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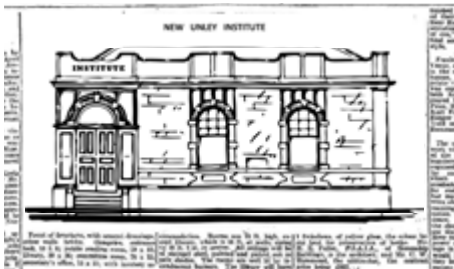
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**Front cover:** This issue celebrates the 50th anniversary of the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. Articles commemorating and honouring the achievements of this Society and its volunteers can be found on pages 6 and 12 of this issue.



**Back cover:** On Saturday 18 May 1907, *The Evening Journal* published an image of the proposed new Unley Institute. A Trove search reveals that the new building was opened for 'subscribers and friends' on Saturday 10 August 1907. The South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. moved into the building in 1987 and was able to purchase the property in 1995.

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### November 2023

Submissions by 29 September 2023

### February 2024

Submissions by 22 December 2023

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# A Message from the President

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By Robert Blair



## **Society 50th anniversary**

The Society turns 50 this year; 29 August 2023 is the 50th anniversary of the Society's incorporation.

From the twenty-one Foundation Members, the Society has grown to over 4400 members, making it the largest genealogy society in Australia. While the largest component of our membership has always been members living in South Australia, in recent years—following the introduction of the Society's online databases—membership from other Australian states has increased significantly and accounts for nearly 40 per cent of the total.

The Society's online databases are the culmination of our work over the last 50 years and are the Society's response to the genealogical online database giants, such as Ancestry and the like. After decades of the Society Library being the focal point for the Society, it is now the internet, as modern-day family historians go online as their first port of call in their research. The Society's online databases contain over eight million records covering births, deaths, marriages, divorces, school records, hospital admissions, passenger arrivals and much more, making it one of the largest and most diverse collections of facts about South Australians in existence.

This is the result of the work of the Society's volunteers over the years, without which the Society might not exist. Currently five per cent of the membership are active volunteers with most working on the many projects undertaken by the Research and Development Committee, which ultimately add to the online databases. The range of projects is wide so our collections will become more diverse and provide more information on people than just the bare bones of births, deaths, and marriages, putting flesh on the family tree.

Some of the Society's projects have resulted in substantial publications: the Biographical Index of South Australians 1836–1885 project, South Australians 1836–1885 project, and the Births, Deaths and Marriages Indexing project collectively took more than twenty-five years to complete. The funds raised by these publications have financed the purchase of the Society's premises and ensured the financial stability of the Society into the future.

Members can be proud of the achievements of the Society and the project's volunteers can have satisfaction in knowing that they have contributed to the future and well-being of the Society.

## **Society library**

As advised in these pages earlier this year, the Society Council has reviewed the Library opening hours and has decided to make no changes to opening times. The Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening openings were the subject of the review and there has been some improvement in attendances at those times in recent months.

While on the subject of the Library, I would like to remind you that there are a large number of CD databases on the Library computers. They can be accessed through the 'All Databases' icon on the desktop. There are databases for all states of Australia as well as England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, and South Africa covering a wide range of records—births, deaths, marriages, cemeteries, census, school admissions, hospital admissions, passenger indexes, histories, and more. Ultimately, they will all be included in our Library catalogue (accessed through the Society website). To access a listing of the CDs on the Library catalogue, select CDs in the box labelled 'GMD' at the bottom of the 'Advanced Search' screen and then click on the search button. Alternatively, you can browse through the lists on the computers by clicking on the 'All Databases' icon and then selecting the country, then state or county. Some of these databases will not be found anywhere else—not on Ancestry or any of the other genealogy websites. Birth, death, and marriage indexes using Digger software have the advantage of being able to be searched using more fields and in more ways than in other programmes or websites with these records. Why not look at what is available on your next visit to the Society Library?

I would also like to remind you that the Society has subscriptions to Ancestry, Findmypast, The Genealogist, British Newspaper Archive, Emerald Ancestors and the Cornwall Family History Society's databases on the Library computers. For the British Newspaper Archive the researcher needs to have an account login, but by using that login at the Society Library they do not have to pay for access. The British Newspaper Archive and Cornwall Family History Society databases are only available on one computer.

### **Membership subscriptions**

Membership subscription rates are increasing from 1 September 2023. The increase will be \$5.50 for Ordinary members, taking it to \$110.00 per annum, and up \$2.75 for Associate members, taking it to \$55.00 per annum. The last increase was effective from January 2022. The new rates will apply to all subscription payments made on or after 1 September 2023 so if your membership is up for renewal pay it before then to save a few dollars. Members can renew their subscription at any time, not just when the renewal date comes up, by logging into their account and clicking on the 'Renew Now' button, so it is possible to pay for additional years at any time. The membership subscription is still good value considering the savings you can make if you use the access to the genealogy subscription websites in the Society Library and to My Heritage through the members section of the Society website instead of taking out a personal subscription to those websites.

### **Awards presentation**

The TT Reed Family History Award for the best submitted family history and the Article of the Year Award for the best article in the Society journal were presented at a well-attended function on Sunday 25 June 2023. Details of the winning book and articles are given elsewhere in this issue. When researching their families, the authors were greatly helped by the resources of the Society Library and the winner was most appreciative of the help she had received from the library volunteers.

# From the Editor

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Heidi Ing



In 2013 I was editor of *The South Australian Genealogist* for the 40th anniversary of this Society, and here we are celebrating another decade of achievements! Congratulations to all who have contributed to the resources produced, the knowledge provided, and the many gatherings which have formed friendships. It has been an honour to play a small role in the advancement of Genealogy SA and all that it offers to researchers of family and local history.

A few months ago, Julie Russell, volunteer and contributor to this journal, contacted me with an idea for an article. Julie had been inspired by the efforts of past volunteers and wanted to pay homage to their accumulative achievements. Julie's splendid effort appears in this issue. Nancy Baldock, long-time Society Librarian (and Associate Member No. 3!) has updated an article previously published in *The South Australian Genealogist* for the 40th anniversary. This article provides new members with a neat summary of the Society's key collections, and perhaps reminds older members of resources they could revisit. Co-founder of the Society Andrew Peake has provided an article on heraldry which updates the information contained in an article of the

same name published in this journal in 1983. Since reading Andrew's informative piece, I must admit to noticing coats of arms more often than I may have in the past (but I'm not sure if Harry Potter merchandise counts).

As well as the articles commemorating the Society's anniversary, this issue also provides some very useful guidance and reference material. Robyn Knight provides an excellent example of how to clear up confusion through thorough research and ample evidence. In his article in this issue, Michael Fitzgerald not only provides a summary of the formation and operation of the Adelaide Book Society, but also lists its members. Some researchers may be surprised to find that one of their ancestors was a member of this limited and discerning group.

I hope you find inspiration in the articles on the Family History Awards for 2022 by Andrew Peake and Doreen Kosak. You may be motivated to put pen to paper (or fingertips to keyboard) and record the stories uncovered through your research.

## Do you have a family story to tell?

*The South Australian Genealogist* provides a place for you to record the events and experiences uncovered during your genealogical investigations. Preserve for posterity the most interesting of your ancestors' endeavours! Articles between 300 and 3000 words are welcome. Email your stories and photographs to: [saghs.editor@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.editor@saghs.org.au)

# Reflections on the Formation of the Society and the Treasures it Holds

By Nancy Baldock



Society Fellow and Life Member Nancy BALDOCK serving at the front counter in 2023.

The main object of our Society is to establish a reference library of genealogical material. When the Society was first formed in 1973, Kevin and Jennifer COOPER, who lived at Kadina, were appointed the first Society Librarians. The collection consisted of mainly cemetery records as well as books and Society journals. With the increase in the number of books, together with increased membership, access to books and borrowing soon became a problem. Books were being transported to public meetings in two suitcases.

In 1975 Des BALDOCK suggested that the library should be moved to Adelaide and in 1976 the books were transferred to the home of Des and his wife Nancy at Marden with the COOPERS retaining the cemetery records. At that stage, there were approximately 250 books, a number of journals, as well as pre-1855 (pre-civil registration) Scottish monumental inscriptions. The library

contents continued to increase and soon the Council realised that a more suitable home had to be found.

In October 1976, the trustees of the Kent Town Methodist Church offered a room off the church hall at \$10 per week plus repairs to be undertaken by the Society. On the Queen's Birthday weekend of 1977, Des and Nancy BALDOCK, together with Sandra and John DODDRIDGE, painted, lined and carpeted the room and on 2 July 1977 it opened for business. Opening hours were on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons, staffed by Nancy, Des, Bob HOAD and Kevin ALFREY. The hall was used as a reading area, and this proved reasonably satisfactory until one night we clashed with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society rehearsing in the hall, resulting in fourteen visitors, staff and furniture in a room measuring only ten feet by ten feet! We very quickly outgrew this space and on 1 May 1978 the library moved to Room 3, The Block, Hindmarsh Square in Adelaide with an annual rent of \$1078. By the following year we had outgrown this room and moved across the hallway to Room 10 with a rent of \$148 a week. Here we were to stay for a number of years. The amount of equipment increased—we had a photocopier, microfiche viewers and a microfiche viewer/printer. Our cemetery index grew rapidly as many of the state's cemeteries were transcribed and these records were typed onto cards and sheets. We were open for research on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and Tuesday nights.

In June 1982, we packed up our library and moved to 21 Market Street, Adelaide to the first floor of the Democratic Club



building. A removal company was used for the first time and only one tea chest was dropped as the removalist climbed the long staircase to the first floor. The library reopened in July 1982, and it was here that many of our members have their first recollection of us. When we moved into the building the Democratic Club was on the ground floor, we shared the first floor with the Bookmakers' Club, and there was a residential flat occupying the second floor.

Our acquisitions continued to increase rapidly, and we had to purchase more bookcases as well as microfiche and microfilm viewers. In 1984 the bookmakers left the building and the Biographical Index project occupied this room. We stayed at this location for two years but soon had to move again. We moved to Maple Avenue, Forestville, and stayed there for another two years.

In June 1987 we moved into the rear half of the Institute Library building at 201 Unley Road, Unley. This was very cramped as we had many more shelves, tables, equipment, and card and microform indexes, but we knew it was only for 12 months as all Institute Libraries were to close in June 1988, and we were then to take over the whole building. Much hard work—removal of bookshelves, painting, installation of new electrical wiring and halogen lights and later the installation of donated carpet and carpet tiles—saw the library much as it is today. Much of the handyman work was done by Bill MENZ, Bill YOUNG, Andrew BRAY and Colin COKER and to these men we owe a most sincere 'thank you', not only for their work, but also for the money their hard work saved the Society. The next change saw Society Administration move to the front room. A security system was installed and a

facsimile machine was purchased to facilitate orders and information sharing to and from other organisations.



Drawing of the Unley Institute building as it was designed in 1907 (Image courtesy of 'New Unley Institute', *The Evening Journal*, 18 May 1907, p. 7).

The year 1995 was very important for the Society as on Monday 24 July 1995, the Unley Council accepted the Society's offer to purchase the premises (which we had previously leased), for the sum of \$300,000. The Council's decision ended months of discussions and negotiations between the Society and the Unley Council. The purchase of the property marked the beginning of a new era for the Society as an owner, not a tenant, at 201 Unley Road.

The purchase of the property would not have been possible without the work of the Society's volunteers over the previous twenty-two years. The success of the Second Australasian Congress on Genealogy in 1980, together with the publication of the *Biographical Index of South Australians, 1836–1885* and *South Australians, 1836–1885*, helped put the Society in the position where it was able to contemplate purchasing its own property.

The Society's membership and acquisitions grew, and this brought the final change in 1997 when extensions were built. A new kitchen, lunchroom

and toilets were built on the ground floor with the second floor becoming a storage area. The rear car park was surfaced and landscaped. Work was completed in October 1997 and the extension was officially opened by David AYLING (former Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages) on Sunday 18 January 1998.

It is hoped that the many volunteers who assisted with the above projects, or have given their time in the library as well as on numerous other projects over the past fifty years, share a sense of achievement. To all volunteers past and present, we say a big 'thank you' for your contributions and for making it all possible.

### **Treasures in the Society Library**

The library of the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. is a treasure trove of resources of value to any family historian or those interested in the social history of South Australia. Hundreds of volunteers have worked countless hours over the past fifty years to create unique resources, available in the Society library or on the Society website. Do you want to know your ancestor's final resting place? Society volunteers have transcribed details from headstones in every cemetery in the state. The certificates from the District Registrars' Offices represent a goldmine of information. Handwritten details on the certificates, such as witnesses, place of birth or current residence, can lead researchers down unexpected and fruitful paths, to discoveries that are the joy of genealogy. What follows is a list of just some of the genealogy gems to be uncovered in the SAGHS library.

### **District Registrars' certificates**

The library of the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society inc. holds microfiche copies of the District Registrar's certificates for births (1842–1928), marriages (1842–1942) and deaths (1842–1967). From 1842–1856,

registration of births, marriages and deaths was centralised in Adelaide. From 1856, Registration Districts were created throughout the state. Records were duplicated, with one copy of the record sent to Adelaide and the second copy retained in the District Registrar's Office. This continued until 1992. The condition placed on access to the microfiche means that the information may be hand copied from the certificates, but they must not be photocopied by any other means, including cameras. Most Registration Districts had their own indexes and if a district did not have one, the Society created one, making certificates easier to find. The indexes created by the Society for these births, deaths and marriages are online on the Society website [www.genealogysa.org.au](http://www.genealogysa.org.au) and the certificates may be transcribed for a fee and e-mailed, for those unable to come to the library.

### **Cemetery index**

From the beginning of the Society in 1973, our aim was to transcribe the headstones in every cemetery in the state and this, to our knowledge, has been done. We are currently working on making this information available online. One of the elements that make these records a treasure is that these cemeteries were transcribed in the 1970s and 1980s and since then, many of the headstones have been removed from the larger metropolitan cemeteries—for example, Payneham, Cheltenham, and to lesser extent, Dudley Park, North Road, North Brighton, and Centennial Park. The Society indexes have the details of these removed headstones. We also have the records for West Terrace Cemetery, covering the general section, Catholic section and cremations (1903–1959). Other records relating to burials are the funeral directors' records of Siebert (from 1911), which are important for Catholic burials

where West Terrace records are deficient, and also FT Elliott, James of Mount Gambier, and several other metropolitan funeral directors.

The cemeteries were indexed by surname and cemetery name, making it an aid for those who do not know where their ancestor is buried. Today headstones in many cemeteries have been photographed and are online. The Society is using these photos to re-check our records, and also update the records of the 1980s. The aim is to have these photos linked to the headstone inscription and eventually be available on the MPC Viewer and online databases.

### **Newspaper births and deaths**

Society volunteers have indexed *The Advertiser* personal notices. The index includes Births, Marriages, Approaching Marriages, Deaths, Funerals, Lest We Forget, In Memoriam and now, Tributes. Deaths are being indexed from 1973, births from 1975 to present day and backwards to 1954 where the records are available on Trove.

The Funeral Index from *The Advertiser* is also an asset to our burial details. We have ninety-one scrapbooks of interesting information from newspapers, including obituaries from *The Advertiser*. The indexes of these resources are available in hard copy in the Society library, on the Society computers, and through the website.

### **Lunatic Asylum records**

The Lunatic Asylum records cover the asylums at Adelaide and Parkside (now Glenside) for the years 1846–1916 for both males and females. The master index is on the computers and the records on microfiche.

### **School records**

We hold admission registers for several hundred schools, mainly from the Education Department, with the records beginning in the 1870s and ending in the 1980s as there is a 30-year embargo on their records. These registers give the date of birth, the name of the parent or guardian, their occupation, address, and other schools attended, for each student.

### **Shipping records**

The shipping records in the Society library are similar to those in the State Library and State Records, but the Society also published the book *A Free Passage To Paradise?* by Pat Button which covers the applications of emigrants who applied for free passage to South Australia from 1836 to 1840. This resource provides an index to records which gives the address where the applicant lived on application, the age and sex of the applicant and his family, and the occupation of the head of household. The index gives the ship of arrival, and if it can be linked to the book *Source 25: Ships' Manifests 1838–1840*, the family members may be named. The indexes of shipping passengers 1888–1924 have been compiled into a single index on the Society computers to make searching easier.

### **Police Gazettes**

Police Gazettes can be viewed from 1862 to 1945 on the Society computers or on microfiche.

### **Adelaide Hospital admissions 1840 to 1910**

Card indexes cover Adelaide Hospital admissions to 1905 and computer indexes to 1910. Early admission records are important as they may provide the ship of arrival and place of birth. If a patient died in hospital, a date of death is given.

### **Destitute people**

The Society holds records that cover destitute people in the 1850s and applications to the Destitute Asylum from 1878. An important section of these records is 'Relatives in the Colony' highlighting family members and their contribution to the person's care in the asylum. The information is on cards to 1906 where full information is given, and then in a computer index to 1924. We also have an index to 'Children Born in the Destitute Asylum' from 1880 to 1930.

### **Sadie Pritchard collection**

This index includes microfiche records of the early Hebrew citizens of Adelaide and Melbourne. Included in the records are obituaries, certificates of death, family members, burial details and land records.

### **Roman Catholic parish records**

Roman Catholic parish records were filmed by the Society volunteers and include baptisms, marriages, burials and confirmations. Baptism records include date of birth. These early records are important because Catholic families often considered church records to be more important than civil registration. Many of the given names in these records are in Latin so will not be recorded as expected. The early Catholic burials at West Terrace are important because they were recorded but not officially registered.

### **Anglican Church records**

Anglican parish records are chiefly of baptisms and marriages, but the collection is not as large as the Roman Catholic one. We have microfilm records of Holy Trinity Church from 1836 to the twentieth century.

### **Non-Conformist records**

These consist of early Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, and are mainly Adelaide records.

### **Probate indexes**

The Society library has the probate indexes for South Australia (both Probate Registry and Public Trustee) and for Victoria, New South Wales, Northern Territory and New Zealand. This is not a complete collection but includes wills, intestate estates, deceased estates and public trustee deceased estates.

### **Council assessment records**

The council assessment records cover the councils of Booyoolie, Clare, East Torrens, Highercombe, Kennion (Beachport), Laura, Mount Gambier, Penola, St Peters, Unley, and Tea Tree Gully. These provide the names of the owner, occupier, and rate paid. The addresses are usually in ward order.

## **Records outside of South Australia**

### **Birth, marriage and death indexes**

For most states of Australia BDM records are online, but the pioneer indexes (in microfiche in our library) sometimes give more information than is available online, e.g., those of Queensland give specific dates and not just years. The library has microfilm copies of certificates of BDMs for Tasmania from 1803 to 1899, and indexes to deaths in Northern Territory for 1824 to 2004.

### **Interstate and overseas cemetery indexes**

These consist of cemetery indexes and records for Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania, covering varying years. A large index for New Zealand covers cemeteries from both North and South islands.

### **Overseas records**

The IGI (International Genealogical Index) is a world-wide index to parish records filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) or Mormon Church. The Society

library is an affiliated library in which original records of the LDS Church may be viewed. All that is needed is a personal account with FamilySearch and this enables you to view original records e.g., Hospital and Destitute records at State Records. Many of the LDS records once on microfilm are now digitised and are able to be viewed in our library.

Also on our computers, members and visitors can access Ancestry, Findmypast, The Genealogist, British Newspaper Archives, Cornish Parish Registers, Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland) and My Heritage. The library has a large collection of parish registers for the United Kingdom, many of which are not online. The list can be read in the Microform Guide, under 'Collection' on the website [www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/collection](http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/collection).

The SAGHS library has all these fantastic resources and so much more, available in one location, with knowledgeable and helpful volunteers ready and able to assist researchers in their family history quest.

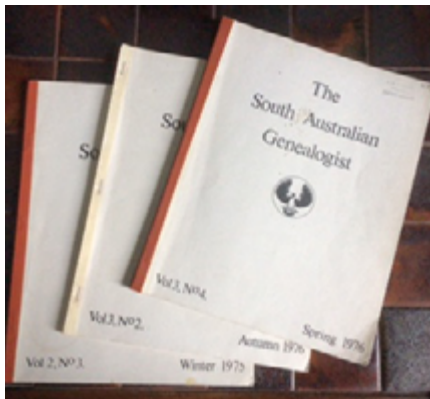


The photographs on this page depict a small fragment of the Society Library in 2023.

# On the Shoulders of Giants: A Tribute to our Society's Founders

By Julie Russell

I am a relative newcomer to the wonderful and frustrating world of genealogy. After joining Ancestry.com and starting to research my family tree in 2009, I very quickly discovered and joined SAGHS. My first visit to the Society library was to help at a working bee. There, I not only saw the vast array of resources available, but I also reconnected with some acquaintances from a previous volunteering job. I was quickly recruited to the ranks of SAGHS volunteers, first in the Schools project and since in other areas.



Early editions of *The South Australian Genealogist*.

This is a rather circuitous introduction to a revealing moment which I experienced recently. I came across three issues of the Society journal from 1975–1976. Like our current issue, they all began with an introductory piece from the President, but the presentation was quite different. Unlike our current neat, glossy publication, or our online version, these had been painstakingly typed in A4, reproduced on a Gestetner machine and then collated, bound and posted out by a band of volunteers.



Society staff member Jan THOMAS working with a volunteer on the BDM Indexing Project.

One item included in all three issues was 'An Alphabetical List of Passengers Arriving at Port Adelaide from South Australian Coastal and Intercolonial Ports between 1837 and 1845'. These listings were transcribed from a series of handwritten cards first compiled by Mary HODGE, who copied from period newspapers. These cards can be viewed on microfiche in the SAGHS library. What an amazing amount of work!! The lists were published in *The South Australian Genealogist* and ran to nineteen parts.

Another feature which caught my interest were reports of several field trips undertaken to South Australian regional cemeteries to record inscriptions from headstones, later to be transferred to index cards by surname and by cemetery. These records are now available online, but viewing the original cards shows the amount of effort involved.

While I was aware of how relatively easy research is in the 21st century, thanks to the Internet, emails, Facebook groups, Trove and many other digital resources of research, these Journal items strongly brought home to me how different it was for the Society's founders. I was keen to get to the library the following Monday to speak with one of these founders, Nancy BALDOCK (originally Associate Member #3).



Society volunteers enjoying a cemetery transcription day.

Nancy's late husband Des BALDOCK was one of our early Councillors. When the Society's growing library was relocated from its first location at Kadina (at the home of Kevin and Jennifer COOPER), Nancy became the Society Librarian, at one stage housing books and other material on shelves in the hall of her home. I spoke to Nancy about how these three issues of *The South Australian Genealogist* had triggered many thoughts of how much we owe to these first hard-working Society members; how, although I might often have felt grateful for modern research methods, when I gave myself time to reflect and take a good look around our current extensive resources in the library, and consider our ever-expanding databases, I felt compelled to express my thanks to her and her colleagues for starting it all off.



Volunteers Julie RUSSELL and Nancy BALDOCK discussing the early years of SAGHS.

We had an engaging conversation and Nancy loaned me an exercise book in which she had recorded some of her memories of the early days. This exercise book is stored in the archives at the SAGHS library as 'Memoirs of SAGHS 1974–1992'. I also consulted other early issues of the Journal held in the library and discovered even more examples of the development of the Society. In this, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it is timely to look back. You can read more on the Society's achievements in Nancy's article within this issue.

### **Beginnings**

The Society was incorporated on 29 August 1973 under the patronage of Dr TT Reed, Archbishop of Adelaide, and with the support of the Adelaide City Council and the Bank of Adelaide. The membership as at 30 June 1974 was 82 people, including 17 Foundation Members; current membership is over 4,300 including people from interstate and overseas. General meetings, held quarterly in the Queen Adelaide Room at the Town Hall, were well attended by members who enjoyed listening to guest speakers covering a variety of topics.

Now that membership is too large for such gatherings, our Special Interest Group meetings afford similar opportunities to learn and exchange information.

### **Looking for a home**

In her exercise book Nancy recounted that as the Society's Library grew, it was time to look for a permanent home, but it was many years and many places before our current location was reached. The first space that allowed public access was a room in the Kent Town Methodist Church Hall, occupied in July 1977. Nancy recalled that, 'we had three bookcases and a desk, and we thought we were king!'

Ten months later there was a move to Hindmarsh Square, and then in June 1982 to Market Street. In 1985 the Society was given two weeks' notice to find a new place for the library and so a large office/warehouse in Maple Street, Forestville, was 'it' for two years.

Finally, in June 1987, the last move was to the back half of the Unley Institute building, knowing that in June 1988 the Institute would close. Eventually, in 1991, the Society could expand from a very cramped section into the whole building. The Society purchased the building from the Unley Council in 1995, and in 1997 the extension was completed involving a new upstairs section, kitchen and toilets. Again, I admire all those hardworking volunteers who had to move and organise all the resources so many times.

### **Expanding the resources—predigital**

Society members spent many hours collecting, indexing, transcribing, and storing data. There were field trips, both day and weekend, transcribing headstones in country cemeteries, as well

as visits to closer ones like West Terrace, Centennial Park, North Road, and Enfield. The original card indexes have now progressed to digital storage but the 'hard yards' were done nearly fifty years ago.

There are many other indexes that were manually produced by members poring over microfiche files. This task was often made difficult not only by the quality of the images but also by hard-to-interpret handwriting, spelling variations or errors, and in some cases forenames that had been written in Latin, for example 'Valterius' for Walter or 'Mildritha' for Mildred.

For South Australia's sesquicentennial in 1986, the Society took on an ambitious project in the form of the *Biographical Index of South Australians, 1836–1885*, fondly known as BISA. This is a compilation of information supplied from various sources and contains approximately 100,000 entries. It is complemented by *South Australians 1836–1885*, also compiled by Society volunteers, and which added a further 7,500 entries. It was a mammoth undertaking and resulted in a valuable starting-off point for researchers, but was not without a lot of 'blood, sweat and tears'.

### **Where we are now**

Transcription and digitisation of a variety of records (including dog registrations which provide valuable information about addresses), as well as scanning of records held by community organisations, sporting clubs, and church committees, continues. The library also includes around 34,890 books relevant to family research, publications from other





Society volunteer Jean GILL, past-President and Honorary Secretary Dale JOHNS and current President Robert BLAIR in the Society Library



Society volunteer Eric CARTER

genealogical societies, and a growing collection of photographs which have been scanned, identified, and catalogued.

The library is a great place to visit and browse, even if you don't have a specific search in mind. There are multiple opportunities to volunteer and join the library community, which is welcoming and friendly. There is even work you can do from home, with or without a computer, and thus contribute to the treasures which will be available in the future. As our coat of arms proclaims, 'Past, Present and Future' is what we are about.



Society volunteer Pat BRIDSON

And in repeating my admiration and appreciation for the hard work of our founders, I will finish by paraphrasing Isaac Newton from a 1675 letter to Robert Hooke, 'If we have come so far, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants'.



Society volunteers Dawn JUERS and Judy WADE

# Heraldry in Australia

By Andrew G Peake



An article with the title 'Heraldry in Australia' appeared in *The South Australian Genealogist* in 1983 (Volume 10, Issue 4). In the forty years since, the situation has in many respects shifted, although in some respects little has changed.

Heraldry is alive and well in Australia. It can be seen all around you, if you care to look. The State Coat of Arms is placed above the judicial bench in court houses, the Commonwealth Arms can also be found in federal courts, above Parliament House in Canberra, on the fifty-cent piece and on government publications. Other coats of arms can be found on local government buildings, universities, schools, colleges, and elsewhere.

Notwithstanding, the Commonwealth Government has never seen the need to regulate and create the specific use of coats of arms; rather, it falls back on the

use of copyright and trademark legislation to provide some protection. The Commonwealth of Australia had its first grant of a coat of arms on 7 May 1908. A further grant was made on 19 September 1912, and this grant is what we see today. Use of the Commonwealth Coat of Arms without permission may breach the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, the *Trade Marks Act 1995*, and the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.



Above: The first Commonwealth Coat of Arms (1908-1912) Below: The second Commonwealth Coat of Arms (1912) (Images courtesy of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [www.pmc.gov.au/honours-and-symbols/commonwealth-coat-arms](http://www.pmc.gov.au/honours-and-symbols/commonwealth-coat-arms)).

The State of South Australia had its first grant of arms in 1936, and this grant was replaced by an entirely new grant on 19 April 1984. The *Unauthorized Documents Act 1916* (with subsequent amendments) states, ‘No person can print, publish or manufacture the symbols without permission. The symbols cannot be used for commercial purposes.’

Both the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of South Australia (and other states and territories) have acquired their coats of arms from the College of Arms, London. On the College of Arms website, [www.college-of-arms.gov.uk](http://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk), they claim that the College ‘is the official heraldic authority of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and much of the Commonwealth including Australia and New Zealand.’ This is simply a claim, with no legal foundation, and there is nothing to stop any individual or organisation in seeking a grant of arms elsewhere. As well as being responsible for the granting of new coats of arms, the College maintains registers of arms, pedigrees, genealogies, royal licences, changes of name, and flags. The College, besides having ceremonial duties, advises on all matters relating to the peerage and baronetage, precedence, honours, and ceremonial—as well as national and community—symbols, including flags. For example, The King (through the College) recently granted a coat of arms to Her Majesty Queen Camilla. These arms replace those granted by Queen Elizabeth II to the then Duchess of Cornwall in 2005.

The Court of the Lord Lyon, Scotland, [www.courtofthelordlyon.scot](http://www.courtofthelordlyon.scot), also grants coats of arms. Any person who wishes to use Arms must petition for a Grant of Arms or (if they can trace their ancestry back to an ancestor with the same name who had a grant of Arms in Scotland) for a

‘matriculation’ showing their place within the family. Commonwealth citizens, in particular those of Scottish descent, can apply to the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Petitioners need to be a ‘virtuous and well-deserving person’, but the Lord Lyon, when he visited Adelaide a few years ago, indicated that the Court is flexible as to who can apply. South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. petitioned for a Grant of Arms from the Lord Lyon, and this is what you see on the Society Journal.

The Office of the Chief Herald (of Ireland), [www.nli.ie/office-chief-herald](http://www.nli.ie/office-chief-herald), can make a grant of arms to those who meet one of the criteria below:

- A citizen of Ireland or a person who is entitled to become a citizen.
- A person resident in the State for at least the five-year period immediately before the date of application.
- A public or local authority, corporate body or other entity which has been located or functioning in Ireland for at least five years.
- An individual, corporate body or other entity not resident or located in Ireland but who or which has substantial historical, cultural, educational, financial or ancestral connections with Ireland.

The Canadian Heraldic Authority, [www.gg.ca/en/heraldry/canadian-heraldic-authority](http://www.gg.ca/en/heraldry/canadian-heraldic-authority), was created in 1988 by Letters Patent to exercise the Sovereign’s powers relating to heraldry in Canada (unlike Australia which has never chosen to do so). Heraldic emblems that have been officially granted are protected by copyright. Further protection against commercial

misuse can also be sought under paragraph 9(1)(n.1) of the *Trademarks Act 1985*. However, it would appear from the Canadian Heraldic Authority's website that only Canadian citizens or permanent residents can apply for a grant of a coat of arms.

The Bureau of Heraldry, South Africa, [www.nationalarchives.gov.za/node/58](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.za/node/58), was created in 1962 with the passage of the *Heraldry Act 1962*, with its primary role to 'receive and examine applications for the registration of, and objections against the registration or deletion of, heraldic representations, names, special names or uniforms'. The Bureau forms part of the National Archives and Record Service of South Africa. It is possible for non-South African citizens to apply for a grant of arms; indeed, according to the website, there has been an upsurge in international applications over recent years.

In Germany there are over 1.7 million known family coats of arms that have emerged over the past 800 years. Germany has over 100 genealogical/heraldic associations with over 38,000 members, a few of whom take on heraldic work and create a roll of arms. At least one agency creates unique coats of arms, Pro Heraldica, <https://pro-heraldica.de/en/heraldry/>, and they maintain a General Roll of Arms. Every coat of arms created by Pro Heraldica is published every two years in the German Heraldic register. According to The Heraldry Society, Spain and Sweden also grant coats of arms, [www.theheraldrysociety.com/articles/topic/other-countries/](http://www.theheraldrysociety.com/articles/topic/other-countries/).

No protection exists in Australia for the granting of coats of arms, whatever the granting authority. If individuals or organizations wish to protect their grant of arms from improper or illegal use,

the only recourse is for the grant to be registered as intellectual property with IP Australia, [www.ipaustralia.gov.au](http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au).

Relative costs for a Coat of Arms, including a Crest:

- College of Arms in London, £ 8,050 (AU\$15,340)
- Office of the Chief Herald in Ireland, € 4,400 (AU\$ 7,215)
- Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland £ 2,825 (AU\$ 5,383)
- Canadian Heraldic Authority, C\$ 435 (AU\$ 500)
- Bureau of Heraldry in South Africa, not available

As can be seen, the Canadian Heraldic Authority fees are the least. However, a grant of arms from this Authority is not possible to an Australian. From experience, the South African Bureau of Heraldry are the next cheapest (although the actual cost is not currently available on the website) followed by the Court of the Lord Lyon, Scotland.

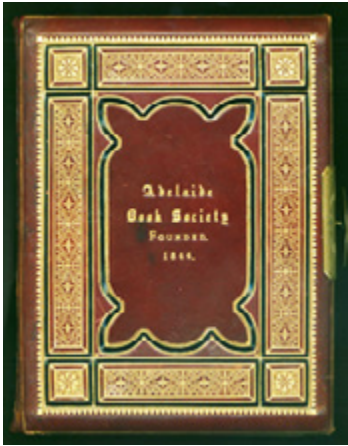
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# The Adelaide Book Society

By Michael J Fitzgerald



Cover of the Adelaide Book Society photograph album (Image courtesy of SLSA B 22103).

## Early efforts

The problem of reading matter concerned the early planners of South Australia as they debated how to satisfy the future colonists' material and intellectual needs. On 29 August 1834, a group led by *Robert GOUGER* and including *Richard HANSON* and *Edward Gibbon WAKEFIELD*, formed the South Australian Literary Association. This Association gathered a collection of books to form the basis of a subscription library in the new colony. These books, augmented with other donations, were stowed in an iron box on the ship *Tam O'Shanter*, which left London on 20 July 1836 and arrived in South Australia on 18 December 1836.<sup>1</sup> There was, however, a 'brief hiccup' on arrival, when the trunk fell into the Port River during unloading. The books had to be left to dry out in a warehouse for two years, but remarkably they survived and formed the nucleus of the first public library. It is clear from the choice of books that this first library had a serious educative intent for the earnest—they were all 'improving' works.

## The Book clubs

In about 1842, The Book Club, the first private circulating society in South Australia, was founded with 28 members and Governor Sir George GREY as patron. A membership list was later found inside the cover of an old book. The time allowed for keeping books was five days and a two-penny fine was imposed for each day beyond. This club folded prior to 1844 with six members subsequently joining the Adelaide Book Club. One of these six members was Arthur HARDY, the final surviving member of The Book Club, and his granddaughter Mabel Phyllis HARDY later joined him as a member of the Adelaide Book Club. In October and November 1848 notices appeared in the press offering the books for sale to the public.<sup>2</sup> This seems to have marked the end of the Adelaide Book Club's life, apparently merging into the Adelaide Book Society.

## A Society is 'born'

The Adelaide Book Society, a private circulating library, was founded in 1844 by two bachelors—George YOUNG and John CALDER. George YOUNG later explained: "Mr. John Calder and I... were both fond of reading, but found it difficult to obtain a supply of new literature".<sup>3</sup> At dinner in 1844, YOUNG and CALDER, along with Jacob HAGEN, devised a plan to found a society for mutual improvement, to obtain books and magazines to share among those who might wish to join.<sup>4</sup> Together with Edward STEPHENS, Reverend Robert HAINING, John BAKER, and W JAMES, they formed the Adelaide Book Society, with George WATSON as Secretary.<sup>5</sup>



Presbyterian clergyman Reverend Robert HAINING (image courtesy of SLSA B 22103/5).

Reverend Robert HAINING (1802–1874), a Presbyterian clergyman, was born in Maxton, Scotland in 1802, the son of Reverend John HAINING and Wilhelmina (née WILSON).<sup>6</sup> In February 1841, the Committee on Colonial Churches in Edinburgh appointed him as the Church of Scotland's minister for Adelaide. He and his new wife Jessie (née GRANT) embarked on the *Orissa* and arrived in Port Adelaide on 20 November 1841. Jacob HAGEN (1809–1870), a wealthy Quaker and son of Jacob and Mary (née FELL), was educated in Southgate, Middlesex and sailed to South Australia on the *William Barras* in 1839 with enough capital to establish himself as a woolgrower, shipping agent, and moneylender.<sup>7</sup> The two 'Georges', George WATSON and George YOUNG, both arrived in Adelaide on the *Katherine Stewart Forbes* in March 1839.<sup>8</sup> The Adelaide Book Society membership was limited to twenty-four, with members elected by ballot, and lady members limited to three.<sup>9</sup> There was keen competition for vacancies in the following years. The records of the Society were carefully maintained, with portraits and autographs of the members being preserved in a dedicated album.<sup>10</sup>

### The system

The books were purchased in London and arrived from there in consignments.<sup>11</sup> The task of ordering was no doubt exacerbated by irregular communications to and from England, and the long journey to Australia. Sir Robert Richard TORRENS (1812–1884) was the Society's first Patron and subsequently ten South Australian Governors filled that role. South Australia's judges, starting with Sir Charles COOPER, were also members, as were many of the most distinguished citizens—legislators, lawyers, doctors, merchants and university professors. As patron, the Governor was the first to receive a book, and on a Friday, he would pass it to another member, who after a week, handed it to another, and so on, until every member had read the book. Local transport was likely to have presented problems. Scattered residences and few conveyances could have resulted in delays in transit between members. At the end of each year an annual meeting was held at the home of one of the members during which the host, as chairman, would auction the books circulated during the year with the proceeds used to purchase further volumes.<sup>12</sup>



George YOUNG (1818–1897), merchant, agent and auditor (Image courtesy of SLSA B22103/1).



Henry WATSON, Chemist (Image courtesy of SLSA B 22103/11).

By 1888, of the twenty-four original members, only Henry WATSON was still alive.<sup>13</sup> Henry WATSON, a Quaker and chemist, arrived with his family on the *Katherine Stewart Forbes* in March 1839, when he joined his brother-in-law, John Barton HACK, as a merchant and partner in the firm Hack, Watson and Company. Henry's sister, Bridget WATSON, had married John Barton HACK in 1827.<sup>14</sup> Their house, Walkley Cottage, is on Pennington Terrace in North Adelaide next door to the Friends Meeting House, literally in the shadow of *St Peter's Cathedral* on its southwest side. This land was donated to the Society of Friends by *John Barton HACK*, who had the contract for constructing the *building*. The few lady members of the Adelaide Book Society were Mrs B ANDREWS, Mrs COLLEY, Lady Caroline Maria DALY, Mrs J J DUNCAN, Mrs S R WAKEFIELD, Mrs WOODFORDE (possibly Caroline, the wife of Dr WOODFORDE, who was also a member), Mrs Amanda WRIGHT, Miss Amanda WRIGHT, and Miss Mabel Phyllis HARDY, the granddaughter of Arthur HARDY.



Governor Sir Dominick DALY's wife, Lady Caroline Maria DALY (Image courtesy of SLSA B 10204).

### Diamond Jubilee

In 1905, the sixtieth annual meeting of the Adelaide Book Society was held at Government House as usual, under the patronage of Governor Sir George Le HUNTE. At this celebratory event the Reverend A T BOAS congratulated the Society on reaching its diamond jubilee, the high quality of its supply of publications, and the sustained support of its members. By the Society's diamond jubilee there had been 210 members, including men distinguished in many spheres: thirteen governors, three chief justices, two judges, twenty-one members of parliament, a bishop, twelve clergymen, and thirteen medical gentlemen.<sup>15</sup>

*The Bulletin* noted in 1925 that the oldest and the quaintest book club in South Australia was the Adelaide Book Society, founded in 1844. At this time membership remained limited to 24 despite the ever-increasing waiting list, and as a vacancy occurred, a new member was elected with keen competition.<sup>16</sup> That same year Adelaide newspaper *The Mail* pointed out that the Adelaide Book Society was still distributing books to its members.<sup>17</sup>

## A quiet finale

The one hundred and tenth anniversary of the Society was celebrated in December 1954, when *The Advertiser* asked, 'Would you believe that the Adelaide Book Society is still virile after an existence of 110 years!'<sup>18</sup> The Adelaide Book Society apparently folded sometime after this anniversary.

## Acknowledgement

Extra special thanks are due to Suzy Russell of the State Library of South Australia who organised an alphabetical list of the names of the Adelaide Book Society members from the State Library catalogue.

## Appendix: Early Members of The Adelaide Book Society

ANDERSON, Maxwell Gavin (1862–1949)	B 22103/116
ANDREWS, Richard Bullock (1823–1884)	B 22103/77
AYERS, Sir Henry (1821–1897)	B 22103/64
AYERS, Harry Lockett (1844–1905)	B 22103/66
BAGOT, Hon Charles Harvey (1788–1880)	B 22103/13
BAKER, Hon John, MLC (1813–1872)	B 22103/1
BAKEWELL, John Warren (1847–1923)	B 22103/96
BARBER, William (?–1883)	B 22103/9
BARR SMITH, Robert (1824–1915)	B 22103/76
BARTLEY, William (1801–1885)	B 22103/14
BELT, William Charles (1816–1899)	B 22103/46
BLYTH, Sir Arthur (1823–1891)	B 22103/52
BLYTH, William	B 22103/3
BUXTON, Sir Thomas Fowell (1837–1915)	B 22103/121
CAIRNS, Sir William W (c1828–1888)	B 22103/92
CALDER, Joh	
CAMPBELL, Allan B (1836–1898)	B 2103/93
CAVE, William Rendall (1841–1916)	B 6912/G2
CLARK, John Howard (1830–1878)	B 22103/79
COLLEY, Isabella Emily (c1845–1932)	B 22103/90
COLLEY, Richard Bowen (1819–1875)	B 22103/26
COOPER, Sir Charles (1795–1887)	B 22103/2
COOPER, [Possibly J]	
CRAWFORD, Edward James Fred (1809–1880)	B 22103/25
CRAWFORD, William James (c1826–1896)	B 22103/60
CRESWELL, Sir William Rooke (1852–1933)	B 22103/115
DALY, Lady Caroline Maria (1801–1872)	B 22103/69
DALY, Sir Dominick (1798–1868)	B 22103/53
DAVIDSON, Rev John (1834–1881)	B 22103/78
DUTTON, Francis S (1818–1877)	B 22103/28
ELDER, Alexander Lang (1815–1885)	B 22103/4



FERGUSSON, Sir James (1832–1907)	B 22103/73
GARDNER, William Forrest (1846–1897)	B 22103/110
GILES, Henry (1816–1888)	B 22103/94
GILES, Thomas (1820–1899)	B 22103/48
GOSSE, William MRCS, MD (1812–1883)	B 22103/33
GRAY, William Frederic (c1819–1881)	B 22103/15
GREEN, George S (?–1895)	B 22103/62
GRIFFITHS, C Cecil	B 22103/88
GRUNDY, Eustace B. Beardoe (1849–1938)	B 22103/99
HAINING, Rev Robert (1802–1874)	B 22103/5
HAMLEY, Major Francis Gilbert (1815–1876)	B 22103/70
HANSON, Sir Richard Davies (1805–1876)	B 22103/61
HARDY, Arthur (1817–1909)	B 22103/47
HART, Hon J CMG (1809–1873)	B 22103/81
HART, John (1848–1881)	B 22103/86
HASTINGS, Rev Frederick (c1838–1937)	B 22103/113
HAWKER, George Charles (1818–1895)	B 22103/51
HORN, William Austin (1841–1922)	B 22103/100
HUGHES, Henry Kent (1814–1880)	B 22103/34
HUGHES, John Bristow (1817–1881)	B 22103/44
IVES, Joshua (1854–1931)	B 22103/108
JERVOIS, Sir William F D (1821–1897)	B 22103/97
KELLY, Professor David Fred (1847–1894)	B 22103/118
KINTORE, Earl Algernon Keith (1852–1930)	
LENDON, Alfred Austin (1857–1935)	B 22103/106
LLOYD, John Sanderson (1831–1914)	B 22103/83
MacDONNELL, Richard Graves (1814–1881)	B 22103/37
MAIN, George (1823–1905)	B 22103/58
MAIS, Henry Coathupe (1827–1916)	B 22103/74
MATURIN, William Henry (1814–1889)	B 22103/7
McCRAE [Possibly F]	
MILNE, William MLC (1822–1895)	B 22103/50
MITCHELL, Sir William (1861–1962)	
MONTEFIORE, Eliezer Levi (1820–1894)	B 22103/6
MOORE, Robert Waters (1819–1884)	B 22103/32
MORPHETT, Sir John MLC (1809–1892)	B 22103/16
MURRAY, Andrew (1813–1880)	B 22103/9
MURRAY, David (1829–1907)	B 22103/102
MUSGRAVE, Anthony CMG (1828–1888)	B 22103/65
NASH, James George FRCS (1805–1880)	B 22103/8
NEALES, John Bentham MLC (1806–1873)	B 22103/40
NEILL, Andrew Sinclair (1837–1915)	B 22103/128

O'HALLORAN, Thomas Shuld (1797–1870)	B 22103/18
O'HALLORAN, Thomas J S (1835–1922)	B 22103/68
O'HALLORAN, Wm Littlejohn (1806–1885)	B 22103/19
OWEN, John Wellington (1847–1905)	B 22103/107
PATON, David (1841–1907)	B 22103/104
PHILIPS, Henry Weston (1812–1898)	B 22103/10
POOLE, Frederick Slaney (1845–1936)	B 22103/114
PROCTOR, Joseph F (1838–1920)	B 22103/11
REYNELL, Alfred (1815–1878)	B 22103/20
RICHARDSON, Oliver Keble (1800–1877)	B 22103/29
ROBINSON, Sir William (1834–1897)	B 22103/101
SCOTT, Abraham MLC (1817–1903)	B 22103/55
SCOTT, Henry (1836–1913)	B 22103/95
SHORT, Bishop Augustus (1802–1883)	B 22103/45
SINGLETON, Francis Corbet (1812–1887)	B 22103/31
SMEATON, Thomas Drury (1831–1908)	B 22103/89
SOUTTAR, John (1838–1910)	B 22103/71
SPENCE, John Brodie (1824–1902)	B 22103/80
SYMONS, M J	
TEICHELMANN, Christian (1807–1888)	B 22103/122
TENNYSON, Baron Hallam (1852–1928)	B 22103/120
TODD, Sir Charles (1826–1910)	B 22103/59
TODD, Charles Edward (1858–1917)	B 22103/125
TOMKINSON, Henry P (?–1911)	B 22103/126
TOMKINSON, Samuel (1816–1900)	B 22103/35
TORRENS, Sir Robert (1814–1884)	B 22103/17
TRIMMER, Edmund Isaac (1803–1882)	B 22103/23
TURNBULL, James T (1830–1897)	B 22103/63
TURTON, Henry Hobhouse (1834–1889)	B 22103/85
TYAS, John Walter (1833–1903)	B 22103/112
WAKEFIELD, Mrs Salvator Rosa (1849–1876)	
WATSON, Henry (1802–1894)	B 22103/11
WATTS, John Cliffe (1786–1873)	B 22103/30
WAY, Sir Samuel James QC (1836–1916)	B 22103/82
WAY, Dr Edward Willis (c1847–1941)	
WEARING, William Alfred (1816–1875)	B 22103/72
WOODCOCK, William (1808–1868)	B 22103/36
WOODFORDE, John, MRCS (1810–1866)	B 22103/41
WRIGHT, Edward Amand (1824–1891)	B 22103/49
WRIGHT, Stephen P Henry (1819–1886)	B 22103/42
YOUNG, Gavin David (1825–1881)	B 22103/84
YOUNG, George (1818–1897)	B 22103/12

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# Thomas Ryan Mystery Solved

By Robyn Knight

In the August 2019 issue of *The South Australian Genealogist* (Vol 46, No 3), I wrote of Patrick 'Paddy' RYAN, the discoverer of copper in Moonta, South Australia. In that article, I challenged the pervading view that Patrick's son, Thomas RYAN, was married and died here in South Australia in 1919. I was always of the firm belief that Thomas had returned to Ireland to join his mother and siblings. New information, resulting from advice from Ian IBBETT, a historian of the turfing industry, reveals that the Thomas RYAN who died in 1919, is definitely NOT Thomas RYAN, the son of Patrick and Alicia RYAN (née DWYER), and that he did indeed return to Ireland.

It is apparent that Thomas RYAN, son of Patrick and Alicia RYAN (née DWYER), was born in Gurthmore, Tipperary, Ireland and baptised at Kilcommon, Tipperary on 18 May 1850. He used wealth obtained from the £6 per week provided to the family after Patrick's death, to become a racehorse owner. He became so successful at this venture that his horses gained mention as winners and potential winners in the news media. His stud colours were green and scarlet. Thomas RYAN's horse, The Ace, came second in the 1872 Melbourne Cup! He had at least ten horses including Kingfisher, Leo, Adelina, Benvolio (winner of the 1873 Australian Jockey Club Derby), Monk as well as The Ace.

An author named 'Martingale', in a long article titled 'Mr. J. T. Ryan's Racing Stud' was quite lyrical about Thomas RYAN's horses,

*The Ace is a bay colt, three years old, by Ace of Clubs out of Gwyndoline, bred by Mr. Joseph Gilbert, of Pewsey Vale. He is a nice looking animal, stands about*

*15 hands 3 1/2 inches, with beautiful quarters, barrel, arms, and shoulders. His head is none of the finest, but very game looking, and he evidently will possess great strength as he gets older. At present he does not seem all that one could wish, and it will take all the time to make him fit for the Cup and St. Leger. In Melbourne he won the Maidens, ran a dead heat with Saladin for the Spring Handicap, won Ballarat Handicap (6-8), beating Barbelle, Lapdog, and Warrior. His weight for the Adelaide Cup is 7 st. 13 lbs.<sup>1</sup>*

After The Ace's run in Melbourne, and his 1873 Derby win, Thomas RYAN went home to the British Isles and it was in Liverpool, Lancashire where he died on 26 October 1875, at only 25 years old. He was returned to Ireland for burial.

The evidence is in the following news items:

1. As reported in Mount Gambier's *Border Watch* on 15 December 1875, 'Thomas J. Ryan, well known in racing circles, and son of the discoverer of the Moonta mine, has died at Liverpool ...'<sup>2</sup>
2. Repeated in South Australia's newspapers in December 1875, 'SPORTING. Death of a Sportsman—The English mail has brought us intelligence of the death in Liverpool of Mr. Thomas Joseph Ryan, well known on the racecourse here when he ran the Ace and Leo. The deceased was only 25 years of age.'<sup>3</sup>
3. Repeated in Adelaide's newspapers on 15 December 1875, 'On the 26th October, at Liverpool, of inflammation of the lungs, Thomas Joseph Ryan, formerly of Adelaide, aged 25 years. RIP.'<sup>4</sup>

4. The other clinching news item was published in the *Irish Times* on 30 October 1875, 'RYAN—On Tuesday, 26th October, the North Western Hotel, Liverpool, Thomas Joseph Ryan, Esq., late of Seven Hills, South Australia, aged 25 years: fortified by the rites ...'<sup>5</sup>
5. This article published in Melbourne's *Leader* on 18 December 1875,

*'TURF GOSSIP. By Falcon ... A recent telegram informs us of the death of Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, well known in sporting circles in South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. His death occurred at Liverpool but the immediate cause has not transpired. While on the turf Mr. Ryan was known as a rigidly honest, straightforward man, whose only aim was to win, besides which he was remarkable for his kind and genial qualities, and ever ready to assist the necessities of others. In age he was considerably under forty years, and on taking his departure from the colony for England bore no indication of an early death. Prior to 1871 Mr. Ryan was only known as a casual visitor to Victoria. In that year he brought over from Adelaide a strong team of horses, under care of Harry Tothill. They consisted of The Ace, then 3 yrs. old; Kingfisher, 4 yrs.; the steeplechase horse Monk, and Pickpocket, winning several good stakes, one of which was the Ballarat Cup, which he took with The Ace. The following year the three-year-old colt Leo and two-year-old Benvolio, were added to the stud, and everything gave promise of a brilliant and successful season. Mr. Ryan opened well by running second to The Quack for the Melbourne Cup with The Ace, then 4 yrs, with which horse he carried off the Ballarat Handicap. He next landed the double event at Geelong, the Handicap and Cup with Leo, 3 yrs., and with the same horse he secured*

*the Launceston Cup of 300 sovs., also the Tasmanian Turf Club Handicap, to which would have been added the Derby also, had not Leo put his foot in a hole and broken the coffin bone of one of his forefeet, by which Mr. Ryan lost the services of the best horse in the colonies. At the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting he won the Autumn Handicap with The Ace, and at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting secured the Cumberland Stakes with the same horse; also running third to Vixen for the Sydney Gold Cup, which loss was in some measure repaired by securing the All-aged Stakes and City Handicap by aid of The Ace. In August, 1873, he won the A.J.C. Derby with Benvolio, beating a good field, but The Ace deceived him in the Metropolitan Stakes won by Horatio. Another misfortune awaited him, for when shipping Benvolio for Melbourne, the colt showed some reluctance to go on board the steamer, slipped up and injured the spine of his back, and had to be destroyed. Shortly after this the stud was sold, and the popular green and red sash, so long and worthily representing South Australia, was seen no more on the colonial turf.'*<sup>6</sup>

The last news item indicates that the legendary bad luck that seemed to stalk the RYAN family was persisting for Thomas. This item was also one of many I read that verbosely expounded in the newspapers about horses, jockeys, and owners. Who knew that so many lines in newspapers were devoted to horse racing?



The burial plot of Thomas Joseph RYAN in Glasnevin Cemetery, Glasnevin, County Dublin, Ireland, Plot 13, O'Connell Circle, Memorial ID 205237655 (Image courtesy of Find a Grave [www.findagrave.com/memorial/205237655/thomas-joseph-ryan](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/205237655/thomas-joseph-ryan)).

From these items, I found Thomas Joseph RYAN's burial in Glasnevin Cemetery, Glasnevin, County Dublin, Ireland. He was interred with James GUY in a cemetery vault. I, of course, sent for Thomas's death certificate, and in it he was described as a gentleman and his cause of death was spinal meningitis and pneumonia. Unfortunately, British death certificates at this time were very brief and did not give any family details.

The legendary bad luck of the RYANs devastated Patrick's family after his discovery of copper at Moonta in 1860.

1. Patrick RYAN died 10 January 1862, '... from habits of intemperance...', aged about 44 years.
2. Michael RYAN, his son, died 19 November 1862, from phthisis (tuberculosis), aged about 18 years.
3. Honoria STEVENS (née RYAN), daughter of Patrick RYAN, died 17 April 1875, aged 28 years, from rheumatic fever on board ship on her way to Ireland. The son of Honoria, Thomas George STEVENS arrived in Ireland, became a doctor, married without issue, and died in 1935.
4. Thomas Joseph RYAN, son of Patrick RYAN, died 26 October 1875, from spinal meningitis and pneumonia, aged 25 years.
5. Lambert Peter BUTLER, son-in-law of Patrick RYAN, died 29 March 1880 from tuberculosis, aged 40 years.
6. William Lambert BUTLER, grandson of Patrick RYAN, died 3 February 1886 from pneumonia, aged 17 years.
7. Thomas Patrick O'NOLAN, husband of Mary Ellen BUTLER, granddaughter of Patrick RYAN, died 1913, aged about 40 years.
8. Mary Ellen L O'NOLAN (née BUTLER), granddaughter of Patrick RYAN, died 27 November 1920 in Rome, Italy, aged 45 years (no issue).
9. Edward Walter STRICKLAND, grandson of Patrick RYAN, probable death 22 February 1921 from 'general paralysis of the insane', aged 38 years.
10. Mary Harriet Alicia DUDLEY (née STRICKLAND), granddaughter of Patrick RYAN, died 2 November 1937 from cirrhosis of the liver and cardiac failure, aged 59 years (no issue).
11. Walter Patrick STRICKLAND, great-grandson of Patrick RYAN, pilot officer, was killed in action in Germany on 9 April 1941, aged 31 years.
12. Only one branch of the Patrick and Alicia RYAN (née DWYER) family, from daughter Margaret STRICKLAND (née RYAN), are known to have living descendants and they are in the United States of America and possibly Great Britain.

I am indebted to Ian IBBETT, who, having previously read my article on Paddy RYAN, phoned to advise me of his discovery of the 1875 death of Thomas Joseph RYAN, whom he had found during his research into the Australian Jockey Club Derby. Being a sceptic, I had to discover the evidence for myself, given the number of

Thomas RYANs in the world, and, as you can see, I was able to confirm his findings. For those interested in all things horse racing with extensive, well researched (although unreferenced) stories, which include several South Australian connections, please see 'Kings of the Turf: A History of the AJC Derby from 1861 to 1984', [www.kingsoftheturf.com/1873-theres-gold-in-goldsbrough/](http://www.kingsoftheturf.com/1873-theres-gold-in-goldsbrough/). In this article Ian IBBETT recounts the sad fate of Thomas RYAN's stud horses after the 1873 Derby and the subsequent sale of his stable of horses and return to Ireland.

Thus, the mystery of the remaining child of Alicia and Patrick RYAN, founder of Moonta's copper lode, is solved, but it adds to the chronicle of the sad destinies that developed for their children.

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### **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

This insert contains important information about vacancies on the Council for 2023 - 2025, and the nomination of members to fill those vacancies.





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### **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

This year, at declaration of vacancies, there were five vacancies on Council.

*The following Councillors' terms of office conclude at the 2023 Annual General Meeting and all have renominated.*

David John Ballinger  
Robert Douglas Blair  
Phil David Lokan  
Dale Mervyn Johns  
Andrew Guy Peake

*The following Councillors' terms of office continue until the 2024 Annual General Meeting:*

David Richard Barber  
Fiona Mary Errington  
Helen Livingston  
Gilbert John Materne  
Beryl Erica Schahinger  
Emily Richardson ◀

The Council appointed Meryl Stephenson as Returning Officer and Carolyn Wass as Scrutineer.

◀ Resigned July 31, 2023. Casual vacancy

Meryl Stephenson  
Returning Officer  
31 July 2023



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### PROXY VOTING FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(full name)*

of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(address)*

being a current financial member of the Society do hereby appoint:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(full name)*

of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(address)*

**OR**

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ the duly appointed Chairperson of the meeting

(delete either a or b, whichever is not applicable)

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Genealogy & Heradldry Society Inc. to be held on Wednesday 25 October 2023, and at any adjournment thereof.

This form is to be used in **favour of** the proposed resolution number/s:\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(insert the resolution number/s:)*

This form is to be used **against** the proposed resolution number/s:\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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listed in the notice of the meeting.

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\*To be inserted if desired. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as thought fit on any issue.

NB: A proxy must be a financial member. This form must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 4:00pm Monday 23 October 2023

A photocopy of this form is acceptable.



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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. will be held on Wednesday 25 October 2023 in the Society Library, 201 Unley Road, Unley. 7.00pm arrival for a 7.30pm commencement.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Present, Apologies and Proxies**
- 2. Minutes of Meeting of Members**  
AGM 49 of 23 November 2022
- 3. Receipt of Annual Reports**  
President's Report  
Committee Reports  
Group Reports
- 4. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements**  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
Statement of Financial Position  
(Balance Sheet)  
Statement on behalf of Council  
Report of the Auditors
- 5. Receipts of Reports**  
Report by Council
- 6. Appointment of Auditor**  
"that MGI Assurance (SA) Pty Ltd  
be appointed as auditor for the  
2023/2024 financial year".
- 7. Election of Council Members**  
Declaration of Vacancies  
Election of Council Members
- 8. Close of Meeting**

**M D. Johns**  
**(Secretary)**  
**31 July 2023**

All proxies must be in the hands of the Secretary by  
no later than 4pm on Monday 23 October 2023

# The East Wellington Cemetery Book

By Elizabeth Nicholls



Christine HARTMANN (left) and Elizabeth NICHOLLS (right) at the launch of their book, *East Wellington Cemetery South Australia* (Image courtesy of the author).

A book titled *East Wellington Cemetery South Australia* was officially launched at The Hall Café in Wellington, South Australia, on Thursday 17 November 2022, with a good gathering of local identities and Coorong District Council representatives in attendance. The Taillem Bend Historians (a group of active local historians who regularly meet, curate exhibitions, and hold events) received a Coorong Council Community Project Grant to assist with the printing of the East Wellington Cemetery book.

This book came about after researching for an exhibition of the history of Taillem Bend, when it was found that there were many unmarked graves at the East Wellington Cemetery. The first step was to identify those buried in the cemetery from 1840 to 1895 as only 88 people were recorded on headstones.

During the 1800s, West and East Wellington serviced outlying settlements, including Taillem Bend, Woods Point, Westbrook, Ashville, Cooke Plains, and the stations of Wellington Lodge, Poltalloch, Brinkley, and Nalpa, so these locations were added to the search criteria.

Wellington Police Station almost certainly kept early records but these were destroyed by fire. Fortunately, newspaper reports of the day detailed proceedings at inquests and the subsequent burial of a deceased person. The first reported burial was Frederick OUGHTON on 9 October 1847. His death was not registered, but according to newspaper reports, he was working for the South Australian Company and drowned while swimming.

Upon death, a person was simply buried up on the hill, on the outskirts of East Wellington. This hill was unfenced and constantly trampled by livestock on route to the busy River Murray crossing. With headstones and burial sites continually being damaged and destroyed, local residents pressured the government to attend to the matter. The result was the 1859 survey for a cemetery reserve of 15 acres.

Four years later, in April 1863, Special Magistrate E C HUGHES chaired a meeting where it was decided to at once take steps to enclose the public cemetery with a substantial stone wall and iron gates, which were never erected, despite raising substantial public money. The cemetery reserves for East Wellington and Bedford were gazetted and officially vested in the District Council of Meningie on 19 July 1888.



Wellington Police Station, c1864 (Image courtesy of SLISA B5684).

Elizabeth NICHOLLS' researched deaths between 1840–1895 which were merged with records transcribed by Christine HARTMANN from 1895–2000. The East Wellington Cemetery book contains details of 300 deaths together with a selection of corresponding newspaper reports of the day. Some who met their misfortune were simply crossing the river, or passing through on the road to the goldfields. It is believed that many travellers were buried in unmarked graves east of the cemetery's boundary, commonly known as the 'police paddock'.

Copies of the book will be housed at the Coorong District Council, Tailem Bend Historians Association Inc, Tailem Bend Community Library, and Murray Bridge Community Library, as well as the Genealogy SA Society Library. This publication will provide a record for interested persons and a direction for further interments in the East Wellington Cemetery.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Genealogy SA Library Open Day  
Sunday 22 October 2023

**Genealogy SA**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Ulster Family History Society Presentation  
Irish Records  
Sunday 11 February 2024

# Lewis Family Gathering

By Lewis Owens



Henry LEWIS (far right) as one of the founders of the Macclesfield Public School (Image courtesy of Jim Faull (Ed), *Macclesfield: Reflections Along the Angas*, Macclesfield Historical Book Committee, 1999, p. 98).

A gathering of descendants of Henry LEWIS and his nephew Arthur LEWIS, who arrived in South Australia from Essex in 1842 and 1866 respectively, is planned to be held in Macclesfield on Saturday 18 November 2023, commencing at 10 am. The occasion marks the 150th anniversary of Henry LEWIS winning the Gold Medal at the 1873 International Exhibition in London for his Macclesfield Ale, produced in his brewery on the Angas River in South Australia.

The gathering will be held at the old Macclesfield School (now RSL Hall), which was founded by Henry LEWIS and four other locals. Depending on numbers attending, this event may include the Macclesfield Institute building. Presentations, posters, displays and conversations will be held covering the extended family. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend: a small charge may apply to cover expenses.

The event will include the release of a book

on Henry LEWIS and his Australian family, as well as the production of a special locally brewed beer to capture the essence of the Gold Medal-winning Macclesfield Ale. There will also be a section devoted to Arthur LEWIS and his family who operated the Wildongoleeche Hotel at Hallett from 1880 to the early 1900s.

Associated family surnames include FOX, RYAN, KELLY, WARHURST, BRITTEN-JONES, NEWBOLD, HOOPER, MARSHALL, BOYLAND, ABBOTT, AUGUST, MOTT, DENNIS, NORTON-SMITH, O'GRADY, HOOBIN, and McNAMARA. We are keen to hear from anyone interested in the LEWIS family, Macclesfield, Hallett, and the hotel or pastoral industries.

For further information and how to register to attend, or to be included in future group emails regarding the event, please contact Lewis Owens or John Warhurst via email at [henrylewisgatheringNov23@gmail.com](mailto:henrylewisgatheringNov23@gmail.com).



The Macclesfield School (Image courtesy of denisbin, [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)).

# TT Reed Family History Book Award for 2022

by Andrew G Peake

In 1979, the Society established the Family History Award. This award was renamed the TT Reed Family History Award in 1996, after Thomas Thornton REED, former Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide, an enthusiastic genealogist and heraldist, and Patron of the Society. One of the objectives of this award was to improve the quality of published family histories, to provide models that future family historians could use to create the best possible family history from their years of research.



The Family History Awards, held in the Society Library.

Judging for the TT Reed Family History Award is carried out by three or four members of the Society, all of whom have had extensive experience in writing and reviewing family histories. While there is a subjective element in judging a family history, it is largely an objective exercise, using a proforma developed by a former judge, Graham Jaunay (who had himself written several histories and received the Award). This proforma is still in use. There are several essential features: the history must be of a South Australian family, the author must comply with legal deposit requirements, and the book must have been published in the relevant year. Important features include: a title page, a

table of contents, the material is relevant, and there is a balance of written material to documents / illustrations. Presentation is important and judges look at: layout, the introduction, footnotes or endnotes, clear and understandable charts/pedigrees, captioned photographs, indexing, and bibliography. The narrative should flow well and be easy to read and understand. All these aspects receive a score, so at the end of the exercise the judge has a total score to evaluate the relative merit of each history. It is then a simple matter to select the winner, although this may require some discussion if the scores between judges are close.

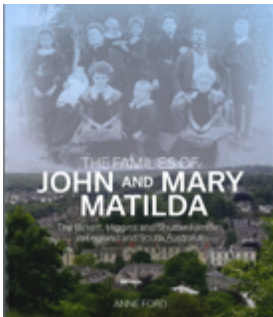
Therefore, the judges' comments serve two purposes: firstly, to explain why the selected family history publication gained the award; and secondly, to illustrate to aspiring authors what they should consider when putting together their own publication. It is inevitable therefore that not all the comments on individual family history publications are going to be positive, but criticisms aim to be constructive.



Genealogy SA Fellow and President Robert BLAIR.

**WINNER: *The Families of John and Mary Matilda: The Birkett, Higgins and Shutter Families in England and South Australia*, by Anne Ford**

Anne Ford's work on the ancestors and descendants of John BIRKETT and Mary Matilda SHUTTER shows a clear line of family history. Through the ages, she has captured the prevailing social, economic, and daily life of her ancestors, thereby giving good context in which to view their lives. Her family charts are a fine example of what can be achieved in their clarity and detail. The author also provides maps that help the reader identify geographic references. However, this publication is not without a few blemishes, and would have benefited from proofreading to tidy up the grammar and typos. The use of small photos of land sections is of limited value, as they are too small.

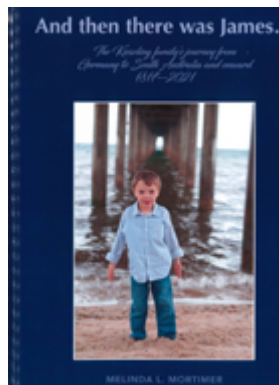


Other family history publications submitted, in no particular order:

***And then there was James ....: the Kieszling family's journey from Germany to South Australia and onward, 1817–2021*, by Melinda L Mortimer**

Melinda Mortimer has presented an engaging book on the Germanic line of her family leading to her son. A lovely introduction includes a well-written explanation of why this story was written

and the importance of passing knowledge onto the next generation. The author has demonstrated good research skills and moulded that research into a series of connecting stories. On balance the stories are succinct, supported with essential maps and appropriate photographs. The charts are extremely clear and easy to follow, and the index was most comprehensive. This is a well-constructed book. The appendices have been well used and include some of the wider family descendants as well as the families of some of the women who married into the KIESZLING family. This is appropriate given the introduction, but as there are over 40 pages of appendices, it would have been useful to introduce them and give a brief explanation of their relevance.



***Stories from Beehive Corner: A history of the Thomas and Martin families*, edited by Philip Thomas**

Philip Thomas, in a relatively short amount of text, has presented a book packed with stories that have been the backbone of his family's history. He has accompanied these stories with a vast array of high-quality photographs drawn from the repositories of past family albums. His family no doubt welcomes the documentation of past notables, their deeds, and legacies that makes this a proud family history. However, it lacks some of the features required in a good family history: an index, proper sourcing or explanation, bibliography, charts, or pedigrees.



## STORIES FROM BEEHIVE CORNER

A history of the Thomas and Martin families



Edited by Philip Thomas

***It makes one smile and it makes one weep: The untold story of a pioneer Methodist Home Missionary, Reverend Victory Henry Goldney (VHG), by David and Don Goldney***

David and Don Goldney have written extensively on the work of the Methodist North-West Mission and issues involving Australia's First Nations Peoples as experienced by their father, Victor Henry GOLDNEY, or 'VHG' as he was affectionately known. The book provides an example of good research which has been developed into a highly readable and informative text. The work is extremely well referenced, and suitably complemented with an enviable collection of photos taken by VHG in his missionary travels. These images give a strong sense of life's challenges in those early days. However, this book is essentially a biography, albeit a very good one.

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The untold story of a pioneer Methodist Home Missionary, Reverend VHG, by David and Don Goldney



## ***Rundles of Mount Crawford, by John Willis Rundle and Marion McEwin***

While not an overly long book, John Rundle and Marion McEwin have produced a well-written and engaging book on the RUNDLE families of Mount Crawford. However, it is more a social history of Mount Crawford than a family history, as there is little information on the third generation. There are interesting descriptions of farming practices in the mid-north during the 1940s through to the 1980/90s. The book clearly results from good research and strong anecdotal data. There is a pleasing balance of text to images which lends well to leading the reader through the book. The appendices, while not family-related, give an inclusive context but allow the book to maintain its principal focus.

## RUNDLES OF MOUNT CRAWFORD



John Willis Rundle - Marion McEwin

***'Tell me a story': A collection of facts and narratives revealing intriguing details about the lives and happenings of the ancestors of Margaret Garratt and Maureen Rawlings (née Garratt), by Margaret Garratt***

Margaret Garratt has produced a book that extensively archives her ancestral history. Any family member reading this book will be delighted with the vast repository of material that can be accessed. Some family-line charts would have helped to clarify where families fit, and an index would have been of

value. There are numerous quaint stories peppered throughout the book showing both good research, and retrieval of anecdotal material that has clearly been passed down over many years. This family history book may have benefited from a shorter title!



***For those who came across the sea: A South Australian family 2021, by Matthew Mitchell***

Matthew Mitchell has compiled an amazingly comprehensive book on not only his own ancestral line, but those of his wives, children, stepchildren, and their respective partners. The book includes a large volume of family photographs making it an endearing treasure to Matthew’s vast family. However, not all photos are captioned, many lack surnames, and this large publication would have benefited from an index and bibliography.



***Sandercok: A family history from Cardinham to Adelaide, by Carmel Riordan***

Carmel Riordan has presented readers with a succinct look at the SANDERCOCK family starting from their hometown of Cardinham in Cornwall. The book reaches back to the beginning of the eighteenth century and charts family lines well into the twenty-first century. The book lacked an introduction which would have helped to set the scene and allow the reader to understand much more easily what was going on. This publication was well finished, and the message for future generations made a good conclusion. It would have benefited from an index. Showing a most attractive cover, the book will no doubt be displayed on the coffee tables of today’s SANDERCOCK descendants.

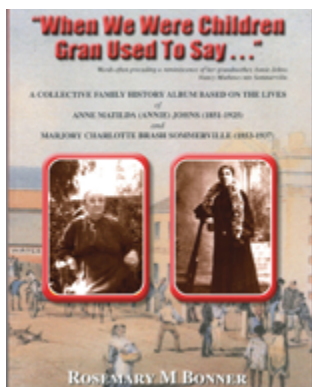


***‘When we were children, Gran used to say ...’: words often preceding a reminiscence of her grandmother, Annie Johns. Nancy Matthews née Sommerville: a collective family history album based on the lives of Anne Matilda (Annie) Johns (1851–1925) and Marjorie Charlotte Brash Sommerville (1853–1937), by Rosemary M Bonner.***

Once again, a very long title! This book brings together three main histories: MARCH, JOHNS and SOMMERVILLE, and traces them down to present times. A good introduction sets the scene. This publication is then divided into three main parts, exploring the history of each of the families. The book has some nice biographies and an enviable collection of photographs drawn from many sources. The layout was not helped by having the publication title at the top of every left-hand page. An overarching tree or diagram at the beginning would have helped to explain more easily the relationship between the families.



This year's winner of the TT Reed Family History Book of the year Anne Ford holding her publication, *The Families of John and Mary Matilda: The Birkett, Higgins and Shutter Families in England and South Australia*. Congratulations Anne!



The Judging Panel were Andrew Peake (Chair), Nancy Baldock, Barry Horner and Judy Smith.

**Genealogy SA**

**Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 25 October 2023  
7:30pm

# Article of the Year Award for 2022

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By Doreen Kosak

There were 18 articles entered into the Article of the Year Award for 2022, and as always with family history there was a variety of stories, both happy and sad; mysteries to solve; research successes and advice to genealogists. There were also two memories and personal recollections, and one on marriage and relationships in the early days of South Australia's settlement. The authors are commended for their efforts in researching, referencing, and including photographs when available. It is always a pleasure to read and judge the articles and we applaud the authors for recording their family histories for posterity. The judges were members of the Family History Writers Special Interest Group, some of whom are past winners of the TT Reed Family History Award and/or Article of the Year Award, and all are passionate about recording and sharing family history in a published form. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank them for their time and efforts. All authors of entered articles received a certificate with judges' feedback.

This year we have two articles that were considered equal first:

**Judith Deane-Freeman, 'In Defence of Genealogy', *The South Australian Genealogist*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (May 2022), p. 13.**

The author has written a lively article that concisely describes every family historian's experience. From the opening paragraph to its conclusion it is well written and inspiring. This is an excellent, balanced and well-written summary of the benefits of genealogy, the reasons why a defence of genealogy is needed, with touches of humour to which most

family historians can relate. The article explains the subject in question very well. The broad and inclusive scope of some of the article's examples, highlighting the importance of family history in other cultures compared to western culture, was appreciated.

**Darryl Grey, 'Butcher, Baker, Insolvent and Bailiff: The Life and Times of George Milbank', *The South Australian Genealogist*, Vol. 49, No. 3 (August 2022), p. 6.**

This is a very enjoyable article, concise, well written and easy to read. Facts and history were combined to make a well-told story. This is a detailed, well-written and well-researched account of an ancestor. While it could have done with some more formal referencing, some references are mentioned in the text.

The article which was highly commended was:

**Elaine Gifford, 'Memories of Boarding School in the 1950s', *The South Australian Genealogist*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (February 2022), p. 6.**

Through reminiscence the author has written an informative and charming story about life in a South Australian boarding school in the 1950s. Photographs with source citations are an excellent addition. It is detailed and includes some wider historical facts pertaining to South Australia at the time, as well as attitudes and rules that students needed to abide by. This is an interesting and highly readable article. It is well-written, enjoyable to read and easy to follow.



Author of this year's 'Highly Commended' article, Elaine GIFFORD



Author of this year's 'Article of the Year', Judith DEANE-FREEMAN



Author of this year's 'Article of the Year', Darryl GREY



Convenor of the Family History Writers Special Interest Group Doreen KOSAK

# Photographic Corner

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## Sport

Sport is something we cannot avoid being involved in, even if we dislike it. When attending school, we all would have done physical education in some form or another; even playing games at recess could be considered sport. Later many people would participate in amateur or even professional sport, or if not talented enough, may have taken on roles as umpires, coaches, judges or generally helping our favourite clubs in one of the many roles needed for clubs to operate.

Even if you thought that when you left school you could at last leave that 'horrible sport' behind, you discover that your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., get involved and you are required to run them around to various venues and stand on the sidelines to cheer them on or, perish the thought, you get roped in to coaching or managing their team. Sport is especially important in the country, where communities over

large areas come together to play sport and socialise, for many it is one of the few times they get together with other people.

Sport is not only for the abled-bodied. In 1948, when London hosted the Olympics, a first competition was organised for disabled British veterans. This has since blossomed to become today's Paralympics, and has been a catalyst for greater awareness of, and opportunities for, people with disabilities in many diverse areas.

The Genealogy SA Photographic Collection has many sporting photographs which can be located on our Flickr page or Library Catalogue (under 'Quick Links' at the bottom of our website [www.genealogysa.org.au](http://www.genealogysa.org.au)). Instruction leaflets on how best to search for them are available on our webpage under Resources / Handouts [www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/handouts](http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/handouts). The majority of our sporting collection consists of team photographs, and we are striving to expand our 'live action' photographs.



School sport is something we all would have taken part in, and here we have an example of gymnastics taking place on a school oval in Darke Peak, South Australia, 1935 (Sayer Collection, P00197-580).



In country areas, sporting facilities such as ovals, tennis / basketball / netball courts etc., were built to serve the wider community and became the focus of activity on the weekends. This photograph was taken in Jamestown, South Australia in the 1950s (Golding Collection, P00224-095).



A SANFL match between West Adelaide and Norwood in 1925, showing Earl DANSIE taking a mark. Notice the umpire in white on the far right who looks like he wants to take part in the marking contest (Edwards Collection, P00207-05).



A boxer in 1918. Sport was not just for teams. There are many sports which involve one individual against another, none more so than boxing (Hall Album, P00229-002).



A women's seven-a-side basketball team, Richmond, South Australia, 1930s. Did you know that in Australia, netball used to be called basketball up to the 1970s? Can you imagine playing basketball / netball today in such long and restrictive skirts? (Webb Collection, P00123-09).



The Adelaide Iroquois Lacrosse team, 1898 (Robinson Collection, P00190-09-1).



Crystal Pool Swimming Club, Unley, South Australia, 1948. Disability is no barrier to playing sport and the man on the right was part of this winning swimming team despite having only one leg. Although today disabled athletes generally compete against other disabled athletes, we are beginning to see some competing in open events, so this chap was well ahead of the times! (Speer Album, P00217-318).



Typical netball / basketball and football outfits from the 1940s (Hall Collection, P00201-177).



Tom HERRAMAN with other divers at the City Baths in Adelaide, c1950s (Attema Collection, P00097-005F).



Flinders Park Methodist Football Club, 1930. The church was a great supporter of sport, and here we have the Flinders Park Methodist Football Club who were particularly successful in the late 1920s and early 1930s being premiers of the 'A' grade three times—shown here with the 1930 trophy (Webb Collection, P00123-08).



# Can You Help?

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This quarter we have another puzzler for you to ponder.



*This is a photograph of 'Muck Up Day' at Adelaide Boys High, c1950. We would love to know who was part of this 'Kindergarten and Zoo'. If you are able to provide details about any of the people in this photograph, please contact our photographic team via [saghs.photographic@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.photographic@saghs.org.au) (SAGHS Collection, P00102-153F).*



# New Members & Their Research Interests

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If you wish to contact any members listed below, please email the Society at [saghs.members@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.members@saghs.org.au) with your contact details.

BRADOCK, Ms Wendy (**YON**)

BURTON, Mrs Anne (**GROSSET, ULBICH, BALTHASAR**)

CALLANDER, Ms Jeanne (**NAYLOR, CALLANDER**)

CAMPBELL, Mrs Christine (**JUERS, GOWER, ROSENBERG**)

CUTTING, Ms Fi (**MILL, DALTON, MAYNE, CROCKER, ERRINGTON, DAVIS, MATTHEWS, ASHBY, RICHARDS, CRESSARD**)

EASTHAM, Mrs Kathleen (**RAE**)

FERGUSON, Mrs Margaret (**DAWES, ORMEROD**)

FINDLAY, Mrs Wendy (**FINDLAY, PALMER, O'MALLEY, KELLY, GRAY**)

GRIFFIN, Ms Serena (**CRITTENDEN**)

GROSSER, Miss Jessie (**GROSSER**)

GROUT, Mrs Shelley (**JAMES, GROUT, STOWARD, HEWITT, GILBERT, PALLANT, SOUTHWELL**)

HEWTON, Mr Barry (**HEWTON, LAVERY, HART, NEILSON, CARROLL, RYAN, REID, TAMPION**)

ISAIYOU, Ms Sally (**GRIFFIN**)

JAY, Mrs Kathleen (**MOORE**)

JOLLY, Mr Gary (**JOLLY, POULTON**)

KELLY, Mrs Janice (**KNOX, KELLY**)

MASTERTON, Mrs Karin (**HOWE, ELSEBACH, DAVIES, LEWIS**)

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McAULIFFE, Mrs Judy (**McAULIFFE, McCOLIVE**)

McDONALD, Mr Robert (**SEAMAN, STORY**)

MURRAY, Mr John (**MacFARLANE**)

NEILSON, Mrs Elaine (**EASTON, MIDDLEBROOK**)

NELSON, Mrs Jane (**TABE, STOCKWELL**)

NEUMANN, Mr Geoffrey (**NEUMANN, JAENSCH, PAECH, PFEIFFER, SCHULTZ**)

NEWELL, Ms Stephanie (**YOUNG, CARR, NEWELL**)

NOONAN, Ms Martine (**NOONAN, FRAZIER, FRAYZIER, FRAZYER, FRAIZIER**)

OSBORNE, Ms Janet (**OSBORN, OSBORNE, GALE, CARNE, WILSON, MCINLEY, HEWITT**)

PETERS, Mrs Sharon (**PETERS, GOLDING, STEWART**)

ROSE, Miss Natalie (**THOMAS, ROSE, BROWN, DWYER**)

RUSHTON, Mrs Diane (**MENGERSEN, RUSSELL**)

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WAINWRIGHT, Mr Stephen (**WAINWRIGHT**)

WEIR, Mrs Lynette (**MULETEERS**)

WILKINSON, Mr Paul (**REED, ALLEN, HANTKE**)

WITHEYMAN-CRUMP, Mrs Michelle (**JONES, BROWN**)

# Research & Development Committee Update

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by David Ballinger

As 2023 rolls on, the development of databases is continuing at a steady rate. We are progressing towards a more controlled release schedule with a structural re-organisation of the 'back-end' systems. We are hopeful that this will be all in place and working prior to the end of the year. To maintain permanent momentum, we are investigating more potentially interesting projects. Many of these have been suggested to us by members. There will be more on these projects as we move them forward to commencement. If you have any ideas that you believe may have the potential to be a valuable addition to our databases, please do contact me on [saghs.randd@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.randd@saghs.org.au) with the details so we can investigate it further.

## **Newspaper Personal and Other Notices**

As previously stated, our Newspaper Personals database is a long-term project that will have no end. We are now concentrating additional volunteer hours to working on South Australian Newspapers to include the 30 country newspapers. This work has exponentially expanded the amount of data and will give us a solid base for this database heading into the future.

## **Wishing to become a database volunteer?**

We currently have a need for additional volunteers to work on the Schools Admissions project, the Incoming Immigrants (Passengers List) project, or general project volunteer either as a transcriber (data entry) or checker. This

work can be done either in the Society Library or at home. If you wish to work at home, you can either personally pick up and return the files or become a remote volunteer where this is all done by email. In addition, the Headstone renaming project is seeking people to rename headstone image files. Some computer literacy is necessary, but training will be given. If you feel that you can assist in any way, please contact me on [saghs.randd@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.randd@saghs.org.au).

## **External Scanning (Outreach Program)**

This program is continuing locally in Adelaide, with two new sites in Adelaide and two in country areas about to commence. All of the source records previously scanned are progressing their way through our database development processes, with many more being added as new locations for scanning join the program. This includes the long-term records coming from the Uniting Church Historical Society.

## **The Future for Scanning**

We are looking for additional people to be trained to use the scanners to supplement those volunteers already working in the program. Once trained you could be doing scanning in the library or onsite at suburban or country locations. If you feel that you have an aptitude for this type of work, and would like to pursue it further, please email me at [saghs.randd@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.randd@saghs.org.au).

## Working Bees

Our working bees have continued to be popular and all have been resounding successes. So far these working bees have proven to be very successful in completing a large amount of backlog work and adding new volunteers to the teams.

The scheduled working bees for the remainder of 2023 will be held on:

20 August 2023 (Immigrants to South Australia Passenger Lists)

1 October 2023 (General Records)

15 October 2023 (Headstone Images)

5 November 2023 (General Records)

If you haven't been a regular at the working bees over the last two years, and feel that you would like to either resume or start, then please do contact me on [saghs.randd@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.randd@saghs.org.au) to register your interest.

And finally, my thanks to all of the Research & Development Committee, Projects Team Leaders, and all of the volunteers for your continued devoted work during this time. Because of your work, we are in a better position now than ever. Well done!

## David Ballinger FSAGHS

Chairperson

Research & Development Committee

CHARLES HILL- Colonial Painter-1824-1915



*Georgetown S.A. Main Street 1877.*

A fascinating slice of history combined with an equally interesting family genealogy.

## **Charles Hill, Colonial Painter, 1824–1915** by Ian Sellick

This long awaited book on the well-known South Australian colonial painter, Mr Charles Hill, is now finally available. The author has created an extensive archive of Charles Hill's ancestors and descendants along with an extensive look at his early art education, career, and his surprising attempt to open a hotel in Kensington. Through Mr Hill's determination after his arrival in 1854, he established the SA School of Art, SA School of Design and most importantly the SA Society of Art.

Many of his paintings now hang in the Art Gallery of South Australia, Ayers House, and the Whyalla Civic Centre. Mr Hill is most famous for painting many of South Australia's prominent historical events including the magnificent 'Reading the Proclamation', which depicts the ceremony at Glenelg in 1836, and now hangs proudly in the Art Gallery of South Australia. The book is available from the author, Ian Sellick via [cedric@senet.com.au](mailto:cedric@senet.com.au) at a cost of \$27.95 plus postage.

# News from the Special Interest Groups

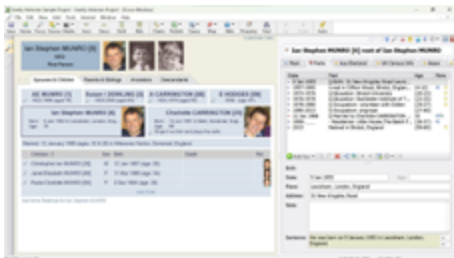
## Family Historian Software Users Group



### About the Family Historian Software

The Family Historian application was developed and is still owned by Calico Pie based in the United Kingdom. The company continues with ongoing development and has an exceedingly responsive support team. There is a very active and friendly user group community with regular contributions to their online forum, knowledge base, and Facebook group.

Family Historian has a user-friendly, easy-to-navigate interface, which allows you to quickly and efficiently add data and images to your family tree so that it is consistent. For the beginner, it feels easy to use, and as you become more confident and familiar with it, you realise the depth of its features.



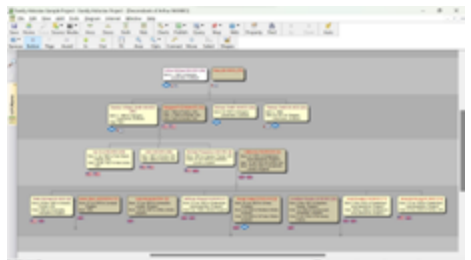
### Focus Window Screen

In Family Historian, not only can you add as many images as you like for each person, but you can also add an image once and link it to each person within the image. The best family photographs are usually those which have more than

one family member in them. In Family Historian, you can link each person to their own face in each image they are in without having to crop your images.

Family Historian supports source-driven data entry, utilising source templates to facilitate consistent and more accurate recording of source information. Family Historian's word processing features, which can be used with notes, source transcriptions ('text from source') and research notes, include: fonts and text styles, tables, embedded source citations, record and web links, embedded hash tags, plus much more. The 'Find and Replace' tool allows text to be found and replaced throughout a project—either in specified text fields, or all text fields, with confirmations for each one if required.

Diagrams and charts are tightly integrated and used for browsing, exploring, and editing. You can click-and-drag on boxes to add relatives (parents, siblings, and children) directly into your family history database. In each case the diagram will automatically adjust to accommodate the change.



A chart showing flags for places of birth & death as well as UK census years.

## About the Family Historian Software Special Interest Group

The Family Historian Software SIG is a friendly group who meet to help each other develop our skills in using this application. We also help each other with different technical aspects of family history and family history recording. Our online meetings are interesting and informative, as well as interactive. To find out more, join us at our next user group meeting at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. We welcome current users or members who are interested in exploring the possibilities of using Family Historian as their family history application of choice.

Co-Convenors: Malcolm Kingston & Trish McHugh

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## Irish Group

We continue to hold our meetings on Zoom, which means we can welcome members from interstate and regional South Australia. There are currently around 125 members of the Irish SIG, and we are always keen to hear from our members about their family research. We have started collecting data on our members' research interests and this has been put together in a database and distributed to our members. Approximately 25 to 30 members usually join us for our monthly zoom meetings.

In June we had a group discussion on using the features of Ancestry, Find My Past, and My Heritage. We looked at the differences and similarities of Ancestry and My Heritage in relation to DNA and we looked at the record collections of these three providers. As always, it was great to hear from our members as to how they use online collections to help their research.

At our May meeting we went back to basics—this talk concentrated on how to go about finding places and people. Irish research can be difficult as, unlike England, Wales, and Scotland, there are no complete census records for the nineteenth century. This means we need to use what are often called census substitutes. The most important of these is the Primary Valuation which was the first full-scale valuation of property in Ireland. This was conducted between 1847 and 1864 and covered the whole of the island. We also looked at the other steps one can take to find locations for our Irish families.

April was Co. Tipperary and Co. Clare month—we focused on resources specific for these counties. We also examined the land divisions, including civil parishes and Catholic parishes, and what records are available. We looked at how to access workhouse records and National School Registers. RYAN was (and probably still is) the most common surname in the Co. Tipperary—in the 1901 census there were 11,176 RYANs—MAHER, the next most common name, had 2,986. In Co. Clare in 1901 the names RYAN, MURPHY, O'BRIEN, and KEANE were the most common.

Convenor: Paula Ritchie

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## Germanic & Continental European Group

Winter has meant the return to Zoom-only meetings, and we appreciate this technology that enables us to share our meetings on cold, wet nights with members far and wide. Usually, the recording of the meeting is sent out and available to be viewed until the next meeting; this is helpful if the meeting has been missed or if you wish to check some

details. We like to have a variety of topics and are always interested in new ideas.

Zoom requires a camera on your computer and enough data allowance not to incur an extra cost to you. If you are not familiar with Zoom, please just contact the Convenors. The GCE SIG meetings commence soon after 7.00 pm with the presentation starting at 7.30 pm and lasting about an hour, with encouragement for questions and discussion after the talk.

Our May meeting was presented by member Philip Mann who shared the technical resources he used in determining his great-grandfather's baptismal record. Our mutually helpful group enjoys finding answers to locating records and trying to translate them.

In June, Kingsley Neumann shared a 2014 adventure to Nekla, Poland. Jerzy and Łukasz Osypiuk were the tour guides showing them the relevant points of family history. Kingsley's well-illustrated talk refreshed the memories of other members, particularly Pat Button who had travelled in this area. Kingsley also discussed the family history research started by his father many years before and continued by Kingsley. Google Translate is a wonderful tool available free of charge—Kingsley demonstrated this for translating signs, a great help when travelling. Gothic script can be translated, but it does not always recognise all the letters, and this may give an inaccurate translation.

Nekla and Nekla Hauland were Prussian areas from where many immigrants departed for South Australia in the mid-1800s. These areas were returned to Poland after World War II, at which time all German residents in the borderlands were forced to leave and Polish people

were forced to take up residence. The painting 'Our Land' by Andrzej Strumillo, depicted on the cover of Dr Anitta Maksymowicz's book *Prussian Past—Polish Present*, illustrates these difficulties. This book is available from the Genealogy SA office for \$20.

For our excursion on 24 June 2023, it was a clear day in the Barossa Valley with a strong icy wind. The GCE SIG had arranged a trip to Eudunda. The Family Heritage Gallery was most impressive with its extensive collection of early memorabilia, family and local area history. The original Gosling Cottage on site gives an excellent impression of how life was in the past. Volunteers Joy and Hedley Scholz and Yvonne Rhode made us very welcome and shared their years of knowledge. The Gallery is a credit to the volunteers who care for it. Our lunch at Kooky's Katering, housed in the old Eudunda Club (within the German Unterhaltungs Club building, established in 1888), was ideal.



GCE SIG members having lunch at Kooky's Katering in Eudunda.



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass, with its gold spire



Rear view of the former Government School in Eudunda.



Shirley Frost and her sister Dawn Goldney in front of the sewing room at the former Eudunda Government School where their grandmother was a teacher in 1915 (All images courtesy of Wolfgang Preiss).



Julie Weckert playing the Lemke organ with Lynn Schutz watching.

Then we went on to Point Pass Immanuel Lutheran Church, where we met Lyn Schutz who opened the beautiful old church with the South Australian-made 1876 Lemke Organ. It was so nice to hear Julie Weckert play the organ. The Immanuel and Emmaus cemeteries were visited on the way back to Eudunda, where we located the old Government School in Ward Street, Eudunda (now a private residence). Despite the cold wind, everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

We look forward to a group discussion in July and a variety of topics until the end of the year. Please contact the Convenors if you would like to share your Continental European Family History.

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## Scotland Group

'Stories of Hardship, Misadventure and Misfortune' was the topic for our June meeting. We had two excellent presentations from group members: firstly, from Bob Perry about members of his MORRISON family who came to South Australia in 1855. After a short period in Adelaide, they moved to Worlds End near Burra in the mid-north and obtained employment as shepherds. Subsequently they moved to Burra which was a booming mining centre at that time. Tragically, one of the family members, a child, drowned in a well, and his mother also drowned attempting to rescue her son. Bob has found it difficult to find information about his first generation, who were very poor when they left Scotland, in sources such as Trove or land records. However, their children, who were able to establish themselves, often were able to purchase land or a business so more information about them is available in historical records.

Terry Duggin followed with stories from his family. Some had endured significant hardship on the journey to South Australia, losing children to disease during the voyage. One part of Terry's family was involved in sheep stealing in the south east, eventually being caught by an undercover police operation, convicted in court, and serving a period in gaol. A common link between Bob and Terry's presentations was that their families had both come to South Australia from the islands under the Highland and Island Emigration Scheme.

It was evident from the presentations that for many families, life in the colony in the early years was not easy. It wasn't uncommon for children to die in their infancy, for a parent to die at an early age, for a family member to suffer an

accidental death or even take their own life. Discovering these events does add interest to family history research and often a degree of sadness that comes from understanding what has been endured by our family in the past.

We also discussed the progress with the register of group members' research interests. Already we have found members that have people in common in their respective trees, or a connection with the same family name, or with ancestors who arrived on the same ship. Society members who are not members of the Scotland group but have Scottish families that they are researching, are also welcome to participate in the register. They can send an email to [saghs.scotland@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.scotland@saghs.org.au) and I will forward a copy of the template for them to complete.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 6 August 2023 when the topic will be 'Scotland's Census Records—what can we learn?'

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# What's On

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## AUGUST 2023

- 2 **Wednesdays@1:** Researching at the Australian War Memorial
- 2 **Computer Users Group:** General questions
- 3 **England Group:** Free passage to paradise
- 6 **Scotland Group:** Scotland's census records—what can we learn?
- 8 **Family Historian Software Users Group:** TBA
- 9 **Germanic & Continental European Group:** Stories from the Beehive Corner—The De Rose Family: A Huguenot Connection, presented by Philip Thomas
- 14 **Ireland Group:** TBA
- 16 **DNA in Family History Group:** Why aren't I Greek? An NPE case study, presented by Selina Lucarini
- 17 **Family History Writers Group:** TBA
- 19 **SAGHS 50th Anniversary Dinner**
- 20 **Genealogy SA Working Bee:** Passenger Lists

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- 5 **Twilight Talks:** MyHeritage Hints and Tips
- 6 **Computer Users Group:** TBA
- 7 **England Group:** TBA
- 11 **Ireland Group:** TBA

- 12 **Family Historian Software Users Group:** TBA
- 13 **Germanic & Continental European Group:** Three generations of Kieszling watchmaker/jewellers and the couple who began it all, presented by Melinda Brindle
- 20 **DNA in Family History Group:** TBA
- 21 **Family History Writers Group:** TBA

## OCTOBER 2023

- 1 **Genealogy SA Working Bee:** General Records
- 1 **Scotland Group:** TBA
- 4 **Computer Users Group:** TBA
- 4 **Wednesdays @ 1:** TBA
- 5 **England Group:** TBA
- 9 **Ireland Group:** TBA
- 10 **Family Historian Software Users Group:** TBA
- 11 **Germanic & Continental European Group:** Silesia in Spring: a tour of Hübner & Winter villages between Legnica and Wrocław, presented by Elanna Herbert
- 15 **Genealogy SA Working Bee:** Headstone Images
- 18 **DNA in Family History Group:** TBA
- 19 **Family History Writers Group:** TBA
- 22 **Open Day**
- 25 **Annual General Meeting**

## NOVEMBER 2023

- 1 **Computer Users Group:** TBA
- 2 **England Group:** TBA
- 5 **Genealogy SA Working Bee:** General Records
- 7 **Twilight Talks:** TBA
- 8 **Germanic & Continental European Group:** TBA
- 13 **Ireland Group:** TBA
- 14 **Family Historian Software Users Group:** TBA
- 15 **DNA in Family History Group:** TBA
- 16 **Family History Writers Group:** TBA

### Special Interest Groups

Meetings of Special Interest Groups are held regularly each month online through Zoom or in the Genealogy SA Library at 201 Unley Road, Unley.

For more information on joining a Zoom meeting please contact the Genealogy SA office on (08) 8272 4222, [saghs.admin@saghs.org.au](mailto:saghs.admin@saghs.org.au) or visit the Genealogy SA online Events Calendar [www.genealogysa.org.au/whats-on/events-calendar](http://www.genealogysa.org.au/whats-on/events-calendar).

### Regular Meeting Dates

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## Biographies

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*Edith May Glanville nee Morrison 1871–1966: a remarkable woman* REF/GLA/A/  
by Shirley Anthony BIOG

## Cemeteries

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*East Wellington Cemetery South Australia: Death records 1840–1895; District Council Burial records 1895–2000; Including Bedford Cemetery* REF/CEM/SA  
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## Family Histories

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*GADE in Australia* by John Eamer FH Cabinet - G

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## Indexes

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*The Advertiser approaching marriages and marriages 1959 extracted* by Ian Shillabeer REF/MAR/SA/  
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## Local Histories

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<b><i>Eleven Thousand Nurses: a history of nursing education at the Royal Adelaide Hospital 1889–1993</i></b> by Joan Durdin	LH/DUR/ADE	2nd copy
<b><i>Andamooka, Then &amp; Now</i></b> by Secondary Students of Andamooka Area School	LH/ANDA-MOOKA	2nd copy
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<b><i>Kingston Flashbacks Part II: Centenary of District Council of Lacepede 1873–1973</i></b> compiled by Jessie M Banks	LH/KINGSTON	
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<b><i>Celebrating 90 years of Parish Life: the Anglican Church of Australia, St Theodore's Church, Toorak Gardens 1914–2004</i></b> by the 90th Dedication Committee	LH/TOORAK GARDENS	
<b><i>Uraidla: hope you haven't forgotten this township?</i></b> by Geoffrey C Bishop	LH/URAILDA	
<b><i>A History of Whyalla Town Primary School, 1905–1993</i></b> by K W Thompson	LH/WHYALLA	

## Reference Australia

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<b><i>My Ancestor was in an Asylum: a brief guide to asylum records in Australia and New Zealand</i></b> by Shauna Hicks	REF/HIC/A	2nd copy
<b><i>From the ground up : Boral's first 50 years</i></b> by Stephanie King	REF/KIN/A	

## Reference England

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<b><i>The Registers of the Parish of St Mary Lancaster 1801–1820</i></b> by The Lancashire Parish Register Society	REF/LAN/ENG/LAN	
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***Because of their Beliefs: emigration from Prussia to Australia*** REF/IWA/GER 2nd copy  
by W Iwan

## Reference International

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***A Scrapbook of British India 1877–1947*** by Charles Allen REF/ALL/IND

## Reference Ireland

***The Domestic Linen Industry in Ulster*** by W H Crawford REF/ROU/IRL

## Reference New South Wales

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***Pioneers and Settlers in the Police District of Kiama NSW Prior to 1920*** REF/KIA/NSW  
by Kiama Family History Centre

## Reference Shipping

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***Sailing to South Australia: 1859, 1864 & 1867, Four Months at Sea, The Farndell Family Diaries*** REF/SCR/  
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by Garry Scroop

## Reference South Australia

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***The Cornish in Public Life: papers from the 2023 Biennial Cornish History Seminar edited*** REF/COR/SA  
by Noel Carthew

***More than Miners: Cornish essays from South Australia*** REF/LOK/SA  
by Jan Lokan and Phillip Payton

***Biographical Register of South Australian Surveyors: 1836 to 1936*** REF/PEA/SA 2 copies  
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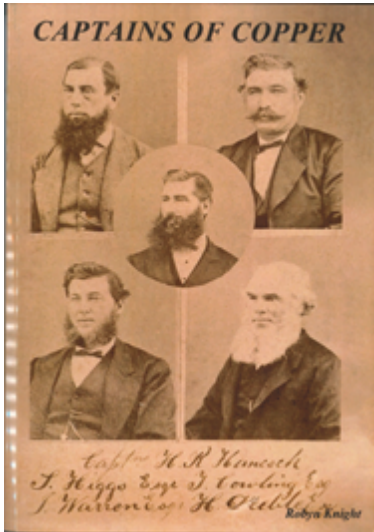
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# Book Review

## Captains of Copper

by Barry Horner



**Robyn Knight, *Captains of Copper: biographies of mine captains of the Copper Triangle, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia, Moonta History Centre and National Trust of South Australia, Moonta Branch, 2023***

Robyn Knight's book contains an impressive list of mining captains associated with the Copper Triangle, an area in South Australia's Northern York Peninsula, bounded by the towns of Wallaroo, Kadina, and Moonta. The foreword has been given by Philip Payton, a Cornish-Australian historian and Adjunct Professor of History, Flinders University. In his foreword Philip Payton gives a potted history of Cornish mining captains, a useful context leading to the portrayal of these legendary men.

As the principal focus of the book, Robyn has provided an extensive biography of substantially over a hundred mining captains, detailing dates of birth, marriages and deaths of these men and their family members, including parents, wives' parents, siblings, children, and more. Also included are newspaper reports pertaining directly to the biography of the subject.

The detail of the book reflects considerable research and without doubt, fulfills one of the Moonta History Trust's objectives of providing a resource for people researching the history of any copper-mining captain within their family lines. Notwithstanding this intent, as a matter of deliberate choice, the book has no 'formal academic referencing'. The reasons given were to contain the size of the book, and to ensure its reading ease. Consequently, there are also no footnotes or endnotes. It is uncertain how providing a resource, but with little referencing, is reconciled. The book does contain a general bibliography.

Much of the biographical data is supported with press documentation, commonly shown in substantial detail. This is particularly the case for thirty pages of 'stories arising from research into the captains' which appears near the end of the book. Press documentation is referenced.

While there is an index of considerable length, it is limited to people's names. It would have been useful to have included other proper nouns, such as names of places, mines, and ships. The index itself has been written in a cellular form as if originally developed in Microsoft Excel.

Towards the end of the book are three very useful pages of maps, sourced from the records of the Moonta History Centre. The first is an excellent line drawing of the Moonta Mines Heritage Area. Mine shafts shown on the map have been highlighted in yellow to assist readers. The second map shows the greater Moonta area, and the final map shows the greater areas of Wallaroo and Kadina.

The book is in A4 format and packed with information. No doubt it will be a welcome addition to the resources and archives of the Moonta History Trust.

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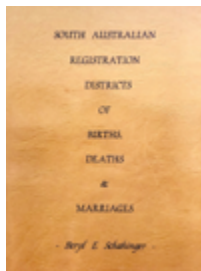
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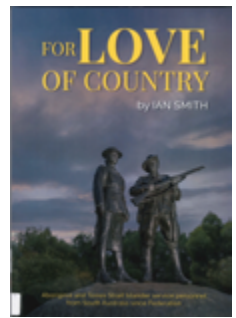


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