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# Our New President

We welcome Melissa Hulbert as the Society's new President. Melissa took over this role in mid December from Martyn Killion. Melissa has been a member of the Society since 2000 and joined the board in 2015. She's an active member of the Society's Education Committee, especially in the area of DNA and has recently taken on the co-ordination of our new DNA Beginners' Group. She's also presented on editing photographs and using *The Master Genealogist* family history software program. Her background, and full time employment, is in the field of astronomy and physics. Mel has had an interest in family history from an early age and has recently had great success furthering some of her lines through

the use of DNA, which culminated in a trip to the USA with her parents to meet previously unknown family members.

She's also the first female President in our 86 year history! 🍷



## Lost Treasures Rediscovered

Late last year the Society received an unexpected bonus when collecting a donation of family history research from a deceased estate. Within the donation were three volumes of handwritten NSW will books dating from 1835 to 1845. We immediately recognised that they were archival estrays and contacted NSW State Archives, and they were able to confirm that the volumes were missing from the State Archives Collection. Unfortunately the first volume in the series is still missing, whereabouts unknown. These volumes were with the Supreme Court of NSW in 1963 when they were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah (now FamilySearch), but were not in their possession when the series was later transferred to NSW State Archives. As a result, researchers won't find these three volumes (Series 1, #655-869, 1160-1368 and 1369-1699) in the online NSW Wills Book series on FindMyPast.com.au.

The original wills relating to these three volumes can be found in the Probate Packets at NSW State Archives, and the copy wills are also available on microfilm series NSW Wills 1800-1901 (Reels 3001-3061) in the library at 379 Kent Street and as digitised images through FamilySearch when viewed at an affiliate library (such as the SAG).

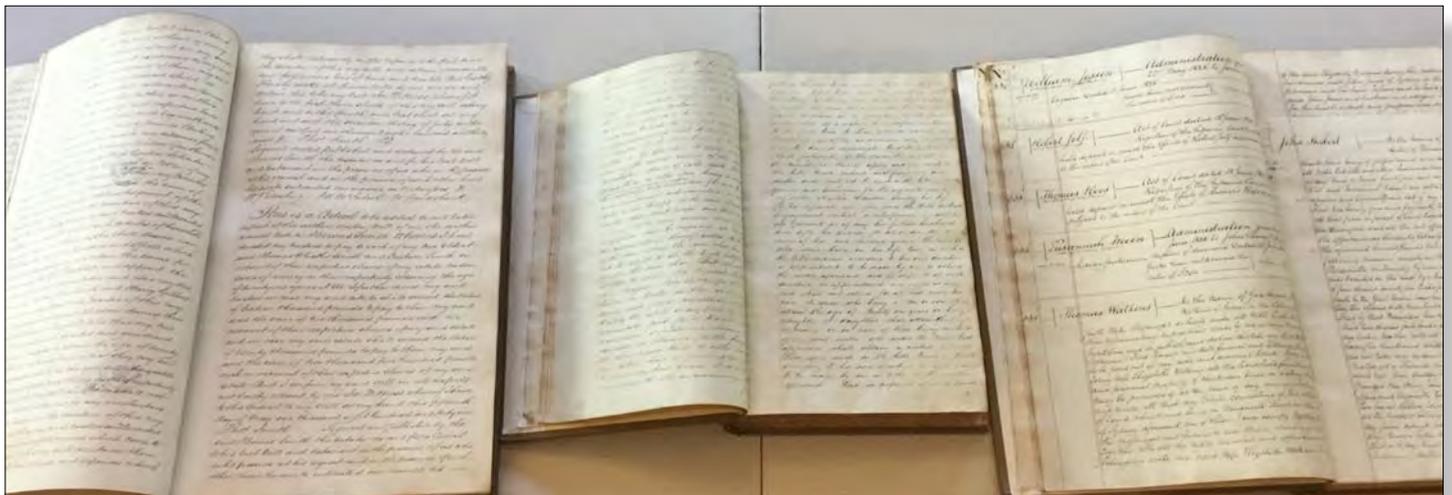
It was great to be able to return these records to the correct custodian. If you have manuscripts, photographs or other items

which you would like to donate to the Society, please contact us at [archives@sag.org.au](mailto:archives@sag.org.au). You never know, you too, may have a State archive in your possession! 🍷

**Danielle Lautrec, SAG Archives Officer**



*The Society's Executive Officer and Adam Lindsay, Executive Director, NSW State Archives, during the handover at Richmond Villa, January 2019*



# Annual Report

This is my first report as President and I am looking forward to serving the Society in this capacity. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to retiring President Martyn Killion. I look forward to working with Martyn and the Board over the coming year.

The highlight of 2018 was undoubtedly our hosting of the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at the International Convention Centre in Sydney from 9–12 March. It was a resounding success with 620 delegates, 142 Family Finder Day attendees, 42 exhibiting organisations and 43 presenters welcomed to Sydney.

Hosting Congress was a major undertaking for the Society, and in agreeing to do so on behalf of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) we were determined that the event had to cover its own costs. We were therefore delighted when our hard work and careful budgeting saw Congress return a profit, as detailed elsewhere in this report.

At the time of writing this report, it is disappointing to learn that to date AFFHO has not been able to find any other society or partnering societies willing to host the next Congress which is scheduled for 2021 and we hope our event will not be the last of its kind in Australasia.

Another highlight in the early part of the year was the release of our first full-colour A4 version of *Descent*. The new look journal was received very positively by members and has resulted in so much renewed interest that our volunteer editor, Anne Powell, is constantly juggling to include as many contributions as possible in the space available. It's a good position for an editor to be in and I hope that members continue to support and contribute to their journal as it is such an important means of communication for us.

## Membership

In 2017 we were able to report an 18% increase in new memberships, but this trend reversed sharply in 2018 with an overall drop of 30% on the intake of new members over the previous year. It remains to be seen if this was just a 'once off' or whether the impact of the increasing competition for genealogy dollars is permanent. The overall effect was a 6.7% drop in membership with 3757 members (both financial and complimentary) at the end of 2018.

Many new members are delighted with the resources and assistance available to them when they do join, and it would be great to see members promoting the society and its resources more widely to their family history friends.

Sadly, we were notified of 24 deaths during the year and these were listed in the quarterly journal, with tributes published for several who were Fellows and former volunteers. Among those we lost were Sylvia Murphy who made an enormous contribution to the study of the British in colonial India, Ed Young who patiently answered research correspondence from around the world on our behalf over many years, and Jenny Paterson who had an enviable knowledge of German immigration into Australia.

## Finance

We are very pleased to report that the Society achieved a surplus for 2018 of \$327,901 (2017 deficit of \$97,511). This result was due to the financial success of Congress 2018 and substantial bequests from long-term members and volunteers.

Congress 2018, in addition to being a tremendous success for all those who attended, and thanks to the hard work of all those involved in planning and running the event, was also a financial success, achieving a surplus of \$78,415.

From time to time we have benefited from the generosity of members and volunteers who have passed away, and 2018 was no exception. We received a bequest of \$1,000 from long-term volunteer, occasional lecturer and member Peter Trebilco, a bequest of \$20,000 from former library volunteer and SAG Director Sylvia Murphy (who also left us her specialist British in colonial India book collection), and an amazing gift of \$400,000 from Society stalwart, Judy Miller. In addition we received a further distribution from Judy's estate of \$184,000 in January 2019.

As a result of the above, the Society's financial position has improved substantially, with net assets increasing to \$2,918,990 (2017 \$2,591,089), which includes cash and other liquid financial assets of \$1,837,988 (2017 \$1,503,308). With the receipt in January 2019 of the additional distribution from Judy Miller's estate our financial assets have increased to over \$2 million.

## Congress 2018



On a more sombre note however, although our financial position has improved, the challenge for a member-based organisation in providing a full range of services for its members at a reasonable cost continues. Without the Congress surplus and the generous bequests, our cash operating deficit for 2018 was \$93,539 (2017 a deficit of \$63,276). Your Board remains committed to providing quality services for our members and continues to look for ways to increase revenue, particularly through our education programs, and to minimise increases in expenditure.

A full copy of the Society's audited 2018 financial statements is available on the website.

## Education, Courses and Prizes

110 events were held during the year, a reduced offering on the previous two years due to Congress. These were attended by 3092 people of whom 199 were not members. The popularity of our DNA events resulted in them attracting the highest attendance rates, while the Writing Discussion Group sessions, Hands On @ 379 training courses and external tours were often run at capacity. Since its inception five years ago, members of the Writing Discussion Group have published 19 books and 127 articles – a wonderful achievement. We introduced free tours of the MIDAS collection at Richmond Villa to complement our regular free library tours at 379 Kent Street and these proved to be very popular. Our two-day *Lost In DNA* seminar held in November and our virtual weekend *Lost In Death* were well attended. The webinar program continues to be well supported and Season Ticket sales again proved popular. Three candidates successfully completed the Diploma in Family Historical Studies while 37 completed the Certificate in Genealogical Research course in November. Their names are listed at the end of this report. During the year, a further 36 students completed the first year of the Certificate course while a record sixteen began their Diploma studies.

### Left to right:

*Congress 2018 sponsors*

*Flowers for Joy Prank, a volunteer and 50 year member*

*Heather Garnsey was inducted into the Associations Forum Hall of Fame.*



Although the number of entries received for the Croker Prize for Biography were lower than in previous years, the standard was high and the judges had difficulty choosing a winner. For the first time we introduced a Highly Commended award which was won by Mary Collis Bird of Tasmania, while the overall winner was Patricia Smith of Wollongong with her entry *A Double Edged Sword*. This essay on a life-changing experience for one of her ancestors earned her a very useful \$1,000.

## Collections

3180 visits were made to the library at 2/379 Kent Street over the year, including non-members and visitors from interstate genealogical societies with which we share reciprocal rights. This meant patronage was very consistent with the previous year. However it should be noted that less than 15% of members physically used our collections last year. A new regular feature in *Descent*, *Highlights from the Library Collection*, was introduced in September to encourage members to make better use of the wonderful resources we have available to them.

During the year volunteers began to digitise post office histories and essays submitted for our Diploma course to free up shelf space. This also gave the opportunity to improve the catalogue entry for the post office histories so they now include the names of the relevant postmaster or postmistress, while the digitised items will now be found on the Electronic Resources system in the library. This work forms part of the collection review being conducted by our Librarian to ensure the resources we offer our members are the most relevant to their research needs.

Promotion of the MIDAS collection also became a priority as an increasing number of manuscripts and images were indexed and made available for searching through the online MIDAS catalogue. There were 72 requests to view 413 files and we aim to see this usage increase in 2019.

Following the retirement of Ralph Hawkins the position of part-time Archives Officer was vacant until May when Danielle Lautrec took on this role, combining it with her part-time position as Education Officer. A new team of volunteers has commenced work helping to clear a backlog of accessions which had grown in this time, and a total of 58 new accessions were received during 2018. Some consist of a few pages, while others can be contained in multiple boxes and represent a researcher's life work. The Board updated the Society's Archives Policy document in November to provide a new framework for the management of our manuscript, image and archive collection.

### Communications

The previously discussed launch of our new look journal has re-energised *Descent*, and Anne Powell continues to not only edit our quarterly journal but ensures its delivery to members on time. The good humour and editorial skills she brings to the task are much appreciated. In addition to the quarterly journal, our monthly electronic newsletter continues under the guardianship of Lisa Watson and now reaches more than 5,000 family historians every month. Social media channels augment *Descent* and *SAGe* and allow us to keep in regular contact with many members. Improvements and enhancements to our website are a high priority for 2019.

### Fellowships

In December we were delighted to award three Fellowships to members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Society's work, and our congratulations go to Megan Martin, Michelle Nichols and Sue Comrie-Thomson on their election as Society Fellows.

### Board and Staff

Kerry Farmer, known to us through her work with the Education Committee, joined the Board in February. Former President Ian Johnson retired as a Director and as Honorary Treasurer in October and this role has been taken over by new appointment John Dorrian in December. At the last meeting of the year Martyn Killion stood down as President, handing that baton to me. This completed Martyn's second term as President during his 19 years on the Board, and I know that current and former directors join me in thanking him for the contribution he has made to the Society and especially for his wise counsel around the table.

In the June journal we also paid tribute to former part-time Archives Officer Ralph Hawkins, who officially retired in April after working with us in various capacities since 1981. The rest of our small salaried team remained unchanged.

2018 was a year in which many new faces came forward to help at Congress. Our library services, education activities, indexing, cataloguing and digitising of acquisitions, conservation work, research services and many other activities are carried out by volunteers and we have been especially pleased to welcome new people to our team of library and archive volunteers this year. Some volunteers are weekly attendees and have a high profile while an equally important team toil away on our behalf with marking of certificate course work, answering research correspondence, etc.

As your new President I can look back on 2018 with a great degree of satisfaction on our achievements, while also seeing the challenges that lie ahead. I look forward to working with fellow directors, staff, volunteers and members to successfully address those challenges. 🍷

# Congratulations

## Diploma in Family Historical Studies 2017–2018

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## Croker Prize for Biography 2019

**Bob Wright, Convenor, Croker Prize Committee**

The Croker Prize for Biography publicly recognises the generous bequest given to the Society by Colin and Loas Croker. The annual Croker Prize is funded from this bequest and its purpose is to encourage members to research and write biographies based on their research on their own family members.

The Croker Prize for Biography in 2018 entertained us with stories by our talented entrants of their ancestor's life-changing experience. The Croker Prize for 2019 will be \$1,000.

The Prize is judged by the Croker Prize Committee. This year's Croker Prize Committee includes previous winners Patricia Smith (2018), Kim Hatherly (2017) and Christine Collins (2016) as well as Lilian Magill (Convenor of the Writing Discussion Group), and myself, Bob Wright, winner in 2014 and 2015 and Convenor for 2019.

I particularly wish to record my thanks to Michelle Nichols and Janette Pelosi who have now stepped down from the Committee. Janette was Convenor for the past five years, since the inception of the competition. Without her valuable contribution, and that of all our impartial volunteer markers, the Society would not have reached the sixth year of this exciting competition.

Entrants may write a biographical essay relating to this year's theme of between 800 and 1,000 words. That's roughly the length of an *Australian Dictionary of Biography* entry. The essay is to be submitted with a completed entry form. Any financial member of the Society can submit an entry by 31 May 2019. Society members will have the opportunity to read all this year's entries on the Society's website. The winner will be announced in the September journal with their winning entry published in *Descent*. All entries submitted will appear on the Society's website for 12 months and will be retained by the Society as part of our manuscript collection.

The Croker Prize for Biography encourages our members to record their research for posterity and for the Society's collection of biographical material to grow for the benefit of future generations of members and researchers. You can submit a biography whether you live in Australia or overseas and regardless of how long you've been researching your family history.

The 2019 entry form and conditions will be found on our website at <http://www.sag.org.au/learn/annual-croker-prize-for-biography.html>.

The theme for the Croker Prize for Biography 2019 is:

*A woman of influence*

It's time to put your research to good use, and start writing. \$1,000 in prize money could be yours! Best of luck to all our 2019 entrants! 🍀



# Listening to Letters

Reading letters written by your ancestors brings them to life and opens a window to the past.

What a wonderful way to “meet” your ancestor, hear their voice and to understand what was happening in their life.

Many layers of a person’s life are revealed in a letter. The characteristics of the writer, the era in which they lived, the events that were taking place at the time of writing and a treasure trove of facts are evident in the written word waiting for the reader to discover.

Letters can be dated by the style of language and handwriting used. Humour, sadness, concern, happiness, thoughtfulness and anxiety all filter through by the way the sentences are constructed. We, as readers, need to be open to what we are hearing and seeing.

In family research, letters are amazing gifts for the family historian, but they don’t need to be about or by **your** ancestor. Often the messages have universal appeal as in the Bride letters featured below, telling

gently of loss and love as someone leaves the family - *Mr Donkin has taken our Katie away* - and in the detail of life on the diggings shown in the Townley letters featured in the December 2018 edition of *Descent*.

You may search through the collection of letters held in the archives of SAG, by using the online MIDAS catalogue (Manuscript, Image & Digital Archive System). A simple start is via the Basic Search as below. **Do please note** the two words “letter” “letters” and the choice of ANY Words (rather than the default All Words).

**Elizabeth Capelin (Member, Content Providers’ Group)**  
**and**  
**Alison Wolf (Vice President, SAG)**



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## Mr Donkin has taken our Katie away – Five letters to a Bride

*My Dear Katie*

*We all feel obliged to give vent to our feelings by writing to you. I am afraid we all feel as if Mr Donkin had injured us – for Katie is not here.*

Such a dramatic statement belies the joyous experience that Cecilia Michelmores had shared with her friend Katherine Anne Busby, throughout the day of the 9 December 1880. Cecilia was one of Katie’s eight bridesmaids when she married John Bloyd Donkin at St Andrew’s Cathedral in Sydney.

After the service Katie’s parents William and Annie Busby entertained the wedding guests at *Redleaf*, their home in Woollahra. At 11 o’clock in the evening Cecilia is now having to contemplate the loss of her companion because Mr Donkin, Cecilia’s rival for Katie’s affection, has whisked Katie away in his carriage quite some distance to Richmond.

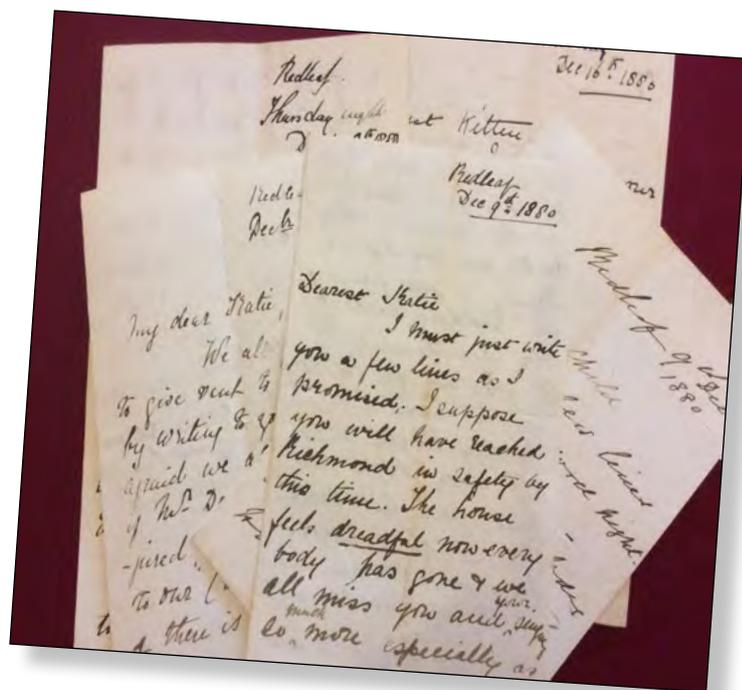
Katie’s 19 year old sister Franny in her letter also gives us an insight into the joy of that special day as she writes *weddings are generally thought dull but it was a most glorious afternoon*. The sense of loss is reflected in her closure, *Goodnight goodnight beloved—with much love your affectionate sister; Frances M Busby*.

Lily, Katie’s sixteen year old sister, also laments the finality of the celebrations as well as the absence of Katie in the house that evening.

*I must just write you a few lines as promised. I suppose you will have reached Richmond in safety by this time. The house feels dreadful now everybody has gone and we all miss you and your singing very much. We have just been looking at your presents, they really are beautiful, and Franny is now playing the ‘Wedding March’ for our amusement.*

*If it was not for the blank in the house I could hardly believe it is all over.*

*Your affectionate sister Lily.*



The letters are full of the social activities of the time telling of a tennis match and croquet game played by friends and family into the evening. Singing and playing of the piano followed into the night after those remaining in the house had sat down for the evening meal. A letter written by Katie’s sister Ella a few days later also gives us an insight into the activities and social expectations of the time.

As the last of the guests finally departed, Franny writes *After most of the guests had gone we had a few toasts proposed by Papa (the old ladies) and Mr Macdonald (the bridesmaids) then Mr Paul sang ‘Here’s a Health to all Good Lasses’ with great gusto. Mama and I sang, ending up with Nancy Lee and John Peel with full chorus.*

(cont.)

Perhaps the most poignant is the letter from her mother who has just witnessed the first of her children to leave her care.

*My darling child,*

*Just a few lines to wish you good night and God Bless you. Your departure today was so hurried that I feel I had not time to say goodbye as I should have loved to do.*

*I hope dear child that you are not very, very tired and that you are well wrapped up and protected from the cold. It is quite sharp here tonight.*

*With much love for yourself and Jack.*

*Ever believe me your loving mother Annie Busby.*

This collection of letters has the notation:

*'Letters written on the evening of my wedding day—9<sup>th</sup> December 1880, by my family'*

How wonderful to be able to see beyond just the words on a marriage certificate, to have an insight into the physical, social and emotional context of a wedding day of that era.

These five letters<sup>1</sup> were so obviously treasured as a connection to her family that they were well preserved by Katie and later by her family. Now they may be viewed in the Society of Australian Genealogists' Manuscript Collection at 04/001203. You will also find other documents relating to the Busby and Donkin families in this Collection. 📖

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<sup>1</sup> SAG ref: 04/001203 Accession: 664, donor: Janet Cosh



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## Exhibition news

### Marriage: Love & Law

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The exhibition is open from 30 March to 16 June 2019 at the Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest. A public program of talks, workshops and events plus an exhibition catalogue, will accompany the exhibition.



## Reading Room News

### Reading Room is closed on Mondays

Our Reading Room at Kingswood is now closed on Mondays.

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Monday: **Closed**

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# DNA Research Group

## Finding ancestors with your DNA

by **Christine Woodlands**  
(Member, DNA Research Group)

**M**ary Bonner (abt 1847 to 1889) is my 2nd great-grandmother. She married Peter Benson Lutge on 19 October 1864 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, NSW. She died in Mosman, NSW on 25 June 1889. Her marriage and death registrations show that she was born about 1849 in County Donegal, Ireland to Patrick Bonnor (or Bonner) and Mary Sweeny and came to Australia about 1865.

I'd found an immigration deposit paid by Catherine Sweeny on 18 September 1863 for Mary Bonar, aged 15, and Sarah Sweeny, aged 22, to travel to NSW from County Donegal.<sup>1</sup>

An advertisement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 07 December 1863 showed that Catherine Sweeny had paid the immigration deposits for Mary Boner.<sup>2</sup>

Mary Boner, aged 15, and Sarah Sweeny, aged 22, arrived in Sydney on 5 December 1863 on board the *Hotspur*.<sup>3</sup> It seemed highly likely that all these Mary's were the same person. Was Catherine her aunt and Sarah her cousin? More evidence was needed.

Thinking outside the box and genetic genealogy provided a connection between Mary and Sarah. The most likely candidate I could find was in an Ancestry tree: Sarah Sweeny married Henry Smith on 28 November 1868 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and died on 25 May 1919 at Randwick, NSW.

The first stop was searching the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages for all "likely" Catherine and Sarah Sweenys. The most likely candidate for Sarah showed a marriage to Henry Smith in 1868 at Sydney, NSW and 1919 death at Randwick, NSW. I built my Ancestry tree to show Sarah as Mary's cousin to see if Ancestry gave any leads. If the person you're researching is in other Ancestry trees, it's a good tip to check the tree's owner.

Ancestry shows if you have a DNA match with the tree's owner or other kits they're administering. It paid off in my search for Sarah Sweeny. She was in another Ancestry tree, the tree's owner was managing K.S.'s Ancestry DNA kit and I matched him! K.S. is the great-grandson of Sarah and Henry Smith. We share 15.9 Centimorgans of DNA across 1 DNA segment. I then looked for more evidence to support my hypothesis that Mary's mother, Mary Sweeny, Sarah's father, Dominic Sweeny, and Catherine Sweeny were brother and sisters. We know that Mary and Sarah are from the same small area in County Donegal. If that's the case, K.S. is my 4th cousin 1x removed.

There's a lot more research required to verify these relationships back in County Donegal along with the fate of Catherine Sweeny here in Sydney. As more people take DNA tests, maybe there'll be more genetic evidence to support the relationships. For a relationship beyond 3rd cousins, we need at least 3 people to "triangulate" which means that they all match each other at the same segment on the same Chromosome.

You can read more of Mary's story at: <http://lutgeaustralia.blogspot.com/2017/05/the-voyage-continues-with-mary-lutge.html>.

This story shows that today's family historian cannot fully explore the family's story without genetic genealogy.

<sup>1</sup> NSW State Archives, *Persons on bounty ships (Agent's Immigrant Lists)*, NRS 5316, Reel 2139.

<sup>2</sup> "Immigrants per *Hotspur*", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 7 December, 1863, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> NSW State Archives; *Persons on bounty ships (Agent's Immigrant Lists)*, NRS 5316; Reel 2139.

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# The Waples Roadblock

by Jim Fleming (Member)

My research into the Waples family had been at a standstill for 35 years until a recent breakthrough enabled me to take that history back another two generations. This is how I overcame my Waples roadblock.

## The problem

I started researching my family history 35 years ago. It didn't take me long to discover that George Waples was one of my GGG-grandfathers. To establish the identity of his parents, I obtained his marriage record and death certificate, but the information they contained did not enable me to go back any further.

He married Amelia Carlisle at Parramatta in 1835,<sup>1</sup> before the NSW law required civil registration of marriages which included details of parents' names. The parish register shows they were married by Reverend Samuel Marsden, and both signed the register with their mark because they were illiterate. There is no information about their parents.

George died at Mount Kembla in 1884 aged 77.<sup>2</sup> His son James recorded on the death certificate that George had been born in Northamptonshire (England) and that his father's name was John, but James knew nothing of George's mother. This death certificate implies that George was born in about 1807. However, none of the Northamptonshire baptisms from that time match these details. There are three possibilities in the relevant time-period, but one died, one lived out his life in England and the other's father has the wrong name.

## George Waples birth possibility 1

There are a few Northamptonshire births around 1807 where the father is John, but only one is for a child named George. He was baptised at Whittlebury on 2 January 1814.<sup>3</sup> However, it seems that this George Waples (aside from being several years too young for my George) lived out his life in England. He married Mary Clarke at Whittlebury on 27 September 1832<sup>4</sup> and they had several children between 1837 and 1846. He is recorded at Whittlebury on the 1841<sup>5</sup> and subsequent census records and therefore he can't be my George Waples.

## George Waples birth possibility 2

A George Walpole was baptised at Great Harrowden on 18 March 1810<sup>6</sup>; but he died later that year.<sup>7</sup>

## George Waples birth possibility 3

There is only one other possible candidate birth in Northamptonshire in the requisite time-period: a George Walpole, born 6 November 1806, was baptised at Finedon on 25 January 1807.<sup>8</sup> However, his father's name was William, not John.

I realised the information George's son James supplied for George's death certificate could be wrong. It is indeed strange that James Waples knew his grandfather's name but not his

grandmother's. How confident was he that George's father was John?

Other researchers had concluded that the 1806 Finedon George Walpole (Possibility 3) was my George, but their reasons were never stated. If I was to deny James Waples' assertion on George's death certificate, I needed solid evidence.

## Possible breakthrough

In 2018 I took a trip to the Illawarra to photograph the graves of several of my ancestors, including the grave of George and Amelia Waples at St Luke's Church, Dapto. I decided to check the parish registers for that church.<sup>9</sup> These registers contain many entries for the Waples families and for the Jolliffe family into which George's daughter Susannah married.

While paging through the registers, I noticed an unusual marriage record (Image 1, below). It recorded the marriage of George Waples' daughter Elizabeth to Charles Waples from Northamptonshire! Could Charles be a relative? At 26, he would have been born in Northamptonshire in about 1844, making him about 37 years younger than George. He could be George's nephew or cousin.

I quickly recalled a well-known piece of advice to genealogists: if you hit a roadblock, try going around it. Could Charles Waples provide a way around my George Waples roadblock? In theory, if Charles Waples was, in fact, related to George, it may be possible to trace back Charles' line and (in doing so) stumble across George's line as well. It was worth a try.

## Charles Waples (1841 – 1930)

I knew that Charles married Elizabeth Waples at Dapto in 1870. NSW records revealed that their first child, William, was born at Yass in 1871. Several children followed<sup>10</sup> but there were no further records in NSW after 1885.

I did a nation-wide newspaper search on Charles Waples. Most of the hits came up in South Australia, so I switched my attentions to that State. This revealed another child: Ada (1889).<sup>11</sup>

Charles died in Adelaide on 4 July 1922.<sup>12</sup> The stated age implied he was born in 1842 and records that he was born in an unknown town in England and he came to Australia at four years of age. Unfortunately, South Australian death certificates at that time did not require details of his wife, parents or surviving children.

I searched for his arrival in Australia in about 1846. I found that he was one of four children listed as accompanying his parents, John and Mary Ann Waples, on their arrival at Adelaide aboard the *British Sovereign* on 17 July 1847.<sup>13</sup>

Thanks to the comprehensive information in the St Lukes Marriage Register, I knew Charles Waples had been born in Northamptonshire in about 1844 to John Waples and Mary Ann Allan. This information is broadly consistent with Charles' death certificate.

Image 1

Names	Status	Born	Occ.	Age	Residence	Parents	Parent Occ.
Waples, Charles	Bachelor	Northamptonshire	Butcher	26	Wollongong	John Waples & Mary Ann (Allan)	Farmer
Waples, Elizabeth	Spinster	Wollongong	Farmer's daughter	22	Dapto	George & Amelia Waples	Farmer

Witnesses: George Hartley; Susannah Waples

## John Waples (1813 – 1899)

So, I had established that John Waples was the father of the Charles Waples who married Elizabeth Waples at Dapto in 1870. But I needed to find where John Waples came from if I was to find a link to Elizabeth's father, George Waples.

I knew John married Mary Ann Allen (Image 2, below) and their son Charles was born in Northamptonshire in about 1842–1844. I found an 1836 Northamptonshire marriage for John Waples and Mary Ann Allen in Thrapston.<sup>14</sup> Unfortunately, the record does not provide the groom's parents' names.

The 1841 census records the couple at Thrapston with their first two children, Mary Ann (4) and George John (2).<sup>15</sup>

Mary Ann Waples died suddenly in Adelaide in 1859.<sup>16</sup> In the following year John Waples married Ellen Gifford.<sup>17</sup>

John Waples died on 21 Oct 1899 in his long-time home at Kensington (South Australia).<sup>18</sup> Unfortunately, the death certificate does not provide his parents' names.

## John Waples birth

According to their 1841 census record, both John and Mary Ann Waples were 25 years old, however in this census the age of anyone over 15 was rounded down to the nearest 5 years, meaning they may have been several years older than this, and therefore born earlier than 1816. Unfortunately, the census record does not provide the names of John Waples' parents.

So, I was forced to cast a wide net for John Waples' baptism record. I was looking for someone named John Waples, born about 1816, probably in Northamptonshire, possibly in Thrapston.

The record of Northamptonshire births for this period on Ancestry.com is quite extensive. A search for a "John Waples" birth around c.1816 provides 16 matches. Of these: nine died before our John Waples took his family to Australia in 1847; three died in England and all the others have a non-matching surname (Ibbolson, Ableson, Ables, Abliston). So, none of these is my John Waples.

But the Waples surname was often spelt "Walpole" in old records. A search for a "John Walpole" birth in 1816 ± 5 years provides

39 matches.<sup>20</sup> Of these: seven died before my John Waples took his family to Australia in 1847; eleven died in England; two married in England in 1872 and fourteen have a non-matching surname (Welbelone, Welbelove x 3, Wellbelove x 2, Woolfall x 4, Whilfield x2, Whalebelly, Wholebelly).

That left five possibilities:

1. John Walpole bap. 31 March 1820 Tinwell, Rutland (24 miles from Thrapston) f. William, m. Catherine<sup>21</sup>
2. John Walpole bap. 16 June 1812 Heigham, Norfolk (96 miles) m. Sarah Walpole<sup>22</sup>
3. John Welpole bap. 21 December 1817 Earlham, Norfolk (96 miles) f. John, m. Mary<sup>23</sup>
4. John Walpole bap. 7 July 1821 Filby, Norfolk (113 miles) f. John, m. Anne<sup>24</sup>
5. John Walpole bap. 19 July 1813 Finedon (9 miles) f. Wm, m. Elizth.<sup>25</sup>

## John Waples birth possibility 1

**John Walpole bap. 31 March 1820, Tinwell, f. William, m. Catherine**

This John's parents are probably the William Walpole and Catharine Gibbons who married at Tinwell on 12 November 1805.<sup>26</sup> This family matches a family recorded at Tinwell on the 1841 census that includes William (60); Catherine (55), Benjamin (25), Mary (20), John (20) and Fred (4).<sup>27</sup>

It seems likely that this John is the person who headed a household at Tinwell in the 1861 census.<sup>28</sup> That household consisted of John (41), his wife Mary A (40), his mother Catherine Walpole (80) and two children of John and Mary.

This John Walpole is recorded in England on both the 1841 and 1861 censuses, therefore, he cannot be my John Waples.

## John Waples birth possibility 2

**John Walpole born 16/6/1812 at Heigham, m. Sarah Walpole**

This is probably the John Walpole who married Ann Rant (or Rent) on 8 November 1835 at St Martin at Oak Church in Norwich, Norfolk.<sup>29</sup> This couple is recorded (with three children) at Heigham on the 1841 census.<sup>30</sup> They are also recorded (with

Image 2 Marriage of John Waples and Mary Ann Allen <sup>47</sup>

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of <u>Thrapston</u>	
in the County of <u>Northampton</u> in the Year <b>1836</b>	
<u>John Waples</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
<u>Bachelor</u>	
and <u>Mary Ann Allen</u>	of <u>the</u> Parish
<u>of Sitchmarsh, Spinston</u>	
were married in this <u>Church</u>	by <u>Bauns</u> with Consent of
	this <u>fourth</u> Day of
<u>February</u>	in the Year One thousand eight hundred and <u>thirty six</u>
By me <u>W. Greenwood Rector</u>	
This Marriage was solemnized between us	{ <u>John Waples &amp; his mark.</u>
	{ <u>Mary Ann Allen &amp; her mark.</u>
In the Presence of	{ <u>John Colles, Rhode Lovell</u>
No. <u>139</u>	

four children) at 40 Halls Lane, Heigham, Norwich on the 1851 census.<sup>31</sup> I conclude this John Walpole married at Norwich in 1835 and was in England in the 1841 and 1851 censuses and he cannot be my John Waples.

### John Waples birth possibility 3

**John Welpole bap. 21 December 1817 at Earham, f. John, m. Mary**

It seems likely that this John Welpole is the John Walpole aged 31 at Hellesdon on the 1851 census.<sup>32</sup> Hellesdon is only three miles from his birthplace at Earham. He is recorded on that census as an Agricultural Labourer, born at Earham. He was married to Maria and had five children who were all born at Hellesdon.

Two other records also match: the marriage of John Walpole to Maria Armes on 19 April 1840 at Hellesdon<sup>33</sup> and the 1841 census records John and Maria Walpole at Hellesdon living with Mary Walpole (age 45; a laundress) and Charles Walpole (aged 14).<sup>34</sup> Mary would be his widowed mother and Charles would be his younger brother, born circa 1826. John Walpole and Maria are also recorded at 103 Lower Hellesdon (along with 9 children) in the 1861 census.<sup>35</sup>

As this John Walpole is recorded as marrying at Hellesdon in 1840 and as being in England on the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses, he cannot be my John Waples.

### John Waples birth possibility 4

**John Walpole bap. 7 July 1821 at Filby, f. John, m. Anne**

There are no John Walpoles at Filby on the 1841 or 1851 censuses.

There is a 20 year old John Walpole recorded on the 1841 census as living with a wife Elizabeth and two children at Mattishall (31 miles from Filby).<sup>36</sup> I note that John David Walpole married Elizabeth Meachen on 21 Jun 1838 at Shouldham Thorpe (60 miles from Filby).<sup>37</sup> This family is also recorded on the 1851,<sup>38</sup> 1861,<sup>39</sup> 1871,<sup>40</sup> and 1881<sup>41</sup> censuses. These censuses variously report that John David Walpole had been born at East Bilney (40 miles from Filby) or Mileham (42 miles from Filby). I conclude that John David Walpole is not the same person as the John Walpole who was born at Filby in 1821.

There is a John Walpole recorded as 25 on the 1841 census, living with a wife Williby and four children (and three other people) at Barton Turf (14 miles from Filby).<sup>42</sup> He is recorded as having married Willoughby Neave at Barton Turf on 19 October 1834.<sup>43</sup> This family is also found on the 1851 census<sup>44</sup> which records that John Walpole had been born at Barton Turf. I conclude that the John Walpole recorded at Barton Turf is not the same person as the John Walpole who was born at Filby in 1821.

A five month old John Walpole was buried at Smallburgh on 3 December 1821.<sup>45</sup> This was five months after this John Walpole had been born at Filby, 13 miles away. This would explain why there are no apparent census records (or other records) for this child in later years.

I conclude this John Walpole died at the age of 5 months.

### John Waples birth possibility five

**John Walpole bap. 19 July 1813 at Finedon (9 miles from Thrapston) f. Wm, m. Elizth**

There are no 1841 or 1851 census records for a John Walpole that match this Finedon birth. The earlier mentioned 1841 census record (endnote 17) for a John Waples that is consistent with those facts. It is also consistent with the other known facts about my John Waples—his wife's names and his children born before the 1841 census. Since the census is for a family that lived at Thrapston, it is also consistent with the John Waples marriage at Thrapston and the birth of his children at Thrapston.

There is no record for this family in the 1851 England census or later censuses. This is consistent if they had emigrated to South Australia.

I conclude that this John Walpole is recorded on the 1841 census as John Waples of Thrapston; my John Waples. Therefore, my John Waples was born at Finedon on 19 July 1813, father William, mother Elizabeth.

The Bishops Transcripts for Thrapston contain records of other children of William and Elizabeth Walpole. For example, there is a record of the baptism of John Waples' brother George at Finedon on 25 January 1807. This is the record that was listed as the last possible candidate record for my George Waples' birth.

### Link to George Waples

The objective in tracing back the family of Charles and John Waples was to stumble across a link to George Waples who died at Mount Kembla in 1884. And success has been achieved! The evidence outlined above provides a very sound basis for concluding that John Waples (1813–1899) and George Waples (1806–1884) were brothers.

I conclude therefore that my George Waples was born at Finedon on 6 November 1806 to William and Elizabeth Walpole. His father was a mat maker. William Walpole had married Elizabeth Haseldine at Finedon on 9 December 1805.<sup>46</sup>

Other researchers have reached the same conclusion, without stating their reasons publicly.

### Postscript

Unfortunately, 19th century South Australian birth, death and marriage certificates contain much less information than similar certificates from other jurisdictions like New South Wales. Nevertheless, I ordered the certificate for John Waples' second marriage.<sup>62</sup> To my delighted surprise, when the certificate (below) arrived it did actually provide the name of John Waples' father: William Waples.

This additional evidence confirms the outcome of the research outlined above. 🍷

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January 28 <sup>th</sup>	John Waples to Ellen Gifford	45 24	Farmer do.	Keedington do.	William Waples John Gifford	St. Paul's Church Adelaide
		9/1/61			Name.	Trade or Calling.
						Residence.

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### Jim Fleming

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He began researching his family history in 1983 and has been a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists for 35 years.

Aside from genealogy he enjoys travelling and sings baritone in two choirs.



# Operation Pied Piper – 'A life-changing experience'

*Croker Prize 2018, Highly Commended*

*by Mary Collis Bird (Member)*

The evacuation of Britain's cities at the start of WW2 was the biggest and most concentrated mass movement of people in Britain's history.<sup>1</sup>

Twenty-one years after WW1, England was bracing for air raids from the German Luftwaffe.<sup>2</sup> Fear that aerial bombing would cause mass civilian deaths prompted the government to evacuate children, and mothers with infants from British towns and cities during WW2.<sup>3</sup>

It took place in several stages and was codenamed Operation Pied Piper,<sup>4</sup> after the famous rat catcher of Hamblin.<sup>5</sup> The first wave came on the 1 September 1939, the same day Germany invaded Poland and two days before the British declaration of war. Over the course of three days, 1.5 million evacuees were sent to rural locations considered to be safe.<sup>6</sup> It was a life-changing experience, never to be forgotten.

Rita Gill<sup>7</sup> was born in November 1932 at the Elephant and Castle, a poor inner London area.<sup>8</sup>

In September 1940, 'The Elephant' as it was known, sustained one of the first air raids of the war, damaging homes, including Rita's, and marking the start of the Blitz.<sup>9</sup> In 1941, Rita lost what was left of her house in a devastating bombing raid. On that dreadful night, Londoners struggled to put out over two thousand fires. They battled against all odds to contain a giant fireball that killed many hundreds of people and left tens of thousands without essential services.<sup>10</sup>

In 1939, her father Frederick Arthur Gill<sup>11</sup> was already serving in the R.A.F., leaving her mother Emily<sup>12</sup> struggling to bring up two children in a mansion block with the ever-present threat of bombs. Articles in the newspapers and on the wireless urged everyone to prepare for the evacuation at short notice.<sup>13</sup>

One of Rita's earliest memories of that time was "excited, very excited," she said. "Being inner London, we never knew when we were leaving, we just had to be ready every morning going to school... with our sandwiches. We had a packet of sandwiches, a change of clothes<sup>14</sup>... gas masks and a little label with our names and address on. We were one of the first schools to go..."<sup>15</sup>

People seemed prepared and were just waiting for the order. To the relief of many, it came at 11.07am on Thursday 31 August 1939. The message went out: "Evacuate forthwith."<sup>16</sup>

The scenes at the railway and coach stations were chaotic. Rita remembers ... "It was packed, yes. Buses were coming in and dumping children off, and nobody knew what was going to happen. It was just screaming, shouting. Some kids were crying and some mothers... There were more tears when we left..."<sup>17</sup>

Rita, at the age of seven, was sent to William and Annie Rice, New Street, in the village of Chagford near Okehampton in Devon.<sup>18</sup> I asked her what her first impression of Chagford was, she replied... "It looked like a toy town. It was a big green. I realise now it was the village green."<sup>19</sup> Weeks later, Rita was joined by her mother and younger sister Freda.<sup>20</sup>

Evacuees and their hosts were often astonished to see how each other lived. Some evacuees flourished in their new surroundings.

Buses were coming in and dumping children off, and nobody knew what was going to happen. It was just screaming, shouting. Some kids were crying...

Others endured a miserable time away from home. Many evacuees from inner-city areas had never seen farm animals before or eaten vegetables. Rita was one of these children.<sup>21</sup> I'd never tasted a cabbage," she says "...or seen a parsnip, turnip or even swede. Potatoes yes, we ate a lot of them."<sup>22</sup>

Apart from the alien surroundings, some of the evacuees still talk about the process and the traumatic effect it had on them.<sup>23</sup> Rita's memory is as clear and precise now as it was then. She said "We went straight into the school, which was next to the church, which was around the green, and we were told to sit on the floor, on the wooden parquet floor. Adults came in, grownups, men, women, and they walked around ... and just chose us. 'I'll take that one. I'll take that one,' and so on and so on... and they could if they wanted, take one of a pair, if there were two brothers, two sisters, sister and brother, 'No. I can't take two. I'll take one...'"<sup>24</sup>



*Rita Gill, 13 February 2019*

In a five-year period, Rita was evacuated eight times to varying degrees of success. However, when her sister Freda was with her, she refused to be parted from her, a story the siblings still talk about today. As Freda says, “I just remember, my sister Reet wouldn’t leave me...she just stood her ground ... I was frightened and clung to her...”<sup>25</sup>

One of the fondest memories Rita has was the last evacuation to Liverpool. She says “This time, I was with my sister Freda. I was twelve at that time. Freda was seven, and we were taken by a couple, Bill and Ada Evans, and it was literally, exactly like ‘Coronation Street,’<sup>26</sup> the house we were taken to, and the first night we were picked, we went home, and I call it home because that’s how it felt. It was lovely absolutely, lovely...”<sup>27</sup>

In 1955<sup>28</sup> Rita married Thomas Henry Ingledew Bessell.<sup>29</sup> A year later they had a child Lee Thomas.<sup>30</sup> Sadly after more than fifty years of marriage, Rita’s husband Tom passed away.<sup>31</sup>

In 2009, Rita sold the family home in Surrey, England and settled in Tasmania to be with her son.

Rita Bessell, nee Gill, is now eighty-five years old. During the six years of WW2, Rita lost her home, was evacuated eight times and attended twelve different schools. Despite this, she became a wife, and mother, a teacher, later a psychologist and finally in her late seventies, she emigrated.

Reflecting on her experiences during those years, she says, “I lost my home, we were eventually rehoused outside London. I didn’t make friends because as children we were constantly on the move... On the whole, though I was lucky. I had a fairly positive experience as an evacuee, but I know many, many that didn’t... life changing? I’ll say.”<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Labour’s Policy for Air Raid Precautions, *Daily Herald*, 21 January 1939, p. 6.

<sup>14</sup> *George: An Evacuee’s Story - List of Items...* [http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.children\\_teenagers/ww2\\_george\\_list\\_items.htm](http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.children_teenagers/ww2_george_list_items.htm), accessed 5 December 2017.

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<sup>17</sup> Rita Bessell, interview with author.

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<sup>32</sup> Rita Bessell, interview with author.

### Mary Collis Bird

I was born in Norfolk, England and went to school in Bournemouth. I emigrated to Melbourne in 1988 and moved to Tasmania ten years ago. Having recently retired, I now have time to indulge in my life long interest in genealogy, which was started in part by my grandmother and her tales of travelling to India, in the early 1900s.



# Notes and News

Heather Garnsey, Executive Officer



## Update to our library rules

We've recently reviewed our library rules which will update arrangements for members and guests attending events in our seminar room at Richmond Villa. Bottled water and securely covered drinks (such as take away coffee) can now be taken up into the seminar room if you are attending a lecture or research group meeting. To protect our records and computer systems the 'no food or drink in the libraries' rule continues to apply to all other areas of Richmond Villa and to all public areas at 379 Kent Street. Remember there is a fridge and microwave in each building for the use of researchers, so you are welcome to bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks with you to have in the kitchen while having a break from research. Cold filtered water is also available at 379 Kent Street in the kitchen.

## SAG CD-ROMs

Many researchers still have copies of CD-ROMs previously published by the SAG, including the four AGCI (Australasian Genealogical Computer Index) disks, transcriptions for Rookwood, Waverley, South Head and Macquarie Park Cemeteries and our Pubs & Publicans series. From time to time we get enquiries about whether these can be run on current operating systems (the first CDs were released in the days of Windows 95!). On our website under *Shop FAQs* you'll find some handy hints to help you install and run these CDs. Follow the link from Shop on the home page to FAQs and look for *Technical Support for SAG CDs* – here you'll get guidance on making them work under Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 systems. SAG CDs were not cross-platform and do not work on Mac systems.

## Extension of webinar program for family history & historical societies

Following a successful trial last year, the Society is now extending its 'member only' webinar program to offer half-day webinar programs for other societies. We're especially interested in providing these to regional and remote groups which often find it prohibitively expensive to have Sydney-based speakers travel out to them to lecture. Gathering your members together and having them listen and watch a presentation about SAG resources or one of our other webinar topics could be a great alternative to your normal monthly meeting. If you are interested in knowing more about how this program works, contact our Education Officer Danielle Lautrec at [education@sag.org.au](mailto:education@sag.org.au) for more details.

## An Appeal for Memories of Mothering in Australia 1920-2000

Tanya Evans, Director of the Centre for Applied History at Macquarie University, would like members and other researchers to contribute to her collaborative project on the history of motherhood in Australia from 1920-2000. Family historians are always keen to discover stories about the mothers in their family trees but often can't find them in history books. Using family history as her starting point, she is gathering the memories and histories of motherhood collected by 'ordinary people'.

Can you help her explore how the experiences of 'ordinary' Australian mothers have changed over time? Do you have family histories, diaries, memoirs, family Bibles, scrapbooks, photographs, clothes, motherhood manuals, parenting advice books kept by your families that you would like to share with her and add to the collective knowledge of mothering in Australia?

If you are willing to contribute to this project by sharing copies of materials or your family's memories, please contact Tanya via email at [Tanya.evans@mq.edu.au](mailto:Tanya.evans@mq.edu.au) or by mail to Associate Professor Tanya Evans, Department of Modern History, Level 2, The Australian Hearing Hub, 16 University Avenue, Macquarie University NSW 2109.

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Lest We Forget project

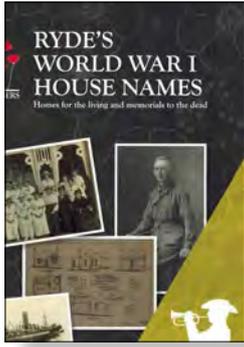
The Lest We Forget project has been launched in association with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to help preserve memories of the Great War through a free online digital archive accessible to all. A series of Collection Days are being held around the UK, but for those not able to attend you can participate through an online submission process. The aim is to preserve the artefacts and photographs from WWI held in private homes which might otherwise be lost in the future. You can see some of the items already submitted and learn more about how you can be involved in the project at <https://www.cwgc.org/lest-we-forget>.

## Price increase at National Archives UK

The National Archives in Kew, London, has updated its charges for copying and research services from 1 February and you'll find a full list of their new fee schedule at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/record-copying-prices-february-2019.pdf>. The main items to note are that prints provided through their document copying service are now £1.35 per page b&w or £4.95 for colour up to A3, with an initial fee of £8.40 to prepare a quotation for copying a document up to 100 pages in size. Fees for research carried out by National Archives staff have increased slightly to £24.35 per 15 minutes, equating to £97.40 per hour (ex VAT). These rates are in line with UK government policy which provides that charges must be set at a level that will recover full costs so that National Archives doesn't profit at the expense of consumers or make a loss which has to be subsidised by the taxpayer – in other words 'user pay'. TNA has also recently introduced parking charges in its previously free carpark and it now costs a minimum of £2.50 for up to 2 hours to park a private vehicle.

Bear in mind these charges only apply if you are ordering items through their copying service – the National Archives website still provides access to a host of digitised records for a very reasonable download cost. If you use the site in the library at 379 Kent Street those downloads are free of charge. 🇬🇧

# Book Notes



## Ryde's World War I house names: homes for the living and memorials for the dead

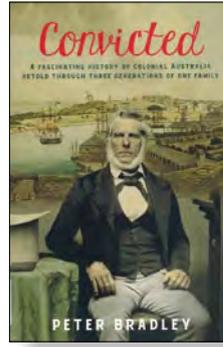
by Angela Phippen. City of Ryde; 2018. Paperback. 206 pages.  
ISBN: 9780646994123  
SAG ref: B4.112/20/1

If you wondered what might be an appropriate book to publish to commemorate the end of the First World War, this is it. *Ryde's World War I House Names* explores the very personal memorials to World War I soldiers – their houses. The most personal and tangible links with WW1 lie half way between what is intensely public and intimately private. We can visit the houses, but we can only see them from the street. Lone Pines were planted in public parks and gardens, but at home perhaps there was a Strawberry tree, French Lavender and Rosemary planted in the garden. But none of the early photos in the book show this, just the house with a bare front yard and several owners later, judging from the photos in the book—we have lost the gardens.

Angela Phippen has conducted a survey of 52 houses, most in Eastwood and Gladesville, named to commemorate battlefields, ships and lost loved ones. Angela commences with several pages giving a brief outline of the activities of the *Voluntary Workers Association* (VWA) who were instrumental in assisting disabled soldiers, widows or dependants of soldiers and sailors to build their own homes. In July 1916 a local branch of the VWA was formed in Ryde and the adjacent suburbs of Meadowbank and Gladesville and by August 1916 the local paper, the *Cumberland Argus* was reporting on their activities. In order to find people who named their houses to commemorate some aspect of the war Angela turned to Sands Directories and Valuer Generals Rolls but soon hit a snag, the house owners were not necessarily commemorated on the local War Memorial. Why? These people built in Ryde Municipality after the war but had grown up elsewhere.

A good proportion of the houses documented are built from brick. Other houses are built from weatherboard with one fascinating house, *Pozieres* at West Ryde, built from concrete blocks in imitation of stone. They are the kinds of houses you'd drive past without a second thought. But here, there are 52 pocket biographies of houses and the people who once lived in them. To appreciate them it would be better to take your time and walk. The book answers the question, *the war ended, what happened next*. It is a good way forward with WW1 research.

**Ralph Hawkins**



## Convicted

by Peter Bradley. Impact Press, 2018. Paperback. 342 pages.  
ISBN 9781925384512  
SAG ref: A6/BRA/14

In *Convicted*, Peter Bradley shows how being convicted of a crime in London in 1785 and being transported to Australia as a convict on the First Fleet in 1788 was no impediment to achieving a successful life in the colony. His ancestor, James Bradley, and his future wife Sarah arrived in 1791 on the Third Fleet. Through courage, determination and persistence, James and his family adapted and survived in the difficult early days of the colony, often complicated by changes in government policy, corruption and finally in the unproductiveness of the land at Kissing Point.

Their son Joseph had a vast career working as a whaler and writing of his adventures in his journal and then on the goldfields and finally as a pilot on the Manning River. The third ancestor, Roland, sailed the seas like his father and had hair-raising adventures, but also actively pursued careers in unionism and politics.

Each of these ancestors had active and fulfilling lives which intersected with well-known and not so well-known moments in Australian history. While describing each of their lives, Peter's voice can be heard loudly and clearly throughout his book. Loudly, with his expression of distaste for whaling which he describes in gory detail, or more quietly in his musings about the emotions and thoughts of his ancestors, imagining their joy at becoming new parents or suffering the pangs of homesickness. He firmly acknowledges that the dispossession of Indigenous Australians is an essential part of Australian history and that the original inhabitants were equally courageous in fighting for their land against unassailable odds. Every step of the way he acknowledges Aboriginal Australians by name and people and does not shirk from the often ghastly treatment that they received, while also attempting to bring good relationships to the attention of the reader.

What shines through in this epic family saga is that far from a criminal conviction being the end of the story, it was only the beginning. It shows that the achievements of each of the generations of this family were not only remarkable in terms of their survival, but also about the way that they actively mastered the elements in cooperation with other members of their communities. Whether it was on land or at sea, the spirit of social justice and caring for others is an abiding feature of this family. It is always clear that they had the courage of their convictions.

**Christine Sanderson**

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# Highlights from the Manuscript and Image Collection

## Member Correspondence and Research Requests (1932-1985)

Throughout the Society's 86 year history volunteers have been answering research enquiries from both members and the general public about their family history problems. Sometimes these are a one paragraph request, in other cases correspondence between an individual and the SAG could span several years. This quarter we are highlighting two very different series in our Archives which deal with membership correspondence.

### Series 80

The first of these, Series 80, includes correspondence from members received between 1932 and 1985. Most of the files contain the original application for membership of the Society. In MIDAS the data in the Title field of each item shows the original membership number, member surname, and the first year of membership. Women who changed their name upon marriage sometimes have two numbers recorded here.

While there isn't a great deal of genealogical information in this series, for a descendant there is value in the document itself, the sample of handwriting, the address details etc. For a researcher it is not only the questions asked but what the author declares that they already know, knowledge which after 80 years or so may have been lost to the family.

This series is a small one, only 1125 Items, but if you are fortunate it may contain gold.

### Series 81

The second series we're highlighting, Series 81, is a far richer source. Between 1950 and 1968, when the Society was going through some especially lean years, teams of volunteer researchers took on paid contract work to raise funds for the Society. It's recorded in the Society's published *Golden Jubilee History* (p. 50) that the cost of a full report on all ancestors within Australia was £12, with £3 added for certificates, probate fees and postage!

While there are only 390 files in the series, if your family members are the subject of one of these research briefs you are certainly in luck.

### Access to the Series

Access is via our online MIDAS Catalogue (Manuscript and Image collection) and is very simple. If you wish you may just enter a name in the Basic Search, but to home in on these series it's best to use the Advanced Search option.

In the Series option, select either "80 Society Archives Membership" or "81 Society Archives Research" and Search. This will display the results and allow you to browse the data to get the flavour of the contents.

You may limit the selection by also adding a name in the Enter Name/Words field. 

**Alison Wolf and Heather Garnsey**

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# Education Report

**Danielle Lautrec, Education Officer**

## DNA at the SAG

DNA testing has had a significant impact on the way that we research our family history. The Society is delivering a range of events and services to help you learn how to use DNA evidence in your research. I mentioned in my last report that we were splitting the DNA Research Group into three groups based on skill level. The first Beginners' group met in February and was very popular. This group will meet once each quarter and will follow a program which aims to build your skills and knowledge so that you can move on to more complex analysis and tools, and join the intermediate group if you wish.

We had a huge response to our *Lost In DNA* weekend in November last year, so the virtual *Lost In* weekend in June will also focus on DNA. The webinar format of this weekend will meet the needs of those who could not (and still cannot) travel to Sydney for our events, plus sessions will be recorded which means the lectures can be watched again. I can't announce the speakers just yet, but this will be available soon.

## Other Events

However, it's not all about DNA. We are still focused on delivering a wide range of educational events on many aspects of family history research. In January and February we provided two webinars about the Genealogist UK and the British Newspaper Archive. These are two subscription based websites which are great resources for British research. The SAG library has subscriptions to both sites, so don't forget to take a look at them next time you are in the library.

If you have other topics you would like covered, lecturers you recommend or other feedback about events, drop me an email [education@sag.org.au](mailto:education@sag.org.au). 

# Highlights from the Library Collection

Compiled by Philippa Garnsey

## Parish Registers

The Society's library has an extensive collection of parish registers that were mainly developed prior to this record source beginning to be indexed and available on the internet. While increasing collections are available on websites, there are many more records held in the library.

One of the most important collections for NSW is the collection of microfilms of the pre 1856 baptisms, marriages and burials (prior to Civil Registration). Other parish registers for NSW can be found on CDs, microfiche, microfilm and in books and pamphlets. The NSW parish registers in the library include over 30 books, 76 CDs, 1,000 microfilms, 118 microfiche and 200 pamphlets.

## CDs

There are approximately 76 CDs available for NSW. These are original hand written parish registers and are not searchable. If you have the place and year range for a particular event you can locate a baptism entry which will give you date of birth, names of parents and occupation of father. Sponsors are usually named in these records and provide an indication of friends and relatives in the area. Finding a baptism record means that you may not need to order a civil registration certificate if you are only looking for the information that can be found in the baptism record.

One valuable CD is the Roman Catholic baptisms and marriages for the town of Wellington, NSW. These baptisms are available between 1862 and 1910 and marriages between 1873 and 1903 and 1908-1910 B7/1/CD.15(a).

Other interesting CDs include the *Tarban Creek Asylum Gladesville Hospital Burials 1869-1895* (B7/11/CD.29). In 1965 those burials with headstones were reinterred in the Field of Mars Cemetery. Other CDs include *19<sup>th</sup> century Coal Mining Deaths in the Hunter Valley* (B7/5/CD.1 and 2), photographs of the headstones at the Berry General Cemetery (B7/11/CD.31) and the *Wyong Shire gravediggers book* (B7/11/CD.33).

## Microfilms

The best series of NSW microfilms is the early church records that include baptisms, marriages and burials from 1788 to 1855 (up to Volume 123). Very few members are aware of the existence of this resource, which saves you buying a certificate through the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. You need to search the BDM website, <https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history-research/family-history-research-nsw.aspx>, and find the person you are interested in, taking careful note of the index number. When you visit the library our volunteers will assist you to find the entry for that person.

These records are also available in digital format on FamilySearch and are available for viewing in an Affiliate Library, such as the SAG. Another important collection is 21 films from St Mary's Cathedral. These include early records from the towns the Roman Catholic priests visited. They recorded the events in the St Mary register when they returned to Sydney. This means you may find a marriage from the 1830s recorded as occurring at St Mary's but which was actually celebrated in rural NSW. It is not until you look at the entry that you realise the event did not take place at St Mary's Cathedral.

Other microfilms include parish registers for the Church of England, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church. There are 40 reels from the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn which include the large part of NSW and ACT covered by that diocese and churches such as St Paul's Adelong. These are indexed in AGCI and available on the Electronic Resources in the Library.

## Microfiche

Microfiche may seem like out-dated technology, and many members may have never used a microfiche reader, however there is a surprising amount of information on microfiche. These records are generally cemetery transcripts and include the cemetery records for *Albury 1841-1996* (NSW-CEM-ALB) and the 34 microfiche containing the *Woronora Cemetery Masonry Inscriptions* (NSW-CEM-WOR 1- 34). Microfiche are located in the metal drawers near the fiche readers.

## Pamphlets

Many smaller parish registers can be found in pamphlets and a number can only be described as treasures! These pamphlets have been written by people with an intense interest in a particular area.

One example that is actually better than a parish register as it includes supporting evidence such as newspaper announcements, is *Windellama Weddings* (B7/1/Pam.14). Other examples include *Deaths in Wyalong and District 1894-1918* (B7/1/Pam.7), *Index to Records of R Ayerton, funeral director, Canowindra* (B7/10/Pam.39) and *Inquests in the Goulburn District* (B7/21/Pam.1). Inquest records can be important as often the coroner or his clerk neglected to have a death registered and you may find the death of a person in the records of a coroner's inquest. These can also be found on Ancestry by searching *New South Wales, Australia, Registers of Coroners' Inquests, 1821-1937*.

## Books

Most NSW parish registers are on microfilm but there are a number of parish registers which have been photocopied or are transcripts of the original register. Two facsimile copies of the original parish registers, include the church registers of Sts Peter and Paul, Catholic Cathedral, Goulburn dating from 1839 (B7/1/2a, 2b and 3). The birth, death and marriage register for the Anglican church of St John the Evangelist, Hartley, 1857-1903 is available as a transcription (B7/1/18) and the registers for St Philip's, Sydney are available as photocopies (B7/1/15e -15h).

## Ancestry and FindMyPast

Both Ancestry and FindMyPast are available in the library free of charge to members and day visitors.

The NSW indexes on Ancestry include: St John's Parramatta baptisms, marriages and burials dating from 1790, Casino Hospital Admissions and burial records 1913-1997 and St Peter's Cooks River, births, marriages and burials 1839-1963.

The NSW indexes on FindMyPast include: NSW Will Books 1800-1952 where wills can be downloaded as a photocopy or saved onto a usb stick (flash drive), Parish Registers for Christchurch Cathedral, Newcastle, Stroud Baptismal Register (1892-1925), Roll of Honour Government Railways and Tramways 1914-1919 and various cemetery transcripts. 

# Recent Accessions – Library

Compiled by Lorraine Brothers, Librarian

This is a selection of books and pamphlets accessioned between August and October 2018. The information is the title of the record; library classification number; format and location; donor's name. All items are at 379 Kent Street unless otherwise noted.

Items listed in Book Notes in this issue are indicated \*. Consult the Library Catalogue at the Society's [website](#) for full details of the items included in this list.

## Australia

### **Australian family histories: a bibliography and index.**

Ralph S. Reid. A2/40/CD.2 (CD ROM) [Philippa Garnsey]

### **Transported for treason: biographies of men transported to New South Wales as a result of the Pentrich Rebellion of 1817.**

Ralph Hawkins. A3/23/77 (Book) [Sylvia Mason]

### **“What God hath wrought!”: the Sanitarium Health Food Company story.**

Robert Parr & Glyn Litster. A3/60/94 (Book)

[Alan Day]

### **Australia, the land of their heritage: the Carmel of Mary Immaculate, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, 1885-30th July, 1985.**

A3/92/41 (Book) [Stephen O'Regan]

### **A genealogical report of the family history of Maxwell Joseph Bradley: (1929-2003).**

Rhonda Kroehnert. A6/BRA/15 (Book)

[Rhonda Kroehnert]

### **Twigs on the Austin family tree.**

Julie Austin (nee Corke).

A6/AUS/5 (Book) [Julie Austin]

### **The Bannons of Ballycahill Co. Tipperary, Ireland in Australia.**

Cecil Bannon. A6/BAN/CD.1 (CD ROM) [Cecil Bannon]

### **The Betula saga.**

William Birch. A6/BIR/4 (Book)

[William Birch]

### **Death and liberty: Owen Byrne and Esther Dwyer families 1804-1975.**

Liesl Harrold. Thesis/A6/BYR/3 (Book)

[Liesl Harrold]

### **John Campbell of Lochaber: Scottish heritage, Australian prosperity: 1838-1930.**

Ian Tonking. A6/CAM/24 (Book)

[A.I. Tonking]

### **Convicted: a fascinating history of colonial Australia retold through three generations of one family.**

Peter Bradley.

A6/BRA/14 (Book)\*

### **The Cook family: The family tree of my mother Joan SMITH, nee COOK.**

Barbara Joan Hancock. A6/COO/19 (Book)

[Barbara Hancock]

### **Elizabeth 1812-1896.**

Harry Cowen. A6/COW/8 (Book) [Harry Cowen]

### **The Davis family of Lamberhurst, Norwood, Richmond River, Maitland and Sydney: biographies of a family line from earliest records to 2016.**

Bryan Davis. A6/DAV/23 (Book)

[Bryan Davis]

### **History of a Dykes family.**

Margaret Hambleton.

A6/DYK/Pam.1 (Pamphlet) [Estate of Jennifer Gibson]

### **That's Elliot with one 't'.**

Gregory Elliot Bede Ross.

Thesis/A6/ELI/3 (Book) [Gregory Ross]

### **Stolen moments of our young lives.**

Bernadette Flannery.

A6/FLA/2 (Book) [Bernadette Flannery]

### **The GOUGH family: The family tree of my father Wilfred**

GOUGH. Barbara Joan Hancock. A6/GOU/3 (Book)

[Barbara Hancock]

### **The Hancock family: Keevil to Concord (with additions and**

**corrections).** Barbara Hancock. A6/HAN/5 (Book)

[Barbara Hancock]

### **The Kingwill Family of Adjungbilly: ancestors and**

**descendants of William Stephen Kingwill and Julia Ellen**

**Sullivan.** Ruth Polsen. A6/KIN/16 (Book) [Colleen O'Sullivan]

### **Kilmarnock to Kitchener: McGarvie.**

Harry Cowen. A6/McG/15 (Book) [Harry Cowen]

### **Thomas Murphy and Bridget Leahy: Ardfinnan, Tipperary,**

**Ireland to Longbottom, New South Wales, Australia.** Diana

Heins. A6/MUR/7(b) (Book) [Diana Heins]

### **“For Mrs. Isabella Murray, Australia”: a letter sent by J.C.**

**Lamb of Edgerston, Scotland to Mrs. Isabella Murray**

**of “Camphouse”, Killawarra in 1852.** A6/MUR/Pam.11

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### **Orton Woodbridge Cork Macclesfield to Hobart: Jane Nash**

**& George Smith.** Laurel & Ian Fisher. A6/NAS/3 (Book)

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David Stone Ojerholm. A6/OJE/1 (Book) [David S. Ojerholm]

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Marisa Yeaman. A6/YEA/3 (Book) [Marisa Yeaman]

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**Trade: 1872-1921: Part 1 New South Wales 1872-1921.** Janet

Robinson. A8/12/5(a) (Book) [Janet Robinson]

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**Trade: 1872-1921: New Zealand 1870-1921.** Janet Robinson.

A8/12/5(b) (Book) [Janet Robinson]

## New South Wales

- True blue: 150 years of service and sacrifice of the NSW police force.** Patrick Lindsay. B3/83/24 (Book) [Alan Day]
- Tales from Barranjoey.** Jervis Sparks. B4.108/21/1 (Book) [Estate of Marianne McGowan]
- Ryde's World War I house names: homes for the living and memorials for the dead.** Angela Phippen. B4.112/20/1 (Book) [Angela Phippen]\*
- About that shout: the history of pubs in Parramatta.** Gary John Carter. B4.150/20/7 (Book) [Gary Carter]
- Church in the Hills: A social history of the Uniting Churches in the Hills District of North Western Sydney at Arcadia, Glenorie, Kenthurst, Dural and Galston.** Trevor J Knight. B4.159/99/1 (Book) [Trevor Knight]
- Pictorial history Marrickville.** Anne-Maree Whitaker. B4.204/1/5 (Book) [Estate of Marianne McGowan]
- History of Kentucky Public School: 1868-1968.** Helen Gibson and Michael O'Sullivan. B4.354/30/Pam.1 (Pamphlet) [Anonymous Donation]
- Narrabri on show, 1873-2006.** Max Pringle. B4.390/1/2 (Book) [Rosemary Wade]
- Living echoes: a history of the Shoalhaven.** B4.535/1/3 (Book) [Estate of Marianne McGowan]
- Snapshots of a village: an illustrated history of Shoalhaven Heads once Jerry Bailey.** Christine Talbot. B4.535/1/4 (Book)
- Eurobodalla almanac: a chronological overview of the growth of the Shire of Eurobodalla.** Noel Warry. B4.545/1/CD.1 (CD ROM)
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- One hundred years of friendship: a centenary history of the Glennie School 1908-2008.** Christine (Cox) Henderson and John Keeble Winn. H4.350/31/1 (Book) [Jennie Fairs]

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Norma Miriam Goodwin, Carlingford, 26 October 2018

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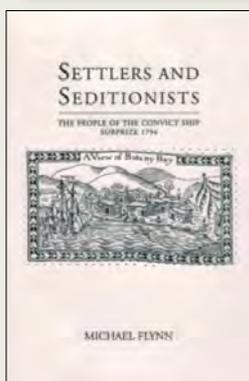


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