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President's Report



We have held an annual lunch at the Box Hill Golf club for many years now as we have found it a very successful venue, and this year was no exception, although it was held in the smaller of their two reception rooms. Both rooms have large windows that look out across the beautiful golf course. There was one difference this year though, as there were no book award presentations. This should have been the fiftieth year of the Alexander Henderson Award and the twelfth year for the Don Grant Award. Unfortunately the number of entries received was not sufficient to warrant the award this year. However, the second Kate Press Award was presented, and the joint winners, father and daughter, Keith POWERLETT and Val WEBER, were able to attend the lunch.

The highlight of the lunch, which was attended by many members and friends, was our guest speaker, Alice GARNER. Alice is a woman of many parts – actor, author, musician, teacher and historian. One of her passions is oral history, which is very relevant to us as family historians. Alice raised some of the issues about recording family members but inspired us to undertake recording our own memories for our future generations.

Alice's talk, the thank-you speech from Keith and Val, and the seeming lack of family history books being published, highlight the necessity for us all to become responsible to record our own research in some way. I have heard so many stories of other people's interesting ancestors, but when I ask "Have you written this down?" the answer is nearly always "No, I couldn't do that."

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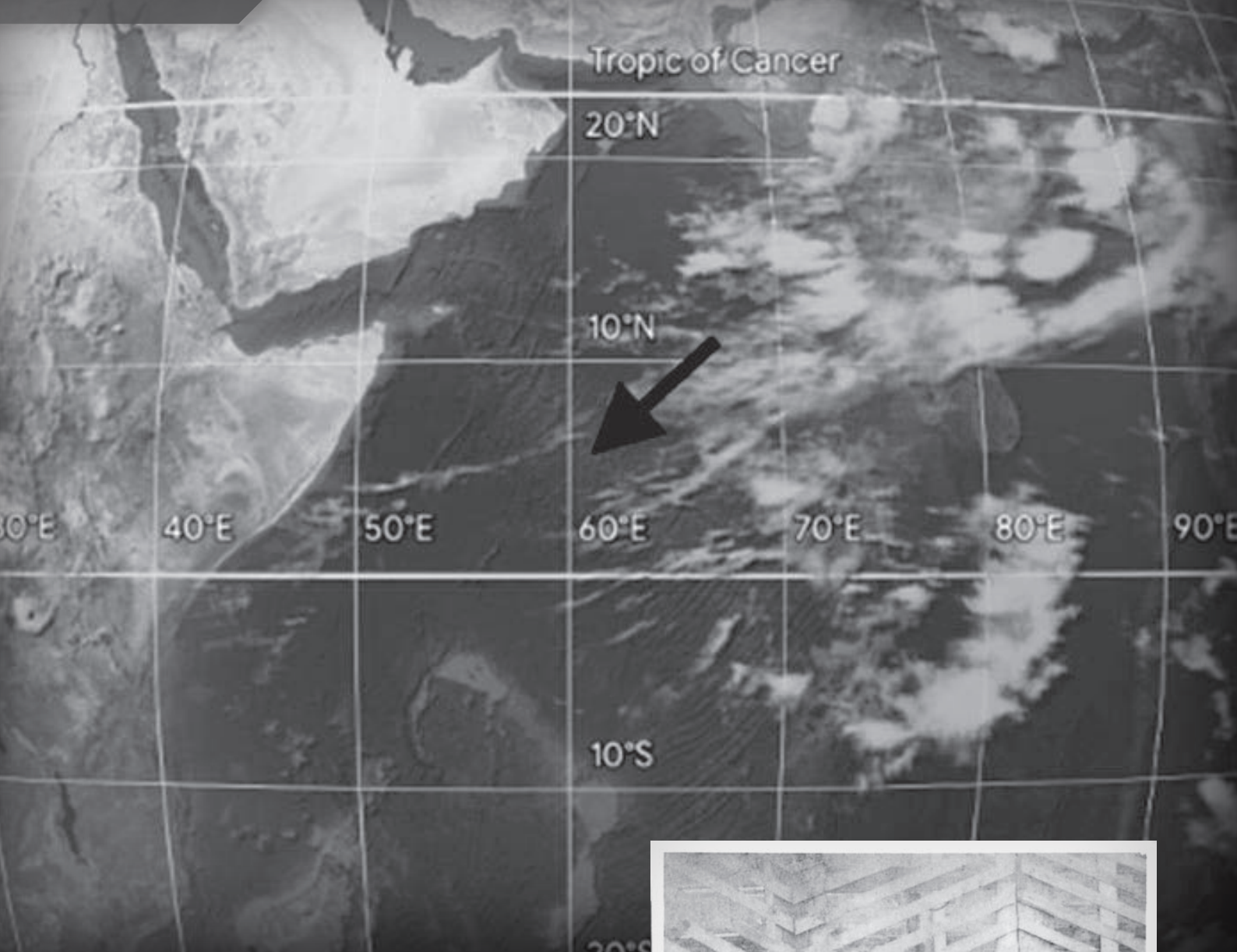
Keith POWERLETT and Val WEBER, winners of the Kate Press Award

Winning article: "Delivery Voyage of the HMVS Cerberus" by Keith POWERLETT and Val WEBER, published in the Summer 2023 edition of *The Genealogist*.

This article was researched by Keith POWERLETT and his daughter Val WEBER (nee POWERLETT) because of their interest in the life of their ancestor, James Charles BOWDEN who signed on as a crew member and 2nd gunner of *His Majesty's Victorian Ship (HMVS) Cerberus* when it sailed from England to Australia, arriving in Melbourne in 1871. Val was the writer of this article.

The sources used to create this article are exhaustive, particularly the writers having access to the Log Book. Locating all these documents and articles on the vessel is a credit to them. The construction of the *Cerberus*, including the methods and the materials used, are fully revealed along with specifications of the ship. She was commissioned by the Australian Colonial Government to protect the Heads of Port Philip Bay. There are details of her subsequent journey to Australia with all its dramas and difficulties.

This is an informative and enjoyable article, even if your family has no involvement in the Navy or its many vessels and their history. The story is well told by this father and daughter team and is of interest to local residents as well as those with an interest in the maritime history of the State. The remnants of the *Cerberus* can still be seen in Half Moon Bay at Black Rock where it is used as a breakwater and has given its name to surrounding venues. The authors are to be congratulated on their article which highlights a forgotten part of Victoria's history.



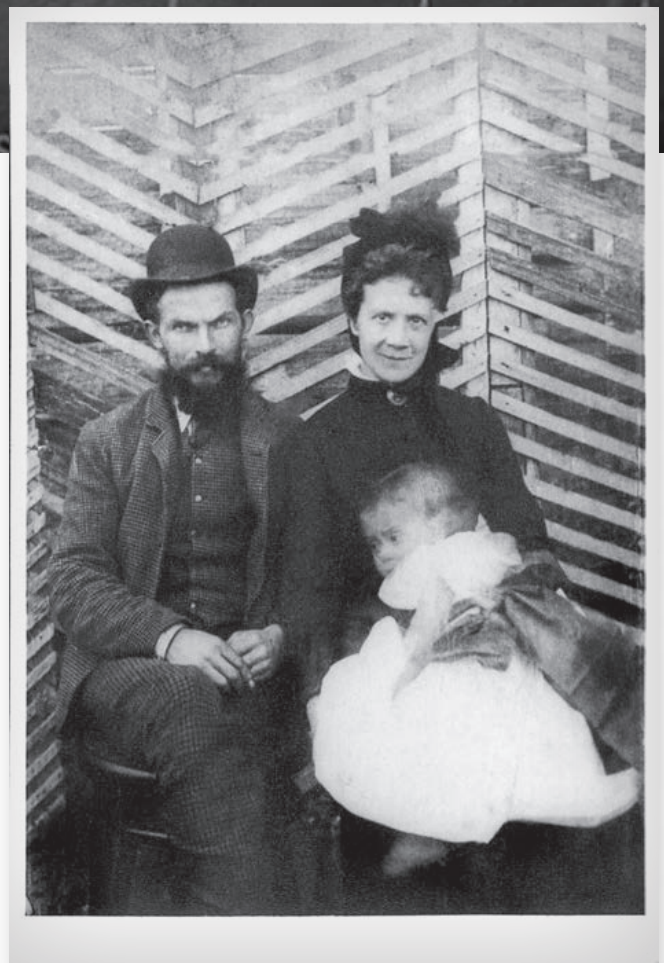
Born At Sea - But Was He English?

Robyn WATTERS

My grandfather William Orizaba BROWN was born at Latitude 5° 10' North Longitude 60° 37' East onboard the *Royal Mail Ship Orizaba* on 12 August 1887. This became relevant one hundred years later when I sought a UK Ancestry visa in order to live and work in England. But was my grandfather actually English?

The UK Embassy put two hurdles in the way before Bill BROWN could be considered English. Firstly, the *RMS Orizaba* had to be registered in the UK and secondly he had to have a British birth registration.

In the 1980s a trip to the State Library of Victoria looking at the shipping microfiche established that the *RMS Orizaba* was indeed registered in England, relieving me of my rational fear that the ship could have been registered in Panama or Liberia.



Edwin and Georgina BROWN

The second hurdle was somewhat more fraught. If my grandfather had a British birth registration it would have required the ship's master to register the birth when he or the ship returned there. I wasn't totally confident of passing the latter requirement given the problem of keeping paperwork, change of crews and the passing of time between birth and registration.

I took a bet either way by applying for my grandfather's birth registration both in Melbourne and in England. I was disappointed to receive his Victorian birth registration thinking the cause was lost. Miraculously a week or so later, St. Catherine's House sent me his English birth registration. Yes, the birth was registered in both Melbourne and England in their Marine Register of Births. Given the UK Embassy had asked for a British birth registration, I wisely decided not to complicate things by providing them with a legal quandary by producing the Victorian version as well.

I was over the line based on their criteria. I got my UK Ancestry visa. The absurdity was not lost on me that Bill BROWN may have been Liberian if the *RMS Orizaba* had been registered there. But wait, he had a British and Australian birth registration. Did this matter if the vessel was registered in exotic climes? It did to the UK visa authorities given they had a two-pronged test for me to pass. Fortunately, I didn't have to try and find an answer this.

The story goes that my great grandmother was unprepared for the birth to happen at sea. Fellow passengers gave her swaddling clothes as her carefully prepared baby clothes were



Headstone of William BROWN, died 1961

in a tea chest down in the hold and therefore inaccessible. It must have been incredibly brave for Georgina and Edwin BROWN who were to become new parents of Bill, to travel whilst pregnant, but they did.

I am very grateful for the delay in the *RMS Orizaba* reaching Australia (the winds apparently were against her) as that gave me my UK Ancestry visa. The weather that made it harder for my great grandmother, forcing her to give birth on the high seas benefitted me, her great granddaughter, one hundred years later.



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Surgeon-Superintendents

Gail WHITE

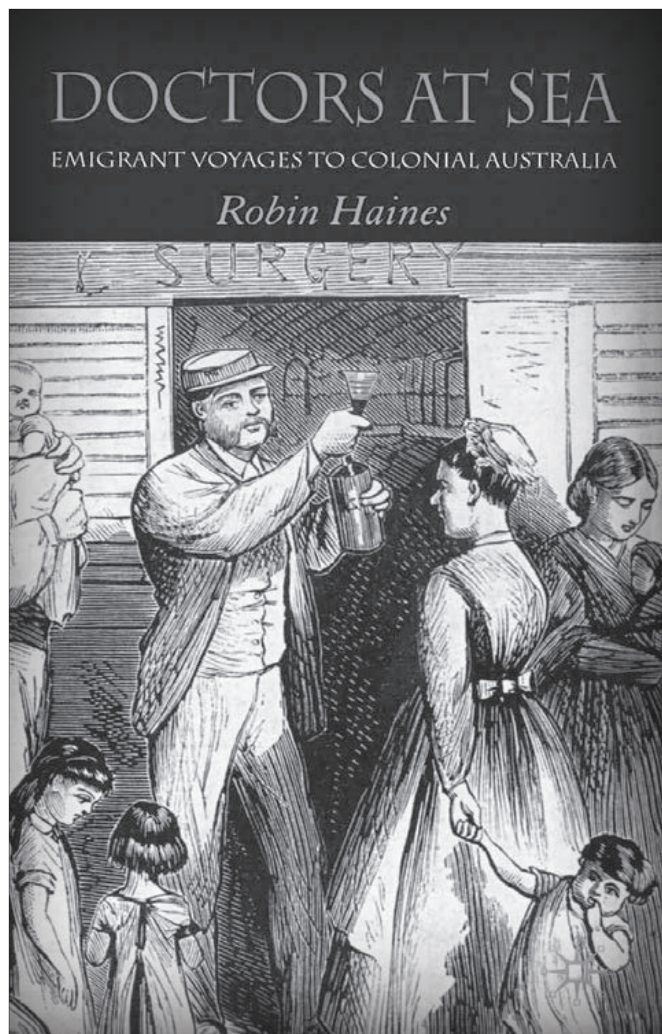
The following information was taken from a book full of detail about the work of the Surgeon-Superintendents and the lives, sicknesses and deaths of the emigrants in their care on the voyages.¹

Supervision of the emigrants by a Surgeon-Superintendent was mandatory for all ships carrying more than fifty people on United Kingdom ships bound for Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and other colonies, whether or not they were government-assisted.

From 1831, the first year of government assistance, a fully-qualified medical practitioner accompanied each vessel bound for Australia. As on convict ships, he was called the Surgeon-Superintendent, and following the practice on convict ships, his major contribution was to supervise the sanitary and dietary regimes on board. Many surgeons sailed with the emigration service for decades. One of his many duties was to keep a medical log, or journal, on board ship. This was to be completed daily, and he was instructed to record the treatment he gave to each patient, the duration of the illness, and whether the patient lived or died, including the cause of death. He was also to describe his management of the vessel – from the point of discipline, sanitation, and hygiene – and to comment on the behaviour and demeanour of the emigrants. These journals were forwarded back to the Colonial Office in England. Unfortunately, only a handful of these journals survived, most for convict ships.

The *Flying Cloud* (on which George PAYNTER was the Surgeon-Superintendent in 1869) was in the news in 1864, when the Surgeon-Superintendent was charged with several offences after its arrival in Brisbane. Dr SANDIFORD was accused of giving false reports to the Health Officer of Queensland about the health of the passengers during their voyage from England, and of concealing the fact that there had been infectious fever on board. He was sentenced to six month imprisonment.

The vast majority of vessels delivered emigrants in a fit and healthy condition to Australian shores. Most working-class families were shepherded across several oceans by efficient, compassionate, and experienced Surgeon-Superintendents, whose word was law on the passage. Though tragedies occurred on the voyages to Australia when a fatal disease slipped on board, the story of these doctors at sea, and their management of the health of families, was a triumph by any standards. They were responsible for the safe carriage of anywhere between fifty, and mainly, hundreds of people travelling in steerage, a third of whom were often children. It was the success of their care and supervision of the daily health and hygiene routines on board, and their disciplinary role at sea, rather than their medical training and skill as a surgeon, which made all the difference in the maritime sphere.



Article reference: ¹ Doctors at Sea: emigrant voyages to colonial Australia. Robin Haines, Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

The Surgeon-Superintendents' medical skills were, of course, important. They dispensed medicine for a range of complaints; they acted as resident obstetricians and paediatricians – many delivered numerous babies and offered pre- and ante-natal care to mothers as well as newborn babies. They put into practice isolation procedures when an infection erupted on board, and they were sometimes called upon to set limbs sprained or broken in falls. They sutured wounds, and occasionally performed operations and post-mortems. The extent to which emigrants relied on doctors for comfort and relief, as their letters and diaries attest, means that many surgeons were faced with a long line of enthusiastic patients at their daily clinics on board.

Of utmost importance, however, was the Surgeon-Superintendent's attention to preventing, rather than curing

disease. Experience had long shown that the health of children would be their major concern at sea. They were to keep their vessels clean, scrubbed, well-deodorised and ventilated; to supervise the emigrants' hygiene practices such as a regular bathing and clothes washing, and to ensure that sanitation was of the highest standard. It was also their duty to ensure that the emigrants received well-cooked, properly-weighted rations. Their efforts resulted in the ships carrying emigrants to Australia being the most successful trans-oceanic voyages in the nineteenth century.

Surgeon-Superintendents were paid for each person landed alive, which was between eighteen shillings and one pound. They may also have received gratuities by satisfied cabin passengers. Their fare home was also paid for, and they were free to practise privately on those voyages, attending to cabin passengers. In later years, George PAYNTER was Surgeon-Superintendent on three emigrant voyages for the Queensland Government, but they paid much less – about £40 per voyage.

See over for details of a Surgeon-Superintendent's voyage to Australia.



Irish Seminar organisers with Fintan and Gillian at Blackburn RSL

Researching Your Irish Family History Seminar

James A BAINES

The long awaited two-day Irish family history seminar was held in late February presented by Fintan MULLAN and Gillian HUNT, two internationally renowned experts in Irish family history research from the Ulster Historical Foundation based in Belfast. Fintan is the Executive Director of the Foundation and Gillian is a Research Officer. Both are extremely experienced researchers and travel internationally presenting seminars and workshops. Their visit to Melbourne was part of a series of presentations that they gave throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The seminar, jointly planned and hosted by Family History Connections and The Genealogical Society of Victoria, was conducted over two days in different venues with different but complementary programs. Due to careful planning and many hours of hard work by the members of the joint Organising Team everything ran very smoothly on both days. The Sunday session was held at the Docklands Public Library and on the Monday, it was conducted in the Blackburn RSL hall.

Fintan and Gillian are not only extremely knowledgeable but both are dynamic speakers. Their presentations were very detailed and informative. All participants came away with many ideas to help them progress their Irish family history research.



Fintan & Gillian during Q&A at Docklands

The Organising Committee was made up of volunteers from both Societies and included Darralyn CUSACK, Lyn THORNE, Russell COOPER, Mary-Ann COHN, Claire JOHNSON, Meg BATE, Jeanette BAKKER, Jenny REDMAN, Paul HARRIS, Rebecca LANDY, Stephen LOCKREY and David DOWN.

Both Societies were very pleased to have had the opportunity of hosting the seminar and the visitors.

George PAYNTER, Surgeon-Superintendent

Gail WHITE

George William PAYNTER's first experience as a Surgeon-Superintendent was on the ship *Ontario*, which sailed from London on 4 March 1854, arriving in Melbourne on 22 July 1854. He was only twenty-seven and taking on a huge responsibility. After his arrival in Melbourne, where several of his family already lived, he then spent some years in Castlemaine and perhaps in the Mount Duneed and Heidelberg areas.

MR. G. W. PAYNTER, M.R.C.S.I., late Surgeon in charge of the 1st Madras Native Infantry, Surgeon G. S. S. Company's steamer 'Pro-pontis,' and late Surgeon-superintendent of the Government emigrant ship 'Ontario,' may be consulted professionally, daily, at Mr. Marsh's, Chemist and Druggist, Mostyn-st., Castlemaine. 988 23

Mount Alexander Mail, 2 September 1854

George was living in Rockhampton by 1861 where he practiced for some years. His brother, Robert Emilius PAYNTER, was a chemist and druggist (although unqualified).

MR. G. W. PAYNTER, SURGEON, may be consulted daily at his Dispensary, adjoining Messrs. Ward and Stevens', Butchers.

R. PAYNTER, CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, LITTLE QUAY STREET, OPPOSITE THE BUSH INN.

Rockhampton Bulletin, from 1861

George returned to England about 1864 because he was about to take another voyage as a Surgeon-Superintendent on an emigrant ship, the *Sunda*, which sailed from Gravesend, at the mouth of the Thames, on 9 February 1865.

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION.—The ship *Sunda*, 1,381 tons burthen, belonging to Messrs. T. M. Mackay and Co., has sailed from Gravesend, and Queenstown, for Queensland, Captain Flynn, commander; surgeon-superintendent, Dr. Paynter; assisted by Mrs. Moran, matron. The *Sunda* is the fifty-first vessel that has sailed on the land order system of emigration, under the immediate direction of the Queensland Government. She contains 505 souls, divided into paying, assisted, and free passengers, and consisting of 177 members of families, 168 single men, and 160 single females.

West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser, 10 March 1865

Queenstown (now called Cobh) is a port town in Cork Harbour on the south-east coast of Ireland.

EMIGRATION TO QUEENSLAND. Yesterday the Black Ball liner '*Sunda*' entered the harbour, having called here on her voyage from London to Brisbane. The '*Sunda*' is a very fine North American built ship, 1,840 tons register. She has on board 80 passengers and takes in here 340, of all classes. The emigrants, who have for some days past been swarming through Queenstown, seem generally superior in condition to those who leave for New York.¹

While the ship was at sea, one of the passengers produced a handwritten newspaper, *The Southern Cross*, which

was published ten times on the voyage from London to Moreton Bay, Queensland, between 23 March and 23 May 1865. The issues contained records of births, deaths and one marriage, weather reports, verse, reports from the ship's Captain and Surgeon, letters to the editor and homilies on various topics. It was produced by a passenger, Richard HEWS, who used the pseudonym of Algernon LEMPRIERE. His motto for the newspaper was *Cruce, Luce, et Duce* (*The Cross, Our Light, and our Leader*).²

Thanks to historian Don GARDEN, I was able to obtain copies from the National Library of Australia of the ten pages which contained reports written by George. He makes comments about the weather and the temperatures on deck and below, as well as giving medical reports on the passengers. He signed off each entry differently, and I think his writing showed a certain sense of humour.

March 23:

As a slight account of the sanitary condition of the passengers on board this ship, would doubtless be acceptable to your readers, will you kindly insert the following. In all parts of the ship there were cases of prostration from sea-sickness both on our departure from Queenstown, and also from London; most however rallied as soon as could have been expected. The few that have yet not done so, will I hope soon recover under the influence of the S.E. trades [south-east trade winds]. The heat we have experienced for some days past has, owing to the calm, been excessive, and has naturally brought with it some sickness, such as a few cases of diarrhoea, hysteria, and faintness from exhaustion, with one case of epilepsy; most of the patients are however restored to health, and I hope next week to give you a still better report. On Tuesday last a heavy block fell on the head of a steerage passenger, inflicting a scalp wound; I have however no reason to fear a bad result. I have to mention two deaths that have taken place, one girl, 10 months old, from bronchitis, and of a boy 7 years old who died of croup. I may as well take the opportunity of reminding your readers that health as well as comfort depends much on a strict adherence to the rules of cleanliness; and to recall a very old Proverb "Prevention is better than cure."

Yours truly

(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER.

March 30:

*I have much pleasure in informing you that the general health of the passengers on board the "*Sunda*" continues remarkably good, only a few cases of diarrhoea, hysteria, and ophthalmia [infection in the eyes], having occurred since my last report and as we get further from the line [the Equator] and the breeze strengthens, I imagine that the sickness will be even less than it is at present.*

I am Dear Sir, Yours truly,

(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER, Surgeon Superintendent

April 6:

I am happy to be able to inform you, that there are no fresh cases of sickness this week, and many of those which I mentioned last week are now convalescent. There has been one birth, and all has been going on satisfactorily. An accident happened to a steerage passenger, who fell down the hold and fractured a metacarpal bone. I subjoin the extremes of the temperature since my last account.

And am Dear Sir, Yours very truly,
(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER.

Temperature				
Maximum on deck	91	April 1 st	Maximum between decks	
Minimum	79	3 rd	Minimum	78

Page from the Southern Cross newspaper

April 13:

Since my last report there has been only one new case of illness of any consequence which happily is progressing favourably. The people continue (generally) to be remarkably healthy.

I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Signed) G. W. Paynter, Surgeon Superintendent

April 20:

I have less than ever to record this week, and perhaps have never been so little occupied in my official capacity as on board the "Sunda"; there are still a few cases of debility, one of which is I fear rather serious.

I am dear Sir, yours truly
(Signed) G. W. Paynter, Surgeon Superintendent

April 27:

I much regret having to report the death of the infant child of Mr and Mrs HICKEY on Saturday. Since my last report there have been several children ailing, some with diarrhoea, and others with debility, this of course is only to be expected in a long voyage, where it is impossible to give the same amount of nourishment they would have had ashore.

I am
Yours truly
(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER, Surgeon Superintendent

May 4:

There is a decided improvement in the cases I spoke of last week; and the inflammations from scalds, bruises, etc. are looking better. There are a few more cases of debility and diarrhoea; and I have to mention the confinement where the child was still-born.

I am Sir, Yours truly
(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER, Surgeon Superintendent

May 11:

I have this week to report a few cases of sore throat and two accidents, neither of which happily are likely to be followed by any serious consequences; altogether the state of the Ship continues satisfactory. Passengers may be interested to know that the "Gallery Slave" who was so nearly boiled alive intends to cook their Sunday dinner.

Yours truly
(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER, Surgeon Superintendent

May 18:

Sickness has somewhat increased since my last report. Sore throats & colds have been very prevalent. I much regret to say that a girl in the steerage died this afternoon of Diarrhoea from which she has suffered a long time. At a P. M. examination I found the heart had shrivelled to little more than half the average, and this was evidently the prime cause of death. Every day as the climate becomes more general we may expect the general health to improve.

Yours truly,
(Signed) G. W. PAYNTER.

The *Sunda* arrived in Moreton Bay, Brisbane on 28 May 1865³:

THE SHIP SUNDA.

The following particulars of the voyage of the ship "Sunda" from London and Queenstown to Moreton Bay have been handed to us for publication, and maybe relied on as substantially correct:- The "Sunda", 1381 tons register, under the command of Captain FLYNN, late of the "Great Tasmania", left Gravesend on Thursday, the 9th of February and with a favourable breeze arrived at Queenstown on Sunday evening, making a splendid run of three days down channel. The captain and passengers who embarked at London fully expected to have got into Queenstown Harbor early on Monday morning, but during the night a snow-storm accompanied by a strong gale from the N and NE, set in, which obliged them to run out to sea again, and they were

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George PAYNTER, Surgeon-Superintendent

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kept there beating about for several days and did not reach the anchorage till the afternoon of the following Thursday. The passengers awaiting the ship at Queenstown were all embarked on Friday and Saturday, and on Monday the 20th, at 3pm, the tug steamer towed us out as far as Spike Island. The captain purposed sailing on the next morning but a strong headwind was blowing outside, and he deemed it more prudent to remain inside, and to await a more favorable opportunity. On Wednesday morning, the 22nd of February, we weighed anchor and were towed out to sea, and spreading our canvas before the breeze we soon lost sight of land.

We had on the whole a favorable, although rather tedious, passage to the Line [the Equator], which we crossed on the 23rd of March, thirty days from Queenstown. The passage from the Line to the Cape, which occupied thirty-one days, was very monotonous owing to very light trades, head-winds, and calms. We passed the meridian of the Cape [South Africa] on the 23rd of April, and after a splendid run of twenty-five days, rounded Tasmania on the 18th of May and sighted Moreton Bay Lighthouse on Tuesday afternoon the 23rd instant, making the passage from pilot to pilot in eighty-nine days.

We had only three deaths during the voyage, two children and one adult, a girl, who was ailing when she came on board at Queenstown. We had three births, one still-born, the other two living and doing well. The conduct of the passengers during the voyage was orderly and becoming, particularly the single females, who are a very superior class; they are all without exception persons of the highest moral character, and most of them first class servants. The captain and the doctor, who have had considerable experience on emigrant ships, declare that they have never seen a more useful or a more respectable body of young girls than those now arrived.

The "Sunda", which has gained for herself unenviable notoriety on her last passage to Moreton Bay, will, we are satisfied, under the able management of Captain FLYNN, become a great favourite with the colonists, particularly if she brings to Queensland a few more ship loads of emigrants such as the present. Captain FLYNN has made nine voyages to Melbourne – his character with the colonists of Victoria stands pre-eminently high, and must always command the respect and secure the friendship of the well disposed and orderly on board his ship. The "Sunda" brings 512 souls, exclusive of the crew and officers, of these 111 embarked at London and 401 at Queenstown, under the vigilant eye of Father DUNN, who deserves some public recognition for the signal services he has rendered to Queensland.

There are 18 first-class passengers, 60 in the second, and 434 in intermediate and steerage, of the latter 110 are single women, under the care of a matron, and 105 single men. Most of the first cabin passengers and many of the second and intermediate are taking with them a considerable amount of capital, and will be a great acquisition to the colony. The

voyage on the whole has been most fortunate and prosperous, the passengers have been well cared for, and they feel truly grateful for all the kindness that has been shown them. The utmost harmony and good feeling exist amongst all classes of the passengers, and complimentary addresses would have been presented to the captain, the doctor, and officers of the ship, only such things, unless accompanied by something more substantial than mere words, are now-a-days too common, and often only a cloak to cover irregularities and misconduct.

George made two more voyages as Surgeon-Superintendent, the next on the *Great Pacific* from Liverpool to Rockhampton in 1866; the last on the *Flying Cloud* to Brisbane in 1869. He



Ship Sunda

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also made two other voyages back and forth to England as a passenger over the years, his last trip arriving in February 1864. One of these voyages took six months to reach London as it was detained in Rio de Janeiro for repairs for several days. He also



A sketch of the Sunda published in the Southern Cross newspaper

made innumerable trips around the coast of Australia, between Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Rockhampton; each leg of these trips took 2 or 3 days. In between voyages he managed to get married and fathered three children, reminiscent of Captain James COOK! Unfortunately two children died under the age of one year, while George was in Queensland. His wife Caroline nee DREW lived in Devon most of the time while George was away.

George finally returned to his native Cornwall, living in St Columb Major where he and Caroline had one more child,

Charles Paulet Camborne PAYNTER born in 1878. They also lived in Penzance and Plymouth, before Caroline died in 1894. She and George finally had about twenty years together. After her death, George moved to Eastington in Gloucestershire, then Kilmington in Wiltshire, living with his son Charles. George died there on 24 November 1906 at age seventy-nine. In George's ten voyages to and from Australia, I calculated that he spent a total of nearly three years of his life between 1854 and 1874 sailing on the high seas.

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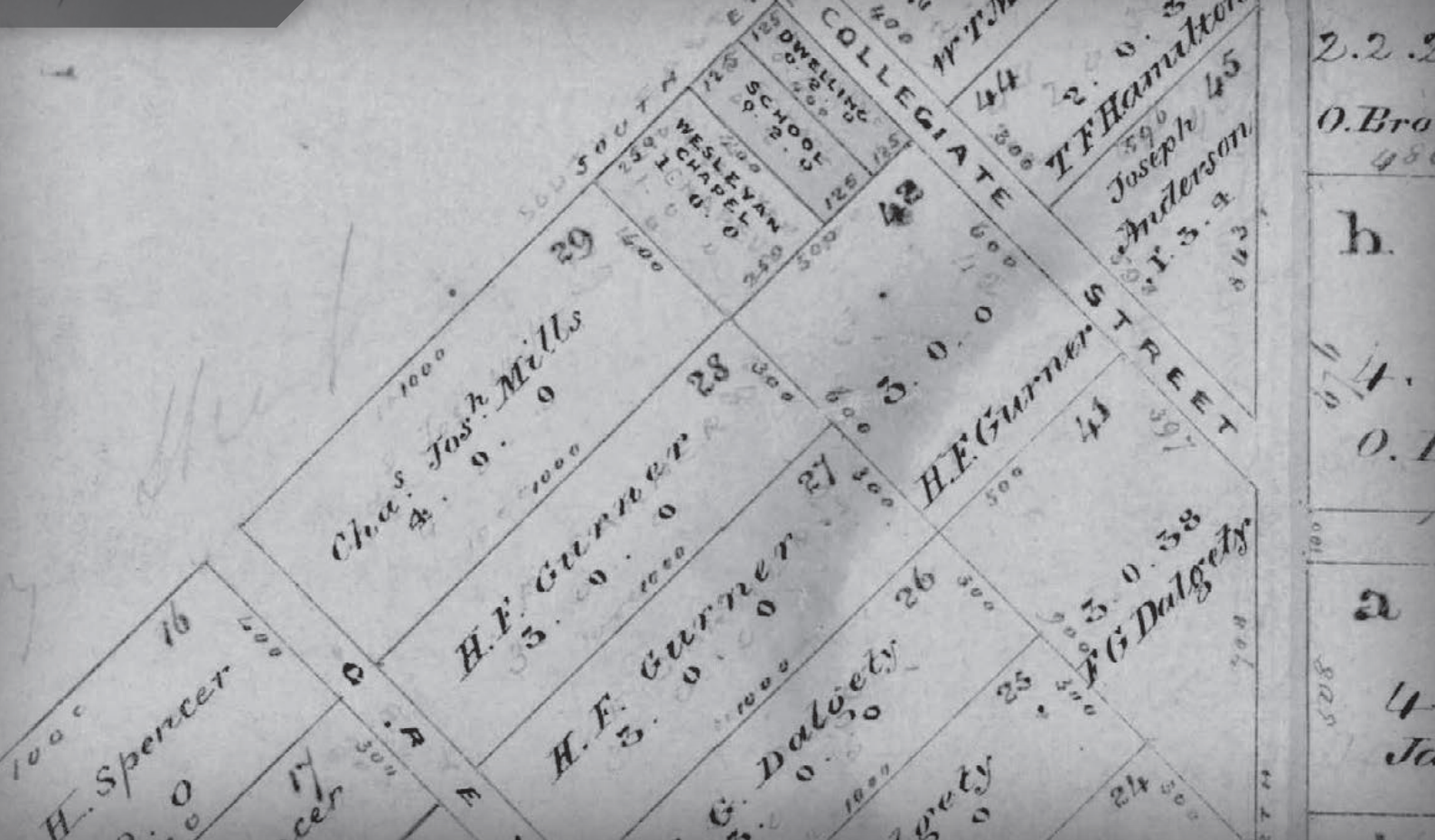
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Fitzroy Street, St Kilda showing name of previous owner

Trying to find 400 acres

Geoff BROWN

Some years ago whilst researching the life of my three times great grandfather, Samuel BARNES (1809-1871), I came across two intriguing documents attached to a number of Ancestry family trees that featured Samuel. The documents were worded similarly and while a number of the facts agreed with what I had found about Samuel, some appeared difficult to verify and others related to his son, Hiram. One of the facts about Samuel was “he acquired 400 acres near Wesley College....later sold the 400 acres for 400 pounds.”

My thoughts were that such a large block of land would be easily located by perusing old maps of the area, but alas none of the maps I consulted mentioned Samuel and there were no properties within several miles of Wesley College, St Kilda Road campus, larger than 20 or 30 acres. Checks of maps near Wesley College’s more recent campuses at Glen Waverley and Elsternwick were also unsuccessful.

I knew Samuel had been born in Sussex and baptised on 11 November 1810, at Beckley, East Sussex, the eldest son of Samuel BARNES (1783-1839) & Jane NEAVE (c1787-1814)¹. On 9 April 1831, at Beckley, Samuel married Harriet JEWHRST (1814-1899)². The couple had twelve children, Samuel (c1831- before 1838); Hiram (1832-1917); Jane (1834-1838); Harriet (1837-1837); Mary (1839-1890); Hannah (1842-1924); Louisa Wilding (1844-1931); Sarah Ann (1847-1901); Emily (1850-1852); Matilda (1852-1852); Albert William (1854-1942) & Sabina (1856-1919). The four eldest children were born in Beckley³; my great great grandmother, Mary, was born in Parramatta, N.S.W.⁴; Hannah & Louisa were born in Hunter’s Hill, N.S.W.⁵;

Sarah was born in Brighton, Vic. and the four youngest children were all born in St Kilda.⁶

On 2 December 1837 Samuel, his wife, and three eldest children embarked for New South Wales aboard the *Duchess of Northumberland*. They arrived at Sydney on 22 April 1838, but unfortunately the voyage was not a happy one as their baby daughter, Harriet, died on 23 December 1837 and was buried at sea. Her mother Harriet was one of several immigrants who signed a testimonial for Doctor William RONALD, the surgeon on the *Duchess of Northumberland*.⁷ The family were bounty immigrants brought out by Messrs Wm. WALKER & Co., a bounty of £15 being paid for the two adults and £5 for each of the surviving children. Samuel was described as a brickmaker and farm labourer and Harriet as having farm service as a cook and dairy maid.⁸

Initially Samuel worked for William RUTLEDGE at Towngabba (Toongabbie, N.S.W.?). By 1839 he had moved to Parramatta and was following his trade as a brickmaker with L & L BURNS.⁹ The 1841 Census revealed him living in a brick or stone house, at Parramatta, with his wife, two unmarried males and three unmarried females, all of whom were Church of England and had arrived free.¹⁰

The birth of their daughter Sarah Ann, at Brighton, confirms the family had arrived in the Port Phillip District by 1847, Samuel coming overland, and Harriet, accompanied by the children, coming by sea aboard the *Shamrock*.¹¹ Little is known of Samuel’s early years in Victoria. However, it appears that he was prospering as in 1852 he was advertising to let a four room cottage, in a very

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Date of Instrument	Nature of Instrument	Name of the Grantee	Name of the Grantor	Description of the Land or Property conveyed	Consideration and how paid	Any other particulars to be inserted here
The twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one	Conveyance of the land and hereditaments of Richmond near Melbourne in the District of Port Phillip	Charles Joseph Mills	Henry Jennings Solo Melbourne	All that Piece or Parcel of Land situate and being at Saint Kilda in the Parish of South Melbourne in the County of Bourke being part of allotment number twenty nine bounded on the North West by a line commencing at the North corner of the said allotment number twenty nine and running South West along a road called Melbourne Terrace one hundred and ninety eight feet, On the North East by a line bearing South East four chains on the South East by a line bearing North West four chains on the South East by a line bearing North West four chains on the North West by a line bearing North West fourteen feet along the end of a Private road of that width which leads into Gray Street and two hundred and fifty feet along other part of the said allotment number twenty nine sold to William Thomas together with the fee and uninterrupted use with North Carriage Gate or otherwise of the said Road or Way fourteen feet wide to Gray Street aforesaid as the said piece of Land and Roadway are shown in the Map or Plan of the said allotment number twenty nine and the subdivisions thereof in the charge of the now Honourable Lieutenant the said land hereby conveyed being Lot Number one two and three of the said subdivision and colored Green in the said Map or Plan	One Hundred and sixteen Pounds to the said Charles Joseph Mills in hand paid by the said Samuel Barnes	

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales For the District of Port Phillip

Headale Street, Clerk to Henry Jennings Solicitor of Melbourne

Charles Spencer

Charles Joseph Mills

Henry Jennings

Samuel Barnes

Before me

J. W. Murray

Purchase of St Kilda property
The Sydney Herald 14 Oct 1841, Page 1 (Trove)

pleasant situation, in St Kilda.¹² Later the same year he advertised about a lost horse, offering £5 reward for the conviction of the thief, or £2 for the return of the horse to him at St Kilda.¹³ An advertisement was placed by James WRIGHT, Swanston Street, Melbourne, in September, 1854, concerning bills of exchange

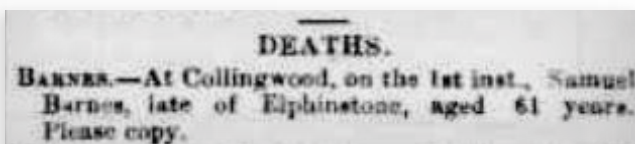
“cautioned the public against negotiating two acceptances at three months for £236 18s. They were neither drawn nor dated, but were accepted by Samuel Barnes, St Kilda, and had been lost in the last four days,”

A reward of £10 being offered by WRIGHT.¹⁴ In 1856 Samuel is recorded on the electoral roll as a householder, living off Fitzroy Street, St Kilda, as is his eldest son, Hiram. During the 1850s Samuel and Hiram went into the carrying business transporting goods to the goldfields. Later Hiram sold his interest in the business and opened a butchering business in Swanston Street, Melbourne.¹⁵

Although there were several newspaper reports in the following years concerning a Samuel BARNES it was difficult to establish if they related to the Samuel of my research. The next definite sighting of Samuel was in June 1863 when he was declared insolvent at Castlemaine, with debts of £51/10/3, assets of £28/14/3, a deficiency of £22/6/3. Samuel had been operating a brickmaking business supplying bricks for the Elphinstone tunnel, on the Bendigo line and also running a lodging house. His assets consisted of a bark hut valued at £10, household furniture and utensils £5, money owing by boarders £13/14/- and bad debts £17/15/-. His liabilities were all for goods supplied

by various storekeepers, butchers and brewers from Fryers Creek, Castlemaine, Elphinstone and Taradale. The cause of his insolvency was due to a lapse in trade, depreciation of business, an adverse judgement in the Court of Petty Sessions and the loss of 20,000 bricks by heavy rain.¹⁶

Samuel returned to Melbourne, settling in the Collingwood area, and obtained work as a malster. He died at his home in Rupert Street, East Collingwood on 1 December 1871 and was buried in Melbourne General Cemetery. Samuel was survived by his wife and seven children.¹⁷ Harriet died on 30 December 1899, at the age of 85 years and is buried with Samuel. There is no memorial on their grave.¹⁸



At this point I thought that the tale of Samuel owning 400 acres was unlikely given his insolvency and that he did not own the property where he resided at the time of his death. There the matter rested until the Family History Connections April 2023 newsletter arrived in my in-box. It contained an article that a number of the Victorian land records could now be viewed on-line at the Public Record Office following transfer of the Registrar-General's Office records.

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Trying to find 400 acres

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On my next visit to the Public Record Office, perusal of the Name Index Books revealed an entry for Samuel BARNES in the Land Index to Memorial Books. This latter book listed fourteen transactions, eight taking place in the Parish of Melbourne, at St Kilda; four in the Parish of Prahran; the remaining two in the Parish of Prahran, east of Elsternwick.¹⁹ All of the locations listed could be said to be in the vicinity of Wesley College. Had I found the mysterious 400 acres? Was this person the Samuel BARNES I was researching?

The next step was to consult the various Memorial Books for the documentation relating to Samuel's land transactions. The first document was a Mortgage in Fee, dated 24 June 1851, for £100, the money being borrowed by Samuel BARNES from Thomas Budds PAYNE secured by a property situated in Melbourne Terrace, at St Kilda, being described as part of Allotment 29. The dimensions of the boundaries were: north west 198 feet facing Melbourne Terrace; north east 4 chains (264 feet); south east 198 feet; south west 14 feet at the end of a private road leading to Grey Street and 250 feet along a line to the north west boundary. In all the block was 198 feet by 264 feet, making 52,272 square feet, or 1.2 acres (0.485 hectares).²⁰

On 7 July 1853 Thomas Budds PAYNE took a further charge over the Melbourne Terrace property, this time for £300, he again took another charge over the property for £300 on 21 December 1853.²¹ Samuel leased part of the property on 15 September 1855 to William BROWN and William MOODY for two years for the sum of £120. The description was that it had a frontage of 62 feet to a right of way leading from Fitzroy Street by a depth of 88 feet.²²

On 1 March 1856 Samuel sold a portion of the property to Edward COURTNEY, Esquire, of Melbourne, for £1,000. This sale crystallised that I had the correct Samuel BARNES at he was described "*as of St Kilda nr Melbourne..... brickmaker.*" Previous land documents had not mentioned his occupation. As I already knew that Samuel had resided in St Kilda, off Fitzroy Street, and his occupation was brickmaker I was now certain this was my ancestor. This sale also clarified the location of the property as it was described as being "*eighty seven feet along a road formerly called Melbourne Terrace but now called Fitzroy Street on the south west....one hundred and fifty feet.*"²³ I now knew for certain that the property was located in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda, near Grey Street.

Also on 1 March 1856 Samuel borrowed £300 from Robert FITZSTUBBS by way of a mortgage on the property.²⁴ On 3 June 1856 Samuel sold a further portion of the property, this time measuring 35 feet frontage to Fitzroy Street by 136 feet. The sale was to Thomas MILLER who paid £550 for the property. Samuel sold the remainder of the property on 23 Feb 1857 to James WRIGHT for £1,200.²⁵

I had still not located when Samuel purchased the property, as the Memorial Books only contain details of vendor conveyances and instruments such as leases, mortgages, etc. I continued to extract the details of his land transactions in the Parish of Prahran, and the Parish of Prahran, east of Elsternwick, in order that I had a description of the properties. From these descriptions I consulted maps that were compiled around the time Samuel held the land.

The map covering the Fitzroy Street property revealed a startling fact, in large figures under the name of the owner, Chas. Josh. MILLS, was 4.0.0.² Was this the 400 acres? As the plan showed the property as 1,000 links by 400 links this meant it was 4 acres. The figures on the map meant the land area was 4 acres, zero roods, & zero perches. The property was adjacent to the Wesleyan Chapel, perhaps someone had seen this map and knowing that Samuel purchased land at St Kilda assumed he had purchased the whole block & it was 400 acres, or had they assumed that the Wesleyan Chapel later became Wesley College? The site is now occupied by a real estate agency and restaurant, plus the multi storey Astral apartments, with a fitness centre, and other businesses on the ground floor.

Looking up Charles Joseph MILLS in the Name Index Books disclosed a conveyance dated 28 February 1851 showing 1.2 acres, out of 4 acres, had been sold to Samuel for £116. The property was described as having a frontage of 198 feet to Melbourne Terrace (now Fitzroy Street) and a depth of 264 feet. Charles Joseph MILLS was described as being of Richmond, near Melbourne, gentleman, bachelor, and Samuel being of St Kilda, near Melbourne, brickmaker.²⁷

The next property investigated was that situated in the Parish of Prahran. Samuel purchased the property on 11 October 1852, from Edward Bernard GREEN and Eliza GREEN, £100 being payable to Edward GREEN and 10 shillings payable to Eliza GREEN. The property comprised 3 acres 2 roods and 33 perches (approx 1.5 hectares). The description is of a rectangular block with the western boundary 607 feet to the east of Punt Road, Windsor, with the northern boundary being 340 feet facing Raleigh Street, Windsor, with a depth of 475 feet, the southern boundary being Union Street, Windsor.²⁸ This site now contains residential housing, the Windsor Community Housing tower, and part of Gladstone Gardens.

Samuel sold the property in four transactions, firstly on 29 June 1853 he sold approx 0.93 acres to William WILSON for £120. He next sold 1.75 acres on 26 July 1853 to Michael RACE for £300. On 7 February 1854 he sold another portion of approx 0.93 acres for £25 to Thomas UPTON. The remainder of the property was sold on 28 August 1855 to Richard HALL, for £150.²⁹

The remaining property located in Samuel's name was in the Parish of Prahran east of Elsternwick, and was purchased on 16 June 1854, for £600, from Thomas Le Mesurier WINTER, Esquire, of Melbourne. Samuel being described as a farmer, of St Kilda near Melbourne. The description of the land was

Part of Portion 74 east of Elsternwick, bounded on the south by Henderson Street for ten chains, with a depth of 20 chains, a rectangle of 20 acres. The day after purchase, Samuel signed a mortgage over the property to borrow £400 from the Reverend Robert RUSSELL and Joseph Gellibrand JENNINGS.³⁰

This property took a while to locate as there was no Henderson Street in the Parish of Prahran. Eventually a map was found showing a 20 acre property owned by Thomas Le Mesurier WINTER that was part of Portion 74 in the Parish of Prahran east of Elsternwick. It transpired that Henderson Street had been renamed North Road. The western boundary of Samuel's land being what is now Hunter Street, Carnegie, the northern boundary the rear fence line of the properties on the south side of Liela Street, Carnegie, the eastern boundary approximately a line running north between numbers 745 and 747 North Road to the northern boundary, with the southern boundary being North Road from Hunter Street to fence line between 745 and 747 North Road. The site is now a residential area.

The property was conveyed on 23 July 1857, in what appears to be a forced sale. The consideration was

“£100 having previously been paid by Samuel BARNES to Robert RUSSELL and Joseph Gellibrand JENNINGS on 19 November 1856.... and £324 paid by John Baker HODGSON at the request and by the direction of the said Samuel BARNES.... to Robert RUSSELL and Joseph Gellibrand JENNINGS.... making together the sum of £424.”

It appears that Samuel may have breached the terms of the mortgage and the two sums paid were to cover the mortgage principal and outstanding interest, with ownership

transferring to HODGSON, who sold the property on 5 July 1858 for £800.³¹

Had these property transactions helped to verify the document attached to various Ancestry family trees? Clearly Samuel had acquired property in the vicinity of Wesley College, with his Fitzroy Street, St Kilda, property being about 1.5 kilometres away, and his Raleigh Street, Windsor, property being even closer at less than half that distance. His Carnegie property was not in the vicinity of Wesley College being over ten kilometres away. While Samuel had acquired substantial properties ranging from 1.2 acres to 20 acres none were anywhere near 400 acres. Possibly the notion that he had owned a 400 acre property had arisen from misinterpretation of the map that showed the Fitzroy Street property, the total area of which was 4 acres with Samuel purchasing 1.2 acres adjacent to the Wesleyan Chapel. It is also possible that Wesley College had been confused with his next door neighbour the Wesleyan Chapel. Also the amount for which he had supposedly sold the 400 acre property was incorrect as he had disposed of the two closest to Wesley College for well in excess of £400, Fitzroy Street for £2,750 in total and Raleigh Street for £595.

Like many family tales passed down over the generations the Ancestry document was based on actual events, and while some aspects were correct the details had become distorted over the intervening years.

APPENDIX

Note on Measurements

100 links = 1 chain = 22 yards = 20.1 metres.

40 perches = 1 rood.

4 roods (or 160 perches) = 1 acre = 4046.9 square metres.

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President's Report - Gail WHITE ▾

Importantly, the year 2023 was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, and now operating under the business name of Family History Connections. This birthday was celebrated at our annual luncheon and book awards held in May at the Box Hill Golf Club.

As mentioned in the annual report last year, membership numbers have fallen again in 2023, despite the best efforts of Council to take every opportunity to publicise Family History Connections to the outside world. As income from subscriptions are our main source of funds, this makes it very difficult to maintain our resources. The Annual Financial Report, and the report from the Membership Secretary, both demonstrate clearly what difficulties we face in the next few years.

Again this year, the Treasurer's astute investments in shares have added income throughout the year with dividend payments. I want to take this opportunity to make special mention about our retiring Treasurer, Ron GRIMES. He has been in the honorary position since 2018. He has been a wonderful treasurer, both calm and wise. We thank him heartily for all that he has contributed in the six years he has served on Council as Treasurer.

Despite the falling membership numbers, the number of members who have joined one or more of the Interest Groups has remained steady, which indicates the desire for people to share with, and learn from, like-minded researchers. Bronwen BENNETT's report, published below, gives a detailed picture of the various groups and what they have achieved during the past year.

The Bendigo Family History Group has grown in numbers, with many new enthusiastic members. Their research abilities are exceptional and they help so many people explore their Bendigo connections. They have a very good set-up in the Bendigo Library and a very good relationship with the Bendigo Regional Archives Centre, which is also housed in the library. At their AGM for 2023, a special thank-you in the form of a Life Membership was given to David COTTON on his retirement as treasurer and research officer, after nearly thirty years of tireless volunteer work. Thank you to the other team members and especially to Pam KEOWN, the Area Co-ordinator.

Family History Connections would not exist without the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the running of the Resource Centre. It never ceases to amaze me how many volunteers are dedicated to their own particular areas, often forming social connections as well. This of course is the bonus of being a volunteer for Family History Connections. Council held an afternoon tea in November to personally thank them. A large number of volunteers attended, which meant it was a great opportunity for them to meet each other and the councillors. Many suggestions for the future were put forward and many of their ideas are being implemented.

Some of our volunteers have had personal and health issues to deal with this year, and I thank them all for their dedication to Family History Connections. My philosophy is that family must always come first and volunteering duties second.

As I do every year, I want to thank Tricia PARNELL, our Office Manager, without whom the organisation would not run so efficiently. She has also been assisted during the year by Coral POWELL. Thank you to the council members who have supported me during the year. It has been a pleasure to work with them all. Their input and suggestions and new ideas have been invaluable in keeping Family History Connections successful and relevant.

Research - Diane PACKER ▾

The Research Team undertook a variety of requests for members and non-members. Our one-to-one service, where a member of our team meets with a person in the library to help and guide their research, continues to be popular. The team members are to be congratulated for contributing nearly \$3000 to our income stream in 2023.

Membership - Darralyn CUSACK, Membership Secretary ▾

Thank you to our members who have continued their commitment to family history research with renewed memberships and participation in Interest Groups in 2023. There was certainly renewed vigour once we could resume our post lockdown research involvement.

Across the year, we welcomed 48 new members. Thank you to our members for encouraging membership from your family, friends and colleagues who share our interest in family history. Members who do not renew in the following year are sent individual reminders which elicits a renewal response.

Despite our best efforts we were unable to retain 133 members from the previous year. The number of new members annually is insufficient to replace those who leave us leading to a continual decline in our membership. A further concern for 2024 is that, up to March this year, there are still 180+ members who have not renewed their memberships. Unfortunately, this is the trend, but we are trying to halt this decline.

Membership Numbers for 2020 and 2023 (as at December 31)

	2020	2023
Membership	1257	980
Magazine only subscriptions	27	19

All subscription fees remain unchanged for 2024. However, we now face a major financial challenge as subscriptions continue to decline. Along with increases in our other outgoing expenses, Australia Post has increased the cost of postage by around 25%. This is a huge increase which we will carry for 2024, however we need to make other changes for the use of the postage system for 2025. After much discussion, the Council has made the hard decision to introduce a postage levy in 2025. This postage levy of \$20 will provide a printed, posted copy of each of the four Editions of *The Genealogist*.

Annual Lunch and Awards ▾

This was held on Sunday May 28th at the Box Hill Golf Club. The guest speaker was Lola MATTHEWS, author and advocate for women's rights. The Alexander Henderson Award for 2022 was won by James TWYCROSS with his excellent book *Footprints in history: a comprehensive history of the life and times of the Ah Shin family*. Second place went to Tricia PARNELL for *The Browne branch: Patrick Browne's descendants in Ireland and Australia*.

There was no outright winner of the Don Grant Award for 2022, but a Special Mention was given to *The enterprising Thomas Fitzsimmons of Woodend: adventures and survival in colonial Australia*, written by Paul BURKE. The inaugural Kate Press Award for the best article published in *The Genealogist* magazine in 2022 was awarded to Geoff BROWN for *Unravelling a Family Story*, which was printed in the Winter 2022 edition.

Volunteers - Wendy ELDRIDGE ▾

I firstly would like to thank Bev GREENWAY, who held the position of Volunteers Co-ordinator for many years and guided me to undertake the role. It has been a delight to assume this role and I greatly appreciate the support from the Library Assistants. Several volunteers have resigned for various reasons, and we sincerely thank them for their contributions over the many years. We have been fortunate to gain a number of new volunteers. I welcome them all and hope they enjoy their time volunteering with Family History Connections.

Many suggestions were put forward at the Library Assistants' morning tea held in November and many of them are being implemented.

Outside Events ▾

Various members (and several councillors) helped spread the word about Family History Connections, speaking to Probus clubs and in public libraries. We had a marquee at the Melbourne Highland Games held in Croydon, and also at the Maroondah Festival. We were part of the biennial history showcase held by the PMI (Pahran Mechanics Institute (also known as the Victorian History Library)). We co-hosted the launch of Emeritus Professor Graeme DAVISON's latest family history book at the same venue. We are constantly looking for opportunities to promote membership to the outside world, besides our website and Facebook.

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Interest Groups - Bronwen BENNETT

2023 was a time of consolidation for the six Interest Groups as they settled into their post-COVID meeting formats. The DNA and Scotland Interest Groups met entirely via Zoom whilst the Early Victoria & Tasmania, Ireland, London & Home Counties and the South West England Interest Groups ran hybrid meetings. The Scotland Group changed to meeting on a Thursday evening. Membership numbers also consolidated, with growth occurring across all Groups, as shown in the table below.

	December 2023
DNA	40
Early Victoria & Tasmania	48
Ireland	47
London & Home Counties	27
Scotland	49
South West England	31

The DNA Interest Group has proved immensely popular, with numbers closed at 40 members. Members share research and resources and include case studies and new tools as they explore all DNA can offer in progressing their investigations.

The Early Victoria & Tasmania Interest Group continued with its post-meeting lunch at the Blackburn Hotel, providing an opportunity to socialise. Meetings covered member presentations, guest speakers and member-based sessions devoted to a pre-determined theme.

The Ireland Interest Group has focused on a particular county for each meeting and this has proved very popular with members.

The London & Home Counties Interest Group shared member research and welcomed speakers from within the Group as well as outside. Speakers presenting on the Huguenot Society and London's East End were particularly well received.

The Scotland Interest Group surveyed its members and found a pleasing number of overlaps on interest, including names, occupations and places as they shared their ancestral histories.

The South West England Interest Group prefaces its meetings with lunch, which can set the tone for the meeting

to follow. Representing a large number of counties, members interact closely as they share their knowledge and discoveries.

In closing, I would like to thank the Conveners and their teams, without whose support, the Groups would not succeed: Christine COLLINS (DNA), Bronwen BENNETT (EVTIG), Russell COOPER (Ireland), Lynda MELEN (L&HC), Francine HORNE (Scotland) and Jillian DAVIES (SWIG). I would also like to welcome Merrin EVERGREEN to the Convener team, taking over as Convener of the Scotland Group from Francine HORNE in 2024.

Education

This area covers the broad range of activities that have been held over the last year. Thank you to all the volunteers who have provided these services to our members and non-members.

The Starting Out classes, presented by Jane DAVIES over two sessions, were again very popular with eighty attendees in 2023. Library Tours, conducted by Lorraine SALTER, enabled seventeen members to familiarise themselves with the Resource Centre. Lesle BERRY continued to conduct her very popular Friday Insite sessions on Zoom, which are then available for later viewing in the Members Area. Topics covered were wide-ranging, including FamilySearch, Using the FHC Members Area, MyHeritage, My Ancestry, Cemetery records, Australian Public Records, Ancestry, Findmypast, Trove, Scottish research and useful websites. What a wealth of knowledge our members can gain from attending Lesle's sessions, or by watching them later via our Members Area website. Her presentations are also featured in *The Genealogist* from time to time.

In August and September, Darralyn CUSACK and Wendy ELDRIDGE ran a six-part Finding Your English Family course. They put a lot of preparation into presenting the topics and the fourteen participants greatly benefited from their knowledge.

During the year, Alison BRINSON volunteered to run Wednesday Webinars, which began in August. She organised speakers to talk about various aspects of family history research: ethical dilemmas, using artificial intelligence, using DNA testing, and digging deeper into service records. Videos of these talks are available in the Members Area.



Heritage Series: The Pin-Cushion Doll

Recently found in a sewing box was this pin-cushion doll, looking rather pensively at her surroundings. She wears a pink long-sleeved blouse with a white collar and cuffs. Her hair is stylishly waved and her cheeks are rosy. She has her original pin-cushion base with a delicate pair of legs, crossed demurely at the ankles, sewn on. She is likely to date from the early 20th century. A similar one found online wears a green blouse and has different legs.

These dolls were not designed as toys for children but rather as a lady's accessory. Some adorned brushes, powder box tops or even tea cozies. Their skirts made use of scraps of fabric, perhaps left over from dressmaking, ranging from a simple gathered length of lace to elaborately embellished skirts with petticoats.

This doll is a plain one. Her hands and arms are moulded close to the body and her clothes and hair are simple. More expensive dolls featured arms outstretched from the body (and holding a bird, a fan or a letter), Edwardian or perhaps French pompadour hairstyles or even mohair wigs. Any decoration or feature which was extended beyond the body



could be easily broken and lost, hence these more expressive styles are valuable to collectors. The dolls were predominantly made from pottery or porcelain in places such as France, Bavaria, Germany, America and Japan. They are usually small but can be up to 6 inches high including their base.

A search online discovered many beautiful examples of pin-cushion dolls as well as spare parts and patterns to make one of your own. The doll torso has holes around the waist to enable it to be attached to the base, similarly the top of the legs has a wide band with holes on either side. The angle of the legs acts as a stabilizer for the pin cushion which can otherwise be top heavy. Any maker's mark is likely to be at the back of the waist but many dolls have nothing at all to signify their origins.

What stories could this lady tell of the things she's overheard while minding the pins in the sewing room?



Family History Connections Interest Groups



Early Victoria and Tasmania

Hybrid Meetings: 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00am (Feb-Nov)

From first settlement, through the convict years and up to present day.

Convenor: Bronwen Bennett
bronwen@usec.com.au

Onsite Venue: RSL Clubrooms, South Parade, Blackburn

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Hybrid Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm (Feb-Nov)

London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex

Convenor: Lynda Melen
chalford27@gmail.com

Onsite Venue: Resource Centre meeting room



DNA Research

Zoom Meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month by Zoom. 7:30pm-9:30pm

Investigating and troubleshooting DNA

Convenor: Christine Collins
chriscollinsconsulting@outlook.com



Scotland

Zoom Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

Exploring Scottish ancestry and history

Convenor: Merrin Evergreen
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Newsletter: Kristee Grosvenor
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South West England

Meetings: 2nd Friday of the month at 12 noon for lunch; meeting at 1:30pm (Feb-Nov)

**Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset,
Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Somerset,
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Onsite Venue: Resource Centre



Ireland

Zoom Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm (Feb-Nov)

**The loss of Irish records in 1922 makes
researching Ireland an interesting challenge**

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Gravestone Symbols

Carolann THOMSON

The choice of a gravestone involved more than getting the relationships, the spelling and the dates correct. Trying to decipher an old stone today can make you wish the designer had stuck to a simple font but also wonder why a design has been carved around the edges or across the top. Perhaps the stone you are deciphering is topped by a delicately sculpted angel? Is the design purely decorative or does everything have a meaning?

The following is a selective list of popular designs found on gravestones. Some have more than one meaning. More extensive lists can be found in various references from monumental masons, cemeteries and churches and online. The accompanying photographs are of headstones from Ballarat and from the Pioneers Section of Fawkner Memorial Park. These Pioneer headstones were previously standing at the Old Melbourne Cemetery.

Whether you read the headstones as a genealogist looking for clues or simply enjoy them as beautiful designs, recognizing some of the symbols will add meaning to your cemetery wanderings.



- **Acorn**
Prosperity; power; triumph; strength; independence.
- **Anchor**
Hope; served in the Navy.
- **Angels**
God's messengers and guardians; dropping flowers may signify grief, mourning; pointing to heaven may signify rejoicing.
- **Basket**
Fertility; maternal bond.
- **Beehive**
Abundance in the Promised Land, piety, domestic virtue, faith.
- **Book**
Often the Bible, book of life.
- **Bone**
Death.
- **Butterfly**
May represent rebirth, resurrection or the natural cycle between birth and death. It may represent the soul and may be found on children's headstones.
- **Calla Lily**
A symbol reminiscent of the Victorian era, the calla lily represents majestic beauty and is often used to represent marriage or resurrection.
- **Celtic Cross or Irish Cross**
The form of a cross within a circle, generally represents eternity.
- **Chains**
Medieval thinkers sometimes held that a golden chain bound the soul to the body.
- **Chains, broken**
In death, the chain is broken and the soul is freed.
- **Circle**
Eternity and never-ending existence.
- **Column and/or pillar (Broken)**
Life cut short; sudden death.
- **Column and/or pillar (Unbroken)**
A complete and full life.
- **Doves**
Peace; the Holy Spirit.
- **Drapery over anything**
Sorrow, mourning.
- **Dragonflies**
Change and transformation, joy, and lightness.
- **Eagle**
Courage, strength and immortality, often regarded as a "king of the skies" and messenger of the Gods. Veteran of the American Civil War.
- **Eye**
Often surrounded in a burst of sunlight or a triangle, an eye typically represents the all-seeing eye of God and could denote that the decedent was a Freemason.
- **Fern**
Sincerity; humility; solitude.

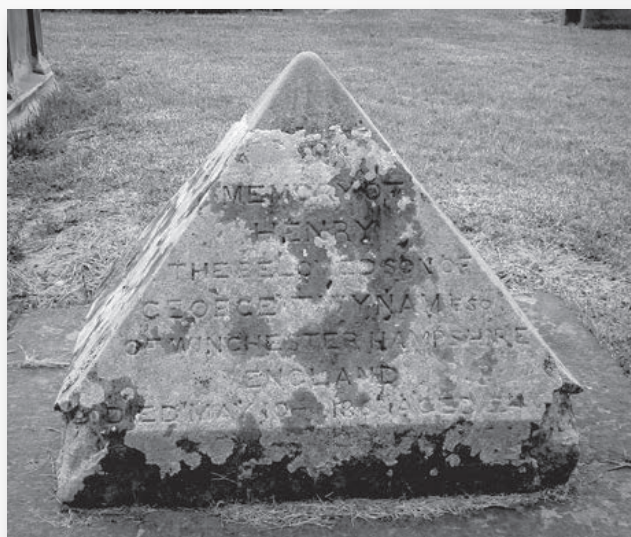
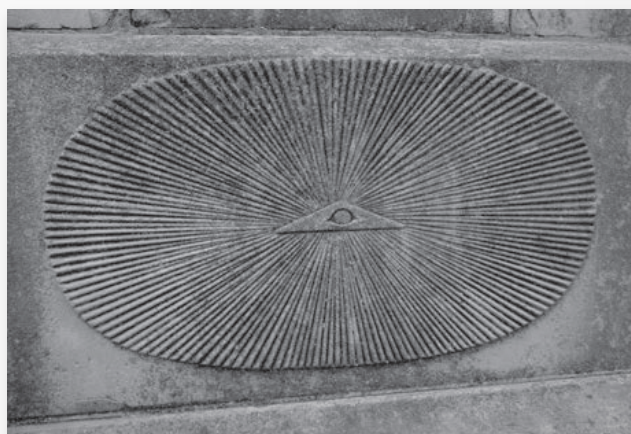


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- **Flower**
Immortality.
- **Forefinger pointing down**
God reaching down for the soul.
- **Forefinger pointing up**
Soul's passage to Heaven.
- **Fruit**
Eternal plenty.
- **Flying bird**
Rebirth.
- **Grapes**
Represents Christ, blood of Christ, God's care or Last Supper.
- **Half-Carved tombstone**
Transition from life to death.
- **Hand with heart on the palm**
Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Symbol of charity. Refers to the help which an Odd Fellow gives to a brother in need, and the spirit in which help is to be given.
- **Handshake**
Welcoming of a soul into Heaven; bond between spouses (if hands are feminine and masculine).
- **Harp**
Worship; music to God.
- **Heart with thorns**
Often has a crown on top of it (symbolizing victory), thorns around it (symbolizing sacrifice), and rays of light emanating from it (symbolizing love).
- **Horseshoe**
Protection from evil, but may also be an individual whose profession or passion involved horses.
- **Hourglass**
Swift passage of time, shortness of life.
- **Ivy & Vines**
Friendship, fidelity and immortality.
- **Knot, Celtic**
Resurrection and life everlasting.
- **Ladder**
Scale of perfection.
- **Lambs**
Purity, gentleness, innocence (popular on children's graves).
- **Lamp**
Knowledge; spiritual immortality.
- **Laurel wreath**
Victory, distinction, eternity or immortality.
- **Lion**
Serves as a guardian in the cemetery, protecting a tomb from unwanted visitors and evil spirits. It symbolizes the courage and bravery of the departed.
- **Mortar and pestle**
Medical profession (pharmacist or doctor).
- **Oak leaf**
Strength; stability; endurance.



- **Olive branch**

Often depicted in the mouth of a dove, symbolizes peace - that the soul has departed in the peace of God.

- **Olive tree**

Peace; reconciliation between God and man.

- **Pall, pick, or spade**

Mortality.

- **Palm**

Life conquering death; resurrection.

- **Pyramid**

Eternity, resurrection. It was supposed that a pyramid-shaped tombstone prevented the devil from reclining on a grave.

- **Rose**

Love; beauty; virtue; motherhood; strong bond (intertwined); youthful death (rosebud), heavenly joy (in a wreath).

- **Scales**

Justice; law.

- **Scroll**

Symbol of life and time. Both ends rolled up indicate a life that is unfolding like a scroll of uncertain length and the past and future hidden.

- **Scythe**

Death, the divine harvest.

- **Serpent**

Shown swallowing its own tail represents spiritual striving.

- **Shell**

Symbolic of fertility, resurrection and pilgrimage.

- **Skull, skeleton**

Death, mortal remains.

- **Snake in a circle**

Everlasting life in Heaven.

- **Sleeping child**

Generally the grave of a baby or young child.

- **Sphinx**

Courage; honor; power.

- **Star**

Eternity or immortality and divine guidance.

- **Sun rising or with rays**

Renewed life; resurrection.

- **Sun setting**

Death.

- **Sword**

A military career. Broken sword- life cut short. Crossed swords- life lost in battle.

- **Thistle**

Sorrow and remembrance; potential Scottish ancestry.

- **Torch**

Lit or upright the torch represents life.

- **Torch, inverted**

A true cemetery symbol, symbolizing life in the next realm or a life extinguished.

- **Urn**

Death of the flesh.

- **Wheel**

Cycle of life, enlightenment.

- **Winged face**

Effigy of the soul of the deceased.

- **Winged wheel**

Symbolized the Holy Spirit.

- **Willow**

Mourning and earthly sorrow.

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Letter from England

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Including research for Canada, Ireland, South Africa, 1871 UK Census, Women's Land Army and more....

I am sure any family historian who wants to discover more will still look for books which might help in their research as not all things can be found online. But our wants are so varied that they are often difficult to find. Many will have used the Internet Archive <https://archive.org/> which is full of interesting volumes. I recently came across the FamilySearch Digital Library which, being from FamilySearch, is just right for us <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>. They added over 30,000 new books in 2023 and now have close to 600,000 publications on offer. There are family histories and county record series and all manner of other useful titles. A lot of them cannot be viewed page by page as they are in copyright, but you get a preview of the pages with your search term included so all is not lost. It is worth putting a family or place name in and see what comes up.

FamilySearch has also completed the searchable index and images of the 1931 census of Canada. Not of immediate interest to Australian researchers you would think, but there are many thousands shown to be born in Australia. At least some of these are actually an indexing error for Austria, but if you have lost an ancestor or more distant relative, here is a new place to look. Another recent Canadian resource made available is a collection of report cards for children arriving between 1913 and 1932. These are on Findmypast.

Findmypast recently announced a new collection: cards for members of the Women's Land Army, 1939 to 1945. I thought I had seen these before, and sure enough, they came up on Ancestry some time ago. Just as well they are on both now, for there are differences. I looked at those who gave an address in my small town in Oxfordshire and found that two

were on Findmypast and not on Ancestry, and two others were on Ancestry but not on Findmypast.....and this out of only some 20 entries.

I think the problem lies in the ages of some of the women. Findmypast state that they are including only those born under 100 years ago, the date of birth usually being given in the record. But one of their missing entries was age 20 in 1939, so should be available now. The other does not give an age. Ancestry also has the 100-year limitation. Their two 'missing' Land Girls were born in 1923, so perhaps in time they will update their database, as they did last year. Whatever the reason, it makes stronger the case for checking as many online resources as you can, even for the same record.

For some years now we have had groups around the country known as the Online Parish Clerks https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online_parity_clerk. I was recently reminded of the Cornwall group <https://www.opc-cornwall.org/> who have done a remarkable job getting records for their county online. They have a huge number of transcriptions, all free for the asking, although donations to keep the system running are welcome. It could be well worth having a look around the sites for the counties in which you have an interest. You might find material to help with those brick walls.

For some time now, Findmypast have offered an upgrade to include the newspapers on the British Newspaper Archive but if you do not have a subscription, there is a large and growing number of titles which are free to view. If you go to their advanced search just select 'free to access' from the 'article access' menu. There are millions of pages on free access, so the chances are you will find something of interest.

Findmypast have also improved their 1871 census index. They have added occupation and place of birth to their transcripts, so you can add those as search terms. Ancestry has had place of birth available for a long time, but a different interpretation of difficult handwriting has to help us find those elusive ancestors. Ancestry also allows occupation as a key word, but on a quick test Findmypast brought up many more entries for the same term. Watch out for 'clockmaker' and 'clock maker' where a space makes all the difference, and while I failed

with 'drapers', changing my search to 'drapers assistant' brought up an entry I was looking for.

I also saw a note from Findmypast that they had added over 60,000 records to their crime and punishment series. The new records cover 1915 to 1923 but I have no idea what records these are. The announcement just gave the number and dates. If they had told me they were for Northumberland I would have made a very close search!

There are now additions to the Findmypast collection of Roman Catholic records, this time from Leeds, Yorkshire with several thousand entries 1853 to 1914; and another large batch of names recorded in militia lists, this time for Northamptonshire. These lists only give names but they are a good way of discovering the movement of men in the later 18th and early 19th Centuries.

Some of our ancestors may have spent time in South Africa, and FamilySearch have long been transcribing records from that country and providing images of many of them. Now Findmypast have large numbers of these baptisms and marriages, with images. It is worth keeping FamilySearch in mind if you are doing searches in South Africa, for they have many more records, including probates.

And at the risk of this being one long promotion of Findmypast, which is definitely not intended, they have released more interesting records recently. I should note their Irish Land Commission records which have details of tenants

buying farms between 1891 and 1920, a huge number of records. While on Irish records, I should mention the recent addition of some 80,000 entries from burial registers, and a few graveyard surveys for County Cork, by the Skibbereen Heritage Centre <https://skibbheritage.com/>

The National Archives at Kew have announced that the National Farm Survey of 1941 is to be digitised. This is really a survey of land use in the Second World War, but the records name the farmers with lots of interesting details about their land. I do not know when it will be available, but if you have farmers here in the 1940s it will be worth looking out for.

Ancestry continue to add records too, of course. A recent useful one is a series of nonconformist records for Hampshire. These cover the years 1835 to 1921, so if your more recent ancestors are not appearing in the Church of England records which are also on Ancestry, you might find them here.

Also recently added are 20th Century electoral rolls for Westminster, and 21st Century rolls for the whole country. These latter ones are also on Findmypast. There are plenty of new records coming along. It is useful to try to check releases regularly, for we can never tell what help the new ones will be.

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Visit: www.kilmorehistory.info Membership includes quarterly newsletter, free use of the research facilities and one hour free research query/year. Non-member services available (see website).

Ambulance Historical Society of Victoria (AHSV)

Chas Martin OAM Ambulance Victoria Museum - 1/55 Barry Road, Bayswater 3153 | Contact for opening hours



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Curator: Ralph Casey
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The Beacon (quarterly journal)
Editor: Peter Dent

Contact Peter at
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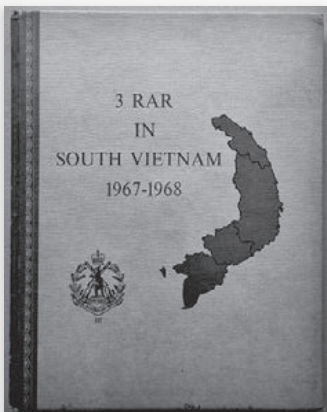
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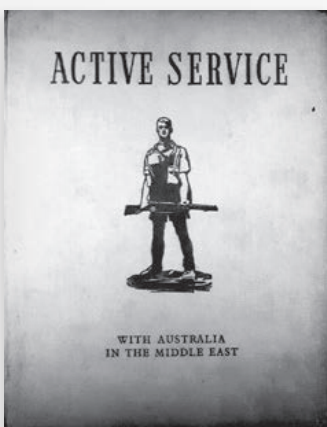
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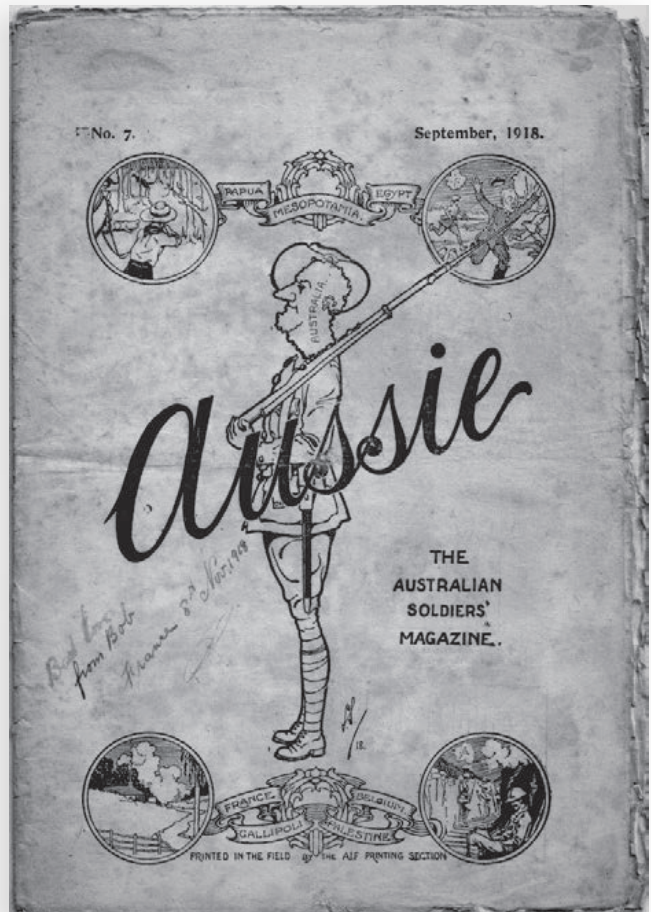


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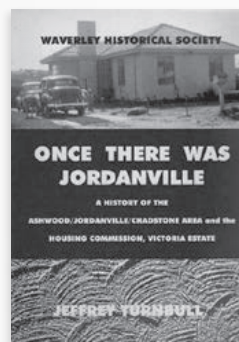
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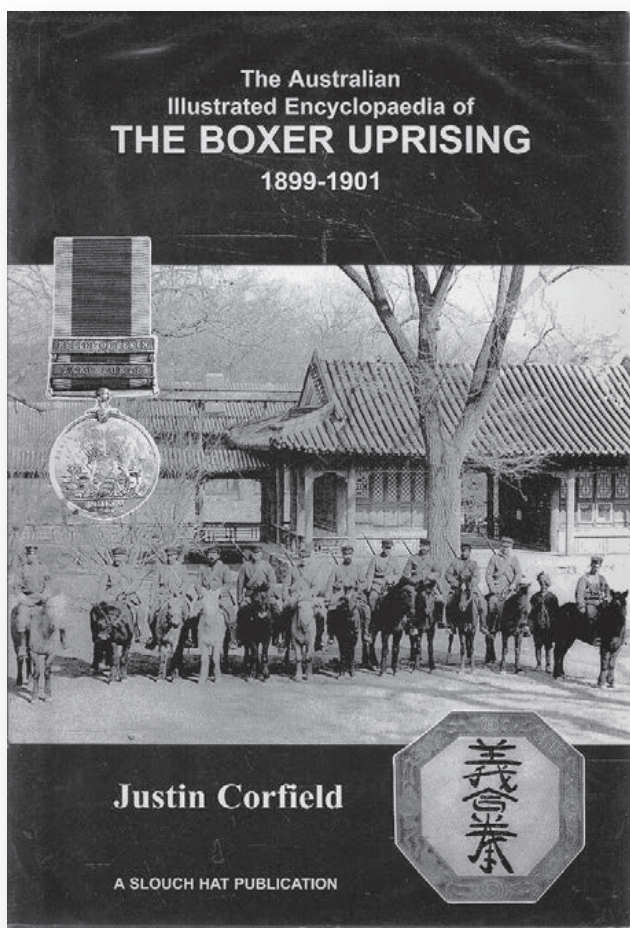
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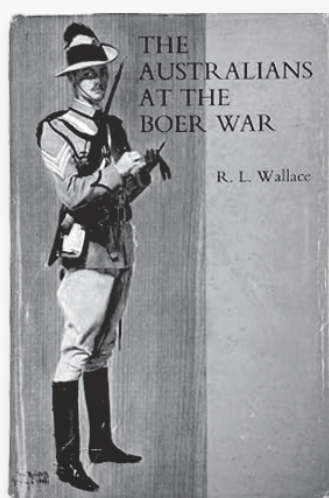
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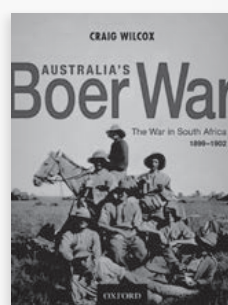
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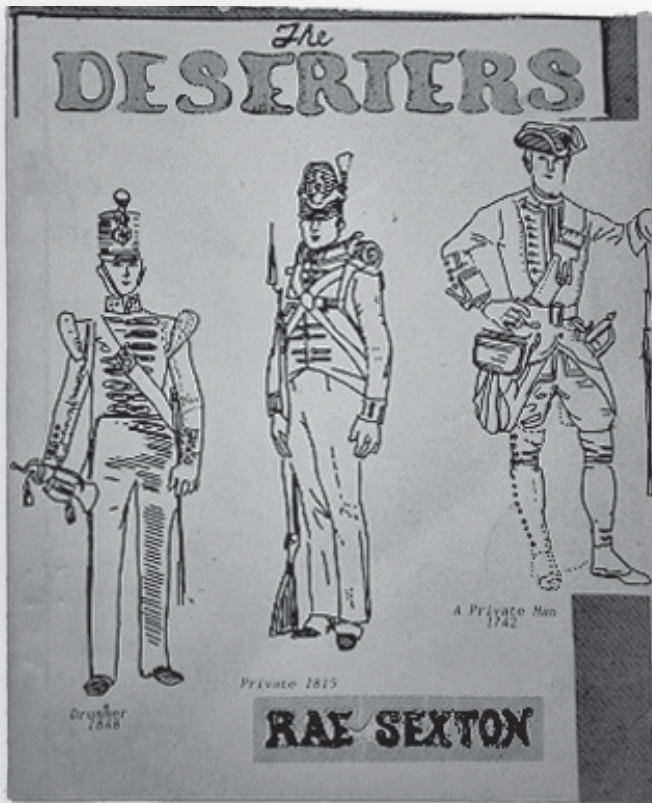
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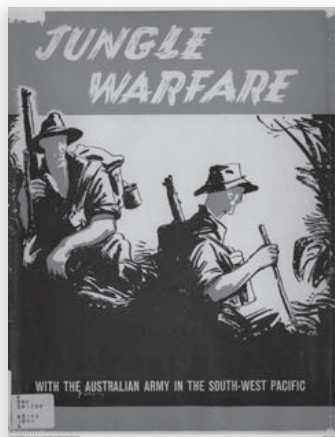
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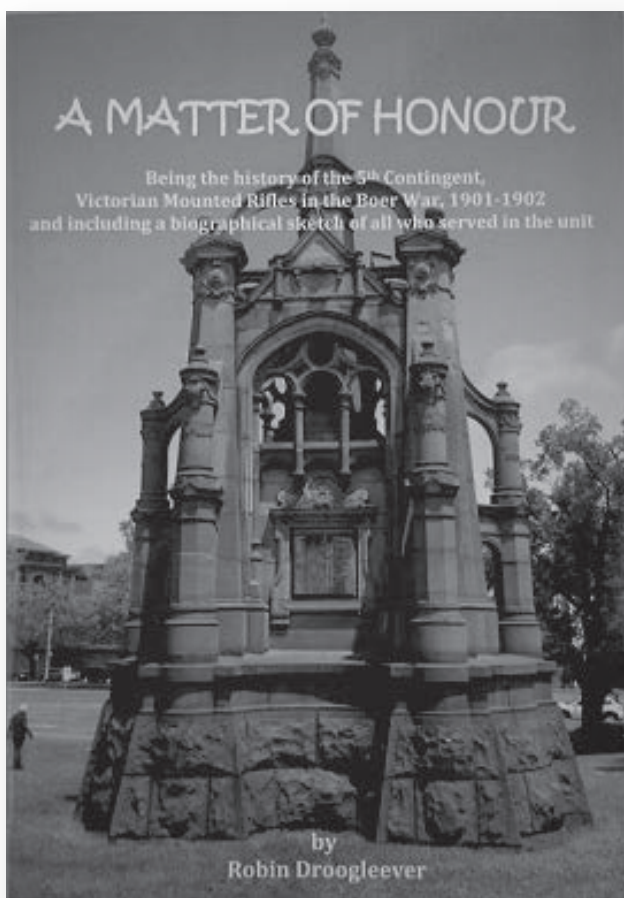
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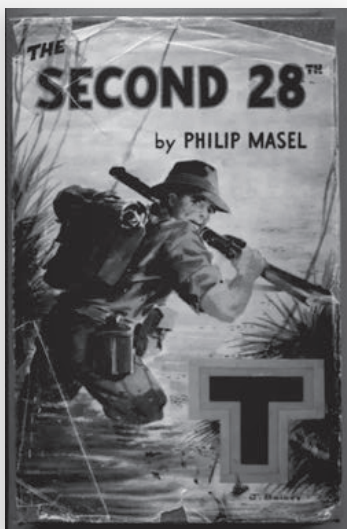
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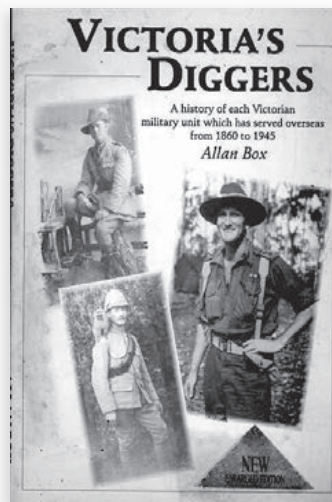
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