

**Orange Family History Group
Newsletter
April 2010**

Canobolas Gardens Crematorium

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Canobolas Gardens Crematorium CD ROM which is now available for sale (request form on back page of this newsletter). This has been a labour of love for our members. In 2003, the Orange Family History Group Incorporated started to record the inscriptions on plaques in the Canobolas Gardens Crematorium, Orange. The crematorium was built in 1956 and is situated on 10 acres of beautiful parklands. Over the years it has been operated by various companies and is currently locally owned and operated by John and Cathy Murphy.

The inscriptions have been divided into locations and identified as much as possible by plaque numbers. Unfortunately there is no map available however the friendly staff will assist if help is needed. This recording was done by pairs of volunteers, armed with pens and clipboards, working along memorial walls and throughout the gardens and trees. After these sheets were completed, several members entered them onto a computer program – firstly Jean and then by a husband and wife team, Michael and Carol. They also entered all the information from the crematorium records until 2004.

This was then processed by our IT expert Geoffrey, with help from his daughter Alyce, until it was in a fit state to be produced as a CD. Geoff printed it out for us and it took another 18 months for it all to be rechecked with both plaques and registers. During this phase we must have tried the patience of the crematorium staff many times with queries, and we owe them heartfelt thanks because they answered them without complaint! This was all done in the heat of summers and the cold and damp of Orange winters over 4 years. We have done it all with great care to avoid errors, but it is possible that some may have occurred.

The Orange Family History Group Inc. has had big changes this last 12 months – our incorporation status has been cancelled and we now operate as the “OFHG Partners with Central West Libraries”. We hope that this move will make us more accessible to genealogists seeking our help.

I would like to offer out thanks to all those members who have given so freely of their time and assistance, those mentioned already, and to the marvellous library staff for their help and for having the CDs produced for us. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

Marie Cousins
OFHG Member

Orange and District Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions

Our *Orange and District Cemetery Memorial Inscription* CD Rom was launched in 2002 and since that time we have noticed, or have had brought to our attention, a number of errors. There have been various reasons for the discrepancies, for example:

- Weathering of some of the headstones eg a "5" may have been mistaken for a "3".
- Memorials that were face down and too heavy to lift - burial records had to be checked and many inscriptions were not recorded.
- Memorials had been erected many years after the event and dates were incorrectly given eg one lady said that she had not had the memorial erected until 20 years after the event and mistakenly gave a date that was two years out.
- The inscription has been faithfully recorded but it is inaccurate as proved by either a death certificate or obituary/death notice in the newspaper.

As all the original copies of the CD have been sold it is proposed to rewrite portions of the master copy, correcting any errors of which we have been made aware and for which we have been given proof of same. This will be a one-off event and no further changes will be made to the master copy after this edition.

With that in mind, family historians are invited to submit any changes they think are necessary and have the proof to back it up (eg death certificate, photo of the headstone or death or obituary notice showing the date). Remember that if the headstone says 1954 but the actual death was 1952 then the entry cannot be changed as it is an inscription CD-Rom and the inscription is recorded as written. However, an addendum may be added in an additional sheet or sheets to notify others of the correction and the reason for same.

Entries are invited either by email to familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au or posted to: The Family History Group, PO Box 35, Orange NSW 2800. **The cut-off date will be 31 May 2010.**

If you are sending in a correction, please also send in the supporting documentation for the change and include a contact address (email or postal) as it may be necessary to contact you for further information or to confirm what you have provided.

On-Line Resources

Update on the Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program

The millionth page on the Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program was made publicly available on 14 December 2009, marking a project milestone. The millionth page contained the 10 millionth article. This was a 1901 edition of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The National Library of Australia has advised that there will be a staggering 40 million articles available by 2011.

Digitisation started in 2007 and 4.4 million pages were targeted for digitisation over four years to be complete and publicly accessible as full text articles by June 2010. Three million

of the identified 4.4 million pages have been scanned from microfilm into digital images so far. Of the three million scanned pages one million have been converted into full text articles by the OCR process and are publicly available. The remaining pages will be made available from now through til June 2010.

The one million pages publicly available amounts to 10 million articles with coverage dates of 1803 -1954.

Public users have enhanced the data significantly since August 2008 by correcting 8.13 million lines of text in 368,390 articles. This really improves the searching. Also 5061 comments and 230,384 tags have been added to articles, which will be used for search and retrieval in the 2010 version of Trove.

The first 70 years (1831-1901) of the *Sydney Morning Herald* are now publicly available. It is important to note that some issues of this title are missing. These are being sourced in hard copy from locations in Australia and will be added to the public service in 2010. So don't worry if you spot a missing issue, the National Library knows about it and it will appear in the service soon.

Speaking of the National Library Have you tried '**Trove**' on the web? – It is the National Library of Australia's wonderful new super-site which quickly searches across books, journals, pictures, newspapers, diaries, music, archived websites, people and organisations. Go to <http://trove.nla.gov.au>

First Fleeters

A few weeks ago we welcomed the Mitchell Chapter of the Federation of First Fleeters to the Library to learn about the many resources we hold which can assist them in their research. In particular we focussed on some of the on-line databases available. If you'd like to explore some of these check our the entry on our blog at <http://www.ofhg.com.au/client/index.cfm> - and why not subscribe while you're there?

Orange Celebrates 150 years of local government

In our December Newsletter we told you how we were building a wiki to record stories about the people, places, events and services that have contributed to 150 years of local government in Orange. This will be going live in late April so be sure to check out the site and contribute your information and memories. <http://150wiki.orange.nsw.gov.au>

The *Central Western Daily* is also running a feature article on the 3rd Thursday of each month focussing on a different topic. These are being compiled and written by Library staff with research assistance by the Orange and District Historical Society. If you live outside of Orange you can read this on-line at <http://www.centralwesterndaily.com.au/>

Fancy a trip to the Yorkshire Family History Fair?

Invitations to this event have been sent to us before and the Promoter, Alex Sampson, writes: "Information has been sent to you regarding this event in previous years. There is a possibility that some of your members may be in the UK at this time and might like the opportunity of attending". The Fair is to be held on Saturday 26 June 2010 at York Racecourse, Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, between 10 am an 4.30pm. Further information

is available from Mr Sampson at 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 4ND, England
tel/fax 016 42 486 615.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES

WHITEHEAD

December 18, accidentally killed at Borenore, near Orange, Thomas Henry, third beloved son of William and Rebecca Whitehead, aged 12 years.

Mrs M WHITE *The Orange Leader* Monday 5 February 1917

Mrs M White Snr, of Bank Street Molong, breathed her last on Wednesday morning. The deceased had reached the ripe old age of 87 years and 18 months. She was a native of Edinburgh (Scotland) and came to Australia in 1852. Some 38 years ago she went to the Molong district where she resided ever since. The deceased leaves an adult family of three sons and three daughters viz James (Canbelago), David (Koorawatha), William (Wellington) Mrs Ashcroft (Eugowra), Mrs Taber (Gunnedah) and Mrs Harris (Cowra).

Mrs M WHITE *The Molong Argus* 2 February 1917

One more link with the past has been snapped and it becomes our duty to chronicle the demise of an old and respected member of the community in the person of Mrs M White senr of Bank Street, she breathing her last at an early hour on Wednesday morning. The deceased lady had long passed the "allotted span" having reached the ripe age of 87 years and 10 months; but great as her age was she retained the full use of her faculties to the last and a retentive memory stored with interesting anecdotes and information re the old days. Up to a comparatively short time ago the old lady enjoyed fairly good health, but her weight of years told their tale and following an attack of gastritis contracted a few weeks ago she became very feeble and gradually sank and died as stated above, the immediate cause of death being senile decay. The late Mrs White was a native of Edinburgh (Scotland) and came to Australia in 1852. She landed at Melbourne and resided in Victoria for a time, but came to NSW 54 years ago with her husband who carried on farming operations in the Albury district. Some 38 years ago she came to the Molong district where she has resided ever since. Her husband predeceased her by some 32 years. The deceased leaves an adult family of three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, all of whom were present at the bedside. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended, the remains being interred in the Methodist portion of the local cemetery. The last sad offices at the graveside were performed by the Rev Mr Thomas and Mr Jas Ball, Mrs Kingsland carried out the mortuary arrangements. (Note: B D M Whyte May -1917 – Father David – reg Molong. Electoral Rodd 1903 – Whyte May – West Molong.)

BATES

June 1, at her residency, Rocklynne, near Orange, Anne Julia, beloved wife of Lucas Bates, the eldest daughter of the late Edward Lakeman of Parramatta, in her 49th year.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

Correction of article in previous newsletter regarding **Violet Ann EGGLESTON** (nee Farr) She was born 16 September 1886, died 16 February 1937 (not 1978 as stated) at Parkes Cemetery.

Requested by Patricia Marshall

Henry POWTER and Kingsley MARTIN:

Asked if Henry Powter was related to Claude Powter, Ernest Powter, Jack Powter, Leslie Powter, Richard Powter and Robert Powter, according to Army records all of the above born in Orange NSW.

Request by Stephen Martin

JENNER & MULLINS:

James Jenner & Philadelphia Jenner (nee Harvey), their son William Jenner & Bridget Higgins. Mary Ann Jenner married Michael Joseph Mullins.

Request by Simone Reeves

WEST:

James West died 13th June, 1915 & Eliza West (nee Peters) died 26th August, 1903: children – William West: Edward James West married Emily Charlotte Coleman; Mary J West married Martin Lewis died 1st February, 1955 buried Orange Cemetery. James West sister Martha Summers (nee West).

Request by Melissa West

George HOLMES of Cudal:

George Holmes died 9th October, 1918: 2nd marriage Theresa Ellen Ford 21st December, 1915: children Ellen Theresa Williams; Theresa Gerty Bonnington died 30th October, 1930.

Request by Carolyn Markham

WHITE:

Herbert Henry White died 3/8/1970 Cumnock buried Orange Cemetery. Agnes Pearl White (nee Taylor) died 15/8/1952 Singleton buried Orange Cemetery.

Request by Kylie Leary

UNSWORTH:

Sylvester Joseph Unsworth died on 17th June, 1920 from affects of injuries accidentally received through falling in a bar of the Royal Hotel Cumnock. Buried at Waverly Cemetery.

Request by Judy Reynolds

EADES:

Williams Eades born in Orange married in Adelaide to Esterina Estella Williams. William Eades appears to have changed his name to William McNamara, he died in Victoria on 20/4/1931 he is buried in Wonthaggi Cemetery. He was the son of Edward William Eades & Elizabeth Gartrell Eades (nee Hayward).

Request by Audrey Browning

Alexander TINNOCK:

Obituaries of the family of Alexander Tinnock & Margaret Tinnock (nee McAlphine). Their son Alexander Tinnock & Sarah Tinnock (Nee Hurkett).

Request by Marg Dunmore

TABER:

George Taber died 27/8/1862 accidentally killed, buried Orange. (Note: On marriage certificate name was Thomas Taber); his daughter Maria Taber Born Orange.

Request by Carole Goodman

Does anyone know about the ROBERTSONS of Orange 1878-1887?

Emily **LORD'S** parents, William and Charlotte, and two sisters Maria born circa 1850 England and Emily(1) born circa 1852 England, arrived on the ship "Beejapore" in 1853 and were placed in quarantine where both girls passed away. Emily Lord(2) was born 1853/3642 whilst still at the quarantine centre at Parramatta NSW. Emily(2) and her parents remained in the Parramatta district. William and Charlotte had 10 more children: Lucy 1855, William 1857, Elizabeth 1859, Ann 1861, John 1863, Thomas 1864, Louisa 1866, Henry 1867, Henry Charles 1870 and Edith 1874.

Emily Lord had two children before she married William Byron **ROBERTSON** in 1879/4440 and moved to **Orange** from her parents' home at Parramatta NSW. Emily's first child was an unnamed baby girl, b.1875/17356 at Parramatta, father unnamed. Emily stated she was unmarried and records no occupation. The second child, Alfred Norman, was born in Orange NSW in 1878/19477, his surname recorded as **MORISING**, father Alfred Morising, an American seaman. Emily claimed on this record to have married in 1877. I have not found a record of this marriage to a person named Alfred Morising, considering all spelling variations for the surname. One also wonders why Emily would marry a seaman then move to Orange. When she married William **ROBERTSON** in 1879 she claimed to be a spinster and a general servant. I believe the Morising marriage to be fictitious to cover the two children born out of wedlock.

William and Emily Robertson went on to have five children, four of whom were born in Orange: William 1880/21413 Orange (father occupation hearse driver); John H 1882/26328 Orange (labourer) died 1884/7770 (labourer); Reginald Byron 1884/30102 Orange (brewer)**; Mabel 1886/2091 Orange (railway porter); Elsie 1889/8310 Redfern NSW (labourer).

Reginald married Amy **MILTON 1910/12319, the sister of my maternal grandmother Maud who married Alfred Normal **LORD/NEW** in 1906/1916. Two half brothers marry two sisters, the first recorded link I have found between Alfred and his Robertson half siblings.

The family appears to have moved from Orange around 1887. William Robertson passed away aged 47 at Granville 1890/5828 (labourer). Emily became destitute and placed her children William aged 11, Reginald aged 7 and Mabel aged 5 into Burnside Children's Asylum near Parramatta. Else, aged 3, was a sickly child and went to Emily's parents William and Charlotte **LORD** for an unknown period of time. William, Reginald and Mabel were eventually fostered, the boys to a local dairy farm and Mabel to a childless couple. Emily Robertson remarried 1912/14787 aged 58 to Charles **MANSFIELD**. Emily passed away in 1935/4557. Her record shows her children with William Robertson, plus one extra

"mystery daughter Ada" (aged 60). This gives Ada's birth year as 1875, the correct year for Emily's first child, the unnamed daughter born 1875 at Parramatta. It is a very strong probability that Ada is that child. There is no mention of her son Alfred Norman. There were two deceased children, John 1884 and Elsie.

Alfred Norman used the surnames Lord or New from 1903 to 1913 then again in the early 1920s. It is unknown if Alfred ever used the surname Robertson or some other, yet unknown, name. I have not found evidence of him using his birth name of Morising. Alfred Norman Lord/New is my maternal step-grandfather. I have been searching for many years to find when and where he died. He and my grandmother separated around 1912 or 1913. Where did he live his life, and did he have a second family?

I have had no success finding descendants of Emily's siblings or Alfred's siblings or half siblings.

My first record found of Alfred Norman LORD/New (Morising/Robertson/unknown?) after his birth 1878/19477 was in 1903 and 1904 living with a Hannah New a widow, at Market Street, Rockdale, as a fireman. Hanna's husband William NEW committed suicide in 1901. This couple married in England and arrived childless in Australia in 1875. No children were listed on William New's death records or on Hanna New's death in 1925. Alfred Norman was using the New surname until he married Maud Milton in 1906/1916 as Alfred Norman Lord, occupation foreman. Alfred and Maud Lord had a son, Reginald Norman LORD 1908/7997, occupation engine keeper. A daughter Thursa Margarite Maud Lord was born 1909 or 1910 (I have not been able to find her birth registration or baptism). Thursa did believe she had been born in the Mittagong NSW area. The family seems to have lived around the Rockdale, Kogarah district. I have never found any records to show Alfred Norman Lord/New was in the NSW Fire Brigade which he had claimed for over six years. Alfred Norman and Maud Lord separated around 1912 or 1913. In 1912 Alfred was arrested for wife desertion and was under surety for 12 months. He left again, and the Police Gazette for both 1912 and 1913 listed a warrant for his arrest; he was listed as using both Lord and New surnames. The early 1920s found Alfred Normal again using both surnames, living back in the Kogarah and Carlton NSW districts. I have not been able to find any trace of him after then.

Maud began to call herself Mrs New from the early 1920s. She never divorced or remarried but did have another child in 1924, my mother Ruby who was raised as a New. Thusa never married and was known as New until the 1940s when she began to use her Lord surname.

The son, Reginald Norman (named for Alfred's half brother) died in 1935; both his birth and death are redigested as Lord, his grave headstone at Woronora Cemetery gives his name as New. Record for Reginald's occupation as a tram and bus conductor, show New as the surname.

All this family have now passed on and I would dearly love to solve the mystery. Who raised Alfred Norman and his older sister, possibly Ada? What was Ada's surname; did she marry and have a family? Did family take these children in, or were they raised in children's homes. How did the News, Lords and Robertsons connect – were they somehow related?

Why did Emily choose these families to raise her first two children. Why did Emily move to Orange?

Whilst Alfred Norman Lord/New remained mostly in the Rockdale are, there are many records to show another Alfred NEW, a caretaker, living at 56 Market Street Sydney, this person remained stable at this address over many years so I feel he cannot be confused with our Alfred but keep an open mind. I would be very grateful if anyone can shed any light on this family or the descendants of Emily or her family or siblings.

Mrs Michele Maher, 12 Begonia Street, Browns Plains QLD 4118.





Does any reader recognise any of these photos? If so, please let **Margaret Dunmore** C/o OFHG know. She would also like to hear from anyone is researching the **TINNOCK, SCOTT or GERSBACH** family histories.

Great Great Grandmother, Jane **STONE**

My Great Great grandmother was Jane Stone, daughter of Edward **STONE** and Elizabeth **VINCENT**. She was baptised in 1817 in the Parish of Hindon, County Wiltshire, England. She married James **HURLE** on 25th December, 1835 in Wiltshire. They had sons, Henry James **HURLE** (my great grandfather) born 6th October, 1839, and George.

IN the 1851 census, Jane **HURLE** was living in the parish of Monkton Deverill in Wiltshire with her two sons, and was listed as Head of Household. In the 1861 census, she is listed as Widow, a servant, living in London. I have never been able to find when or where Great Great Grandfather, James **HURLE** died, but I am still searching.

Great Great Grandmother Jane (a widow) married John **WEBSTER** on 9th March, 1864 at Summer Hill, near Orange, NSW – she was aged 45 and he was 52. I have done a log of searching, but have not been able to find exactly when she arrived in Australia nor on what ship. They lived on a farm/orchard at Canobolas on the outskirts of Orange. Jane (Hurle) Webster died in Orange on 15th March, 1883 aged 66 years. John Webster had died 19th September, 1879. The Informant on Jane's death certificate was her son, Henry **HURLE** (my Great Grandfather). It said on her death certificate that she had been 19 years in NSW, so I assume that she must have arrived about 1863 or 1864 – not very long before she married John Webster.

My research yielded that Great Grandfather Henry James Hurle had arrived in Australia on 12th February, 1857 on the "Hindostan" aged 17, together with his wife Emma **BLETTO**, also aged 17, both from Wiltshire. His parents are both listed as dead, but as this is

obviously incorrect, perhaps because of his age, he needed to say that to get an assisted passage. He and Emma went to Adelong for him to work in the goldfields there. Emma died 22 December 1858, leaving a 6 week old son (William George HURLE) who died soon after.

Great Grandfather, Henry James HURLE later married Elizabeth BROWN at Wellington in 1863 and they came to live in Orange. He died in 1903 and one of his sons, Thomas Charles Hurle was my Grandfather.

I still hope I can fill in the missing bits to the picture and find when and where James Hurle died, and also when Jane Hurle arrived in Australia. With more resources becoming available, hopefully I will be lucky.

Shirley Duckworth.

SEARCHING FOR:

Relatives and descendants of Cornelius and Elizabeth Annie **PUGH**. Lived in Minmi and Kurri Kurri. Their children were Ella (ASKIE) Daisy (KOLLER) and Albert. Cornelius died 1936 at Kurri and Elizabeth died 1967, also at Kurri Kurri. I am a descendant of Ella and would appreciate any information and photos. Please contact June Rodgers, 112 Clinton St, Orange NSW 2800 Ph 63 600864.

WRIGHT REUNION

Hello, my name is Brian Wright. I am in the progress of organizing a family reunion for the first half of next year for the descendants of James & Eliza WRIGHT. Married 1818. James & Eliza's daughter Susannah spent many years in the Ophir district (she is buried in the Ophir cemetery) and I believe many of her descendants may still reside in the Ophir/Orange area.

If possible would you please be able to insert the following in one of your future journals.

Descendants of James (arrived Aus 1813 per Archduke Charles) and Eliza (Mackay) Wright are invited to a reunion in March 2011 in Cowra NSW. Susannah m MASLING, sons John (did not marry) James and Samuel m Coyle.

Assoc names Dooley, McConnell, Masling, Perry, Burke, Neil, Harris, Railton, Dinse, O'Reilly, Tweddle, Williams, Hetherington.

Contact Brian Wright, 201 Camp Road, Cowra NSW 2794. call 02 6342 6059, or email mintyw@tpg.com.au "

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