

To all of our readers every best wish for the festive season.

Christmas/New Year Opening Hours

If you're thinking of visiting Orange City Library over the Christmas/New Year period we'd suggest you to check our holiday opening hours first – we'd hate you to be disappointed:

December 24	10am – 2pm
December 25-28	Closed
December 29-30	10am – 5pm
December 31	10am – 2pm
January 1-3	Closed

Our super researcher, Carol, is also taking a break during January but will be back on deck in February.

In Sickness and in health

Over the past 12 months we've been giving you progress reports on the book about the medical history of Orange which is being written by local author Elisabeth Edwards. We're now on the final straight and the book *In Sickness and in health, how medicine helped shape Orange's history* is currently with the designer and will go to print early in the new year. Coming in at an impressive 400 pages (approximately) it's crammed with fascinating stories about the people, places and events which have contributed to our city's medical heritage. Central West Libraries' 'super Trudi' is currently indexing the text to make it easy to use (and to check whether or not one of your ancestors is mentioned).

We'll be sending information about how you can obtain a copy to all *Newsletter* subscribers in February 2011 in time for the March 2011 launch. If you have any questions contact project coordinator Jan Richards at: jrichards@orange.nsw.gov.au or 0263938126.

Central Western Daily Index

A team of OFHG members are currently indexing personal notices which have appeared in the *Central Western Daily* from 2009. These can be searched on the Central West Libraries catalogue. To date the indexers have added 342 records which include births, probate, deaths, in memoriam and obituaries.

To locate these go to the CWL home page (www.cwl.nsw.gov.au) and hit the 'Catalogue' button. From there choose the Newspaper Index link on the right hand side. This is constantly being added to so keep coming back.

ancestry.com

We've probably all shuddered at those TV commercials for ancestry.com where a voice tells the viewer that you don't need to know what you're looking for you

just have to start looking. At Orange City Library we've certainly had more than our fair share of clients arriving with the expectation that they can simply type in their name to retrieve their family tree! That gripe aside we also know that ancestry.com is a great resource but what you might not be aware of is that you can access it for free at all branches of Central West Libraries. The way you use it varies from branch to branch so ask the staff for assistance. There's always something new being added so it's a site to return to again and again.

Shirley's Legacy

OFHG member **Shirley Duckworth**, who considers herself a lucky and happy little Vegemite, albeit elderly, has lived in Orange all her life. Her parents and her grandparents also lived locally or in the district. Shirley wants her great grandchildren to know details of their origins.

Shirley's four sets of great grandparents settled in the Orange district in the 19th Century and wants. Her great grandparents were:

John Evans and his wife **Jane Carlyon** came to Australia in 1852 from Cornwall as assisted immigrants and selected a property at Millthorpe. They raised a family of one girl and eight boys. It was good farming land and they prospered.

Henry Hurle was 17 when he came to Australia as an assisted immigrant from Wiltshire. After trying his hand at mining at Tumut, he eventually settled in Orange with wife **Elizabeth Brown**, and after a stint at orcharding/farming at Canobolas, he moved into town and worked at the brewery in Moulder Street in Orange for many years. His family consisted of four boys and six girls.

In 1833 **Samuel Dean**, aged 15, from London was transported to Australia as a convict for house breaking. At Age 20 he married **Catherine Kinsella**, aged 18 (the daughter of a convict) at Windsor NSW and they had a family of seven boys and five girls, while he did farm work in that district. In the 1860s the family travelled by bullock dray and settled on a farm near Millthorpe. The family was a hard working law abiding one – with no further transgressions.

The fourth set of great grandparents were **Henry Thomas** and his wife **Elizabeth Andrew**, who came from Cornwall in 1854 as assisted immigrants. They went first to the Cornish Settlement at Byng and then to Cadia where Henry worked in the mine for about 10 years before buying a farm at Spring Terrace. With a family of seven boys and seven girls, they farmed there for many years.

With the large families of those four couples, many descendants still remain in this area, although many have ventured far afield – often with great success.

Wills and Convicts

Reading through other societies journals is always a great way to locate new resources. We recently picked up these two sites from our colleagues in Newcastle:

- A website has come to our notice that has much information on convicts and numerous links to other relevant web pages. It is well worth a visit if you have convict ancestry:
www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/convicts/
- Tasmanian wills 1824-1989 have all been digitised and can be looked up for free! <http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=9>

Searching for settlers, grazing stock beyond the 'limits of location'?

This index on the State Records web site will be of interest to local and family historians researching the people who leased land beyond the Nineteen Counties. There was some unauthorised occupation of Crown land from the earliest days of the colony. Governor Darling created an area known as the 'limits of location' — creating two areas within the colony by a Government order on 5 September 1826. Settlers were only allowed to take up land within the 'limits'. A further Government order on 14 October 1829 increased this area of approved settlement to include an area called the Nineteen Counties. The area covered by the limit extended to Kempsey in the north, Batemans Bay in the south and Wellington to the West.

The *Index to the certificates for depasturing licences 1837-46, 1851* was compiled by Mrs Janice Brooks and the late Mrs Valerie Moses and is on the site with the permission of Mrs Brooks.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-land-records/index-to-depasturing-licences-1837-46-1851>

Maitland Gaol Photo Description Books, 1875-1903

New on the State Records site are approximately 4500 entries the Index to Gaol Photograph Description Book for Maitland Gaol (almost makes you long for a criminal in the family!).

The Gaol Photographic Description Books contain a photograph of each prisoner and the following information: number, prisoners' name, aliases, date when portrait was taken, native place, year of birth, details of arrival in the colony - ship and year of arrival, trade or occupation, religion, standard of education, height, weight (on committal, on discharge), colour of hair, colour of eyes, marks or special features, number of previous portrait, where and when tried, offence, sentence, remarks, and details of previous convictions (where and when, offence

and sentence). <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/news/new-to-search-maitland-gaol-photo-description-books-1875-1903>

The larger index to gaol photos contains about 40,000 entries to 13 gaols which include Bathurst and Dubbo.

Additional digital copies of Assisted Passenger lists

State Records has also added two more record series of Assisted Passenger shipping lists (covering the years 1854-1857) to the 'Online' Reel page! They are:

1. NRS 5322: Members of the Family Colonization Loan Society, 1854-57. The ships included are: Hanover, Marchioness of Londonderry, Bangalore, Abdalla, Washington Irving, Lord Burleigh, Nimroud, Light of the Age, and Washington Irving.

2. NRS 5323: Passenger lists of the Family Colonization Loan Society, 1854-55 These lists relate to the following ships: Abdalla, Bangalore, Hanover, Lord Burleigh, Marchioness of Londonderry, and Nimroud. In addition to details of payments made by the immigrant and the Society towards the cost of the passage, names of immigrants, ages and occupations are recorded.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/news/additional-digital-copies-of-assisted-immigrants-passenger-lists-added>

Research enquiries:

MITCHELL: requested by Jocelyn Rennie

William Mitchell wife Elizabeth/Eliza Mitchell (nee Cryer).

FITZGERALD: requested by Jane Horton

John Thomas Fitzgerald was the editor and part proprietor of the Western Daily Advocate newspaper in Orange. Died 14/11/1906 buried Orange Cemetery. Wife Johanna Fitzgerald (nee Kelly) - Died 4/6/1904 buried Waverley Cemetery. Children born Orange: Reginald John Fitzgerald; Edward Francis Fitzgerald and Gertrude Mary. Nita Lorden (a niece) was adopted by Mr John Fitzgerald .

HOLMAN: requested by Michael Webb

Captain Josiah Holman (born in the county of Cornwall at Gwennap in 1821), appointed manager of Cadia Mine, August 1861, died at Cadia on 18/2/1893.

SUMMERS: requested by Janet Lee

George Summers (Storekeeper) married Elizabeth Amy Flide (nee Peisley). Daughter Amy Kathleen Summers born 1875 Orange.

TOWNSEND/BOADEN: requested by Valma Mortimer

Margaret Sarah Townsend married Alfred Boaden in 1898 Molong. Her parents Henry John Townsend and Deborah Townsend (nee Creek).

DWYER: requested by Michelle Collet

Timothy Dwyer married Mary Ryan; son John Dwyer married Mary Martin; Children: Nellie Mary Josephine Dwyer; Mary Ethel Williams; Timothy Edgar Dwyer (George); Catherine (Hilda) Seaman; Kathleen Dwyer. Thelma Veronica Dwyer (birth 1908 mother Mary E. Orange) was brought up as a daughter of John & Mary Dwyer, she married Darcy Wellington Vitnell.

NORRIS/FITZGERALD: requested by Dennis McManus

John Thomas Norris - 1884-1959 wife Violet Theresa Norris (nee Fitzgerald) - 1883-1972. Children: John (Jack) Lovell Norris; Aileen Clare (Clare) Franklin; Lawrence Neville Norris; Kathleen Dorothy Joan (Joan) McManus; Thomas Patrick Norris; Brian Joseph Norris; Mary Therese Caragher and Barbara Margaret Condon.

Thomas Joseph Fitzgerald wife Matilda Mary Fitzgerald (nee Rogan) children: Esther Ada Maud Ruscoui; John; Frances Margaret Burgess; Joseph Augustus; Matilda M amd Gerald FP and Violet Theresa Norris.

SWEET AND HUTCHINSON: requested by Clare Cary

Olive Marion Sweet married Arthur Joseph Hutchinson in Orange on the 30/12/1903 at St John's Church Orange. Arthur Joseph Hutchinson was third son of W O Hutchinson, Lancashire, England. They emigrated to New Zealand after the birth of their daughter Audrey Hutchinson in Orange in 1910. Clare requested information on when Arthur Hutchinson first arrived in Australia, what he did and where he lived before and after his marriage and when the family moved to New Zealand.

**Births, Deaths and Marriages
(In chronological order of publication)**

The Orange Leader - Friday – 20 February 1914 - Western Weddings.

BRUTON - TIBBITS

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St James Church King Street, city on 6th inst. between Alexander Alison Brunton son of Rev. David Brunton of Scarend, Roberton, Scotland and Martini Ursula Tibbits, youngest daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Tibbits of Dubbo, Rev. Wentworth-Shields officiated.

HONEYMAN- SINCLAIR

St. James Church, Raglan, on Saturday evening was the scene of a quiet but very pretty wedding when Harold Joseph third son of Mr and Mrs Joseph

Honeyman of Raglan was married to Linda Margareta, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A Sinclair, of Limekins.

RIVETT- HAYES

At St. John's Church of England Mudgee, on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Rev. W.J. Dunstan celebrated the marriage of Clarence Harley (third son of Mr William Henry Rivett, of Kelso, Bathurst and Miss Amy Ethel Hayes, of Mudgee.

FLOOD-JUDGE

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Newbridge on Wednesday morning when Thomas, eldest son of Mr Patrick Flood of Blayney was married to Margaret, third daughter of Mr Michael Judge, of Shamrock Farm, Newbridge. Rev. Father Brosman of Rockley was the officiating clergyman.

HOLAHAN - O'DONNELL

Last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church, Mr Terence Holahan son of Mr Holahan of March Street and formerly of German's Hill was married to Miss Mary O'Donnell (recently teacher at the Orange Infants School) daughter of Mr O'Donnell of Belgravia.

TREDREA-POWTER

On Saturday the marriage was celebrated at Spring Terrace of Mr Clwydd Tredrea, son of the late Mr B. Tredrea and Mrs Tredrea of Summer Street and Miss Powter daughter of Mr & Mrs H.H. Powter, of Spring Terrace. Owing to a recent death in the family the wedding was a quiet one. Miss Linda Powter was bridesmaid and Mr Henry Powter groomsman. The Rev H S Bowden performed the ceremony. (Note: Clwydd Tredrea father Benjamin Tredrea died on 13/9/1913.)

The Orange Leader 7 January 1920

The death occurred on December 28, at his daughter's residence 231 Brighton Road, St. Kilda, Vicotira of **Robert Deighton**, in his 80th year, youngest son of the lat John Deighton, Cambridge, England. The deceased was a step-brother of the late Mr T. Deighton of Orange and uncle of Mrs T.C. Bowen and Mrs H.L. Cassidy. He was at one period an inspector of conditional purchases in this part of the world.

The Orange Leader – 11 January 1920.

James Maher an old man age 74, was taken ill and died suddenly at the Borenore Railway station on Thursday morning. On Friday Mr Millard conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding his death and after hearing the evidence of Dr Howse a verdict was returned that death was due to natural causes to wit a diseased heart. Maher is identical with the man who was brutally ill treated at Christmas time at a hotel in Lord's Place and as a consequence of

his injuries was in hospital for some time and a man is now awaiting trial on a charge of having committed the offence.

The Orange Leader – 16 January 1920

Mrs **Elizabeth (Dolly) Dawes** wife of Mr Clarence Dawes of Sydney and formerly of Orange, died on Monday last at the residence of her mother, Mrs Harry Weekes, Albert Street, Petersham: The deceased was the eldest daughter of a very old Orange district family and we believe was born at the old Half-way Hotel (now demolished) on the Molong Road. From, there the parents removed into Orange and took over the Metropolitan Hotel. Some years later they went to Sydney to reside. The deceased, who was 46 years of age, leave a husband and one son Leonard, who resides at Banksia.

The Orange Leader - 16 January 1920

Mr Alexander Beveridge, 70, an old Sydney resident and father of Mrs John Hamilton, of Byng Street, died on Tuesday. Mr Beveridge managed stores for old identities in this part of the world for many years prior to his departure for Sydney to enter the clerical branch of Messrs Holdsworth, McPherson and Co., included being Mr Caleb Parker's store at Molong and a store at Forbes. He had been the guardian of Mrs H.J. Hamilton since her early childhood. A sister was married to Mr Parker. For twenty years he was in the employ of Holdsworth, McPherson and Co. A brother Mr Peter Beveridge of Windsor, arrived on Tuesday in time to see the brother before he passed away. The deceased was a prominent member of the Methodist Church and had held every office open to a layman and was held in the very highest esteem in every quarter. Unmarked Grave - Orange Cemetery.

The Orange Leader -16 January 1920.

Mr **Percy Griffiths**, the Municipal Council's head gardener, resigned. His intention is to return to the seaside and his property at Cronulla.

The Orange Leader – 19 January 1920.

Mr **Roy Bowman** son of Mr W.C. Bowman, of Melyra, had a narrow escape from drowning last Tuesday. With a son of Mr Gifford, he was swimming in Summer Hill Creek, when suddenly the creek came down. Young Bowman was in the water, but Gifford had all his clothes on and noticing that his mate was in distress, plunged in fully dressed and succeeded in bringing him to the bank. Artificial means to restore respiration were resorted to and Roy was soon himself again, but it was a touch and go all the same.

The Sydney Morning Herald - 9 August 1965

FARRELL, Helen (Neil) August 8, 1965, at hospital, Orange, late of "Emmaville" Anson Road, Orange, loved wife of Robert (deceased), loving mother of Margaret

(Summer Hill, Sydney) Bob and Jim (Orange), and Joseph (Deceased).
Resquiescat in pace. Aged 70 years.