



Orange Family History Group August 2013 Newsletter

CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR I IN ORANGE

In March 2011 Orange City Council formed a Working Party to mark the Centenary of World War I. The Working Party is focussing on activities and celebrations to mark this important occasion and other conflicts as they relate to Orange. The Working Party is keen to engage with the community and capture the stories of those who fought, those who paid the supreme sacrifice, those who remained at home and the legacy of war.

Behind the scenes there's a lot of effort going into the creation of 'lists' of local service personnel. This requires lots of checking and cross checking. Along the way our researcher ('Super' Trudie) is unearthing some wonderful stories. Eventually we'll be putting this all on-line but each issue we'll publish a story to whet your appetite.

To keep up with what we're doing subscribe to the blog
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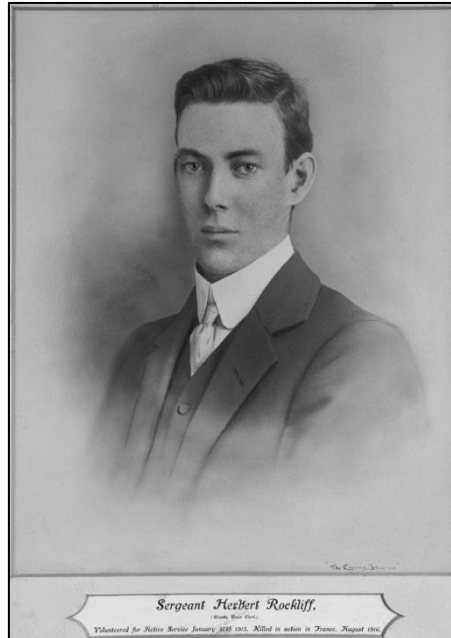
If you have any stories about your Orange ancestors who were involved in World War I we'd love to hear from you. Just send us an email to familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au.

HERBERT ROCKLIFF

Herbert Rockliff was born in Wardell on the Richmond River in NSW. He attended school in Millthorpe, where his father John was headmaster for many years. An accomplished euphonium player, he later moved to Orange where he became secretary then bandmaster of the Orange Town Band. No social event was complete without the enormously popular Herbert and his euphonium. He was later appointed Deputy Town Clerk in Orange.

Also known as 'Bert' or 'Rocky', Herbert volunteered for active service on 30 January 1915. On the eve of his departure, he played a final euphonium solo at Orange's Empire Theatre where he was a member of the orchestra.

At the army depot at Liverpool Rockliff founded the 17th Battalion Band of which he was appointed bandmaster. The band utilised the depot's instruments, but were unable to take them overseas. Band members subscribed money to a fund to purchase their own instruments and *The Leader* encouraged readers to contribute to the fund.



Sergeant Rockliff boarded the *Themistocles* in Sydney on 12 May 1915. He fought right through the Gallipoli campaign and was one of the first Australians to arrive in France. He was killed in action on the Somme on 27 July 1916, aged 31. According to fellow soldier and band member William Eyles, Sergeant Rockliff was 'buried and shell shocked in a shell explosion. He could have left the line, but returned manfully to his duty and was killed about an hour later. He proved himself a man in every sense of the word, and he died a man'

In an obituary *The Orange Leader* (8 September 1916) claimed: 'He was one of the best known men about town, and one of the most popular...one of the gayest of our young men'. Fellow soldier Lieutenant Keith McKenzie described him as 'the best known and most popular Sergeant in the Battalion'. During his time in the field Rockliff had one ambition that he was ultimately unable to fulfil - that of returning to Orange and marching down Summer Street with his old band.

As reported in the *Leader* on 18 September 1916 The Empire Picture Co. paid a fitting tribute to the memory of Band-master Sergeant Bert Rockliff, where 'Rocky' was a member of the company's orchestra 'out of respect for his memory the interior of the Australian Hall was draped on Saturday, and a photo of the dead Orange soldier was flashed on the screen. The orchestra played the Dead March, the audience rising as a last mark of reverence for the soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in honour of his country'.

Sergeant Herbert Rockliff was commemorated in the Anzac Memorial Avenue along Bathurst Road with a tree donated by the Town Hall Staff.

Further Reading:

- 'Bandmaster Bert Rockliff Killed in Action' *The Leader* 8 September 1916
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article117813848>
- 'In memory of Rocky' *The Leader* 18 September 1916
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article117814372>
- 'The late Bert Rockliff' *The Leader* 22 January 1917 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article117821358>

NSW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1867–1925

In May State Records of NSW added the *NSW Industrial School Registers, 1867–1925*. These are records from industrial schools for girls – home to a mix of orphans, neglected children, and juvenile delinquents under the age of 18. The index is free to search.

In these collections you'll find rosters and admission, apprenticeship, and discharge records. Details include the name of the child, date of committal, offense, name of parent or guardian, "character of parents and home surroundings", maintenance orders, and remarks.

DO YOU HAVE IRISH ANCESTORS?

A new Irish Government sponsored program called **Ireland Reaching Out** has been launched which seeks to connect people of Irish heritage abroad with their place of origin in Ireland.

By joining any of the 2,500+ parish communities online direct genealogical assistance is available from local people in the area who also volunteer to meet any one who makes a visit to Ireland. This is a free service run by local parish volunteers. It adds that invaluable ingredient 'local knowledge' to the facts gained elsewhere.

To begin register with Ireland XO online <http://www.irelandxo.com/home>. You can also connect with Ireland XO on Facebook.

If you have a female Irish famine Orphan in your family you may also be interested in Ireland Reaching Out – The Earl Grey Female Orphans – Australia Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IrelandXO#!/groups/165165103656877/>. There's quite a lot of discussion on this page and some interesting leads.

RESEARCH INTO A CONVICT ANCESTOR

For many years I have been trying to find what crime my convict ancestor Henry Sharp had committed. There was conflicting information, on his conditional pardon it stated his crime as larceny, but a cousin of mine had found on his record from the

Surrey Assizes it was arson, but had no other details of the crime. After attending a recent family history seminar at Grenfell, I decided to revisit the National Library website and found to my delight a report on Henry Sharp's trial in the Surrey Assizes.

The following are some excerpts from that report:

"Henry Sharp and Charlotte Goodall were indicted for feloniously and maliciously setting fire to and burning a dwellinghouse, at Egham, on the 10 January, with intent to injure Thomas Willoughby."

"An alarm being spread, some of the neighbours collected, and the flames were soon extinguished. A strong smell of sulphur was in the cottage; and upon inquiry into the cause of the fire, it was found that a large hole had been made in the ceiling, just under the prosecutor's loft, in which was a considerable quantity of straw – which if the fire had communicated to it must have caused extensive destruction. The fire, which appeared to have been kindled by means of rags, brimstone, and other combustibles, placed between the ceiling and the floor, had burned two holes through the super incumbent timbers. In the room was found a bed, and a quantity of other furniture, which had evidently been removed from an upper apartment for the purpose of safety."

"Mr Baron GRAHAM summed up the evidence for the Jury with minuteness, and the Jury, after a short deliberation, found both prisoners Guilty. In the course of the summing up, the female prisoner became so much agitated as to render it necessary to carry her out of Court. Whilst the Learned Judge was passing the awful sentence of the law, the male prisoner comforted his wretched partner with a degree of affecting tenderness, and indifference to his own fate, that excited strong feelings in his favour. In the agony of her sufferings he pressed her to his breast, and endeavoured to soothe her sorrows; and in leaving the dock, declared her and his own innocence."

ASSIZE INTELLIGENCE

The Morning Post (London England), Monday March 20, 1826: Issue 17238.

19th Century British Library Newspapers: Part II.

National Library of Australia BRITISH NEWSPAPERS 1600 – 1950.

The moral of the story is to keep searching!

Michael Sharp

WELSH NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

The National Library of Wales has launched a free beta site here you can discover millions of articles from the Library's rich collection of historical newspapers.

Welsh Newspapers Online Beta currently lets you search and access over 420,000 pages from 40 newspaper publications generally up to 1910 and will grow to over 1 million pages as more publications are added during 2013. This resource will also include some newspaper content that is being digitised by The Welsh Experience of

World War One project and some publications will grow to include editions published up to 1919. <http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=4723>

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS:

The Leader - 19/10/1914: Orange Blossoms. Smee-Jackson. On Saturday morning at the Holy Trinity Church, Orange, the Rev. H. Walker Taylor, celebrated the marriage of Irene Francis ("Rene") eldest daughter of Mrs & the late S.J. Jackson of Summer Street, Orange and George Leslie, second eldest son of Mr & Mrs G. Smee of North Sydney and formerly Orange East. The bride, who was given away by her mother wore her travelling dress of French grey crepe de Chene, with hat to match. Her sheaf of deep red roses and aquamarine and pearl necklet, were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Vera Jackson, who also wore French grey crepe de Chene. Her sheaf of red roses and silver chain bag and pearl and amethyst brooch were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr L. Edye acted in the capacity of best man. Mr & Mrs Smee left by the passenger train for Katoomba where the honeymoon is to be spent. Their future home will be Woolstencraft. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents.

The Leader - 19/10/1914: Wedding of local interest: A wedding was celebrated on October 7, at St. Mary's Church, Ridge Street, North Sydney between Joseph Henry Walters, only son of the late Joseph Walters of Dudley, Werestershire, England and Catherine Gertrude (Kitty) fourth daughter of the late Stephen Tierney of Orange and Mrs Tierney of Chatswood. The ceremony which was followed by a Nuptial Mass, was performed by the Rev. Father Sydes S.J. The bride who was led to the altar by her brother Stephen, was attired in a cream sedge coat and skirt, with white tagel hat. She carried an ivory prayer book ;and wore a diamond ring gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by Miss F. Tierney, as bridesmaid, daintily dressed in white crepe de Chene. The bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid was a silver chain bag. Later, the happy couple left for Katoomba, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride, who is native of Orange, was well known and very popular locally.

The Leader - 30/7/1923: Personal: Passed away in Canowindra on the 19th at the ripe age of 78, Mr H. Sharp, of Toogong. The late Mr Sharp was a native of Camden and was a resident of the district for 45 years, selecting land in the Cranbury district originally. Deceased had been in poor health for some time, and in order to be near his medical attendant went to Canowindra for a few days' prior to the end. He is survived by a widow and six sons and one daughter. The sons are: W.H. Sharp (Toogong); Walter Sharp (Western Australia) John Sharp (Toogong) Alf Sharp (Canowindra) Herb Sharp (Burdett) Fred Sharp (Toogong) and Miss Maud Sharp.

The Leader - 31/8/1928: Golden Wedding: Mr & Mrs S. Perry Honored. "Hiluneva" the home of Mr & Mrs S. Perry, was the scene of a happy family gathering on Tuesday night, when the members of their family entertained them on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their wedding,. Mr & Mrs Perry were married at Mudgee on August 28, 1878, and immediately after came to Orange, where they have resided

ever since. On Tuesday night they were the recipients of many beautiful presents from their family, the surviving members of which are Stephen (Roseville), Reginald (Haberfield), Roy (Bowral), Thomas (Orange), Mrs J. Bussell (Bondi), Mrs A. Richardson (Dulwich Hill), and Miss Ivy Perry (Orange). The tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion with poppies and they were laden with delicious viands. A two-tier wedding cake occupied pride of place on the table and the decorations were a work of art, the colour scheme being in white and gold, with tiers of sovereigns to represent the number of years that the couple had been married and the original flowers that had graced their wedding cake, surmounting all. The decorations of the cake were the result of the efforts of Mrs W. Thompson and Miss Perry. An illuminated address was presented to Mr & Mrs Perry congratulating them on the attainment of the golden anniversary of their wedding and the hope was expressed that they would be spared to enjoy many more years of life. Mr Perry first came to Orange in 1877 when the principal means of transport was by means of bullock drays and it was no uncommon sight to see dozens of teams camped on the vacant block on the corner of Lord's Place and Kite Street, when the Drill Hall now stands. The Western end of Orange was a small village in itself with its own blacksmith, wheelwright and saddlery shops. The opening of the railway was followed by celebrations that are still fresh in Mr Perry's memory. The occasion called for some special function and a sports' day was held followed by a barbecue. A whole bullock was roasted and the menfolk of the settlement sliced off huge pieces of beef as it was required. An active member of the old Volunteer Corps Mr Perry was honoured by his comrades at a complimentary dinner, and was presented with a long service medal at a special parade in Robertson Park. During Mr & Mrs Perry's long residence in Orange they have made scores of friends.
(Stephen Perry & Betsy Perry (nee Clark).

The Leader - 25/9/1929: Obituary: Mr Patrick John Cleary.

The death occurred at the residence of his daughter Mrs R. Radnedge Dora Street, East Orange, on Wednesday last, of one of the oldest known identities of the Grenfell and Forbes districts, in the person of Mr Patrick John Cleary, aged 78 years. Deceased was born at Kilmore, Victoria, and came to Grenfell with his parents, the late Mr & Mrs Tom Cleary, when about 10 years of age. Here the family settled on the land and Mr Cleary later acquired property on his account, adjoining that of his parents and known as "Fairview". While there he married Miss Barbara Flinn a member of the well-known Flinn family of that district and who predeceased him, after rearing a large family, 32 years ago. During about 1911 Mr Cleary sold out at Grenfell and purchased "Warangala" where he remained until he retired, at 70 years of age. He then went to spend the evening of his life at his home in Maroubra, and it was not until March last that, in the search of better health, he came to stay with his daughter at Orange. He was known far and wide throughout the western and southern districts as a good, straightforward citizen and as a keen judge of cattle and sheep, having been a successful dealer for many years while on the land. He was also a true lover of horses and as a breaker-in had few equals. Left with a young family on the death of his wife, his household responsibilities were such as to prevent him taking an active interest in public porter of his church and all charities Messrs Thomas (Dunedoo), Michael (Tempe), Patrick and Jack (Dunedoo) are sons and Mesdames George Madden (Caragabasi), Stan Radnedge (Condobolin), Roy Radnedge (Orange) and Cyril Gannon (Maroubra) are daughters. Mrs John Flinn of

"Belview" Grenfell is a sister and Mr John Cleary of Granville, is a brother. The remains were taken to Grenfell by motor hearse, on Thursday and there laid to rest in the R.C. portion of the Grenfell cemetery, beside those of his late wife and baby. Rev. Mrs McAlray (Grenfell) and Lynch (Goolagong) officiated at the graveside. The funeral was largely attended.

The Leader - 29/11/1929: Obituary - Mrs Mary Madgwick.

The last member of a family that has been intimately associated with the western districts for many years, died at Molong last Friday, in the person of Mrs Mary Madgwick, who was 95 years of age. She was born in Scotland, and was the first child of the late Mr & Mrs D. Cameron, who, on their arrival in Australia, 90 years ago, settled in the Dubbo district. There was originally a family of six sons and two daughters in the Cameron household, two of whom were born in Scotland, another on the way out to Australia, and the remainder in and around Dubbo. Mr Donald Cameron, who died at Dubbo some months ago, was her eldest brother. In her younger days, the deceased followed the nursing profession and in this branch of life her cheery disposition proved of immense value. After her marriage, Mrs Madgwick made her home in Mudgee, where she lived for many years, gaining the love and respect of all who knew her. Her husband predeceased her by many years. For some time she had been living with the members of her family, and her latter years were spent at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs G. Toynton, Molong. She retained the full use of her faculties until a few minutes before her death, when she expressed the wish to be buried in the Orange cemetery beside her sister, the late Mrs Margaret Sandison, mother of Mr Donald Sandison and Mrs I.H. Jones, Orange. Her last desire was acceded to on Sunday, the funeral leaving her daughter's residence for Orange. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Harrison, of Molong, Mr Quinn of Molong, had charge of the arrangements.

N.S.W. B.D.M. - Death: Magick Mary - 1929 - Father Archibald, Mother Catherine - Molong.

Orange Cemetery: Headstone - Mary Magick. Presbyterian Section.

The Leader - 2/12/1929: Personal: Mr P. Simmons, formerly manager of Ellengerah station, at Trangie has retired and taken up residence in Orange, where he is well-known.

Old Orangeites' diamond wedding: Mr & Mrs Braybrook: Yesterday, Mr & Mrs W.J. Braybrook, well-known ex-residents of Orange, celebrated their diamond wedding at their home at Enmore. They were married at St Stephen's Church in Sydney, in 1869 60 years ago. Mr Braybrook arrived in this State from England in the sailing ship, Balaclava, in the early 60's and his now 85 years of age and still hale and hearty. Mrs Braybrook is a native of Parramatta, being born in 1846 which makes her age 83. An interesting personality, Mrs Braybrook is a fund of information of the early history of Orange and the West and recalls the stirring times when Ben Hall, Johnny Gilbert, Vane and other noted bushrangers were hunted by the police, but she will not hear of them being libelled, holding the opinion that they had many good points in the favour. Both Mr & Mrs Braybrook knew Orange when it was in its swaddling clothes, and vividly recall the days of the rush to Ophir diggings and also

the golden era of the Lucknow field when the yellow ore was being won by hundreds of miners and Lucknow was the busiest spot between Sydney and Bourke. The old couple are the parents of 14 children, 30 grand and 15 great grand-children. Their fifth son, B. J. Braybrook, was the lucky one chosen to give the proud old couple a reception at his Marrickville home, where they were the feted guests of honour yesterday, surrounded by three generations of their family.

Sydney Morning Herald - 15/6/1939: Page 7 - On the Land. Bringing in a late Hay Crop - on the way to silage Pit on Mr John Eade's farm Euchareena near Orange. View on TROVE to see photos.

Central Western Daily - 31/8/1946: Who's Who of Western District Racing Association. (note I have only listed the Bookmakers, Trainers & Jockeys in the Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, Cowra, Molong, Forbes, Parkes, Canowindra area).

Bookmakers:

J. Tighe, Bathurst; A. Tighe, Bathurst; S. Reid Orange: A.J. Gunn, Forbes; C. Johnson, Parkes, J. Moon, Parkes; B. Egan, Orange; R. Fitzgerald, Cowra, J. McKay, Cowra; G. Hennessey, Cowra, J. Kiely, Cowra; T. Potter, Cowra; L. Kelly, Cowra; J. Leary, Molong; L. Estway, Orange; T. Morgan, Parkes, P. Cunningham, Bathurst; W.H. Potts, Wellington; F. McDowell, Wellington; F. Sharrah, Bathurst; P. Sharrah, Bathurst; J.P. Barker, Parkes; F.W. Gorman, Bathurst; H. E. Nelson, Parkes; A.P. McKeowen, Molong; A. Potter, Orange; G. McAlinsh, Orange; G. Woods, Bathurst; J.L. Donovan, Oberon; W. Green Forbes; A.J. Kelly, Orange; A. Haines, Orange; W.J. Lewis, Bathurst; F. Pascoe, Parkes.

Trainers:

J. Paton, Orange; R. McGlynee, Orange; C. Wallace, Parkes; C. Mackie, Orange; A.E. Millgate, Orange; J.W. Bluett, Cowra; J. Falon, Cowra; B. Mackie, Cowra; C. Keir, Cowra; L.R. Taylor, Wellington; A. Evans, Wellington; R.A. Stewart, Orange; J. Fitzgerald, Orange; H. Paton, Orange; J. Mace, Orange; P. Flynn, Hill End; M. Veech, Wellington; R. Cornish Orange; R. White, Parkes. C. Connors, Orange; C. Davis, Orange; W. Hogben, Wellington; F. Thomas, Molong; T. Beuzeville, Orange. S.L. Wilson Canowindra; R. Press, Orange; V. Reid, Woodstock; J. Mason, Cowra; A. Hines, Cowra; A. Carstens, Cowra; W. Kennerson, Bathurst; F. Dixon, Cowra; F. Fletcher, Wellington; R. Ryan, Forbes; B.V. Bell, Parkes; Len Laudess, Cowra, O. Shipp, Orange, P. Drew, Wellington; P. Dwyer, Orange; . G. Langham, Orange; J. Gibson, Wellington; E. Edgerton, Canowindra; A. Johnston, Wellington; H. Frater, Canowindra; E. Jarvis, Peak Hill; C. Ireland, Wellington; W. Hawes Wellington; A. Wheeler, Wellington; R.P. King, Wellington; R. Mason, Parkes; N.J. Ivers, Orange, H..A. Terrill, Cookamidgera.

Owner-Trainers:

R.L. Lindsay, m Orange; H. Taylor, Wellington; D.A. Breeze, Wellington; Ray Whiteman, Wellington; W. Bing, Forbes; P. Darcy, Forbes; H Staniforth, Cowra.

Jockeys:

R. Dickerson, Orange; A. Hetterick, Canowindra; Les Jarvis, Peak Hill; L.E. Williams, Wellington; L. Smith, Orange; M.JU. McGlynn, Orange, C. Haggarty, Cowra; L. Keir, Cowra; L. Johnston, Wellington; B. Davis, Orange; R. Rowe Orange; J. Turner, Canowindra; K. Ball, Parkes; G. Molly, Forbes; J. Burke, Wellington; R. Collins, Wellington.; R. Collins, Wellington; R. Watterson, Wllington; R. Dodson, Canowindra; B. Bell, Parkes.

Apprentices:

J. Locke, Orange; H Molloy, Orange; W. Winton, Wellington.

The Leader - Monday 1 8/3/1940: Man almost impaled - Shaft through windscreen - Cadia Road Collison. Roy Nickelsen 28, miner, of Cadia, was almost impaled on the shaft of a sulky which crashed through the windscreen of a car he was driving on the Cadia Road, seven miles from Orange, on Saturday night. Nickelsen was admitted to the Base Hospital, suffering from a severely lacerated arm, torn by the sulky shaft. He was showered with splintered glass from the shattered windscreen. Ernest Bower 45, of Springside driver of the sulky, was admitted to the Hospital. He sustained abrasions to the head and strained muscles of the arms. When the car and the sulky collided Bower was thrown to the roadway. James Noel Durant, a gold miner, passenger in the car, who was uninjured, assisted the two injured men and called a passing motorist, who notified the police and ambulance. The ambulance conveyed the men to the Base Hospital, Nickelsen being admitted. Bower was allowed to leave after treatment. The sulky was wrecked beyond repair, whilst the offside mudguard of the car was bent, one headlight damaged and the windscreen smashed.

(Ernest Bower: Died 23/3/1952 buried 26/3/1952 - Anglican Section - Liverpool General Cemetery. Age 64 years).

The Leader. 25/2/1942: Obituary - Mr James Franks Hertslet: Though it was obvious to his many friends during recent years that Mr J.F. Hertslet was failing in health, his sudden death at Lidcombe, on Sunday last, caused them quite a shock. He was 75 years of age and had been a representative in Orange for Griffith's teas for a great number of years. The greater portion of his life had been spent here, residing with his sisters in Peisley Street, where he carried on his business. For many years he was a trusted employee of Dalton Bros' grocery department and was a prominent member of the Manchester Unity independent Order of Oddfellows, having on different occasions held the position of secretary and other office, while at all times he displayed a keen interest in the welfare of friendly societies generally. Many years ago he was a popular and valuable member of the old Orange Debating Society, when it comprised such noted speakers as Messrs W.E. Bouffler; Lionel Cahill; J.S.Withington; W.L. Maunder; S.J. Plowman; P.J. Flanagan and others. The remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Rookwood cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Sister: Annie Mary Hertslet & James Franks Hertslet- 5 Peisley St., Orange (electoral Roll 1925) (1934 - 63 Peisley St., Orange)

Central Western Daily -28/3/1952 Obituary: Mrs Charles Hodges: Mrs Charles Hodges, formerly a resident of Orange died on March 8 in Guernsey, England, at the age of 95 years. Her husband, Mr Charles Henry Hodges, who died at Orange in 1920, was headmaster at Sydney Church of England Grammar School from 1901 to 1910. Previously Mr & Mrs Hoges were at Townsville Grammar School. After retiring in Sydney, Mr & Mrs Hodges and the latter's sister, Miss Hawtrey, came to Orange to take up residence at "The Hermitage" Woodward Road and remained there for several years. Miss Hawtrey a cousin of the late Sir Charles Hawtrey, a noted English actor, was a member of the old Orange O.P. Club inaugurated by the late Mr E.R. Dalton and took a leading part in a number of its productions.
South Head Cemetery - Headstone: Hodges Charles Henry - Died 6/11/1921 68 years old.

Central Western Daily - 28/3/1952: Obituary: Mr C.P. Fisher. A former prominent resident and businessman of Orange. Mr Charles Percy Fisher, died at the Royal Newcastle Hospital on Sunday aged 67 years. About 25 years ago, Tom and Charlie Fisher, trading as Fisher Bros., conducted a drapery and mercery store at the corner of Lord's Place and Summer Street, later disposing of it to their manager, Mr Jim Flynn. About two years later the store a two storey structure, was destroyed by fire, after which the Commonwealth Bank, now covering the site, was built on it. Mr Charles Fister, who is survived by his wife, Mrs Violet Fisher, one son and one daughter, had been residing at 15 Bruncker Road, Broadmeadow, Newcastle for some years.

Central Western Daily - 21/5/1959: Obituary - Mrs Mary Ann (Mollie) Collins, a former resident of the Orange district, died suddenly at her home at 19 Searle Street, Petersham, on Monday. She was born in Orange and had lived most of her life in the Orange district until a few years ago. She was a member of the Dougherty family of Canobolas Road. Mrs Collins is survived by her husband, Joseph Collins, a sister (Mrs M. McAtamney, of Forbes Road, Orange) and two brothers H. Dougherty of Prince Street and P. Dougherty of Canobolas Road, Orange. Her funeral will leave the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas Lewisam today for the Catholic portion of the Rookwood Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 21/6/1962 - Hansom cab man died aged 80. A well-known and respected Orange resident Mr Michael Joseph (Mick) Byrnes died in Orange Base Hospital recently at the age of 80. Mr Byrnes who had lived in the Orange district all his life, was the last of the drivers of horse-drawn buses and hansom cabs still living. he died after a short illness. Born at Brown's Creek near Blayney, he moved to Orange with his family at the age of 16. He was a son of the late Mr & Mrs Timothy Byrnes. After working for several years in Orange as a butcher's apprentice, he started his own business driving a horse-drawn four-wheel bus. He bought one of the first hire cars used in Orange (a Buick) in the early 1920's and remained in the taxi business until just before World War 11. He worked at the Orange munitions factory (now Emmco) for about seven years during the war. Mr Byrnes was a keen follower and supporter of every sport held in Orange, particularly Rugby League. Players considered that Mr Byrnes lost more energy barracking than

they did playing. He was a well-known figure at any sporting fixture from football to swimming being held in Orange. Mr Byrnes who died not marry is survived by one sister Margaret Byrnes of Orange. Three sisters and one brother predeceased him. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Central Western Daily - 21/6/1962: Mr & Mrs A. Lang died. The deaths occurred recently in Sydney of Mr Alf Lang and his wife May, within a matter of hours. Mr & Mrs Lang were residents of Orange for many years and were very well known and highly respected citizens. Mr Lang was a carpenter by trade and erected the first cottages in Fox Avenue for the late Mr Fox Martin. He was a returned soldier of World War 1, serving with the 3rd Battalion A.I.F. in Orange where he served several years as a committee man. Mrs Lang was a member of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary and was secretary for a number of years. Both were keen workers for the benefit of soldiers and their dependents who needed assistance. In later years they resided at Ashfield where neither of them had been in good health for some considerable time. They paid periodical visits to Orange and always made their stay at the Royal Hotel. Mr & Mrs Lane were buried on the same day in the Field of Mars Cemetery, Sydney.

TROVE

A search on Trove using the term "Orange New South Wales" produced the following results:

Sydney Morning Herald: 28/2/1874 - Mr Robert Clarke, Baker, your nephew Archibald would be happy to hear from you. Address: Post Office Orange.

Sydney Morning Herald: 26/4/1879: Wanted to know the address of Richard Watkins native of Montgomeryshire Wales, last heard of at Ironbark, Orange New South Wales, about seven years ago. Anyone to give information of him, dead or alive will greatly oblige the undersigned. Thomas Williams 135 Woolloomooloo St., Sydney.

The Mercury (Hobart Tas) - 4/8/1879: Byron 25/1/1879 at Orange - William Robert Byron eldest son of the late John Byron of Richmond Tasmania.

The Australian Sketcher with Pen & Pencil (Melbourne) - 14/4/1877. A third man Riley has been arrested at Orange New South Wales for the Coolah Bank robbery and several of the stolen notes were found in his possession.

The Herald (Fremantle) - 22/2/1873: Missing friend -Notice: If this should meet the eye of Robert Simpson for some years a resident of Western Australia and formerly of Reassel Yorkshire England he is desired to communicate with a nephew in New South Wales. Address Mr J.S. Bradley, Heifer Station Orange.

The Queensland (Brisbane) - 15/5/1875: If this should meet the eye of Thomas Harris, Stonemason by trade who arrived in the colony in the year 1864 per ship Legion of Honour last heard of at Gympie he will hear of something to his advantage by communicating with W. Friend, Storekeeper, Orange.

South Australian Register (Adelaide): 18/7/1872 - Missing James Pitt formerly of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester in England, was at Pleasant Creek Diggings Victoria in 1860 and is believed to have been on the Darling River in 1861, was last heard of at Menindie in September 1868, when on the way down the Darling & Murray Rivers to Adelaide. His age now would be about 54 years. he or anyone able to give information about him is required to communicate with the undersigned. Stow Bruce & Ayers, Solicitors, Waymouth St, Adelaide.

Australian Town & County Journal: 6/9/1873 - At the hospital Orange New South Wales on the 28th July, 1873, Bartholomew Haydon formerly of Christchurch and Wellington, New Zealand.

Sydney Morning Herald: 3/11/1865 - If Edwin Cooper of "Islington" London, two years ago at Orange New South Wales, bricklayer will write to J.J. Collins Missondon Road, Newtown, he will hear of something to his advantage.

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton): 5/4/1879 - At Orange a man named Taylor walked 50 miles in two minutes less than ten hours. Taylor appears quite fresh of the conclusion of the journey.

Sydney Morning Herald: 30/4/1878 - Marriage: Strachan/Duncan 21/4/1878 at residence of the bride's parents by the Rev. J. Cosh, Strachan of Orange to Annie daughter of George Duncan, a ship-builder, Balmain

South Australian Register - 11/1/1878 - Marriage: Atkinson/Harris 29/12/1878 at Orange New South Wales by the Rev. J.A. Nolan; Anthony Alfred eldest son of late Alfred Atkinson to Bertha third daughter of the late P.G. Harris of Guensey.

Australian Town & Country: 19/4/1873 - On the 11th December 1872 at Brentwood, England, Emily Oxley Atkinson youngest daughter of John Atkinson Esq., London and youngest sister of John Atkinson of Anson St., Orange. Age 30 years.

Australian Town & Country: 14/9/1872 - On Wednesday 11th September by special license at St. Barnabas Church, Sydney by Rev. Canon Smith; Mr Samuel Walker native of Pennsylvania, United States America to Letty Lin daughter of Neil Culverson of Orange.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier): John Mitchell sub-contractor on the railway to Orange New South Wales was killed on Sept. 12th by a fall of earth.

The Angus Melbourne: 11/6/1864 - Births: Anderson 23/5/1864 at Bank of New South Wales Orange Mrs Alexander Anderson of Orange a daughter.

Sydney Morning Herald: 13/9/1866 - Deaths: 31/8/1866 at her residence Cadia, Isabella wife of George Bailey formerly of Camborne Cornwall.

The Queensland (Brisbane): 11/4/1888 - A telegram from Orange says: A man named William Brennan has been arrested by the police for using seditious language towards Her Majesty the Queen and has been committed to take his trail at the next Bathurst Circuit Court.

Sydney Morning Herald: 4/2/1861 - Advertisement: Should this meet the eye of James Henry Pollett his sister Elizabeth will be glad to hear from him when last heard of he was living with Mr Elias Harden Coneware, Geelong, Victoria. Address Post Office, Orange.

Cairns Post: Monday 20/8/1951- Man Killed by fall of Earth - Mareeba Fatality. 19th August; William Edward Marchant (28) of Mareeba, was fatally injured when he was caught by a fall of earth at the Mareeba gravel pit this morning. He was taken by lorry to the Mareeba Ambulance centre, where he was transferred to the ambulance and taken to the Mareeba Hospital. He died shortly after admission. Marchant who was a married man with two children aged six and four respectively, was employed by the Railway Department in the bridge gang. When the accident occurred he was helping Mr Jack Branigan to load gravel. The fall of earth fractured his skull. He was conscious up till the time of this death. Marchant who was a native of Orange (New South Wales) came to Mareeba about four years ago and for most of the time he had been in the employ of the Railway department.

CATHOLIC NUNS

An alphabetical index of women who either became nuns in Australia or who arrived in Australia as nuns, consisting of approximately 14,000 entries – the result of contributions from more than fifty religious orders or congregations – 1838 – 1918.

<http://stbedes.catholic.edu.au/home/nuns/>

Oakleigh General Cemetery. Search page (Victoria)

<http://www.monlib.vic.gov.au/dbAll/lhportal.html>

The Bendigo Cemeteries Trust site

This site covers Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat, White Hills and Axedale Cemeteries.

<http://www.bencemtrust.com.au/search.asp>

FAMILY HISTORY JOURNALS

I have read the journals sent from the various Family History Groups for a long time and found them to be a source of great interest and valuable information – always a “good read”.

Recently I saw amongst the “interests” of a new member of the Bathurst Family History Group, a list of names that coincided with surnames of family members of mine. His name and address was included, so I write to him saying I thought we were almost certainly related.

He replied quickly, saying who he was and where he fitted in the family. It turns out he is the son of a first cousin of mine. This cousin was tragically killed in the 1950's when his son was a young boy.

He sent me a long list of family questions going back to his great grandparents – and fortunately I have been able to supply him with the relevant information and stories.

It is a great feeling to be able to round out a family tree and fill in holes in information for a newly found rellie.

So keep reading those journals – you don't know what you might find.

RESEARCH INQUIRIES

If you recognize your family or can help with information etc., please contact the research officer:

Orange Family History Group
PO Box 35
ORANGE NSW 2800
Email familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au

MCNAB

James McNab died 18/1/1900 & his wife Margaret McNab died 22/1/1900. Children: James McNab - died 9/8/1940; Beatrice McKay died August, 1929; William McNab died 3/8/1941 Brisbane; Daniel McNab - died 1931 Queensland; John McPherson McNab died 19/5/1893; Mary Mitchell - died 4/3/1939; Jessie Heap & Isabella (Bella) Caldwell died 11/4/1924.

Requested by Pam McNab.

FLETCHER

George Fletcher (also when under the name Dighton) believed to been born in Mudgee 1842. Two children were born in Sydney under the name of Fletcher: Walter Wallis Fletcher (known as Walter Wallace Dighton) & George W.D. Fletcher (known as George Dighton).

Requested by Peter Whitehead.

MCCRISTAL

John Wilson McCrystal wife Mary McCrystal: Children: Sarah Ann McCrystal; Jessie Wilson McCrystal; Mary Ann McCrystal; Jane McCrystal; Edward McCrystal; William McCrystal; Anne McCrystal; John McCrystal & Agnes McCrystal.

Requested by Marie Hoffman.

COLLINS

James Collins (born circa 1831) from Galway and his wife Margaret Ryan (circa Born 1838) from Tipperary lived in Gum Flats and at other locations around Orange. James worked all his life as a labourer. James died in Sydney but we cannot find a death certificate for Margaret Collins. They married in St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney in 1858. He was probably an exile from the Havering and she was probably a free settler. They had 10 surviving children on his death in 1895 in Sydney. He is buried at Rookwood - Margaret is not.

The children were:

- Catherine Collins: Born circa 1862
- James Collins: Born circa 1864
- Jeremiah John (John) Collins: Born 6/12/1867 baptised 1 August 1868 Orange diocese. My Great Grandfather who died in 1901 Geraldton Western Australia.
- William Collins: Born 25/8/1869 Baptised 11/12/1869
- Margaret Collins: Born 6/6/1871 baptised 17/9/1871
- Amy Collins: Born circa 1874
- Ellen Johannah (Nellie) Collins: Born 18/9/1874 baptised 12/11/1874
- Edward Collins: Born 12/1/1877 baptised 14/3/1877
- Mary Collins: Born circa 1879
- Gregory Michael Collins: Born circa 1882 died in Brisbane in 1955 aged 73

My great grandfather died very young with my grandfather an infant and his sister unborn. His wife remarried and the Collins family history was lost. All we knew was that they came from Orange. Searches of Births, Deaths and Marriages across the country have failed to reveal further information about the family except for Gregory Michael Collins who we discovered a few years ago.

Email Received from: Annette Collins, Perth Western Australia

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