



**CHRISTMAS CLOSING DATES
THE ROOMS WILL CLOSE ON
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017
AND RE-OPEN
TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018**

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**REMINDER
MEMBERS WHO HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE OF
31 DECEMBER 2017
NEED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP
A RENEWAL FORM IS ENCLOSED WITH THE HARD COPY
OF THE JOURNAL
IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE**

COMING EVENTS

Our Society hosts various events during the year. All are for the benefit of our members. There is a nominal charge of \$1 for group meetings which includes tea or coffee and a biscuit. Introduction and Advance Classes and any education classes are free of charge to members. Special events incur individual charges.

Check the Coming Events in your journal and updates that appear in *Saplings*, our monthly electronic newsletter. Details are also published on our web site: <http://goldcoastfhs.org.au/events-calendar1.html>

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY/ADVANCED CLASSES

Day time sessions are held at regular intervals. Contact **Pam Oldham** on 5594 0610 or email: pamllew3@gmail.com for upcoming classes. Bookings for these classes are essential.

SCOTTISH GROUP

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research. The meetings commence at 1pm and will be held on the following dates for 2018: Sunday 18 February, 20 May, 19 August and 18 November.

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

IRISH GROUP

Julian Van der Veer has for many years had a research service but it available to assist our members. Meetings commence at 9am and the dates for 2018 are: Monday 26 March, 6 August and 3 December. Julian can be contacted at genfindit@gmail.com

LONDON GROUP

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. **Ann Metcher** is native to the area and very knowledgeable. She can be contacted at metcher@bigpond.com Dates for 2018 are Sunday February 4, May 6, August 5 and November 4 at 1pm.

LEGACY GROUP

If you are thinking of using a program to record your family history this group can help to make up your mind. If you are already using it why not

find out if you are taking full advantage of it. This is a self-help group aimed at solving problems.

Dates for 2018 are Sunday 4 February, 1 April, 3 June, 5 August, 7 October and 2 December.

Contact Carol Browne at cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

COMPUTER GROUP

This very popular group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. The programs are wide and varied and any suggestions you may have regarding topics are very welcome. Programs will appear in *Saplings* each month.

You can contact **Ann Metcher** at metcher@bigpond.com for further information.

FAMILY TREE MAKER

If you are using this program and need help **Gay Eunson** will be happy to assist you.

You can reach her on 5597 5365 or email: eunson5253@optusnet.com.au

SPECIAL EVENT

Guest speaker, **Kerry Farmer** will join us to give talks on the following subjects:

1. Immigration to Australia
2. English Parish Records

Kerry has been teaching family history classes since 1997. With degrees in both science and the arts, she is a member of the Education Committee and is also the Director of Australian Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Kerry authored *DNA for Genealogists*, *Arrivals in Australia 1788* and together with Rosemary Kopittke wrote *Which Genealogy Program?*

The talk will be held on Saturday 17 February at 1pm in Room 1, Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre. The cost to members is \$15 and for non-members \$20.

VALE

We recently lost two of our long term members. **Judy Gill**, a Life Member who joined in 1981 and **Anne Bergin** who joined in 1994. They will be sadly missed.

**President's Report
Presented at the
Annual General Meeting
2 September 2017**

It gives me great pleasure to present my report of events and activities over the past year. It has been a rewarding year culminating in the Gold Coast Family History Society co-hosting the *Footsteps in Time* Family and Local History State Conference on 19 May. I'd like again to thank everyone who was involved in helping to bring the Conference together and to make it the success that it was – the Conference Committee as well as the Volunteers. Thanks to all of our members who supported the event by attending. The co-host of the conference was History Queensland and we valued input on the Committee from members belonging to Brisbane GSQ and Caloundra Family History Society. Special thanks must go to Ann Metcher, Conference Convenor who guided the entire planning process and attended to every detail. Fay Carbis played a sterling role in setting up and taking the online registrations and capably attending to catering aspects. Sincere gratitude must be shown to our member, Sue McKenzie whose expertise was a huge asset in designing the website and coordinating the printing of publicity and Conference material and programs. The Conference certainly put the Gold Coast Family History Society on the map and no doubt increased our status within the sphere of family history.

I'd also like to thank the Society Management Committee for their great work over the past year and to Ann Metcher for supporting me so ably in my new role as President. Beverley Dwyer is a stalwart in writing and compiling articles, proof-reading, collating and formatting the *Rootes* journal. Thank you. Thanks also to Gay Eunson who is so much a part of that role. Together you make a great team putting the journal to print and online. We urge members to write an article for the Journal. Writing and documenting your family history or stories is a wonderful legacy to leave to your family. You can insert your thoughts and feelings as to how you came upon the research and what it meant to you. Writing articles will certainly relieve the pressure on Beverley Dwyer who diligently generates four journals every year. We would not manage without Sue McKenzie's expertise in keeping the Society Website up to date. We are also very appreciative of Fay Carbis and Heather Wort both of whom competently attend to our internet computers – running, sourcing, loading new programs, backing them up and addressing the security issues. A huge expression of thanks goes to Carol Browne for actively maintaining our Facebook site and for regularly posting

fascinating stories, historical snippets and images. Please consider visiting this site and posting a message or photo.

Gay Eunson, who distributes our e-newsletter, *Saplings* monthly and at any other necessary times provides an essential communication link to all Society members. Gay is certainly a great asset.

Heather Wort capably manages the Library resources and thanks to you and your wonderful team for maintaining our books, maps, microfiche, films, spare certificates, postcards, purchasing of new items, classifying and labelling, compiling various indexes as well as maintaining the hard copy and the digital catalogues.

Maree Alexanderson continues her wonderful work as Treasurer compiling monthly and annual reports, and we're grateful for her continued support for the next year.

Carolyn Carruthers has embraced her role as Secretary this past year and I'd like to acknowledge her effort which is to continue through next year.

Peter Lenton is never short of sage advice with his measured and analytical approaches at Committee meetings. His financial and business experiences have brought special skills to the table. We will very much miss Peter's presence on the Committee as he is standing down. Thank you so much, Peter for your commitment over the years.

We look forward to Mark Pittaway's continued contribution as a valued Committee member.

Thanks to Sue McLeod for taking on the role of Honorary Legal Advisor during the past year and being available to manage any relevant issues in that field that may arise.

I cannot emphasise enough how valuable many other Members are who do not fulfil a formal role on the Management Committee. Some of our Room Assistants have left and I'd like to pay tribute to long-term members, Dawn Hutchinson and Margaret Elliott who have played such an important role in the Society. Pam Oldham has now assumed and settled in to the role of Roster Secretary in addition to many other tasks and we are grateful for her contribution. Room Assistants play an essential role in assisting our members in their research endeavours. Thanks to all of you. We are eternally grateful for your reliability and willingness to impart your wealth of knowledge, and to fill in when needed to keep the Rooms open.

Our Dream Team consisting of Paul Dinniss, Ray Suckling, Carolyn Nordstrum, Ted Airey and Mark Pittaway deserve special thanks for their work behind the scenes. They attend the Rooms once each month to clean floors, maintain the fiche and film readers and generally keep equipment in order.

Thank you to Margaret Collins and Fay Carbis for the ongoing coordination of the FamilySearch film service. To expand on the matter of resources – As most members would be aware by now FamilySearch has discontinued its microfilm distribution services. The reason for this is that the organisation's microfilm digitalisation is progressing to the extent that the microfilm technology is becoming obsolete. Online access to digital images of records is more efficient. The Organisation expects that the remaining microfilms should be digitised by the end of 2020. The films we now have onsite will form part of our permanent Library resources. From September the Society, as an affiliate library will be given access to restricted digital images by FamilySearch and this is a wonderful outcome.

Our Special Interest Groups which are held at 2 monthly intervals are popular with those members focusing on particular areas. My sincere thanks to Sue McKenzie and Carol Browne for co-ordinating the popular Legacy Group, to Margaret Collins and Margaret Shand for the Scottish Group, to Julian Van der Veer for the Irish Group and to Ann Metcher for convening the London Group. It is so important that these groups are set up so that our members can reap the rewards of the detailed knowledge these experts can impart.

The Society's civic contribution to the community remains strong. During the last year Ann Metcher has presented talks on family history to the Association of Independent Retirees at Broadbeach, the Ashmore and the Broadbeach Rotary clubs as well as the AVEO Retirement Village, all of which have been warmly received. Thank you so much, Ann for the part you play in entertaining these groups while at the same time highlighting the benefits of our Society. In March a display stall featured family history and the GCFHS at Pacific Pines High School Festival attended by Margaret Deacon, Heather Wort and Colleen Yuke.

Thanks to Pam Oldham who has supported me in the seven Library presentations we have conducted throughout the year in raising awareness of our Society and at the same time promoting the upcoming Conference. Coinciding with those presentations Pam and I set up Library Displays in six libraries also as a publicity strategy. Look in a Book Day on 7 July yielded less than a handful in numbers but the enthusiasm of those who did attend was a reward. The Society is keen to promote our wonderful collection of books for loan, reference books and our treasured precious books. Open Day in the Rooms on 21 August resulted in a small yet eager number of attendees who, together with members were interviewed by Gold Coast ABC FM Station 91.7. The video showing the library resources as interviews were taking place can be viewed on the Society Facebook page.

As time goes on we continue to be faced with reducing memberships. In June we were facing a 30% decrease in the Society membership in the last 6 years. This is not isolated to our Society. It is a general trend worldwide where the method of family history research for people is accessing more and more through online sites. We want to continue to be relevant – to provide education and information sessions to stimulate the family history researcher. In addition, updating the library resources as well as the continuation of subscription sites ensure our members have access to as many avenues of research as possible. By August our membership numbers shot up to the level that they were at this time last year, so that is encouraging. The intention is that our membership fees will remain the same.

So, what does the coming year hold for the Society? With significant resources and diminishing membership the ability to provide up to date and functioning equipment may be threatened. Parts no longer become available and therefore, servicing is problematic. A new film reader has been purchased using funds from a Gold Coast City Grant of \$2,000 in July 2017, and the proceeds from the Conference. Other independent purchases have included a new mini refrigerator, a projector screen and a new laptop which was required for the Conference. The keyboard of the old laptop could not be repaired. A new computer and printer are being purchased to link in with the new film reader as the old equipment could not be utilised.

Our Monthly Computer Sessions on the third Wednesday evening of the month have been successful and will continue to provide education and information for our members. The Committee intends to place added emphasis on education next year by providing a range of different presentations by well-known speakers. The first of these will be a mini Seminar held in February 2018 with Kerry Farmer, an author and an acclaimed family historian. The topics will include Immigration and UK Parish Records. Throughout next year we anticipate holding Mini-seminars every couple of months. We would welcome anyone to come forward who is interested in co-ordinating our Education program.

I ask that this Report be accepted.

Margaret Deacon
President

HEATHER WORT'S LIBRARY REPORT

With Christmas almost upon us it is time to take a look at what happened over the year. Usually I share some statistics so here they are. We accessioned 197 books to the catalogue of which 181 were donated. CDROM/DVD 14 discs of which 7 were donated. 13 sets of microfiche all donated. Plus some folded maps and charts. Your donations are really appreciated.

Many societies are still sending us a printed version of their journal so remember to browse the boxes in the back room any four can be borrowed at the one time and we still subscribe to *Family Tree Magazine*.

You may have noticed certificates of appreciation were awarded to Sue McKenzie and Margaret Huth at the annual general meeting. Sue for her work associated with the May conference and Margaret for continuing with the Gold Coast Bulletin data base of deaths and probate. However both girls also work in the library giving assistance to members, Sue is always ready to pass on her computer knowledge and Margaret volunteers two days a month with loads of patience and knowledge on German research.

Colleen Yuke has completed a stocktake on the loan books; she is very thorough so no typo gets missed to keep me on my toes.

Pictorial books often get passed over, we have over two hundred in all sorts and sizes, of places such as England, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand and Australia. I know what you are saying, "get on the internet" well I am sure you could find photos not on the Internet or at least enjoy a browse, a list of a few below:

The National Trust Book of Ruins : Priceless Pictures from the remarkable NSW Government Printing Office Collection 1870-1950;

Picture book of London Volumes 1 and 2

Country Life Book of Britain then and now. A unique record of Britain over the last 100 years;

Journey Through Scotland; England in Pictures Today (1947)

Behind the closed doors of our finest private colonial estates

Postwar Portrait Photographs by Allan Doney 1900 – 1987

Durham at Work

Or perhaps the New Zealand series - Weekly News: Those Were The Days a nostalgic look at the early days. A collection of six books from 1900 to 1960s.

Check out the large black folders, number 7 has aerial photos of the Tweed and Gold Coast some taken 2007 and see how the coast has grown in ten years.

Have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Heather Wort
Librarian



BOOK REVIEW

In Days Gone By a family history by **Margaret Thornton**

This saga ranges from England and Scotland to New Zealand and Australia and spans a period from 18th century through towards the end of 20th century. The book looks into the lives of certain **Thornton, Tree, McKellar** and **Sykes** families who settled in the Clarence and Tweed River regions of North New South Wales, in Brisbane, Queensland and on Queensland's southern coast as these were opening up and becoming populated. Their stories, though all very different, show that they shared a talent for hopeful perseverance as their lives were touched by tragedy, prosperity, adversity and sometimes poverty.

Some lived, e.g., through 'The Great Flood' of 1893 in Brisbane, the 'Great Depression' in the 20th century and two World Wars. Though the story begins with two couples and two single young men venturing forth from 'the old country', many family branches sprouted.

The author was born in Brisbane, spent her early childhood in Nundah and then from 1947 at Miami on the south coast of Queensland.

You can order the book by emailing: books@digitalprintaustralia.com

The cost is \$29 per copy +postage.

**TOBIAS ELTON TYLER
DIANE STEEDMAN**

TOBIAS ELTON TYLER arrived in Australia in the early 1860s. His life before this period is a combination of fact and assumption.

During their marriage Tobias and Margaret had nine children. On the birth registration of their daughter Christina, Tobias (age 24) is noted as being a Seaman and he was “born at sea”. However, in 1865 at the birth of his daughter, Susan, his occupation is listed as Shepherd and he was born in Ireland. To add to the confusion, later in 1868 when Henrietta is born Tobias is now a Labourer and was born in New York.

SO WHERE DID TOBIAS COME FROM?

Was he born in Ireland, at sea or New York? We will probably not know for certain, however, Tobias Tyler can be found in the 1850 US Census.

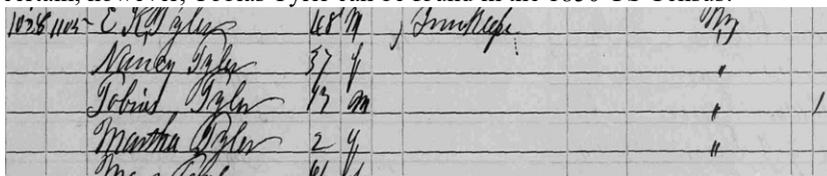


Image from 1850 US Census.

Name	Tobias Tyler
Census Place	Pittstown, Rensselaer, New York
Age	13 years
Birthplace	New York
Gender	Male
Son of E R Tyler (Innkeeper) and Nancy Tyler	

Transcript of 1850 US Census

Although the census states that the family were born in New York the accuracy cannot be confirmed, but what we do know as fact is that Tobias grew up in America.

LIFE AT SEA

By 1851, Tobias is a member of the crew on the whaling ship *Three Brothers*.

The Nantucket Historical Society Research Library holds both the log and the account book for the voyage of 1851. The log, which in many ways seems more a journal, was apparently kept for the first four months by Tobias Tyler of Pittstown, New York, but after that by Charles Coffin, the ship’s S cooper.

In 1858 evidence has been found that Tobias was now part of the crew of the whaling ship *Andrews* (out of New Bedford US). In fact the record shows that Tobias is of light skin with dark hair. His rank was that of a Boatsteerer.



The Death Flurry by Sir Oswald



Map showing major whaling ports of the east coast of America

Tobias eventually arrives in Australia in the early 1860s, presumably as a crew member on a whaling ship as by this time Eden and Twofold Bay were well established as whaling ports in Australia. Many whaling ships from America can be found in the waters off the East Coast of Australia during this period. Eden is 471km south of Sydney, 274km south-east of Canberra and 560km north east of Melbourne.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

On the 3rd December 1862 Tobias Tyler married a very young Margaret Davis in the town of Eden. It would appear that Tobias continued his life at sea for the next couple of years as he is listed as crew member (cook) on the ship Everton, which sailed from the Port of Otago New Zealand to Sydney on the 3rd March 1864. Tobias is noted as being 22 and born in America.

By 1865 and with the birth of his second child, Susan, he pursued occupations on the land, working as a shepherd and labourer to support his young family. By August of 1872 he was able to pay a deposit of £10 on some Crown Land at Narira, Dampier, NSW.

Life was not kind to Tobias as by 1874 the land had been forfeited because of non-payment of further monies and in 1878 he was declared insolvent.

Between the years 1863 and 1882 Tobias and Margaret had nine children. They remained living in the same area – the Monaro District.

In 1885 Margaret marries Frances Edward Kelly. What happened to Tobias is unclear. The 1885 marriage certificate states that Margaret is a widow, however, no record of Tobias' death can be found.

NSW MARRIAGE REGISTRATION TRANSCRIPTION		REF NO 1885/5880
GROOM	-FRANCIS EDWARD KELLY	
	(HIS X MARK)	
STATUS	-BACHELOR	
PLACE OF BIRTH	-COOMA	
OCCUPATION	-LABOURER	
AGE	-NOT STATED	
USUAL RESIDENCE	-COOMA	
FATHER	-NOT STATED	
OCCUPATION	-NOT STATED	
MOTHER	-NOT STATED	
BRIDE	-MARGARET TYLER	
STATUS	-WIDOW	
PLACE OF BIRTH	-TWOFOOLD BAY	
OCCUPATION	-NOT STATED	
AGE	-NOT STATED	
USUAL RESIDENCE	-COOMA	
FATHER	-NOT STATED	
OCCUPATION	-NOT STATED	
MOTHER	-NOT STATED	
DATE OF MARRIAGE	-7 OCT 1885	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	-COOMA NSW	
RELIGION	-ACTS OF COUNCIL 19 VICTORIA NOS 30 & 34	
WITNESSES	-H M RYAN, JOHN RYAN	
MINISTER	-ALFRED SALWEY, DISTRICT REGISTRAR	

Sources:

United States Census 1850

Whaling Crew List Database www.whalingmuseum.org

State Records of NSW; Passengers Arriving 1855-1922

NSW Australia Land Grants 1788-1963

NOTES

Acts of Council 19 Victoria Nos 30 & 34

Having these Acts mentioned on the Marriage Certificate does not mean that there were any specific circumstances relating to the second marriage registration. They are Acts of Council because they were passed in 1855 prior to the elective Legislative Assembly being formed, which was the introduction of responsible government in 1856.

These two Acts made the civil registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in NSW compulsory from the 1st March 1856.

Also, the two Acts were replaced on 20th November 1899 by the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1899 (Act No. 17, 1899).

NEW MEMBERS

3492	Phil Guerin, Ashmore
3493	Chris Henry, Robina
3494	Sue Brown, Surfers Paradise
3495	Gordon Brown, Surfers Paradise
3496	Jill Stolle, Runaway Bay
3497	Don Stolle, Runaway Bay
3498	Kylie Congram, Highland Park
3499	Glenis Smith, Highland Park
3500	Jenny Young, Carrara
3501	Not for publication
3502	Daphne Rieck, Coomera
3503	Howard Jeffree, Mermaid Waters
3504	Helen Jeffree, Mermaid Waters

ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

The end of another year and I hope you have managed to fill in some missing links and gaps. Remember to ask lots of questions on Christmas Day and over the holidays, even for the most mundane subjects, like how your grandparents "got to the church" for their marriage or where they bought their groceries. You might be surprised. Good luck with your hunting and have a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Leicestershire: One of our members provided this wonderful website, if your ancestors came from this area you might get lucky.

http://www.quormuseum.com/quorn_village_graves.php

Polish Archives. This website is courtesy of one of our members, a bit difficult to navigate but after a few steps you can translate into English.

<http://www.szukajwarchiwach.pl/>

Clandestine Marriages and Baptisms in Fleet Prison, King's Bench Prison, the Mint and Mayfair Chapel 1667-1777. During your researching you may have heard of The Fleet Prison and Clandestine marriages which grew in numbers from the middle of the seventeenth century in London. In the 1740s over half of all London weddings were held at the Fleet prison which was primarily a debtor's prison. Not all marriages are here but you might get lucky and it is an interesting website to look at anyway. If you do find something you will have to sign in and buy credits.

<https://www.bmdregisters.co.uk/help/aboutRG7.htm>

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/MDX/FleetMarriages>

The Irish Famine Memorial, Sydney. The Australian Monument to the Great Irish Famine 1845-1852 is located at the Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney. It was inspired by the arrival in Australia of over 4000 single young women, mostly teenagers who arrived under a special emigration scheme designed to resettle destitute girls from the workhouses of Ireland during the Great Famine.

There is a database to search and some interesting links.

<http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/en/>

Norfolk Family History Society has a great amount of records, some online and others that can be checked and a small fee paid if you want more information.

An ongoing project to digitize all the records of the society.

<http://www.norfolkfhs.org.uk/>

If you know from census records that your ancestor worked on a Wherry boat or “black sailed trader” you might like to find out a bit more about this occupation. They were built for specific areas of waterways and at their peak there were over 300 of these craft on the Norfolk broads.

www.wherryalbion.com

Quaker Family History Society. If you think your ancestors may have been Quakers this website can help with information. There are many types of records available to research.

www.qfhs.co.uk

Some of us have research on the Isle of Man so these websites might help in your search for answers.

<http://www.iomfhs.im/>

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/news/manx-records-go-online>

Lancashire Record Office, a good place to start looking if you find your research takes you to this part of England. Also there is the online Parish Clerks project which may have some answers.

<http://www.familytreeresources.co.uk/lancashire-record-office.html>

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/>

The Museum of the Jewish People. Various databases to look at and a search engine to check on Jewish surnames. There are all kinds of pictures, stories and family names to check out.

<https://dbs.bh.org.il/>

If you like maps, as I do, you could spend quite a bit of time here checking out these old maps and plans of London and the British Isles. There are also 19th century maps and engraving relating to Australia.

<http://mapco.net/>

If you are interested in the surname Scott and its variations you may like this website, even if your surname is something different. A couple of the pages aren't working at the moment but you could spend quite a bit of time here, all kinds of interesting things to do with Scotland and Scottish families.

<http://www.clanscottscotland.com/genealogy/4591888655>

Scottish Highland Ancestors. I think most of us have Scottish ancestors in our families and it is a good idea to find all the information you can to try and track down these, sometimes, elusive ancestors. We have a number of resources in our library rooms at Nerang, also a Scottish group where two of our members can give you expert help on tracking your Scottish ancestors. If your ancestors came from the Scottish Highlands this website has some information that may help to add some flesh to the bones.

<http://www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org/HFHSHighlandAncestors.htm>

Forces War Records and Military Genealogy. There is so much to look at here you could be here for quite a while if you are interested in Military Records.

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

For your Christmas holiday reading this would be something different, the National Wallace Monument located in Stirling, Scotland. Even if we have no Scottish research most of us have seen photos of this monument but do you know the history? This landmark overlooks the scene of Scotland's victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. Read about Sir William Wallace, patriot, martyr and Guardian of Scotland.

<https://www.nationalwallacemonument.com/>

Plantations in 16th and 17th century Ireland involved the confiscation of land by the English Crown and colonisation of this land with settlers from the island of Britain. This is a very complex subject but I have discovered in my own research that my Weir family did not originate in Ireland, as I had always thought and assumed, but most likely came from an area south of Glasgow in Scotland. This happened during the 1600s and involved whole villages of people taken to Ireland and given farmland in return for remaining loyal to the British Crown. There are a lot of websites and it is quite interesting to discover something about these plantation settlements.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plantations_of_Ireland

<https://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/center-study-genocide-conflict-resolution-and-human-rights/16th-17th-century-plantation-ireland>

<http://www.thereformation.info/plantnire1610.htm>

Hope you enjoy this edition of websites, they were all working in September.

Ann Morse

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BOOK REVIEW

Transported to Paradise by Douglas R Huxley

This family history book contains a wealth of information and is worth looking at if you have Australian ancestors. However, be warned, not all of the information is correct. The same can be said for all books on family histories, just because they are printed does not make them correct. We have written four books which are in the library and we now know that there are errors in them from some information given to us by family.

Some examples we have found in *Transported to Paradise* whilst researching our brother-in-laws family:

Patrick (Paddy) HUXLEY and Elizabeth (Bess) APPEYARD had eight children all named. They actually had ten, two died young, according to NSW BDM's.

The book states that Elizabeth died on the 20 Feb 1947; cemetery record has 20 Jan 1947, the proof would be in the death certificate. Eldest son Cyril married Dorothy Eileen MAKIN on the 21 May 1922; NSW BMD has this marriage as 1923. Second son Jack first married Kate GRACE no date given. He married as John HUXLEY to Catherine Imelda GRACE. Catherine was known as Kate all her life according to newspaper articles we found, and as Jack and Catherine Imelda HUXLEY on the electoral rolls. John / Jack HUXLEY's birth and death Records are registered as Jack.

Apart from the above we found this interesting puzzle during our research.

Cyril married again after Dorothy died; he married Helen Ross Carnegie McPHAIL/MacPHAIL in 1952. The task was to find her maiden name and parents. Helen was not born in Australia before 1917; she died in 1999, so without getting the death certificate we still do not know her parents. In the hope of finding her maiden name, we searched the electoral roll for a Helen Ross Carnegie with no surname. BINGO! We found a Helen Ross Carnegie MacPHAIL and Helen Ross Carnegie BARKER who were recorded at the same address in 1949. BARKER did not marry a MacPHAIL prior to 1949 in Australia. The following article was found in TROVE of the death of Mrs Helen Ross Carnegie BARKER recently of Edinburgh, Scotland the widow of John BARKER, loved mother of George, William, Helen (Mrs McPHAIL) and others named in the notice.

Puzzle solved.

Judith and Robin Hill.

ROBBERY AT BERKLEY, SOMERSET

By
CHRISTINE MATTNER

An article from the “Exeter and Plymouth Gazette” of Saturday 10 April 1841 states:

“Jabez Bourne indicted for assaulting Joseph Toop, at Berkley, on the 21st January, and robbing him of a purse, a watch, and other articles his property. The Jury returned a verdict of Guilty. The prisoner then made a long address to the Court, most solemnly declaring his innocence. The learned Judge told him there could not be a doubt of his guilt upon the evidence, and that in cases of this description it was requisite to make severe examples, and therefore the sentence was that he should be transported fifteen years. The prisoner then fell on his knees, and begged his lordship to mitigate the sentence, and he again said, “I am the wrong man” I declare most solemnly that I am innocent”

Joseph Toop was my four times great grandfather, born in 1789 in Frome, Somerset. He was married to Sophia and they had five children. Joseph was a weaver, by trade.

Joseph’s 1841 England Census (taken 6 June) shows he is living in Berkley with Sophia and two of his daughters.

Upon reading this article, my thought was, if Jabez had been transported, then perhaps I could find him in the records for convicts sent to Australia.

Jabez was married (1837, Bristol) to Celia (née James). They had a daughter, Sarah, before Jabez’s arrest.

English prison records from the Somerset/Taunton Assizes of 3 April 1841 show Jabez was 31 years old, a gardener, employed by the Right Honourable Edmund Boyle, the 8th Earl of Cork of Marston House, Frome, Somerset. Jabez’s offence was listed as Assaulting and Robbing Joseph Toop. Verdict was Guilty with a sentence of 15 years. A side note written by the authorities on the Assize records states “I am innocent”. (He must have been proclaiming it long and loud!)

The 1841 Census from Stoke Damerel, Devon, shows Jabez as being detained on the Convict Hulk Ship “Stirling Castle”.

Jabez is next found aboard the “Tortoise” leaving Plymouth, England on 28 September 1841 and arriving 19 February 1842 in Van Diemen’s Land.

No records have been found for Jabez in Van Diemen's Land, until he was given a conditional pardon and departed in steerage from Launceston to Melbourne on the "City of Melbourne" on 14 June 1852.

The 1871 England census shows Jabez living in Clifton, Bristol, Gloucestershire, with his wife Celia.

Jabez and Celia's daughter, Sarah married Francis Pillinger in 1863 in Clifton. I wonder if Jabez made it back to England in time for the wedding? My guess is, if he did, he had some great stories to tell at the wedding reception.

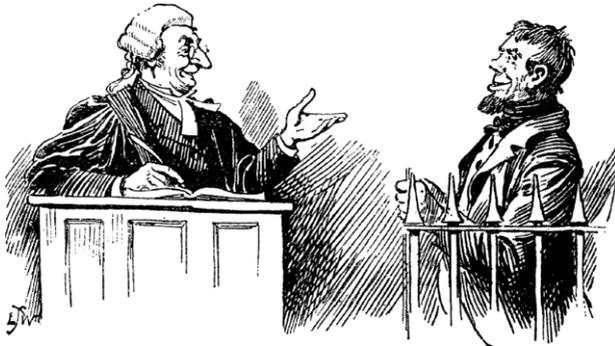
My 4 times great grandfather Joseph died in 1851 in Bath, Somerset.

All records courtesy of Ancestry.com, Free BMD, Family Search, Find MyPast and British Library Newspapers.

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Language experts at the University of York have unearthed what they refer to as 30 Lost Words.

Some examples are slug-a-bed to describe someone who lies in bed through laziness, peacockize is to strut ostentatiously, while insults include a sillytonian to describe a gullible person and a losenger is a lying rascal.

Other examples are:

Ambodexter	One who takes bribes from both sides
Betrump	To deceive, cheat; to elude, slip from
Coney-catch	To swindle, cheat; to trick, dupe, deceive
Hugger-mugger	Concealment; secretly, clandestinely
Quacksalver	One who dishonestly claims medical knowledge

JOSEPH DAVIS ~ THE WATCHMAKER

By
DIANE STEEDMAN

This is the story of **Joseph Davis**, a convict transported to Sydney for a minor crime, however, Joseph was able to rise above his crimes and become a valuable member of the community.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Joseph Davis was arrested along with **Thomas Head** and **Esther Head** for burglary. They were tried at the Old Bailey on the 16th September 1801 and were accused of stealing clothing and articles from Mr Samuel Chivers, who, along with his wife were living at the residence of John Crab. A few days after the robbery Mrs Chivers had seen a shirt that had been stolen in a pawnbroker's shop. Mr Thimbleby, the owner of the shop claimed that Joseph Davis had pawned the shirt in exchange for five shillings on the 18th August. Joseph had claimed that he was the owner of the shirt however, this did not sit well with the jury who found Joseph guilty of stealing. His co-accused Thomas and Esther Head were acquitted as there was no evidence against them of burglary or stealing. It must have been devastating to Joseph when it was announced that not only was he guilty, but the penalty would be death - especially as he had argued that he was innocent.

We can learn a lot about Joseph from the early prison records. For instance, from the Criminal Registers of England and Wales we know that Joseph was 36 years of age, five foot six and of dark complexion with brown hair. He lived at Whitechapel and was a Watchmaker by trade. This record also indicates that he was at Newgate Prison and was sentenced to death.

But Joseph was lucky, although it is doubtful that he thought so at the time.

Once again as we look at the Criminal Register of England and Wales it states that he was pardoned on the 6th November 1801 and was to be transported for Life. He was also transferred to the prison hulk *La Fortunée* in Langston Harbour on the 30th November 1801.

To say that life on board the prison hulk was unpleasant would be an understatement. In fact a report written on the state of convicts on board the *La Fortunée* (16th March 1802) clearly states that the vessel was unfit for its purpose, being dilapidated and with rotting wood. Although the rations were within the guidelines they were found to be of poor quality. The bedding was full of vermin. Needless to say there were many that died.

THE EARLY YEARS

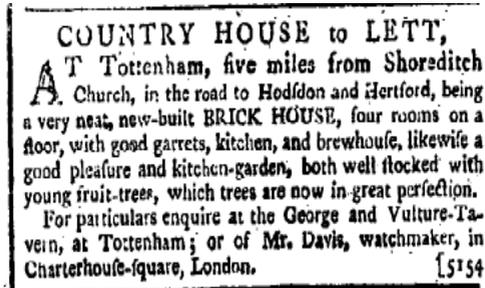


Figure 1 London Evening Post 30th May 1775

As we have found out earlier Joseph was born about 1765. A possible birth record has been found with Joseph Davis, being baptised on the 24th November 1765 in the Parish of St Leonard, Shoreditch in Middlesex County – the parents being Joseph and Mary Davis. It is highly likely that as Joseph was a Watchmaker by trade he probably learnt his skills from his father. There was a Mr Davis, watchmaker, who advertised in the London Evening Post. According to the website ‘British History Online’ Middlesex had its “fair share of quality craftsmen”. It also states that “English watches were highly esteemed at the end of the 18th century, but about this time a swarm of worthless timepieces bearing the forged names of eminent London makers swamped the best markets and inflicted a great blow upon the high reputation of English work”. Perhaps this is the reason for Joseph finding himself reduced to crime to survive.

THE GLATTON



The *Glatton*, captained by James Colnett departed London on 23rd September 1802 with 217 male convicts and 135 female convicts. During the voyage they stopped at Rio de Janeiro to take on fresh supplies and continued onto Sydney Cove arriving 11th March 1803. Seven male and five female convicts died during the voyage.

Figure 2. The *Glatton*, Google images

LIFE IN SYDNEY

A search of the Musters gives us a small insight into Joseph's life during the early years.

In the 1805–1806 Muster Joseph was assigned to Mr Blaxcell as a Government Man. Garnham Blaxcell was in fact a man of great influence and wealth, having been appointed to several different government positions during his time in Sydney. He could count amongst his friends John Macarthur, Governor Lachlan Macquarie and D'arcy Wentworth to name a few. He is also one of the men accredited with the downfall of William Bligh. By 1810 his empire was beginning to crumble and his good fortune came to an end when in 1817 he slipped out of Sydney owing a huge debt.

In the 1811 Muster Joseph is still listed as being sentenced to Life, but there is no other useful information.

The 1814 Muster has him listed as a Watchmaker and is "Off" stores, meaning that he is self-sufficient.

It would seem from other sources (ie Trove) that by 1806 Joseph was trading as a Watchmaker. Various advertisements can be found of him offering his "professional services to Ladies and Gentlemen and the Public in general". He seemed to prosper and by August of 1819 his business had expanded to the sale of a variety of products. See Figure 3 below.

ON SALE, at JOSEPH DAVIS's, No. 92, Castle eagh-
street, Watch springs, verges, pinions of sorts,
dial plates, gold hands for watches of patterns, watch
glasses of all sizes, patent glasses, glasses for hunting
watches, bows and pendants, buttons and springs for
cases, violin strings, fine Durham mustard, tumblers
and wine glasses, fine salad oil, magnesia and rhu-
barb, Glauber's and Cheltenham salts, variety of
jewellery, some excellent calico, Welch flannel, girls'
shoes, time pieces and watches, pins by the pound.
threads, tapes, bobbing, sewing silk of colours, shoe
ribband, chest and bureau locks, tooth brushes, silver
thimbles, silver tea spoons, and numerous other ar-
ticles, for ready money.
N. B. All sorts of time keepers, repeating and
other watches, carefully cleaned and repaired on the
shortest notice, and warranted to perform.

Figure 3 Advertisement The Sydney and NSW Advertiser.
14th August 1819

Joseph remained in business for many years and gained a good reputation within the colony, however, in September, 1834 he found himself in trouble

with the law once again. According to another newspaper article Joseph Davis and his son Richard were accused of stealing a silver watch. Joseph was adamant that no stolen watch would be found on his premises and allowed the constable to carry out a search. When the watch was found he was apparently appalled and exclaimed “O my son Richard, what have you done! You have brought down ruin on your own head, and on mine!” Joseph was discharged - however, Richard was committed for trial.

Despite this hiccup Joseph Davis managed to lead a successful and hopefully happy life. He was sentenced to death, which was commuted to life. He survived the hulk system; he survived the voyage to Sydney. When arriving in Sydney he was assigned to a somewhat influential man – did Garnham Blaxcell help him to establish his business? – one can only wonder. He married and raised five children. With quite a few Joseph Davis in Sydney during the early 1800s it is unclear of his exact date of death.

Yes, that fateful day of 16th September 1801 did turn out to be blessing.

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Member Colleen Yuke has been indexing for Ryerson and found the following incredible entry:

IN MEMORIAM - Gold Coast Bulletin 11 November 1980

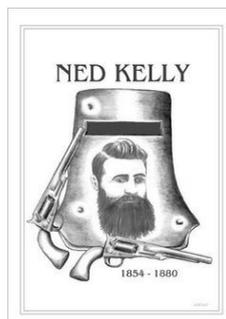
KELLY, Edward (Ned)

Hanged in Melbourne gaol at 10am 100 years ago today, November 11, 1880 aged 25 years. Remember here the final family farewells –

Sister Maggie “We’re fierce proud of you boy”

Ned’s mother “I mind you’ll die like a Kelly son”

They killed the man they cannot kill the legend. After a century the hero lives on.



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310/LAU	The Lauries of Maxwellton and other Lauries Families	Book	Marg	Elliott	Yes
A210	100 famous Australian Lives	Book	Jeffrey	Adams	Yes
A554	Ships on the Australian Station	Book	Diana	Searle	Yes
A580	A kind of cattle.(memoir of a man's experience as a prisoner of war of the Germans)	Book	Isabel	Flynn	Yes
A598	South Pacific Enterprise. The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited	Book		Anon	Yes
C000/510	Jewish Sydney The First Hundred Years 1788 - 1888	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
C222/510	Saint John The Baptist Church Penshurst, NSW- A History	Book	Alan	Roots	Yes
E000/586	Churchie, eagles' wings. Summer 2015	Book	Phil	Browning	Yes
E000/586	Churchie, eagles' wings. Summer 2016	Book	Phil	Browning	Yes
E105/586	Mostly Tales from Twenty-Niners of Moorooka State School	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
E173/710	Living on the Edge: along Tingalpa Creek	Book	Heather	Wort	Yes
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E215/598	Gladiators of the Surf	Book	John	Criddle	Yes
E215/710	The Surfers Paradise Story	Book		Anon	Yes
E215/830	Gold Coast Street Directory c1985	Book	Tricia	Mackenzie	Yes
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HANG:9100	Chart McKavanagh family	Chart		Anon	Yes
J795/518/CEM	Founders & Felons and others who shaped Fremantle's history	Book		Anon	Yes
M580	The Coldstream Guards	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
M580	Brassey's Companion to the British Army	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
M700	Archaeology in Britain news and views of the Past	Book	Jenny	Lewis	Yes
M830	Shell Guide to Country Museums	Book	Marg	Elliott	Yes
N598	Shire 232 Album. Firefighting Equipment	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
N598	Shire 273 Album. Firemen's Uniform	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
N795	Great Homes of England	Book	Lesley	McNee	Yes
NCAM/795	Cambridgeshire Villages	Book	Lee	Oates	Yes
NCHS/700	History of Cheshire	Book	John	Criddle	Yes
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NMDX/510	St Andrew's Church, Enfield, Middlesex	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
NNFK/710	Framlingham and Orford Castles	Book	Jenny	Lewis	Yes
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NNTH/580	The Northamptonshire Regiment	Book	Ann	Metcher	Yes
PRECS:019 2	Brisbane Centenary Official Historical Souvenir	Book	Kate	Harper	Yes
PRECS:019 3	Rochdale Past and Present History and Guide	Book	John	Criddle	Yes
Y514	Miscellaneous Certificates and Documents and Index Volumes 1 to 5 Index	Book		GCFHS	Yes
Y514	Miscellaneous Certificates and Documents and Index Volume 5	Book	Heather	Wort	Yes
Y580	The Victors (16 Generals who fought and won their greatest victories)	Book		Anon	Yes
Y580	Jane's Fighting Ships of World War 1. A comprehensive encyclopedia of more than 1000 illustrations	Book	Diana	Searle	Yes
	QFHS Queensland School Pupils Index – Part 6	CD-ROM	2017	Conference	No
	Queensland Customs House Shipping 1886-1899	CD-ROM	2017	Conference	No

FLEET MARRIAGES

By
BEVERLEY DWYER

From the 1690s marriages in the chapel of the Fleet Prison in London became common. By around 1710 the area around the prison, known as “The Rules” became the centre of the clandestine trade, with the weddings carried out in marriage houses.

In the 1740s, over half of all London weddings were held at the Fleet (over 6500 per year) with a further thousand conducted at the May Fair chapel. By the late 17th century, provided that a couple exchanged vows and had some proof of this, then a marriage would be considered valid under English Common Law. Marriages by a form of ceremony conducted by an ordained clergyman, but without banns or licence, and generally not in a church or chapel, usually away from the parish of the bride and groom were termed clandestine marriages. Such ceremonies were often shrouded in secrecy as there were a variety of motives for requiring a clandestine marriage, the primary appeal being reasons of cost, while other reasons included the avoidance of the need to obtain parental consent, requiring a back dated ceremony to legitimize offspring or attempts to validate claims upon an inheritance or a Will.

An example of the diversity of residences of couples is this one:

1746 June 10 Ed. Willett, of Wittingham, Sussex, Gent, and
Mary Camfield, of Speldhurst, Kent, B and S.

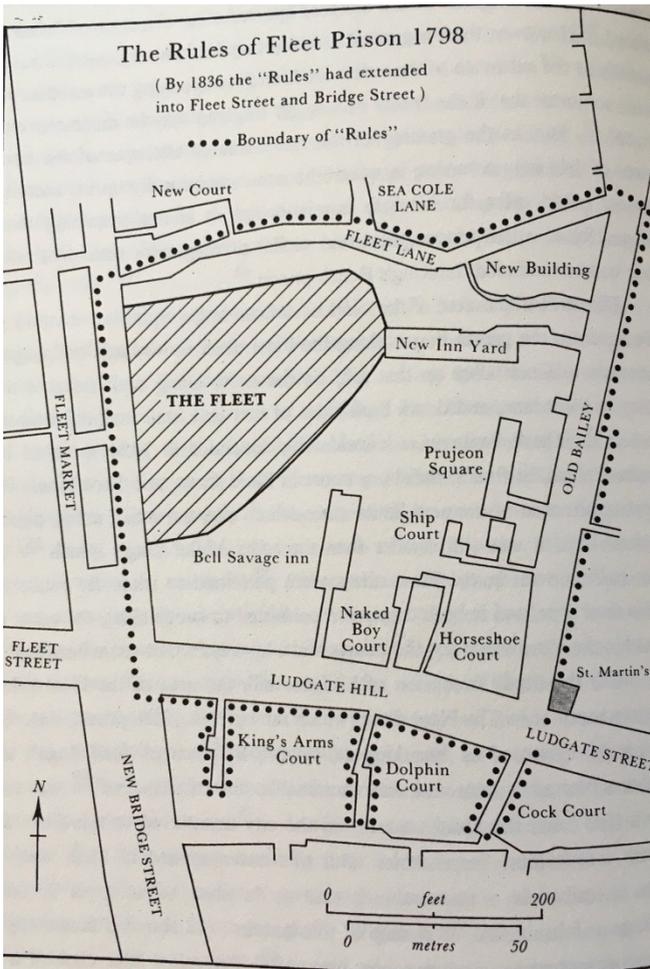
In 1725 Thomas Owen(s) was shown to be conducting marriages at *The Fighting Cocks* in Fleet Lane. Come forward to 1775. Thomas had died and bequeathed to his wife, Susan Owens “All the books of the Registry of Fleet Marriages, now in my possession”. (I checked his will and he did just that which sounds like a recipe for disaster – Editor).

Susan Owens married soon after Thomas’ death to George Olive. In 1794 one of the Fleet Registers was taken to Shrewsbury for a trial there and Mrs. Olive was called on to give evidence. She had in fact sold five or six hundred of the marriages books (the ones her first husband had bequeathed to her) to Mr Benjamin Panton around 1783.

Mr Panton, in his evidence in the cause of Lloyd v Passingham, said they weighed more than a ton; that he had been in the habit of attending Courts of Justice with them, and never knew them refused.

Amongst the books is one used to contain an account of all searches made, it is headed, "The Book contains all the searches found and not found from the year 1784 to 1804 and 1819, that as been made by any of Mr Panton's family since in their possession, and is now going on by Mr Wm Cox, 1813. They were purchased from Mr Cox by Government in 1821 for the sum of £280,000.

So with these registers going from hand to hand, surely many would have been misled.



GEORGE HAMMOND 1885 – 1917

By
DIANE STEEDMAN

George Hammond, son of Isaac Charles Hammond and Susan Tyler of Cathcart NSW. Not a lot is known about George's early life other than that he moved to the town of Strzelecki in Victoria and was working there as a butcher prior to the beginning of WWI.

On the 11th April 1916 George enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces – Service number 2085. He was described as over 5 feet 11 inches tall, 160 pounds and of fair complexion with grey eyes and brown hair.

George joined the 3rd Reinforcements 35th Battalion and spent the next four months at training camps in Goulburn and Liverpool before departing on 24th August 1916 aboard HMAT A68 Anchises. The Battalion arrived in England on the 11th October 1916 and a month later was shipped to France.

In June of 1917 he received a small shrapnel wound above the eyebrow. However this was a minor wound and he was able to return to his Battalion a few weeks later.

It was on the 12th October 1917 that the First Battle of Passchendaele took place. The following is an extract from the war diary of the 35th Infantry Battalion.

10.10.17???? and proceeded thro' YPRES to Cavalry Farm Camp – arrive 9pm

11.10.17 Battalion leaves camp on approach march to tape line – 3.30am on 12/10/17 – difficult track, constantly shelled, very muddy. Zero hour 5.25am. Battalion followed 34th Battalion, which captured “Red Line”, to their objective – the Blue Line, after being temporarily held up by machine guns.

12.10.17 Won objective about 10.00am on 12/10/17. Heavy casualties from machine gun fire. ??? was commenced and continued until 3pm, when the Battalion was forced to withdraw to vicinity of AUGUSTUS WOOD – about 300^x up front of original front line – finally a line was established about 200^x in front of our original tape line.

13.10.17 Casualties during operations at PASSCHENDALE (sic): 8 officers, 450 other ranks killed; 8 officers, 208 others wounded; 1 other rank gassed; 1 officer and 55 other ranks missing. Total casualties 326 all ranks.

George was killed in action during this battle.



The destroyed land of the Passchendaele battlefield. Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.

They buried their dead in makeshift graves.

Below is a story printed in The Bombala Times on Friday 8th March 1918.

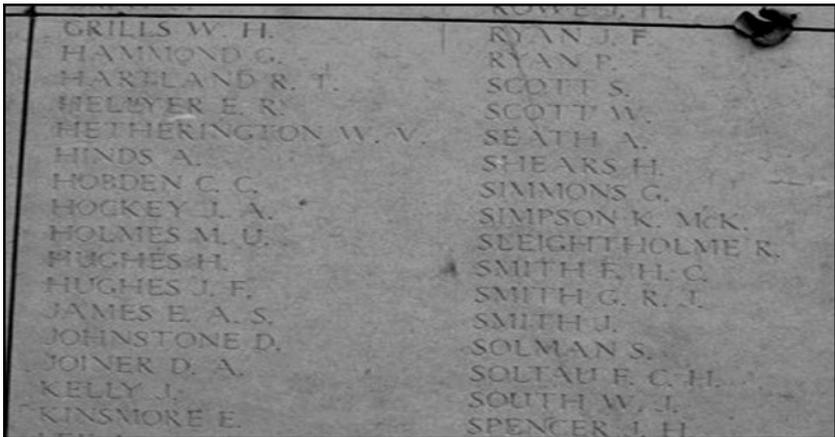
OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT

Pte George Whitehead in a letter to his mother, the late Mrs John Whitehead asks her to tell Mrs I Hammond of Cathcart, that he was alongside her son when he was killed. "Tell her he was a very brave soldier, and after the great advance on Passchendaele we buried all our dear comrades. George was buried at a very peaceful moment, just before dusk on 9th October. There was not a shot fired nor the sound of a big gun whilst the great brave chaplain read the beautiful service. We are erecting beautiful wooden crosses with the names engraved on a bright silver plate. Tell her he passed away peacefully and suffered no pain.

Where is George now?

Not long after this battle the ground was retaken by the enemy and the graves and their markers were lost. Most of these bodies were recovered after the war but could not be identified.

The Menin Gate Memorial was established to commemorate the many thousands of soldiers whose bodies could not be identified. George Hammond is one of those soldiers.



Rest in Peace George Hammond



**A CASE PRESENTED
BY
BEVERLEY DWYER**

Margaret Collins was delving through a parish film and asked whether what she had found was interesting. Yes, of course.

There was a notice offering a £200 reward by a firm of solicitors for evidence of the marriage of **Colonel Francis Compton Seymour** and **Leonora (Eleanora) Hudson or Perkins** between September 1787 and June 1795.

The notice had obviously been sent to several parishes because this concerned a court case in 1924 involving a dukedom – a very important one.

What was at stake was the question as to whether the marriage was bigamous and so the title in question would not have been legitimately passed down.

The evidence presented to court was that Leonora's first husband, **John Hudson** had not died in Calcutta as supposed and was still alive when his wife married Frances Seymour.

Leonora Perkins had married John Hudson, a seaman on an East Indiaman, by licence in 1768 – she was then a minor and consent to the marriage was given by her father, **George Perkins**. John retired from the sea and became an inn keeper. However the call of the sea was too great and in 1785 he sailed for Calcutta. However it was a fateful journey with half the crew deserting and the ships register shows that John Hudson died on 27 September 1786, and was buried in Calcutta.

The will of John Hudson was probated in June 1787 and the proceeds went to his then wife. Oddly enough one of the witnesses to his will was Francis Seymour so was he a friend of the couple? Obviously, but what was the relationship between him and Leonora?

The court case concerned the petition of Brigadier-General Sir Edward Hamilton Seymour, K.B.K., C.B., C.M.G. claiming a writ of summons to Parliament by the name and style of Duke of Somerset and Baron Seymour. Sir Edward claimed descent from Sir Edward Seymour, brother of Jane Seymour, Queen Consort of King Henry VIII, and mother of King Edward VI. A further claim had been made by Mr Henry Seymour however he retracted his claim during the proceedings.

I located the marriage of Francis Seymour to Leonora Hudson (a widow) on 3 September 1787 at St Michael, Fleet Lane. It would appear then that the marriage was not bigamous and there was enough evidence to prove that John Hudson had indeed died in 1786.

The Committee for Privileges of the House of Lords unanimously agreed on a decision for the present holder of the title to be confirmed.