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Volunteers from BBFHS will research family history relevant to the Sutherland Shire for non-members: minimum fee of \$20 (first hour) and \$20 per hour thereafter.

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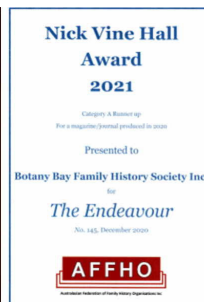
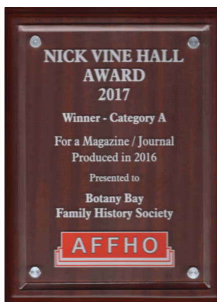
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# CALENDAR



Members are advised to check latest details on our Events Calendar at [www.botanybayfhs.org.au](http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au) or see your BBFHS eNEWS.

2023

- Jun 3** Scottish Interest Group – 2-4pm Research Centre
- Jun 7** **Meeting – 7.30pm Tradies. Louise Speding from Cold Case.**  
*Hartley Vale Cemetery: Unmarked Graves*
- Jun 12** King’s Birthday Public Holiday (Centre closed, Monday)
- Jun 20** **Education Class. 10.30am-Noon.** Research Centre.  
**Kate Anderson** *New Zealand Family Research*  
**John Levy** *Jewish Family Research*
- Jun 21** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.** BBFHS Member  
Stories. *New Zealand Connections*
- Jun 24** Irish Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom & Research Centre
- Jul 4** Legacy Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Jul 5** **Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Helen Baggott (UK)** *Posted in the  
Past*
- Jul 8** English Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom
- Jul 19** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Jenny Joyce** *Cite  
Builder*
- Jul 22** DNA Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Zoom
- Jul 27** Writers Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Research Centre
- Aug 2** **Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Sue Swalwell (UK)** *Do As I Say, Not  
as I Did: Reflections of An Imperfect Genealogist*
- Aug 5** Scottish Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Aug 15** Family Tree Maker Interest Group – 1.30-3.30pm Zoom
- Aug 16** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.** *Walking in Their  
Shoes - BBFHS member Stories*
- Aug 19** Australian Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom
- Aug 26** Irish Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom & Research Centre
- Sep 5** Legacy Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Sep 6** **Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm Tradies. Gillian Lewis**  
(National Maritime Museum) *Japanese Midget Submarine  
Attack*
- Sep 8-10** **State Conference at Wyong. See ad.** *Details to be advised.*
- Sep 20** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.** *Members’ DNA  
stories*

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Well, I have finally joined the growing list of members who have had the misfortune to catch Covid. Even though I was fortunate to be given anti-viral medication immediately I tested positive, I have remained unwell more than a week after finishing the medication. And because we are not hearing daily updates it is easy to become complacent, so it is timely to remind everyone that Covid is still out there. In NSW, for the week leading up to 27 April, there were 1285 people in hospital with Covid, 36 of whom were in ICU, and the number of positive tests was 11,745.

At the Research Centre we continue to apply Covid cleanliness rules – all desks, keyboard and mice are sanitised at the end of each day. The veranda doors are opened for fresh air, and we continue to ask that you sanitise your hands with the available hand sanitisers at the administration desk, as well social distancing.

On a cheerier note, I would like to remind you that the first Botany Bay FHS Lyndal **Holland** Writing Competition is now open to all members. You will only have until 31 July to submit an entry on the topic of **My/Our First Ancestor Who Arrived in Australia**. Entry forms can be downloaded from the BBFHS website. First prize is \$400, and a runner-up will receive \$200. It is hoped that many of you will enter the competition and kick start what is hoped to be an annual event whether you are an experienced writer or not.

A big thank you to all the members who volunteered at the Heritage Fair last month. Sadly, visitor numbers were down on past Fairs and Committee is now looking at other options for promoting BBFHS during the annual National Trust Heritage Month including only holding the Heritage Fair biannually.

Numbers are also very much down for members attending the quarterly Tradies meetings and with winter just around the corner we expect a further drop in attendees. The fact we have dropped from 93 in March 2020 to 43 in March 2023 is very concerning and Committee is considering moving the quarterly meeting to the smaller Kai'Mia Room for the remainder of the year as well as the possibility of dropping the Tradies meetings altogether next year in favour of quarterly morning tea get-togethers in the Community Hall next to our Research Centre.

Finally, if you have visited the BBFHS website recently you will have noticed our Member's Area has been given a name change to The Members Lounge – the concept being a place to visit and to sit back and enjoy the offerings of this private area for the members of BBFHS.

Jennie Fairs

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## NOTES AND NEWS

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**Trove Funding.** After our warnings in the March edition of *The Endeavour* about funding cuts to *Trove* we are very pleased to announce that \$33 million has been allocated by the Labor government to ward off its closure, with \$9.2m ongoing and indexed funding from July 2027. Many groups in the community pressured the government to achieve this result.

**Can't find a London street?** The website at <https://tinyurl.com/45wdrzx7> has a database of London streets that have had a name change.

**Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS** has a document listing school admission records at [School admission records.pdf - Google Drive](#) that they hold. Marie Green of the Society has kindly shared the list.



The 2023 Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies will be hosted by Wyong Family History Group <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/> on the 8, 9 and 10 September 2023.

This year's theme is 'The Running Waters of History'. The Conference website is <https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>, although there is little content yet. For those wanting to attend in person, **early bird registrations cut off at 30 June.**

It is very likely that Botany Bay FHS will run a virtual conference at the Research Centre, with input direct from Wyong, in a similar manner to last year, which was very successful. Stay tuned for details.

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# NOT EVERYTHING IS ONLINE

by Jennie Fairs (President)

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Our CD Collection at the Research Centre is a very underused resource and, while some of the CD indexes can be found online through Ancestry and FindMyPast, the corresponding CDs that we have hold far more material than that available online.

The Cemetery collection alone includes full headstone transcriptions as well as maps. In particular, the Newcastle Family History Society has gone beyond the norm of transcribing just cemetery headstones and burial records by joining the entries to supplementary material including newspaper reports of funerals, magisterial inquiries, newspaper obituaries and district news regarding accidents and deaths, as well as detailed histories of the various cemeteries.

Among the cemeteries they have recorded that we hold are Old Wallsend (1863-1896), [New] Wallsend (1896-2008), Stockton (1890-2005), Newcastle West Wesleyan Methodist Burial Ground (1858-1881), Roman Catholic Burial Ground (1842-1881) and Presbyterian Burial Ground (1844-1881) and a collection of 23 small cemeteries of the Hunter Valley. There is a wealth of material among these records that are not available online.

Another great resource is that of the facsimile edition of the Manly Cemetery Transcripts (1845-1993) which includes 6000 graves and 12,558 entries dating back more than 150 years. And, again, information you won't find online.

And, if your ancestor was one of the many thousands that went to the NSW goldfields, we have the Hill End and Tambaroora Pioneer Register on CD - another very detailed document that is available to our members that will not be found online.

The following table lists the Australian CD Collection. Do any of these have the information you need? The next edition of *The Endeavour* will cover the Overseas CD Collection.

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Police Gazette New South Wales 1896	AN.SOU.12.9CD
Liverpool Asylum Index Vol 1 1859-1883	AN.SOU.13.1CD
Liverpool Asylum Index Vol 2 1882-1894	AN.SOU.13.2CD
Liverpool Asylum Indexes Vol 3 1874-1890, Vol 5 1898-1902	AN.SOU.13.3CD
Liverpool Asylum Index Volume 5 1890-1893; Volume 6 1893-1897	AN.SOU.13.4CD
Liverpool Asylum Index 1882-1902	AN.SOU.13.5CD

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Sand's Sydney and Suburban Directory 1875	AN.SOU.15.3CD
New South Wales Country Directory 1899-1900 (Hall's)	AN.SOU.15.4CD
New South Wales Post Office Directory 1900 (Wise's)	AN.SOU.15.5CD
New South Wales Telephone Directory Section 7 North-North	AN.SOU.15.6CD
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Yewen's Directory of Landholders New South Wales 1900	AN.SOU.17.5CD
Pastoral Possessions of New South Wales	AN.SOU.17.6CD
First Title Holders of Land in the Counties of Cumberland &	AN.SOU.17.7aCD
First Title Holders of Land in the Counties of Camden Cook Hunter	AN.SOU.17.7bCD
First Title Holders of Land in the Counties of St. Vincent, Argyle, Westmoreland, Roxburgh, Phillip and Brisbane	AN.SOU.17.7cCD
Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands NSW Mining	AN.SOU.17.8CD



Districts 1874- Old Register One to Nine - The registers of assignments and other	AN.SOU.17.9CD
Pastkeys Miscellaneous Indexes - Unclaimed Letters (Noting Ship or Regiment) Index 1836-1852;	AN.SOU.20.1CD
Unemployed Registers 1860, 1884 Index;	
Toowong Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions	AQ.SOU.5.4066.1CD
Commonwealth Electoral Roll Queensland 1913	AQ.SOU.7.1CD
Commonwealth Electoral Roll Queensland 1922	AQ.SOU.7.2CD
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Death Index Victoria 1921-1985	AV.SOU.4.3CD
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Melbourne General Cemetery: Index and Transcriptions of Monumental Inscriptions to 1989	AV.SOU.5.3000.1CD
<b>Atlas</b>	
Baillieres New South Wales Gazetteer and Road Guide 1870	G.ATL. AN.1.1CD
Sydney Street Directory 1924 (Wilson's)	G.ATL. AN.3.1CD
<b>Biography</b>	
Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer Register To 1920	G.BIOG.4N.1CD
Moruya Pioneer Directory	G.BIOG.4N.2CD
Bathurst Pioneers	G.BIOG.4N.3CD

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Convicts & Employers (NSW) Index 1828,1832-33, Jan 1838-Jan 1844	G.CONV.SOU.6CD
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# BBFHS EDUCATION PROGRAM

by Carol **Cronan** and Lilian **Magill** (Educators)

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Education is part of our daily lives as family historians and this was very obvious with our recent class on Tracing Land Records. Whilst we had eleven people booked for the class, several more members came on the day to participate. The class was lead by Jeff **Madsen** and his explanation of the various jargon, sites and steps involved in searching NSW Land Records was much appreciated by those in attendance. Jeff's mantra of 'Patience' when searching these records is one we all need to observe if we are to be successful in tracing the history of land involved in our family's story.



Botany Bay members at the Tracing Land Records class (photo: Carol Cronan)

Because our class, Tracing Your Convict Ancestors, was postponed in February Lilian Magill did a make up class in April. This was informative and opened the possibilities of many previously under-utilised resources to the class members. There was certainly a lot of appreciation for Lilian's show and tell and I am sure many of the class raced home to do some serious homework on their convict ancestors.

Our next class is in June on Tracing your New Zealand and Jewish relatives. Kate **Anderson** and John **Levy** have very kindly agreed to guide us in this research. Making better use of Word for your Family Story is our October class and will be lead by our President, Jennie **Fairs**. Details of the class dates and times are available on the BBFHS website and are regularly mentioned in the eNEWS.

**In order to make the administration and delivery of these classes easier for all we now require registration to be done at the latest by the Friday prior to the class.** This enables the presenter to prepare handouts and other resources as required as well as enabling the Research Centre to be set up appropriately for the number of participants. Should registrations be less than four on the Friday there is a strong possibility that the class will be cancelled or postponed.

There are many educational opportunities available to us all via online delivery and I would urge all of you to keep an eye on the eNEWS where many of these are advertised. Museums of History NSW (State Records comes under this umbrella now) has many webinars advertised as does the State Library of NSW. All of these are relatively short in duration but extremely helpful in navigating the sites.

Please remember to let one of the Committee or either Lilian Magill or me know should you have any suggested topics for Education classes. We want the classes to be as useful as possible and therefore encourage your input. Likewise if you have a topic you would like to share with our members please let us know. We can be contacted via the Committee members who will forward on any requests or suggestions.



Lyn Phillips at the Tracing Your Convict Ancestors class (photo: Carol Cronan)



## **RESEARCH CENTRE OPENING TIMES**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 10 am to 2 pm**

**First and third Saturdays – 10 am to 2 pm**

**Closed Public Holidays**

**Please phone 9523 8948 if you plan to go in after midday.**

**When researching, please ask for help if you need it – it is why the Centre assistants are there and they like to help.**

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# THE DROGHER – *MY IDEA*

by Greg Jackson (Sutherland Historical Society)

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This article is about an unusual boat, *My Idea*, built by David Chappelow on Sheas Creek, Tempe. Chappelow was the great grandfather of Ian Annabel, a member of both Botany Bay FHS and Sutherland Historical Society. Ian supplied much of the information for this article.

*My Idea* was a type of boat called a drogher. In Australia, a drogher is a simple steam powered barge with a flat bottom and large deck area. It was driven by paddle wheels powered by a wood fired steam engine in what could best be described as a shed at the aft end. Some droghers had a wheelhouse and a derrick for handling heavy cargos. Before the coming of trains and motorised transport they were the workhorses of the northern rivers of New South Wales moving all manner of cargoes, especially timber from the river's shallow upper reaches to the timber mills, then downstream to waiting ocean-going steamers. They were not things of beauty but strongly built for a hard life.



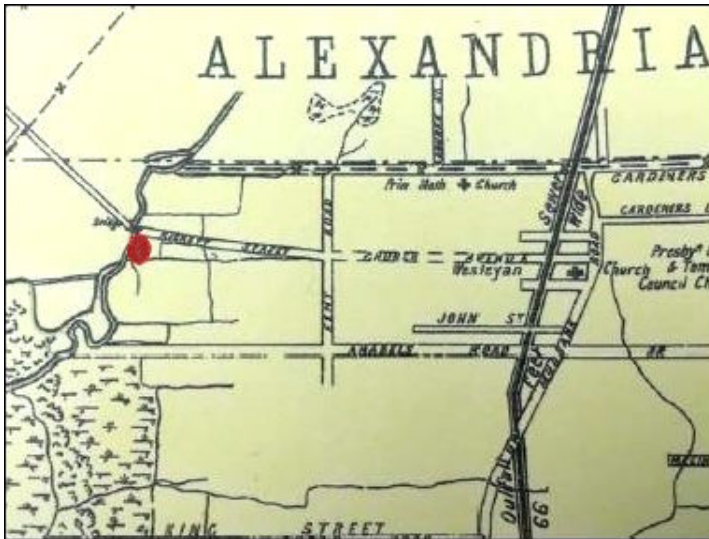
A typical steam paddlewheel drogher on the Clarence River, New South Wales  
(photo: Greg Jackson)

*My Idea* was launched in 1883 from Chappelow's property on Sheas Creek, Tempe (later to become the unfinished Alexandra Canal). With a burden of 50 tons at 18.5 m length, a beam of 5 m (and drawing a skimpy 0.6 m she was, unusually,

powered by a 5000 Watt (8hp, nominal) engine with a vertical boiler, and was also fitted with a mast and a cutter rig.<sup>1</sup> Droghers, like the one shown above were common on the northern rivers of NSW and the remains of many droghers can still be seen along the riverbanks. All drogher wrecks viewed by the author, have horizontal Scotch boilers and no evidence of sail power. Unusually the steam engine on *My Idea* also powered a circular saw to cut wood.<sup>2</sup> Most droghers were used solely to transport goods, not as a work platform.

In 1885 *My Idea* travelled to the Hawkesbury to work. She was reported to have travelled from Port Jackson to Broken Bay using steam and sail power in 'a little over four hours'.<sup>3</sup> *My Idea* apparently created something of a sensation on the Hawkesbury being the only drogher on the river although there were several reported in the Myall Lakes further north. It is not known how much work was available for *My Idea* on the Hawkesbury, but she was sold by Chappelow to the NSW Government in 1891.<sup>4</sup>

*My Idea* was not David Chappelow's only boat. In 1878, from his property on Sheas Creek, he launched the cutter *Surprise* with a burden of 12 tons. *Surprise* had a length of 15.2 m and a beam of 4.9 m. After a life of 13 years it was broken up at Duck Creek, Parramatta in 1891.<sup>5</sup>



David Chappelow's property on Sheas Creek (in red). From 1887, the Creek was converted into the unfinished Alexandria Channel.<sup>3</sup> Note Anabel (sic) Road, named after Ian Annabel's family. (Map: Historic Parish Map Alexandria, undated)

As well as working as a limeburner<sup>6</sup> and using his boats to deliver lime, wood<sup>7</sup> and other general cargo, David Chappelow had other occupations. At the



death of his father in 1887 he acted as undertaker<sup>6</sup> and the newspapers record that he had a lifelong interest in horse racing and breeding.<sup>7</sup> He even sold ferrets for 10 shillings each.<sup>8</sup> All this industry paid off; Chappelow prospered, letting out two cottages in 1887.<sup>9</sup>

David Chappelow died in May 1921 at the age of 79 after a long and eventful life. His great grandson, Ian Annabel of Oyster Bay, tells more of the family history in the next article.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We offer a warm welcome to the following new Society members. Please take advantage of your membership by attending meeting nights, classes and the Research Centre (please ask for help if you need it).

1909	Gillian Britton	Sandringham
1910	Bill King	Caringbah
1911	Jennifer Bradley	Heathcote
1912	Warren Saxelby	Cronulla
1913	Stewart Mailer	Cronulla
1914	Gail Wright	Caringbah South
1915	Jennifer Pearce	Kareela
1916	Lorraine Hall	Kirrawee
1917	Dennis Batchelor	Loftus
1918	Margaret Batchelor	Loftus

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# 100 YEARS OF FAMILY HISTORY – THE CHAPPELWS AND THE ANNABELS

by Ian Annabel (Member)

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I grew up in Mascot, New South Wales in the 1940s, when the district still had many dairy farms, market gardens, swamps and sandhills. Most weekends my family walked to visit my grandmother's large market garden located alongside the Mascot aerodrome. Bunnerong Power Station railway was on the southern boundary and Sheas Creek to the west. She employed her five sons and five Chinese gardeners to grow and transport the produce.

The planes, steam train, creek, horses and Chinese workers were fascinating to a young boy. The Chinese lived in a single room shed on the property. I helped wash the mainly root vegetables, tying them in bunches of 13 (counting in Cantonese) with flax grown on the property. I would occasionally ride on the horse-drawn cart to Paddy's market with the vegetables and return with a load of horse manure from the Dairy Farmers Stables in Harris Street, Ultimo.

Many years after my grandmother and parents had passed away, I received a phone call from the Botany Bay Historical Trust asking if I knew about a road called Anabels [sic] Road, as they were researching road name origins. I found that one of the main east-west roads, Coward Street, which passed the Annabel house, was originally named Anabels Road. It was changed to Coward Street by Mayor **Coward** when the suburb changed its name from North Botany to Mascot.

This prompted me to research my family history, tracing all ancestors back six generations to their arrival in the colony. The earliest was on the second fleet ship *Neptune*, the same ship on which John and Elizabeth **Macarthur** were passengers, but my ancestor was on a lower deck with the convicts. In all I found fourteen convicts and the rest were free settlers.

The **Chappelow** family came to the colony in 1849 when David, my great grandfather was eight years old. They settled on a farm at Wolli Creek close to Tempe House before purchasing 47 hectares from Jonathan **Croft** at Kogarah Bay. Nine years later they sold the property to William **Carss**, and the family moved back to Wolli Creek. The property later became the suburb of Carss Park.

David Chappelow was involved in water transport using his droghers such as *My Idea* to carry lime, timber and quarried stone on the Georges River, Botany Bay and Cooks River. He married Jane Murphy **Scully**, the daughter of convicts, at St Peters Church, St Peters. The suburb of St Peters was built around and named after the third Anglican church in Australia. It was the first not built by convict labour



and is still in operation. Monthly tours of the church and graveyard discuss the lives of the early colonists. Many of my ancestors were christened, married and buried there. The Chappelows settled on a property adjacent to Ricketty Street Bridge, that extended from Ricketty Street to Anabels Road, North Botany alongside Sheas Creek where David conducted his business.

One of their daughters, Sarah Jane Chappelow was my grandmother. She married my grandfather, Albert Clement Annabel at St Peters Church. His family came from Nottinghamshire in 1845 as free settlers. They lived in Mary Street, at the western end of Ricketty Street, Tempe working as brick pit operators, carriers and gardeners. My grandparents set up the market garden adjacent to David's property in Kent Street, North Botany long before the aerodrome was there. Albert died in 1923, and my grandmother ran the market garden by herself until her death in 1948.



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# CAPTAIN RICHARD WILLIAM EVANS

by Beryl **Bauld** (Member)

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On 6 August, 1915, the British army made an amphibious landing at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was part of the August Offensive, which was the final Allied attempt to break the stalemate in the Battle of Gallipoli. The landing was designed to support a breakout from the ANZAC sector 8 km to the south.

Although initially successful, against fairly light opposition, the landing at Suvla was mismanaged from the outset and quickly reached a stalemate. On 15 August, after a week of indecision and inactivity, the British commander Lt-General Sir Frederick **Stopford** was dismissed. Wikipedia states: ‘his performance in command is often considered one of the most incompetent feats of generalship of the 1st World War.’

Richard William **Evans** (5 February 1863 – 29 November 1937) was the great grandfather of my children. Richard, at that time a lieutenant in the 5th Welsh Regiment and the Regimental Quarter Master, served at Suvla Bay. His performance, as shown in the accompanying letter from his superior officer, was exemplary.

As the letter also relates, he was evacuated sick from Gallipoli. In a way he was lucky – he had developed dysentery and was moved to Lemnos Island. I think that it probably saved his life!



Captain Richard William Evans  
(photo: Bauld family album)

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British Expeditionary Force,  
France.

25th February, 1917.

I have known Lt. & Qr.Mr. R. W. Evans for nearly four years.

He joined the 5th Welsh Regt.(T.F.) and was with it when the Batt. mobilised in August 1914 until he was evacuated sick from Gallipoli in October 1915.

I was Adjutant of the 5th Batt. The Welsh Regt. during this time, and the Batt. had many moves while it was training at home before proceeding overseas, and on every occasion everything went perfectly smooth, this was all due to the good and untiring work of Lt. & Qr.Mr. R.W.Evans.

When the Batt. was being fitted out at Bedford in June and July 1915 to proceed overseas, Lt.Evans worked unceasingly and nothing was too much trouble for him. He did nearly all the work of his Dept. himself, and did it admirably, and showed how extremely capable and hardworking he was. As far as the equipping and fitting out of the Batt. went, there wasn't a hitch, and this was all due to his clearheadedness and forethought.

At Suvla Bay, he personally brought rations up himself, as he realised how necessary it was that they should arrive at their destination. During the first 3 days fighting he was the only Qr.Mr. in the Brigade who got ammunition up to his Batt. and on this occasion he sent enough to supply other Battns.

During the whole of the time he was on the Peninsular, he worked unceasingly, and showed a devotion to duty beyond all praise. Nothing was too much trouble for him all he thought about, was the welfare of the Batt. and to me, he was the greatest assistance and help, loyal and hardworking in addition to having a perfect knowledge of his work. I often regret that I have not got him out here with this Batt.

(sgd) T.G. Mathias Lt-Colonel,  
10th Yorkshire Regt.

The National Archives, reference: WO 374/23161

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# FINDING FRED

by Roberta **Madsen** (Member)

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**W**hat more than forty years of meticulous genealogical research had frustratingly failed to do in uncovering the origins of my grandfather, science exploded in a matter of moments. The results of my DNA test proved to be pivotal in establishing the truth of his identity.<sup>1</sup>

The long-time blank on the paternal side of my family tree was about to become very crowded. Initiated by information gained from people that shared the genetics of my paternal DNA, then matching this to my grandfather's known life facts, provided the solution.<sup>2</sup>

It was soon evident that changing his name from Sidney **Youseman** to William Arthur **Fraser** kept him close to his maternal ties. I located his mother Isabel Youseman in Cliffe, Kent, England. Records showed her maiden name was Fraser. His grandfather and uncle were both William Fraser.<sup>3</sup> William Fraser is the name my grandfather chose to live with in Australia after deserting here from the Royal Navy in 1907.<sup>4</sup>

In researching this Fraser/Frazer family I found that they tended to occasionally be rather loose with their factual information. This was specifically challenging when there was confusion with correct names – in particular to finding Fred.

The 1861 census in Mile Town, Sheerness, on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent England indicated Isabel's elder brothers William John, born 1858 and Frederick William born 1860 were the illegitimate sons of Sarah **Murray** a 'washerwoman' in this naval town.<sup>5</sup> She resided with a lodger, a Scottish born carpenter, William Fraser. Sarah continued to have more children with William: Isabel 1861, John 1864, Mary 1866 and Amelia 1868.<sup>6</sup>

The 1871 census, after the family had moved to New Brompton in Kent, had all the children with the surname Murray. They were to all acknowledge their surname as Fraser and record William Fraser as their father on all later documents.

All went well with researching the comings and goings of these children except for Frederick William. Total confusion set in with the 1881 census showing Frederick William as a stoker on *HMS Duncan* in Sheerness, Kent. Joining the Royal Navy in 1876 his naval record, has the name Frederick William, with his birth date as 10 April 1858 which was actually the birth date of William John. This is who it turned out to be. Of particular note, his behaviour is described as exemplary. Seven years later, in 1883, he married Sarah **Walker**. He then lived all

his life, until his death in 1914, in Gillingham Kent, raising a large family of Frasers, using his correct name William.<sup>7</sup>

Family trees on Ancestry, showed the real Frederick William Fraser residing in Canada. However, relying on the story reproduced by Fred's family was questionable as there were many erroneous facts of his early life related in it. Fred obviously embellished parts of his life story.<sup>8</sup> Of course, his descendants now numbering at least 200 are proud of their fine upstanding citizen who had played a part in pioneering events of Canada.

Their story printed in a Vancouver paper about Fred's life didn't fit in with the information I had accumulated from my own research.<sup>9</sup> The early part of the tale, like many a family story, appeared to have a very thin thread of truth to it. His birth certificate records his birth in North St Passage Mile Town Sheerness on 12 January 1860.<sup>10</sup>

His Canadian story gave his birth date as 13 February 1859. After the death of his parents, he was brought to Quebec by two aunts and an uncle when aged seven years. He then ran away from abusive foster parents at the age of twelve.

This meant that he arrived in Canada in 1867. Considering he is listed in the 1871 census, in New Brompton Kent, England as an 11 year old, living with his parents, who were alive and well, makes this problematic.<sup>11</sup>

A collaboration began with a Canadian third cousin from Vancouver who decided she needed a research partner. Apart from sharing information on our dogs, our gardens, the weather and grandchildren we set about to unravel the truth about our great grandfather Fred. Having previously gone up a few incorrect pathways she was at once excited and sceptical of a baptism she discovered in the county of Surrey in 1874, as this was out of the known location of the family. However, the index had the correct names of his parents living in New Brompton, and Fred's known birth year of 1860.<sup>12</sup>

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Beigate, District of St John the Baptist</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i> in the Year 18 <i>74</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>1874</i> <i>Apr 6</i> <i>1860</i>	<i>Frederic</i>	<i>William</i> <i>Sarah</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>New Brompton</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>By</i> <i>Charles</i> <i>Walker</i>

St John's Parish Records. Courtesy Surrey History Centre.

When I scrutinised the original document I perceived there were four pages of boys baptised on the same day in the Chapel of St John's Red Hill, in the district of Reigate. Fred, along with thirty six boys aged between 13 and 19 years, was baptised by the Reverend Charles **Walker** on Easter Monday 6 April 1874. I immediately suspected an institution. After some investigation I concluded that this was the Philanthropic Society Farm School at Red Hill, Reigate, Surrey. With much elation I found that records from this institution existed and were held in the archives of the Surrey History Centre.<sup>13</sup>

This information as to his whereabouts caused a multitude of questions. We knew the where, so now for the how, what and why.

There was an online index where we found Frederick Fraser's name. It was stated that some records contained photographs but we didn't hold out much hope of this. On application the complete record was duly acquired.<sup>14</sup>

Amazingly, on opening the record the poignant image of the young boy literally took my breath away. It showed a soulful looking boy who also had an underlying expression of defiance. We had found Fred!



Frederick William Fraser. Philanthropic Society Farm School, c1872

His description was also recorded: Height: 4 foot 6½inches (1.38 m); Complexion: Fresh; Hair: Dark brown; Eyes: Dark, small.

Nose: Thin, sharp; Figure: Slim, thin lips. Scar on each eyebrow. Small thin ears. Scar inside on two fingers of right hand. Thin features.

Employed at Dyer's earning 2/- per week. Errand boy 1/- and food.

Placed in Waterlands House

(Record reproduced with permission from Surrey History Centre. Surrey Archives England.)

What a treasure rove the information provided, not only about Fred but also his family:

Father: William Fraser, Carpenter earning ? per week. Of good character.

Mother: Sarah Fraser, Washerwoman.

Uncle: John Fraser, Carpenter, 5 Beach St Sheerness

Grand? Mary Williamson, 37 Kent St

His siblings all living at home: William (14) Errand boy, John (8), Isobel (11) Mary (5) all at school. Sarah (1)

The family were shown at several addresses until April 1878, all in close proximity in New Brompton, near Chatham: 4 Nelson St, 3 Gardner St, Lower Church Path and 14 Green St.

Now to the why and how was he here? Fred, it turns out, had been rather a naughty boy. In July 1870 he was apprehended for stealing a watch and was detained for a day and given a sound whipping. On 19 February 1872, aged twelve, he again appears in Chatham Police Court charged with stealing 1.8 kg of sugar from a shop. Besides probably receiving more whippings, he was detained in Maidstone Gaol for a month. The sights and smells of a gaol would have been horrific for such a young boy. As part of this sentence, he was further detained for five years. This was thankfully to be spent in this rural farm setting in Surrey.

Unfortunately, Fred found the stifling control of his life difficult to tolerate. There was definitely defiance in that face. Consequently, his Farm record has a long list of punishments meted out to him over the years, the first being less than a month after his arrival, the last four months before he left.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Punishment – Reason</b>
1872	4 April	Caned – lying
	30 November	Rewards stopped – idle
1873	4 February	Caned – disobedience
	16 February	Caned – fighting
	6 September	2m – noisy at work
	12 September	Cell 2 days – stealing bricks
	20 September	No rewards – idle
1874	24 March	2m – idling from drill
	5 August	Caned – fighting
	10 September	Disorderly in tailor’s shop
	17 October	2m – noisy leaving work
	2 December	Cell 4 days – stealing from tailor’s shop
	19 December	4m – quarrelling
1875	19 February	Caned – scamping work
	25 February	Caned – rambling
	8 May	2m – scamping work
	21 May	Cell 3½ days – theft
	12 November	Cell 2 days



The punishments were harsh with caning a regular form of discipline at the time. Withdrawal of food (m) was used as an incentive to encourage good behaviour. Time spent in the cells was particularly severe for a child.

The boys were placed in ‘family’ homes of sixty boys of similar age with a master and matron. These buildings were spread out over the large acreage. Schooling was provided and farm chores of agriculture and dairying were carried out at other times. The boys were given opportunities to develop skills in a variety of trades: carpentry, shoe making, tailoring, bricklaying, blacksmithing and baking. As shown above, Fred was present in the tailor’s shop stealing and being disorderly. He was also found stealing bricks, presumably when he was learning bricklaying. The boys were also required to assist in the laundry doing the washing. At least all these tasks were handy for him to have in later life.<sup>15</sup>

Having served four years of his detention, the truth about Fred’s arrival in Canada was finally revealed. The farm school provided the opportunity for these boys to immigrate to Canada or Australia to escape the possibility of a further life of poverty or crime in England.

His record informs us that he wrote letters from Canada to his mother Sarah, and to his tutor at the school, Jabez **Howe**, until April 1878. Unfortunately, the Farm’s Letter Books are only available until 1874.

From 15 March 1876, Fred spent the remainder of his detention on two Canadian farms with other Red Hill boys on ECH **Silver**’s farm in Richmond, and another in Danville, Quebec.<sup>16</sup> He later worked as a lumberjack.

The Canadian Rocky Mountains rail tour today has a tourist stop at the town of Revelstoke, British Columbia. Just an outpost in 1887, this is where we would have found Fred, living with his wife Catherine née **Bennett** producing nine children. From 1885 after helping to build the railway across Canada from Winnipeg to Vancouver he was keen to take up the offer of land



Frederick Fraser and child  
(photo: Fraser family album)



the rail company offered to their workers in order to establish communities along the rail line. He settled here employed by the railways and created a successful farm. No doubt all those skills learnt as an angry defiant child were put to good use in this pioneering locality. Here Fred developed into a responsible father and a man readily involved in his community.

However, Fred wasn't quite done with defying authority. In November 1916 he answered the call for men with timber harvesting experience to enlist in the Canadian Forestry Corps.<sup>17</sup> To do so he was creative with his birth date, moving it to December 13, 1872 and his birthplace, as Danville, Quebec. So, at not 44 years of age, but actually nearly 57, well over recruitment age, he headed for France to join his two sons who were fighting in the Great War.<sup>18</sup>

His nephew from Australia also creative with the truth on his AIF attestation paper also headed to war in France, as part of the Third Division's 41st Battalion.<sup>19</sup>

Wouldn't it have been wonderful if we could have discovered evidence of these two relatives, with similar fracture from their homeland, meeting together with their family in England? Although in this family situation Fred certainly would have found Sidney not William.



Sidney Youseman/ William Fraser  
DSO 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion AIF



Frederick William Fraser CEF  
Regimental number 1012735

(photo: Fraser family album)

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# THE ‘HIDDEN’ HEADSTONES OF MUDGEE

by John Levy (Member)

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On a recent Probus trip to Mudgee, friends who knew of my interest in family history pointed out a quiet corner in a park where old headstones were displayed, ‘hiding’ behind a hedge and wall – the Mudgee Memorial Wall. It is located in the Memorial Park, near the tee intersection of Lovejoy Street and the Castlereagh Highway (Douro Street), not in nearby Robertson Park, which has the memorial to Mudgee servicemen and women.



The hedge and wall in the corner of the park (photo: John Levy)

This corner preserves and displays headstones obtained from three Mudgee cemeteries which had not been used for 80 years and which were converted to parks in 1970. Many headstones were missing, destroyed or unsuitable for preservation but the remainder are preserved here. Since that time, some of the headstones have deteriorated further and are almost illegible. However, most have a brass plaque below them giving information from the headstones.

A cemeteries register is available at the Mudgee Town Hall and the Mitchell Library in Sydney. It contains details of the people buried in the three cemeteries – the Church of England Cemetery between Mortimer and Gladstone Streets, the Presbyterian and Methodist Cemetery which was adjacent and the Roman Catholic Cemetery which was on the current site. Given the age of the cemeteries, many of the buried persons would have been alive in the early days of the district.





Entry to the Memorial Wall (photo: John Levy)



In the space (photo: John Levy)

Amongst the headstones, I was pleased to find the headstone of Thomas **Cheshire**, the brother-in-law of my wife's great great grandmother Jane **Norris**, nee **Gawthorne**. Jane's parents, Benjamin and Jane Gawthorne, were very early settlers in the Mudgee district at Lawsons Creek, with their first son Benjamin reputed to be the first native male born there in 1845 (at that time, native did not mean Aboriginal).



Thomas Cheshire's headstone  
(photo: John Levy)

The inscription on Thomas' headstone reads:

In loving remembrance of  
THOMAS CHESHIRE  
WHO DIED AT  
LAWSONS CREEK  
MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 1888  
AGED 54 YEARS

In peace let me resign my breath,  
And Thy salvation see;  
My sins deserve eternal death,  
But Jesus died for me.

The verse on the lower part of the headstone is partially legible. As with many Christian headstones, the verse was often well known – a part of a hymn, a Bible verse, etc. For Thomas' headstone, a Google search revealed the full verse, composed by Dr Edward **Valpy** (<https://tinyurl.com/5dsh5uhu>).

The Mudgee Council is to be commended for preserving this part of our heritage when cemeteries in other places have been ploughed under or paved over.

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# BBFHS RESEARCH CENTRE AND LIBRARY

by Jean **Campbell** (Research Centre Coordinator)

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The Research Centre has been open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm this past month. As very few members are going in to research on a Saturday, we decided to open on the first and third Saturdays each month only, from 10am to 2pm. Please ring the Centre (9523 8948) if you plan to go in after midday. The Volunteers may decide to leave early if no one is there researching - we don't want to disappoint members who want to research. The Volunteers may stay after 2pm too; it's their choice!

Under the heading of RENEW, REVIEW, RESEARCH this year, we have reminded members of our paid subscription sites available for your research, and their content: *Ancestry*, *Find My Past*, *The Genealogist*, *British Newspaper Archives*, *Biographical Database of Australia* and *Internet History Resources* (NSW). Each fortnight, the BBFHS eNEWS gives details of new content on the subscription sites we have in the Centre. We have subscribed to *Find My Past* plus the 1921 census of England and Wales, for another 12 months, until 30 June 2024. It's on Computers #6 and #7.

Covid is still with us. We have had a number of Volunteers affected, who cannot be on duty. Thank you to those kind people who step in for extra days to keep our Centre open. We try to keep the Research Centre a safe place. All flat surfaces are wiped down every afternoon at closing. The front door and veranda doors are kept open for cross ventilation, there is hand sanitiser available and it's your choice to wear a mask or not.

**Would you be willing to be a Research Centre Volunteer?** We really need a few more, as sometimes there are only two people on the roster and if one person can't make it, another Volunteer has to 'put up their hand'. One day a month for a few hours would be fine. If you can help your Society and members, it would be appreciated. Please let me know at [botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au)



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# BBFHS INTEREST GROUPS

by Barbara **Barnes** (Interest Groups Coordinator)

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Interest groups are led by co-ordinators who have a strong interest in the subject but are not necessarily 'an expert'. They lead the groups whose members share their knowledge to help each other. The group members get to know one another and this social interaction is often a wonderful by-product of their involvement.

Sessions are conducted at the Research Centre or by Zoom. In the coming year, some co-ordinators are experimenting with hybrid sessions – we'll see how that goes. Session dates are organised months in advance. Members are advised to check the latest details on our Events Calendar at [www.botanybayfhs.org.au](http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au) or see your BBFHS eNEWS. You can book and pay the



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Once again we reach out to all members, especially new and distance members, who are not already participating in an Interest Group, to join one or more of the Groups offered. You'll be welcome.

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<b>ENGLISH INTEREST:</b> By ZOOM	Saturday 8 July 2 – 4pm
<b>IRISH INTEREST:</b> Research Centre & ZOOM	Saturday 24 June 2 – 4pm Saturday 26 August 2 – 4pm
<b>SCOTTISH INTEREST:</b> At the Research Centre	Saturday 3 June 2 – 4pm Saturday 5 August 2 – 4pm
<b>WRITERS INTEREST:</b> At the Research Centre	Thursday 27 July 1.30 – 3.30pm
<b>FAMILY TREE MAKER FOR WINDOWS &amp; MACS:</b>	Tuesday 15 August 1.30 – 3.30pm By ZOOM
<b>LEGACY INTEREST:</b> At the Research Centre	Tuesday 4 July 1.30 – 3.30pm Tuesday 5 September 1.30 – 3.30pm
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# THE *ORIENTAL HOTEL* AND CAPTAIN SPRINGALL

by Colleen **Passfield** (Member)

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A recent TV screening of *Who Do You Think You Are?* focused on the ancestry of TV personality Chris **Bath**. Appearing as one of the consultants, was Helen **McDonald**, the Local Studies Librarian of Sutherland Shire Council Library and Patron of Botany Bay Family History Society. Helen was able to inform Chris of her relationship to Captain Joseph **Springall** who, in 1889, began the construction of a building that became known as the *Oriental Hotel* on an elevated site above what is now North Cronulla beach. This decision was to affect the use of this site up until the present day when it is occupied by the Quest residential complex and the popular *Northies* hotel.

Joseph Henry Springall was born in 1837 in Norwich, England the son of John Rounce Springall and his wife Hannah Marie nee **Kemp**. He was only fourteen when began his working life as an apprentice mariner. Progressing through the service and passing the required examinations for Masters and Mates Certificates, he was awarded his Third Mate's Certificate in 1858, his Second Mate's Certificate in May 1860 and his First Mate's Certificate in January 1863. He was obviously ambitious and good at his job.

In May 1863, he was Second Mate, under Captain Robert **Newell**, on board the ship *Star of England* when it left London bound for Brisbane, Australia. As well as the usual cabin passengers, there were assisted immigrants whose welfare was the responsibility of the Immigration Board. After the vessel arrived in Brisbane in September, allegations arose about the failure of Dr. **Bowden**, surgeon-superintendent, to 'promote the comfort and health of the whole of the passengers'. Although no formal complaint was lodged, the Immigration Board conducted an enquiry and, in their Report released in November, found that Dr Bowden was indifferent to his duties and lacked the moral qualifications to deal with the serious laxity of moral discipline on board the *Star of England*. He was unfit for the office he held and should not again be employed in the same service. He was allowed his gratuity and provided with a return passage. Despite a spirited public meeting of other passengers, mostly cabin class, convened by Captain Newell and protesting the decision, the Board's decision prevailed.

The *Star of England* had departed London on 26 May 1863 under the command of Captain Robert Newell and with Second Mate Joseph Henry Springall. It arrived in Brisbane on 17 September 1863. On 22 September 1863, at St John the Evangelist Church in Brisbane, Joseph Henry Springall, aged 25, married Clara Cecilia Chapman **Morris**, aged 15, who had been a passenger on the

Star of England. Clara was the daughter of Anthony Morris (1816-1873) and his wife, Catherine nee **Neale** (1827- ).

They settled in Brisbane and Joseph was employed on the east coast traders. Three children – Frederick Henry (1864-1952), Catherine Clara (1866-1922) and Ernest John (1868-1941) were born in Brisbane before the family moved to Sydney where Clara Agnes was born (1871-1940). The family was living in Balmain when Edgar Francis (1873-1941) was born followed by the birth of Percival Charles (1875-1923). Joseph continued with the coastal traders but also signed on for trips across the Pacific to San Francisco, Honolulu and New Zealand.

In 1880, Clara Cecelia Springall died, aged 42, and was buried in the Balmain Cemetery. Joseph was left to care and provide for six children. In 1883, he married Alice Maud **Morgan** (1816-1887) and, after her death in 1887, began working for the Government at the National Park Relief Works. After the dedication of the National Park in 1879, it was necessary to improve access for the expected visitors and, at the same time, it was necessary to provide relief for the many men unemployed due to the depression. Captain Joseph Springall was employed as storekeeper and clerk responsible for management of the pay-sheets of workers. He was called to appear before a Commission of Enquiry and was found not liable but resigned his office.

After the opening of the Illawarra Railway Line to Sutherland in 1885, the district, which became known as the Sutherland Shire, was more accessible and becoming known as a place for recreation. Coaches met the trains and the punt across the Georges River brought passengers to the bays along the Port Hacking. Some visitors came to Cronulla where there were few residents but that was soon to change.

In 1889, Joseph Springall, described as ‘a retired master mariner’, leased land from Holt-Sutherland Estate Land Company and built the *Oriental Hotel*, a two-story weatherboard building with an observation tower, on an elevated site above the beach at North Cronulla. It was also the Springall family home.

In October 1889, there was an extensive report in the *Illustrated Sydney News* which described Cronulla as ‘one of the most charming spots within reach of the city of Sydney’ with safe bathing, fishing and sketching and in the neighbourhood of the National Park and Port Hacking. The *Oriental Hotel* was recommended as a holiday destination for its accommodation, good food, moderate charges and ‘everything which goes to make a holiday one of unalloyed happiness’.

In August 1890, a petition was sent to the Postmaster General requesting that a post office be established at Cronulla. This was granted and Clara Springall, Joseph’s daughter, operated it until her marriage to John **Simpson**, of Port

Hacking, in April 1891. After this, a postal receiving office operated out of the Giddings store on Gerrale Street and, in 1906, Albert **Giddings** received a contract to deliver the mail.

In 1891, Joseph Springall had married Anne Elizabeth **Bennett** (1868-1898) and a son, Roy Rounce Springall (1891-1954), was born of the marriage. The marriage was unhappy and Annie had left him to live with another man. In December 1897, in the police court, Joseph Springall was bound over to keep the peace towards his wife. Annie died in July 1898 and a Coronor's inquest concluded that cause of death was septic peritonitis.

Unfortunately for Captain Springall the 1890s depression, the slow growth of the local population and his reliance on the rail service to develop the tourist trade led to the failure of the business after the bank crashes in 1893. He lost his lease and the business and briefly went to Queensland where he had family connections. Captain Springall returned to Sydney and the sea and in 1913, was living in Banksia. He died in 1822 at Burwood and place of burial is unknown.

In 1892, the Publicans' Licence for the Cronulla Hotel was transferred from Joseph Springall to Joseph **Morrison**. In 1893, the Licence was transferred from Joseph Morrison to Albert Giddings. In 1896 and 1899, Albert Giddings was again named as licensee for the Cronulla Hotel.

In 1903, disaster struck the hotel when it was totally destroyed by fire, origin of which was unknown. The hotel was constructed of weatherboard with a galvanised iron roof and was owned by James **King**, hotelkeeper of George Street Sydney. The licensee, William **Davis**, his wife, Mary Ann, and their servants were asleep at the time and were lucky to escape unharmed but lost all their belongings. In April 1904, a celebratory dinner, hosted by William Davis, took place to formally open the new hotel built on the same site and renamed the *Cronulla Beach Hotel*. The dinner was in the dining room of the new two-story building built of brick, with a slate roof and 21 rooms 'with all modern requirements', and overlooking the 'big beach' as North Cronulla was known. In 1908, the hotel licence was transferred from William S Davis to his son William H Davis and, in December 1911, the licence for the Cronulla Hotel was transferred to Arthur Frederick **Nelson** who was formerly chief steward on the Australasian United Steam Navigation coastal steamers.

In 1911, the Sutherland-Cronulla tramway was completed and a limited liability company was formed to take over the *Cronulla Hotel* and convert it into a Continental seaside resort under the management of Arthur Nelson. Architect, Theo **Marks** was appointed to supervise the rebuilding and renovations and, in November 1912, the new *Cronulla Hotel* with accommodation for 120 guests, was opened. In March 1913, a massive storm hit Cronulla causing damage to the hotel.



Cronulla Beach Hotel, c 1908

Balconies were lifted off, slates on the roof were dislodged, plate glass windows were blown out and a chimney down fell on the roof. After repairs, the *Cronulla Hotel* continued to be well patronised and regarded as one of the best residential hotels.

In March 1918, the *Local Government Journal of Australasia* reported that ‘the Cronulla district shows some of the most phenomenal real estate development in the State’ and Cronulla was New South Wales ‘most expensive watering place’. The article is very descriptive and includes examples of how valuations had increased with the growth of permanent residency and increased seasonal occupancy.

In March 1922, it was announced that the *Cronulla Hotel* had been sold for \$26,600. The buyer was Alfred Barton **Smith**, brother of the hotelier and newspaper owner Sir James Joynton Smith, and proprietor of Aaron’s Exchange Hotel where he had set a very high standard among city hotels for everything first-class to meet the most exclusive tastes. The price included the leasehold, free hold and anything pertaining to the hotel. Barton Smith announced his intention to make it ‘a really first-class resort’. He was soon engaged in renovating and improving the hotel in every possible way including promotion as a health resort and the finest seaside hotel in the Commonwealth.

In August 1923, a new company, Hotel Cronulla Sur Mer, Ltd, was registered with Barton-Smith as governing director. In 1926, Cecil (Joe) **Munro**,

Shire President and local real estate agent, announced his plans to build another hotel in Cronulla. The *Hotel Cecil* was built in Gerrale Street, adjacent to the Cronulla Beach Park, and opened in November 1927. In the previous month, the *Hotel Cronulla-Sur-Mer* was sold after the company went into voluntary liquidation. The new owner was George **Norman**, late of the Royal Hotel at Bathurst and South Australian Hotels and under the management of Reginald **Walker**, also from Adelaide. In 1927, the hotel again changed hands and was transferred from George Norman to Montgomery Roger **Aldwell**, late of Adelaide.

In March 1928, Richardson & Wrench addressed ‘hotel proprietors, brewers, investors’ advising them of the up-coming public sale of the free-hold premises of the *Hotel Cronulla-Sur-Mer*. An advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph* described the ‘magnificent building’ and site in great detail and refers to the completion of the George’s River Bridge as increasing the prospective value of the locality. In September 1928, the Supreme Court of New South Wales in Bankruptcy issued a notice to creditors re claims against Montgomery Roger Aldwell and Violet Jane Stella Aldwell of *Cronulla Hotel*, Cronulla. Even after reducing the tariff, the *Hotel Cronulla-Sur-Mer* had faced strong business opposition with the aggressive marketing and success of the *Cecil Hotel* in attracting tourists.

Tooth & Co was established as a family business in 1835 and, over the years became the major brewer in New South Wales. They established the Kent brewery in Sydney and, among other business interests, acquired a number of freehold hotels across the state including the *Hotel Cronulla-Sur-Mer* operated by licensee Reginald Walker. By the 1940s, after the appointment of John *Rose* as licensee, the hotel became known as the *Hotel Cronulla*.

In the early 50s, the Shire Council raised the idea of establishing a Community hotel which raised considerable opposition and was ditched. In 1954, Caringbah Investments Pty. Ltd. published plans to erect a new hotel at Caringbah on the corner of President Avenue and Port Hacking Road.

At this time, Mick **Peyton** was the licensee at *Hotel Cronulla* which was still popular with locals but looking somewhat dated. Cecil (Bill) and Marjorie **Rogan** were operating this hotel when plans were announced in 1960 that it was to be replaced by a new four-story hotel. The hotel was designed by Arthur **Amos** and was to be built in front of the previous hotel fronting onto Eloura Road. This involved levelling of the grassy slopes which had rolled down in front of the original hotel site. During the demolition of the hotel, the cellar and some brickwork of the original building were uncovered. The new hotel opened in 1961 and quickly became very popular with locals and regular guests who would book in from one year to the next. Bill Rogan held the licence and his sons Craig and Ryan managed the hotel.



North Cronulla Hotel, c 1960s

The *Cecil Hotel* had also been acquired by Tooth & Co but, it closed in 1988 when licensee Shane **Munro** sold it to a property developer. Only the façade of the old building was retained when the *Cecil Apartments* complex was built on the site.

In the 1990s, patrons began to refer to the *Hotel Cronulla* as *Northies* and the name stuck. The hotel had been owned by Tooth & Co, was sold to Carlton United Breweries and then, in 1997, ownership transferred to the Fernwood Group. The building was demolished in 1998 and the site was redeveloped. In November 2000, it opened as the *Sur-Mer* complex of residential and tourist apartments with a new *Northies* hotel on the ground floor.

The new hotel was an instant success with locals and described as ‘one of the great beach-side hotels... in a one-pub area and the whole of the shire comes down to *Northies*’. In 2014 when Rob **Stanley-Jones** was licensee, *The Leader* reported that *Northies* was on the market with expectations of a \$30 million sale. There was immediate interest from many publicans. In September, it was revealed that *Northies* and *Mona Vale Hotel* had been sold together for more than \$57 million to leading publican Arthur **Laundy** and his son Stuart in partnership with Fraser **Short**. In February 2023, Arthur Laundry and family acquired full ownership of *Northies*.

The popularity of *Northies* continues to the present day and the decision by Captain Springall to build a hotel on the site in 1889 has been justified. Despite financial setbacks and disasters, changes of name and transfers of ownership and

publicans' licences, there is still a hotel on the site at North Cronulla. It was unfortunate that Captain Springall lost ownership and the property didn't pass down to his family but, as is often said 'timing is everything'.

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"Make no mistake. The genes we're born with carry memory. They carry knowledge we've never learned, talents we've never studied, even fear of things that have never frightened us. but someone, in some time out of mind, had these memories. Yes, you might say that all of us are haunted. You might very well say that."

– John R. Maxim, *Time Out of Mind*

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# A FROZEN CHORISTER BOY

by Richard Linklater (Member)

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Whilst doing some research in *The Orcadian* newspaper, I came across the following article. It just goes to show that children over the centuries have not changed, when offered a choice between a cold church and a warm fire.

## **A FROZEN CHORISTER BOY**

*The intensity of the cold last week was strikingly illustrated in our cathedral (Carlisle) on Saturday. During the afternoon services, one of the choristers, a boy named Caldwell, became so benumbed with cold that he could not move from his seat. As soon as his position was discovered, he was carried into the Fraternity, and placed near a fire, apparently incapable of uttering a syllable, and gazing about him with a vacant stare. He was shortly afterwards removed to the resident (sic) of Mr C. Percy, and medical assistance obtained. The use of stimulants and the attention of those about him soon restored the youth to his senses; and he was then conveyed to his home in a cab.*

*It is whispered, but we cannot say with what foundation of truth, that the little fellow was so satisfied with the Christmas comforts and cheerful air of the canonical residence, that he cunningly permitted the grateful appliances for his revival to be continued for a much longer period than the necessities of the case absolutely required. 'Carlisle Journal'*

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# 2023 FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

By Noele **Watkins** (Fair Organiser)

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**O**ur Family History Fair was held at Tradies, Gymea, on 22 April in conjunction with the National Trust and the Sutherland Shire Citizens' Heritage Festival. Unfortunately, we didn't get the number of visitors we had hoped to get, although five new members joined us at Botany Bay FHS. However, from the feedback I have received, there were several members who showed an interest in joining some of the Interest Groups. This was what our aim was, for members to discover what we have to offer them and a chance for long-term members to 'catch up' socially.

We are looking for a change next year in the way of a seminar or classes so if you have any ideas the committee would like to hear from you.

Thank you to all our Botany bay FHS members who gave their time to make it happen and to the sponsors of the raffle. Thank you also to Leonie **Bell** (Writing Your Family History – getting started and developing the story) and to Jean **Campbell** (A Mind Map for Family History – how to link memories to a central concept to focus on one person at a time in your family tree) for their wonderful informative talks.



The Irish Interest Group table at the 2023 Family History Fair (from left) – Interested clients Rhonda **McKinnon**, Beryl **Bauld**, and Maree **McKinley**, with Irish aficionados Sylvia **Quinnell** and Maree **Young** (photo: Noele Watkins)

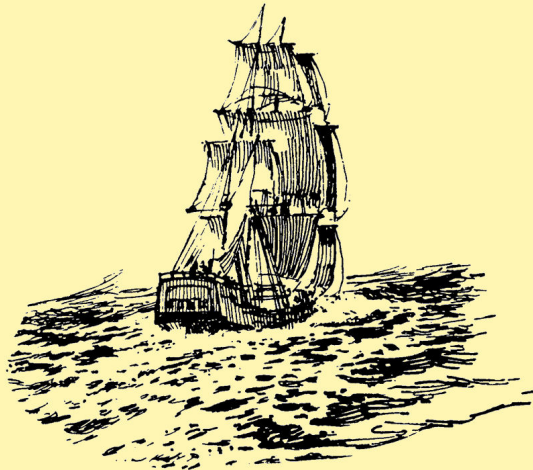
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