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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF GOLD COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC
AT 2 PM ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Afternoon tea will be served
The Rooms will close at 1.30 pm to prepare for the meeting**

**Come and find out how your Society functions –
You might be surprised at what goes on behind the scenes**

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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: pamlew3@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. The last meeting for 2017 will be Sunday 19 November. The meetings commence at 1pm. Contact Margaret Collins on 5593 1773 or email: cjm7cjm@bigpond.com or Margaret Shand on 5538 1423 email: rinnes@onthenet.com.au

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. Sunday 12 November at 1 pm will be the last meeting for 2017. Contact Ann at metcher@bigpond.com

IRISH GROUP

Julian Van der Veer has for many years had a research service but is available to assist our members. The next meeting will be Monday 4 December at 9am. Julian can be contacted on 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.

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.

The rest of the dates for 2017 are: Sunday 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

EDITORIAL

When I first became Editor of Rootes I received wonderful articles for the journal. What has happened? Now, it seems everyone is doing their research on Ancestry etc and not dwelling on the personal issues.

It is all very well coming up with names and dates but people don't seem to want to delve further.

You only have to look at Ancestry to see how people copy other family trees without checking – quite pathetic. How many times have you seen an entry for a baptism which occurred before the birth – Immaculate Conception?

So, what is this editorial about? How about putting pen to paper – write an interesting story about your family – or someone on your family tree.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The *Footsteps in Time* Family and Local History State Conference was held from 19-21 May at the Southport Community Centre. I'm sure that the 64 people who registered from our Society were rewarded by the quality of Speakers and their wonderful presentations.

It was a huge success and sincere thanks go to the significant effort put in by the Conference Committee members, Ann Metcher, Fay Carbis and Heather Wort. Ann and Fay were the driving forces behind the Event. Ann, your professionalism and attention to detail in organising Conference meetings, delegating tasks, sending out regular Mailchimp letters to delegates and arranging publicity was an awesome effort. Fay, you need to be commended for the huge job of taking registrations and bookings and organising the catering at the three venues and so much more. Heather did a superb job in booking and managing the exhibitors and the GCFHS table. Rewards came in the sale of books, CDs and other materials.

Thanks to the Volunteers who monitored doors, set up and took down tables and chairs, organised teas and lunch, registrations and raffles. Your hard work was acknowledged with a lunch at the Pacific Hotel. Our wonderful member, Sue McKenzie was a huge asset in designing the website and she coordinated the printing of so much Conference material including the programs. Words cannot describe my gratitude to everyone involved. The success of the Conference has certainly shone a light on what a smaller family history society in Queensland is capable of and I'm sure that the reputation of the Gold Coast Family History Society has been raised in the minds of speakers and delegates alike throughout Australia.

Annual General Meeting

Please consider attending our Annual General Meeting at 2pm on Saturday 2nd September. We are very pleased to have our Society's Honorary Solicitor and Barrister-at-Law, Sue McLeod as our Guest Speaker talking about preparing a family tree for intestacy plans. We will hang on her every word as it is a topic close to our hearts.

We would be keen for members to become more involved in the Society as you continue to research your family history. In addition, becoming a Committee member would allow you to be more involved in the decisions and the organisation of the Society. It does not require a huge commitment. 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.

Roster Secretary Resignation

The Society is sad to receive the resignation of Margaret Elliott as Roster Secretary. Margaret joined in 1986 and was on the committee in 1990 when the Gold Coast & Albert Genealogical Society (as it was then known) broke away from Genealogy Society of Queensland. She held the position of Seminars Co-ordinator from 1990-1997. She was President from 1998-2004. Margaret has been a Room Assistant for as long as anyone can remember and took over as Roster Secretary three years ago.

Margaret has made an enormous contribution to the Society over the years and I would like to pay tribute to her valuable work and support for the Society in a number of roles. She is moving house within her suburb of Redland Bay in September and will welcome more time with her family. Thank you, Margaret and we wish you the best of health and happiness in the future.

New Roster Secretary

We are pleased to announce that Pam Oldham has generously offered to take over the position as Roster Secretary and we welcome Pam in her new role. Please give her lots of support and consideration. You can contact Pam on: 5594 0610 and email: pamllew3@gmail.com

New Room Assistants Three new Room Assistants, Diane Steedman, Linda Berg and Carolyn Carruthers have kindly offered their services and attended an Introduction session conducted by Fay Carbis on 28th June. Please welcome them as they as they initially buddy up with the expert family historians to negotiate their way around the various Society resources.

**Margaret Deacon
President****HEATHER WORT'S LIBRARY REPORT**

A very successful book stall was held at the Footsteps in Time Conference in May. Books were gathered over the past 18 months which resulted in a wonderful collection of items including maps, travel books, histories, local histories and of course many 'how to' research books so many, many thanks to everyone who raided their bookshelves the sum of \$506.10 was raised which is pretty amazing when prices ranged from 20 cents to just a few at \$10.

Amongst the donations came books that were added to our own library. Some confusion arose to the name of the donor so please if you see any items on the new acquisition list incorrectly attributed please advise a library assistant or contact me directly at hrwort@bigpond.com

Two CDs were purchased at the conference:

Queensland Customs House Shipping 1886-1899 Passengers and Crew this database was compiled by Queensland Family History Society and provides a searchable index for over 20,200 passengers and 48,500 crew from 855 ship voyages sourced from Custom House (Brisbane) records held at the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane (Shipping inwards J715). The first Volume already on our network has an index of 107,800 passengers and crew from 485 voyages 1852-1885.

Queensland School Pupils Index – Part 6 is a welcome addition to this amazing project by the Queensland Family History Society. The index covers unpublished information sourced from admissions and other school records for 211 schools in Queensland. The entries cover name, school, date and source. This publication and the earlier CDs together cover almost 2,400,000 names from over 1,200 schools. Dates range from 1860 to 2013.

Further to my report on family histories held in the library there has been eleven more added this quarter. One that I enjoyed a quick browse *The Lauries of Maxwellton and other Lauries Families*. The author I O J Gladstone researched and compiled while travelling and living abroad. He talks of research in Scotland, Kirk Sessions, Charter papers of the Lauries of Maxwellton (sic) and dealing with donated pedigrees. He mentions difficulties when dealing with pedigrees, spelling errors, hard to read writing, the need to have a good knowledge of places and proper names, accuracy always the aim. These same aims are what we strive for in our family records, lucky you if you have the Lauries of Maxwellton in your family tree.

Or maybe you have STARR. Julie Webb's *A Galaxy of Starrs. A Starr Family History. The Early Generations* certainly has many Starrs in this tree but search as I might no connection to mine.

Keep searching those ancestors are hiding somewhere.

Heather Wort
Librarian



MEMBERS' INTEREST LIST



Do you realise that one of the families you are researching might already be part of research being done by a fellow member of our family history society?

Would you like to see what families other members are researching?

You can!

Just go to our website www.goldcoastfhs.org.au and click on the "Membership" category in the top menu bar then select "Members Interest List". To see the list just click on "click here" in red on line 3 and there they all are.

BINGO!

Note the membership number pertaining to the name you are interested in and send an email to either of the convenors nominated back on the "Members Interest List" page. Include the details as indicated under the convenors' email addresses.

SIMPLE!

The March issue of our Rootes journal reminded us how to use the input form to get our family names added to the list and a number of members have done so. We now have NEW names listed and have almost 1000 entries for you to peruse.

DO IT NOW!

THEY WERE CALLED NON-CONFORMISTS/DISSENTERS
by
MARGARET ELLIOTT

The Dictionary defines the word Dissenter:-

"One who refuses to accept the doctrines or usages of an established or national church"

James Stephen **Allen**, born 16 April 1810 at Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, was the 4th child of a pious man named Thomas Allen, who was a Dissenter. Thomas and his wife Lucy (nee **Barnes**) had all their seven children baptised in the Baptist Church in 1818. This was still not recognised in England because they were non-Anglican however the following 'Act' had given some acceptance to Dissenters many years earlier

The Act of Toleration 24 May 1689

The Act allowed freedom of worship to [non-conformists](#) who had pledged to the oaths of [Allegiance](#) and [Supremacy](#) and rejected [transubstantiation](#), i.e., [Protestants](#) who dissented from the [Church of England](#) such as [Baptists](#) and [Congregationalists](#) but not to [Catholics](#). Non-conformists were allowed their own places of worship and their own teachers, if they accepted certain oaths of allegiance. It purposely did not apply to Catholics, [nontrinitarians](#) and atheists. The Act continued the existing social and political disabilities for [Dissenters](#), including their exclusion from political office and also from universities. Dissenters were required to register their meeting locations and were forbidden from meeting in private homes. Any preachers who dissented had to be licensed.

It was not until 1836 after submissions by a Committee of United Dissenters against the facts:- The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge were closed to non-Anglicans, and dissenters marriages were not legal that further rights were given. The Dissenters' Marriage Bill of 1836 was passed legalizing civil marriage and established a civil register of births, marriages and deaths, breaking the Anglican monopoly in recording these.

James Stephen Allen, a Dissenter, went on to become a 'Teacher' in the Derby area. In 1841 it is recorded that he arrived in Alcester, Warwickshire. He preached for five Sabbaths then became the ordained pastor on October 27th 1841 of the Alcester Baptist Church.

Alcester Baptist Church community was in existence in the 1600s however at

first it was an illegal religious gathering, those early days are not documented. In 1712 the members started a Church Book, it is still held at the church, 101 members are listed for that year. During that century, Alcester was in the mainstream of Baptist life in England.

Reverend James Stephen Allen married Jane **Whittard**, another member of the Baptist religion, on 30th October 1841 at The Salem Chapel, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. James and Jane had two daughters while living at Alcester. In 1845 James resigned from Alcester Church to answer a call to become a missionary in Ceylon.

Alcester Baptist Church Archive supplied the photograph below of Reverend James Stephen Allen and his wife Jane. It was taken in 1845 prior to their departure for Ceylon; it is the earliest photograph I have in my possession.

Their journey to Ceylon was a very lengthy voyage; they left England in July 1845 and arrived in Ceylon on 15th January 1846.

James, Jane and children spent the first few years of their stay in Kandy, Colombo where they gained knowledge of Sinhala (the Indian language spoken by the Ceylonese) then he was moved to Matara for six months. In 1849 he became the Pastor of the Pettah Baptist Church which was later renamed Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church. The Baptist Church at that time had the practice of rotating its pastors among the churches in different parts of the country.



In Colombo, in 1850, it was felt that the membership of the Baptist church was unsatisfactory and drastic measures were called for. It was therefore decided to annul the membership and “reconstitute” the Church with those people holding “the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel” to form the Baptised Church of Jesus Christ. The initial membership of the reconstituted church comprised sixteen people. **James Allen** was elected as Elder. The number of members steadily increased. In addition to the two regular Sunday services, a meeting was held on Monday evenings for prayer and Bible study. The enrolment at the Sunday School grew to 60 persons. The church also started a fund to build a

proper place to worship. The new chapel was built in Prince Street and opened in 1851 with a membership of 37. The Chapel was in the Pettah. The oldest districts of the city of Colombo, which are nearest the harbor and north of Beira Lake, are known as the Fort and the Pettah (a name deriving from the Tamil word pettai, meaning “the town outside the fort.” The church, which gathered in the new Prince Street Chapel under the pastorate of Rev. James Allen, was forward-looking and attracted many good leaders.

James Allen was said to have died on 30th April 1866 in Ceylon from Fever while his wife Jane was in England. Jane had returned to England because she was suffering continual bad health. The conditions and climate in Ceylon seemed to invite fevers and illnesses in those early years however she returned to Ceylon, after the death of James, to continue her work there. Finally in 1874 she returned to England. where she died in 1910.

Reverend James Stephen Allen and his wife Jane devoted their lives to the Baptist Church by teaching and converting.

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BRIDES AND CHIMNEY SWEEPS

There are three main theories as to why it is considered lucky for a bride to see a chimney sweep on her wedding day.

The first dates back to 1066 and William the Conqueror when it is said a chimney sweep pushed the King to safety when his carriage went out of control. The King is supposed to have declared chimney sweeps lucky.

Theory number two leaves its origins until King George III in the 1700s, again with the King in his carriage but this time it was a growling dog causing the horses to bolt. A chimney sweep is said to have rescued him and King George issued a decree to the effect that sweeps were lucky.

Finally there is a tale about a chimney sweep losing his footing, leaving him hanging from a gutter. He was dragged into the house by a woman and the two fell in love immediately and were married.

And it was reported Prince Philip rushed to shake hands with a sweep on the day of his marriage to Princess Elizabeth in 1947.



QUAKER RESEARCH

Those of you who have reached the chasm between registration and church records in England will appreciate the difficulties involved. Church records lack details you would like – marriages don't often show the parents of the couple, baptisms sometimes only give the father's name and seldom show the mother's maiden name. Burials, if you are lucky, an age and occupation.

So, how blessed you will be to have a Quaker family.

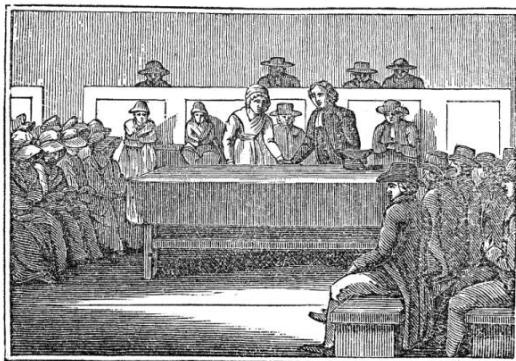
Founded by George Fox, there were meetings of "The Friends" as they were called in the 1650s. Generally Quaker records are more detailed than those of Anglicans at that time. Quakers did not believe in the baptism of children but they did record births.

A Quaker marriage can be an absolute gem often taking two pages. The parents of the couple are recorded and whether any of them are deceased. Then a lengthy declaration of the friendship and dedication to the couple. Finally the witnesses – what a wealth of information.

The marriage of Joseph Knight to Hannah Harvey took place on 19 November 1761 at Felsted, Essex. There were 43 witnesses recorded of which 20 were relations. Try sorting out all those relatives!

Burials usually reveal, at the very least, the father's name of the person and the wife's name.

You will find very good Quaker records on findmypast which our Society subscribes to.



Quaker Marriage.

MY BIGAMISTS
by
GAY EUNSON

An article on page one of The Sydney Morning Herald on 5th, 7th and 10th June 1844 reads:

Caution:

*The Public are hereby cautioned not to give credit to my Wife Mary Loseby, as I will not hold myself responsible for any debts she may contract, she having left my house without any just cause or provocation whatsoever. **Richard Loseby.***

Richard Loseby and his wife Mary were both convicts! Escaping the noose, Richard's sentence at the Leicester Assizes was reduced to seven years for stealing five shillings. Mary Loseby, nee Rice, had been convicted at the Lancaster Quarter Sessions for burglary, her fourth offence, for which she was sentenced to 'seven years in a penal colony'. They were given permission to marry in 1830 and had six children together. Two died as infants - the other four were still living, the youngest just five years of age at the time of the above publication.

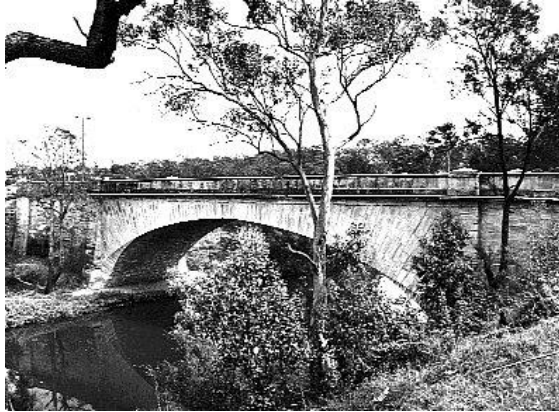
What on earth provoked Mary to leave Richard? Surely it could not have been the fact that Richard was having an affair! Mary did have just cause and was provoked!

Richard's lover, Mrs. Eleanor Farthing, was in fact expecting his child. There was no divorce, that didn't stop Richard from marrying Mrs Eleanor Farthing in 1850 at St. Laurence, Church of England in Sydney, as a widower, four years before the death of his wife. Eleanor's husband was also still living.

The Losebys had acquired land in the New South Wales Southern Highlands township of Bong Bong. Richard had also encouraged his brothers to immigrate to this thriving colony and this family became very well known and respected in the area. Richard then applied for and was appointed toll keeper of the newly constructed Lansdowne Bridge. He and his family moved into the toll house and this is where Mary was living when she discovered her husband's indiscretion. Mary Loseby responded to Richard Loseby's caution with one of her own in The Sydney Morning Herald on 6th November 1844:

Caution:

*The public are hereby cautioned not to purchase any landed property from my husband Richard Loseby, as I will not sanction any such sale. **Mary Loseby. Lansdowne.***



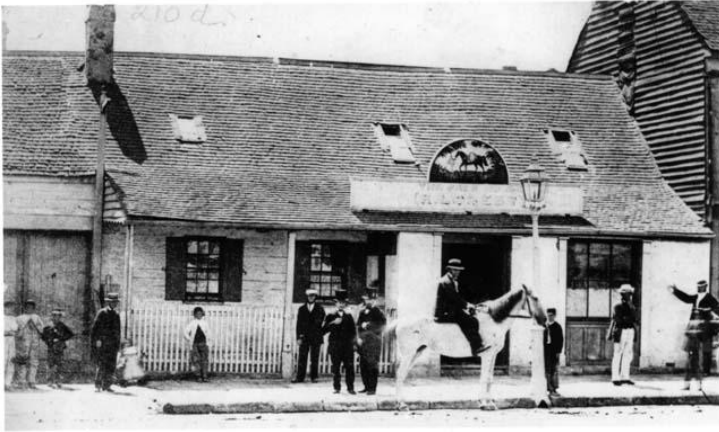
Lansdowne Bridge completed in 1836

Did Mary benefit from any of Richards holdings? It doesn't seem so because she died in 1854 as a house servant alone and penniless. Richard, being a shrewd businessman, did not sell but made deals trading some of the land mentioned in Mary Loseby's 'Caution' in return for the licence of the 'Pack Horse Inn' at Campbell Street, Sydney.

Richard and Eleanor's conscience must have played on their minds. After Mary died the two married for a second time, this time in St. Thomas's Catholic Church, Petersham in Sydney on 19th September 1854. Three of their four children had died in infancy. Eleanor was the mother of one fourteen year old child from her previous marriage, one eight year old surviving child of her marriage to Richard and now stepmother to four of Mary and Richard's children who ranged in age from fifteen to twenty two.

Ill fate was to befall one of Richard's daughters. Sarah Eleanor Loseby, a daughter from his first marriage, had married an 'Irish master mariner' (so family legend reports), giving birth to two children and died at the 'Pack Horse Inn' at the age of forty one. Eleanor was now left with the two grandchildren to care for. Catherine Conolly (sic) was one of those children.

Mrs. Eleanor Farthing, now Loseby, would not have imagined her life would lead down this path!



Richard Loseby's Pack Horse Inn, Campbell Street, Sydney

Catherine and Eleanor did not see eye to eye. Eleanor arranged for Catherine to become a housemaid to a widower with two little girls. The inevitable happened and Catherine, now pregnant, married her employer, David Child, an apparently violent man. After giving birth to four children between 1888 and 1895, two of whom died as infants, Catherine planned her escape and in doing so constantly moved about Sydney with her two children trying to avoid her husband.

Approximately six years later Catherine met a ship's steward from the *S.S. Orient*, George Victor Munro. The friendship developed into something a little more than just correspondence. One of the letters in my possession from George states that he is "earnest in returning to the colonies" and goes on to say he is dying to see her and the children.

Catherine was pregnant! As soon as George disembarked in September of 1904 Catherine rushed him off to the Congregational Church in Sydney where they married with Catherine stating her name as 'Kathleen Eleanor Childe'.

Yes, history has repeated itself! Catherine was still married to David Child when she and George Victor Munro married. David Child lived until 1909.

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THE DUFFIELD BRICKWALL
BY
BEVERLEY DWYER

Normally as a Room Assistant I help other people with their research problems. Now I am presenting my brickwall to you.

My **Sarah Duffield** married **Henry Thompson**, a Master Mariner, in 1850 in Stepney, Middlesex. The couple came to Australia and settled in Sydney.

Sarah was born at Grays Thurrock, Essex, c1821, the daughter of **Joseph Duffield** and **Charlotte Ives**. Unfortunately Joseph died in 1827 so no help from any census for his birthplace. His age was 50 on the burial record so he was born c1777 but where? There are no other Duffields in the area so I do not believe he was a native of Essex.

Sarah's New South Wales death certificate indicates that her father's occupation was Life Guard which would fit in with the fact that Tilbury Army Barracks were next door to Grays Thurrock. Many years ago I employed an experienced Army researcher but he could not find any record of Joseph.

None of Joseph and Charlotte's eight children were baptised and all except my Sarah died at a young age and she was the only one who married.

Henry and Sarah Thompson had six children: Emily Sarah born in 1852 at Stepney just before they sailed to Sydney. The other children were all born in Sydney – Jessie Margaret 1854, Arthur Henry 1857, Emma Susan 1860 (my direct ancestor who married **Arthur Dearden**), Lucy Alice Miles 1862 and Alice Maud 1863. Arthur Henry Thompson married **Martha Craig nee Cleland** but none of the other children married.

The frustrating part of this story is that Henry Thompson and Sarah Duffield were the first family I started researching and I have not been successful with either of them. I was given their original marriage certificate which they had brought with them to Australia and it had been in the possession of my grandmother, Gertrude Florence Nicholls. Unfortunately by the time I received the certificate my grandmother had died so I was unable to find out anything further.

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**A MYSTERY HUSBAND
BY
ROBIN AND JUDY HILL**

Amelia Sinclair was born in 1887 in Wellington NSW (near Dubbo). She married Joseph R. MALONEY in 1907 in Wellington NSW. They had six children one of which died aged 7 years.(reference NSW BMD)

We searched the Electoral Rolls on Ancestry for Amelia MALONEY and found her in 1913 at Sofala, Bathurst with Sarah MALONEY, both of their occupations were domestic duties.

We looked for Joseph's birth and found Joseph R. MALONEY in NSW BMDs, (father – James & mother Sarah A.) we also found his death in 1928 in the same records, with same parents. We found that Joseph Richard MALONEY enlisted in WWI but stated that he was not married. A newspaper article reported that Joseph Richard MALONEY died in a motor cycle accident with a police car near Bankstown on the way back from Bargo in 1928.

We looked at Public Member Trees on Ancestry to see if there were any clues. Never take these trees as gospel!

Several trees were found and they all had Joseph Richard MALONEY married to Amelia SINCLAIR and some of the trees had three children some had none.

Sons Roy and Neville gave Joseph as next of kin on WWII enlistment records in 1942. This did not make sense as Joseph Richard MALONEY had died in 1928. So who is Joseph R. MALONEY?

So we looked some more and found that on the death registration of their daughter Marion it names her father as Joseph Regies MALONEY. We found Francis their eldest son in the 1932 Electoral Roll of Gwydir, Gilgandra at Eumungerie a farmer and Joseph Rigies MALONEY at Athalie, Mogriguy a farmer also.

We looked harder at the electoral rolls and found that Joseph Rigies MALONEY and his wife Amelia at Mogriguy in 1913 and 1932. Joseph is on the electoral roll at the same place until 1943 without Amelia. Amelia MALONEY appears in the Quirindi district from 1934 until 1937, she then appears in Scone in 1937, 1943 and 1949 but there is no proof that these entries are the same person. Amelia died 1949 in Scone and her obituary names her place of birth, parents, a brother and all her living children.

Note one: There is no record of Joseph Rigies MALONEY being born or dying in Australia.

Note two: If you can't find what you are looking for in the obvious places, then look at the rest of the family and you might solve the mystery.

Note three: When searching Electoral Rolls look for both parties, as individuals are often missed on the index.

Note four: Do not take Public Member Trees as being correct.

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FAMILY STORIES

Mike Bedward recently put out a request to family members about anything they could remember about their mother for inclusion in the family history he is writing. She was born in 1911, an orphan at an early age and spent her childhood in an orphanage in Cardiff, Wales until fostered out to an aunt at 14. She spoke little about either experience and Mike had the feeling she didn't want to, so he didn't pursue it with her. She died before he started his family history.

Mike's brother Ted said that he could remember their mother saying she got into trouble once as a child when she had been sent out by her aunt to visit a relative/friend/neighbour who had been very ill recently.

Ted said: "I suppose the aunt did not want to explain why she had not visited earlier herself. Anyway, Mum returned with the news that she had been there and the patient was dying. Mum meant dying as in dying clothes, not as in about to meet the Maker at the Pearly Gates, but she was misunderstood. This caused her aunt to drop everything and rush around to the poor woman's home to see her before she died only to find her busy doing the laundry. The aunt was furious with Mum for this but I am not sure what punishment Mum suffered. I would have thought that laughter and relief would have been a more appropriate reaction to a mix up over words".

Snippets such as this are what make a family history book more interesting.

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ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

Many of us have ancestors in the United States and this website for Michigan might be a help in tracing records.

<http://seekingmichigan.org/discover>

The National Archives, England is a good place if you want to know how your ancestors lived and worked.

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Ellis Island is also a good place to look for those elusive migrants who emigrated to the United States.

www.ellisland.org

This website has transcriptions for many United States cemeteries and other countries, in case you haven't discovered it as yet.

<http://www.interment.net/>

If your ancestors grew up in the 1950s in Britain then this is the site to look at, possibly nearly the same as Australia, but interesting to add some flesh to the bones.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/fifties-britain

And for those ancestors who went to New York from 1869, have a search here and you never know, you may get lucky.

<http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/>

Historic England Heritage List – an Interesting site to see what was happening where your ancestor lived and the history of the area.

www.historicengland.org.uk

The Transport Archive, a good place to see how our ancestors moved around with lots of maps and charts to study.

www.transportarchive.org.uk

Welsh Mariners – if your ancestor lived in one of the Welsh counties on the sea, they were possibly mariners and this website will give you lots of information about their lives.

www.welshmariners.org.uk

The National Library of Wales is also another good site to visit. You will find parish registers and can also download Welsh Wills prior to 1858.

www.llgc.org.uk

If you are looking for Tithe maps in Wales, this is an ongoing project to make these old maps available.

<http://cynefin.archiveswales.org.uk/en>

There are also lots of Welsh newspapers online.

<http://newspapers.library.wales>

And if you haven't looked here in a while, this website by Francis Frith is an amazing place filled with lots of photos. Francis embarked on a project to photograph every town and village in the United Kingdom.

www.francisfrith.com/search

Most of us know John o' Groats as being located on the tip of Scotland, it is named after a Dutchman who used to ply a ferry to the Orkney Islands and has a well-known signpost, an interesting read for a wet afternoon.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_o%27_Groats

The National Library of Australia, as well as the Trove website being located on this site, has lots more information to be found on here and you could possibly discover something about your family that will help you over the brick wall.

<https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history>

The State Library of South Australia is an amazing place and has lots of information to help you with your search for your ancestor.

<http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/familyhistorygettingstarted>

Roots Ireland website, you do have to subscribe and login to this website but it has an amazing range of information to search and/or look at.

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/>

Cornwall – an amazing county with an amazing history.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/community-and-living/records-archives-and-cornish-studies/family-history/>

Passenger arrivals into Fremantle and Perth, Western Australia. If you have almost given up, then have a look here and you might get lucky.

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/fact-sheets/fs220.aspx>

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board in Perth holds a number of cemetery indexes to search.

<http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/>

Northern Ireland Genealogy and Ulster Ancestry, lots of indexes to check out and hopefully help find your elusive Irish ancestor.

<https://www.emeraldancestors.com/index.asp>

Mackay Family History Society, Queensland. Many of our Chinese and Italian ancestors worked in this part of north Queensland and you may get lucky and find a trace of them.

<https://www.mackayfamilyhistory.org.au/>

If you have research in Berkshire, there are some websites here to check out.

http://www.westberks.gov.uk/media/pdf/k/1/family~2_1.pdf

Guild of One Name Studies. This site has been around for quite a long time and if you have a surname that is a little bit “different” it would pay you to look at this site. There are thousands of surnames and you might just find the family you have been looking for all these years.

<http://one-name.org/>

London Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society. Sometimes it might pay to join this society or other societies in England where you will get lots of help you in your research journey.

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

India Office Family History Search. Many of us have discovered that one of our ancestors went to India and this website might be of help to track them down.

<https://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/Home.aspx>

Hope you have some luck with some of these websites and manage to jump over some brick walls.

Enjoy.

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NEW MEMBERS

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WHAT IS A SCOT?

Scot is a noun used to describe a resident of Scotland. The word Scots is the plural of that noun, sometimes used as an adjective. Scottish is an adjective used to describe something or someone from Scotland, and Scotch is the amber fluid, distilled in Scotland, known as whisky.

The words Scots and Scoti came from Ireland and appeared on the west Coast of Scotland towards the end of the 4th century. The Scots came from Dalriada, a petty kingdom stretching from Glynn, near Larne, to the River Bann in the north, and settled in Cantire and Argyle, which became Scotland.

LIFE IN LONDON 1838

By
LYN THOMAS

This article was published in June 1996 *Rootes*. Lyn Thomas is still a member, in fact a Life Member.

The following letter was received by her GGGrandfather, **Wickham Whitchurch** at Epping, Tasmania sent to him by his brother, **William Whitchurch** of London. The letter is dated 13 March 1838 and for those of you with London research gives a great insight of what development was happening at that time.

The Dock Company purchased for the Chapter of St. Katherine's a large piece of ground on the east side of the Regent's Park and built them a small but most magnificent church, to which all the ancient fittings up and relics of the old church were removed and restored far beyond their pristine beauty.

The St Katherine's Docks have swallowed up the whole of that Parish and a good piece of Aldgate, extending as far as Burr Street, one side of which as far as to within two doors of Cochrane's is included in them. There are two docks and a large basin, and beautiful and very convenient they are for business, admitting vessels of near 1000 tons.

The improvements made in various parts of the metropolis are truly stupendous. In some places you would scarcely know your way about now. The new London bridge is a most elegant structure, and the approaches thereto are very grand on both sides, crossing over Thames and Tooley Street, into the latter of which and almost close to the bridge comes the Greenwich Railroad.

The Layde Chapel of St Saviour's Church has been rebuilt and restored; the Borough market rebuilt and much enlarged & covered in; a large new stone wing added to St Thomas's Hospital; and a most beautiful wide street made from the bridge down to St. Margaret's Hill.

In the City: Eastcheap is beautifully widened to the end of Tower Street; a new street cut diagonally from the approach to the bridge to the Mansion house, forming with the greatly widened Gracechurch Street the letter Y.

The front of the Mansion house is thrown finely open; the end of Lombard Street & Cornhill thrown a great way back; and a new wide street made from thence down the side of the bank (formerly Princes Narrow Street) to Moorgate, and from that place widened as far as Finsbury Square. All these new streets & places contain large elegant houses & shops.

The unfortunate destruction of the Royal Exchange by fire 3 months ago will cause a new, and it is supposed a much larger one, to be built on its site soon. At present the merchants meet in the Guildhall, and Lloyds is removed to the South Sea House in Threadneedle Street.

St Martin's-le-grand has been beautifully widened and a splendid Post Office erected all down one side of it as far as the Bull & Mouth, which latter has been elegantly rebuilt.

Fleet market has been removed, a new one built and the street thrown quite open & is now called Farrington Street. At the west end most surprising improvements have been made, but too numerous for me to mention.

They are going to build an immense House of Parliament on the old site. A very large square at Charing Cross to be called Trafalgar Square, on one side of which stands St. Martin's church with its noble portico, and on another a new National Gallery for the exhibition of painting, sculpture & works of art.

The Strand has been very much widened from Charing Cross to Exeter Change the whole of which has been removed and a noble hall built on part of the ground for musical and other large meetings to be held. At this latter place a new musical society has been formed for the performance of oratorio and sacred music at which I sing, and we number with the bank upwards of 500 performers. The young Queen is expected to become patroness of this society – she is exceedingly fond of music.

We have had one of the most severe frosts that been felt since 1814; in fact the cold was much more intense than it was then & nothing has equalled it since the great one of 1794.

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THE LONDON CONVICT MAID

The following narrative appeared in a London broadsheet in the early days of transportation.

Charlotte was her name, a native of London, born of honest parents. Unhappily her youthful affections were placed on a young tradesman and to raise money to marry her lover, she yielded to the temptation to rob her master and his property being found in her possession, she was immediately apprehended, tried at the Old Bailey Session, convicted and sentenced to seven years transportation. On her arrival at Hobart Town she sent her mother a very affecting and pathetic letter, from which the following verses have been composed, and they are here published by particular desire in the confident hope that this account of her sufferings will serve as an example to deter other females from similar practices

Ye London maids attend to me
 While I relate my misery
 Thro' London Streets I oft have stray'd,
 But now I am a Convict Maid.

In Innocence I once did live,
 In all the joy that peace could give
 But sin my youthful heart betrayed,,
 And now I am a Convict Maid.

To wed my lover I did try,
 To take my master's property,
 So all my guilt was soon displayed,
 And I became a Convict Maid.

Then I was soon to prison sent,
 To wait in fear my punishment,
 When at the bar I stood dismayed,
 Since doomed to be a Convict Maid.

At length the Judge did me address,
 Which filled with pain my aching breast
 To Botany Bay you will be conveyed
 For seven years a Convict Maid.

For seven years oh, how I sighed,
While my poor mother loudly cried,
My lover wept, and thus he said,
May God be with my Convict Maid.

To you that hear my mournful tale,
I cannot half my grief reveal,
No sorrow yet has been portrayed,
Like that of the poor Convict Maid.

Far from my friends and home so dear,
My punishment is most severe,
My woe is great and I'm afraid,
That I shall die a Convict Maid.

I toil each day in grief and pain,
And sleepless through the night remain,
My constant toils are unrepaid,
And wretched is the Convict Maid.

Oh could I but once more be free.
I'd ne'er again a captive be,
But I would seek some honest trade,
And ne'er become a Convict Maid



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DO NOT NEGLECT WILLS

By
BEVERLEY DWYER

Wills, to me, are just wonderful, and a mine of information.

OK – take into consideration the class system in England. If you have labourers or servants, then I guess a Will would not be an option. Upper class, yes almost always but I suppose nobility are not always on our family tree.

Middle class are more likely to leave a Will and they are usually quite interesting because items will be left to any number of relatives – not necessarily money. People would tend to leave their treasured possessions – furniture, clothing and even buttons. Bachelor uncles and spinster aunts are good because they quite often mention lots of nieces and nephews so you can establish family lines.

Do read the Will and dissect all you find. Don't look at the document and think that it is too difficult to read – persevere. Firstly, go through with a high-lighter and mark all the names you can find.

When you come across family members in the Will, follow up on them. Never work in a straight line – you need to branch out – you just never know where it will lead.

Below are useful terms when dealing with Wills:

Administration - No Will has been left so a person is appointed to administer it or it could be that the Will has not been drawn up correctly. Usually the estate will go to the next of kin.

Beneficiary – A person who receives all or part of a deceased person's estate.

Codicil – A document that amends, deletes, revokes or explains provision with a Will that had already been made.

Estate – Assets belonging to the deceased including real estate property and personal possessions. Quite often you will find an inventory attached to the Will and that can be very interesting as it lists everything that belonged to the person, even cooking utensils. It will also show who made the inventory and this could be relatives of good standing in the community.

Executor – Person or persons responsible for administering the estate of the deceased. They must determine which assets belong to the deceased estate and distribute them according to what the Will stipulates and pay any outstanding debts.

Intestate – Deceased has died without leaving a Will. The estate has to be administered.

Legatee – A person who benefits from a legacy or gift of personal property.

Probate – A court order by the Supreme Court confirming a Will is valid. This gives the executor permission to deal with the estate.

Testate – Having died and left a valid Will.

Testator – A person who dies having left a valid Will.

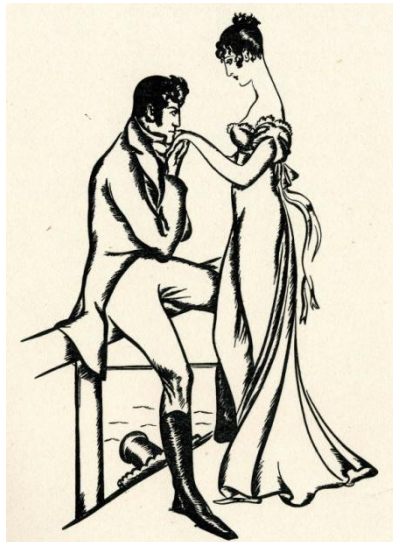
A HASTY COURTSHIP

This marriage announcement appeared in the *Leeds Mercury* 30 October 1824.

On Wednesday last at the Parish Church at Wakefield, Mr Samuel Baines of Jenkin Lodge, Horbury, aged 25 years, having been a disconsolate widow for eleven weeks, to Miss Sarah Winterburn of Monk Fryston, a maiden lady aged 44 years, after a tedious courtship of three days.

The marriage took place on 27 October 1824 by Licence. A Licence is needed if you want to marry quickly. The witnesses were Wm Wilson and Mary Baines.

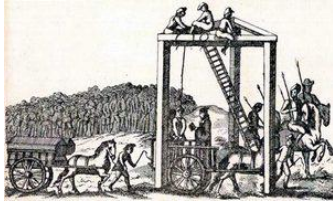
The age of the bride is suspect as the couple had a son in 1832 which would have made her over 50 when she gave birth.



THE TYBURN TREE – PLACE OF EXECUTION

BY

DAWN HUTCHINSON



Strange how one gets side-tracked when researching which leads to finding information on an entirely different subject, or is it just my curiosity?

Some years ago I was looking for the family of Mary Ann Shephard, my maternal great grandmother, and while checking various spellings of the surname I came across a notorious highwayman by the name of Jack Sheppard.

Thus started a search for the infamous Jack. Could there be any connection to my Mary Ann?

I discovered that in 1724 Jack Sheppard was hanged at the Tyburn Tree. Where was that? So off on another search for the site of this Tyburn Tree. I found that today a stone plaque, on a traffic island near Marble Arch, marks the place where the gallows once stood.

Tyburn Road has now become Oxford Street and Tyburn Lane is now known as Park Lane – both well-known and visited sites in London - but I wonder how many know what took place there between 1196 and 1783?

Tyburn gallows, probably London's most overworked place of execution, operated between those years. I found that the Tyburn Tree was not a tree but was actually a three-sided gallows that once could accommodate 24 felons at the same time. It was erected in 1571 and became such a notorious landmark that it even appeared marked on maps. More than 50,000 executions took place on the Tyburn Tree before it was dismantled in 1783.

Everyone condemned at Tyburn could make a final speech when some confessed, others protested their innocence or criticised the authorities. For spectators the executions in those days were social events where Londoners could buy tickets to watch from high wooden platforms.

Today this north-eastern corner of Hyde Park has become Speaker's Corner, well known as the home of free speech and very popular on a Sunday.

After all this sidetracking I found that there was no connection between the notorious Jack Sheppard, the highwayman, and my maternal great grandmother Mary Ann Shephard.

Sometimes it pays to get side-tracked and I have now learnt about the infamous Tyburn Tree.

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