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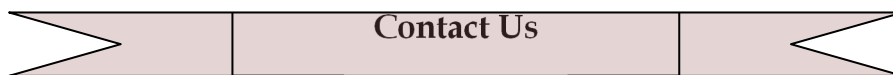
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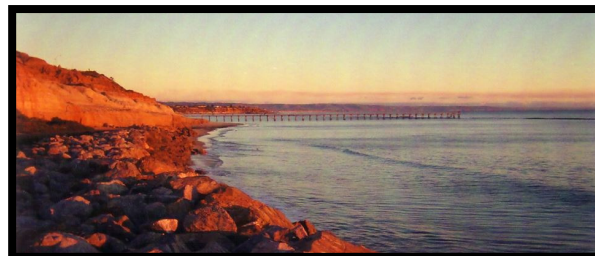
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all, phew let me take a breath. What an exciting three months we've had, and as they say we are not finished yet.

Three fabulous speakers: Brian McMillan on 175 years of Willunga (members expressed their enthusiasm to have him return and speak again); Dr Jeff Nicholas' very interesting and informative talk in August on how the streets of Adelaide got their names; following on in September by

Zoe Ratcliffe, author and joint 2014 T.T. Reed award recipient, who had us enthralled with the stories of her family and how she went about doing her book.

Our 2015 Biennial Seminar held in National Family History Month was an outstanding success with almost 60 people attending, of which one third were either members of other groups or members of the public, many of whom have since joined. Welcome! The four very informative speakers were complemented by a wide variety of display tables where a myriad of genealogical materials could be purchased or obtained. A HUGE thankyou to all who helped put the day together, set up, donations of food, helped in the kitchen, manned trading tables, and packed up. Events like this just don't happen overnight and a lot of forethought goes into the planning of and putting together these events. Our speaker coordinator did a fabulous job putting the program together. Extra special thanks to Elizabeth and Bev.

We launched our new website <http://fleuriefamilyhistory.org>

Please check it out and either bookmark or save to your favourites. At the moment you will be redirected if you go to the old website but this will cease shortly. Graham and I have worked with Sue Grimmond of Visualeyze to put this website together and thank you must also go to Julie Stokes for her material that we have used on the website, and also to Bob Beaton for his contributions. We are in the process of updating the Members Interests, so if you have never lodged any please do so.

At the September meeting the members present unanimously voted to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation of a two tiered membership, with members choosing their preferred way of receiving the Journal, with membership

priced accordingly. You will have either received an email or a letter with the relevant Renewal forms which also ask for emergency contact details and medical information. Please make sure these sections are also filled in.

Nomination forms were also included with this correspondence, so please consider nominating for the positions mentioned. Bev has decided to take a break and not restand this year. Pauline has likewise relinquished the Treasurer's position which she took up to fill a gap; she would like to concentrate on her role as Resource Room co-ordinator. We are thrilled to hear that Joy is going to nominate. Please come and join us, so we can continue to grow and be a strong and vibrant group. Next year we will be celebrating 20 years!!!

In a fortnight Saturday October 31, we are holding a workshop on Family Tree Maker and Family Book Creator. This information was also sent to you. Michael Smith will be convening this workshop and those of us that have attended them in the past have found them to be excellent. There are limited numbers, so if you haven't already booked I suggest you do so.

Now you can see why I had to pause and take a breath, so until next edition, have fun and happy searching.

Cheers, Sharon

PREMIER WEATHERILL'S PC PROGRAMME

The Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group were successful in receiving two computers under this programme. President Sharon Green explained how the PCs will help: *"More computers means updated resources for people wanting to discover and connect more with their family history; this will improve our group greatly and help make the process of gathering information more efficient."*



(Article and photo taken from Katrine Hildyard, State Member for Reynell's Newsletter, Winter 2015)

Photo: Sharon Green and Katrine Hildyard

KERNEWEK LOWENDER by Lynette Gibson

As part of the Cornish festival held biennially, the all day seminar was held at the Wallaroo Town Hall on Thursday 21 May. The theme for this year was "The Cornish Were Here Earlier Than You Think". Maureen Fuller, the 'Grand Bard of Cornwall', opened the day and told of what had been happening in the UK in the twelve months since Cornwall was declared a nation along side England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. She is ever vigilant in ensuring that the flag of Cornwall, St Piran, is flown along with the four others and also that a new coin to be minted has that flag on it as well.

Following this, eight first class speakers revealed the involvement of the Cornish people in the early days of Australia's settlement. In our state, Phillip Payton told us that the Cornish who paid their passage did not just come for the mining. They arrived with the first settlers hoping to escape from the confines of a system where even if they were Methodists they were required to pay duties to the Church of England. Apart from this many were looking for social, economic and political reform and felt this new colony would provide this. For those who did come out and found success, letters they wrote home encouraged more to accept the challenge.

When in early 1844 mining started in Australia at Kapunda, many of those who had come from Cornwall and had been making a living at other trades, took up the challenge of mining again. Greg Drew explained that, among the mining captains who developed the mine from that of a shallow cut to underground mining, six of these were from Cornwall and some were brought from overseas for this purpose.

Another speaker, Keith Johns told of his great, great grandfather who was mining at Greenwith near Truro, Cornwall in the late 1830s where mining was becoming more difficult and knowing of the possibilities for a better life came to Adelaide, arriving in late 1839. Along with his brother they worked in the Montacute mine run by the new SA Mining Association. This Thomas Roberts so impressed the mining company that when they opened the Burra mine he was appointed the first Captain.

Chris Dunkerley told of the early influence of the Cornish in NSW. Some arrived in the first fleets and along with the convicts were those with no mining history at all—farmers, tradesmen, officials, labourers and artisans. He spoke of one example of their hard work and perseverance in the case of James Ruse who came out as a convict in the first fleet having been born near Launceston Cornwall in 1759. As the dwindling provisions dried up it was recognised the need for the colony to become self sufficient and Governor Phillip allocated Ruse 6 ½ acres and some stock, along with the conditions that he be fed from the stores for 15 months. In

return he would be granted 30 acres if he succeeded. After the allocated time he announced that he was self-sufficient foodwise and that the farm was a nucleus of a small community of farmers who were following his methods. After his sentence expired the title of the land was deeded to him, the first land grant in the colony.

Matt Curnow spoke of the development of Methodism in South Australia with its splinter groups the Wesleyans and the Primitive Methodists. Meetings of small gatherings were held for many years in people's homes, businesses and shops or outdoors in good weather. Preachers such as James Blatchford, Rev. James Way and Rev. James Rowe as well as Samuel Coombe, all Cornish and all committed to their work.

Turning to education and here too the Cornish were in South Australia from its inception. We heard from Diana Chessell how a John Lorenzo Young who arrived in the colony in 1850 soon opened a school for non-conformists with the curriculum covering subjects such as science, geology, debate, surveying, mapping, algebra, English, history, geography, political economy etc. John had himself experienced a wide education in King's College London where the curriculum, based on the new sciences of enlightenment was open to all, having no religious requirements for entry. His schools shifted buildings within Adelaide and were popular with the Congregational Church and the Wesleyan Methodists. Young's schools produced many who contributed so much to the life of the state and nation and included politicians, mayors, Premiers of South Australia and explorers, to name a few.

Moving to Victoria where teachers were also a vital part of developing the country, Robyn Coates presented a picture of two such Cornishmen who made their mark in the education of not only the white children but also the aborigines. Between them they helped get acts passed to make school compulsory for children over six years of age, to be free of charge and non secular.

Finally to round off the day, we learnt through Bethany Paterson that during the first 25 years of South Australia, 36 Cornishmen ran inns in the Adelaide and North Adelaide areas, encouraging the locals to accept local beer and also to have cooled beer from the cellar in the hot weather!

Jan Lokan from our group, not only Vice President of the Cornish Association, but also coordinator of the seminar and editor for the book distributed on the day, is to be congratulated for her efforts in making the day such a success. Of course all the members of the association were involved as well as Keith Lokan and their son. Thanks must also go to the other member of FPFHG who attended, Nola Clisby, for giving me the loan of a rug to keep me warm, as I was not prepared for such cool conditions!

Lynette Gibson

FORGOTTEN WORDS by Florence Stopps

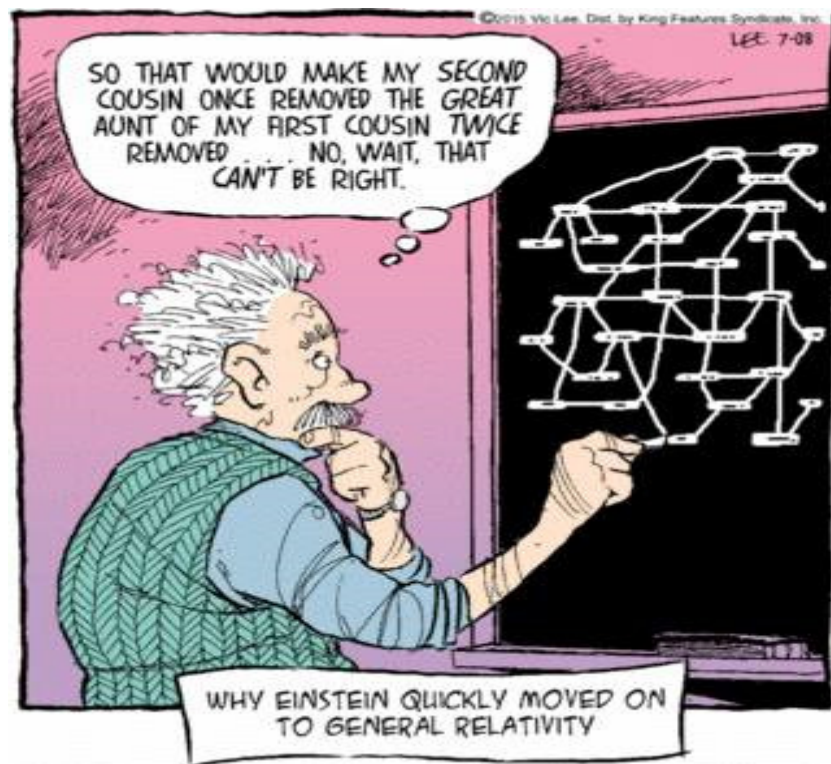
The constant chant "Lest We Forget"
The haunting bugle call
All that remains of young lives lost
Their names carved on a wall.

Politicians chant at every chance
These words that sear the heart
But if their sons were sent to war
Then wars may cease to start.

More statues and more walls to build
Lay wreaths, wear poppies red
More weapons made, more wars to find
But forget three words they said.

Florence Stopps

My sister found this cartoon! very appropriate for us I think!



[George Takei](#)

It's all in the family [#FromAFan](#)

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Jenny Chapman

TALE OF A JOURNEY (Part 2) by Graham Redman

Below is the conclusion of the letter from Thomas Boykett to Rev H G Bunn, in July 1854, edited by Graham Redman.

Chapter 2.

We'll consider us landed. We are at Port Adelaide. Our feet for first time tread a land described as 'flowing with milk and honey'. A desolate looking place indeed is Port Adelaide. There is a row of houses on one side, most of them of one story, and built of wood resting on piles driven into the swamp. Men, women and children of all nations ages and languages wend their way knee deep in mud thru' the narrow causeway.

For the first time you see a native tribe. They are on the banks of a morass. They have made sheilings (sic) of sticks, fern, twigs and the fires are blazing within. The women wrapped in dirty blankets with the picanninies on their backs are gathering fuel and cooking (in) garbage holes made in the ground. The men are dressed in most comical fashion. That fellow yonder wears a ladies straw bonnet with green veil, a soldiers red coat? and a chemise which does not fall down low enough to hide his black brawny and hairy thighs. That other fellow has nothing but a blanket on him, which opens with every gust of wind. He has just now had a pipe and some tobacco given him by some new comer and is about to enjoy his siesta on the side of a ditch.

The young, and even ancient maidens, have landed from the vessel in their best that they may enjoy the shore: their best – how carefully preserved - - how often looked a ... during the voyage : : How many cabins of Councils have been held to determine whether Miss A. looks best in white and red and Miss B. in yellow and green ... There they are knee deep in mud. Half a dozen bushmen gallop past and Oh the consternation ... the ruin ... That "love of a bonnet", the be-au-ti-ful dress. The mud drops fall thick as the leaves of Val-(?) But where are the flocks of amorous swains who were to greet their arrival and sue for them in marriage? Alas, not at Port Adelaide, and so they go back to sleep on board for a night or two, restore their damaged fabrics and write letters home to say how much they have been deceived, and how greatly they are disappointed. Pretty dears: twelve months roughing here will teach them better than to trust to silks and ... or even good looks alone, for getting husbands in South Australia.

I determined not to stay at an hotel, but at once to get some shelter in the shape of a private house for my whole tribe. In this I found my great difficulty. In the city of Adelaide nothing could be had. John and I were the party sent in search. It was curious to us the first night we slept in the city to find the sort of accommodation provided for us at one of the best Inns in the place. We had asked for beds, which were promised, and after an early meal we were shown into an adjoining room, in which were about thirty beds, each capable of holding one person. Of these about one half were already occupied. The remainder we were told would be turned into presently. Conversation continued, doors slammed –

people went in and all night long. "gold" – "nugget" – "£3-10-6" – "Ballarat" – "Bendigo" etc – these were the sounds without interruption. The next morning John and I seeing a beautiful hill about 2 miles off South (of) Adelaide walked there early, and before we were breakfasted had taken a three roomed house (the only one to let in this place) at 12 shillings a week. That same evening the rest of the family came to us with some mattresses and blankets and there we all piggied for 14 days before we could get our goods cleared from the ship on account of the want of labour, and even at last we were obliged to get our boxes out of the hold and to load them in the drays ourselves. However, we met with kind neighbors, who helped us according to their means. One a chair, another a table, a third a kettle, and so on.

During the first two or three weeks of our landing the weather was exquisite. Altho' it was about the end of winter here it was warmer and more enjoyable than an English May or June in the most favoured parts of England. Indeed I think an untravelled Englishman could scarcely form an idea of the perfect beauty of a fine winters day in South Australia. Not a cloud, not a haze flits under the deep blue sky. There is no wind, but a fullness of balmy air. Flowers and vegetables are in their prime. The peach, the apricot, the almond, the orange, the lemon, the citron are all bursting into blossoming beauty, and filling the air with their fragrance, whilst birds of a hundred kind and most gorgeous plumage, flit by on every side. I have seen many such days here. Perhaps I might say that seven or eight months out of the eleven I have been in the colony, have been of this description. ... But those few weeks I began by referring to were followed by intense cold, of floods, and of rain. On Christmas day, (which is our midsummer) it rained in torrents, and we were obliged to have large logs burning all day, and for many days both before and after. This was immediately succeeded by insufferable heat and suffocating days. In January, within forty eight hours, the thermometer varied from 60 degrees to 110 ... I could neither walk, talk, sit nor sleep. Sleep indeed ... The atmosphere was filled with flies and mosquitoes. It was the same more or less with all my family. People who have the appliances provide against these changes by taking houses at the seaside to which they may resort when any sudden variation of the wind towards the north indicates that the air will come down from the burning forests of the vast interior. They also, as far as possible, build their houses so as to enable them to live in the rooms, south or north according to the state of the atmosphere. Many have under ground rooms made and fitted expressly for retiring to on the burning and dusty days.

(But to resume my narrative.)

I had suffered so much from the voyage, as well as from the labour and responsibilities which preceded it, that I was incapable of any mental exertion for many weeks after our arrival. Not only was there a want of vigor, but even ordinary serenity had gone. In a word, I could not think. The mind had been overtaxed and the only restorations were rest and leisure. My sons, meantimes who had arrived full of health and hope, found that their most profitable course would be to resume their English occupation. Charles got a situation as clerk to Mr Wright, the municipal architect and surveyor in the colony at a salary of £5 per week – William a clerk (...) ship in the law at £3-10-0 per week. John a situation in the Government Survey office at £2-5-0 per week. A legal gentleman, who knew me by English newspaper reports, offered me the management of his business £7 per week, which

I accepted for 2 months. At the end of that time I was called to the bar, and commenced practice. Charles has become a partner with Mr Wright under the firm of "Wright and Boykett".

William was called to the bar last week. John remains and intends to remain in the service of the Colonial Government.

So you see that all that was said about my sons before they left home about going into the bush, and living in tents, and feeding on kangaroo, and the rest of the things which make up for the imaginings of young men in the Old country who are about to venture on a new one, have, in our case proved mere imaginings. Yet very many who came here a few short years ago, without a shilling, have become substantial freeholders. But there were men born and used to privation and labor – farmers, servants, blacksmiths, carpenters and so forth. Getting hired in Adelaide by a labor Agent here, they were sent by the coach drays, or tramped, one, two, three hundred miles in to the interior, and the savings of their labor enabled them speedily to buy land - say an eighty section or two at from £1 to £1-5 per acre. Their leisure enabled them to bring the ground into cultivation by degrees, until they could withdraw from servitude and settle in their freeholds. This has been the case especially with man having a large number of children. I think it may safely be said that a healthy child, whether boy or girl, of five or 6 years old, on a farm here, may earn twice the amount of it's food and clothing.

Chapter 3.

As to our residences. I have a good brick cottage at North Adelaide consisting of four rooms on a floor ... with outbuildings at 17 shillings per week (all rents here are weekly). My sisters and John reside with me, William continues to live in the cottage we took on landing. Charles lives at his branch place of business at the Port. I write this from my office, which is in the busiest part of the City. Here I conduct a quiet practice during five or six hours of the day, including my attendance at the courts while sitting; which is all I wished for when I left England. It is sufficient to reconcile me to loss of the society, and many of the comforts of the Old country, (although I often feel the want of the first acutely) that the object of emigration is attained by the prospects offered to my sons of doing better here than they were likely to do at home.

I am too old to make a fortune here, and indeed, I have no desire to do so. Dickens has written a book called 'the Battle of Life'. I have fought that battle and although I may not repose under Laurels, perhaps the Cypress does not weep over me.

Upon the whole I would say with regard to this magnificent colony, the future great empire, that it is the very place for immigration from England of men of mental power, bodily vigor, and moral character. Thousands such are now pining in England who here might make fortunes rapidly. On the other hand mere clerks – white kidded and white handed young gentlemen, over ... fond of company and indulgence, would find this place a very purgatory. Even the best of men among us think nothing of cleaning their boots and grooming their own horses. The fact is labor is too dear to enable you to indulge in servants to any extent. You could not get a good man servant for less than three pounds a

week, boarding and lodging out, nor a good woman servant for less than ten or fifteen shillings a week with board and lodging in the house. Since I have been here I have seen hundreds of young men just after they have landed walking about the streets dressed as London Dandies. What has become most of them? Such as had the means returned to England. Others are to bush as Shepherds, or, still worse, breaking stones on the Government roads. And I have seen hundreds of young women too who, just landed in English finery and full of bright hopes which fallacious descriptions engendered, have had to just become seamstresses. Or house servants, or perhaps even fallen still lower. – They commit a crime against society, a crime against humanity, a crime against this colony, who, by any means, whatsoever, ... induce such classes as I have just referred to, to come here; whilst they act with wisdom and ... who advise labouring, strong nerved, and hard headed men to settle among us.

Many thousands of such with their wives and children could be absorbed in our population every year for a century to come; men who would speedily exchange poverty with affluence, who would be the Founders of Families, and whose broad acres would afford plenty for all. I have never seen a beggar or heard of a case of want of the necessities of life in the colony. This city is a very quiet place. The Police and municipal ...cations are admirable. So safe is property felt to be that few of us lock our doors, and property of all sorts is left exposed in the yards and gardens. The progress of the colony and of the City in particular, has been wonderful. Only 18 years ago the site of the City was a morass. The great buildings from which I write, this is erected where a huge great tree then stood, under which rude justice was administered in the early days of the colony, and one of the overhanging boughs of which many a criminal has been hung. The streets, the warehouses, the public buildings, the squares, the equipages- I will add the attention paid the courtesies and amenities of life – astonish me. But few are rich and none are poor; We have neither haughtiness nor servility. –I have not travelled much in the colony, but what I have seen and heard I think the state of religion and morals is at least, as high as in England. Certainly in proportion to the respective population, there are many places of worship, and more preachers, here than at home.

Education is a difficult matter in many places, but in towns and moderately populated localities there is no deficiency of either teachers or scholars. Of course I do not speak of education of a high order altho' there are colleges and schools in which it is said the classics and mathematics are taught by very competent men. I know of many schools in which a good sound English education including drawing and land surveying is given on moderate terms.

The City of Adelaide is built in the basin of a vast amphitheatre formed of hills covered with timber of the growth of centuries. In the heats of summer these woods, with the grass and the undergrowth are generally on fire. On a dark night the spectacle is magnificent. I have seen the blazes raging over a surface of forty or fifty miles. But the forest still remains. The extreme bareness of the soil prevents the heat reaching the sap of the trees. The bark and the boughs, the underwood, the grass are burnt. But winter and spring repair the havoc and prepare fuel for the next summertime conflagration. When the fires rage fiercely, and the wind sets in the direction of the city, the atmosphere is dreadfully oppressive. All windows and doors closed, the rooms darkened, the floors watered. Then it

is that the mosquitoes and flies, settle upon you for a sumptuous repast. On such evenings as these I have ridden to Glenelg ... a village on the western coast about 8 miles distant, and although my face had been protected by the finest gauze, I have been marked as with small pox or measles. ... The number of freeholders in this Colony is amazing. I think it may safely be said that nine men out of every ten live in houses of their own, and that 4 farmers out of every five are proprietors of the soil they cultivate. To be sure, an English farmer would hardly think the hovels many of our farmers live in, good enough for his cows or pigs. You will see a man ride into town on a horse worth £100 or £120. For many years his face has been un... of a razor. He wears a blue jersey. A kerchief of many colors hangs loosely round his neck. A Wide - awake, velveteen or canvass trousers, high boots undefined by blacking, and a pair of spurs complete his costume.

He has come to town to bid at a landsale. He buys one, two, three eighty acre sections. He calls on his lawyer and leaves the purchase money. He has a 'Spree' in town whilst his horse rests and then away he is to his house in the bush. Now that mans house consists of two or three low rooms. There are windows certainly, but the place of glass is supplied by cotton. Furniture indeed ; ... a few three legged stools, a wooden table and half a dozen shake-downs, is pretty nearly all you will find there.

But I have filled my paper. Please to forward this to your Father, as soon as you have read it, with my very kindest regards to him William Hetty and all the rest. And the same to you and your family.

I am affectionately yours,

T. H. Boykett.

Provided and edited by Graham Redman

MEMBERSHIP FEES – NOLA CLISBY

This year **all** members are required to submit a completed renewal form along with a completed medical form and emergency contact information.

The revised membership fees, as approved at the September meeting can be found on page 27.

**Members are reminded that membership fees are
due on 31 October.**

AEC by LYNN DILLON



An update about access to Australian Electoral Rolls. This was announced in the newsletter of the Society of Australian Genealogists July 2015 Electoral Roll update.

In early 2014 the Australian Electoral Commission began to enforce restrictions on access to the current electoral roll - in effect only allowing individuals to check their own enrolment details. The electoral roll, both in its current digital form and in microfiche and microfilm in libraries and archives, is of course a key genealogical tool and the lack of access to the current edition meant that the tracing of present day family members and long lost relatives was severely hampered. However, as part of the inquiry into the 2013 federal election the question of access to the current electoral roll was revisited and in May this year the AEC's heightened restrictions were withdrawn.

This is fantastic news for family historians as this means we can once again visit AEC offices to examine the current electoral roll for genealogical research purposes. Any individual can again examine the electoral roll for any name - though electronic recording of the data is not allowed. For further details of how to access the electoral roll please visit http://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/About_Electoral_Roll/.

Lynn Dillon

DAY COMPUTER GROUP

The Day Computer Group (DCG) meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 Hooper Place, Christies Beach. Our meetings begin at 1.00pm and we finish up about 3.30pm for coffee and cake. We average 6 – 8 members per meeting.

We have a very comfortable working area in Ann's rumpus room. There is ample room for at least 6 laptops and we have wifi access that enables us to download programs and do internet searches. We rely on members' suggestions for meetings, looking at programs already on our computers and downloading new ones that catch our interest. We all share problems and queries, and we all learn from each other's experiences. Some new members would be very welcome. Bring your laptop if you have one or come as an observer.

Contact Ann van der Linden for further information.

FINDING FAMILY by KATH FISHER

Usually after 5 weeks away on an overseas trip which covered the UK; Northern Europe; Scandinavian and Baltic countries you would expect a grand travelogue about the magnificent places we visited. As part of this trip my husband Peter and I spent two weeks on a cruise ship, *Celebrity Eclipse*, where we enjoyed an enormous number of talks by international and Australian genealogists as part of the 8th Unlock The Past conference cruise to the Baltic. Such wonderful presentations would take more than this article can cover. I want to focus on those discoveries and experiences I had relevant to my family history research.

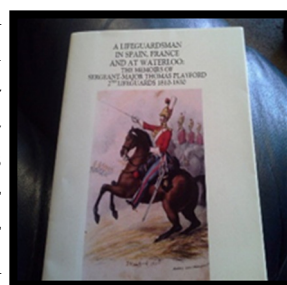
A few months before we set off on our journey a friend of my husband expressed her concern that she did not have anything to do with her father after the age of five when her mother remarried during WWII in London. She had to take on her step father's name and never saw or heard of her father again. She wondered if I could find anything out about him. With information she provided and the aid of *ancestry.com* I did not take long to find a first cousin of hers who was the daughter of her father's sister and she knew her uncle all her life. I made contact and helped them to become friends and share information. As we were spending a couple of nights in Southampton her cousin Barbara, who lived nearby, offered to take us out for a lovely day. We enjoyed ourselves with Barbara and Maggie at Lymington on Sea and in the New Forest.



Whilst on board the ship the conference group were allocated a specific area and tables in the dining room. My husband related very well to the lady from Perth who sat next to him. Near the end of the trip Margaret had been looking through the list of research interests of the conference participants and noticed that I had the

name Martens on the list. Did I have a Johann George Simon Martens from Mecklenburg, Germany who immigrated to South Australia in the family? Yes, he was my husband's three times Great Grandfather. Wow, same for Margaret. Peter and Margaret are descended from two of his daughters. They were quite excited to be distant cousins and we will meet again when Margaret can get to SA for more research.

One of the conference sessions I attended was presented by Paul Milner who spoke about how to research pre WW1 British soldiers. My ancestor, Thomas Playford, who came to SA in 1844 was known to have been at the Battle of Waterloo and I was interested in finding out more about this. Since 2014 was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo there has been a great deal of work done by historians on this and I discovered that it is considered a big deal to be descended from someone who was involved. Paul pointed me in the right direction and to my surprise I discovered that the memoirs of Thomas Playford, who was a Sergeant Major in the 2nd Lifeguards, had been published, which covered 20 years (1810–1830) of his military life. I immediately contacted the publisher who had one copy left and so he posted it to our granddaughter who we would be staying with later in the trip. She lives in a village called Guisely in Yorkshire. A corollary to this is that I noticed that photographs for the book were provided by an Andrew Prince from South Australia. I knew that one of Thomas Playford's daughters had married a member of the Prince family and they lived in Mitcham and were known to my mother's family. Mum had two paintings by EM Prince who was a daughter of James Duly Prince and Margaret Playford and

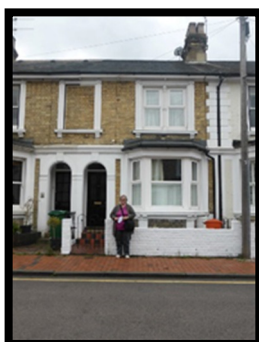


so I managed to contact Andrew Prince to see if he would like the paintings. He did. We both enjoyed a great discussion about our mutual family history interests.



When we returned from our cruise we went to stay with my 3rd cousin Lynne. We share the same two times great grandparents (Burnes) who moved from Cork to London

early in the 1870s. For a couple of years we shared our research and corresponded over many things. It was wonderful to stay with Lynne and Peter who live near Canterbury. Peter is a professional genealogist and local historian. Consequently, when I mentioned that I wanted to research my Rayner family who settled in and around New Romney, Kent early in the 19th century the challenge was on and before I knew it they were sharing their local knowledge which was invaluable. I found myself being led to wonderful places along Kent's coast as my three times great grandfather was in the life-guard but also was a licensee of a pub called *The Ship Inn*. It was great to discover so many Rayner headstones in the one



place. I indicated that my grandfather grew up in Tunbridge Wells and to my surprise Peter had lived in the same street for a while when he was young. Another day full of adventure. Of course Lynne and I continued to explore theories about the origins of the Burnes and Forster families and wondered if they came to Cork from Scotland in the late 1700s. As neither of us has any known Scottish ancestry we have decided to have DNA tests to see if anything Scottish shows up. We are still awaiting the results.

Lastly, I had been trying to research my Murphy ancestors who had emigrated from Ireland to West Yorkshire in the 1830s. In the course of this I discovered that the wife of my 3rd cousin Terry had been doing similar research. His two times great grandmother was sister to my two times great grandfather who migrated to SA in the 1880s. They lived in the area still and we arranged to meet them at our granddaughter's place. Before this I spent a while in a village called Clifford where the Murphy family had lived when they worked in the local flax mill and all belonged to the Catholic Church. The



owner of the mill was from Ireland and only employed people from Ireland. I did a great deal of research and eventually found an elusive grave and the cottages where they lived which were still standing. Terry and his wife Sue had been to Clifford but had not found out all that I had so were keen on a return trip. It was great to share a genuine Yorkshire Roast Beef lunch with them and both Terry and I were delighted to meet each other.



I still have a lot of work to do to record all my findings but I will never forget the many emotionally rewarding experiences from this trip.

Kath Fisher

ONKAPARINGA COMMUNITY GRANT

The FPFHG was also successful in gaining a grant under the Onkaparinga Council Community Grants Program.

Vice President, Joy Nieass and Secretary, Beverley Beerens attended the Presentation Night for the 2015-2016 Awards, held at the Arts Centre, Port Noarlunga on July 23.



The grant will be used to purchase a new screen and projector for the Group.

Mayor, Lorraine Rosenberg presented the grants on the night.

Photo courtesy of Onkaparinga Council.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are 1:30pm, William Road Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Elizabeth Grocke with details.

19 September – Zoe Ratcliffe – Family History author and joint winner of the T.T. Reed Award in 2014

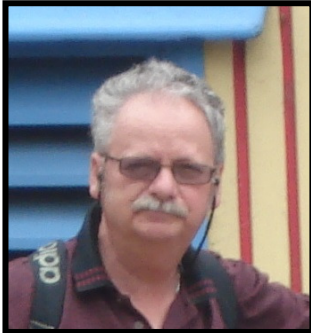
17 October – Giselle Robin – author of *Shadows of the Sun*

21 November – Annual General Meeting and Peter Christopher – *City of Adelaide* and her progress.

16 January 2016 – Group Show and Tell

Please contact Elizabeth with any suggestions for speakers for next year.

RESOURCE ROOM OPENING TIMES



The Resource Room is available to members for research. During the opening time before the Saturday meeting the resource room volunteers will not be available to give assistance with 'Family Research', but books, newsletters and magazines can be borrowed from 12 to 1.30 pm and during the afternoon tea break.

Other opening times for the Resource Room will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons only from 1.00 – 3.30pm.

Members wishing to access findmypast during resource room openings, are now requested to contact Chris Grivell and book a specific computer time. Chris's contact details may be found at the front of the journal.

Opening times for this quarter are: 7 October, 17 October, 21 October, 4 November, 18 November, 21 November.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Group welcomes the following new members:

Judy Rutherford; Alison Morgan; Sandria Dobsen; Debra Chenoweth; Josephine Petchell; Christine Smallacombe; Christine Payze and Kristine Lazell.

We also extend a warm welcome back to John Dunstall.

EVENING COMPUTER GROUP



The evening computer class is held in the Uniting Church Hall Christies Beach. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the hire of the hall.

At the moment the group has moved from bi-monthly to monthly meetings on every second Monday night of the month at 7.30 pm.

The program consists of a presentation on a specific topic followed by a question and answer session. Bring a tagged laptop from home but if you cannot you will be seated with someone who has a similar operating system to you.

Contact David Boyce if you are interested.

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INTERVIEW SOMEONE YOU LOVE ABOUT LIFE

Members who attend the Aussie Interest Group have been trying to complete the following questions. If you are interested in finding out about your family, this is a great way to start building an oral history about your family, from older members. It is also a great way to get your children interested in family history.

1. What comes to mind when you think about growing up in (hometown)?
2. What did you love to do as a kid, before high school?
3. What did you love to do in high school?
4. What do you remember most about your teenage years?
5. What do you remember most about your mom (grandma)?
6. What was most important to her?
7. What do you remember most about your dad (grandpa)?
8. What was most important to him?
9. If grandma and grandpa had a message to you and their grandchildren, what do you think it is?
10. How did you meet (spouse) and know (s)he was the one?
11. How did you choose your career and what was your favourite part about it?
12. What made you successful at work?
13. What did you believe about yourself that helped you become successful and deal with hard times?
14. What times in your life truly "tested your mettle", and what did you learn about yourself by dealing (or not dealing) with them?
15. What three events most shaped your life?
16. What do you remember about when each of us was born?
17. Were you ever scared to be a parent?
18. What three words would you say represented your approach to parenting and why?
19. When you think about (sibling) how would you describe him/her?
20. What message do you have for him/her that you want him/her to always keep in mind?
- (Do the last two questions above for each sibling in your family)
21. When you think about (spouse), how would you describe him/her?
22. What message do you have for (spouse) that you want him/her to always keep in mind?
23. What three words would you say best describe who you tried to be in life

and how you want to be remembered?

24. When they think about their careers, what do you want your children to focus on?
25. What have you learned about other people in life? (trustworthy, kind or not and mean)?
26. What do you think the world needs more of right now?
27. What do you believe people want most in life?
28. What were the three best decisions you've ever made?
29. What are you most proud of in life?
30. What were five of the most positive moments of your life?
31. What message would you like to share with your family?
32. What are you most thankful for?

Rossalyn Dunstall

BIENNIAL SEMINAR by Christine Keen

The Group's Biennial Seminar was held on Saturday, 22 August. It was attended by about 60 people, many of whom weren't FPFHG members.

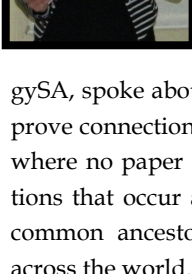
The day started promptly at 9.30 with the first of four speakers, Graham Jaunay. Graham's topic was "Researching the Maternal Line". There were 5 main areas of focus:

1. Find out how women of the time lived (ie seek out their social histories);
2. Focus on the woman (seek out records she may have created—letters, journals, cookbooks, diaries, will);
3. Check out the people around her (hunt out birthday books, letters or diaries of relatives etc);
4. Check out the associates of her husband (school mates, business associates, friends—quite often a woman's husband may have been connected to her paternal family in this way); and
5. Undertake a deductive search of records (birth records of children, particularly where children are carrying surnames as given names).





The second of our speakers was Rachel Kuchel, an archivist with the Lutheran Church. Rachel gave an overview of the Lutheran faith in South Australia and its contribution to the establishment of South Australia. The Lutheran archives are a particularly good place to start if you are researching German ancestry.



After a break for lunch, the third of our speakers, Richard Merry from GenealogySA, spoke about DNA testing and how it is being used to prove connections between families with the same surname, where no paper trail exists. Richard explained about mutations that occur and that these can be used to determine a common ancestor between different branches of families across the world.



Our final speaker for the day was Anthony Laube from the State Library of South Australia. Anthony spoke about how *Trove* came to exist. It was created by the National Library of Australia. Most records up to 1954 have now been included on *Trove*. Records beyond this date have not been included due to copyright. More titles are added every year. Anthony gave some hints on how to narrow down searches and use the sort functions of *Trove*.

In addition to our four speakers, there were information/trading tables from Unlock the Past Publications and Cruises; Gould Books; Lutheran Church; GenealogySA; the State Library of SA; Family Search - Onkaparinga Family History Library and FPFHG.

Our wonderful Secretary, Beverley Beerens, and her helpers provided a wonderful array of food for morning and afternoon teas and lunch.

As I only joined the Group in 2014 this was my first opportunity to attend a seminar and I found it very worthwhile. It has given me some new focus and some new hints and directions to follow in tracing my family history.



Christine Keen

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH

Research can be undertaken for anyone seeking information on ancestors in our local area. Research Request Query Forms are downloadable from our website at www.fleurieufamilyhistory.org Please forward the forms to Volunteer Research, PO Box 1078 Christies Beach North, SA 5165.

Member **Julie Stokes** has offered to do research for members researching their family history in **New Zealand** as she has relocated there. She can be contacted on Email fleurpengroupinc@yahoo.com.au. Julie lives in Wanganui, on the lower north island and welcomes visits from any members headed to New Zealand.

EDITOR'S NOTE by CHRISTINE KEEN




Well my trip to America was eventful, with my daughter's luggage arriving 3 days after we did. The weather was very hot and humid. Both kids got sick and the first part of our trip was not good. Fortunately things improved in the second week. However, we were all looking forward to returning home.

Please take note of the Group's new web page address located on page 2, along with the new membership fee schedule on page 27.

Thank you all for your contributions to this edition of the journal. The new website and membership fee schedule have been included in this journal. Please continue to forward articles with photos, book reviews, reports, hints on researching, notification of events, or any other items you believe will be of interest to members—no matter what their length. Articles are representative of our members and their research or family stories. These stories do not need to relate to the Fleurieu Peninsula. As always, any feedback is welcomed. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

Christine Keen



When & Where

MEETINGS

The monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January–October at 1:30pm, William Road Uniting Church Hall, William Road, Christies Beach.

The Resource Room is open from 12:00 each meeting day.

Annual General Meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday in November commencing at 1:30pm. Committee elections are held at this time.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Aussie Interest Group—meets at 1:00pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This year venues are rotated so please contact the secretary.

United Kingdom Interest Group—meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. For information contact Sharon Green.

Daytime Computer Group—meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For information contact Ann Van Der Linden.

Evening Computer Group—meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. For information contact Dave Boyce.

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