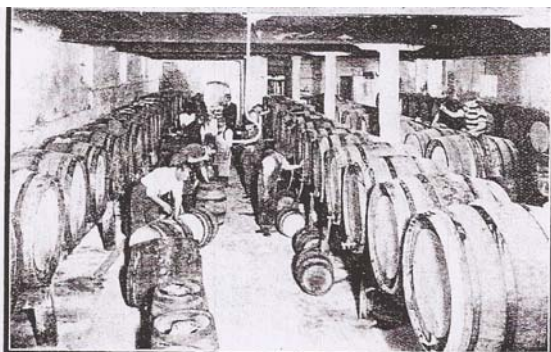


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**My Hurles and the Brewery in Orange Story!**

My great grandfather, Henry James Hurle came from Wiltshire to Australia in 1857 with his wife Emma (nee Bletto) on the "Hindustan" as assisted immigrants. They were both aged 17 (!) They went to Adelong near Tumut for the gold mining, and Emma died about 18 months later in childbirth and the baby died soon after. In 1863 Henry married Elizabeth Brown at Stoney Creek near Wellington and soon after came to Orange to live – and had a family of 4 sons and 6 daughters.

Henry owned a house in Moulder Street, Orange, and worked at Elwyn's Standar Brewery which was situated on the south western corner of Moulder and Hill Streets. This brewery had a brick building of five storeys and a brick chimney of equal or greater height, plus enormous room sized vats and also cellars. The whole establishment took up the area down to National Avenue. The business had extensive stables for 9 horses and wagons for the deliveries of big casks of beer as well as bottles. It later became Walker's Brewery.



The present second cottage from Hill Street in Moulder Street (still occupied) was the Brewery office and the next house (third from the corner) now unused, was called the Brewery Cottage and was the home for the manager – who was Thomas Charles Hurle, my grandfather (son of Henry) and he worked at the Brewery for 40 years. He lived there until his death, and he and my grandmother brought up a family of six there.

The Brewery was sold to Tooheys in 1926 and was closed down and just used as a depot.

Excise officials came from Sydney to oversee the closing down and disposed of the remaining beer by supervising its emptying into Moulder Creek.

It is understood that the bricks from the demolished Brewery building and chimney were used to build three Californian bungalow houses on the opposite side of Moulder Street. These still remain and are in good condition.

Shirley.

## New Resources Available

These resources have been added to the Library's collection and are now available for use – happy hunting!

- ✓ *Sydney Morning Herald* card index, c.1904-1918 A-Z (microfilm)
- ✓ Index to *The Australian* 1824-1842 (microfilm) (*The Australian* was published between 1824 and 1848 and was the second newspaper to be published in Australia)
- ✓ Index to the *Sydney Gazette* (microfilm) 1803-1829
- ✓ Revised list of persons qualified to vote for the election of Members of the Legislative assembly, 1859-1960 (microfilm) / NSW Electoral Office
- ✓ Parramatta, NSW-Superintendent of carpenters (microfilm): vol 1 1811-17; vol 2 returns, 1817-19
- ✓ *Sydney Times* – address book for subscribers, Sydney and country, with office and casual expenses, salaries etc 1834 (microfilm)
- ✓ A card index to the Navy list 1835-1886 (microfilm) / compiled by WJ Jeffery
- ✓ Assignment and employment of convicts (microfilm)
- ✓ Papers re Aborigines (microfilm)
- ✓ Settlers' Muster Book, 1800 (microfilm)

## From the Newspapers

DEATH IN THE HOSPITAL: *ORANGE LEADER*: FRIDAY 09/01/1914

A sad death occurred in the local hospital yesterday when Mrs Dowton, aged 27 passed away. She leaves a husband and four young children. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Randall are still living and residing at Byng, where Mr Dowton lived prior to leaving for the hospital. When first admitted she suffered from Diphtheria, but was on the highway to recovery from this complaint when complications set in. The remains will be taken to Byng for interment there today.

WELLINGTON, *ORANGE LEADER*: WEDNESDAY 23/07/1902

On Monday, the dead body of a young man, identified as that of Martin Shelley, was found in the Macquarie River at Horseshoe Point, near Burrendong, on Thursday evening last. An inquest was held on Friday by Mr Robert Porter (Coroner), when evidence as to the finding of the body was taken from several persons. Deceased was engaged near the place where the body as a miner. He was 25 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child. The coroner's verdict was that the deceased was found drowned, but there was not sufficient evidence to show how he got into the water.

BYNG: *ORANGE LEADER*: THURSDAY 29/10/1903

Another landmark has been removed from our midst by the death of Mrs J Harvey, Senr, which sad event took place at the residence of her son (Mr W Harvey, Byng), on Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. The deceased lady, leaves a large family circle to mourn her loss, was a native of Hasting, England, and came to this State over 60 years ago, since when she has resided at Byng. She could say with Margaret Scott – "Between my cradle and my grave I've seen four mighty Kings in England and a Queen". Being born in the year 1819 one year before the death of George III, and in the same year and month as the late Queen Victoria (whose coronation she witnessed), the deceased had thus reached the ripe old age of 84 years. May her long sleep be peaceful. The remains were interred in the Byng cemetery on Monday afterday, the funeral being largely attended. Mr Hemer, Evangelist, of Millthorpe, officiated at the grave.

WEDDING, *ORANGE LEADER*: WEDNESDAY 06/05/1903

A wedding took place at St Joseph's Church on Monday morning at 9.30, when Mr John Finneran, eldest son of Mr P Finneran of German's Hill, was united to Laura, youngest daughter of Mr Thomas Wright of Borenore by the Rev Father O'Keefe; Mr Arthur Wright

performed the dule duties of giving the bride away and acting as best man. Mis Winnie Finneran was the Bridesmaid. The happy couple repaired to their future home in McNamara Street, where the wedding breakfast was surved, the usual pleasantries following.

OBITUARY, MRS JOHN MCCONNELL; *ORANGE LEADER*; 28/06/1913

One of the oldest residents of the district in the person of Mrs John McConnell expired at Ophir yesterday morning at the age of 25 years, the cause of death being bronchitis and pheumonia. The deceased had been ailing for about three weeks. For practically the whole of her life Mrs McConnell had resided at the Ophir. Her husband predecaded her some 18 years ago. A grown family deplore the sad loss of their mother, the names of her children being – John McConnell (Wellington), James (Queensland), George, Robert, and Charles (Ophir). Donald (Temora), Mrs John Cuneen (Wellington), Mrs Pulley (Lucknow), Mrs Kessol (Sonny Corner), Mrs Bennett (Orange), Mrs Miller (Orange) and Miss Agnes McConnell (Ophir). The subject of our obituary has been afflicted with blindness for some time. She was greatly respected by her neighbours and was of a kindly, charitable disposition and many will regret to hear of her demis and sympathise with the members of the family in their bereavement. The funeral will take place today at Lewis Ponds.

***The Leader: 26/8/1918 – Caught in Flood Waters – Fatality at Apsley.***

A sad occurrence happened at Mr O'Brien's "Hillgrove", Apsley at midday on Thursday, whereby Mr O'Brien had a very narrow escape and an employee is still missing. It appears that Mr O'Brien and an employee Alick Barnett, were engaged during the morning destroying rabbits in one of the paddocks using a fumigator for the purpose. The fumigator is constructed on two wheels and forms a light vehicle drawn by a horse. They decided to cross the Bell River to go into another paddock and in doing so the flood waters, caused by recent rains came down and swept the vehicle and horse away. Mr O'Brien made every effort to unharness the animal but was overcome and swept down stream, together with Barnett. Mr O'Brien had the presence of mind to grasp a tree further down to which he clung until help came. Nothing was known of the accident until Mr O'Brien went to the spot with his father's dinner. He could find no trace of either man in the paddock, but on looking down the river he say his father clinging to the tree in an exhausted condition. As he could do nothing by himself young O'Brien secured the assistance of Mr Dandy Ferguson who brought ropes with him and by the means Mr O'Brien was assisted to the bank and taken home. Subsequently search was made by the police and other for Barnett, but nothing could be seen of him and his body had not been recovered on Saturday night. The deceased was about 29 years of age and a steady, trustworthy young fellow. From his early boyhood he was an employee of Mr John Martyn, when that gentleman was farming at Ophir, the late Mr Barnett (his father) being a bookkeeper for Mr Slater there. He was an only son and his mother Mrs Williamson, at present resides at No 1 Bowen Terrace, Orange East. Mrs McConnell of West End is an aunt of his and there are numerous relatives in the district. For them the most profound sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

He is buried with his father Alexander who died 13/4/1903 in Presbyterian Section, Orange Cemetery. His mother was Ellen Marie Dooley 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage 1880 – Alexander Barnett 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage BDM 1910 Burnett Ellen M to John L Williams Reg Orange. She is buried in Carcoar Presbyterian Section, she died on the 28/6/1927 age 65 years.

***The Leader: 6/1/1922 – Mr Frederick G Crouch***

Mr F G Crouch who died on New Years Day after a short illness, was born in London and came to Australia in 1854. He was in business on the Richmond River until 1894, when he took up residence in Randwick, where he lived until his death. He was member of Parliament for Richmond where Sir Thomas Ewing and Mr John Perry just prior to the time when the State was divided into single electorates and many time mayor of Casino. He was Director and Honorary Treasurer of the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children before it was taken over as a military hospital. At one time Vice-President of the NSW Bowlers Association he

represented NSW in many inter-state matches and in 1913 won the championship of the Randwick Club. Mr Crouch leaves a widow, three daughters and seven sons. Mr Crouch was a brother of Mr H A Crouch ex-district surveyor and chairman of the Land Board at Orange.

### ***The Molong Argus - Friday 17/11/1916 – Letters from Private Charlie Goldspink***

The following letters have been received from Pte Charles Goldspink. The first one is dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October from somewhere in France and which makes it very pathetic was addressed to his late lamented mother. The other letter was written from the Camm Salisbury Plain England, under date 23/9/1916 before he left for France to his brother William viz:

Dear Mother – Well we are here at last. Arrived yesterday and had a nice little trip over. It was only one and half hours on the boat. Of course we won't be going to the firing now for a good while yet as we have more training to do here. Len Starr came with us I just saw Tom Halcroft marching to the camp. I will have a talk to him to-night. He is along side of me. I am going to have a look round to-morrow to see if Jim is here. I think Jack (R.....) is still in the firing line, as I haven't seen him here, anyway. From your loving son Charlie.

Dear Bill – I received your letter the other day and was pleased to hear all were well. I never told you much about Capetown. Well, when we were at Durban they promised us more leave when we got to Capetown. However when we got there they wouldn't give us the leave – only a route march. So when we were camped for dinner which was in the town about 90 of us went off to have a look round. Next morning we were all brought up and the old Major went crook a treat. About ten days afterwards we were up again for the same thing. I got fined 1 1s and some of them went as high as 2 16s. Of course it wasn't the right thing to do, but we wanted to have a look what the place was like. I was driving for about two hours in a motor car and it didn't cost me anything – so I didn't mind the fine at all. I went to a picture show too. Len Starr and Tom Denny were also fined. The boat Harry Murphy was on stayed there and 900 of them did the same and got fined too. So you see it was worth it to have a look round. They picked Starr and I out to go in the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalions but we worked our heads a bit and still staying in the 17<sup>th</sup>. It is the best Battalion of the lot, but I'm going to get into Jim's if I can. We had some very interesting work this last week. Went through our musketry, and I passed as a first-class shot. I came about seventh or eighth out of our reinforcements, so that wasn't bad – was it. It was very cold weather when we were shooting – raining some of the time. At 400 yards I got 18 out of 20. We had some bombing too. It is a bit dangerous when you are first starting, but when you get into the swing of it it's alright. One chap here the other day threw one and it came back and wounded seven of them. There is a little pin and you pull that out. Then you can hold it as long as you don't let the spring go. After you let it go it takes five seconds to go off. They weight 1 ¼ to 1 ¾ lbs. Of course there are different kinds, but these are the ones we were throwing. Then we had shooting with the gas helmets on. As long as you put them on quick and alright there is no chance of getting gassed. They are made out of flannel and soaked in some kind of chemicals with tow eyes and a mouthpiece. You have to breathe in through the nose and mouth and out through the mouth or the eye glasses get dull. There is supposed to be enough air in them to last for seven hours. I suppose you heard about Bert Rockliff from Orange being killed on 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you didn't I think it is pretty right, as one of the bandsmen who was with him told me. From your loving brother Charlie.

### **Research**

HAMPTON/BARNETT:

Angelina Hampton born 17/10/1854 Tuena. Children: Angelina Hampton born 1875, Mary Skahan Born 1876, William Skane Born 1878, Annenorah (Annorah also Norah) Skene Born 1878, Barnett Sydney J. 1883, Barnett Emma A E Born 1885, Hampton/Barnett John Henry Born 1887, Barnett/Hampton Mignonette Eve 1889, Barnett Francis HG Born 1891, Barnett/Hampton Rachel Born 1893. Note when the children married they took the name Barnett.

JENNER:

James Jenner Boarn 1812 England Died 16/9/1878 married Philadelphia Harvey Born 1814 England Died 20/6/1883. Sarah Ann Jenner Died 3/4/1911 married Joseph Randall Born England Died 7/9/1885.

DOYLE:

John Doyle he was Carrier. His wife Mary Anne Hunter. They had a son born in Orange – Alfred Doyle approximately in the year 1864. Note: No record of birth on BDM. It was stated on Alfred Doyle's marriage certificate he was born in Orange, he died in Queensland.

WITHERS:

John Withers Died 9/9/1934 Newtown aged 92 years. He was late of Forbes and Orange, occupation was Tinsmith in all three towns. His wife Elizabeth (nee Cooper) Died 30/3/1925. Also Edwin Arthur Withers a son of John Withers Died 1/2/1972. John Withers' brother was Frederick Withers he died July, 1913 at Lismore.

GOLDSPINK:

Jonathan Goldspink and Margaret (nee Read) Goldspink: 13<sup>th</sup> child of Margaret & Jonathan Goldspink – Edward Walker Goldspink Boarn 15/12/1856 died 24/10/1926 married Catherine Ann Carroll she died on the 11/11/1916 both buried Molong Cemetery. Their children: William Henry Goldspink Died 27/3/1967 buried Molong Cemetery, Rosanna May Monaghan Died 15/9/1982, James Alfred Goldspink died 9/4/1917 France. Memorial Molong, Charles Edward Goldspink Died 21/11/1958, Gladys M Goldspink Died 1895 buried Molong Cemetery, Florence M Goldspink (unmarried) Died 8/7/1973, Mary Amelia Walker Died 1/3/1972, Alice May Gregor, Thomas Harold Goldspink Died 5/8/1968.

ALSION KINGSTON:

Parents for Harriet Sinclair (nee Townley) married in Orange. Information on Townley, Peacock – Builders – Summer St, Orange. Francis Samuel Townley associated with the Methodist Church Orange and Dundry League Gold Club Orange. Francis Samuel Townley – Orange Storekeeper – 20/2/1877 – declared insolvent.

FRANK GERSBACH:

Joseph Gersbach, Born Reitzenheim Rhine River 1821. Arrived in Australia with his wife Margaretha from Nassau Germany in September 1855 on the "William Hemsley". He died on the 21/2/1905. His wife Margaretha Gersbach died 5/1/1913. Children: Mary Ann Astill Died 16/6/1942, Elizabeth Scott Died 10/10/1941 Cargo, Robert Gersbach Died 24/10/1897 Cargo, Joseph Gersbach Died 23/9/1939 Bulli?, John Gersbach Died 6/3/1947 Molong, Valentine Francis Gersbach Died 6/9/1945 Temora, Albert Gersbach Died 1960 buried Wesburn Cemetery Victoria, Richard Gersbach Died 29/5/1951 Manildra, Margaret Murphy Died 1961 Balmain, Charles Gersbach Died 4/4/1958 Orange.

MONIKA THOMPSON:

Selina Annie Holmes: (maiden name Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage Holmes). She died at Orange on the 27/9/1945 buried Orange Cemetery. Children: Walter Thompson Died 25/7/1962 Griffith Buried Orange Cemetery. Thomas Albert Thompson Died 9/4/1952. Thompson John Arthur Died 18/11/1939 buried Orange Cemetery.

HELEN FITZPATRICK:

Edith Spratt (nee King) Born 15/12/1826 Wiltshire England Died 14/12/1869 Smithfield. Her husband John died in England. (When she came to Australia her parents were in Australia). Children: Edwin Spratt born England came to Australia with his mother when he was 2 years old. James Spratt: Born 25/12/1850 Died 23/11/1906 Orange. Frederick William Spratt Born

15/12/1853 Died 25/11/1917 Orange. (Father unknown for James & Frederick). William Spratt Born 31/7/1856 Died 4/11/1864 (William Coleman), Emily Edith Spratt/Coleman Born 3/9/1857 married under the name of Coleman-Hatch (BDM Hutch) she died 6/9/1934. Hentry Spratt/Coleman Born 29/8/1858 Died 28/11/1864 (Henry Coleman). Thomas Charles King Spratt/Coleman Born 5/3/1860, Arthur Job King Spratt/Coleman Born 27/6/1861 Died 1/12/1927 Smithfield (Arthur Job Coleman). George King Coleman Born 27/11/1862. Note: Edith Spratt married William Coleman on the 18/2/1862. Thomas White son of George Henry & Elizabeth White.

**LEE MULCAHY:**

Frederick Perry Died 16/10/1957 aged 90 years. Son of William Huddy Perry who had a wheelwright and blacksmith business with Mr Lucas at Orange. Then was licensee of the Green Gate Hotel Orange. When he left Orange he was at the Bridge Hotel in Forbes and from there went to Leichhardt where he purchased the Royal Hotel.

Timothy Dwyer Born Ireland Died 26/2/1920 wife 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage Mary Ryan she died 12/1/1872 age 41 years. 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage Isabella Heffernan died January, 1908. Children: John Dwyer Died 7/8/1949 Orange, James Dwyer Died 21/6/1916 Orange, Michael Dwyer Died 1922 Bathurst, Mary Perry Died 1/3/1929 Fivedock, Ellen McCarthy Died 4/1/1959 buried Rookwood Cemetery & Patrick Dwyer 22/3/1937 buried Rookwood Cemetery, Annie Ryan Died 1946 Randwick.

**MAY BRYANT:**

Hodgson Allan: Born England Died 30/12/1900 Orange. Wife Eliza McGarrity Died 21/1/1891 Children: William Alan, James Allan, Isabella Gardiner, Joseph John Allan, Robert Allan & Ernest Herbert Allan.

James Johns: Died 12/5/1882 wife Mary Jane Johns Died 12/6/1903 buried Orange Cemetery, she was the daughter of Joseph Eades. Children: William Johns, James Johns, Anne E McNeilly, Mary Webb, Jane Green, Euphermia Allan, Martha Rounsevelt, Edith Johns, Sarah Johns, Ethel Eade & Joseph Johns.

**BASFORD:**

Thomas Cheslyn Basford Born Derbyshire 1821 Died 9/6/1903. 1<sup>st</sup> wife married Sydney 1844, Ellen Marie (Rosie) Basford (nee Rhodes) born Ireland 1822. Died Orange 6/2/1882. Information requested: when did Thomas Basford arrive in Australia, full date of Marriage to first wife and the name of their daughter.

**Corrections to Research Enquiries in September, 2008 Newsletter:**

Information requested by Alison Kinston:

- Townley Harriet married Edward William Sinclair – 1881 – Orange. Harriet Townley parents are not confirmed.
- Francis Samuel Townley's daughter Edith Henrietta Prudence Townley married Samuel John Loring in Dunedin NZ.
- Mary Ellen (Nelly) Townley nee O'Dea married John Thomas Townley: Son of Francis Samuel Townley.

**INFORMATION REQUEST - CONNORS:**

James Connors publican of the Starr Inn 1860. He died in 1861 Orange. Jane Connors his wife, her second marriage to William McCutcheon.

Joseph Nobes – Blayney area – his wife Liz. Sue wants information where they are buried.

Please reply to Sue Connors [mrssmconnors@hotmail.com](mailto:mrssmconnors@hotmail.com).

## Family Folklore

I would guess that we all have family stories that have been passed down through the generations. These may be true, partly true or just plain wrong! One of ours concerns John Steward my maternal Great Great Grandfather who was born in 1815 – place unknown. He as a (marine) Pilot, son of William Steward. William was a North Sea Pilot.

I had found John listed in trade directories for the Isle of Wight in 1855, 1959 and 1878. He owned the 22 ton Pilot Cutter “Palmerin”. She was seized for smuggling in 1837, so the story went, but we had no evidence that John was involved or even whether he had purchased it after this incident.

After a lot of searching, I decided to contact a researcher in this field.

In a report from R W O’Hara, a Naval and Customs Researcher, he says, in part; I found a Certificate of Registry in Record BT 107/232, showing that John Steward of the Isle of Wight, a Mariner, as sole owner of the “Palmerin”. The “Palmerin” was built at Seaton, Devon in 1820. She was previously registered at Lyme on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1824 and registered at Cowes on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1836. This entry is endorsed “Certificate cancelled – vessel being broken up”.

Customs record Number 61/107, contains records to the Board of Collectors at Cowes. In a letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 1837, the Board, writing from Customs House, London to Cowes reports that they have considered an application by John Steward for the release of his vessel “Palmerin”, which was seized by HMS “Stag, a Revenue Cruiser, for “having on board a greater number of men than allowed by the Navigation Act and the boat had not been duly licensed. The Board did not see fit to comply with this request.

The following information is from the “Palmerin’s” original information from Lyme Regis in Dorset;

“Palmerin” was originally a Schooner having two masts, but was altered to a Smack Rig (one mast). As a 44 foot Schooner, with proper surveying by Lloyds and registration, she was no doubt a cargo carrier – a type of vessel not generally known for the high sailing speeds smugglers usually prized, although she would no doubt have been a good sea boat – just right for a Pilot Vessel cruising the English Channel looking for ships”.

As a smuggler it would seem to be a reasonable penalty for the “Palmerin” to be broken up, but it seems to be a bit harsh a punishment for breaking the rules of the Navigation Act.

Smuggling was a common pastime in the ara of the Isle of Wight at this time, mostly Brandy from Cherbourg, France, of course bypassing the customs charges, so profits were high. Legally he wasn’t charged with smuggling and his vessel does not seem that this would be likely anyway, so I guess that the story we knew wasn’t altogether true.

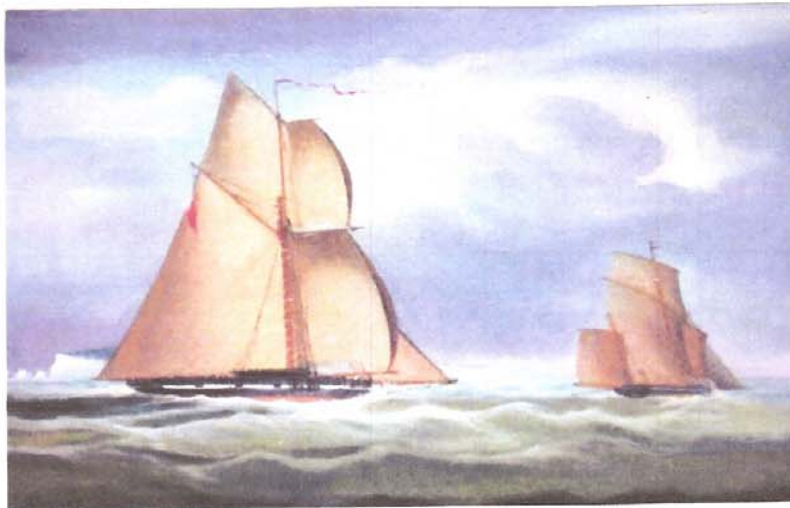
There do not seem to be any other avenues to explore, certainly not at the moment – although more records do become available sometimes!

Marie

**HIS MAJESTY'S REVENUE CRUIZER (SIC) "STAG"**

FROM DOC. CUST. 61/107

JOHN STEWARD'S PILOT CUTTER "PALMERIN" WAS SEIZED BY THE "STAG"  
IN 1837, 'FOR HAVING ON BOARD A GREATER NUMBER OF MEN THAN ALLOWED BY THE  
NAVIGATION ACT & THE BOAT FOR NOT HAVING BEEN DULY LICENSED'.  
THE ENTRY IS ENDORSED, 'CERTIFICATE CANCELLED 1837. VESSEL BEING BROKEN UP'.



## **The Making of Modern Australia**

The ABC is currently working on a social history documentary series spanning the post-war period called *The Making of Modern Australia*. This builds on their recently released online social history project of the same name.

The producers are looking for stories that are particularly interesting, unusual, uplifting and perhaps heartbreaking. They want stories of romance & relationship, faith and religion, parenting and childhood, and the Australian home/a sense of place – all set against the broader picture of Australia's changing social history. To help tell the story, they would also like to have photos or home video of key people and events in people's past. If you'd like to be considered for the documentary should get in touch with Elissa McKeand at Essential Media & Entertainment [elissa.mckeand@essential-media.com](mailto:elissa.mckeand@essential-media.com) by mid April 2009. Alternatively you can indicate your interest on the website and add their story by mid April. <http://www.makingaustralia.com.au>

## **The Dark Mountain**

On 8 August we will welcome author Catherine Jinks to Orange City Library to talk about her latest book *The dark mountain* which was published last year. Based on the true story of a colonial family the book is told from the perspective of Charlotte Atkinson. Born into a life of privilege, Charlotte was raised by her widowed mother on a vast estate near Sutton Forest, New South Wales, enjoying an idyllic early childhood in the great stone house still known today as Oldbury.

But in the summer of 1836, a violent incident in the Belanglo wilderness set off a chain of events that transformed Charlotte's existence. Inexplicably, her mother was prompted to marry again, thereby surrendering her property, fortune and offspring to Charlotte's vicious and degenerate new stepfather, George Barton. His presence turned Oldbury into a place of madness and terror, casting a shadow so long that it continued to haunt Charlotte for years after his mysterious death.

Catherine will talk to us about how she has woven family history, fact and fiction into a compelling tale. What will be of particular interest to members of the Family History Group is the "Orange" connection. As a married woman Charlotte now McNeilly, moved to Orange where she lived for the remainder of her life. In writing the book Catherine Jinks undertook considerable research here with the assistance of our own Carol Sharp. This help is recognised in the book's introduction.

## **History, fact and fiction**

Saturday 8 August 2009 12 – 1.30pm  
Refreshments Served. Bookings essential phone 02 630938132 or  
[library@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@orange.nsw.gov.au) This is a free event.

## Starting on Convicts?

Have you just discovered a convict in your family tree? How exciting! 165,000 convicts were transported to Australia between 1788 and 1868 which means that about 22% or one in five Australians has convict ancestors. For family historians researching their convict ancestors a

good place to start is the State Library of NSW's online Convict Guide. This steps you through the range of resources available following the life of the convict from the crime, sentencing, prison, hulks, convict ships, transportation, gaols and settlements to becoming free. .

The State Library of NSW online guides can be accessed through the State Library of NSW website [www.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au). Orange City Library has many of the resources listed in the Guide in its print and electronic collections.

### **NEXT ISSUE**

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