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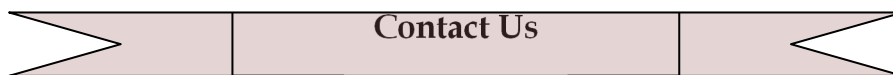
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FPFHG Facebook Group

View of Witton Bluff on Facebook and websites



## PRESIDENT's REPORT



What a busy time the Group has enjoyed over the past three months.

The winter has certainly been cold and miserable but if you attended our meetings or Seminar you certainly would have been able to forget it for a short time, or if you took the opportunity to do some searching of ancestors on the internet or to check out your new FTM program.

Our July meeting speaker John Andrewartha showed us some amazing photographs and gave wonderful descriptions of the West Torrens district; these were of times that some of us remember and many of which were times we know little about. This collection was from the West Torrens History Group.

The Seminar was held in August was after many months of organising and planning of speakers, food, time table, raffle prizes and all the small things which go with the event—another great day. Thank you to Elizabeth Grocke as the Committee Member who provides the many great speakers we have enjoyed at our meetings. With some suggestions and research the Seminar schedule came together.

Firstly, Lyndal Simmonds, 'Mapping your Family History Story' – the potential for us to make our stories more interesting with maps and charts. Secondly, Richard Merry, 'DNA – Q & A' – Richard had received some questions from members and answered these along with providing more explanations and information.

The lunch break proved to be a time for people to mingle and to check the book sales and other information available in the side hall. There was lots of discussion for the topics already presented.

First speaker after lunch was Jonathon Russack, 'Spirit of Adoption' – Jonathon shared his story of adoption and the finding of his biological family and the many co-incidences in his life. Unfortunately he was unable to meet his biological mother before her passing. His connection to his biological family continues today. A moving story which will remain with us all.

This was followed by Jim Beveridge, 'Freemason History in South Australia' – Jim explained the formation of the Lodge in South Australia and the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory with its beginnings in England before the settlement of the colony in South Australia. Many of the early Freemasons were the prominent founders of South Australia. There are still many mysteries to be explored!!

This was another great day, but without the support of the members who helped in the kitchen, prepared the food, washed the dishes and helped with the setting up of the halls, and then the dismantling and putting away of chairs, tables, sound system and computer it would not have been possible. Thank you all.

September was a great day for Dads and Grandpas when Father's Day was celebrated. If you have your Dad or Grandpa to celebrate with I hope you had a lovely day, and for those who were unable to share their day, I hope you had lovely memories of times with them.

Our announced speaker for September from the Gumeracha History Group was unfortunately unable to come, and with a call to our member Cheryl Williss she filled the vacancy for us. Her topic "Pioneer Women in South Australia" was an enlightening account of the settlement of the Colony and how these women made many sacrifices.

Once again it is time for our Annual General Meeting. We have two vacancies to be filled this year and encourage all members to consider the positions. The Vice-President and the Secretary positions are vacant this year and nominations are welcome. Forms have been distributed at the September meeting and explanation of dates for nominations to be received.

The AGM on 18 November will also be our Christmas luncheon, a shared luncheon for members. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the AGM and the results announced. Please assist our fund raising by purchasing a ticket or two. Please contact Elizabeth regarding tickets.

Although this publication will be dated October, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all members and families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2018. Our first meeting will be held on 20 January, and will be the usual "Show and Tell". Please think about sharing one of your family treasures or a story of one of your discoveries during your searching.

**Happy searching - Joy**

## MY FAMILY STORY by Jenny Chapman

My mother's family immigrated to South Australia from Cornwall and Devon in the 1850s. Both her maternal and paternal sides found their way to Willunga where they settled and finally intermarried. From early information supplied by my mother and aunt many years ago, I started to piece together my family history. This has taken over 20 years I guess but the last few years have been made a lot easier since, with access to Internet, I could readily search UK Censuses and BDMs. I have made contact with many other distant cousins both here and in Cornwall, who have filled in gaps, confirmed theories and pointed me in the right direction at times. I was fortunate to meet several of them when I last travelled to the UK in 2008 and to visit the villages from where they all originated.

### Paternal Line – Waye Family

My mother's maiden name was Venice Way(e).

Her great grandparents were John Waye (born 1810 in South Tawton, Devon) and Mary Stanbury (born 1811 in Devon). In July 1855 they left South Tawton and sailed from Plymouth on board the *South Seas* bound for a new life in South Australia with their nine children ranging in age from 3 – 24. The older ones married over the next 10 years and their families spread all over the Fleurieu Peninsula. John was a wool comber by trade in Devon but worked as a farm labourer in the Willunga area. He and Mary continued to live in Willunga until their deaths in 1888 and 1865 and are buried in the old Church of England Cemetery.

My mother's grandfather was John Waye jr, who was 19 when he arrived in South Australia. He had been a flour miller in Devon before he came here and he soon found work at a flour mill owned by Mr Samuel White in Whites Valley, Aldinga. It was here he met his future wife Dinah Moore, an Irish girl who had also arrived in the colony in 1855 on board the *Fitzjames*. She was from Londonderry and came as part of a scheme to supply the colony with servant girls. She was sent to the depot in Willunga and from there she found work as a servant in Mr White's home.

Dinah Moore and John Waye married at Mr White's residence in 1859 and set up their own household nearby as he continued to be employed at the flour mill. They had seven children in all, over the next 13 years, including my mother's father James Moore Waye. John was a well-respected member of the Aldinga/

Willunga community and he and Dinah were also both buried in the old Church of England Cemetery following their deaths in 1904 and 1905.

James, or Jimmy as he was known, worked as a farm labourer in the area and in 1895 he met and married Laureen Male, a daughter of a local famer. Their first two sons were born in the area before they moved closer to Adelaide. Jimmy worked first at the Flagstaff Hotel at Darlington and then at the Torrens Arms at Mitcham where their next two children were born. By 1910 when my mother Venice was born the family was living in Goodwood not far from the city. Not long after, her father Jimmy got the wanderlust and headed for the bush. From family stories he went out west along the railway line prospecting and working where he could and did not return to Adelaide for the next 20 years or more. He worked amongst the aborigines and was said to have known Daisy Bates. He never made his fortune although he did bring back several small gold nuggets which family members received and had mounted as brooches or tie pins. The rumour that he knew where Lasseter's Reef was to be found unfortunately never came to fruition! My grandmother must have taken pity on him in his later years when he could no longer lead the nomadic life and allowed him to live out the back of her house where my older cousin said he used to sit under the tree smoking his pipe!!!

He died at the ripe old age of 89 and is buried with my grandmother who died four years later. Apparently not what she would have wanted but the easiest for the family to do I guess.

#### **Maternal Line – Male/Cornelius**

##### Male Family

Mum's great grandparents were Francis Male (born 1819 in Lanteglos, St Teath, Cornwall) and Harriett Piercy (born 1820 in Lamerton, Devon). They were married in 1838 in St Teath and had three children. In 1856 they sailed from Plymouth on board the *Burlington*, bound for South Australia, accompanied by their two sons, John Roberts Piercy Male, aged 14 and William Bonear Male, aged 10 and their nephew William Browne Male. All of the men had been employed as slate workers in the quarries in Cornwall and were heading for Willunga to work in the newly established quarries outside the town. Many other Cornishmen including various cousins and kinsmen had gone before them so there was a well-established settlement for them to join. Francis and Harriett lived in Willunga for some years before they moved to Melbourne to be closer to their daughter Jane.

They died there in 1895 and 1896 and are buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery.

### **Cornelius Family**

Mum's other maternal great-grandparents were James Cornelius (born 1815 Lanteglos Cornwall) and Elizabeth Marks (born 1816 St Kew Cornwall). They married in 1837 in Lanteglos Cornwall and had six children, before in 1858 they sailed on board the *General Hewitt* for a new life in South Australia. James worked as a farm labourer and remained in the Willunga area until his death in 1895. He and his wife Elizabeth are both buried in the Methodist Cemetery.

Their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1843 in Lanteglos and accompanied them on their journey to South Australia, where she met and married John Roberts Piercy Male in 1865 and became my mother's maternal grandparents.

JRP as he was later known enjoyed the trip out and wrote an account of it including a very descriptive passage about crossing the Equator and being visited by King Neptune. He first worked as a farm labourer and then went bullock cart driving carrying slate back to Adelaide. As a young man he went to work in the quarry after his father had a bad accident. He worked in the Willunga Slate Quarries for many years and became a very well respected member of the community, serving on council and other committees. JRP and Elizabeth had 12 children, nine of whom survived to adulthood. Elizabeth was recognised as a midwife in the town and delivered many, many children in the area. JRP Male and Elizabeth Cornelius were my mother's grandparents. They died in 1935 and 1936 and are buried in Willunga at the Methodist Cemetery.

In 1895 their daughter Laureen Male (born 1869 in Willunga) married James Moore Waye (born 1867 in Aldinga) and were my mother Venice's parents.

Thus my mother's family story is firmly rooted in the Willunga area since the first arrivals in 1855. I have done a lot of research, still to be finished, into the descendants of the original couples as they have spread out all over the Fleurieu and beyond. I wrote a dozen stories about the young men of both families that fought in WW1 which can be found in the book the club produced last year. This was a labour of love starting with my mother's older brother Marshall Western Moore Way, who enlisted and lost his life on the Somme in WW1.

### **Jenny Chapman**



### WHO CAN HELP ME? By Vanessa Lawrence

**Who can help me?** I am at the final end or beginning of my search for my paternal ancestor, my 8x great-grandfather, Richard Geary, b 1612, in Morville, near Bridgnorth in Shropshire (Salops.) England. He was a Yeoman, which meant he had land and means. He married Eleanor in 1636, in Morville. To my knowledge they had two children. However, I since have discovered his Will, (*Source, Ancestry, from England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858 Court, Land, & Probate* written 20 February 1647, and the *Probate* 1650). What a fantastic source, but it mentions another two sons and a daughter. This has been revealed as I roughly translate the Will, but there is so much information that I cannot translate, which is so important, despite struggling with an online Palaeography tutorial (old handwriting). I should say here that my sources come from the Shropshire Parish Records provided on *Find My Past*, but they did not provide the Will documentation, which just goes to show you need to switch between the two programmes.

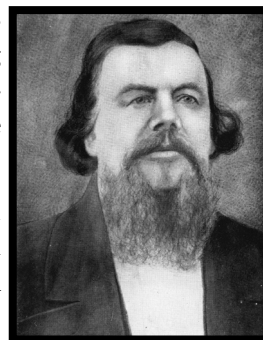
I find it fascinating as the will was written during the Civil War in England between the Royalists led by King Charles 1, and the Parliamentarians, who eventually beheaded Charles I in 1649, and hence Oliver Cromwell came to power as the Lord Protectorate. My research shows Bridgnorth was involved quite heavily in the Civil War, during 1644 and thus Richard Geary would have been caught up as the people of Bridgnorth had to support the Royalists with food, lodgings etc. and assisted King Charles I to escape to the Isle of Wight, disguising him as a peasant. All this historical information just adds interest to my family tree.

**Vanessa Lawrence (nee Geary)**

## ROBERT NORMAN by Michael Smith

A dentist and photographer, he spent the majority of his life practising as a dentist. He enjoys the honour of being the first dental surgeon and opening the first photographic business in South Australia. He had a wide range of cultural interests.

Robert NORMAN was the son of Robert NORMAN and Sarah NORMAN. He was born about 1817 in England and christened in Carlton Colville, Suffolk, England on 29 January 1817.



He served his apprenticeship as a dentist with a Mr Helsby of Manchester after which he practised as a surgeon dentist in England, (mainly in London).

He travelled to South Australia on board the *Taglioni*, arriving at Port Adelaide on 18 June 1844. He was accompanied by his wife Sarah (nee Hayes), infant son Herbert and mother Mrs Sarah Norman senior.

His family were original subscribers to the South Australian Colonization Project in 1834 and Robert purchased his first land, section D1014, in 1839. Further sections were purchased and at the time of his death he was reported as "a large land proprietor in the Yankalilla district".

To His Excellency the Governor, and Ladies and Gentry of Adelaide.

**MR NORMAN**, Dentist, respectfully announces his arrival in the Colony from London, where he has practised as a Surgeon Dentist, for the last 18 years; during which period, he was fortunate to secure the patronage of the most able of the medical profession.

Mr Norman trusts that, if the representation be correct of the requisition of a first-rate Dentist, that he may meet with that encouragement the result of his system warrants. Every description of artificial, natural, and mineral teeth, from one to the entire set, fixed on the principle best suited to the case. Artificial palates, noses, &c.

**MR R. NORMAN**, Surgeon Dentist, Wright-street, Adelaide, near the Judge's. Late of 40 Great Dover Road, London. Pupil of Mr Helsby, of Manchester. Five years principal assistant to Lemule, London.

Five years partner and sole manager of the firm of Fisher & Co., of the Old Stein, Brighton.

Author of Advice from a Medical Friend, on the Preservation, Pathology, and Cure of the Teeth.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900)  
Saturday 5 October 1844, page 2

His first home was in Wright Street Adelaide and the nearby Norman Street is named after him.

On 5 October 1844 in the *South Australian Register* he announced his new dental practice, in Wright Street, the colony's first.

By December 1845 he had opened a daguerreo-type studio in King William Street, Adelaide with George Heseltine. It is considered to be South Australia's first photographic business.

In 1847 he moved to "Belle Vue Cottage", east of the G & R Wills warehouse on North Terrace, where he lived and practised dentistry until his death.

On 2 June 1849 Robert Norman announced in the *Register* newspaper that he intended forming a township to be named "Normanville" on his property on the Bungala River.

Robert and his wife Sarah had six sons and two daughters. Three sons – Herbert Hayes, Roger and Leslie Norman – also became dentists.

He was a man of varied interests. He spoke Gaelic, French and Italian; he was a Shakespearian scholar, played several musical instruments and possessed a fine tenor voice. He was an excellent billiard player and fine swordsman.

Robert constructed a mechanical hand from Seacow bone for John Coles, a veteran retainer of the, then Governor, Sir George Grey. When the Governor heard of the hand he paid Mr Norman a call and was so impressed by the "ingenious invention" he decided to have it charged to "his private purse." The hand is on display at the Royal Adelaide Hospital medical library.



Robert died at his home, "Belle Vu Cottage", North Terrace on 31 October, 1883. His body was taken by horse-drawn hearse to Normanville to be buried with his wife and son under the vines and olive trees on his property there.

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**Michael Smith**

## LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!!! by Elizabeth Grocke

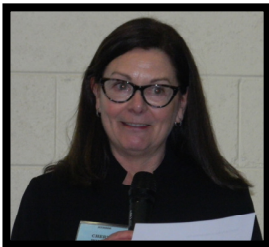


**July 2017** *John Andrewartha, West Torrens History Group*—John shared a glimpse of recently acquired photos on the history of West Torrens.

From the perspective of someone who grew up in the West Torrens area, it was wonderful to see the photos and to try and guess where they were. I hadn't realised there was so much history in the area. It certainly brought back a lot of memories of my childhood.



**August 2017**—No meeting due to the Biennial Seminar.



**September 2017** *Cheryl Williss, Pioneer Women in South Australia*—Where do you start, who do you mention, they were all Pioneers in retrospect.

Cheryl spoke with enthusiasm and passion of the women who ventured to a new land, across the open seas to start a new life in the Colony of South Australia, with their husbands and families by their sides. My mind wandered while Cheryl was talking, trying to imagine beautiful masted ships anchored off shore, then the situation of giving birth, not just in a new colony, but in a tent or cabin on board the ship—with none of the mod cons of today, coping with long flowing dresses in searing heat ... along with the prospects of building a new home and life.

I am in awe of these women; life was short for most, but with Cheryl and her love of history they will live on in detailed stories.

Thank you Cheryl for a most entertaining talk.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

## BIENNIAL SEMINAR 2017



*Lyndal Simmonds, Mapping Your Family Tree* – Her profession was a Cartographer (a person who draws or produces maps). About 17 years ago she developed an interest in genealogy. Now she's at home raising her daughter she has combined her interests, starting her own business. See her website <http://thornetreenealogy.com.au/about-me-genealogist/>.

My mother Marcelle and I have been researching our family history for about 20 years and we hadn't thought of adding a map to show where our family came from or how they got to Australia, until Saturday's talk. Lyndal provided information on the map layout, adding a scale, where to get maps from and copyright pit falls (with some assistance from Graham Jaunay). I didn't realise *Trove* had old maps and will certainly be looking into this. I'd love our group to have a speaker on *Trove* as I'm sure it contains much more than newspaper articles.

**Kerry Edwards** (Photo – Courtesy of Ros Dunstall)



*Richard Merry, Q & A on DNA* – I was given the honour of introducing our 2nd speaker for the Seminar – Richard Merry. Richard is from SAGHS, runs their DNA group and has a wealth of knowledge on the subject. Richard had spoken to us before, so briefly re-addressed the basics for any newcomers on the different types of tests, and took a range of questions from the floor. The benefit of

uploading your raw DNA to other websites was explained and the fact that on most of them you can get some access for free. Another subject spoken about was “Triangulation” and how it can be used with closer relatives to determine common ancestors etc. Richard explained using the Chromosome Browser on FTDNA website and comparing matching segments on different chromosomes. I cannot cover everything that was spoken about in this short report and we all left with our heads spinning. I am in discussion with Richard to have a workshop on the subject either later this year or early next year. Thank you Richard for your time. We will keep you all informed.

**Sharon Green** (photo courtesy of Kerry Edwards)



*Jonathon Russack, The Spirit of Adoption – Who am I?* – This question plagued the mind of our after-lunch speaker, Jonathon Russack, during his teenage years. He knew he had been adopted by Nita and Peter Russack; his birth certificate even indicated he was their child. They loved and cared for him as their own and instilled in him the Christian ethic by which he lived his life. The childhood story of his parents driving to Brighton to collect their chosen child was a favourite.

When he was 17 years old, Nita told Jonathon that she had an envelope containing newspaper clippings and other information about his birth family and suggested he could have it when he wanted to find out about his biological family. Jonathon thought it would be disrespectful to seek information about them while Nita and Peter were still alive. In fact, he was 54 years old before he felt free to open that envelope. He discovered who his famous Australian soldier grandfather was, who his Mother was, and that she had fallen in love with a handsome member of the US Air Force. He read that she had gone to the United States as a war bride, that he had a half-brother and half-sister, and furthermore, who his Australian uncles were; and, most importantly, who he was.

Jonathon told us of his initial attempts to contact his biological mother, how he eventually met his maternal family and their acceptance of him. Throughout his talk he emphasised his belief that God guided his search. Jonathon wrote of his life thus far in his book, *The Spirit of Adoption* which was available for sale at the seminar.

**Mary Ann Minor** (photo courtesy of Kerry Edwards)



*Jim Beveridge, Freemason History*—Jim Beveridge was the final speaker on the day. His presentation covered the long Freemason History in South Australia which goes back to 1834. Jim explained that Freemasonry became included in plans to establish the Province of South Australia when the British Parliament passed the South Australia Act and a new Lodge was established in England.

The South Australian Lodge of Friendship No 613 was warranted on 22 October 1834 and met in London for the first time on 27 November 1834. This was more than two years before Governor John Hindmarsh issued the proclamation on 28 December 1836 to inform settlers that the government of the

new Province had been created. Freemasons Hall, one of the most imposing buildings on North Terrace, has been headquarters for the Grand Lodge since it was completed in 1927. Facilities include the Hall of Fame, the Great Concert Hall, library, archives, museum and a large collection of memorabilia. Guided tours are now available to the general public.

**Joan Davies** (Photo courtesy of Kerry Edwards)

### **VALE BARBARA REGENASS by Vanessa Catterall**

Barbara was a member of FPFHG on and off for several years. She was born in 1935 in the UK. She married in 1955 and moved to Australia in 1970 with her husband and four children. Barbara worked at Flinders Medical Centre and lived in various suburbs in southern Adelaide. She enjoyed all types of craft, including quilting. Another hobby was baking cakes, eating them and sharing them! She still found time to research bits of her family history. I remember her delight when we located a 'missing' ancestor in Devon. She moved to Riverpoint in 2011. Barbara died suddenly on 7 September 2017 and her funeral was on 14 September 2017. A life well lived.

**Vanessa Catterall**

### **REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Members are reminded that the financial year ends on 31 October. Members must be financial before the AGM, Saturday, 18 November. Non-financial members may not vote, nominate or stand for committee positions.

Please ensure your membership subscription is paid before the AGM.

**Reminder:** There is a \$5.00 rejoining fee payable for any membership not paid by 28 February.

**Renewal membership forms were sent out in SEPTEMBER.**



## GO WEST, YOUNG MAN by Sue Wilson

Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America saw the westward movement of families in response to offers of the Homestead Act (1862)<sup>1</sup>. Families deeply-rooted along the eastern seaboard for generations chose to take advantage of offers for free land further west. They packed their multitude of children and precious few belongings onto their buggies and began their journey. Believing there was safety in numbers, adult children, married with children of their own, joined their parents and siblings on their adventure. It cemented that familial bond forever.



Last week I received a family photograph that “blew my mind”! It came with a newspaper clipping<sup>2</sup> explaining that my great-grandfather on my father’s side, William Jasper McIntosh, celebrated his 80th birthday (in 1928) and to honour him, his ten children organised a family reunion in a park in Portland, Oregon. They came from all parts of the US, but they were all there. William’s comment on having them all together “Raised ‘em all to be farmers back in Tennessee, and look at ‘em – not a one who’d be a bit of use on the farm.”

Old photographs – how I love them! They bring back so many memories! When I received the photo, there was one blank space in the caption, the first person seated in the front row – my father, aged 22! I recalled all those stories of so many



years ago about starting a new life in Montana. To settle in a flat, barren, exposed place and to build a place to live – it was very hard work. After the required time, most of the siblings moved on further west, many to Portland, Oregon, with promise of greater opportunity.

According to a letter<sup>3</sup> written by Elvrage Arkley McIntosh to Ruth Van Ness Blair in March 1947, all of the McIntosh brothers except Oscar (Illinois), Elvrage (Alaska) and Keathley (Illinois) moved with their parents, William Jasper and Mildred Virginia McIntosh, from Tennessee to Jordan, Montana in 1913 to take advantage of the US Homestead Act (1862). They were joined by Etna Marybelle (nee McIntosh) and John Burke Walker (my paternal grandparents), the Smithsons and the Atkinsons. In August 17–19, 1977, Elvrage Green (Al) McIntosh and his wife Dorothy (Dot) returned to the Jordan, Montana area and visited the former homesites of the McIntosh clan. Dorothy wrote notes on their visit to Jordan at that time. In Jordan, they found records of the homesteads and the date each was patented, as follows:

- Elmer H. Smithson on 18 June 1919
- Jasper T. McIntosh on 18 June 1919
- Clarence E. McIntosh on 13 March 1920, following his first wife, Velma D. McIntosh's claim on 11 December 1919
- Henry Mautimore McIntosh on 12 April 1920
- Marvin McIntosh Sr on 19 August 1920
- Patriarch of the above, William Jasper McIntosh, on 28 June 1919. William Jasper and Mildred Virginia (nee Turner) McIntosh sold their homestead to son Elvrage Arkley and his wife Veta McIntosh on 26 August 1920. Later, in the 1950s, this homestead was purchased by a John B. Murnion.

The children may have had an easier time adjusting to life on the plains. This is a picture of my father, J K Walker, aged 7 years, riding Molly, his favourite cow (from an oil painting).



This poem, penned by Ruth Van Ness Blair, sums up the McIntosh homesteading experience.

#### **THE HOMESTEADER<sup>4</sup>**

Ruth Van Ness Blair ©

William J. McIntosh stood at his door  
and said to the day, "I want something more  
than Tennessee hills and land tuckered out."  
Scots blood in his veins cried, "Will, look about,  
Montana has flat-land as wide as the sea,  
it's never been planted, and most of it's free.  
Pack up your clan, and lock up your door.  
What in the world are you waiting for?"

The Montana prairie is lovely in June.  
Wild roses, and lupines, and prickly pears bloom.  
The sage grows as far as the eye can see.  
And once in awhile there's a cottonwood tree.

The plows of the McIntosh clan turned sod  
bottom side up to the brassy sun god.  
Alien embryo started to grow  
watered by moisture from melted snow.  
All over the prairie the wheat grew tall,  
and William J.'s wheat was the tallest of all.  
Two seasons he strode from his shanty door  
to harvest the crop that he's waited for.

But the gods of the prairie, angry at men  
who plowed the grass under again and again,  
pummeled new sprouts with life-crushing hail  
or blew them away. And seeing that fail,  
held back the rain so it came too late.  
The wheat that survived, the grasshoppers ate.  
So William J. McIntosh locked up his door,  
and let the gods have what they'd waited for.

Now Tennessee Ridge, the claim that he left,  
is still called the same, but is wholly bereft  
of McIntosh men who were handsome and witty,  
and McIntosh women both gentle and pretty.

The Montana prairie is lovely in June.  
 Wild roses, and lupines, and prickly pears bloom.  
 The sage grows as far as the eye can see,  
 and once in awhile there's a cottonwood tree.  
 But all that remains of man and his schemes  
 are cellar holes ..... empty, and shattered dreams.

Footnotes:

- <sup>1</sup> Washington, DC: The National Archives and Records Administration  
 Passed on May 20, 1862, the Homestead Act accelerated the settlement of the western territory by granting adult heads of families 160 acres of surveyed public land for a minimal filing fee and 5 years of continuous residence on that land.
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- <sup>4</sup> Blair, R V (1985), *The Homesteader* originally published in *The Windmill*, later included in *Heir Today and Gone Tomorrow* (2 April, 1988), Clearwater, Florida.

Caption for family reunion photograph—**McINTOSH FAMILY REUNION**, taken in Laurelhurst Park, Portland, Oregon on May 25, 1928, the day after William Jasper McIntosh's 80th birthday.

**Back row:** Keathley McIntosh, Oscar McIntosh, Marvin McIntosh, Elvrae McIntosh, Jasper McIntosh, and John B. Walker (husband of Etna).

**Third row:** Maut and Frances McIntosh, Sophie (adopted) and her husband (behind), Hattie McIntosh (wife of Marvin), Veta McIntosh (wife of Elvrae), **William Jasper McIntosh**, Eula McIntosh Van Ness, Etna McIntosh Walker, Rosa (Rose) Quicksall, Ora Quicksall Van Fleet (sister of Charlie), Charlie Quicksall, Hulda (Bogey) and Clarence McIntosh with their son, Houston (1 year).

**Second row:** Ada McIntosh (13 yrs, daughter of Elvrae), Esther (daughter of Jasper, b. Dec 1926, 1½ yrs), **Millie Virginia McIntosh**, Jane Mildred McIntosh (daughter of Maut, b. 1920, 8 yrs old), Mary Virginia McIntosh (in front, Jasper's daughter, b. 1921, 7 yrs old), Virginia Walker (eldest daughter of Leland, b. 1920, 8 yrs old), Bill (Myron) McIntosh (son of Marvin Sr., b. 1920, 8 yrs old), Annie Ruth McIntosh (daughter of Jasper, b. 1925, 3 yrs old), Jasper Charles McIntosh (son of Jasper, b. 1923, 5 yrs old), Harold Litsey, Jr. (son of Mable, b. 1922, 6 yrs old).

**Front row (seated):** John Keathley (JK) Walker, Otto Walker, Gene Cahill (son of Hattie), Leland Walker with daughter Juanita (**5 yrs**), Roy McIntosh and Harold, Roy (1 year) and Mable (Walker) Litsey.

**Sue Wilson**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are 1:15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Elizabeth Grocke with details

21 October – Margarey Family, Early Pioneering Days in SA

18 November – AGM and Christmas Lunch

20 January – Show and Tell

Please contact Elizabeth with any suggestions for speakers.

## 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 1.15 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 dates for this quarter are: 4 October, 18 October, 21 October, 1 November, 15 November, 18 November.

## AGM/CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Members are reminded that if you haven't already registered your attendance for Christmas Lunch and the AGM please do so at the October meeting. To assist the Committee with catering, please indicate whether you will be bringing a salad or dessert.

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets and money to Elizabeth Grocke before the AGM.

**Executive Committee**

## 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.

The Group meet monthly on the 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 on [vegemite@adam.com.au](mailto:vegemite@adam.com.au) if you are interested.

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## MEMORIES by Ann van der Linden

In my last article I mentioned Mark Lang. A question came from that and I'm still trying to find the answer. With writing this I hope that one of our members knows where he is.

After being such a prolific writer in our journals, setting up the website and being an active member in David's computer group I think he might have moved away from this area. Mark Lang—where are you?

I found a lovely quote which is so true "The Family tree is the only plant that never needs watering but requires constant digging."

Here is a Tip: Keep asking older members of the family about their memories of other members of the family. It's amazing what they will remember. They don't live forever!

Here is a Warning—Genealogy may be addictive!!! Here is my experience—it brings you a new circle of friends with the same interest.

*Relative Thoughts, Vol 6, No 4 2002* has Ray Lawrence's profile. I found this lovely poem with a photograph of Ray Lawrence. What a find Ray!! The poem and photo were put together by Margaret Wing (the editor at the time).

I think that page is worth repeating and have included it at the end of my article.

January 2004 is when FPFHG moved to the Uniting Church Hall. The group had outgrown the Student room at the Noarlunga Library.

**Ann van der Linden**

## Nostalgic Tributes to our Ancestors

Author: Unknown

Dear Ancestor

Your tombstone stands among the rest;  
Neglected and alone.  
The name and date are chiseled out  
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care  
It is too late to mourn.  
You did not know that I exist  
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot,  
And come to visit you



Above photo of Ray Lawrence visiting his gr gr gr grandfather's grave Joshua Kitteridge (.1797–1880) at All Saints Church, Ashdon. Essex , U.K. in 2003 illustrates the poem so aptly

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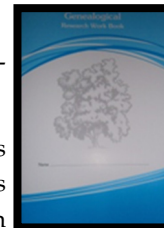
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Books available at Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group monthly meetings or resource room open times.

Also available - Anne Trubshaw-Dow or Lynn Dillon email:  
[annelynn2012@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annelynn2012@yahoo.com.au)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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



Thank you to all the members who answered my SOS for articles for this edition. From having very few articles, suddenly I was flooded with articles. I look forward to reading your stories in more detail after the Journal has been printed.

As this is the last edition for 2017, I'll take the opportunity to wish you all good luck with your research over the Christmas break, and I look forward to receiving your articles in 2018.

Please continue to send in your wonderful contributions, and feedback. Don't forget to include your photos. Articles can be about your own research, your tips on family research, a place you've visited – anything you feel may be of interest to other members.

**Christine Keen**

## When & Where

### MEETINGS

The monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January–October at 1:15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 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. For information contact Ros Dunstall phone 8386 2664.

**United Kingdom Interest Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. For information contact Sharon Green phone 8386 1341.

**Apples and Androids**—meets at 12.00noon prior to General meetings every month. For information contact Kerry Edwards 0409 841 839.

**Evening Computer Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. For information contact Dave Boyce email [vegemite@adam.com.au](mailto:vegemite@adam.com.au)

**DNA Evening Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month. For information contact Sharon Green on 8386 1341.

**DNA Day Group**—meets at 1.30pm on the 1st Monday of each month. For information contact Peter Tuck or Sharon Green.

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