutter Elizabeth trading regularly to "Big River" and store on "Big River" with provisions available. Kellick's store appears to be the first store advertised on the Clarence.



The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser Tue 19 Nov 1839 Page 2 Ship News.

By the arrival of the cutter Industry we have received the following account of the total loss of the schooner Elizabeth, belonging to this port. She left Sydney Cove about six weeks ago, bound to Port Phillip; on her passage down she put into Batemans Bay, in a heavy gale from the S.W., and on the night of Thursday, the 7th instant, drove from her; anchors and went on shore. The crew, consisting of three in number, made the land, where they remained up to the time of the Industry going in, the master of which vessel kindly offered them a passage, up to Sydney, but before they could collect their few articles together, it came on to blow a complete gale from the S.W., and she was compelled to put to sea.

Garry Holman

Ann Pugh Nichols/John Kellick Family Coordinator

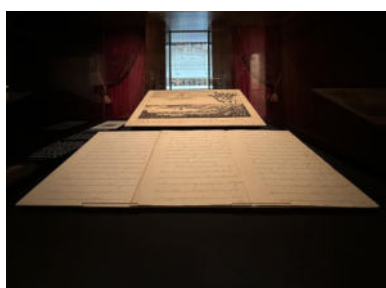
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FROM the STATE LIBRARY of NSW—ARTHUR PHILLIP'S JOURNAL

The State Library has acquired a rare fragment of Governor Arthur Phillip's long long-lost journal and is placing it on public display. The newly discovered 20-page journal fragment from the late 18th century is the first Phillip material to appear on the market in nearly 20 years and contains significant information about Phillip and his time in Australia, including unknown details about convict life.

Most significantly, the journal includes an account by Phillip in January 1792 of a previously unknown visit to Sydney by Gomebeere, an Aboriginal man he had met in the Hawkesbury region only nine months prior.

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/news/> With thanks to the Fellowship of First Fleeters.



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ELIZA NICHOLS married JAMES WILLIAMS on 28 September 1840.

(their daughter Jane Eliza Williams (1842-1918) married Noble Latimer (1832-1907) in 1867)
(their son William James Latimer (1869-1927) married Amy (nee Crawford) Latimer (1871-1931)
(their daughter Ruth Latimer (1893-1964) married Jean Marss Cadet (1891-1965)
their son Andre Jean William Cadet (1913-1987)

Andre Jean William Cadet was born on the 4th March 1913 at Sutherland, an inner suburb of Sydney to parents Jean Marss Cadet (1891-1965) and Ruth Latimer. Andre was the eldest of three children, having two younger sisters; Jean Augustine (1916-1991) and Yvonne Ruth Cadet (1932-2013). Andre's paternal grandfather Charles Cadet (1856-1923) was born in Durban in South Africa and came to Australia prior to the war and married Mary (née Murdoch) in 1882 at Parkes, then relocated to Hurstville, in the Sutherland shire to take up an Engineers position.

Andre was considered a very bright young man academically and attended Sydney High school from 1927 to 1932. He sat the Intermediate certificate in 1930 and obtained an 'A' in English as well as Mathematics, Tech Drawing, History, Science, Woodwork, Metalwork and 'French'. The family had a strong French heritage and kept the names continuing to reflect the many generations beforehand that bore their French lineage that they were so rightly proud of. Andre then sat the Leaving certificate in 1932 with distinctions for Maths 11, English, History and Physics. Andre was also athletic and captained the 1st Grade School Cricket Team, played Grade Football and A Grade Tennis.

After leaving school in 1932 his first job was as a Clerk at Briscoe and Co. Ltd in Kent Street, Sydney. Keen to extend his knowledge base Andre enrolled at Sydney Technical College in Ultimo from 1939 to 1941 and undertook an Accountancy Course. On the 2nd September 1939, aged 26, Andre married Clara Amelia Corless (1916-1990).

On the 17th December 1941, Andre made an application to join the Air Crew in the RAAF and officially started his military service career on the 18th July 1942, with the Service No: 423630 and his enlistment photograph dated, appears right. He attested to being 5'6" tall, with a 34" chest, weighed 9 stone was of the Church of England faith and gave his wife Clara as NOK with their residential address as 45 George Street, Hurstville, Sydney. Along with all the above information contained in his military file providing his education and sporting prowess, Andre listed his two children and their ages. John Howard Cadet Born 25.7.1940 and Deidre Cadet Born 13.11.1941.

Andre was promoted to Sgt. 29.4.1943 and a month later joined the Air Crew in the UK for 13 months before returning home as medically unfit, as he had developed Hypermetropia (where there is good distance vision but trouble seeing nearby objects, causing blurred vision and headaches) and Ocular Muscle Imbalance in his eyes. He was then discharged as medically unfit to fly, Rank: Warrant Officer, on the 5th April 1945 and reverted to accountancy work after the war until retirement.



Andre Jean William Cadet died on the 29th January 1987, aged 73 and his wife Clara Amelia passed away on the 28th January 1993.

Thomas Noble Parker was born on the 28th October 1909 at Waterloo, in Sydney, the 3rd of four children to Ethel Maud (nee Latimer) (1881-1971) and Thomas Charles Parker (1883-1943). Life would have been somewhat difficult for young Thomas Noble as a boy growing up, particularly after his father Thomas Charles Parker enlisted in WW1 in August 1916 when young Thomas was aged seven. After his father went to war and embarked for the U.K. in November 1916, and then went A.W.O.L. on 23rd January 1917. The Court of Enquiry held on the 18th February 1918 declared him still absent, and as a consequence of this he was officially declared a 'Deserter' on the 1st April 1920. By this time young Thomas Noble was eleven. After leaving school around fifteen, he took up working as a 'Spray painter' and listed this as his occupation when he enlisted for military service in WW2 on the 18th May 1943.

Thomas Noble Parker was aged 33 years and 6 months on enlistment, and attested to being 5'7 ½" tall with blue eyes and brown hair weighing 140 lbs. He was a Presbyterian and gave his N.O.K. as his mother Ethel, stating he was employed by Rheem as a Spray painter.

Thomas began his military career with the RAAF Service No: 134079, and taken on initially as a trainee technician. He quickly completed a mechanical course 18.10.1943 to 08.01.1944, as well as Fitters Course No 252 in 1943, achieving the rank of Flight Mechanic Grade 11.



On 11.01.1944 Thomas was caught 'gambling for money playing cards in the barracks', and received 5 days K.B.

On 15.05.1944 Thomas was reportedly "Drunk at the Capital Theatre at 20:00 hours"- 14 days K.B. (1st Offence) "Hotel out of bounds for one month."

14.10.1944 – "Drunk 17:15 at Wagga Wagga (2nd Offence) 14 days K.B. and fine 10/-

After his discharge from the RAAF on the 7th February 1946, as a Leading Aircraftman with the 5th Squadron, Thomas returned to spray painting and resided at Kingsford, in Sydney. He died on the 30th December 1965* aged 56. His death certificate states "Cause of death was due to Myocardial Infarction." His sister Ethel Emma Jones was the Informant, and stated he was unmarried and resided at 'The Hamilton' Guest House in Botany, his usual residence. Thomas was buried in the Methodist Section of the Rookwood Cemetery.

We are calling for an enthusiastic volunteer to become the Eliza line Family Coordinator

PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks to the members of the JNFS, the photograph collection has reached the grand total of **13,437** and a breakdown of the individual family lines appears below.

John and Ann = 276

John Pugh/Nichols = 3,613

Martha = 1,094

Sophia = 4,541

Eliza = 236

Sarah = 680

Ann = 113

Amelia = 1,751

Joseph = 1

Charles = 311

Susanna = 205

Thomas = 616.

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Acknowledgment to WW2 – RAAF website.

JOHN PUGH/NICHOLS married REBECCA MOSS in 1825

(their daughter Ann Louisa (nee Nichols) married John Bradney in 1869)
(their son James Walter Bradney married Jessie Amanda (nee Poulter) in 1894)
(their daughter Reita Gertrude (nee Bradney) married Henry Charles Pether in 1920)
Jean Marie (nee Pether) married Thomas McDiarmid in 1952.

While researching the National Archives WW2 site I have come across many photographs and records that reveal not just a person's military history but in many instances quite amazing personal journeys in the 'tapestry of life,' and the story of Jean Marie Pether was certainly one of them. I have often encountered where men lied about their ages as they were too old to enlist, so they deducted many years off their true birthdate making them eligible for military service. On the other hand I found several young men who were eager to 'get into the action' and saw enlisting as an adventure, oblivious to the real hardships and tragedies of disability, becoming a Prisoner of War or death and they added a few years on! The common practice was to change only the birth YEAR and to leave the day and month as factual. Very few change their surname and nearly all leave their actual parents' names who are N.O.K. I suppose this is so that if they were to be captured or died in action, their family would know what happened to them. Jean Marie Pether is the first woman that I have encountered who actually not only lied about her age but also changed her name and called herself Edna May Pether; she was only 16 years of age when she enlisted. This is her story.

Jean Marie Pether enlisted on the 12th November 1942, stating her name was Edna May Pether and she was born on the 26th August 1922, at Cootamundra, which would make her aged 19 and 11 months, all of which was untrue. Her enlistment photograph appears on the right, Service No: CNF443262. She attested to being single, 5'4" tall with blue eyes and fair hair, 8 stone 8 lbs. and gave her mother as the N.O.K. After some keen detective work I found that Edna May Pether was Jean Marie's older sister, who was born on the 26th August 1922, at Cootamundra. So Jean Marie 'borrowed / stole' her sister's identity. In fact the **real** Edna May enlisted for military service in the Royal Australian Navy, Service No: 540 and served from 6th January 1943 to the 15th March 1946, last posting on HMAS *Rushcutter*. 5' 2" tall, blue eyes and fair hair, NOK Henry Pether (father). Sadly we have no photo of her.



Apparently Army life didn't meet her expectations in several respects and after being taken on strength at Ingleburn initially, Jean (AKA Edna) is transferred to Sydney and by 7th July 1943 is appointed Group 11 and assigned clerical work.

On the 26th August 1943 she goes AWOL from 2000 hours until the 7th September 1943 (12 days). Interesting that she chose to go AWOL on her sister Edna May's birthday. Whether this is the reason she went AWOL cannot be corroborated but on the grounds of probability it seems likely. She returns to her role in the military on the 7th September and forfeits 7 days' pay and 14 days C.B. By this time she may be getting nervous about being found out as her older sister Edna has enlisted in the Navy, so there are now two Edna May Pethers with the same birthdate and address in the services. No computers then!!!

On the 14th September '*pretending Edna May*' faces a Charge: Disobeys a lawful command given by her superior officer, and on the 14th October 1943 she fails to appear on parade and is fined £1 and given 7 days CB. I believe that *Edna* is a strong-willed and confident girl but possibly the 'shine and allure of adventure' is beginning to show through, and on the 20th November 1943 "Being under age of 18 years – correct date of birth 1.3.1926" appears in her military file and she is discharged from the service after serving 365 days.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
N. S. W. L. of C. AREA

To: *Mr. Bartlett, Sydney "Major"*
Edna (Mrs. J. J.) Pether
N.S.W. L. of C. Area

In reference to your request for verification of the birth of *Jean Marie Pether* a search through the records at the Registrar General's Dept. reveals:-

| Date of Birth | | | Place of Birth | Christian Names | Parents | | Registration No. |
|---------------|-------|------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| Day | Month | Year | | | Father | Mother | |
| 1 | Mar | 1926 | <i>ootamundra</i> <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Jean</i> <i>Marie</i> | <i>Henry</i> <i>Charles</i> <i>PETHER</i> | <i>Rita</i> <i>Gertrude</i> <i>Bradley</i> | <i>837/1</i> <i>26</i> |

Remarks:-

Particulars verified by:-
Ngau 79
R. D. Rogers Mgr.
A/c. Office N.S.W. L. of C. Area
attd. N.A.C. Dept. NF443262

CHECKED WITH R.G. DEPT. (Circular Stamp: 1988)

DEO. 560A.

Jean Marie (AKA Edna May Pether) has other ideas and her military career isn't over.

Jean Marie Pether's birth certificate appears above. One can only ponder why she was so determined to re-enlist in the military services, but on the 4th May 1944, aged 18 and 2 months she joined the R.A.A.F enlisting at Woolloomooloo, in outer Sydney. The RAAF contacted the AWAS and found that she was discharged due to being underage and Jean attested to this on her application. Her mother Reita Pether was NOK again and stated that she had been working as an Instrument Assembler for Australian National Airways, at Mascot after her military service came to an abrupt end. The Staff Sgt assessing Jean Marie described her as "rather good type" and her looks obviously changed when you compare the photos taken in 1942 and then in 1944. She certainly is a great advertisement for what 'Wella' curlers could do and the 'Wella wave' was extremely fashionable in the 1940's. Given the service No: #176941 Jean Marie appeared to do extremely well and served at Headquarters in 1944, in Records, and then on the 6th June 1945 was stationed at Bradfield Park in the U.K. Jean Marie was discharged from the RAAF on the 26th June 1945, as Aircraftwoman after serving with the Advanced Flying and Refresher Unit.



Jean Marie Pether married Scottish-born Thomas McDiarmid (C1921-07.03.2001) in 1952 and they had two children. Jean Marie McDiarmid died on the 12th March 2014, aged 88 years and 11 days, at Bundanoon, New South Wales and was buried in the Bundanoon Cemetery. Her sister Edna May (nee Pether) Brown passed away in January 2013. I have to wonder if Edna knew about her younger sister's escapades, and if the family were aware of Jean Marie taking on her sister's identity, I am sure they both enjoyed a laugh as they grew older, when reminiscing about their youth.

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SUSANNAH NICHOLS married CHARLES KINSELA on 7 MARCH 1837

Hello fellow "Susannah" and other John Nichols Descendants. Happy Christmas! I do hope members and their families are keeping well and the Year 2025 will bring better health to each and every one.

Part 2 Christ Church Bexley and our Ancestors continued from May 2024 Issue.

I have always been fascinated with the seemingly complicated life of journalist William Henry Pentreath Kinsela. I found this article, written by William, very interesting as it relates to Christ Church Bexley.

Propeller (Hurstville, NSW: 1911 - 1954), Thursday 25 February 1937, page 7

CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEY.

Mystery of Lost Land Deeds.

By WILLIAM H. P. KINSELA.

With the passing of the older generations and the swift passage of the years since 1886, something of a mystery has grown up around the Deeds related to the site on which Christ Church, Bexley now stands; precisely how the land itself was acquired, and who owned it. The solution to these questions is a chapter of local history which has never been written. However, in the following paragraphs, built around facts gleaned after painstaking searching through the old deeds filed in the Land Titles Office, Sydney, and collected from other sources, we are able to present a sketchy but correct sequence of events which led up to the building of Bexley's venerable chapel fifty years ago this month, the jubilee of which is now being celebrated.

In the first instance, the rather curious fact is now revealed for the first time that, up till November last year (1936), the land on which the Church Building itself stands did actually and legally, belong to the three Bexley pioneers who originally presented it to the church. This trio included none other than the Rev. William Harris Saunders, George Preddey, and Henry Kinsela (the writer's grandfather). Mr. Saunders was the first incumbent of the church. The old deeds show that these gentlemen (the latter two being wardens) jointly purchased the land just four months before the foundation stone of the chapel was laid in July 1886. Incidentally, it is understood that Henry Kinsela was one of the principal guarantors in the financing of the church construction. This piece of land was numbered Lot 20, Section 2, of the Ocean View Estate, which, oddly enough, was controlled by a company whose directors were the well-known local identities, Thomas Saywell, William Hudson, and Myles McRae. Now, from information on the title deed of this block in the Lands Office, it appears that in the same month as it was purchased a mortgage was put over it, in order to cover a loan of money from Joseph Davis, of Lydham Hill, Bexley, another member of the original church committee. Without doubt this loan was raised to help build the church. It is also recorded that this mortgage



was discharged, or cancelled, in January 1890. Furthermore, according to a long-since cancelled "Memorandum of Loan," in the possession of the writer's father, H. Kinsela, the church officials were granted a loan of £300 from the Church Buildings Loan Fund of Sydney in 1890, to assist financing construction, and possibly to clear the debt to Joseph Davis. From that day to this, fifty years after, the whereabouts of this land's title has remained a mystery. Also, it is clearly indicated that it was not until November last year that the land legally passed to the Church of England Property Trust. To adjust the loss of the deeds a provisional title was granted by the Registrar General only as recently as January last year.

Left: Henry Kinsela

So much for the land on which the church stands. The block adjoining, now occupied by the church tennis court, was bought originally on the same date as the church block by the late Henry Kinsela. It was called Lot 19, Section 2, of the Ocean View Estate. It was not until after this gentleman died, many years later, that the trustees of his estate sold this lot for £154,

according to the Church Property trust officials, to Messrs. W. L. Docker, H. W. Mort, and J. M. Sandy, who were trustees of the Sydney Church Endowment Fund. That transfer took place on March 26, 1917. Not until six years later, in February 1923, did this block officially pass into the charge of the Church of England Property Trust, as it is so recorded on the title deeds.

Another little-known feature of Christ Church, which we are reminded of by Mrs. Walter Preddey, eldest daughter of the late Henry Kinsela, and one of the very first organists of the chapel, is that the original organ installed there came out of the historic Bathurst Cathedral and is very likely much more than fifty years old. Through the years this organ has undergone several "modernising" changes, and as seen to-day its outward appearances are considerably different from what it was in 1887.

Right: Emily Susannah (Kinsela) Preddey



William Henry Pentreath Kinsela, Wives and Family: Who was his daughter?

William was married twice: Firstly, 9 Jul 1937 at the Methodist Church St Kilda, Victoria to Audrey Kathleen Coloquhoun and they were probably divorced prior to 1945 when he married Mavis Lucy Anderson in Sydney. It is not known if any children were born to William and Audrey and Audrey remarried 1951 to Roy Warren Patterson in Albury.

It was believed William had 2 children. One a daughter called Rosemary Kinsela and a younger son called Paul William Kinsela. Due to privacy laws the problem for researching facts was they were born outside the BDM Index years. A Paul William Kinsela passed away 16 Oct 2012 in Dimbulah, Cairns, Qld age 62 so birth Year was approximately 1950 which does appear to fit. No Proof.



Who was Rosemary Kinsela with no confirmed middle Christian name?

There appeared to be three Rosemary Kinsela's to choose from: One was ruled out quickly and the second was a Rosemary Mavis Kinsela whose husband was John Francis Rubira. The headstone for Rosemary Mavis Rubira gave birth date 27 Oct 1945 and death date 27 Apr 2019. Headstone lists names of her children, granddaughter and partner – no mention of husband.

Did this fit without any certificate proof? Christian names Rosemary Mavis appeared to fit because William H P Kinsela had married Mavis Lucy Anderson in 1945. Often daughters carried one of their mother's Christian names and the year 1945 also appeared to fit so this looked to be the correct Rosemary – but was it? I have had many discussions about who was the correct Rosemary Kinsela with Tony Allen, avid researcher and husband of Susannah Descendant, Christine Allen.

Certificate proof was needed – would William Henry Pentreath Kinsela's Death Certificate furnish us with the details we needed? I requested John Nichols Family Society purchase William's Death transcription. The transcription was purchased through Joy Murrin, on 12 June 2024, certainly in time for the Dec 2024 Susannah Newsletter Article. Oh, the suspense of waiting to see the details! Would they be correct? Death Certificates are notoriously known to be incorrect. Tony Allen who had quietly been doing his own research was hopeful and I am ever the optimist.

A few days later the email with the attachment arrived and I immediately forwarded it to Tony for his expert input.

DEATH TRANSCRIPTION from NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

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| <i>Transcription requested by</i> | SHARON BAGNALL | 12-Jun-24 |
| <i>Registration Number</i> | 200967 | |
| <i>Date of Death</i> | 16 MAY 1979 | |
| <i>Place of Death</i> | GOULBURN BASE HOSPITAL, GOULBURN, USUAL RESIDENCE O'ALLEN FORD, VIA WINDELLAMA | |
| <i>Name</i> | WILLIAM HENRY PENTREATH KINSELA | |
| <i>Occupation</i> | UNEMPLOYED, WIDOWER | |
| <i>Sex</i> | MALE | |
| <i>Age</i> | 69 | |
| <i>Cause of Death</i> | RESPIRATORY FAILURE, BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA, MULTIPLE CEREBRO-VASCULAR ACCIDENTS, CEREBRAL ATHEROSCLEROSIS | |
| <i>Duration</i> | IMMEDIATELY, 3 DAYS, 2 YEARS, NOT LISTED | |
| <i>Medical Attendant</i> | I.L. REWELL, MEDICAL PRACTITIONER | |
| <i>Father</i> | HARRY KINSELA | |
| <i>Father's Occupation</i> | - | |
| <i>Mother - Maiden Name</i> | UNKNOWN | |
| <i>Informant</i> | R.R. KINSELA, DAUGHTER, 4/90 TYRELL STREET, NEWCASTLE; REGISTERED 29 MAY 1979 | |
| <i>When Buried</i> | 18 MAY 1979 | |
| <i>Where</i> | GENERAL CEMETERY, GOULBURN | |
| <i>Undertaker</i> | - | |
| <i>Minister</i> | - | |
| <i>Religion</i> | - | |
| <i>Witnesses</i> | - | |
| <i>Where born</i> | SYDNEY, N.S.W. | |
| <i>Time in Colony/State</i> | - | |
| <i>Place Married</i> | SYDNEY, N.S.W. | |
| <i>Age at Marriage</i> | 37 | |
| <i>Spouse</i> | MAVIS LUCY ANDERSON | |
| <i>Children of Marriage</i> | ROSEMARY 31, PAUL 29. | |
| <i>Other Comments</i> | | |

This is a transcription and NOT a certified copy from the Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages and cannot be used in any legal proceedings whatsoever.

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Upon deciphering the Transcription all details appeared to be correct up to and including Medical Attendant:
After these some facts start to become cloudy:

- **Father:** Harry Kinsela should read Henry Kinsela. Henry was known as Harry.
- **Father's Occupation:** Unknown.
- **Mother Maiden Name:** Unknown. (Beryl Ladner (Curnow) Kinsela had died in 1943, prior to Informant's birth.)
- **Informant:** R. R. Kinsela, Daughter, 4/90 Tyrrell St., Newcastle
- **When Buried:** 18 May 1979
- **Where:** General Cemetery, Goulburn
- **4 Blank Fields:**
- **Where Born:** Sydney, NSW (Correct)
- **Place Married:** Sydney, NSW (Correct)
- **Age at Marriage:** 37 (Close)
- **Spouse:** Mavis Lucy Anderson (two spouses should have been listed)
- **Children of Marriage:** Rosemary 31, Paul 29 (No Middle Christian names listed)

The Australian Electoral Rolls gave Robin as Rosemary's middle Christian Name. That wonderful site, "Find a Grave" lists Norwood Park Crematorium, Mitchell, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, and gave me more details. The Plaque reads: "Rosemary "Rose" Kinsela 19.(?) 9. 1947 – 19.4.2001 Loving Wife, Mother and Friend. Peace Always" So, Rosemary had been married and was a mother. What were the names of her husband and child/children?



mother of Abby Jane Neal (dec. UK). Loved and caring friend to all who knew her. Passed away peacefully at home on 19.4.2001. Privately Cremated. Pain Free at last after a courageous battle over a long period. William Cole Funerals, Canberra."



Poor Rosemary: Her mother died when she was only nine years old and to lose her husband and daughter in the United Kingdom is also tragic. Both Tony and I have looked to Newspapers investigating accidental deaths in the United Kingdom to no avail. I have checked Free England BMD Indexes; however, Abby Jane Neal could be Abigail or Abbey and Tom could be Thomas with a middle Christian name. Coupled with that Death Certificates in England don't list relationships and due to privacy laws, Death Indexes ceased in 1997.

Thank you, Tony Allen for the Bexley Christ Church information and photos you have given to me, which could become another John Nichols article and your help in finding Rosemary Robin Kinsela.

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AMELIA NICHOLS married CHARLES HUGHES on the 8 July 1827

HENRY JAMES HUGHES (1849-1931) was the 8th and last child of Charles and Amelia Hughes. This is my thinnest family line, and I am hoping someone out there can help to fill it out a bit. Henry was born in 1849 at Anvil Creek, in the Hunter Valley, NSW. In 1871 at St Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, Braxton, he married Elizabeth Mary Bourke (1850-1897). Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Burke and Elizabeth



Mary Smallhorn. Henry joined the Public Service, as a policeman, and got his first appointment on the 4th September 1872. It was probably a good move, as his first child Elizabeth Mary was born in March of that year. More children followed, Henry Thomas in 1874. In 1875 the family was living at 23 Gloucester St. Sydney. 2nd son Charles Edmund was born in 1877, Catherine Ethel-1880, Thomas Robert Vaughan-1883, Joseph Sydney-1886 and lastly Amelia May in 1889. In 1890, the family had moved to 285 Crown St, Sydney. Henry was appointed Sub Inspector 2nd Class on the 1st June 1892. Elizabeth died in 1897. He is listed living at 310 Cleveland St, Sydney in 1900 and was still there in 1905.

Found this article on a web site called "Time Gents"- Police Officer Henry James Hughes paid a visit to a number of hotels in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, for the purpose of sampling liquor during March 1903.

As a result, a number of publicans were brought before the Paddington

Summons Court charged with selling adulterated spirits.

Apparently, he remarried in 1905 to Catherine Hession (1866-1949). I can't find anything about the marriage. It feels like it didn't last very long. In 1908, he became Inspector of Police and he retired in 1909. The next 20 years are a mystery. He pops up again in 1929, living at Mary St. Beecroft, with his daughter Catherine. I'm thinking she may have been his carer. Catherine passed away in that year and we find him at Maroubra Nth with his son Charles Edmund, in 1930. Henry died on the 7 June 1931 and was buried the next day at the Waverley Cemetery, in the Roman Catholic section with his wife Elizabeth who had died on the 29th June 1897.

ELIZABETH MARY HUGHES (1872-18 July 1929), daughter of Henry James and Elizabeth Mary Hughes. On 28 April 1897 at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Surrey Hills, she married James Edward Sheerin (1870-21/09/1943). The marriage was unsuccessful and Elizabeth moved out and went to live with her father. There she delivered a child who died not long after. A divorce was granted in 1917. She was still living with her father in 1929, the year she died. Elizabeth was buried at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Waverley.

HENRY THOMAS HUGHES (1874-1919), son of Henry James and Elizabeth Mary Hughes. Henry married Beatrice Helena Kinsela (1879-1965) in St Michael's Anglican Church, Flinders Street, Sydney on the 5th December 1906. Beatrice was his second cousin. Henry and Beatrice had 2 children-Henry Charles 1907-03/06/1967 and Beatrice Elizabeth 1909-1975. Both Henry and Beatrice went on to marry and have families of their own.

While looking through lines some strange connections pop up. Here are a couple I have found so far between the Nichols branch (my husband's) and my lines.

1. Frederick William Oke married Edith Elizabeth Jennings

One of their sons Cyril William Oke 1895-1919 married in 1919 Gladys Emily Newing 1894-1981. Gladys being the daughter of Thomas Henry Newing 1865-1941 and Elizabeth Jemima Winley 1864-1937. Elizabeth belonging to the Martha branch of the Nichols family. Another son Arthur Frederick Oke 1886-1922 married in 1909 Isabella Jane Hannigan 1887-1948. Isabella was the daughter of Robert Hannigan 1840-1895 and Fanny Maria Walters 1859-1937. Robert's parents were James Hannigan 1809-1894 and Elizabeth Robb 1806-1879 from whom I am a direct descendant through my maternal grandmother.

2. This one is a bit tenuous.

Roy James Cohen 1901-1967 married in 1929 Bertha Maud Flesser 1905-1991. Roy was the son of Annie Maud Taylor and the step-son of James Hall. James was the son of Clara Catherine Nichols and William Augustus Hall. Clara was the daughter of John Pugh Nichols and Rebecca Moss. Bertha was the daughter of Wilhelm Friedrich Flesser 1847-1927, and his second wife Maria Magdalena Koplick 1867-1951. They married in 1885. He married in 1882 Auguste Wilhelmine Ebert 1857-1883. Auguste died in childbirth along with the child she was carrying. Auguste was the daughter of Carl Friedrich Ebert 1835-1902 and Johanne Justine Noack 1828-1909. Carl's parents were Christian Ebert and Christine Siebert 1795-1872. I am a direct descendant of Christian and Christine through my paternal grandmother's line.

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Prospect Hill Integrated Interpretation Plan

A Project of the Cumberland City Council

In Newsletter #79 in May 2023, at the bottom of page 4, I reported that:

“Cumberland City Council has conducted two workshops regarding the European history of the Prospect Hill area as well as one workshop for Indigenous descendants of those who inhabited the area prior to European settlement. The first two have now been attended by Peter Nichols, and resultant documentation distributed to the Committee. Peter, on behalf of the Society, has been lobbying the Council during and after these workshops, for recognition of John's contribution over more than 20 years of Farming, and Policing. Previous interpretative signage had been developed and installed by the Department of Lands, but this has deteriorated due to both weather and vandalism over the years, hence the need for a new Interpretative Plan.”

In November 2023, public consultation closed on what was the final draft. The document can be found via the following link: <https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/prospect-hill-heritage>

In February 2024, I was advised that the consultant was to provide a final revision following the public exhibition, but otherwise the project is complete.

Apparently, the document is not intended to be public facing, but more a strategic plan to inform decision making, and supplement heritage and funding applications.

Council's current focus is the Stage 1 implementation of the Access and Lookout project at Prospect Hill. The Interpretation Plan is expected to play a more significant role during subsequent stages of development.

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SARAH NICHOLS married RICHARD JOHNS on 29 April 1845

Elizabeth Johns (1851-1934) married John Shemeld (1841-1919) in 1871.

Clara Victoria Shemeld (1887-1966) married Albert Edward 'Bert' Fulton (1885-1929) in 1908.

The Fulton Family

The Fulton branch of the John Nichols family can be traced to the marriage of Clara Victoria Shemeld to Albert 'Bert' Edward Fulton at Bangerang Methodist Church near Warracknabeal on 7th October 1908, and their wedding day photograph appears right of page. Clara was the ninth child of Elizabeth Johns and John Shemeld and Albert was the eldest child of Jacob Edward 'Ted' Fulton and Catherine Ann Curtis.



Both Clara and Bert had convict ancestors. Clara's paternal grandfather, John Shemeld, was a convict and her maternal grandmother, Sarah Nichols, was the daughter of two convicts – John Nichols and Ann Pugh. Bert's paternal grandparents, Jacob Fulton and Harriet Hewens, were also both convicts. The convict ancestry was never, never talked about; it was either unknown or kept hidden.

Bert Fulton's family were quite poor and Clara Shemeld came from a large family of struggling farmers. Bert was a casual labourer and he never accumulated much money. Albert and Clara lived in a series of disused farm houses in the early years of their marriage and their family grew and grew.

Bert and Clara lived at 82 Stawell Rd, Horsham (House No 1) for a short time in 1908 before moving to a house in Dooen (No 2). Their two eldest children, Roy Albert and Lesley Trevor were born in Dooen. In about 1912, Bert and Clara moved to Haven (No 3) and they welcomed four more children, Doris, Mona, Alan and Stanley. The photograph on the right depicts the four eldest children taken C 1919; Les, Doris, Mona and Roy Fulton.



In 1919, Bert and Clara moved to East Wonwondah (No 4) to live in a house owned by Clara's mother and here they welcomed two more children – Keith and Edna. Then in 1924, Bert and Clara moved across the creek to live in a farmhouse owned by Mr McQuillan (No 5) and they welcomed another son, Norman. In 1926 the family moved to a house owned by Mr Fred Eagles (No 6) and they welcomed two more sons – Leonard and Arthur.

The tragic death of Bert on 22nd December 1929 left Clara, then aged 42 with 11 children. Bert died in hospital following a gall bladder operation. The children were aged from 4 months to 20 years of age. Clara had no money and no property. She had no welfare assistance and plans were in place to have the younger children adopted. The older children reacted quickly and agreed to pool their meagre earnings to keep the family together. To this day, the family finds it hard to understand how Clara kept the family together during the years of the Great Depression. In later years, it was often said that they lived on 'rabbits and home-made bread'. There must have been some truth in this comment because the boys were experts at catching rabbits.

The photograph on the right shows Albert Edward 'Bert' Fulton (1885-1929) on the ground, with his father Edward 'Ted' Fulton (1854-1930) holding the reins to the horse-drawn cart. 1920



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A second tragic death occurred in January 1931 when youngest child Arthur William Fulton, then aged 2, drowned in a nearby creek and a photograph of Doris Elizabeth Fulton nursing her brother Arthur appears left, taken early in 1930.

In 1932, Clara and her 10 children moved to a house owned by Mr Beveridge (No 7) in East Wonwondah. The school aged children welcomed this move because it reduced their walk to school from 5 miles to 3 miles.



Then in 1935, Clara moved to Narrawong near Portland to live in a house owned by the Shemeld family (No 8). This move didn't work out so well and they moved back to another house in East Wonwondah (No 9) in December 1937. Clara's children were getting married during the late 1930s and she was left with only the younger sons. Clara lived with her married son Les in Palk Street, Horsham (No 10) before the family managed to purchase a small house for her in Tena Avenue, Horsham (No 11) in 1945. Norm and Len lived with her in this house. In 1955, Clara sold her house in Tena

Avenue and bought a house next to her son Norm's milk bar and shop in Stawell Rd, Horsham (No 12). Except for house No 8 at Narrawong, all the houses were near Horsham.

Photo above, left to right: Edna, Mona, their mother Clara Victoria (nee Shemeld) Fulton (1887-1966) and Doris in 1948.

Most of the early houses – numbers 1 to 9, were very basic indeed. They did not have bathrooms and a tub was brought inside once a week for the children to have a bath. The boys used to fondly remember the change- rooms at the East Wonwondah football ground – two large peppercorn trees about 40 metres apart - they offered some shade and not much else.

The hard times have gone now. The Fulton family still frequently get together and they are all the best of friends. The grandchildren of Bert and Clara got to know each from a very early age by attending the weddings of their uncles and aunts, as well as by the frequent visits to the extended family.

The ten Fulton children used to frequently say that 'blood is thicker than water' and they made sure that their children got to know their cousins. From the early 1980s, Fulton Reunions have been held every couple of years. The cousins have kept the tradition of the Fulton Reunions going and the most recent was held at Haven, on 28th April 2024, with about 60 Fulton Family members attending including 15 of Bert and Clara's grandchildren. (See photograph below). The passing of all of Bert and Clara's children hasn't stopped the desire to have the reunions.

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The next Fulton Reunion planned for May 2026 at Haven. (Haven is 4 kilometres south of Horsham.)

The grandchildren who live in the Horsham district do most of the planning and the running of the reunions and their work is much appreciated.

Photograph taken on the 28th April 2024, to celebrate the 'Fulton' Family Reunion held in Victoria. Organised by the committee, the hard-working members are pictured left.

Sue Exell, Beverley Reynolds, Rod Fulton, Marcelle Fulton, Kevin Lane, Lesley Lane and Gary Exell.

15 First Cousins on the Fulton Family Line: Back row, left to right: David Jensz, Shirley (Hardingham) Jeffrey, Frances (Hardingham) Rankin, Lois (Fulton) Arstall, Kevin Lane, Rosemary (Fulton) Brownlaw, Beverley (Lane) Reynolds, Jennifer (Fulton) Fraser, Kay (Fulton) Dixon, Susan (Lane) Exell and Rod Fulton.



Front row, left to right: Donald Fulton, Norman Hardingham, Nancy (Lane) Heinrich, and Doreen (nee Fulton) Brumby.

This Photograph taken on the 28.4.2024 at the Fulton Family Reunion held in Victoria.

The Fulton Family has –

11 in generation 1, 48 in generation 2, 127 in generation 3, 204 in generation 5, 27 in generation 6 and there have been 188 spouses so far.

Fulton Family generations 1 and 2

1. **Roy Albert Fulton:** 1909-1984 married Pearl Melbourne 1913–2001 in 1935.
Roy ‘Noel’ John (dec) Edith ‘Doreen’, Alex, Mavis (dec), and Kathleen.
2. **Lesley Trevor Fulton:** 1911–1970 married Irene ‘Muriel’ Taylor 1915–1998 in 1935.
Ronald (dec), Margaret (dec), Joan (dec), Trevor, Janice, Carol, and Kevin.
3. **Doris Elizabeth Fulton:** 1912-2003 married Victor Jenz 1910–1996 in 1937.
David, Neville (dec), Peter, and Graeme.
4. **Mona May Fulton:** 1915-1998 married Albert Edward Lane 1908-1998 in 1937.
Raymond (dec), Patricia ‘Nancy’, Deral (dec), Beverley, Eric (dec), Kevin, and Susan.
5. **Allan Angus Fulton:** 1917-1992 married Rita Saunders 1919-2009 in 1944.
Lois, Donald, and Glenda.
6. **Stanley Arthur Fulton:** 1919-1967 married Rose Hanlon 1923-2014 in 1942.
Ian (dec) Rosemarie, Judith, Julie, Brian, Gregory, and Graham
7. **Keith Harold Fulton:** 1921-1995 married Lorna Finck 1925-2021 in 1947.
Brenda ‘Kay’, Sheryl, and Joy.
8. **Edna Grace Fulton:** 1923-2010 married Frank Hardingham 1904-1987 in 1939.
Norman, Alfred (dec), Shirley, and Frances.
9. **Norman John Fulton:** 1925-1993 married Margaret Marshman 1925-2014 in 1947.
Jennifer, Lynette, Patricia, and Donna.
10. **Leonard Andrew Fulton:** 1927-2015 married June Rayson 1928-2004 in 1948.
Graham William (dec), Judith Lorraine (dec), Barry, and Rodney.
11. **Arthur William Fulton:** 1929-1931 (dec)

Members of the John Nichols Family Society are welcome to attend the 2026 Fulton Family Reunion. More information and details about the reunion held at Haven, will be posted in the May 2025 newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested. Remember – blood is thicker than water!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and safe travels.

David Jenz

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**SOPHIA NICHOLS married ALEXANDER PHILP on 24 February 1823, then formed
a relationship with PATRICK MARKEY from 1839
Ann 'Annie' PHILP (1836-1911) married Thomas MITCHELL
William George MITCHELL (1861-1949) married
Margaret Jane CAMERON & Annie Ethel PORTER**

Carrying on from our previous article on Ann Philp and Thomas Mitchell, with the assistance of descendant and JNFS member Syd Lukins, we look at the life of one of their sons.

William George Mitchell was Ann and Thomas' second son and fifth child born at the family home at Port Stephens Street, Raymond Terrace on 22nd August 1861*¹. His birth certificate notes father Thomas' occupation as a fisherman. It is probable he was named after his father's brothers *William* and *George* as well as his paternal grandfather *George Mitchell*.

William Mitchell worked as a carpenter and at the age of 25 years, he married Margaret Jane Cameron at her parents' home at Carrington, on 23rd May 1887*². The Presbyterian rites were officiated by Rev William Bain with witnesses, the bride's brother William Archibald Cameron and Elizabeth Brown. Margaret was the daughter of Scottish immigrant blacksmith, Donald Cameron and Catherine Martin and had been born at

Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle on 28th April 1862³.

NEWCASTLE MORNING HERALD AND MINERS' ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1887.

Marriage.

MITCHELL—CAMERON.—At Carrington, Newcastle, on the 23rd instant, William George Mitchell, of Raymond Terrace, son of Mr. Thomas Mitchell, engineer, Raymond Terrace, to Margaret Jane, third daughter of Mr. Donald Cameron, of Carrington. 5172

The couple made their home at Raymond Terrace and William Mitchell progressed from carpenter to building contractor.

William and Margaret's first child, a son, *Albert William Victor Mitchell 'Bert'*, was born on 25th February 1888⁴.

The following year 1889 William and Margaret Mitchell's first daughter, *Verlie*⁵ was born. Two years later on 20 February 1891 they were burying their infant son, *Samuel*⁶ at the Raymond Terrace burial ground⁷, beside the grave of his father's 14-year-old sister, Mary Mitchell (1844-1859)⁸ ⁹.

Just over a year later, William and Margaret celebrated the birth of a second daughter, *Ruby*, born on 15 March 1892¹⁰ This was to be their last child.

On 18 June 1898 the Maitland Weekly Mercury noted "*A Neat Cottage at Morpeth. A very neat cottage has just been completed in High-street, Morpeth, for Mr. Henry Neale, from plans prepared by Mr. Chas. W. Holmes, architect, of West Maitland, the contractor being Mr W. Mitchell, of Raymond Terrace. The cottage contains five rooms and a hall, with kitchen, pantry, and bathroom attached. The foundation is of brick, the outside walls of stud and weatherboards, and the front rusticated Kauri pine blocked out in imitation of stone. The rooms are furnished with cedar fixings and mouldings, the walls plastered and papered, and the ceilings (of Breeza pine) are artistically painted. The windows are box framed, fitted with sash weights. A verandah, supported with cast iron columns and adorned with neat frieze work, runs along*

¹ NSW BDM Birth Registration 12341/1861

² NSW BDM Marriage Registration 6381/1887

³ NSW BDM Birth Registration 10994/1862

⁴ NSW BDM Birth Registration 22167/1888

⁵ NSW BDM Birth Registration 21159/1889

⁶ NSW BDM Death Registration 12920/1891

⁷ Australian Cemeteries Index (Inscription 16096421 - Samuel Mitchell)

⁸ Australian Cemeteries Index (Inscription 16096420 - Mary Mitchell) 4803/1859

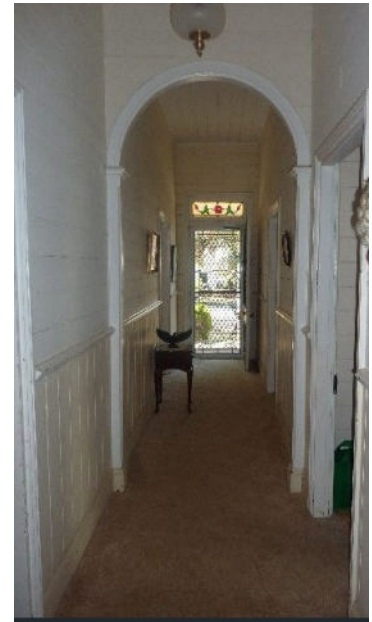
⁹ NSW BDM Death Registration 4803/1859

¹⁰ NSW BDM Birth Registration 30418/1892

the front, and another in the back is finished with wooden posts and neck moulding. The front door and windows have been finished with 6x2 inch cedar pilasters carved with neat mouldings, filets, and fluted to detail. This is a new design for a cottage front, and looks very handsome. It is the only one of its kind in Morpeth. The cottage throughout is well ventilated, and the fanlights are hung with patent simplex fasteners. The allotment is enclosed with a new design of turned picket fence, finished with neat capping and turned acorns. It has been painted in harmonious colours, and is in keeping with the pleasing aspect of the cottage. Mr. Holmes supervised the work, which has been carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned."



Cottage built by William Mitchell - 21 High St, Morpeth (photo 2009)



In May 1903 the Raymond Terrace Dairy Company accepted the tender of William Mitchell to build the butter factory and manager's house at Raymond Terrace for £2021¹¹, ¹²

Prior to commencing on the Butter Factory, the Maitland Mercury newspaper noted in its report on the Building Trade in Maitland that "*At the junction of Elgin and Bulwer streets two neat weatherboard cottages have been erected for Mr. W. G. Lipscomb, the plans being drawn by Mr. Holmes. Each cottage contains*



*The Raymond Terrace Butter Factory built by W G Mitchell in 1903
(Special Collections: Auchmuty Library - University of Newcastle)*

four rooms and kitchen and a wash-house. The rooms are lined throughout, and a brick wall between (the places are attached) gives privacy in each dwelling. There are verandahs back and front. The fronts of the houses are rusticated and the verandahs in front are neatly finished with cast-iron pilasters and friezes, and enclosed with wooden palisading. Water and

¹¹ Raymond Terrace Dairy Co. article in The Raymond Terrace Examiner, April 8, 1943

¹² Dungog Chronicle Wed 5 Oct 1949

gas are laid on. **Mr. William Mitchell, of Raymond Terrace, was the contractor.**"

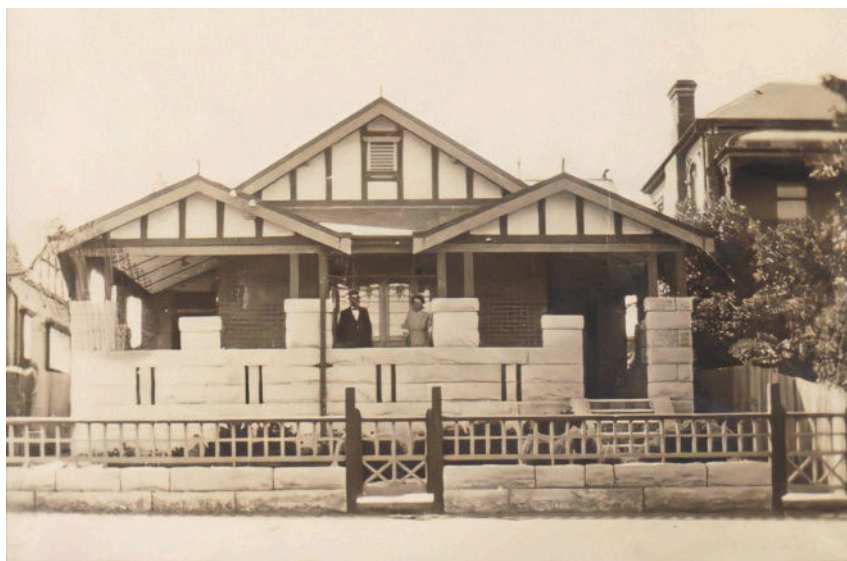
"..while at Miller's Forest an up-to-date two storey residence has been completed for Mr Thomas O'Brien. The front is rusticated, and it contains eight rooms, fitted with tiled hearths and all the latest accessories of a comfortable home. The place is in a good position, and commands an excellent view. **Mr. W. Mitchell was the builder**".¹³

In mid-1906 William Mitchell won the Government Architect's Works contract for the erection of a new teacher's residence, for the Public school at Nelsons Plains.

In 1910 William and Margaret Mitchell's eldest child, *Bert* married *Fennetta May Giggins*.

It appears not long afterwards the family relocated to Sydney. William and Margaret Mitchell were living at "Claremont" Marrickville, when their youngest daughter Ruby married baker and caterer Donald Fitzgerald McKay at Stanmore Presbyterian Church on 7th October 1912¹⁴.

By 1913 William and Margaret together with their unmarried daughter Verlie moved into their new home at 73a The Promenade, Dulwich Hill which William Mitchell had built.



William Mitchell & his second wife Annie on verandah of 73a The Promenade, Dulwich Hill built by W G Mitchell (Photo courtesy of Syd Lukins)

William continued his building business in Sydney however by 1914 his wife Margaret, had developed 'pernicious anemia' for which she was under treatment.

Unfortunately, Margaret succumbed to her illness on 24th March 1915, passing away at her son Bert's home at Petersham, she was only 52 years old.

Margaret Jane Cameron Mitchell was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Rookwood on the 26th March.

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The Raymond Terrace Examiner, Friday, March 26, 1915.

Raymond Terrace and the surrounding district is very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, of Petersham, and for a generation a resident of Raymond Terrace. The funeral is to-day.

In September 1915, application for Probate in the Will of *Peter Henry Markey* was made, for which William Mitchell, (his nephew) was one of the Executors.¹⁶

In early 1918, William Mitchell's eldest daughter, *Verlie* married Harold Victor Gould, at the Baptist Church, Petersham on the 19th January.¹⁷

The following year, widower William George Mitchell, married spinster *Annie Ethel Porter*¹⁸ William and Annie would share 30 years of marriage



¹³ "The Building Trade in Maitland" – The Maitland Weekly Mercury, Sat 25 Jul 1903

¹⁴ NSW BDM Marriage Registration 15411/1912

¹⁵ NSW BDM Death Registration 1557/1915

¹⁶ The Raymond Terrace Examiner – September 3, 1915

¹⁷ NSW BDM Marriage Registration 2116/1918

¹⁸ NSW BDM Marriage Registration 12710/1919

until the death of William on 10 September 1949 (Death Certificate states 9 Sept) at their home. William was 88 years of age and cause of death was senility (old age).¹⁹ William was cremated at Rookwood Crematorium.



The Sydney Morning Herald, Monday, September 12, 1949

DEATHS

MITCHELL, William George.—September 10, 1949, at his residence, 73a The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill (late of Raymond Terrace), beloved husband of Annie Ethel, and dear father of Bert, Verlie (Mrs. H. V. Gould), and Ruby (Mrs. D. F. McKay), aged 88 years. At rest.

*William George Mitchell
(photo courtesy of Syd Lukins)*

*Annie Porter Mitchell & William Mitchell
(photo courtesy of Syd Lukins)*

OBITUARY - MR WILLIAM MITCHELL – The Raymond Terrace Examiner, 22nd September 1949
The death occurred on September 10th of an old Raymond Terrace native; in the person of Mr William G Mitchell. He was born at Raymond Terrace 88 years ago, and up till he was around 55 he spent his years in the Terrace and followed the occupation of a builder and contractor, among his many contracts being the erection of the Raymond Terrace Butter factory in 1904, for the contract price, including the manager's residence of £2023.

About thirty years ago he left Raymond Terrace and took up his industry in Sydney suburbs, residing at Dulwich Hill from then up to the time of his death. He was an enterprising contractor and succeeded in his occupation, having retired some 20 years ago.

He is survived by his widow, one son, Mr Bert Mitchell (Dulwich Hill), Mrs H V. Gould (Verlie), and Mrs. D. F Mackay (Ruby). The funeral was held on Monday 13th September to Rookwood Crematorium. The late Mr Mitchell will still be remembered by a host of friends in Raymond Terrace district, as he was a genial personality and obliging and kindly in his disposition. Mrs William Childs, of Raymond Terrace is a sister, and is now in her 90th year, and Mr Arthur Mitchell, also is a surviving brother.

The following year, Annie Ethel Porter Mitchell died on the 29th November 1950.²⁰

The Sydney Morning Herald, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1950

DEATHS

MITCHELL, Annie Ethel.—November 29, 1950, at a private hospital, Marrickville, relict of the late W. J. Mitchell, of 73a The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill, loved sister of George and John Porter. At rest.

Margie Partridge - Sophia FamilyCoordinator

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¹⁹ NSW BDM Death Registration 16364/1949

²⁰ NSW BDM Death Registration 27092/1950

Vale: Stanley Vay Jenkins (7 August 1940 – 18 February 2024)

(son of Ethel 'Myrtle' (nee Bodley) (1920-1994) and Trevis Rockland Jenkins (1916-1978)
(grandson of Sarah (nee Phelps) (1892-1961) and Alfred Bodley (1888-1968)
(g-grandson of Edward George Philps (1858-1921) and Sarah (nee Lickiss) (1862-1932)
(gg-grandson of George Phelps (1832-1895) and Eliza (nee Smith) (1837-1911))

Stanley 'Stan' Vay Jenkins was born at the Ventura Hospital Coraki, on the 7th August 1940, the second child of twelve children born to Ethel 'Myrtle' nee Bodley) and Trevis Rockland Jenkins and descends through the Sophia line.

Stan grew up in Coraki and always had someone to play with, his parents having twelve children over twenty years. Stan was two years old when his father enlisted for World War Two in 1942, and was released from the army in 1945, when he resumed his career as a truck driver. So Stan was responsible for helping with the younger children being the eldest male.

Right: Stan Vay Jenkins in 1961



The Jenkins twelve from left to right; Lola Sheppard, Stanley, Daphne Cruden, Janice Hodgetts, Marlene Dowbiggan, Denis, Royce, Carol Thomas, Bruce, Peter, Christine Battese & Warren



Stan loved all sports, particularly hockey and tennis but his greatest love was cricket, initially as a player and then finishing his career as an umpire. Stan restarted the Coraki Hockey Club in the late seventies and was elected the first president with his brother Bruce the first secretary. With Cricket New South Wales, Stan was a Level Two umpire and he would travel all over the state umpiring representative cricket. As a player Stan represented Queensland in hockey and cricket.



Stan's first job began as a 'Telegram boy' for the post office and working night shifts on the telephone exchange at the age of fifteen. He then took up clerical work in Sydney, eventually becoming a postmaster. He went on to be a postmaster in Toowoomba, Goondiwindi and Rosewood in Queensland.

Stan married Joy (née Gollan) in Lismore on the 4th October 1969 and had a son, Craig who was born in 1972.

Stan retired from the Post Office in 1974 and with Joy they purchased the Coraki Newsagency working there for sixteen years,

whilst also driving the school buses in Coraki which they continued to do after selling the Newsagency. Stan drove the school bus for twenty-eight years until his retirement on their property 'Cloverhill' in Coraki.

Stan was an active member of the community for many years through his sport but he was also on the board of the Campbell Hospital Coraki for many years. He was an avid reader and of course kept up his love of cricket until his late seventies. Stan was made a life member of Cricket New South Wales Umpire & Scorers and Far North Coast Umpires & Scorers who have named a perpetual award after him.



Receiving life membership from Arthur Watson



Holding the perpetual Stan Jenkins shield

Sadly, Stan's health deteriorated and he passed on the 18th of February 2024 at Crowley Village in Ballina. He is survived by his wife Joy, son Craig, daughter-in-law Sharon (nee Moore) and grandchildren Ryan, Leah, Karli and Will.

Stan attended the Coffs Harbour reunion in 2004 and was a keen historian and proud descendant of John Nichols and Ann Pugh, donating many photographs to the collection.

There were many tributes left on Stans' obituary page, which can be found at;

<https://parkviewfunerals.com.au/stan-jenkins/>



Stan & Joy's Family 2008

Back row left to right Leah, Joy, Stan & Ryan

Front row left to right Karli, Craig, Sharon (nee Moore) & Will

Photographs and the story of Stan Jenkins' life were kindly donated by Joy and Craig Jenkins.

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MARTHA NICHOLS married WILLIAM WINDLEY on 6 January 1829

The family of Frances Moon nee Windley of Crookwell, NSW

By David Wray and Michael Andrews-Reading

The 1988 'Green Book' (The Story of John Nichols, First Fleeter, pp 171-5) gives an overview of the life and family of Frances Windley, second daughter of Martha Nichols and William Windley.



Frances Windley 1844-1922

Frances, known as “Fanny” within the family, and later as “Ma” to her grandchildren, was born at Jamberoo on 30 November 1844. She had five older brothers, and an older sister, Ann, who seems to have died young. She was only a girl when her mother, Martha, died, and her father remarried, going on to have a further family of boys with his second wife. On 12 July 1865, Frances married John Reuben Moon, the Camden-born younger son of a family who had emigrated from Kent in 1838 and settled on the south coast. Initially they set up home in Kiama, and started a family of their own.



John Reuben Moon, his wife Frances and their first three children (Hannah Jane, Arthur William and John Robert, born at Kiama) came to the Crookwell district and settled in the area then called Gullen, but now known as Kialla, on a farm called “The Springs”. This was between December 1870, when John Robert was born at Kiama, and 15 October 1873, when Frances Louisa was born at Gullen.

The Springs, Kialla, January 1987

They first settled in an old stone house, close to where the Kialla Anglican church still stands, on the Goulburn (Bannister) road from Crookwell, eight to nine kilometers due south of Crookwell township. A further son, Charles Edward, was born at Gullen on 28 November 1876.

Later the family moved to "Red Hill", Currans Creek. Alice Elizabeth was born at Gullen on 27 January 1879, and Ernest Reuben at Crookwell on 22 August 1881, so it appears that this second move was between those dates. The area is not known as Currans Creek now. "Red Hill" is where Hannah Jane was married to Joseph Plumb in 1888. Frances Moon's bible was still in the family a generation ago, held by her granddaughter Alice Croker nee Moon, and the address is shown simply as "Currans Creek", without any reference to Crookwell. Evidently this used to be a recognized and named location. It is in the area two to four kilometres north-west of Bagtown, on the junction of the Crookwell to Binda and Crookwell to Boorowa roads.

The Moons later moved to "Springfield", sometime after the death of John Reuben on 18 August 1882. This property is still known as "Springfield" and is on the northern side of Harley Road, approximately three kilometers south-east of Crookwell township. It seems that it was bought while the family was still living at Currans Creek, and was possibly let out. In 1883, a newspaper advertisement stated that it was available for a three-year lease. It then comprised 320 acres, 92 of which had been cleared, and was used to grow oats and wheat, with a fruit-bearing orchard of two acres, "known as the farm of the late John Moon". This property remained in the Moon family for many years, and was later sold to David Bailey.

"Springfield" is only one and half to two kilometers across country from where Hannah Jane and Joseph Plumb lived at "Trinity Hill".

After John Reuben's death, his widow Frances continued farming in association with her older sons, until she decided to retire to Crookwell in 1903. She lived at 26 Colyer Street, surviving until 16 February 1922. John Reuben and Frances are buried in a family plot within the Anglican section of Crookwell Cemetery, together with three of their children who died in their mother's lifetime. Her estate was sworn at £1,657 17s 10d; in addition to her Colyer Street house, she owned a cottage in Cowper Street, Crookwell. She left her property to be divided between her surviving children, cutting out her Plumb grandchildren (whose mother Hannah Jane had died previously) for reasons unknown.



Frances Moon outside her Colyer Street residence, with unidentified children

Frances Windley and John Reuben Moon had seven children:

(1) Hannah Jane Moon

A photo on page 172 of the Green Book is said to be of Hannah Jane Moon. However, this seems to be incorrect. Based on the style of clothing and likeness to other photographs, this is almost certainly her mother, Frances Windley.

Hannah Jane Moon was born at Milton, NSW, on 16 April 1866, almost exactly nine months after her parents' wedding. She evidently had an attachment to the south coast, as her grandson, born the day after her death, was given Milton as a middle name in her honour. She came to the Crookwell district "as a mere child", and remained there for the rest of her life.



Joseph Plumb 1866-1949



The old homestead at "Trinity Hill", 1993

On 18 January 1888 at "Red Hill", Currans Creek she married Joseph Plumb according to the rites of the Primitive Methodist church (although the Moons were members of the Church of England). Both bride and groom had turned 21 during the previous year. Joseph - always known as 'Joe' - had been born at Greendale near Penrith on 4 September 1866, the son of an English father and a mother with convict ancestry. He was orphaned by the age of 12. By 1888 he was working as a farmhand.

A daughter, Frances Ruby Alice, always known as Ruby, was born at Crookwell on 9 September 1888. Family lore states that Hannah Jane had a second, probably stillborn daughter in about 1890; certainly she never had any further children. In 1892, the family was living at Redground, a locality to the north of Crookwell township. Joe was active for most of his long life in the affairs of the Crookwell Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Society, and the annual Show which it organized. From boyhood he participated in local ploughing matches, and as a young man regularly entered his horse "Crookwell" in trotting events. Once he began farming on his own account, he showed produce.

Before the turn of the century, Joe and Hannah Jane moved to the Cotta Walla district, where both the Moon family and several of Joe's relatives were farming. They lived at "Trinity Hill", where they rented farmland. In 1906 their daughter Ruby married a local farmer, Joseph John Thomas Wray; the newly married couple also moved into "Trinity Hill", with father and son-in-law working in partnership on the 87 ½ acre farm until the owner decided to sell in 1909. By this time Ruby had two children (Lial, 1908; Ira, 1909). They all

relocated to a small stone house on a property called “Mount Early”, situated over the hill to the west of the neighbouring property, “Normanton”, with its imposing brick and stone house of two storeys, visible from the Goulburn Road, until taking up residence there in 1912. A daughter Enid was born in 1911, and another son, William (“Bill”) in 1913. A few days before Bill's birth, Hannah Jane Plumb fell ill with pleurisy, and she died at the early age of 46 on 13 April 1913. She was buried in the Moon family plot at Crookwell Cemetery.



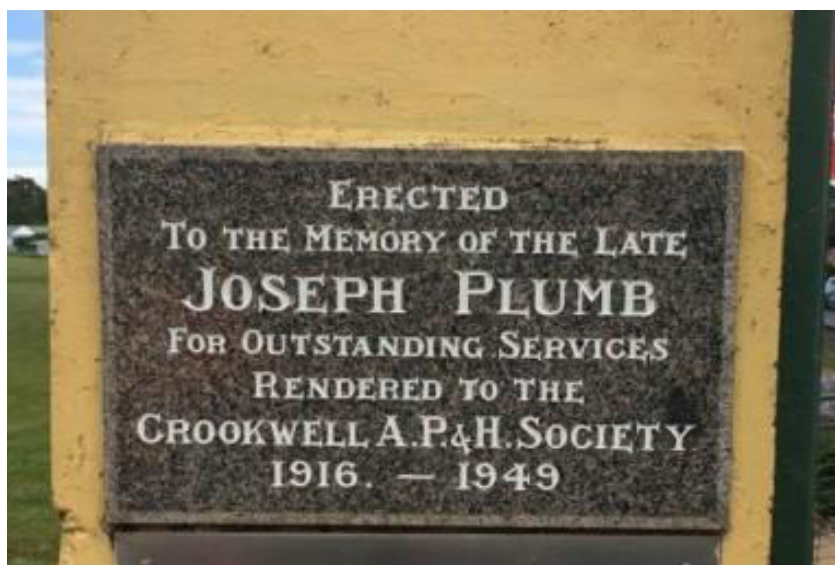
“Normanton”, 2020



*Bill, J.J.T. & David Wray with Joe Plumb at
“Glenlea”*

Joe Plumb lived with his daughter's family thereafter. They remained at “Normanton” until about 1933, several more children being born during that time (Dorothy, 1915; Charles, 1918; Ethel, 1920; Alfred, 1922; Una, 1925; Alice, 1928; Thelma, 1931; Thomas Harold, 1932). They then moved to “Mount Early” until 1936, when Joe and J.J.T. Wray purchased a farm of 878 acres at Pejar, called “Glenlea”, eventually concentrating on breeding sheep for wool.

For many years, Joe Plumb acted as Head Gatekeeper at the Crookwell Show. When he died in 1949, it was decided by the Committee to honour his dedication by erecting a new set of gates to the local Showground. A collection soon provided the necessary funds, and a stone plaque was inscribed with details of his service. 75 years later, the descendants and wider family of Joe Plumb came together to have the plaque restored and rededicated at the 2024 Show:



(to be continued)

My thanks to Michael Andrews-Reading for an interesting record of our Moon, Plumb and Wray family.

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Financial Statement for the period to 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Opening cash position June 30, 2023 | <u>15,286.46</u> | <u>13,154.71</u> |
| Income | | |
| Membership Fees Received – Current Year | 1,620.00 | 1,275.00 |
| Membership Fees Received – Future Years | 1,590.00 | 1,230.00 |
| Donations Received | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| Fundraising (Re-union) | 1,825.45 | 1,595.00 |
| Other Income (USB) | - | 80.00 |
| Total Income | <u>5,040.45</u> | <u>4,195.00</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Newsletter – Printing Costs | 670.00 | 551.50 |
| Newsletter – Postage Costs | 877.53 | 36.65 |
| Newsletter Software Costs | 347.88 | 827.63 |
| Photo Project | 1,119.75 | 504.17 |
| Donation | 500.00 | - |
| Postage Costs | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| Bank Fees | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Souvenir Costs | 640.50 | - |
| Other Expenses (Re-union) | 4,680.57 | 112.30 |
| Total Expenses | <u>8,867.23</u> | <u>2,063.25</u> |
| Net Profit/(Loss) for the year | <u>(3,826.78)</u> | <u>2,131.75</u> |
| Closing cash position June 30, 2024 | <u>11,459.68</u> | <u>15,286.46</u> |



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

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

We thank the New Members and Members who have renewed from 21 April 2024 to 15 October 2024
You are acknowledged as follows:

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CHARLES – TOLAND Beverley (2026)

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Pat Hughes' Spitfire Restoration

Your Committee was pleased to authorise the payment of \$500 towards the above restoration. There have been several articles in the past few years about Pat and his spitfire in WW2, and a representative of the restoration group attended the JNFS Pennant Hills reunion in 2023.

Souvenirs

We have iron-on patches and plastic wine tumblers for sale at very reasonable prices. Please contact Committee member Tim Abrams or Treasurer Gerard Abrams for details .

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