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Limited research can be carried out for members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms.

Non-members are required to make a donation of \$10 per enquiry.

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The Rootes Journal is named in honour of Thelma & Thomas Rootes

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The editorial team would like to thank all those who have taken the time and effort to help publish this Journal.

Cover Photo: Eva & Cecil Edds – Wedding Day 19 October 1935 in Brisbane.

Groom: Cecil Edds 25, Bride: Eva Florence Murray 23, Bridesmaid: Eva Dickson 27, Aunt, and smallest flower girl: Betty Murray 5, Sister to the bride.

Eva & Cecil were married for 37 years until Cecil's death in 1972. Eva survived him by 38 years. They had five children. Cecil served in the Australian Navy during WW2 and was in Darwin during the bombing raids conducted by the Japanese in 1942, with his brother-in-law Clifford 'Jackie' Murray.

Welcome to our New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members, please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3639	Lori Russell, Coomera 4209
3640	Annette Nelson, Nerang 4211
3641	Lois McCulloch, Highland Park 4211
3642	Chris Hoy, Burleigh Heads 4220
3643	Linda Buchanan, Nerang 4211
3644	Tricia Fleming, Arundel 4214
3645	David Strong, Arundel 4214
3646	Vicki Fisher, Mermaid Waters 4218
3647	John Fisher, Mermaid Waters 4218
3648	Paul Daly, Mudgeeraba 4213
3649	Lorraine Fredricks, Mermaid Waters, 4218
3650	David Harris, Upper Coomera 4209
3651	Danielle Carnes, Highland Park 4211
3652	Peter Browne, Mudgeeraba 4213
3653	Carole Hutchinson, Currumbin Valley 4223
3654	Peter Reaburn, Main Beach 4217
3655	Michael Harvey, Paradise Point 4216
3656	Claire Reaburn, Main Beach 4217
3657	Suzanne Beeson, Robina 4226
3658	Peter Young, GCMC 9729
3659	Margaret Egan, Runaway Bay 4216

Missed an edition of Saplings E-News: Click on the link to read online

Saplings 171 | July 2020

<https://mailchi.mp/5fdf24d14bbb/saplings-171>

Saplings 172 | Aug 2020

<https://mailchi.mp/d34ffe1267eb/gcfhs-saplings-e-new-172-aug-2020>

AGM News & Update

The committee would like to thank all those members who attended the AGM on 5 September. Long term patron, Lex Bell, was in attendance along with new Patron, Cr. Peter Young (Division 5).

Councillor Young was called upon to present the Certificates of Appreciation - to Bev Dwyer for her 30 years of service as Editor of the Rootes Journal and to Gay Eunson for her 15 years of service as Editor of our e-newsletter Saplings. Other members to receive certificates were Sue McKenzie, for her work with the website, Saplings and Rootes and Carol Browne for her work in keeping our Facebook page up to date with interesting posts.

In committee news, Margaret Deacon stepped down as President after four years, and Fay Carbis was nominated and seconded as the new President. Margaret will continue as a committee member, and Victoria Norfolk also joined the committee.

Rootes Journal – 2021

With the retirement of longtime editor Bev Dwyer, the future of the Journal was in jeopardy. Bev had been at the helm for over 30 years, and we thank her most sincerely for all her time and hard work.

The call went out to members to assist with the compiling and publishing of the Journals. Thankfully several members stepped forward and offered their expertise.

The October 2020 issue will be the last Journal in the current format. From February 2021 the Journal will change its size, to an A4 size booklet, making it easier for members to print directly from the website any or all pages required.

The other significant change is there will be **three Journals** published per year, **February, June and October**. The Journals will be available online to those members who wish to receive a digital copy. You will be notified via email when the Journal is available to read/download online.

The ongoing survival of the Journal is up to the Membership and the participation of all members. If you have a story or even just a snippet you would like to share, please forward it to the Society's email address – Subject: Rootes Journal.

Copy Deadline Dates & Style Guide info is located on page 30.

Special Interest Groups

A number of Special Interest Groups are held regularly where like-minded members have the opportunity to meet and develop a more in-depth approach to their research in a specific area.

The format varies with each group. Members are encouraged to participate in the sharing of experiences with research, information and ideas.

If you are a GCFHS member and would like to attend a Special Interest Group, please check the calendar and just turn up. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

15 November 2020

Meetings are on a Sunday at 1.00 – 4.00 pm

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research.

Contact: Margaret Collins on 5593 1773 or email cjm7cjm@bigpond.com or Margaret Shand on 5538 1423 or email rinnes@onthenet.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

6 November 2020 - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am

Free to members

This class is suitable for both beginner and intermediate researchers, and you will leave inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree. How to set out your information. Discover just how many ways you can track down your family. Find out which resources are freely available to help you in your search. How to determine which branch of the tree is yours.

Our classes will inform you of the amazing amount of information that is readily available. **Contact:** Pam Oldham on 5594 0610 or email pamllew3@gmail.com

Non Members Welcome: \$10.00 (is refundable if joining on the day)

Bookings are essential.

Special Interest Groups

COMPUTER GROUP

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 - 9 pm

This very popular group covers a wide variety of programs, and any suggestions you have regarding topics are very welcome.

Full details of each meeting will be provided each month, via our e-newsletter, Saplings and the website.

Contact: Ann Metcher, for more info at goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

LEGACY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

1st Sunday, Bi-monthly, 1 - 3.30 pm

Thinking of using a software program to record your family history, then this group may help you to make a decision. Are you already using Legacy, and feel there is more to learn or understand, then this group is for you. The co-ordinator is Sue McKenzie, who is well versed in the software.

Contact: Carol Browne, for more info at cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

LONDON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

1 November 2020

Meetings are on a Sunday at 1.00 – 4.00 pm

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. Ann is a Londoner, has half her family research in London, and is happy to help. **Contact:** metcher@bigpond.com

DNA GROUP

4th Sunday of each month at 1.00 pm

This is a discussion and self-help group. Check with Fay Carbis on fay@winshop.com.au



President's AGM Report

September 2020 - Margaret Deacon

Dawn Crichlow has stepped down from her role as Society Patron. Peter Young has very kindly accepted to be our new Patron. We are genuinely grateful to him and welcome him here to our AGM today. And, we also warmly welcome our other Patron, Lex Bell. Thank you both for attending.

It is with great pleasure that I present my report for 2020. As I write this, Queensland has been very much spared from the effects of the Coronavirus, but we are still conscious of social distancing and hand hygiene as is evident today. The Society closed its doors on 16 March and re-opened on 26 May. During the closure, Gay Eunson did a splendid job issuing sometimes weekly *Saplings* e-newsletters to keep members engaged to maintain their family history research. I thank Gay sincerely. Once the Society doors opened, Covid-19 protocols with posters were implemented in the Research Library as well as restrictions of member attendance. Phone bookings have been and are still essential for members who intend to undertake computer research. Member attendance, however, has been reduced, naturally. Two Special Interest Groups have resumed - The London Group and the Scottish Group. The Irish Group was disbanded last year due to lack of interest. Due to the larger number of members who attend the other groups, they have not recommenced. This includes the DNA Group, the Computer Group and the Legacy Group. It is likely that the number of people per 4 square metre of space will not change for some time yet. Mini-Seminars have also been put on hold.

Two very important members of our Society stepped down from their roles this year. Beverley Dwyer was our Journal Editor of *Rootes* for 30 years, and we thank her for her great contributions over that time. Gay Eunson was our *Saplings* e-newsletter editor for 15 years, and we thank her sincerely for her great work. A questionnaire distributed in April confirmed to us how important our publications are to our members, many of whom do not or are unable to visit the Research Library. Our Society IT expert and member, Sue McKenzie, is now playing a prominent role in helping set up a regular monthly *Saplings* e-newsletter in a Mailchimp format.

An Editorial Team was convened to address the new content and structure of our Journal, *Rootes* going forward. We have a small group interested in sourcing and writing articles as well as those keen to help with structure and proof-reading. All members are encouraged to submit their stories and articles. Due to financial pressures, there will be 3 journals/year from now.

The Committee meetings resumed in June with members physically spaced. Committee member, Mark Pittaway stepped down, and we thank him sincerely for his input. I wish to thank all Committee members over the last 12 months for their hard work and unwavering commitment. Today, I stand down as President after 4 years. I have relied on each and every one of the Committee members who have supported me during that time. Thank you so much. Jenny Young is our new Publicity Officer. Thanks to member, Faye Kenwrick who agreed in Nov 2019 to be new Purchasing officer. The Dream Team continue their great work on a monthly basis. The Room Assistants deserve special praise for their great work, especially lately in monitoring, cleaning and adhering to the Covid-19 protocols.

The Society gratefully received \$1,800 as a Council Divisional Donation (Division 5) at the end of 2019. This will go towards the setting up of our Scanning/Digitisation Program. We have spent much time researching the relevant scanning equipment to meet our needs. A group also convened to assess the wider issues of copyright to ensure the Society does not infringe these legalities. Thanks to our Honorary Lawyer, Sue McLeod, for assisting in making sense of what seems like convoluted guidelines. Last year the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant application was rejected, and another was submitted in August 2020 to again request funds to purchase two scanners, a photocopier and two laptops. We await the outcome. If we have success with the grant application, this equipment will enhance our ability to provide additional resources for our members. There are numerous books, manuscripts, documents and precious records which will be digitised and which will provide to members the benefit of increased access to this material which is currently difficult to find. We have very willing volunteers waiting to undertake the scanning work.

The Society has embraced the region's Disaster Preparedness Program, an initiative of the Gold Coast City Council. Mark Pittaway and I attended the 2-day workshop in February and March this year prior to the Covid-19 outbreak. A large box of resources was also provided to our Society and this is expected to cater for a range of risks we face in our environment. We identified storm/flooding events and fire and technology issues as medium risks. I am in the process of compiling a Society policy to take to the Committee for approval. The Society was invited to be part of Gold Coast Open House in October 2019 and we were featured on Page 27 in the Program booklet. Due to heavy competition we were not inundated with visitors but it did provide great publicity for the Society.

So, going forward, we are unsure of how Covid-19 will shape our work at the Society. We can only hope that a higher infection rate will not result in lockdown again and that we can soon resume other educational activities. It is a day-by-day situation. I thank our Room Assistants again, and our members for being patient and complying so well with the limitations placed upon us.

Library News/Update

View recently added additions to our rooms in the 'New Acquisitions' on page 27.

LENDING LIBRARY

Did you know that you can borrow books, DVD, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

The GCFHS Library Catalogue is not only available to look up in the rooms. It is also available to view online from home, making it the perfect tool to utilise before venturing out to the rooms. You can find the downloadable PDF version of the Catalogue under the Resources Tab > Library Collection.

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/library-collection.html>

REFERENCE LIBRARY

Our reference library is a treasure chest of items, from books, maps, newspapers scrapbooks, along with a host of cemetery records.

Heather Wort and her team have done a fantastic job over the years, keeping our reference library up to scratch. Fellow members have donated a large number of the items, and the topics are vast and varied.

FEATURE: **LOG OF LOGS** by Ian Nicholson

Log of Logs is a catalogue of logs, journals, shipboard diaries, letters for Australia and New Zealand, and surrounding oceans. Ships are in alphabetical order, plus a number of illustrations of ships.

1st Book – 630 pages, from 1788 to 1988

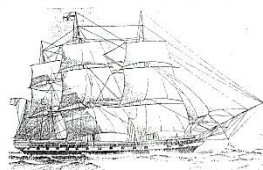
Vol. 2 – 607 pages, from 1788 to 1993

Vol. 3 – 500 pages, from 1788 to 1998

GAUNTLET, f.r. ship?: Voyage, London, 11,10,77: Plymouth?: Brisbane, Feb/78;
1877- +Journal & poems by Hugh & Robert Milligan, ex Girvan, Scotland.
1878 *Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW, MSS 6078. (Sketch in Vol.2)

GAWLER, HMAS/corvette/minesweeper: Service in Eastern & Pacific Fleets;
1943- +Abstract, * as for Ballarat ; +Reports of Proceedings, *AWM 78 +116/L
1945 +Precis in: *Corvettes: Little Ships for Big Men, by F.Walker, (1995).

1836 DUCHESS of NORTHUMBERLAND, f.r. ship, 541t, Captain David ROXBOROUGH;
Cork, 26.5-Sydney, 3.10, with 319 1on. Immigration Committee migrants
+Further copy of Thomas Trotter's diary, * GSV, V910.4 DUCHES
+Published as *A Diary by Thomas Trotter, (Stafford Hts, Qld, 1984).



Said to be the full-rigged ship *Duchess of Northumberland*, of 541 tons built in England 1834. She made numerous voyages to Australia with immigrants and with convicts and was converted to barque rig later in her career to reduce crew numbers.

The above books are located on the back shelf, on the left-hand side, the third row down.
Catalogue number A540

Crimean War Prisoner at 10 years of age

by Carolyn Carruthers



Alma and Inkermann, 1855. Roger Fenton Royal Collection Trust/HM Queen Elizabeth II 2017

For those of you who are familiar with the war photographer Roger Fenton, this is one of his images from the Crimean War.

In this photo, there are two little boys of about 10 years of age. One is sitting in front of the tent, while the other is standing with his arm wrapped around the tent pole looking straight into the camera.

Colonel Brownrigg and two Russian boys,

The young boy standing in this photo is the earliest known picture of my partner, Jay FARQUHARSON'S great-great-grandfather, Inkermann, who was later known as **Simeon SINCA**. Jay is descended from Irene who is Simeon's second youngest daughter.

We know of much of Simeon's life from when he was apprenticed aboard the ship *Florence Nightingale* aged 17 in May 1863 until his death in 1917. However, little is known of the time prior to 1863. How did he end up in England after the Crimean War?

With grateful help from a fellow researcher, I was sent a link to a blog written/posted, 1 December 2018 titled 'Whatever happened to "Alma" and "Inkermann?"' on the website Lives of the Light Brigade. From this blog, I was able to garner some information that was previously unknown about Simeon and his life prior to May 1863.

The most interesting part about the blog was that it contained a copy of an article which was first published in *The Evening Telegraph* in Dundee, Scotland, 14 August 1901. The paper did a series of articles after a book was published about Queen Victoria's life. In this book was a copy of the above photo. After this article was published, Simeon's son, Reginald, contacted the paper. The paper then contacted Simeon and did an interview with him about what he could remember about his time in the Crimean War, and his life after his arrival in England.



The blogger did not seem to find any record of the other boy nicknamed 'Alma'.

The most fascinating part of this article was the fact that Simeon remembered his birth name, **Paskiewitch**. It is unclear if this is the correct spelling or if it was the reporter's interpretation. This information was a bombshell. Unfortunately, the article did not mention what his first name was at birth.

In the article, Simeon was able to describe many incidents that happened to him in the lead up to him being finally captured by the British.

The saddest part was the fact that, though he would never see his Russian family again, the paper was going to make an effort to help by

sending copies of it to the Crimea area in the hope that family members might still be there.

This blog was truly a revelation about Simeon's life. It would be wonderful if I could find out more information about him, especially his Russian connection. Having Jay do a DNA test has crossed my mind. This would probably clear up several other mysteries that are surrounding this particular family tree.

So the logical next step will be for Jay to have a DNA test, but who to choose. Keep hunting because you'll never know what you might find.

Blog Link: <https://livesofthelightbrigade.wordpress.com/2018/12/01/whatever-happened-to-alma-inkermann/>



The Victoria Cross was created in the wake of the carnage of the Crimean War to recognise gallantry in action by all ranks of the services.

The Sam Browne belt is named after Sir Samuel James Browne, VC.



Information is from the **Australian Army History Unit** website link is on Web Explorer page.

Family Stories

Truth or Fanciful

by Helen Giltrap

Family stories that have been passed down the generations can either be somewhat true, have a grain of truth, or be just downright fanciful. Within the history of my family, there is at least one example of each type of story.

The family story which is somewhat true has to do with one of my earliest ancestors, Robert HOBBS of London.

Robert HOBBS was born June or July 1763 to Joseph and Mary HOBBS of Catherine Wheel Alley, Bishopsgate and he was baptised on 17 July 1763 at St Botolph's Church. By all accounts, his family were respectable weavers. Whether Robert was a weaver is unknown, but probably was.

However, it would seem he was more interested in taking his chances with the law as he was up in the dock at the Old Bailey on three separate occasions. The first was 10 December 1788 when he was charged with attempting to steal some velveteen cloth in company with **Samuel BOCKERAH** and later attempting to stop the police coach and releasing Samuel. Robert was acquitted of the crime because the judge doubted the veracity of the witness, but poor Samuel received a death sentence which was commuted to transportation for life and he, along with his wife Ann were transported on the *Neptune*.

The second time in the dock for Robert Hobbs was on 8 July 1789 for fraudulently obtaining three kits of salmon. For this, he got 150 lashes and sent to prison for one month. The third time was on 27 October 1790 for Grand Larceny and for which he was given 7 years transportation. He stole 38 pieces of calico, totaling 760 yards of material, to the value of 60/-, the property of **Thomas MARTIN**. www.oldbaileyonline.org, version 8.0, 1 June 2019.

Robert was transported on the *Active*, one of the Third Fleet ships, and arrived in New South Wales on 26 September 1791.
(*Transportation register - Third Fleet, Class: HO 11; Piece: 1; The National Archives, Kew*).

The following year, on 9 January 1792 Robert was again tried; this time for stealing a pair of shoes and a hat from **Edward CONROY** and **Thomas REGAN**.

He pleads guilty and begged for mercy, but mercy was not to be, and he was to receive 150 lashes.

It may have been this flogging that finally deterred him from a life of crime because he went on to become employed by the government, such as in 1816 when he was both the Pitt Town district constable and pound keeper and was thereafter known as a respectable 'gentleman'.

Only the year before in 1815 Robert married his partner of many years, **Bridget HESLIN** who as an 18 year old during 1793 was arrested in Dublin for stealing calico from the drying greens in that city. Bridget was transported for seven years, arriving on the *Sugarcane* to New South Wales during September 1793. Robert and Bridget had five female and four male children between the years 1795 and 1813, all of whom reached adulthood.

Fast forward to 1839. Just prior to Robert's death on 23 February 1839, he made a Will on 6 February 1839. In it, he bequeathed a property of a house in London leased for £70 per annum plus an amount of £350 pounds bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum, which had been bequeathed to Robert in 1814 by his brother John HOBBS, master weaver of 19 Church-Street, Spitalfield. According to Robert's, brother John's Will had been registered in Doctors' Common in 1814.

Robert contended that he had been denied what had been bequeathed to him all those years before and now he was bequeathing that fortune of one-third to his beloved wife, Bridget, and two-thirds for his children. He named the Reverend Mr BRADY as executor of his Roman Catholic children and his son-in-law, William JONES, to be executor as he saw fit for the Protestant side of the family. Robert signed with his mark, supposedly because he had rheumatism and could not sign, and it was properly witnessed and signed by Peter COOKE, a travelling school teacher, and local resident, William GUYATT.

Simple, right! No, it wasn't.

Robert's Will disappeared, and it did not appear again until about 92 years had elapsed with the Will being found in the dusty archives of the Public Trustee's office, Sydney in 1931. Found along with the Will was a set of seals which had been used by Robert. However, before the Will re-surfaced, newspaper articles headlined **HOBBS' MILLIONS** began to be published in the Australian newspapers, with the first appearing about 1924 with an end to the articles in about 1936.

Over that 12 year period, many committees were formed among the Hobbs descendants and money raised to send someone to London to find the fortune which according to various articles ranged from £2,000,000 up to £8,000,000. None of the claimants was successful.

I shall let my great-grandfather **John SULLIVAN** (1860-1941) have the last word when he was interviewed in January 1936,

'I have been spoon-fed on the Hobbs Millions since I was a child,' he [said]. 'I am now 76, and I haven't seen any sign of the money. I don't suppose I shall, even if the rightful owners do get the money eventually.'

(*Windsor and Richmond Gazette* (NSW 1888-1961)
Fri 27 December 1935, Page 4, *THE HOBBS MILLIONS*)

'One of the seals that were attached to Robert HOBBS' Will, entrusted to the care of the Public Trustee and on permanent loan to the Hawkesbury Library. The seals are gold, exquisitely engraved with only one bearing an image of mountains, the sun and the words "I will return" as a mirrored image. With the two seals is a gold engraved locket, a small clip where possibly the third seal was held, and all were held together by a gold ring.'

This is exactly how they were described in the probate packet papers, so the third seal was lost some time prior to 1931.



Mystery of Rare Seals, 17 August 2010,
www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/1008762/mystery-of-rare-seals/



From the British Newspaper Archives

<https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2020/09/07/new-titles-7-sept-2020/>



This blog tells the story of *The Gentlewoman* a weekly newspaper for women, richly illustrated, it first published on 12 July 1890. Over 97,500 pages have been added to site so far.

To search this newspaper, book computer 3 next time you are coming to the rooms.

To Buy or Not to Buy

Australian Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates

The purchasing of a BDM Certificate is a vital ingredient in our quest to research our ancestors. However, as most of us know, a certificate can pose as many more questions as they originally answer.

But where would we be without them in the world of Genealogy?!

The below is a round-up of what's available to purchases within Australia to purchase. Some States have an online database which you can search, and others do not. But they all allow you to buy Historical Records.

Ancestry.com.au collections of Australian Vital records are very comprehensive and cover all Australian States and Territories, including those that do not provide an online search. However, you cannot purchase your record/certificate from Ancestry unless it is from NSW. Ancestry uses GeniCert who supplies NSW Birth, Death & Marriage Certificate Transcriptions, by Marilyn Rowan.

NEW SOUTH WALES – BDM

<https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/familyhistory/search>

The registry holds records from 1788 and is free to search online.

Before the establishment of the registry in 1856, baptisms, burials and weddings were recorded by the churches. If you are researching before 1856, you will see a two-letter code in the search results under 'District'. This code can be matched to the name of the church that recorded the life event in our list of [early church codes](#).

What you can search

Births more than 100 years ago

Deaths more than 30 years ago

Marriages more than 50 years ago

Record Type & Fees

\$35 for each certificate with a registration number

\$48 for each certificate without a registration number

NSW has several family history transcription agents who you can use. They provide a transcription of the record/certificate. Transcripts are cost-effective, at about \$22 for a full transcript. Below are agents approved by NSW, BDM.

Marilyn Rowan www.nswtranscriptions.com.au

Joy Murrin www.joymurrin.com.au

Laurie Turtle <http://home.iprimus.com.au/lturtle/index.htm>

Australian Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates

QUEENSLAND – BDM

www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au

Queensland BDM holds records between 1829 to the present day.

In 1856, registration became compulsory for life events.

The historical records are free to search and are available to purchase online.

Available Search Years

Births between 1829 and 1920

Marriages between 1829 and 1945

Deaths between 1829 and 1990

Record Type & Fees

Registration image - \$22.90 (online PDF)

Source image - \$22.90 (online PDF)

Historical certificate - \$32.20 (standard postage included)

VICTORIA - BDM

www.bdm.vic.gov.au/research-and-family-history/search-your-family-history

Victoria offers two indexes for you to search 'Historical' or 'Events at sea'.

Records become available on the day they reach the end of their restriction period. They are free to search and available to purchase online

The historical index holds the following life events from 1853

Births 100 years before today's date

Marriages 60 years before today's date

Deaths 30 years before today's date

Church baptisms, marriages and burials 1836 - 1853

What's in the Events at sea index?

BDM on ships bound for a port in Victoria, between 1853 and 1920.

Record Type & Fees

 You are given two options:

Historical certificate: this is a valid official certificate, which will be posted to you for a fee of \$33.80.

Uncertified historical certificate (a scanned image of a certificate) which you can download immediately, cost \$20.00.

Download your image: Once you've bought an image, you are sent an email with a link so you can download it straight away. You have 30 days from date of purchase to download your image.

Australian Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates

WESTERN AUSTRALIA – BDM

<https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx>

Western Australian birth, death and marriage indexes are free to search online. You can purchase a certificate by using the 'order' option alongside the search result. This opens in a new window with an order form in a PDF format that you will need to fill in.

WA Online Index

Birth indexes - 1841 to 1932

Death indexes - 1841 to 1971

Marriage indexes - 1841 to 1936

BIRTHS (1841-1932)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
DEATHS (1841-1971)	<input type="radio"/>
MARRIAGES (1841-1936)	<input type="radio"/>
Family Name	<input type="text"/>
Given Name(s)	<input type="text"/>

Record Type & Fees

Uncertified copy of registration - \$20

(Births 100 years or more, Marriages 75 years or more & Deaths 1983 back)

Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate - \$50 (Includes a one 10 year search)

Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate - \$35 (Reduced fee for events at least 75 years old)

NOTE: To start your search you **MUST** click on one of the radio buttons.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - BDM

SA, Births, Deaths and Marriages **does not provide an online search** facility, but they do provide certificates which may help you research your family history.

Anyone has access to:

Birth certificates more than 100 years old

Death certificates more than 30 years old

Marriage certificates more than 75 years old

Certificate Fees

Birth, Death, Marriage Standard Certificate - \$55.50

Anyone can apply online for a Certificate for the above years.

You will need to provide necessary information about the family history search, such as names and dates of birth. They will then conduct a search and provide a certificate if a record is found. Occasionally they can't find a record to match a family history search; if this happens, a 'no record' certificate is issued.

Some records are also available from www.genealogysa.org.au, who provide family history research services with a strong South Australian emphasis.

Australian Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates

TASMANIAN -BDM

www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/researching-family-trees

Registration of BDM commenced in 1839 in Tasmania, the first Australian colony to take over the function previously conducted by the Churches.

The Tasmanian Registry **does not have an online search** facility to access births, deaths and marriages. They are working on converting their paper records into an electronic format.

Birth, Death and Marriage registrations are from 1839 to date
Church records (burials, baptisms and marriages) are from 1803 - 1839

Anyone can access

Birth record more than 100 years old

Death record more than 25 years old

Marriage record more than 75 years old

Certificate fees

Standard Certificate \$55.62 (birth, death & marriage)

Certificates are sent by Registered Post which is already added into the certificate price.

[Libraries Tasmania](#) provides a family history research service with online access to birth, death and marriage records.

NORTHERN TERRITORY - BDM

<https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/apply-for-birth-death-or-marriage-certificate>

The Northern Territory **does not have an online search** facility to access births, deaths and marriages, and the only records that are open to the public are historical records.

Historical access that happened

Births over 100 years ago

Deaths over 30 years ago - Marriages over 75 years ago

Name changes that happened over 100 years ago

Certificate Fees

Birth, Death, Marriage \$47

Anyone can apply online for a Certificate for the above years.

**The above information was compiled on the 28 August 2020*

Book Review

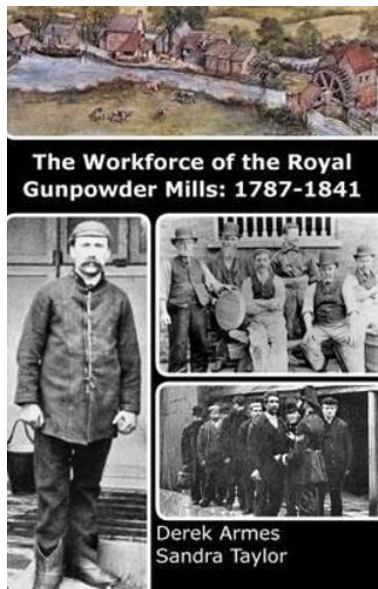
by Ann Metcher

The Workforce of the Royal Gunpowder Mills: 1787 - 1841 & Workforce Worthies of the Royal Gunpowder Mills

At first glance, these would seem books of interest to only those members whose families came from the Waltham Abbey, Essex area but many workers transferred from Kent where they had been employed in the Faversham Gunpowder Mills. Workers are listed alphabetically, and the amount of detail on their lives varies.

Some include baptismal dates, dates they commenced work at the Mills, marital state, address, number of children, daily earnings, previous occupations, work details, pensions, accidents and death. So, well worth a quick search to see if you have any names in there. Available in our library.

My great-grandfather on my father's maternal line, **Edward JACKSON**, was the Chief Fireman at the Royal Gunpowder Mills in Waltham Abbey, Essex following a career in the



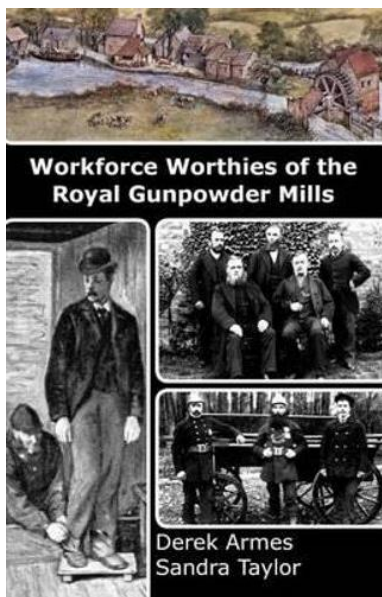
London Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Last year I organised a personalised visit to the Gunpowder Mills due to this connection and whilst there bought these books about workers at the mills, particularly as Edward JACKSON appears on the cover of Workforce Worthies. However, he is not mentioned in either!

A major event in my great-great-grandfather's career at the Mills was a large fatal explosion that killed four workers including a Mr **George SUCKLING**, about which Edward Jackson was required to bear witness before a parliamentary enquiry.

All pretty standard, recorded in newspapers across the world, and resulting in a parliamentary booklet.

BUT one of my colleagues at Gold Coast FHS bears the surname Suckling, and I mentioned this explosion and death to him – and he claimed the victim as a distant relative. Interesting.

Recently starting to build on an ancestral line I came across my great-great-aunt, **Annie Eleanor GOSSET** 1860 - 1901, on my father's paternal line marrying the very same George SUCKLING. So I am distantly related by marriage to a valued colleague at the Gold Coast Family History Society – what a small world.



If you would like to view either book, they are now in our library. No. N598

Did You Know

The 1921 Census is Going Online

In February 2019, the The National Archive (UK) awarded the contract to publish the 1921 Census to Findmypast.

Taken on 19 June 1921, it consists of more than 38 million individuals.

Due to be published in
January 2022.

The 1921 census provides greater detail than previously published.

Additional questions asked householders: their place of employment and their employer's name.

Those aged 15 years or older, were asked to provide information about their marital status, e.g., divorced.

Information was also recorded on those under 15, if both parents were alive or if either or both had died.

A SNIPPET: 'The 1921 Census should have been taken on 24 April, but was delayed by nearly two months in the wake of the Black Friday strike by railway-men, coal miners and transport workers. This is the one and only time that the census date was changed.' *Genealogy Supplies* (Jersey)



Web Explorer

Do you have a favourite go-to website or blog?

If you do, send it, and we will publish it in the next Journal.

The University of Newcastle, Australia has made available online the **parish registers of Anglican churches in the Diocese of Newcastle**. Registers are not indexed. You can sign up to become a transcriber to help these records become easier to search. The dates in blue indicate they are available for an online search.

Website: <https://libguides.newcastle.edu.au/anglican/parishregisters>

Some of the areas included are:- Branxton, Lochinvar, Newcastle, South & West Maitland, Lambton, Gresford, Gosford, Gloucester (Kincumber), Singleton, Paterson, Stroud, Camden Haven (now Kendall), plus lots more.

The 1871 census of St John's Parish, Newcastle giving details of families living in the area, is available here

<https://livinghistories.newcastle.edu.au/nodes/view/82240>

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Parish Register Microfilms, 1826-1899, are also available at the State Library of Queensland. *(Fay Carbis)*

The Battle of Britain Monument <http://bbm.org.uk/>

The Battle of Britain is officially designated as the period between 10 July and 31 October 1940. It was one of the first battles of World War II.

Australian, Frederick William FLOOD 1915 - 1940 (Sept.) from Roma, was only one of over **2,936 Airmen from 15 countries** who flew in the Battle.

The website provides information about the Battle of Britain, the airmen, who took part, the history and description of the Monument and related information.

You can search for biographies of the airmen by name or details of specific planes or battle details if detailed in this site.

Roll of Honour...www.roll-of-honour.com

This site is dedicated to those men and women who fell fighting for their country.

The recorded contain various war memorials within a **variety of counties**.

Check out the main navigation bar at the top of the site.

Australian Army History Unit website has four main headings: History, Museums, Traditions, Emblems information. Personally, I found the Traditions most interesting. <https://www.army.gov.au/our-heritage> *(Sue McKenzie)*



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IrishGenealogy.ie

'Is a government website owned, operated and managed by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The contents of **this site may be freely accessed** and downloaded for personal use or professional family history research.'



The civil records now available online to members of the public include,
Birth register records - 1864 to 1919;
Marriage register records - 1845 to 1944 & Death register records - 1878 to 1969

Over 15.5 million register records are now available to the **public to view** and research online on the www.irishgenealogy.ie/en website.

Note: The General Register Office will continue to work on updating further records of Deaths dating back to 1864.

Side Note: Before you begin searching, you will need to give your name, and agree to their terms, no email address required.

The Workhouse www.workhouses.org.uk/intro/

An invaluable site if your ancestors ever suffered this misfortune. It is a mine of information about the history of individual institutions, their origins and their fate. As the site has many ads embedded in it, I would recommend that you use the side navigation bar to search the many topics available.

London Metropolitan Police - Do you have an ancestor who was a London 'Bobby'? His records may be part of the MEPO series in the National Archives UK. The records date from the inception of the Force in 1829 and include Warrant Numbers, up to 1958, along with Joining, leaving, pension records 1852 - 1932, causes of deaths 1829 - 1889, and various certificates of service, etc.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/london-metropolitan-police-british-transport-police-railway-police/

(The Met now serves 32 London Boroughs, but the City of London police records for the 'square mile' have to be searched separately.)

The Friends of the Metropolitan Police Heritage Charity promotes the history of 'The Met': <http://fomphc.com/timeline-3/> (Ann Metcher)

Military Intelligence

On our doorstep



Museum of Australian Military Intelligence
Kokoda Army Barracks – 5kms south of Canungra

The exhibition and records assist visitors in understanding the historical and current practices of military intelligence within the Australian Defence Force. It concentrates on Australian Intelligence Corps personnel but also has details on Coastwatchers and Z Forces* members from WW11. The Australian Army Intelligence Corps was formed in 1907 when Australia was becoming aware of the rising power of Japan through its victories over Czarist Russia in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905. Germany's presence in New Guinea made Australia aware that its presence could possibly blockade the country's maritime trade routes.

If any of the Society members are researching ancestors who may have been in the Corps, the museum staff can certainly provide that information. Information on anyone in the Corps from about 1980 onwards will not be divulged for obvious reasons.

During these Covid-19 times, please ring the Barracks at 07 5618 6915 to arrange a visit or make enquiries. To view their brochure click on the link below
<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/uploads/4/3/1/0/43107475/austmilitaryintelligencemuseumdl.pdf>

***Z Special Unit** (/zɛd/) was a joint Allied special forces unit formed during the Second World War to operate behind Japanese lines in South East Asia.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_forces

Article by Margaret Deacon

Australian Army Lanyards

The practice of wearing lanyards, of various colours, on the right shoulder, applies to all members of the Australian Army except for Infantry Corps units and 'A' Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery who wear their lanyards on the left shoulder. Officer ranks colonel and above, and senior Regimental Sergeants Major do not wear lanyards.

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Information is from the **Australian Army History Unit** website link is on Web Explorer page.

FAMILY HISTORY – CROSSWORD NO. 1

Coffee
Time
Fun
with
Paul
Dinniss



ACROSS

4. Smaller than a town but larger than a hamlet
5. Feudal Lord lived here
7. International Genealogical Index
10. Woman as head of the family
12. Strike from record
15. This person made a Will
16. Family members older than grandparents
17. ---- from the past
19. Early tax records denoting a taxable person
20. To the inside

DOWN

1. An arm or a leg
2. Lineage of an individual
3. Vikings known as -----men
6. Brother's daughters
8. Change residency to a new country
9. This person follows seasons from farm to farm
11. Being born to unmarried parents
13. Our common interest
14. King Arthur's court
18. Toward

*Find crossword answers on the Members Notice-Board page

Members Notice-Board

Does anyone have an Irish workhouse orphan girl in their family?

Historian Dr. Perry McIntyre is keen to hear from you. Dr. McIntyre has been involved in Irish history and genealogy since the late 1970s. Her Ph.D. on convict family reunion was published by Irish Academic Press in late 2010. Please email Margaret Deacon on miggy49@bigpond.com

Members Research enquires:

Limited research can be carried out for members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms.

Saplings E-Newsletter

Stay up to date with Society news each month. If you haven't received your copy, please check your Spam folder/box: it may be there. If by chance it is there, add the sender's address to your address book to ensure it reaches your Inbox each month.

Renewal Reminder

December members are kindly reminded that renewal of Membership is due on 1st Decembers 2020 for the year 2021.

Mini Seminars: Are currently on hold, until Covid19 restrictions are eased.

For Sale: Samsung: Laser Toner Cartridge \$10.00 P-ML2525 & others.

Contact: Margaret Deacon, for details on 0439 871 329 (as new in the box \$32)

18. Into	20. Into
14. Camelot	19. Poll
13. Genealogy	17. Blast
11. Bastardy	16. Ancestors
9. Itinerant	15. Testator
8. Immigrate	12. Excise
6. Nieces	10. matriarch
3. Norse	7. IGI
2. Pedigree	5. Manor
1. Limb	4. Village
DOWN	ACROSS
Crossword Answers	

LOST & FOUND

- * A5 note book and NSW Baptisms cert. for William Barclay, b. 18 May 1844.
- * A4 note book, names include, Doyle, More, Guinness & Hindmarch.
- * NSW Baptism Cert. for William Daniel McGuinness, b. 9 Oct 1804.
- * Specsaver – Cases & Glasses (slim-line/purple in colour.)
- * Large Magnifying glass – Maginon.
- * Ashmore Optical Glass Case and Glasses.

Members: John Little, Gayle Atkinson & J. Lee, all have items in the lost property box.

What's New in the rooms / Acquisitions

Three of our long-standing members have donated to the library the results of their research in three very different ways.

Ann Metcher has completed her third family history book *The Jackson Family from Enfield London, Waltham Abbey* and associated families Rider, Meggs, Stennent.

It is an easy-to-read, well-researched history of the family centred around Enfield in Middlesex. Ann has included many images of various types to bring this family history to life. (located in Family History section Shelf No. 310/JAC)



Faye Kenwick's father-in-law Stan KENWRICK lived 101 years. He was a happy, jolly man always ready to relate stories of his life to whoever would listen. Around 1997 he started using a tape recorder to preserve his family's history.

Having a daughter-in-law who is a family historian, his effort was not to be lost. Faye transcribed this memoir and produced a happy, colourful tribute, full of historical and family photos of Stan's life in and around Wynnum/Manly region of Queensland, and his travels later in life. The book is titled *STAN'S MEMORIES*. (Located in Family History section Shelf No. 330/KEN)



Margaret Huth, a Gold Coast local, is descended from a German family with a farming background who settled in the Benowa area of the Gold Coast.

Margaret's donation consists of the results of years of researching the HUTH and RAABE families. While travelling near and far, chatting over many a cup of tea, Margaret managed to acquire many family documents, handed over to her for safe-keeping. Margaret has scanned the documents, making a digital record which she has now decided to share with fellow family historians, creating another record away from the originals.

The donation of 170 certificates, inquests and documents has now created a database of 3900 entries.

(located with miscellaneous certificates and documents folders as Vol 6, *Margaret Huth's Collection of Certificates and Documents* compiled by Margaret Huth)



What's New in the rooms / Acquisitions

Shelf No	Title	Media	Country	Source
Microfiche	Argus Index 1910 - 1949 (139) Melbourne		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Argus Passenger Index 1846 - 1851 Melbourne		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Argus Shipping Movements 1846 – 1851 Melbourne		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Convict Pardons. Ticket of Leave NSW issued on the Colony of NSW 1810 - 1875 incl primary source		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Groom's Darling Downs Almanac 1885, 1886, 1887		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Groom's Darling Downs Almanac 1892, 1893, 1898		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Groom's Darling Downs Almanac 1900, 1901, 1902		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Groom's Darling Downs Almanac 1903, 1905, 1909, 1910		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Index of convicts absconding in NSW Vol I 1830 - 1832		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Index to convicts apprehended in NSW Vol 1 1830 - 1832		AUST	GCLH Library
Microfiche	Queensland Post Office Directory 1916-1931		AUST	GCLH Library
310/JAC	The Jackson Family from Enfield London Waltham Abbey and Associated families Ridler Meggs Stennett	Book	ENG	Ann Metcher
A860	Aboriginal Place Names	Book	AUST	Anne Glennie
C360/700	Holding its own. The Inverell district since 1919	Book	AUST	John Criddle
C360/795	Bygone Caterham	Book	AUST	John Criddle
C444/795	A town Called Port. A Port Macquarie -Hastings Valley Walkabout	Book	AUST	J Eddy
HANG:0241	Berridale NSW (8625 edition 1 series R 651 topographic survey)	Hanging map	AUST	Jeff Adams
HANG:1728	Mount Beauty Victoria (8234-IVSE Zone 55)	Hanging map	AUST	Jeff Adams
HANG:1729	Feathertop Victoria (8324-3-2 Zone 55)	Hanging map	AUST	Jeff Adams
HANG:1730	Bogong Victoria (edition 1 8324 National topographic map series)	Hanging map	AUST	Jeff Adams
LGE/M810	2007 Big Easy Read Britain (clearest mapping)	Large Book	UK	Anne Glennie
M810	Great Britain (history scenic tours pubs castles stately homes cathedrals)	Book	UK	Anne Glennie
N598	The Workforce of the Royal Gunpowder Mills: 1787 - 1841	Book	ENG	Ann Metcher
N598	Workforce Worthies of the Royal Gunpowder Mills	Book	ENG	Ann Metcher
NDEV/795	Plymouth & Plymothians. Photographs and Memories (Devon)	Book	ENG	Ann Metcher
PRECS:0206	The Australian Slang Dictionary (ed. 1899)	Book	AUST	Anne Glennie

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E215/586	We few, we happy few, band of brothers Vol. 16 June 2017 (Southport)	Book	AUST	Ann Morse
E350/586	Downlands College, Toowoomba 1998	Book	AUST	Heather Wort
J161/710	Rottneft Its Tragedy and its Glory	Book	AUST	Ann Metcher
NLND/795	Lost Hackney	Book	ENG	Ann Metcher
L700	The Heretaunga/ Waiwhetu River Mouth	Book	NZ	Bev Dwyer
NWES/512	The Quaker Registers of Ravenstonedale , Grisedale and Garsdale 1650 - 1837	Book	ENG	Bev Dwyer
NSTS/795	Rugeley in Black & White	Book	ENG	Bev Dwyer
NLAN/795	Burnley as it was. A collection of prints and photographs	Book	ENG	Bev Dwyer
F241/598	Onkaparinga . The Story of a Mill	Book	AUST	John Criddle
E215/586	We few, we happy few, band of brothers Vol. 20 December 2019 (Southport)	Book	AUST	L Wort

Shelf No	Title	Media	Country	Source
330/KEN	Sam's Memories - QLD	Book	AUST	Faye Kenwick
ARCHIVE BOX 05.35	Gold Coast Sun (free newspaper) The Sun Sets after 35 years. Final edition	News- paper	AUST	Margaret Huth
C000/700	Sydney's First Four Years	Book	AUST	
C065/518 /CEM	Gore Hill Cemetery 1868 - 1974 - NSW	Book	AUST	
C821/710	A History of Narromine and District- NSW	Book	AUST	
C850/775	Hillendiana comprising a numbers of facts and fiction – NSW (Loan copy)	Book	AUST	Faye Kenwick
S830	Paris atlas with index of streets (filed in the map draw)	Book	FRA	Anne Glennie
C000/700	Sydney's First Four Years	Book	AUST	
Y514	Margaret Huth's – Collection of Certificates and Documents	Folder	World Wide	Margaret Huth

Side Note to NSW BDM – page 16

The early church records for NSW prior to 1856 are available to search on microfilms in the rooms.

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