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Orange Family History Group December 2013 Newsletter

The December edition of our *Newsletter*, where has the year gone? From us all best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Newspaper Indexing Team has once again done a terrific job of entering information about the births, deaths and marriages of Orange citizens. At the beginning of December, there were a total of 41,397 records of notices published in the Central Western Daily. Included in the index is reference to over 3,055 probate notices, 152 other legal notices (some of which have tantalisingly brief insights into family life), 83 golden wedding anniversaries and over 7,700 in memoriam notices. The Team should be justly proud of its achievements. Thank you.

CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR I IN ORANGE

Orange City Library's researchers have been busy compiling a list of servicepeople from Orange who were involved in World War I. To date we have identified 1,803 people, 207 of whom failed to return home. These were men and women who were born in Orange, or who lived in Orange, or who enlisted here.

These names will soon be posted on the Library's Centenary of WWI blog, so watch this space... <http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/>

HELP NEEDED TO IDENTIFY WWI SOLDIER

Orange and District Historical Society has asked if anyone can assist in identifying this photograph of a World War I soldier which was given to them in recent months. The nicely framed photo is believed to have come from Borenore and the man may have been related to the Nicholson family. If anyone recognises him, could they please contact Elisabeth Edwards by phoning 02 6362 8647 or email: liz.edwards@orangepeel.it



CONVICT RELATIONS

Anyone who finds they have an ancestor who was a convict is very fortunate, because many valuable and detailed records have been kept about our convicts.

I am fortunate enough to have two convict ancestors. The first was great, great grandfather Martin Kinsella from Ireland. He was sentenced to be transported to Australia for stealing glue. Because glue was made from boiling up animal hides and bones, it seems he was looking for some nourishment.

He arrived in Australia in 1825 and was assigned to work in the Windsor area for people called Lane. He petitioned the Governor to allow his wife and family to join him in Australia, and in 1833 his wife Eleanor and daughter Catherine arrived. Martin and Eleanor had 4 further children.

The headstone of the grave of Martin (died 1860) and Eleanor (died 1862) still stands in the Windsor RC Cemetery.

My second convict ancestor was great grandfather Samuel Dean of London, who arrived in 1835 and was assigned to work for R Williams in the Penrith district. He had been convicted at age 15 for stealing lead. In 1838 he married Catherine Kinsella (daughter of Martin Kinsella) at Windsor and they had a large family of 14 children. In the 1860's Samuel and Catherine and most of their family came to Greghamstown near Blayney and settled on a farm.

Samuel died in 1899 and Catherine died in 1896. They are both buried in the Millthorpe cemetery.

Both convicts and their families were hard working and law abiding people.

Shirley Duckworth

RESEARCH INQUIRIES

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

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BRUCE

George Gunn Bruce: Died 12/1/1908 Hotel Metropole in Sydney buried Cumnock Cemetery. Wife Janet Bruce (nee Murray) died 31/12/1900. Children: Jessie Abernethy died 1923; Sage Bruce died 1943; Elizabeth Anderson (nee Bruce) died 1930; George Sinclair Bruce died 1886; John Bruce died 1905.

Requested by Annie Sillitoe.

EDWARDS

Thomas Henry Edwards (Senior) Died 1925 Orange. Butcher in Bathurst before moving to Orange and became an "Engineer" and partner in Edwards and O'Brien. Wife Clementina Edwards (nee Bonnor) Born 1850 died 1940 Orange. Children: Thomas Henry Edwards (junior) Born 1873 died 1950 Orange; Roland Edwards Born 1876 died 1939; Gertrude Edwards Born 1878 died 1964 Orange; Percy (Percival) Edwards Born 1882 died 1949 Qld (was a printer in Orange until he travel the world); Vera Edwards Born 1886 - died 1966 Qld; Eddlebert Edwards Born 1874; Vivian Edwards Born 1884.

Requested by Tom Edwards.

GLASSON

William Glasson Died 6/9/1889 buried Blayney Cemetery wife Susan Glasson Died 6/8/1907 buried Blayney Cemetery: Children: Robert Glasson Died 10/9/1916 Cumnock; John Glasson Died 6/3/1920 buried Blayney Cemetery; Mary Annie Margaret Lane (nee Glasson) died 24/11/1930 her residence 8 Bayswater Road, Roseville; Richard Glasson Died 20/12/1895 buried Blayney Cemetery; James Russell Glasson died 16/7/1890 Sydney; Susan Reed Russell Hill (nee Glasson died 7/7/1922 buried Methodist Church Cemetery Gordon. Rev. William Glasson Died 15/6/1923 buried Rookwood Cemetery; Lucy Elizabeth Glasson died 5/2/1902 buried Blayney Cemetery. (Please note children are not in order of birth as birth unknown).

Requested by Annie Sillitoe.

MARTIN

John Martin died 1924 (Lived at Forest Reefs and Rugby Hotel Orange) wife Sarah Martin died 1906. Children: Lawrence (Laurence) Martin died 1947 (Forest Reefs; Rugby Hotel Orange and Club House Hotel Forbes); Mary Frances Martin; Honora (Hannah) Fletcher (nee Martin) Died 1957; William Martin Born 1873; Catherine (Kathleen) Martin married Laurence Martin 1899 St. Joseph's Church, Orange (Trangie Hotelkeeper); John Martin; Bridget (Delia) Martin 1st marriage Daniel E Swanson 2nd marriage Charles Walter Stanton-Cook, died 1951; Maraget Callen (nee Martin) Died 1972; Sarah Brook (nee Martin) Died 1959.

Charles John Brook born New Zealand. He came to Orange and was a commercial traveller, chiefly in connection with the cycle business. He opened a cycle depot at Orange for the Messrs Harris & Co. He moved to Molong and had the Telegraph Hotel. He died at the Dudley Private Hospital Orange 8/8/1919 buried Molong Cemetery. He was the son of Charles John Brook of Parnell New Zealand. (Married Sarah Martin).

Requested by Michel Nader.

MURRAY

Sage Murray died 9/2/1850 at his residence Meadows near Orange. Wife Jane Murray died 15/8/1875 at her residence The Meadows near Orange. Children: John Murray died 1916 at his residence Athol, Toogong; Elizabeth Johnston (nee Murray) died 3/2/1849 Headstone Chinamens Bend Cemetery (Orange); William Murray; Donald Murray died 28/10/1900 Orange; Adam Murray Died 19/1/1902 Orange; Walter Murray Died 19/6/1915 Orange; Robert Murray; Jane Bruce (nee Murray) died 25/8/1915 Waverley buried Cumnock; William Murray died 24/8/1923 buried

Cumnock Cemetery; Janet Bruce (nee Murray) Died 31/12/1900 buried Cumnock cemetery; George Murray Died 21/4/1916 Cumnock.
Requested by Annie Sillitoe.

TANSWELL & PITCHERS

Bertha Pitchers: died April, 1927 East Orange.
Mary Gladden Tanswell (nee Pitchers) died 11/8/1950 buried Orange Cemetery.
Children: Emma Matilda Marsh (nee Tanswell) and Thomas Tanswell.
Requested by Marilyn McGregor.

ENQUIRY FROM PETER RYAN

He is researching the descendants of family names of Apps, George and Shoobridge, which also include: Collins, Haines, Spicer, Batinich in the areas of Crookwell, Yass, Orange and Young.

While researching the Bruce family found on the Death Certificate of Jane Bruce (nee Murray). Place of marriage age and to whom: 1st Marriage - Orange 24 years - John Bruce; 2nd Marriage - Cumnock - about 68 years - John Bruce. Children of marriages no Issue. 1st Marriage: In the Bathurst Free Press: 11/4/1857 - page 3. Marriage Certificate March, 1857 - The Meadows near Orange - John Bruce - occupation Gold Escort - Usual Place of residence - Richmond (Victoria). An enquiry from lady who lived in Beechworth in Victoria, requested information on Jane Bruce nee Murray the only information she had was John Bruce death certificate that John spent 10 years in NSW. and 37 years Victoria before his death in 1887. He was buried in the Corack Cemetery Victoria. It has he was married at the age of 27 in NSW. to Jane Murray. No issue.

2nd Marriage: 28/12/1891 - John Bruce - bachelor - Grazier - 58 year - Burgoon, Cumnock. He died 19/7/1905 buried Cumnock Cemetery. His obituary in The Leader - 21/7/1905.

It appears she married two different men named John Bruce. (Thank you to Annie Sillitoe who gave me the certificates).

NEW WEBSITES THAT WANT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Museum and Galleries NSW are looking for stories to put on their website. This may be your opportunity to experiment with an oral history mash up!

With well over 100 museums, galleries and Aboriginal cultural centres now registered on the website, M&G NSW is looking forward to telling your story in multiple ways. Find out how in our blog.

Contact: Katie or Andrew **Phone:** 02 9358 1760

Email: comms@mgnsw.org.au **More:** www.mgnsw.blogspot.com.au

COMMUNITY HERITAGE WEBSITE

Heritage and History are being supported by a new government website.

The Community Heritage website was launched by the Australian Government on 31 July 2013. The Community Heritage website is a place where individuals and groups can share information and stories about Australia's heritage. The purpose of the website is to encourage the collection and sharing of information, stories and anecdotes related to people, places and events that have contributed to Australia's heritage.

For more information visit the website:

<http://communityheritage.net.au/content/about-site>

and go to 'How to get involved'.

NEWS FROM NSW STATE RECORDS

An index will be of interest to local and family historians researching land are *the Registers of land grants and leases, 1792-1865*. The Index was compiled by University students during work placement. Editing was completed by State Records Volunteers. There are 5,630 entries to search. The index was compiled using the Surveyor General; NRS 13,836 Index to Registers of Grants Cumberland and elsewhere, 1792-1865.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-land-records/registers-of-land-grants-and-leases-1792-1865>

Recently Ancestry.com has added the digitised *Convict Surgeon's Journals* to the ever increasing collection of resources available on Ancestry. The great thing about the digitised Surgeon's Journals online is that they are so clear and easy to read compared to the microfilms. They are listed as UK Royal Navy Medical Journals 1817-1857 on Ancestry.com. A reminder that all branches of Central West Libraries have Ancestry available to use in the Library.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Leader (Orange) - February 1900.

Shooting Accident: A serious accident happened to Mr Madden, of Borenore, on Sunday. He was using a double-barrel muzzle-loading gun, and was ramming a charge into one of the barrels. The other barrel was loaded and it is supposed that the hammer was at full cock, with the cap on the nipple. Anyway, it exploded either from the vibration caused by the ramming setting the hammer loose or from a knock against something. The charge struck him at the base of the palm of the left hand and drove its way beyond the wrist, lodging in the lower part of the forearm. He was brought into Orange to Mr O'Brien's and thence taken to the hospital. There he was examined by Drs Cargill and Cruise, who gangrene having spread to the upper arm, decided that to save the unfortunate fellow's life, the arm must be amputated. The limb was removed on Wednesday night and the patient is now doing fairly.

Burnt Out: Misfortunes never come singly Mr Madden, the father of the young man who met with the serious gun accident we describe elsewhere in this column, sustained a serious loss early in the week. He was shifting his quarters from

Borenore to Mullion and had made a temporary camp with a dray and cart at the latter place. During a short absence it was almost totally destroyed by fire, only the remains of the vehicles being left. Madden himself had only the cloths he stood up in.

Western Advocate - 5/5/1906: Death.

The death occurred on May 3 at Ilfracombe, Margaret Street, Manly, of Bathsheba (widow of the late T. Tillotson Jones), aged 84 years. The deceased lady was known to a large circle of Orangeites, who will deeply regret her death. Her vitality at such an advanced age was remarkable and she retained her powers until a few days before her demise. She was the mother of Mrs Cutter, Mrs Korff and Mr C. Joner, all well-known to Orange.

The Molong Express - 15/2/1908: A Narrow Escape.

Mr G. Naylor of Springside (near Orange), who is on a visit to Mr J S Murray of Hawthorne, Manildra, on Tuesday last went to the Mandagery Creek, which has recently been in flood, with Mr Murray's two sons and Master H. Naylor for a bathe. Being unable to swim he got beyond his depth and after struggling for some time, Frank Murray, aged 14, swam in and caught him by the arm, but Mr Naylor being a man of 11st., soon got him under and both were nearly drowned. Then the other two lads swam in and dragged them to the bank, but Mr Naylor, being a heavy man, they could not get him right out of the water. After about fifteen minutes of the usual treatment he was able to get up himself. Both are again in their usual health.

The Leader (Orange) - 4/3/1908 – Advertisement - G. Rassool. Indian Herbalist.

Thanks Orange 2/3/1908: To Mr G. Rassool, Indian Herbalist. I have much pleasure in thanking Mr G. Rassool for taking my child in hand and saving his life, after other doctors refusing to attend to him. This is the second time Dr Rassool has pulled my child through, after his case being given up as hopeless by other doctors. Mrs Elizabeth Burns, March Street, Orange.

"Byng" via Millthorpe: January 1st 1908. To Mr G. Rassool, Indian Herbalist Orange. Dear Sir, I have great pleasure in informing you that I have received great benefit from your treatment. I have been suffering for the past six years from rheumatism and tried several doctors, but without avail; but after trying your treatment for eight weeks, I now feel thoroughly cured. I would recommend your herbal treatment to all suffering from the same complaint. Yours Truly, Percy Harvey.

The Leader (Orange) - 25/10/1918: Mrs Green.

The death took place on Tuesday at the residence of her daughter Mrs Ellis, Scholfield, Blacktown, of Mrs Green, widow of the late Mr Green, for 20 years sexton to all the cemeteries at Orange the cause being senile decay at the age of 87 years. She was born in Cornwall and came to the State in 1877, going first to the mines at Frogmore, near Burruga and reaching Orange in 1879. Her husband died in 1900, eighteen years ago when Mrs Green left Oak Farm, near the cemetery, and resided in East Orange till seven years ago, then going to reside with Mrs Ellis. She leaves a grown up family of three daughters, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Sallans, and Mrs Varcoe, of Wentworthville, near Sydney, and two sons, Mr Harry Green, now in America, and

Mr F Green, in the employ of the Orange Municipal Council. The remains were brought to Orange by passenger train, last evening and the funeral will leave Mrs Sallans' residence, Lamrock Terrace, for the Congregational cemetery. Mrs Green was a highly esteemed old lady and enjoyed the love and respect of a very wide circle of friends.

The Leader (Orange) - 10/9/1919: Personal.

On July 29, at Huntley's Point the marriage was celebrated by the Rev. George Chalmers, of Albert Edward (late AIF), youngest son of the late Mr E J Heap, of Grenfell and Mrs Heap, of Ryde, to Barbara Ellen (Nellie) Fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Carlson, of Drummoyne. The name of Mr E Heap is identical with that of a gentleman who was a prominent figure in Orange forty and more years ago. He established the brewery, first known as Heap's then as Heap's and Elwin's later as Elwin and Co's, and now as Walker and Co's. From Orange he went to Grenfell. The death occurred on 7/9/1919, at a private hospital Chatswood, of Caroline Frances Carroll, late of Spring side, Orange, relict of the late W H Carroll and mother of Mrs R S Wadley, aged 50 years.

The Leader (Orange) - Monday - 26/4/1926: A promising Youth.

Young Jack F. Lowman, who with his parents, only arrived in Orange from Wales, three months ago, is a youngster with a promising future. He was awarded first prize at last week's Show for manual work, modelling and best collection of Moccoco construction. His work was greatly admired by all who saw it. He is only nine years of age and when aged four he won a similar prize in his native town. Jack has a constructive brain and is evidently cut out for an engineering career.

The Leader (Orange) - Monday 5/7/1926: Obituary - Mr H O Ellison.

The death occurred at a private hospital on Friday afternoon of Mr Henry Oswald Ellison late licensee of the Station House Hotel. The deceased was 50 years of age and was a native of Parramatta. Prior to coming to Orange five years ago, Mr and Mrs Ellison had resided at Katoomba for ten years, where they were very well-known and highly-esteemed. A few days ago they disposed of the Station House Hotel business and it was their intention to return to Katoomba to take up residence. The deceased had been ailing for a considerable time through an accident on the railway, and last Thursday he was relieved with a paralytic stroke, which was the immediate cause of his death. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mrs Ellison. The remains were removed to Sydney for interment.

The Leader (Orange) - 28/1/1929: Personal.

Master Carl Shannon, the 15 year old son of Mr and Mrs P Shannon of Orange, who is a student at St Stanislaus College, Bathurst, has again distinguished himself. At the recent Leaving Certificate examination, he secured A passes in English; Mathematics 1; Mathematics 11; Ancient History and Modern History; as well as B pass in French. This youth promises to go far in the scholastic world.

The Leader (Orange) - February 1933: Under Train - Child's Miraculous Escape.

The full length of a goods train passed over a twelve-months-old-child of Mr and Mrs J Andrews, of Amaroo, yesterday morning, yet the infant who had been playing on the line, escaped with a badly mangled hand. The boy Douglas, who is twelve months old to-day had wandered away from his adjacent home and was sitting on the line when the train approached from the direction of Molong. The guard saw the child with a hand resting on the rails, but was powerless to stop the train before it passed over him. When the train had been brought to a standstill, he was discovered sitting in the centre of the track with his right hand covered in blood. The parents took him on to Borenore on the train, and they there awaited the arrival of the ambulance and Dr McIntoch. The ambulance which made a rush trip out and back, conveyed the sufferer to the Orange Hospital, where an immediate operation was performed by Dr Hodgkinson and Dr McIntosh. It was found necessary to wholly amputate two of the fingers and the other two were taken off at the first joint. The thumb was not seriously injured, but the skin on the whole of the hand was badly torn and lacerated. The doctors are hopeful that they will be able to save the hand itself. It is believed that the injuries were caused by one of the wheels catching the hand of the boy and dragging it along the rail, if the wheel had passed over the limb, it is most likely that the hand and fingers would have been completely crushed. The boy's father is a signalman stationed at Amaroo and his mother attends to the railway gates.

The Leader (Orange) - 9/9/1935: Obituary - Mr Gordon Lord.

With tragic suddenness the death occurred at the Base Hospital, on Saturday night, of Mr Gordon Lord of Clinton Street, Orange, at the age of 39 years. Since he had returned from the war - he served with the 7th Light Horse - he had been in indifferent health and was admitted to the institution on Wednesday, suffering from the effects of war injuries. He enlisted in 1915 at the age of 17 years, returning on a hospital ship in 1918. Mr Lord, who represented the Mutual Life Insurance Co had resided in Orange for about twelve years and during that period had won the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. His cheerfulness, despite his illness, which he bore with that indomitable courage that marked the Australian soldier, was a notable characteristic, and he was popular at all places where his business took him. He was a member of the Orange sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers League, but did not interest himself in any other public organisations. To his wife, parents, Mr and Mrs J J Lord, of Randwick and brothers and sisters, will be extended sincere sympathy by many in Orange. His sisters are Mrs J Reid (Tamworth), Mrs L McGufficke (Inverell), Mrs Zimmerman (Sydney), Mrs C Shirley (Newcastle) and brothers Messrs Harry (Newcastle), William (Newcastle) and John Lord (Burwood). His funeral at which his soldier comrades marched, left his home yesterday afternoon and his remains were interred in the Presbyterian portion to the Orange cemetery.

The Leader (Orange) - 26/6/1936: Obituary - Mr Donald McVicar.

One of the best known residents of Cadia, Mr Donald McVicar, after a long illness died at the Base Hospital yesterday at the age of 66 years. He was a native of Colo (Trunkey) where he spent the greater portion of his life, coming to reside at Cadia about nine years ago. He had been in indifferent health for a considerable period but his end came unexpectedly. The deceased had a retiring disposition and was well liked by those with whom he came in contact. His charitable actions won him the

respect of the community of that district. he is survived by a sorrowing wife, three brothers: Messrs, James (Mullion Creek), Dugal (Mandurama); Thomas (Sydney); two sisters, Mesdames Monger (Mandurama) and H Ferris (Newcastle) and sons and daughter are: Messrs Roy (Penhurst), Stan(Trunkey), Ray (Cadia), Rx (Cadia). Mesdames Sheehey (Peakhurst), J Wilds (Canowindra), Shepherd (Lithgow), Duncombe (Bexley), Frame (Orange). Misses Myrtle McVicar (Sydney) and Neta McVicar (Cadia). There are also 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral will take place this morning, leaving the Modern Undertakers parlors at 11 for the Presbyterian portion of the Trunkey cemetery.

The Leader (Orange): 29/6/1936.

After little more than a week's illness, Mr Mark Southwell, well-known townsman of Blayney, breathed his last on Friday. The late Mr Southwell was a native of the Queanbeyan district and 72 years of age. As a grazier he went to the district 30 years ago last November, having purchased the "Werajel" property, between Blayney and Carcoar. He retired some years ago to live privately in Blayney. He was an alderman of the last Blayney Council and when amalgamation came about was elected by that body as one of the town's representatives to the Shire Council. For a number of years he had been a member of the Carcoar P P Board and both shire and board will miss his active interest in their affairs.

The Molong Express - January 1940: Obituary.

Robert Clifton aged 85, passed away in a private hospital at Manildra, on Thursday last where he was conveyed by Orange Ambulance the previous day. Deceased came to Molong from Bathurst about 50 years ago. He and the late George Hirons conducted a brewery in Betts Street for some time. Later he followed building and had much experience in erecting machinery, particularly steam boilers, etc, and was a very handy man in many classes of work. Prior to leaving Molong he resided for many years in Rubie's Old Store building in Riddell Street, which was damaged by fire and alter demolished. After leaving Molong he came to reside on Mr F E Churchill's "Brymedura" where he was a familiar figure at shearing time attending to the machinery and boiler. He enjoyed good health and was able to come to Manildra a few days before he died. Deceased was an Englishman, and no relatives are known to be in Australia. The burial took place in the Church of England portion of Molong Cemetery.

The Molong Express - 6/1/1940: Obituary.

The death occurred at Goulburn on Christmas Day of Mr Gerald Lenname under tragic circumstances. The deceased, who was a brother-in-law of Mr E Slater of Cumnock, was visiting relatives in Goulburn and in attempting to climb over a low paling fence, one of the palings gave way and he fell over the fence and struck his head on the concrete pavement, and although the fall was only about three feet, he fractured his neck, death being almost instantaneous.

The Molong Express - 20/4/1940: Obituary - Mr R J Edmonds.

A keen supporter of the turf and a lover of a good horse passed on when Mr R J Edmonds of "Larras Lake" died at the Molong District Hospital on April 12 after an illness of some months, but which had not become acute until quite recently. A

grand-son of the late Jas Lee, a member of an old pioneering family which has been intimately connected with the early settlement and subsequent development of the West, he had resided at Larras Lake for practically the whole of his life, devoting his attention to grazing pursuits and the breeding of blood horses. The owners of Larras Lake have always made a point of securing the best sires available, beginning with that almost legendary horse, The Barb, with a long succession down to Grosvenor - claimed to be the most aristocratically bred horse of his day in Australia, and Chatham, the present leading sire of a stud which claims the distinction of having bred three Melbourne Cup winners. During the time that the Molong Jockey Club was a live body the late Mr Edmonds held the position of judge and during his regime the sport of kings flourished in Molong. His mother Mrs C G Edmonds and younger brother, P E (Ted) survive him, another brother (Sheppard) having died some years previously. After a short service at St. John's Church, Molong, the remains were laid to rest in the Molong cemetery, a large number of friends and relatives attending at the church where the service was conducted by Rev F H Bashford, who later read the funeral service at the graveside.

The Molong Express - 16/3/1940: Obituary - Neil Gibb McPhee.

The sudden death on Friday last of Mr N McPhee at the age of 39 year, from heart failure, while at work in Black Bros' store, came as a great shock to Yeoval residents, as well as the employees in the shop. The late Mr McPhee was of a very kind and obliging disposition and was held in high esteem by all who knew him, having resided in Yeoval with his wife and family for the past three years. Beside a sorrowing wife, one daughter Shirley and one son Bruce survive him. The greatest sympathy of Yeoval and district will go to Mrs McPhee and children in their sad bereavement. The remains were taken to Parkes for burial on Saturday morning last.

The Leader (Orange) - 28/5/1949: Obituary - Mrs E M Hope.

Mrs Emily Marie Hope died at the Base Hospital yesterday aged 67 years. Mrs Hope was a native of Brewarrina and had lived at Orange for the last ten years. She leaves a husband and family of four sons and one daughter: Robert (Gilgandra); William (Bairnald); Joseph and Charles (Cobar); Mrs Garner (Qld). There are also 14 grandchildren. Her funeral will leave Holy Trinity Church to-day for the Church of England Portion of Orange Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 8/5/1969: Polly Wright.

News was received recently in Millthorpe of the death of a former Millthorpe citizen. Mrs Polly Wright of Sydney. She had been in ill health for some months. Mr and Mrs Ray Wright lived in Millthorpe for some years, following their marriage and later moved to Sydney. There are three children (Jim) of Sydney, Jack Melbourne. Jack attended the Centenary of Education celebrations in Millthorpe in 1967. Their daughter Leila (Mrs Whitman lives in America. Her husband Mr Whitman is in the Air Force and they will be staying in America from two to four years). Mrs Whitman came home from America to stay with her father for a short time following her mother's death.

Central Western Daily - 10/5/1969: Obituary - Mrs S. Joseph.

The death occurred at the Sacred Heart Hospice Darlinghurst, on April 30 of a well-known former resident of Orange. Mrs Stella Joseph, at the age of 90 years. Mrs Joseph came to Australia from Lebanon in 1921 and lived in Orange until her retirement in 1961. During this lengthy period she saw many changes. She then moved to Sydney and enjoyed good health until a recent accident. During her lifetime in Orange she became a hawker and travelled extensively around Orange and district and the Central West. She was known affectionately as 'Granny" to all who knew her. She was noted for her charity to whoever needed help: She was always there to depend on and she sponsored many people from Lebanon. Her husband Simon Joseph, son Assad Joseph and daughter Freda Moses predeceased her by many years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs J Lahood of Sydney, Mrs L Bahry of Sydney and Mrs Rosa Aboud of Lebanon, a sister, Mrs Francis Basha of Orange and a brother Rizke Eshomar, of Lebanon. She had 70 direct descendants and lived to see five generations. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. She had a great love for the Rosary and was a devoted member of the Sacred Heart Sodality. Monsignor Zadie officiated at a Requiem Mass at St Maroon's Maronite Church, Redfern.

RESEARCH FOR NATURALISATION

When researching for an ancestor's naturalisation, you may not be able to find it as there is only a percentage on the internet register, so if that search fails the next step is to write to:

National Archives of Australia
PO Box 7425
Canberra Business Centre
CANBERRA ACT 2610
email ref@naa.gov.au

Remember to provide as much information about the person as possible as that is a great help for the researcher, also, sometimes there may be a notice in the local paper of the person applying for naturalisation so that is worth a look.

My personal search for one of my ancestor's whom I could not find on the internet started that way by his notice in the town's local paper. So I then wrote to the National Archives of Australia, within a short period of time I received a complementary Naturalisation Certificate, plus the wonderful news they had found all his naturalisation information, for a small fee I received a lot of details and answers I had been researching for eg place and date of birth, where he sailed from, name of ship, date of arrival and what port he disembarked at in Australia.

Happy researching!

Jennifer Gillard