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## EDITORIAL

Do try to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2 September 2017 at 2pm. Don't be afraid that you will be hog tied into nominating for the Committee. Only those who really want to need apply. Maybe you will find it interesting to know how the Society operates.

Now a plea from the Editor. *Rootes* is your journal. How about submitting articles? They don't have to be lengthy, snippets are good too.

You will note that I have written several articles for this issue because I needed to fill pages – that is not really the job of the Editor but I really don't want blank pages so do think about it and help your poor stressed Editor.

**Beverley Dwyer**

## 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, *Rootes*, and updates that appear in *Saplings*, your 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](mailto:pamllew3@gmail.com) for upcoming classes. Bookings for these classes are essential. The next one will be held on 16 June at 9am.

### **SCOTTISH GROUP**

Two very enthusiastic Scottish researchers host this group. Both **Margaret Collins** and **Margaret Shand** are incredibly knowledgeable about Scotland. Meetings for 2017 are Sunday 20 August and 19 November. The meetings commence at 1pm.

### **LONDON GROUP**

London research can be complicated and you do need to be familiar with the multitude of parishes found there. **Ann Metcher** was born there and so is very knowledgeable about the area. 2017 dates are: Sunday 13 August, 12 November all at 1pm. Contact Ann at [metcher@bigpond.com](mailto:metcher@bigpond.com)

### **IRISH GROUP**

**Julian Van der Veer** has for many years had a research service but is available to assist our members. Irish meeting dates for 2017 are Monday 7 August and 4 December all commencing at 9am. Julian can be contacted on [genfindit@gmail.com](mailto:genfindit@gmail.com)

### **COMPUTER GROUP**

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. The programs are wide and varied and suggestions for topics are welcome. Members with any level of expertise in any area of using computers for genealogy are sought. genealogy are sought.

**June 21** Pizza and Popcorn night. Small charge to cover costs. Further details to be advised.

The program for the rest of the year has yet to be decided but will appear in *Saplings*.

### **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 2017 are: Sunday June 4, August 6, October 1 and December 3 commencing at 1pm.

### **FAMILY TREE MAKER**

This group was disbanded some time ago but **Gay Eunson** would be happy to give advice.

You can reach her on 5597 5365 or email: [eunson5253@optusnet.com.au](mailto:eunson5253@optusnet.com.au)

### **LOOK IN A BOOK – A Book Only morning in our research library.**

A special treat for those of you who have a love of books but have not explored our Library.

It is also for those of you who always head straight to the computers and never cast a glance at any of the contents of our Library.

Come and find out about using our catalogues to find that book in the shelves.

See what we have that might assist you in finding ancestors, where they lived then, and putting flesh on their bones.

Limited numbers between the bookshelves – so please let us know you are coming.

The date is 7 July between 10am and 12 midday.

### **JOHNSTON REUNION NOTICE**

Descendants of **William and Isabella (nee Cunningham) Johnston** from Whitsome, Scotland who arrived in Australia in 1817 and settled in the Bathurst and Wingham districts are invited to a reunion to celebrate 200 years since their arrival in Australia, 5-6 August 2017 at Wingham Golf club, Wingham, New South Wales. Enquiries can be made to Margaret Chaffer at [margaretaffer@bigpond.com](mailto:margaretaffer@bigpond.com)

### **RETIRING ROOM ASSISTANT**

One of our long-term members, Dawn Hutchinson moved to Brisbane in March to be closer to family. Dawn's expertise, her engaging personality and energy are characteristics which the Society members will miss greatly. She joined the GCFHS in 1995 and became a Committee member in 1999. In 2000 Dawn took on the Publicity Officer role followed in 2003 by the Vice Presidency position. Needing more of a challenge Dawn was elected President in 2004, a role which she held until 2008 when she was awarded Honorary Life Membership. During much of that time her responsibilities as one of the Society's Room Assistants meant that Dawn's extensive knowledge was so freely offered. Her significant involvement and commitment in the Society is to be applauded. We wish Dawn the very best of health and we hope she settles in well in her new home.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Many of our members have never attended our Annual General Meetings and there may be various reasons for this. It is a great way to observe the proceedings, find out how your Society operates and how your money is spent. It is also an opportunity to catch up with other members that you don't see often and to meet others for the first time.

The **Gold Coast Family History Society Inc Annual General Meeting** will be held at 2pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. Details can be found in this Journal.

Nominations for Committee close on Saturday 12 August 2017 and forms are available at the Rooms or on the Website: [www.goldcoastfhs.org.au](http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au) Please consider a role on the Committee. We are also seeking a person to fill the Vice President position.

All members are invited to attend. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to all new members and we hope that you derive great joy and fulfilment from the process of researching and discovering the story of your ancestors. The Room Assistants, in their role are invaluable when it comes to supporting you to delve deeper than just finding out dates and places. The social history surrounding how their lives were lived will certainly enrich your family story.

Check out on the Society website for the next Introduction to Family History for Beginners presentation (or for those members who would like a

refresher). You will find out the location of resources such as maps, directories, films, journals and newspapers.

I'd like to remind all new members again to please make bookings for the computers so that you can be assured of time well spent while in the Rooms. We do not want you to leave disappointed when no computer is available. If a computer is not free please consider leafing through our wonderful reference books.

Because of the publishing deadlines I'm writing this report six weeks prior to the *Footsteps in Time* Family and Local History State Conference to be held from 19-21 May at the Southport Community Centre. It has been a huge year thus far for Volunteers of the Society who have put in an enormous effort to support the Conference, in association with History Queensland. The event will be reported on in the September *Rootes*.

Library Displays and Presentations. Pam Oldham and I have had a wonderful year thus far spruiking the benefits of researching family history through our presentations at the following libraries - Helensvale, Southport, Runaway Bay, Elanora, Robina and Nerang. Concurrently, the Library Cabinet displays were set up with historical objects as well as photographs, books, journals, bookmarks and brochures advertising the GCFHS as well as the May Conference. We hope that this will translate into an increased interest in researching family history, exploring our wonderful library resources, and therefore boosting membership numbers for the Society.

Other community events include a display of Family History at the Pacific Pines State High School Fiesta on March 12 and a presentation to the Association of Independent Retirees at the Senior's Centre at Broadbeach on April 21. Thanks to Ann Metcher, Colleen Yuke and Heather Wort for their great work on these occasions.

The Volunteers Morning Tea on 27 February was a great success with 22 attendances. It was heart-warming to see everyone catching up with those they may not see often if working different rosters. To those who could not make it I extend another thank you to all Room Assistants and many other volunteers for all your wonderful hard work and commitment to the Society.

The digitised journal has been successful for 12 months now and we hope that everyone is enjoying the new format. We now have the ability to refer to back copies on the Society web page without hard copies taking up valuable space at home.

**Margaret Deacon**  
**President**

## **HEATHER WORT'S LIBRARY REPORT**

With the *Footsteps in Time* Family and Local History Queensland State Conference still fresh in our memory I hope you have been motivated to follow up on the many tips and references we were given by the speakers or maybe you were able to pick up a how to publication or local history book or even purchase the latest family history programme for your computer.

Our book stand at the conference was very successful. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the preparation and working on the day. However none of it would have happened without your generous donations.

The miscellaneous certificates and documents file has been updated with a further 530 entries bringing the total to 8257 so please do keep sending in those unwanted certificates.

We were very sorry to farewell Dawn Hutchinson who has left the Gold Coast to take up residence in Brisbane and be with family. Dawn was a great supporter of the library with over 80 books on our shelves and many, many more for the book stalls.

Looking through the catalogue, where you would find information on individuals and families? Have you thought about our books on family history, biography, local history, pioneer registers, Who's Who, directories, school history, and cemeteries. Below is a small list of names and where you might find them.

### **Family History:**

Adams, Adsett, Aitchison, Andersen, Appett, Archer, Armstrong, Arratta, Arthur, Ashdown, Astor, Auld, Austin,

Baigent, Barke, Barney, Barr, Barrett, Bassett, Beauchamp, Bedworth, Begant, Bell, Bellert, Beutel, Bird, Bjelke-Petersen, Blacket, Blanch, Blevin, Bloodworth, Boorman, Booth, Bourke,

Dalrymple, Davidson, Davies, Davis, Dawson, Dempster, Derry, Devantier, Dewland, Dick, Dixon, Donald, Douglas, Dowling, Dreyer, Driver, Druitt, Duff, Dunlop,

Eastment, Eather, Eckerlsey, Edge, Edwards, Eggersdorff, Ehsman, Ekins, Eunson, Everingham,

Faint, Fels, Fleming, Flude, Forbes, Ford, Foreman.

### **Biography:**

Abbott, Agassi, Armstrong, Atkinson, Bartley, Barton, Bedwin, Bellamy, Bertenshaw, Billing, Bird, Blakers, Bond, Bowden, Bowman, Boyle, Browne, Burrell, Byrd, Chisholm, Clift, Cook, Cox, Daniel, Dawson, Dean,

Degus, Dick, Dunlop, Edwards, Farquhar, Fielding, Flinders, Flynn, Franklin, Goode, Greenaway,

**Family Trees:**

Aberdeen, Craig, Drake, Evans, Hart, Hunt, Jeffree, Kirk, Larkin, Mackay, Maughan, Ormsby, Paroz, Riethmuller, Rowett, Shirley, Trigger, Turley, Watt, White.

**Local History:**

Beckett, Belloc, Burnett, Campbell, Compton, Constable, Cook, Crawley, Daniels, Gilbert, Griffith, Hicks, Hinde, Jennings, Lawrence, Macleay, Maloney, Manse, Menge, Moir, Morris, Murphy, Musgrave, Reibey, Robinson, Sidney, Sirett, Steel, Studdy, Symons, Theomin, Whalley, Wickham.

Then there are our indexed newspapers, scrapbooks and Lutheran records.

I look forward to catching up with you in the Library.

**Heather Wort  
Librarian**

**WHY A PUB LANDLORD IS CALLED A “LANDLORD”.**

The word “landlord” dates back to the Middle Ages. Originally it was applied only to a person who owned land which he let to a tenant. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century even God was referred to as “our great Landlord”.

Towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century its meaning was extended to include the owner of a house in which people lodged for payment and by the 18<sup>th</sup> century its main use was for any host, particularly an innkeeper, paid for his hospitality. Pub owners have been known as landlords ever since.



### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Gold Coast Family History Society Inc. will be held on Saturday 2 September 2017 at 2pm Room 3 Bicentennial Community Centre, Nerang/Southport Road, Nerang.

Closing date for nominations is Saturday 12 August 2017 and the form must be returned to the Secretary by this date. Postal address is Post Office Box 2763, Southport BC 4215.

A complete list of nominations will be posted on the notice board in our Rooms. Any member not able to attend the Annual General Meeting may vote by proxy to be handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting  
Business arising from the Minutes  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Election of Officers  
Appointment of Auditor  
Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Please inform the Secretary of any matters you wish to be included before Saturday 12 August 2017. An Agenda for the meeting will be posted on the notice board in our Rooms.

Would members please note the following By-Laws:

1. In accordance with the Constitution all Members of the Management Committee or any sub-committee must be financial to be entitled to hold or nominate for committee position as at 1 July.
2. No more than one member of a family will be permitted to hold a position on the Management Committee.

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ROOMS OR ON THE SOCIETY WEB SITE:** [www.goldcoastfhs.org.au](http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au)

**SOME TREASURES IN OUR ROOMS**  
**Look Close me Hearties – Learn**

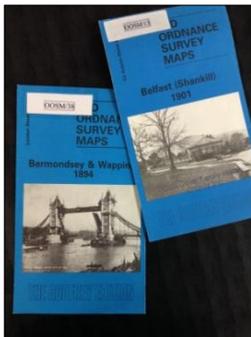
**No 1.** There is a very slim chance, but a chance nevertheless, that the certificate you may be buying is already in our rooms!

In our library we have an indexed list of over 7500 names taken from four folders of unwanted birth, death and marriage certificates that members have donated over the years. Thanks to Heather Wort, Joyce Sims, Colleen Yuke, Ann Morse, and Fay Carbis for the indexing.



The index and 4 volumes of certificates can be found above Germany and to the right of Denmark in our library shelves. You can donate your unwanted certificates. Leave them in the rooms marked for ‘Librarian’ or post them in.

**No 2.** We have a large range of maps, including some of the fantastic Godfrey Edition – reprints of old Ordnance Survey Maps of towns throughout Britain and Ireland and invaluable for genies. They cover places in great detail, and can be found in the folded map drawer.



<http://www.alangodfrey.com/>



**A MAN CALLED FRANK WHO MET  
ANNIE LAURIE  
BY  
MARGARET ELLIOTT**

*The caption beneath the large portrait read  
Francis William Tooth  
Age 21  
Boer War 1902*

Our Rootes Editor wrote an article in our Society Journal in March 2017 endeavouring to convince our members and readers how necessary in research it is to consult primary sources. It was very necessary in the search for the history on Frank Tooth, above, and his ancestors. I have underlined the primary sources that I obtained to do my research.

His daughter, a woman in her eighties explained that 'Dad was a Orphan', she knew nothing of his parents but remembered he had a brother who came to visit them in Brisbane when she was a child possibly between the late 1920s and the early 1930s. Of course she had many stories about her beloved father that she remembered from her childhood however she was only 11 years when he died. She knew he was born in Victoria and was in Foster Care and was in the Boer War and World War I.

My search began with locating his Birth Certificate. To our surprise his name was actually Francis Walter Tooth, he had grown up believing his name was Francis William Tooth.

My next step was to locate his mother's Death Certificate. The details on it were supplied by his father Frank Snr. Young Frank, aged 2 years when his mother died, did indeed have a brother named Alfred who was 10 months old at that time.

In our Society Library we have microfiche records for children placed or taken into Child Care in Victoria during 1800s. I located records for both Frank and Alfred who were taken into care approximately a week after their mother died, the reason was 'neglect'. Men in those years worked and the women cared for the children, one can understand how a young man faced with the total care of two babies would not cope well. It was noted on the Admittance Record that Frank Snr. was a steady man but out of work. Their father looked for work and signed on as a ship steward travelling to and fro New Zealand. His address was noted as: - Post Office, Sydney.

Young Frank Tooth stayed in care until he was 18 years when he signed up for the Boer War. His daughter believed he ran away from care at some time so perhaps this may have happened because he stated he was 21 years on his Boer War Record (the Boer War was over by the time he turned 21). Frank's first service tour in South Africa ended and he was returned to Australia where he again signed up with the 'Victorian Riverina Bushmen' for another tour of duty in South Africa until peace was declared in June 1902.

At some time after the Boer War Frank ended up in Mount Morgan, Queensland working for the Gold Mine there. He married Ruby Ann Whittard Allen in Mount Morgan on 6 Dec. 1911. On his Marriage Certificate he stated his mother and father were deceased. Did he know his father was still alive at that time or not? Did he choose to consider his father dead because he and his brother had been left in care and never claimed? Frank and Ruby had two daughters. World War 1 had begun, as time passed the news filtering back to Australia was grim, death and casualty numbers were high. Frank enlisted in July 1916 at the age of 35 years. Enlistment Papers give unknown details of Frank, his height 5ft 5½inches, the colour of his eyes, hair and complexion, and his weight. Frank left Australia in October 1916 bound for England to undergo further training. He arrived in January 1917 and continued training at Larkhill until September 1917 when embarked for the Western Front, France. On 7 May 1918 he was severely injured by shrapnel, he was transported to hospital at Rouen then the following day sent back to England to the War Hospital at Exeter for further treatment. Eventually he was transferred to the 1st Aux. Hospital at Harefield until fit enough to be returned to Australia.

Enter Mrs. H G Wheeler (Annie Margaret Laurie).

Mrs. H G Wheeler was Annie Margaret Laurie, born at Saunders Station, Dingo, Queensland. She was educated in Rockhampton then undertook some Nursing Training in Sydney before marrying Henry Gandino Wheeler of Cooroorah Station, near Blackwater in 1896, they had one child, a daughter. Her husband died aged 37 years. Sometime after her husband died Annie went to England to live to visit relations and further her daughter's education. When war broke out and wounded Australians began to arrive in England she took it upon herself to assist these men. Her sympathy gravitated mainly towards Central Queenslanders she wrote letters to the local Rockhampton press sending messages from those men, she sent food parcels, she visited them in hospitals, she assisted with delivery of mail and generally acted like a mother would. For the first year of the war most of the costs came out of her own pocket.

**Rockhampton Morning Bulletin February 20, 1919****THE MOTHER OF QUEENSLANDERS  
SOLDIERS' TRIBUTE TO MRS H.G. WHEELER**

The following tribute to Mrs. H. G. Wheeler, under the signature of "Pot...? Jostler," Forty-second Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, and dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 1918, appeared in the "British Australasian" (London), of 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 1919, under the heading of "The mother of Queenslanders":-

*Five years ago a little Queensland-born widow with a very big heart lived quietly in London. Her flat, though thoroughly comfortable, did not have its habitat in the fashionable centres of the great metropolis. Still it did nicely for her and her only daughter. Then war broke out and soldier-boys from Queensland started to pour into England to do their share. Prior to embarking for France, London leave was granted, and few of them knew where to go beyond walking the streets. Then it struck one of us that a Queenslander lived in the great city – Mrs. H G Wheeler – and better still, one of us had her address. Some of us knew her, most did not, but she came from Queensland – that sufficed. So off we went to see her, and in a few minutes, after mutual introductions, we were made thoroughly at home. All round the cosy flat were relics and photographs taken of our dear land we had left 12,000 miles behind. And here it was that a start of great work took its shape. We were told where to go and how to get there. One or two were found by quiet questioning, to be without money. And in the same quiet, unobtrusive manner money was lent to a hesitating recipient. Here let me say that during the four or more years of war hundreds of pounds have been advanced in this way without twenty shillings being lost.*

*Later on more and more came to London, and then to France. Then mothers at home started to get really anxious. Mails were erratic in coming and going, ships were being torpedoed daily, but as letters did reach home were full of kindness received from the "little lady in London" Mothers, wives and sweethearts then began to bombard her with enquiries. All these were promptly and cheerfully attended to, and 13 Horseferry Road (the Headquarters of the Australian Imperial Forces), was besieged by that indefatigable worker for the whereabouts of someone's son, someone's husband, and so on, and the information thus gained set many an Australian's worry at rest.*

*Then again, when the wounded started to come back, hospitals were visited with cheer of all kinds, and cables were sent daily in the same sweet way.*

*Parcels were sent to the boys in France only to go astray, but it was found that by sending them through Mrs. Wheeler they had the happy knack of reaching their destination. This meant a fearful amount of work, and the undertaking became too great, so assistance had to be invoked. This work cheerfully given by other Queenslanders who happened to be in England. It was soon apparent that fresh quarters would have to be sought, and a nice flat at 41, Westminster Palace Gardens near the Australian Imperial Forces Head quarters, became the "Mecca" of all Queenslanders. And there it has been for years now. At the flat one daily meet brigadiers, colonels, and privates, all gathered in perfect confraternity, for all are equal at "41, Westminster."*

*By today hundreds of parcels and letters are redirected daily, and the name, number, battalion, and whereabouts of thousands of Queenslanders are to be found in a big book that is there scrupulously kept up to date by frequent inquiries at Headquarters. A staff is kept busy writing letters, answering them, and administering the many funds Mrs. Wheeler has charge of. Each year hundreds of pounds are sent to her, and thousands of shirts, socks, and mufflers are forwarded for distribution by the various sewing guilds, Red Cross societies and other kindred institutions of this state. All this work is done with cheerfulness and love that characterize all her actions.*

*No one except the soldier can possibly realize the magnificent work carried out by Mrs. Wheeler who sad to say, enjoyed anything but the best of health. It is nothing but her indomitable spirit and pride of her native state that has enabled her to carry on so long, and that our labours are finished, and therefore hers, we Queenslanders will go back to our hearths and homes with the happiest memories of, and our hearts filled with deep gratitude to, "the mother of Queenslanders". For what Miss Weston was to the sailors, so Mrs. Wheeler has been to, and is to us. And now, in the winter of her life, we hope she will be able to take the rest she so richly deserves, proud in the knowledge that, amidst the thousands of home-folk who have helped Britain in its hours of darkness, and through them to the hour of righteous victory, she has made the lot of the soldier boys from overseas much easier and earned the undying love of our folks in our homeland. These are the outspoken sentiments of thousands of the "boys" I have come in contact with and this is, I am afraid, a poor effort to put into words the oft-expressed thoughts of us all.*

Mrs. H G Wheeler helped Frank Tooth, he wrote to her when at the front and again when he was in hospital and when he was being moved ready to be sent home hence his family heard more about him through the Rockhampton

newspapers. She mentioned in her correspondence to the Rockhampton Newspaper that during Frank's stay in Hospital he was trying to convince some Canadians that Australian Bush Poetry was superior hence she had loaned him a book of Banjo Paterson's work to prove it. She also mentioned another time that while he was in Hospital in Exeter she sent him some cigarettes as he was finding them hard to obtain. Of particular note was Mrs. Wheeler comment that Frank had told her his two brothers were being returned to Australia. Frank's brother, Alfred, had indeed enlisted and was overseas at the front at the same time as Frank and from Australian Army Enlistment records it was confirmed that Frank had a half brother there also. Frank Tooth came back to Australia in September 1918 he was discharged as medically unfit 31st December 1918. He continued to suffer from war injuries for the rest of his life. Ruby and Frank had 3 more daughters before Frank's death in 1933 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

It can be seen how very important Mrs H G Wheeler was to Central Queenslanders during World War 1. After the war Mrs Wheeler and her daughter returned to Queensland to a wondrous welcome in Rockhampton and everywhere she travelled to connect again with her soldier-boys. She was given a great welcome in Mount Morgan and one could be sure Frank Tooth would have attended.

The work of Annie Laurie was another source I was able to use in Frank Tooth's story.

Research shows that his father Frank Snr. had sought a new life. He married in New Zealand in 1887 and brought his new wife back to Sydney to live where he and his wife had seven daughters and three sons. It was one of those sons that served in World War I at the front. It can be safely assumed from Mrs. Wheeler's comment that Frank Tooth was aware of his father's remarriage, his subsequent family and the fact his father was alive. Frank Tooth Snr. outlived his son Frank Tooth by a few years.

I also used TROVE to gain a lot of information.

**Margaret Elliott email: [marg3cal@bigpond.net.au](mailto:marg3cal@bigpond.net.au)**

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED  
THAT WHEN THERE IS A  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL OR PHONE  
TO NOTIFY THE  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

## THE COST OF BDM CERTIFICATES

Maybe this issue has been brought up before but if not, on behalf of genealogical researchers, I'd like to put the focus on the BDM charges in all of the Australian states. I fail to see how they can justify the charges they impose on researchers who are purchasing certificates!

When a **birth, death or marriage** takes place in any of the Australian states; if the person (or persons) deemed responsible for registering that event, doesn't do so within a certain amount of time, it's my understanding that they may be subject to some sort of penalty (apparently the fine in Victoria for non-registration within 60 days, is set at \$1408, although I doubt that anybody has ever been fined that much!). So, we (**the 'public'**) are responsible for supplying the relative BDMs with this coveted information, under threat of a penalty if we don't. But when we (**the 'public'**) desire to access that same provided information, we are slugged an inordinate amount of cash to do so. Why isn't it available to us under the Freedom of Information Act for a simple 'nominal' charge?

As a comparison, I had reason to apply to the Information Access Unit of the NSW Police Department, regarding information they held about a murder committed by a distant relative back in 1933. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I was charged (a nominal) \$15, and when that information arrived a few weeks later, it consisted of almost a full ream of photocopies (**497 pages** to be exact!). When one considers the amount of time it would have taken to search for the information; to photocopy that amount of pages; the cost of the paper (\$4.00 ?); and the cost of posting that parcel to me; I think I got a 'bloody good deal'!

Now compare that to applying for any Australian certificate: We supply (in most cases) the information required to source the relevant details (the person's name; the year; and the registration number), so there's very little effort required on '**their**' behalf, apart from photocopying one page of '**their**' information; which they then post off to us (and, by the way, why does it need to take weeks for that to happen? With what they're charging for certificates, they could afford to employ staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, if they needed to move any backlog). So, for **one** page, why does it cost **up to \$53** (in the ACT)? Let that sink in!: I could get **3 reams** of photocopies sent to me, for **less** than the cost of one certificate! If I order a (full) certificate from England, it only costs me between \$16 and \$17, (post included), which I think is reasonable. Western Australian and Queensland certificates, at around \$20 each, are even (reluctantly) acceptable; but the cost of BDM

certificates from NSW, NT, SA, Tasmania and the ACT are, quite frankly, a blatant rip-off!

I think I heard rumours a few years ago that this issue was being looked into. Can anybody tell me if such an inquiry took place? And if not, why not? Maybe the BDM's charges are protected (or enshrined) in legislation. And maybe I'm even wasting my time 'ranting' about this issue but, from an enthusiast who has amassed over 200 certificates over the years, I'd like to know why this situation has been allowed to continue! Isn't there some 'legal eagle' out there who is prepared to take up this challenge on our behalf?

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### **WHAT HAPPENED TO ALBERT BARTHOLEMEW ALLEN?**

Albert Bartholemew Allen was born on 12 December 1900 in Townsville, his parents were said to be John Ebernezer Allen and Annie (nee Beattie). Albert was registered 6 weeks after his birth, no death for this child or marriage has been located. John and Annie had married in 1886 and had a son named Richard, born 1887/1888, his birth was not registered.

On 22 March 1889 they had a daughter named Ruby. From newspaper reports it is apparent that these two children were left with Annie's younger sister and her husband in approximately 1891.

In 1895 the children's Uncle and Aunt, who were caring for them, took John Allen to court to obtain some kind of monetary assistance in raising these children. John Allen was known to be in Mackay area at that time. Between 1889 and 1900 Annie stated she had given birth to a baby girl that was deceased by 1900. It is known that John and Annie had a troublesome marriage and they were definitely living apart by 1905.

Richard and Ruby were raised by their Aunt and Uncle and never lived with their father and mother after 1895. They were known to have had contact with their mother and father in later life but were both totally unaware that they ever had another brother.

On John Allen's death certificate in 1923 only Richard and Ruby were acknowledged as his offspring, the details given by his son-in-law, Ruby's husband.

What happened to Albert Bartholemew Allen?

**If you know anything about this family please contact Margaret Elliott. Her email address is [marg3cal@bigpond.net.au](mailto:marg3cal@bigpond.net.au)**

## A POTTED HISTORY OF THE CAVE FAMILY

By  
**BEVERLEY DWYER**

In the early 1600s the Cave family lived in Rothwell, Yorkshire, but the 1700s saw the start of the Cave dynasty in the city of York.

The first Cave to make his mark there was **Thomas Cave**, who was apprenticed to **John Simpson** in 1729, and he became a Freeman of York in 1739, as a Whitesmith.

Thomas' first wife was John Simpson's daughter, and they had six children. However, it was the son of his second marriage who carried on the business. Thomas married **Grace Buskill** in 1750 and William (my direct ancestor) was born in 1751.

William, with his wife, **Elizabeth Childerson**, had a very successful engraving and copper plate printing business in York. Elizabeth was a mainstay in the business and combined it with looking after their large family. They had 14 children in all, but some did not survive childhood. Elizabeth continued in partnership with one of her sons, William, after the death of her husband in 1812. Another son, Henry had been born in 1779. He was an artist of some note who exhibited at the Royal Academy and London Galleries. He had preponderance for street scenes of York, and they reflected his love of his city. In 1821 he was elected a Chamberlain of the city but he found this duty interfered with his art and was very relieved when his term was completed.



The Windmill Inn, St George's Field, York

York Art Gallery has many examples of his work, one of which is shown on the previous page.

Henry's elder brother, Thomas, left York for Manchester where he married Jane Imms at the Cathedral in 1799, and he was also very successful in the engraving business in that city. One of their sons, Thomas was born on 5 May 1808 and in 1832 he left England for Australia on board the *Eliza*. Coming from a well-to-do family he had a reasonably comfortable voyage, sharing a cabin with a merchant and a surgeon, arriving in Sydney five months later. I suspect, given his subsequent history, that he was shipped out by his family.

He married Ann Campbell on 25 October 1844 at St Andrew's Church, Sydney. Thomas fathered seven children but I suspect (not yet proven) that the first two children born before he married Ann Campbell were the progeny of Ann Buckley.

Thomas had not inherited the family business acumen. He went into partnership with a Mr Lamb in May 1839 as general merchants. In a very short time, July 1840, they were offering creditors 10/- in the pound and full payment in six months if they did not press for immediate settlement. Unfortunately this didn't work and it was off to the debtors' prison for Thomas.

Unfortunately Thomas was not lucky in his private life either. His wife, Ann died on 25 May 1852 aged only 35 leaving him with six children to fare for (one had died in infancy). He could not cope and some of the younger children were committed to the Randwick Children's Asylum, including my direct ancestor, Ellen Louisa.

Thomas retired from business and appears to have lived quite an unhappy life. He committed suicide on 14 January 1888 and a very detailed report of his death appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 17 January 1888.

Thomas had been found with his throat cut at his daughter's residence No. 5 Beaufort Street, Strawberry Hills on Saturday morning. The report went on to say that he had for a considerable time past suffered from a bad leg, and he had lately been somewhat depressed in spirits. He had on several occasions stated that he wished he was dead.

On the Friday evening he got one of his granddaughters to go out and fetch some ginger-beer and a pair of new slippers. When she returned her grandfather said, with reference to the slippers, that he did not think he should want them after that night. An hour later he went to his room and nothing unusual was noticed in his behaviour.

At half-past 8 o'clock the next morning, his daughter, **Mary Elizabeth Fisher**, went to call him, in accord with her usual custom. Not receiving any answer to her knock, she opened the door of her father's room, and then saw him lying on the bed with a large carving knife wedged deep into his throat, the handle of the instrument being firmly grasped in his left hand. Subsequently an old razor, stained with blood, was discovered by the side of the bed. Dr Joseph Parker was shortly afterwards called in, and he pronounced life extinct.

The inscription on his gravestone says it all:

*He has gone to his grave  
His troubles are over  
He is free from all sorrow and pain  
The trials of his life  
Which he patiently bore  
Will never distress him again*

Thomas' wife had a very unhappy childhood. Her father, **Lewis Campbell**, was with the 48th Northamptonshire Regiment and he arrived in 1817 with his wife **Mary Gordon**. Ann was born on the voyage to Australia. Mary Gordon deserted her husband and five children for another man and Lewis did not want the children so placed them in orphanages.

Australia has often been referred to as the lucky country but this cannot be said for Thomas Henry Cave or his wife, Ann Campbell.

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### **LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD 2017**

The Tasmanian Family History Society will be making an award for a book on family history however produced or published on paper, dealing with family or biographical history and having a **significant Tasmanian content**. The competition is open to the general public as well as to AFFHO members and the winner will be announced and presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting in June 2018.

The Conditions of Entry and Entry Forms are available by applying to the Family History Award Co-ordinator, Post Office Box 326, Rosny Park, Tasmania 7018 or email [secretary@tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@tasfhs.org) These forms may also be downloaded at [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org)

The closing date for entries is 1 December 2017.

## MARGARET DEACON'S BOOK REVIEW

### THE HISTORICAL, MONUMENTAL AND GENEALOGICAL COLLECTIONS RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

This four part series is edited by Brian Frith and is a compilation of work undertaken by Ralph Bigland. In 1791 the first sections of the history of parishes in Gloucestershire were collected and divided into

- Part 1 - Abbenhall-Cromhall
- Part 2 - Daglingworth-Moreton Valence
- Part 3 - Naunton-Twining
- Part 4 - Uley-Yate

When these Volumes originated in their early form they were dedicated to the 'most noble prince' Charles, Duke of Norfolk. During the following century further instalments appeared sporadically until the project was finally edited by Brian Frith and published in four volumes between 1989 and 1995.

Bigland (1712-1784) began his study of antiquities during the 1760s. He focused on Gloucestershire where he travelled and accumulated historical information recording the inscriptions on everything from great monuments to modest gravestones. Bigland stated 'monumental edifices have been respected in all ages, and even among the most barbarous nations'. His written language uses 'f' in place of 's' eg. fpring- spring, diftance – distance. He was a methodical genealogist and advocated increased detail in church registers. He called for improved safe-keeping and detailed indexing of such records. As he cast his gaze over the landscapes of each parish Bigland took in the terrain, the water courses, the plant life, the soil type, what crop is growing in the fields and what animal is grazing in the meadows. All of this was noted meticulously and in a language that was very descriptive.

For those family researchers of Gloucestershire in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries these Volumes provide a wealth of rich material which gives a precious insight into how life was lived in that era. The detail is phenomenal. Often Bigland's research not only covers history in current times but he describes in relation to Campden parish that the records show that in Year 689 'the kings of the *Saxon* Heptarchy held here a folemn Convention to confult about a Treaty with the *Britons*'.

**Monumental inscriptions** in all the parish churches describe the person's life and those he has left behind. In Abbenhall, Nath Pyrke for example '.... left behind him an inconfolable Widow, who erected this Monument in remembrance of a tender and loving a Husband'. Inscriptions on flat stones, in the church yard on tombs and on head stones provide details of death records not available in parish church records.

**Benefactions** (donation or gift) for each parish are detailed. For instance, in Abston and Wick, Christopher Cadle, 'in the year 1662, devifed one hundred and forty pounds, to purchafe lands and erect a houfe for four poor people'. Bigland describes the countryside of the parish of Bourton on the Hill, 28 miles north east of Gloucester. 'The soil is of a light Clay, admitting chiefly of Pafture, with extensive Sheep-walks' and that the Village is 'pleafantly fituate on an Eminence, on the great Road from London to Worcefter'.

In Part 4 an Index of Persons names covers almost 200 pages. Following that there is an Index of Places, an Index of Occupations and Offices and finally an Index of Causes of Death. Much credit must go to Brian Frith for his editing and attention to detail when compiling the Volumes.

These four Volumes are indeed valuable works which give a comprehensive account of the parishes in the County of Gloucester. Bigland's innate desire to record history in its empirical (first-hand) form is a rare quality and it reflects not only his love of history but his wish to preserve it. Please seek this out in our Library (NGLS 518) even if you don't have any connection with Gloucestershire. You will be rewarded.



**Ralph Bigland**

### ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

Why not stop and smell the daisies on your journey.

Hopefully you are all having success with your research, have logged onto Facebook and liked the Society page and looked at some of the interesting suggestions. For a change in direction, why not also look at some of our books and maps when you are next at our rooms. We have hundreds of books on all kinds of family history subjects and you never know, it may just nudge you in the right direction to jump over your brick wall. Maps are also very important in family history, helping you see where your ancestors lived and worked. I would be lost without my collection of maps. You won't find these items on the computer system. Another great source of information are the precious books we have in our collection. You have to wear gloves to look at these lovely books and take a bit of time to actually look through them as mostly there are no indexes, but there can be amazing discoveries sometimes.

Am Baile – Highland history and culture of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. This site has a searchable database of various newspapers including Inverness Advertiser, Scottish Highlander, Inverness Courier, Gairm, John O'Groat Journal. Not all years covered but mostly 1800s and some 1900s. Included are stories and articles plus many other interesting subjects to do with the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

[www.ambaile.org.uk](http://www.ambaile.org.uk)

Welsh newspapers online from 1804 to 1919, a great range, and millions of articles to be found.

<http://newspapers.library.wales>

The London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazette searchable newspapers and other items. As most of us have research in these areas you could get lucky. An interesting read anyway for a rainy day.

[www.thegazette.co.uk](http://www.thegazette.co.uk)

Was your ancestor on the Stage or in the Entertainment Industry? The Stage Directory newspaper was founded in 1880 and ran for 125 years. You have to subscribe and search the indexes but if you want copies you do have to pay. If you are desperate for some information about your Actor ancestor it could be well worthwhile.

<http://archive.thestage.co.uk>

Was your ancestor a Plenipotentiary? Bit of a tongue twister but before the era of rapid international transport or instantaneous communication as we have today, diplomatic mission chiefs were granted full (plenipotentiary) powers to represent their government in negotiations. Any agreements reached with plenipotentiaries would be recognised and complied with by their respective governments.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plenipotentiary>

Domestic servants and how did they survive? We all seem to have one or two of these in our research and these websites give you an insight into their daily lives and what their various jobs actually entailed on a day to day basis.

[www.rosesvictoriansims.com/life-of-the-domestic-servant.html](http://www.rosesvictoriansims.com/life-of-the-domestic-servant.html)

[www.waynesthisandthat.com/servantwages.htm](http://www.waynesthisandthat.com/servantwages.htm)

If you have an ancestor in this part of the world you may find a Will or Testament for them, plus there are other records to search as well. Click on Jersey Heritage and you will be pleasantly surprised.

<https://www.jerseyheritage.org/uk>

Anything to do with London seems to be on this website so you may be here for a while. You can discover how your ancestors lived in London and add some information to your family story. Actually you could be here for a long, long time.

[www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london)

The Cambrian Index Online database contains thousands of entries from newspapers relating to people and events and covering West Glamorgan, Wales. It covers the period 1804-1881 with some later entries.

[www.swansea.gov.uk/cambrian](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/cambrian)

Warwickshire have a lot of interesting records from Probate records to Parish Registers and a good place to discover your ancestors if they were from this area.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localstudies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localstudies)

Gympie is a famous goldmining town in Queensland and the Family History Society have a fabulous collection of information about their Pioneer forebears as well as cemetery records.

<https://www.gfhs.com.au>

The British Library is the second largest library in the world and a good place to check out their catalogue holdings. They are very helpful if you need to get in touch with them as I did recently, and they were able to give me the exact location for some newspapers I was looking for which aren't on the British Newspapers website.

[www.bl.uk/home/](http://www.bl.uk/home/)

If you are planning a trip to Central Queensland to check out your ancestors, visit the Local History Centre at the Rockhampton Regional Library. They have lots of information about Rockhampton and the surrounding area including indexes, maps, shipping and newspapers to name a few. Well worth a visit and there are many other local history groups throughout Queensland who can help you on your journey and show you records that can't be found anywhere else.

[www.rockhamptonregion.qld.ov.au/FacilitiesRecreation/Library/Local-History](http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.ov.au/FacilitiesRecreation/Library/Local-History)

Our ancestors do turn up in unusual places at times and perhaps you have some research in Norway. They appear to have quite a lot of information on how to try and find your Norwegian ancestors.

[www.visitoslo.com/en/oslo/practical-information/genealogy/](http://www.visitoslo.com/en/oslo/practical-information/genealogy/)

Cyndi's List have just recently celebrated at least 25 years on the Internet. There are literally hundreds of websites on this site and you would be hard-pressed to not find what you are looking for. It is worth an afternoon to just look through the site to see what is there, you will be totally amazed.

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

The State Library of Victoria has a great website with all sorts of information to help with research and other ideas of where to look.

<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au>

Did you know that if your living, older relatives are having a special wedding anniversary or birthday celebration, they can receive a message from the Prime Minister, Governor General or the Queen? What a special item to be able to include in their special memories.

[www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/culture-and-the-arts/family-history](http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/culture-and-the-arts/family-history)

Enjoy. **Ann Morse** [annmorse@ozemail.com.au](mailto:annmorse@ozemail.com.au)

**A happy occasion which ends in a very embarrassing manner,  
transcribed from the Times newspaper, 27 August, 1846, p. 3**

THE BRIDE'S BROOCH. An awkward discovery was made last Sunday, at Barcombe church, by the parish clerk, Mr. James Funnell. The clergyman was performing the marriage ceremony for a young couple named Fanny Page and Thomas King, when the clerk contemplating the bride's attire was struck with the appearance of a brooch in her costume which irresistibly reminded him of one worn on a similar occasion by his wife, who died about a year ago. Still he gazed as the service proceeded, and every moment became more assured that the brooch was actually one which he had missed from his late wife's wedding dress about the 13<sup>th</sup> of last January. The happy pair were in a short time united, and had left the church door, accompanied by a merry party of their friends, and the morning service had been brought to a close, when Funnell, whose suspicions by this time amounted to certainty, spoke to Weston, of the constabulary, on the subject of recovering his lost property. That officer, reckless of disturbing the soft dreams of the blushing bride, instantly made the awkward inquiry, "Where did her brooch come from?" King at once avowed it was a love token from him to his sweetheart during their days of courtship, but was not equally communicative as to the party from whom he had himself received it. They then proceeded to the residence of Mrs Sophia Skinner, King's sister, and she admitted having given it to her brother, but alleged that she had bought it ten years ago at Brighton. Mr. Funnell, however, persisted in his claim, and Weston accordingly took Sophia Skinner into custody, to the utter consternation of the wedding party. On the following day the prisoner was brought before Mr. J. W. Woolgar, at Lewes, when the prosecutor positively identified the brooch, by a notch, and also stated that the prisoner had been employed in his house from the 26<sup>th</sup> of December to the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, when she left, and a few days afterwards, on looking over the house, the brooch and several other articles were missed. The prisoner alleged that she bought the brooch at Brighton ten years ago, when she lived with Mr. Attree; she was held to bail in two sureties of 10/- each to appear and take her trial at the sessions.—*Sussex Express*.

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**NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to all our new members. It is hoped that you have success with your research and enjoy doing it.

When you are in the Rooms please ask the volunteer Room Assistants if you require help. They are there to assist.

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### BANK OF ELEGANCE NOTE

Bank of Elegance, or sometimes Bank of Engraving, notes were counterfeit bank notes which were originally created for promotional purposes but slipped into circulation and became widespread in Britain in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. At a time when many people were illiterate it was easy for them to mistake the forged notes for real currency.

As well as the elaborate fake heading the note contained the statement “I promise to pay on demand the sum of five pounds if I do not sell articles cheaper than anybody else in the whole universe”. Further evidence that it was fake was the signature “For Myself & Co” followed by a false address.



An example of how easy it was to defraud people occurred in Bedfordshire.

At the Easter 1842 Quarter Sessions **William Colson** of the parish of St Mary in Bedford was prosecuted for obtaining five pounds under false pretences from baker **Susannah Skevington**, by pretending he had been asked to get change for his master, **George Dilley** and giving her a note purporting to be a five pound note from the Bank of England which was in fact a “flash note” of the Bank of Elegance.

The lady who regularly gave change for George Dilley to pay his men – assumed it was genuine and put it in her purse without looking.

She then used it to pay the butcher, **Thomas Kingston**, who also took the note without checking and only noticed an hour later that it was a fake, or “flash note”. Even then Kingston sent his son William to Barnards Bank with

the note for confirmation that it was not genuine. The jury was not convinced by Colson's explanation that his small boy found the note in the Amphill Road and did not know it was not a real one. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

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### MATRIMONY

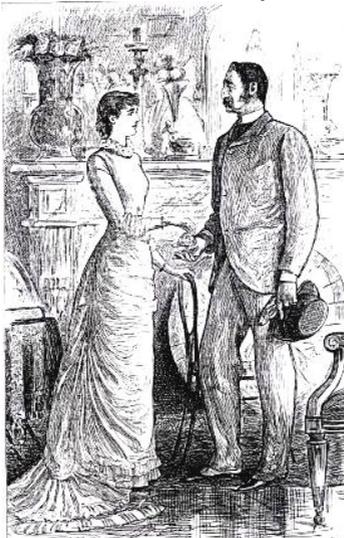
**WANTED** immediately, by a gentleman not yet arrived at the "grand climataric" Wife of fascinating manners, and possessed of a capital sufficient to realise an independence; he was formerly called a wild, harem scarem, curled headed boy, but having resolved on reformation, thus solicits a wife; ladies are aware that a reformed rake makes the best husband.

The lady sought is expected to be particularly handsome, particularly virtuous, and not affected with the colonial qualifications of smoking and drinking!

No gammon! All letters (post-paid) addressed to A.Z., at the William the Fourth, Liverpool-street, Hobart, will be punctually attended to, and the greatest delicacy and secrecy observed.

Hobart, June 8.

***Colonial Times – Hobart, Tasmania -Tuesday June 13, 1843***



**THE WONDER OF NEWSPAPERS**  
**BY**  
**BEVERLEY DWYER**

People with Australian research appreciate the wonder National Archives site of TROVE newspapers. This is a free site and is widely admired by overseas researchers because it is so user friendly.

British Newspapers are a great source for those with research in the UK. The disadvantage is that it is not free and quite expensive to subscribe to however our members have access to it at our rooms.

When the Society first subscribed to British Newspapers some years ago the method of printing out article was quite complicated however if you use the snipping tool it is easy and of course you can also save it to a USB.

Unless your ancestor committed a crime, did something spectacular, you would probably consider he or she wouldn't make the news. Not necessarily so.

I was looking for the completely innocuous **Isaac Norman**, a bricklayer of Stepney and I found two items. Not monumental but interesting because it add flesh to the skeleton – after all it is not just about names and dates.

Firstly he went bankrupt:

*Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser* Saturday 3 January 1829

Isaac Norman, Redmonds Row, Mile End Old Town, Bricklayer.

Much more interesting and unexpected Isaac was listed as a patient at Bath Hospital in Somerset. My immediate reaction was why he was there but then I looked at all the other patients and discovered they were from many different places. They were taking the waters in Bath.

**BATH HOSPITAL**

The following is a list of Patients, with their Diseases when admitted who have been discharged during the last month from the Bath Hospital, and who have derived great benefit from the Bath Waters:

Cured – Phoebe Ridout, Lydlinch, Dorset, leprosy; Wm. Hamlet, Soho, London, dropt hands; Robert Oxley, Wells, Somerset, leprosy; Thomas Wallis, St. Augustine, Bristol, rheumatism; Elizabeth Butcher, Allensmore, Herefordshire, eruptive.

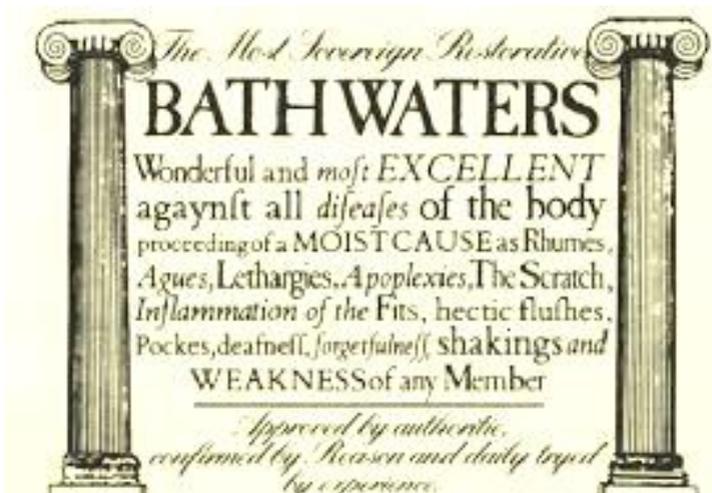
Much Better – Thomas Winniatt, Clifton, Gloucester, rheumatism; Joseph Trone, Farnham Royal, Bucks, rheumatic gout; Charles Griffin, St Sepulchre, London, palsy; Richard Butler, Corsham, Wilts, general pains; Maria

Jennings, Meare, Somerset, leprosy; Luke Gardiner, Bisley, Gloucester, chronic rheumatism; Joseph Rawlings, Walcot, Somerset, palsy; James Powell, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, dropt hands; George Pinn, Castle Cary, Somerset, chronic rheumatism; David Gibbs, Lyncombe, Somerset, chronic rheumatism; Charles Channing, Mary-le-bone, London, rheumatism; Isaac Norman, Stepney, London, acute rheumatism; William Jerom, Shinfield, Berks, rheumatism; John Cooper, Ashton, Warwickshire, palsy.

H. J. PRINCE, Resident Apothecary.

WALTER BETT, Registrar.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1833.



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