



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018



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ONE DAY WORKSHOP - TALKING ABOUT DYING: PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER ORANGE CITY LIBRARY

This is the conversation we will need to have one day; for our peace of mind and to convey our wishes to loved ones.

This one day workshop will include the following topics: Your Last Will and Testament, Your Living Will and Organising Your Documents.

- Speakers are from the:
- NSW Trustee and Guardian
- Department of Human Services
- Penhall Funeral Directors
- Orange Health Service
- Need A Nerd
- Kylie Holford – financial and gambling counsellor.

Orange City Library
Wednesday 8th August
9am until 4pm
Bookings through Eventbrite or telephone 02 6393 8132

NEWS FROM OUR NEWSPAPER INDEXING TEAM

At the end of June 2018, the total number of entries to the Newspaper Index was 152,609. The Indexing Team added an impressive 22,456 between July 2017 and June 2018.

This represents hundreds of hours work and the creation of a valuable research tool for family historians all over the world. Congratulations and thank you from Central West Libraries.

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Technical Services Librarian
Central West Libraries

ORANGE MOTHER NAMES BABY SIR NEVILLE

On Wednesday, 3 July 1918 the *Leader* reported that a patriotic mother in Orange named her baby boy "Sir Neville", in honour of Sir Neville Howse.

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LOCAL WWI SERVICEMEN: THE HARRISONS OF LUCKNOW

On 12 October 1914 Frederick Harrison enlisted in WWI; the first member of his family to do so. Two of his brothers – Richard and Thomas - would follow his example, as would his 44 year old father, Frederick Harrison snr.

Frederick Harrison snr was born in Bradford, England, in 1864. He served two years with the West Lancashire Yeomanry before migrating to Australia in 1885. He settled in the Shadforth district and married Annie Eliza Totten in Orange in 1890. Frederick and Annie had five children, all of whom were born in the Orange district.

Frederick snr was employed as a miner at the Wentworth Mine at Lucknow, and played cricket for the town's team. In August 1897 he was appointed vice-president of the Lucknow branch of the Australian Miners' Union as the mine employees made the decision to strike in protest of intrusive searches and accusations of theft. Fred was subsequently appointed assistant secretary of the Strike Committee.

Frederick jnr was born in Lucknow on 13 March 1892. He followed his father's example and became a miner. He embarked for overseas service on 11 February 1915, a private in the 1st Battalion, 2nd Reinforcement. Fred served on the Gallipoli Peninsula until 6 August 1915 when he sustained a gunshot wound to the chest during the Battle of Lone Pine. He was taken to St Elmo Hospital in Malta, but two weeks later was transferred to County of London War Hospital in Epsom, England.

On 7 November 1915 Frederick embarked for his return to Australia, arriving in Sydney on Christmas Day. He was discharged from the Australian Imperial force on 27 March 1916.

On 30 December 1916 Frederick married Doris Roach Murray at St Michael's Church in Wollongong. The couple had three children: Frederick Francis, born in Balgownie in 1917; Phyllis, born in Glen Innes in 1922 and Norman, who was born in Narrandera. The family later settled in Sydney.

In 1949, as his health failed, Frederick moved to Dalby in Queensland to live with his son Frederick Francis. He died in Dalby Hospital on 27 June 1949, aged 58 years. Representatives of the Returned Sailor's Soldier's Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (RSSAILA). attended his funeral, and as a mark of respect his casket was draped in the Union Jack.

Frederick Harrison is commemorated on the Shadforth Public School honour roll, the St Peter's Anglican Church Mosman World War I Honour Roll and the East Face of the Mosman War Memorial.

Frederick's father and brother Richard survived the war; Thomas Harrison was killed in action on the Western Front in July 1918.

Trudi Mayfield - Librarian

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Orange Leader - 11/6/1923 - Sudden death of Mr J. Danby.

Mr John Danby owner and licensee of the Gladstone Hotel situated at the corner of Byng and Hill Streets died very suddenly on Friday last. He arose at his usual hour, apparently as well as ever- he was particularly robust man and proceeded to attend to his business affairs about the house. At 9 o'clock someone called to borrow a garden implement and Mr Danby went to a shed to get it for him. A few minutes later he was called by one of the members of the family to come to his breakfast. As there was no response after the call had been repeated a search was made and he was found lying unconscious in the yard. He was carried into the house and Dr Armstrong who was phoned for diagnosed the cause of the patient's collapse as hemorrhage of the brain. His removal to St Helen's private hospital was ordered but he gradually sank and died less than three hours from the time that he was stricken down. The late Mr Danby was possessed of a genial temperament and enjoyed distinct popularity amongst a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances. he had a high conception of what was due to the public from him as a business man and this earned for him and his house an excellent reputation. On the day prior to his death he attended the funeral of the late Mr Gallagher and subsequently on the way home, passed the ominous remark, "I wonder who'll be the next". The deceased was a native of Ballarat (Victoria) and came to N.S.W. 35 years ago. For a considerable time he followed the occupation of a shearer, which he relinquished soon after his marriage at Hay and settled at Forbes, where he carried out a number of road contracts from a period beginning about 20 years ago. Leaving Forbes, he spent three months in Orange and then went to Dubbo to take over the Great Western Hotel, the name of which he altered to the Dubbo Hotel. The license of this he controlled for two years and in 1914 he returned to Orange and acquired the business which he conducted up till the time of his death. He was 55 years of age. A widow, a son (Percy) and a daughter (Mary) are sincerely sympathised with in their sudden bereavement. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Canon Taylor officiating at the graveside and Mr Ford having charge of the arrangements.

Orange Star - 4/5/1926: Friend of the poor - Late Henry Chandler

Died in Orange the day after the annual Show, Harry Chandler well and truly described as the friend of the poor. A resident of Orange from the days of his youth. Harry was the first clerk to Mr Kearney solicitor in Orange. In latter years he was an agent in Peisley Street, where his office was daily visited by men and women, who had not fared well in life's battle, in search of advice and counsel which was freely given.

An old friend of Harry's sends along these Lines:

*The Poor Man's Friend
yes, Harry, you have left us,
Our prayers to Heaven we send
And ask the Lord to bless you
You were the poor man's friend
Men like you are hard to find
As through this life we plod
Your helping hand was always free
The dollar was not your God.
When trouble came within our homes
And there would like to tarry
The wife would say "Don't worry Bill.*

*We'll go see dear Old Harry
Your happy smile would greet us
When inside your office door
Your smile was not for money
'Cause you knew that we were poor.
We are sorry the Shepherd called you
And took you to his fold
We would rather have you with us
Than all the wealth untold
We will miss you, yes dear Harry
The longest day we live
There is none for us to go to now
For the good advice you'd give.*

Orange Star - 11/6/1926.

Arthur Fullarton the new secretary of the Queensland Chamber of Manufactures, was until recently on the other side of the fence (prints the "Bulletin"). For over five years' he was secretary of the Federated Clothing and Allied Trades Union. He hails from Orange (N.S.W.) and had business experience as manager for his father in Sydney and partner with his brother at Gunnedah before taking on his union job. Lately he has come into prominence in connection with the Queensland Preference League and as the league is backed by the Government, Fullarton won't have to play a lone hand in pushing forward Bananaland's manufacturing industries. (Mr Fullarton was a son of the late Archibald Fullarton, for many years in business in Orange as a tailor).

The Orange Leader: 18/7/1927: Two Old Blayneves.

Mr Heb Death who is now living at Campsie, sends an interesting extract from that suburb's newspaper concerning two former Blayney district identified, Mr and Mrs Fred Weiss, says the "West Macquarie". They are described as the oldest couple attending the Hurlstone Park Congregation Church and with 88 and 85 years' respectively we can quite believe it. Mr Weiss was in the Education Department for 36 years. Greghamstown, Rockley and King's Plains being schools of which he was in charge. He retired in 1900 unfit for service at 61, but 27 years later he is still actively engaged in business on the staff of a big Fire Insurance Company. Of a family of ten there are five sons and three daughters living.

Central Western Daily - 24/2/1937: Nurse Ellen O'Grady.

News of the death of Nurse Ellen O'Grady came as a shock to many people in Orange and district. She passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs Fank O'Neil at Marrickville. Last week at the age of about 74 years. For about 30 years she had conducted a private hospital in Byng Street and during that period had bestowed many kindnesses to those who came to her for help. In his way she won the esteem of a large circle of friends. She is survived by her daughter Mrs O'Neill her husband having predeceased her by 14 years. Her remains were interred at the Catholic cemetery, Rookwood.

Orange Star - 3/8/1926: Forest Reefs - Sudden Death

Mr Rinks a farmer of Platform Paddock, Tallwood died suddenly one day last week. He became excited over a favorite dog being poisoned and succumbed to heart failure.

Charles D. Rink - died 24/7/1926

The Orange Leader - 7/10/1927 - Obituary. Mr Ernest Augustus Gosper.

The death occurred on Wednesday of Mr Ernest Augustus Gosper a man who was well-known and highly respected in the Orange and Manildra districts. Mr Gosper was a native of Windsor and a member of one of the oldest Hawkesbury families, his father being one of the pioneers of that district. Born in 1858 he spent many years at Manildra and 13 years ago moved to Orange. A widow and four grown-up children survive. The children are: Mr Frank Gosper (Parkes); Mr E.A. Gosper (Vaucluse); Mrs Harold Barrett (Orange) and Mrs T. Anderson (Bondi). The late Mr Gosper died as the result of heart trouble. The remains were buried yesterday morning. A large number of friends and relatives followed the hearse from the deceased's late residence, Eyles Street, to the cemetery.

Ernest Augustus Gosper: died 5/10/1927 Orange Cemetery. Unmarked Grave.

The Orange Leader - 30/4/1934: Mrs Katherine Robinson.

On Friday morning at the Base Hospital the death occurred of Mrs Katherine Robinson wife of Mr J.J. Robinson of Dubbo and a daughter of Mrs Finnerty and the late Mr M. Finnerty of Orange, at the age of 45 years. The deceased was a native of Orange and had resided in Dubbo for many years being highly respected and esteemed in that town. She leaves a sorrowing husband and three children: Clarence, Kathleen (who was the adjudicator of the dancing section at the recent Orange Eisteddfod, when she was accompanied by her mother) and Alvie. Messrs Baden and Ernest Finnerty (Orange) are brothers and Mrs Mulhall (Melbourne) Mrs McRobie (Sydney) Mrs Cutting (Sydney) and Mrs Dean (Mount Victoira) are sisters. Her remains were interred at Dubbo on Friday.

The Orange Leader - 30/4/1934: Mr Dave Noonan.

The death occurred on Good Friday at Perth (W.A.) of Mr Dave Noonan brother of Mr Chas, Noonan of Purnim, Warren and formerly of Orange. It is a strange coincidence that another brother Mr Jack Noonan, formerly of Lineview, Nevertire and Heifer Station, Orange, died on Good Friday last year. The late Mr Dave Noonan went to Western Australia in the days of the gold boom in that state, and subsequently was a successful wheat farmer over there until he retired. He made three or four visits to relatives in this state and last year went abroad to the Eucharistic Congress.

The Orange Leader - 13/9/1935: Obituary. Mr Lewis Edwards Williams.

After an illness extending over a period of nine weeks the death occurred at the Parkes Hospital on Wednesday night of Mr Lewis Edward Williams, son of Mr and Mrs F.G.A. Williams of Orange at the age of 42 years. Death was caused by complications supervening a severe attack of pneumonic influenza. Mr Williams was born at Darwin, Northern Territory, where he remained for many years, serving an engineering apprenticeship under his father. After about 23 years he went to Western Australia, but later came to Orange and worked at his father's cordial factory in Summer Street. He did not remain here very long but went to Warren where he met and married Miss Nora Doyle a daughter of Mrs Gill of Anson Street. During his youth he was champion rifle shooter at Darwin and was also proficient in other branches of sport. Mr Williams was

well-known in Warren and Parkes and many people will extend sympathy to his bereaved widow and five small children besides his sorrowing parents and brothers Walter, Lionel and Norman (Orange) and Charles (Darwin). His funeral took place in Orange yesterday and his remains were interred in the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery.

The Orange Leader - 8/3/1937: Orange Postmaster Leaving.

Mr H.R. Bilton who has been postmaster at Orange for the past eight years, has been appointed to a similar position at the Bondi Junction office and will leave for the city this week. Mr Bilton who was born at Sofala has been 47 years in the service and commenced his career at the Orange post office as a messenger boy to return after serving in many other centres of the state, as postmaster. Mr Bilton is described in the words of employees of the Orange office as an 'excellent boss' a man ever ready to assist and help them, and he will leave this town with the knowledge that he had won their co-operation and above all their friendship. Thus his ability and efficiency was reflected in the smooth management of one of the biggest country post office in the state.

The Orange Leader - 6/4/1938: Death of Mrs Huxley.

Mrs Amy Alice Huxley aged 32 wife of Mr J.H. Huxley passes away at her residence in Brisbane on Thursday morning after being a sufferer for some years from a serious complaint. She was the youngest daughter of Mr Fred Wenban and the late Mrs Wenhan and was born at Meranburn and spent most of her young life in Manildra. She married Mr Huxley about nine year ago and resided at Parkes and Tamworth, until going to Brisbane about a year ago, where Mr Huxley was appointed managing director for Overella Ltd. The funeral took place in Brisbane. Besides a husband and a young daughter, Delmar aged eight an aged father Mr Fred. Wenban of Manildra and the following brothers and sisters are left to mourn their loss: Messrs: Stan and Dave (Manildra); Bob (Gulgandra); Alfred (Parkes) and Mesdames W. Sellers (Peak Hill); W.H. Hunt (Guildford) B. Cameron (Forbes) and Barton (Greenmount, Queensland).

The Orange Leader - 4/8/1939: Death of Mr Charles Kennard.

At his home in Ashfield on Saturday the death occurred of Mr Charles Kennard father of Mrs H.J. Fowler of Summer Street, Orange. Mr Kennard who had been ill for only a brief period was 79 years of age and had spent several years in Western towns, particularly at Orange and Wellington where he was engaged in the building trade. Many old residents of this town recall that Mr Kennard was one of those who returned to Orange during the first Back-to-Orange celebrations held here. He is survived by a widow three sons Reginald and Leslie (Sydney) and Eric (Forbes) and four daughters Mesdames H.J. Fowler (Orange) H. Broadfott and Derbyshire (Sydney) and S. Hocquard (Newcastle).

The Orange Leader - 9/8/1939 - Fell from roof. Found dead in street.

Son of former Orange man. Believed to have fallen from a roof whilst endeavoring to climb to his bedroom window, Athol Haldane Miller 20 was found dead near his father's bookshop in Windsor on Sunday. He was a son of Mr A.H. (Joe) Miller, who conducted newsagencies and stationery businesses in shops now occupied by Mr A.E. Parker and Mr Willis in Summer Street, Orange. The young man's shoes were found on the roof of a building near his bedroom window. It is believed that Miller returned home late and not wishing to disturb his parents took off his shoes and tried to climb to his bedroom window. He evidently slipped and fell on the concrete and then wandered dazed into Johnson Street, where he died from head injuries.

The Orange Leader - 27/11/1939: Mr Charles Edward Bartimote.

Mr Charles Edward Bartimote of Brown's Creek, passed away on Friday at the age of 76. He was a resident of that district nearly all his life and besides a number of relatives, many friends will mourn his death. He was a bachelor. The modern undertakers conducted the funeral on Saturday, afternoon, interment being in the Byng cemetery.

The Orange Leader - 29/11/1939: Obituary -Mr Edgar Kenna.

In his younger days one of the best footballers the West of N.S.W. has known Mr Edgar (Tot) Kenna died at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney, at the week-end at the age of 59. He was a step-brother of Mr J. Kenna the well-known Orange resident. Deceased was born in Orange and after early schooling at the Patrician Brothers School in Orange, he went to St Stanislaus Bathurst where he made outstanding progress as a footballer. He was a most successful full-back for his college and as well as representing the West, he played for N.S.W. in the same position. Another enthusiastic interest of Mr Edgar Kenna was the stage and he was a prominent personality in metropolitan theatrical companies for which he travelled extensively. He was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick Kenna who were among the early settlers of the Orange district. He was living at 82 Liverpool Street, Paddington at the time of his demise which followed a protracted illness. His widow and two sons Gerald (Albury) and Bede (Bondi) are left to mourn their loss.

The Orange Leader - 22/12/1939: - Obituary - Mrs William Barrass.

Leaving her family in a natural grief greatly accentuated by the shock of the loss a mother whose health had been apparently quite good, the death is reported of Irene Myra Barrass, wife of William Barrass, an employee of Mr L. Cunich's orchard at Nashdale. When her husband left for work on Wednesday morning Mrs Barrass was in apparent normal health and she told him that she would make scones and take them for his morning tea at about 10 o'clock. When she did not arrive he returned to his home some little time later and found that his wife had died. She was lying on a bed. A three year old son John Edwad was the only one of the family at home. Others are Leslie Ronald (17); Mavis Daphne (16) and Daphne Melba (14). Deceased was a daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Bray, of Boggabila and was 34 years of age. A post mortem examination was made at the Orange Base Hospital on Wednesday after which death was certified as due to heart failure coronial inquiry will be held. The remains were taken to Lithgow yesterday for interment in the cemetery there.

The Orange Leader - 6/8/1941 - Mr Alfred Chown.

The funeral will take place this afternoon and the remains of the late Mr Alfred Chown who died in Orange, yesterday at the age of 83 years, will be interred in the Church of England portion of Orange cemetery. A native of Burrowa, Mr Chown came to live in retirement at Orange about two years ago. His wife predeceased him by six years and he is survived by an adult family of six - Mrs Myers (Orange); George and David (Yeoval); Thomas (Orange); Mrs Ryan (Sydney) and Phillip (Gunning) also two brothers Phillip (Bowning) and Charles (Reid's Flat) and one sister Mrs G. Petty (Frogmore). There are 24 grandchildren. The funeral will leave Mr A. McGarth's Parlors.

Alfred Chown: died 5/8/1941 Church of England section - Orange Cemetery. unmarked grave.

The Orange Leader - 6/7/1942 - Old Well Caves in Orange. Woman's Escape.

When an old well at the rear of a house in McLachlan Street, Orange East, caved in at about noon on Friday. Mrs Morris whose husband is an officer at the Orange railway, fell ten feet before she stopped her fall by digging her feet into one side of the hole and pressing her back against the other. She remained in that position for several minutes, until rescued by Mr Cousins and Mr Buchaman (whose wife, living at the same house as Mrs Morris, had previously sunk to her knees in the same spot, while hanging out some clothes). Mrs Morris almost at the point of exhaustion was dragged to safety with a rope.

The Orange Leader - 20/7/1942: Miss Mary Newland.

Orange people are proud of Miss Mary Newland who has been appointed industrial welfare officer under the Department of Labor and Industry. She is to take a course in training for this special work at the Sydney University. She is a daughter of Mr and Mrs John Newland and is a popular member of the Orange V.A.D To congratulate her and express appreciation for all she had accomplished for the organisation, members of the A.L.P Younger Set gave her a party at the home of Mr and Mrs Sydney Hubbard, in Lord's Place. On behalf of the A.L.P.V.S. the president. Miss Joyce Hubbard, presented Miss Newland with a fountain pen. During last week, Miss Newland entertained friends at her home, and she was presented with a pigskin brief case by her parents. Miss Sadie Howarth, on Wednesday evening hostessed a party given in honor of Miss Newland. Miss L. Giddings presented the guest of honor with a bouquet on her arrival and at supper time she was presented with an Eversharp pencil.

The Orange Leader: 14/6/1944 – Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Nurse Long of Coonamble daughter of Mr and Mrs Phillip Long of North Sydney to Trooper Chas Sadd eldest son of Mr and Mrs Chas Sadd well known ex-Orangeites. An airgraph letter received by Charlie's mother tells of the escape of Private Albert Sadd, a cousin who got away from a Nazi prison camp and escaped to the Swiss border, eventually reaching his home in England. His father who lost a leg in an English munitions factory was naturally very thrilled at having his son home again.

Central Western Daily - 12/8/1948 – Personal.

The first house party arranged to assist Miss Gwen Murray in her candidature as Miss Australia will be held tomorrow night. Gwen's mother, Mrs Sage Murray is opening her home at 287 Lord's Place for the party and has invited all who are interested in the R.S.L. queen to attend.

Cowra Guardian - 17/5/1957 : Death Of Mr R.A. Douglas.

Grand old man of Eugowra dies in his 79th year. Boer War veteran, sportsman and stock and station agent, Mr Roland Ashton Douglas 79 dies at Eugowra on Saturday. His funeral was one of the biggest at Eugowra for many years and was attended by friends in the Eugowra district and from many parts of N.S.W. Returned soldiers attended the funeral to pay their respects and a Masonic Lodge of sorrow was held. The funeral service was held at his home, thence to the Presbyterian cemetery to Eugowra. Mr Douglas was born at Young and enlisted for service in the Boer War when he was a young man. During the war he lost a leg. He was mentioned in dispatches twice. After the war he took up a property at Bumberry. He moved to Eugowra in 1916 and became a stock and station agent. He continued in this business until his death. Mr Douglas played an active part in getting the railway line extended to Eugowra, in having the bridge built over the Lachlan at Eugowra and in getting electricity there. During his life he was actively associated with almost every public body in the Eugowra area. At the time of his death he was patron of both Eugowra bowling and golf clubs. In his younger days he was a noted amateur boxer and an excellent rifle shot. He was once president of the Group football zone in that area. In recent years he had to give up most sports but still played a good game of bowls. He was admitted to the Eugowra Memorial Hospital about two weeks ago. He is survived by his wife, two sons Clive (Eugowra) and Ron (Manildra) and one daughter Marjorie (Mrs Hoswell, Orange). One son died many years ago. A brother Mr Allan Douglas lives at Manildra.

If you recognise your family or can help with information etc please contact:

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RESEARCH INQUIRIES

This is from Ross Patterson (via our Facebook page).

Searching for information regarding my family who lived in the Orange district during the 1890s. My great grandfather was Joseph Ernest Patterson B1873 Teapot swamp. During his time living in the Orange district he was a heavy weight boxer, going by the ring name of " The Orange Man-eater " due to his reputation for putting away his opponents.

I would be most interested if anyone may know something about boxing in the district during this time.

My great grandfather also married in Orange, 4 March 1900 at St Joseph's Church to Annie Evans.

Ross Patterson, Sydney NSW