



**ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER
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CULTURAL SENSITIVITY WARNING

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this newsletter contains images and names of deceased persons

Welcome to a bumper edition of our newsletter. Thank you to everyone for providing interesting articles.

[Recollect Central West](#) has been launched. It is a place to capture and share the history, heritage and stories of the Central West NSW. Please consider sharing your images of Orange and district – old school photos, family history photos or information about anything relating to the district. Check out the images from the Central Western Daily negatives from 1950's and 1960's.

Stay safe, happy family history exploring.

Julie Sykes
Local Studies Librarian

DESERVED RECOGNITION

At the Orange Family History Group's first meeting of the year, devoted member Lynne Irvine was genuinely surprised to be presented by Orange City Librarian Sean Brady with a Certificate of Appreciation for:

*"Recognition of time, effort and dedication over the past 15 years
developing Orange Cemetery Database"*

This database is wonderful resource for family historians and genealogists, and will be a fantastic asset for generations to come.

You can search for your ancestors using the grave location search via the Orange Cemetery Database. This can be accessed by visiting the Orange City Council website www.orange.nsw.gov.au/orange-cemetery/



Orange Family History Group Volunteer Lynne Irvine presented with
Certificate of Recognition by Orange City Librarian Sean Brady
Photograph courtesy Orange City Library

ANZAC MEMORIAL AVENUE BATHURST ROAD ORANGE

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Anzac Memorial Avenue on Bathurst Road. Today there are remnants of the stance of trees near Memorial Park and near Harvey Norman. Many of the trees have disappeared with the widening of Bathurst Road over the years. The existing plaques are in the Orange City Library Local Studies collection for safe keeping.



Opening of Anzac Memorial Avenue Bathurst Road, 25 April 1923

Image courtesy of Orange City Library

In 1923 a public meeting was called to organise the establishment of an Anzac Memorial Avenue in Orange. Councillor Stuart Lamrock, Mr A M Armstrong and their committee researched names of the fallen WW1 soldiers and sought donations for trees. In mid-April students from Orange High School, Orange Public School and Orange East School dug holes for the trees under supervision of James Bastick, the municipal gardener. The avenue of Himalayan cedars (*Cedrus deodara*) was planted along both sides of Bathurst Road from McLachlan Street Lone Pine Avenue on Anzac Day.

After a united church service held in Robertson Park, a procession of over 3000 people, headed by mounted police, members of Orange half squadron of Light Horse and Orange Cadet and Town Bands, followed by returned soldiers (marching four abreast) and boy and girl scouts threaded their way along Summer Street to Bathurst Road. About 4000 townspeople attended the planting.

When the Union Jack was lowered to half mast, the donors placed the potted trees in the holes. Each tree guard had an enamel Plaque inscribed with "In memory of" followed by the fallen soldier's name and the name of tree donor. Afterwards the bugler sounded the Last Post. The crowd then proceeded to "Wolaroi" where soldiers were presented with war medals by Major A Colvin. The following day council workers planted the trees in the ground. Excess funds were used to the extend the avenue to include trees planted for nurses who served in the first world war. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article252633240>

Plaques in our Local Studies Collection include:



*In Honor of Matron Arthur
donor J. Kenna*



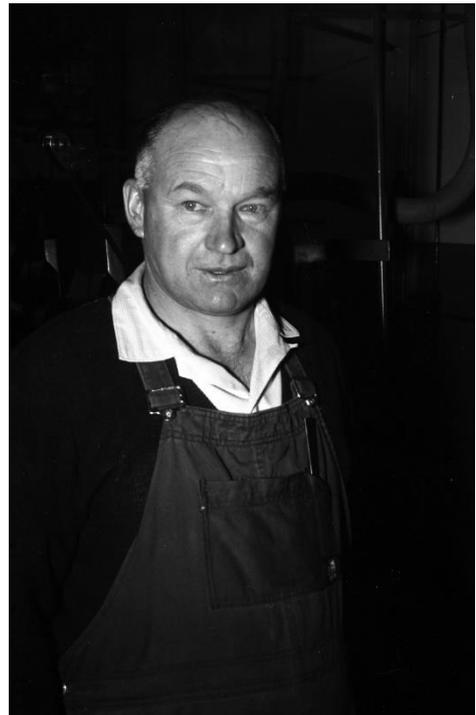
*To the memory of Pte A. J. Dooley,
donor Mark Kelly*

BILL DENMAN

William Arthur Denman moved to Orange in 1942 to work at the newly-opened Small Arms Factory in Edward Street. Bill, as he was known, had been transferred from the Lithgow factory, having completed his apprenticeship as a machinist. When the Emmco plant opened on the site in 1946 Bill secured work as a tool and cutter grinder. He retired in July 1977 following a career at Emmco/Email spanning more than thirty years.

Born at Hill End in 1912, Bill was the second youngest of nine children. He attended Hill End Public School until the age of 14. Following his mother's death in 1926 Bill moved to a sheep station near Orange where he worked for ten years.

In 1937 Bill married Ruby Evelyn Lyle. Both Bill and Ruby became committed citizens of Orange following their relocation to the city. Bill helped form the Glenroi Progress Association in 1947, and agitated Orange City Council for improved roads, footpaths, drainage and street lighting for Emmco worker's dwellings known as the duration cottages.



*Bill Denman
Image courtesy Orange & District
Historical Society CWD
negative collection*

In the early 1950s Bill and Ruby, representing the Glenroi Progress Association, secured the sale of the duration cottages to tenants during an acute housing shortage. Over the years Bill continued to negotiate with council for better conditions for residents, requesting bus shelters, sporting and recreational facilities.

Bill was appointed shop steward for the Amalgamated Engineering Union at Emmco and in 1947 was made secretary of the eight combined unions at the plant, becoming chairman in 1965. Bill's approachability, compassion, integrity and superior negotiation skills were held in high regard by all who knew him.

Bill served on the Orange Base Hospital Board for 34 years. The last member of the board to be elected by hospital subscribers, he was chairman for 15 years until his retirement in 1977. The children's ward at the hospital was named in his honour. Mrs Denman was an active supporter of the Hospital Auxiliary, serving as secretary for several years.

Bill Denman died in Orange on 4 February 2001. He will be remembered for his compassion and many years of dedication to the Orange community. Ruby Denman passed away in December 2008.

Bill Denman was interviewed by Elisabeth Edwards on 16 March 1996 as part of the [Email Oral History Project](#) to celebrate 50 years of the operations of the Email Limited whitegoods factory in Orange, New South Wales. [Listen to the interview on Recollect Central West.](#)

FORGOTTEN DIGGERS

With Anzac Day coming up just some updates on the ongoing work of *Forgotten Diggers*. To date we have located 80 soldiers in unmarked graves, 11 of these will have a Commonwealth War Grave headstone. More applications are with the Australian War Graves awaiting a decision.

This high number is due in part to 35 ex-soldiers being inmates of Bloomfield Hospital before they died.

On a more positive note, Pte William White, No 447 of the 4th Battalion F Company from Bungowannah near Albury was the first of the ex-soldiers to have a cross placed on his grave. This is a temporary measure until his war grave is erected. It is envisaged that over time, crosses will be placed on the other graves also (where we have a burial reference). We are also fortunate enough to have made contact with a descendant of Pte White who lives in Melbourne and who still holds his 1914-1915 Star.



The database containing the names of the soldiers will be forwarded to Orange General Cemetery and an Australian flag will be placed on their grave for Anzac Day. Special thanks to Mr Chris Colvin, President of Orange RSL Sub Branch for organising this.

The Cemetery has also received notification that three headstones will be erected in the near future for Pte William Crumpler 3rd Battalion 19th Reinforcement, Pte Frank Akers 13th Battalion 1st Reinforcement and Pte Frederick John Smith 54th Battalion 5th Reinforcement.

This year a wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph for our *Forgotten Diggers*. *"I once was lost but now I am found"*.

Lest We Forget

Sharon Jameson
Orange Family History Group

CORONERS INQUESTS

You can check the NS.W. State records - Coroners inquest - index on the microfilm years 1834 - June 1945 reel 2763 -2768 & 2921 -2927. These are held at the Orange City Library.

On the N.S.W. State records web-site - Index A to Z - Inquest - Coroners inquest index - 1796-1824

Inquest index - 1942-1963 - Give names and date of inquest (note this enables you to check the newspapers as sometimes the inquest was held some-time after the person's death)

I found indexes of coroners inquest compiled by Lorna Hawkins and Pam Lawry. Which I was then able to find newspapers article and checking the N.S.W. B.D.M. deaths their date of death. Below are some of the names I found:

Coroners Inquest - Johnstone Robert - 26/12/1848 - Blackmans Swamp - found drowned.

Bathurst Advocate - 30/12/1848- A man named Robert Johnson, left Summerhill to refrain from drinking during Christmas, there being rapid floods through Emu Swamp Creek, and in place of avoiding drink, it appears he dipped too deep ; he boasted he would cross and re-cross the creek without injury ; he jumped in and the 'next day his body was found near the same place. An inquest was held on the body before J. A. Templer, Esq., and Dr. Rickards. Verdict — Found drowned.

Coroners inquest - George Littleton - held 23/5/1848 - Blackmans Swamp - Sudden Death.

***Bathurst Advocate* - 10/6/1848 page 3- Blackmans Swamp - Sudden Death - A few days ago, a man named George Littleton, died at the Coach and Horses Inn. It appeared, from evidence, some years ago Littleton was putting up a large 'stockyard and received a hurt, since that time he has complained of a severe pain to his breast. He was at work for Mr. Peisley, when he was taken suddenly ill and on the 21st ultimo went to his work and returned home, exclaiming, "I am done!" which were his last words. The Magistrate made enquiry as to his death, but could not ascertain any other cause than from a former injury he had received. He was buried in Summerhill graveyard.

Coroners Inquest - John Macuray - held 10/10/1864 - Canobolas - Accidentally drowning.

The Goulburn Herald - 19/10/1864-Child drowned in a tub of suds - An inquest - was held on Monday morning, the 10th instant, before Mr. J. R. Templer, coroner, and a jury of five, at the residence of Michael Gough, at the Canobolas, on view of the body of John Macuray, an infant eighteen months old, who was found dead in a tub of soap-suds outside the kitchen door on Saturday

Coroners inquest - Catherine Murray - held 1/5/1866- Orange - Exhaustion and want of necessary care & food.

****Empire Sydney* - 8/5/1866 page 5 - death from exhaustion. An inquest was held at Orange,

on the body of Catherine Murray, aged eleven years. It appeared from the evidence of the father that the poor girl had eaten nothing for five days. Her mother had died a few weeks ago and the bereavement had, no doubt, preyed sore upon the lonely child. Dr. Sparling stated that he had made a postmortem examination; and found the heart, liver, and other intestines in a perfectly healthy state, and he attributed the girl's death to exhaustion and a want of nourishment. Verdict— Died from exhaustion. — Orange Guardian.

***N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - 29/4/1866 - Catherine Murray - father John Mother Ellen - Orange.

***N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - 12/4/1866- Ellen Murray - Father Thomas W. Mother Catherine - Orange



Amplify is a platform managed by the State Library of New South Wales that enables participating libraries to upload audio files such as oral histories and have an automated transcription of the speech into text.

Central West Libraries have joined this project and uploaded Interviews from the [Email/Emmco/Munitions Factory](#).

We are asking interested members of the community to participate in the transcription of these oral histories.

First time transcribers can create their own login via the link below.

You can read through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and the Tutorial. Both are accessible from the Amplify landing page.

<https://amplify.gov.au/centralwestlibraries>

JAMES CASH

James Joseph Cash was born in Orange on the 4th January 1890. He was the son of Mary Jane Cash who in turn was the daughter of Terence Cash and Honora (Anne) O'Hara.

To say James was a bit of a "*wild child*" is an understatement. His mother had moved to Newtown and married Charles Goodwin Black in in 1903 while James remained behind in Orange living with his grandmother Anne. (His grandfather Terence had died in Bathurst in 1885). When he finally moved down to Newtown his mother stated she had no control over him and he was sent to the *Sobraon* training ship.

On 12 March 1915 James enlisted in the Army at Liverpool New South Wales. He formed part of the 20th Battalion, A Company who embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 *Berrima* on the 25th June 1915. He saw service at Gallipoli and in Egypt before returning to Australia November 1917.

While there is no mention of being wounded on his file, except for a dislocated elbow, he was granted a pension of £3 in February 1918.

James died on the 5th June 1919 at Moore Park Emergency Hospital of pneumonia/influenza and was buried in an unmarked grave in Rookwood Cemetery.

Forgotten Diggers applied for and were granted a Commonwealth War Grave in February 2022.

If anyone recognises James or the family names below could they please contact the Central West Library in Orange jsykes@cwl.nsw.gov.au

James married Ethel M Still in London in 1917. It is not known if he brought her to Australia with him. It is noted on his death certificate he was married but no name of his spouse.

Terence Cash married Honora (Anne) O'Hara in Bathurst in 1864

They had the following children: Christina C M 1865, Thomas J 1868, Mary J 1871, Henry Terence 1874, Lucy Elizabeth 1876, Agnes 1879 all at Bathurst and Richard J in 1882 at Carcoar.

Mary J (mother of the above James) married Charles Goodwin Black in 1903 and had two children – Charles John Goodwin (Carl) Black (Married Edith Marguerite Shardlow 1939) and Kathleen Ethel Black (married Arthur Bednal in 1926)

Sharon Jameson
Orange Family History Group

zealous member.

Michael Hayes

One of the most well-known men of Orange in his day was "Mick" Hayes.

A native of County Clare, Ireland, this old pioneer was identified with the Royal and Club Hotels in the capacity of groom.

The period he served the public, when the horse vehicles were in vogue, was one requiring the almost constant attendance of the groom of a hostelry.

Hayes rendered a great service to the public in this regard, and there were few held in higher regard by the public than this man who gave unremitting attention, civility and cheerfulness to the travelling public.

James Livingstone

One-time farmer of German's Hill, this old pioneer moved to Orange, where he was a familiar figure for many years.

He owned a shop on the corner of Sale and Summit Streets, where later a butchery was erected.

Livingstone was a British soldier who served through the Crimean War.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Sun (Orange) NSW - 24/3/1899: Death of Mr Jewell.

Just before going to press on Tuesday we received information of the death of Mr Louis Jewell, but the details which came to hand were somewhat garbled before reaching us. The facts are as follow. On Tuesday morning Mr Jewell who had not been in good health for some months past, got up at 5.15 for the purpose of meeting the train. Mrs Jewell knowing he was not too well endeavored to persuade him to allow one of the boys to meet the train instead, but he replied that he wished to see a gentleman who would be at the station and for whom he had some letters. After some little time had elapsed Mrs Jewell not hearing the bus go out of the year and suspecting that something was wrong immediately went out the back and found that the harness was partly on the horse and that Mr Jewell was sitting down. In reply to a question he said he would be well again in a minute he also said that he would go back to bed. Mrs Jewell then went inside to call her son to replace him and on returning found her husband lying down by the fence and the horse in the shafts. He evidently had proceeded to harness the horse and feeling unwell went to lean against the fence and fell down. Medical was immediately obtained and it was seen that he was in a state of collapse from which he never properly recovered and he expired in the afternoon. Heat affection was the cause. The funeral took place in the afternoon and was well attended. The arrangements were entrusted to Mrs Hale. His remains were interred in the Jewish cemetery. Mr C. Marsden officiating at the grave. Deceased who was nearly 54 years of age was a native of Bathurst and had been nearly all his life round these parts. He was highly respected and popular and leaves a widow and large family to mourn their loss.

Central Western Daily -1/12/1951: Obituary - George Richard Astill.

A native of the Orange district prominent member of the Baptist Church and a well-known identity about town. Mr George Richard Astill died at the Base Hospital yesterday aged 78 years. The subject of this notice George Richard Astill was an ardent member of the Baptist Church and one of its deacons for more than 25 years. During that time he served as church secretary and in 1938 was elected a life deacon. When a young man he was in the grocery trade, principally at J. Wallace's store then situated at the corner of Anson and Byng Streets, opposite the Town Hall. Subsequently acting on medical advice he followed orchard and farming work at Borenore, where he took a keen interest in the Farmers and Settlers' Association and the Borenore Agricultural Bureau. He was a member of the Court Little John Ancient Order of Foresters for more than 50 years. George Astill who possessed gentlemanly characteristics devoted most of his time to his family home and business activities from which he retired in 1939, when he came to spend the evening of his life with his wife and members of the family in Orange. He is survived by his widow two sons Harold and Clive both of Orange and one daughter Muriel of Dulwich Hill. One infant son predeceased him. He also leaves two sisters Mrs J. Thompson of the Orange Racecourse and Mrs I. Reece of Lidcombe. Baptist portion of the Orange Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 16/8/1952: Death of Senator.

Mr Albert (Jupp) Gardiner a veteran of the Labor movement a former Senator and Federal Minister who was born in the old family homestead, Sale Street, Orange, 85 years ago died at

his home in Waverley on Thursday night. Fifth son of the late Mr & Mrs W.A. Gardiner pioneers of the Orange district "Jupp" Gardiner spent the early years of his life as a carpenter in Orange, where other of his brothers were associated with coach building and farrier businesses principally in Summer Street where Satchell's Building now stands. Well read a fluent speaker and a likeable personality Albert Gardiner when quite a young man became prominent in the Australian Workers Union before entering the New South Wales Legislative Assembly as member for Forbes in 1891 when only 23 years of age. When he was elected to the Senate in 1910, it was the first time that a Labor candidate had been elected from New South Wales. He was re-elected at the general elections in 1914 and 1919. Mr Gardiner resigned from Cabinet in 1916 on the conscription issue. He returned to the Senate for a time after the NSW Parliament had elected him in June 1928, to fill the Senate vacancy caused by the death of Senator J. Grant. He was Leader of the Labor party in the Senate for nine years and deputy leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. Against Drink. "Jupp" Gardiner right throughout his career was always a strong opponent to intoxicating liquor. On one occasion when returning thanks for a successful election from the iron water fountain at the intersection of Lord's Place and Summer Street, he slipped and injured himself. A supporter suggested that he be given a dose of brandy. "No" he replied "If I had a glass of liquor in the right hand and a loaded revolver in the left would much rather receive the contents of the left hand". In his heyday "Jupp" Gardiner was a noted footballer, as foundation member of the old Our Boys Club, the first formed in Orange and often played with the Combined Western Team. He was also a prominent cricketer when an almost complete team comprised members of the Gardiner family. There are only two members of the original family of the late Mr & Mrs W.A. Gardiner left Mr George Gardiner and Nicholson both of Sydney. Mr Gardiner is survived by Mrs Gardiner a son Harold and a daughter Lillian. A funeral service will be held today at St Barnabas Church of England Waverley. One of his nephews Ald Gordon Gardiner of Orange left last night to attend the funeral service.

Central Western Daily - 5/1/1953: Obituary - Mr S.A. Hoey.

A foundation councilor of Canobolas Shire Council and one of the oldest and best liked natives of the Orange district, Mr Samuel Adolphus Hoey died at a private hospital last night, aged 90 years. A son of early pioneers, the late Mrs & Mrs Patirck Hoey, the late "Dolph" Hoey was born on the outskirts of Orange and lived for 85 years in the one house on his property "Montgomery" Springside, remaining there with the exception of periodical visits to his niece Mrs Fuller, in Sydney, until his death. During his early years he was apprenticed to Dale's saddlery establishment then next to the Commercial Bank of Sydney in Summer Street and later he worked for a time for the late James Bonner, produce merchant then of McNamara Street. The greater part of his life was spent at "Montgomery" where he was often affectionately referred to as the "uncrowned king of Springside". There he carried on mixed farming for a lengthy period and was known throughout the district for his gentlemanly characteristics, warm-heartedness, intelligence and friendly personality. He endeared himself to all who knew him. His popularity asserted itself when he was chosen unanimously to be one of the first representatives of "B" Riding when the Canobolas Shire Council first came into being in December 1906. His other foundation colleagues included the late Messrs M.F. Dalton; Steve Bailey; R.G. Glasson, Samuel Whitmee and John Watts. The first Shire Clerk was the late Mr C.T. Fleming. "Dolph" Hoey remained a councilor for more than 30 years, filling the presidency for a number of terms and he also laid the foundation stone of the present

shire Council Chambers, Kite Street, in 1912. He never married and is survived by one sister Mrs S. Potter of Springside. His funeral will leave Holy Trinity Church today.

Central Western Daily - 25/7/1955: Obituary - Mr C.E. Priest.

A well-known businessman died at a private hospital in Orange on July 17 1955 at the age of 48 years. He was Mr Clarence Edward Priest. A son of the late Mr & Mrs Os Priest, Mr Clarrie Priest was born at Flemington and came to live in Orange at the age of 21 years and soon established himself as a painter. In 1941 he joined the R.A.A.F and served four years. On his discharge he returned to Orange and entered into a partnership with Mr R.P. Thomas as painters trading under the name of Thomas and Priest. In 1953 after his first illness he disposed of his interest in the business to Mr Thomas. He took an active part in sport particularly hockey and fishing being a member of the Orange Trout Club and two years ago won the trophy for the record number of trout caught for the year. His bag totaled 85 trout. Twenty-three years ago he married Miss Nellie Crossley and after his retirement from his business they purchased a business in Summer Street, East Orange where he was residing at the time of his death. All who knew him spoke of his energetic nature and being always kind and helpful to all with whom he came in contact. Besides his wife he also leaves one sister Mrs Windred. On Tuesday July 19, a service was held at St Barnabas Church read by Canon Richards and a large number of his friend and relatives attend. Three members of the Orange Trout Club and his late partner Mr Thomas acted as pall bearers at the Church and graveside.

Central Western Daily - 21/11/1955: Journalist dies.

Sydney - Sunday Veteran country journalist Mr M.J. Condon of Condobolin died yesterday at the age of 93. Mr Condon was believed to be the oldest journalist in N.S.W. He was a leading figure in the N.S.W. Country Press Association for the past 50 years. He had been president and was a life member of the association. Until a few years ago he personally conducted the Condobolin "Lachlander" He left a widow and a married daughter and a son Mr Leo Condon of Orange. His death follows a fall about 10 days ago when he broke a hip.
(Michael John Condon).

Central Western Daily - 8/12/1956: Death of A.J. Dobson.

One of the best-known personalities of the Orange district Mr Arthur James Dobson died in an Orange hospital yesterday. He was 80 years of age. Born at Ferntree Gully, Victoria. Mr Dobson served his early life as a missionary with the Methodist Church. This work took him to Central Australia, where he administered the teachings of his religion. Mr & Mrs Dobson moved to Orange with their family of two sons and four daughters 38 years ago and he became associated with many local organisations, principal among these being the Methodist Church, the Boy Scout Movement and the Orange District Cricket Association. He was also a committeeman of the Liberal Party. It was a preacher and sportsman that Mr Dobson made his mark in the community. For the church he took services at the district churches where he became popularly known. Mr Dobson was vice-president of the Western District Scout Association and because of illness last Thursday missed his first meeting in 15 years. Cricket Honor. On his 80th birthday Orange District Cricket Association honored Mr Dobson by making him its first life member. He had been its patron for six years. In addition to his widow Mr

Dobson is survived by two sons Ivan, Orange and Milton Wollongong and four daughters Mesdames: W. Trimmer, Spring Terrace, H. May Blayney; T. Starr, Dalton and J. Wooden, Orange. His funeral will leave the Methodist Church tomorrow following a service for the Canobolas Crematorium.

Arthur James Dobson - plaque - Canobolas Gardens Crematorium.

Central Western Daily -13/6/1957: Obituary. Mr Albert Eddy.

A well-known resident of Orange for more than 60 years, died at Orange Base Hospital on Saturday last. He was 75 years of age. Born at Moont, South Australia the late Mr Eddy later went with his family to Charters Towers, Queensland where his family played a prominent part in the early mining history of that centre. He came to Orange when he was 12 years of age and spent the remainder of his life here. As a young man he was employed as a driver for the late Dr Freyer who had a surgery near where the T and G Building now stand. While in the employ of Dr Freyer the late Mr Eddy drove one of the first Vauxhall motor cars to appear in Orange. Still later in his life he entered the employ of Mr J.J. Rossiter who for many years conducted a tyre retreading service in premises now occupied by the Carlton Cafe. The late Mr Eddy was for many years a staunch supporter of Orange City Band and was the drummer for a lengthy period. He was a familiar figure at all band functions. He is survived by his wife, who was a member of the Coffey family of Young and Boorowa and two sons Jack (Orange) and Bill (Bourke) and they have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their loss. The Funeral took place following prayers at St Mary's Church, East Orange on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 14/9/1957: Obituary. Mrs J.C. Bassman.

Mrs Dorothy Winifred Bassman who died in an Orange private hospital last week was a member of a family that has been associated with the business life of Orange for 100 years. She was the daughter of the late Mr & Mrs E.J. Evans, of Lord's Place. The Evans family has had a long association with Lord's Place, dating from 1856, when the late E.J. Evans snr established a furniture business there. The business was carried on after his death by Mrs Bassman's father, the late E.J. (Ted) Evans and is at present being conducted by two of his sons Messrs Alf and Fred Evans. In addition to the business the family home was also in Lord's Place and the home of the founder of the firm was for many years a landmark near the corner of Prince Street, with son's home next door. It was only recently that the latter was sold. Born in Orange 50 years ago the late Mrs Bassman was the eldest child of Mr & Mrs E.J. Evans. "Dorrie" as she was generally known was a keen sportswoman in her teens and she was a well-known hockey player 30 years ago. The late Mrs Bassman is survived by her husband the well-known painter one son Allan and one daughter Jeanette. Another son John predeceased his mother some years ago. She is also survived by one sister (Mrs C. Fergie, McLachlan Street) and three brothers Messrs Jack, Alf and Fred Evans all of Orange) Interment was made in the Presbyterian portion of the Orange cemetery on September 2.

Central Western Daily - 10/7/1959: Obituary - Robert McKenzie.

Obituary - Robert McKenzie of Spring Street, died suddenly at his residence on 3/7/1959 at the age of 65. Mr McKenzie was born at Shadforth where he spent most of his early life, but

when he married he came to Orange to live. His widow Ivy is the daughter of the late Mr H.A.Taylor and of Mrs A. Taylor. He had lived in the Orange district for the past 36 years. Mr McKenzie was well known as a builder and carried on his trade until a few months before his death. Some years ago in conjunction with the late Mr Hugh Redwood he erected the Rural Motors in Sale Street and adjoining shops. On leaving the building trade, for eight years Mr McKenzie and his wife conducted the general store in Lord's Place. He leaves his widow four daughters: Monica (Mrs Gough); Marie (Mrs Neal) Ivy (Mrs Carroll) and Leonie (Mrs Scarr) all of Orange and eight grandchildren. Two brothers Fred of Lane Cove and Angus of Orange also survive him. Two sisters predeceased him.

Central Western Daily - 22/7/1959: The late Frank Gardiner.

Mr Frank Gardiner, who died at his home in Lord's Place on Monday aged 59, was one of the best known hotel employees in Orange. He was working at the Occidental Hotel in Lord's Place, when its present owners N and B Farrell bought the hotel in 1936. Mr Gardiner later moved to the Central Hotel then to a hotel at Oberon. During the war years he had worked at Emmco and the abattoirs, but later returned to the Occidental. He was taken on originally as relieving staff, but later was employed permanently. An uncle Jupp Gardiner, who was a Senator lived in Orange before moving to Sydney. His father was a coach builder in Orange for many years. The funeral yesterday moved from Holy Trinity Church after prayers for the Church of England portion of the Orange Cemetery.

***Orange Cemetery - Headstone - Francis Thomas Gardiner, died July 29, 1959 aged 59 years. Note: date on headstone is incorrect the date he died was the 20/7/1959.

Central Western Daily - 10/1/1963: Obituary. Death of Mr Chris Chellas.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of one of Orange's most respected citizens and businessmen, Mr Christopher Chellas. Mr Chellas 69 had been in ill health for the last few months and was admitted to an Orange private hospital where he died. He came to Australia from Greece in 1913 and moved to Orange from Sydney 35 years ago. He owned three Silver Key cafes in Summer St., the first on the site of the Hotel Canobolas near the old Club Hotel and the second on a site adjacent to the existing Silver Key Cafe between Sale and Anson Sts. Mr Chellas sold the Silver Key Orange six years ago but retained the Silver Key Cafe at Cudal, which he opened many years ago. Apart from his interest in the cafe at Cudal he lived in retirement with his wife and family at their home at 210 Anson Street. Mr Chellas was a service member of Orange Rotary Club which he joined in 1949 and was a popular figure in Orange and Cudal bowling circles. He was a life member of Cudal Bowling club and one of the most enthusiastic members of Orange City Bowling Club. He was a life member of the RSPCA and a member of the Orange Buffalo Lodge. He is survived by his wife Kyriakoula; three daughters Maud (Mrs George Kringas, Orange); Helen (Mrs Peter Bochos, Mudgee) and Anglea (Mrs Brian Ward, London) and one son Arthur of Orange. He leaves seven grandchildren, Nick, Chris, George and Paul Kringas and Angela, Costa and Phillip Bochos. There is one great grandchild Marcus Christopher Kringas. After a service at Holy Trinity Church of England tomorrow the funeral will leave for the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 23/8/1963: Death of Mr Lehdey.

A former deputy-mayor and Summer St newsagent Mr Thomas William Lehdey 74 died at his home in Lord's Place yesterday. His death followed a long illness which forced his retirement from active business life in January 1961. Prior to his retirement he had led a busy civic life both at Orange and elsewhere. He was an alderman of Orange City Council for nine years, three years of which he served as Deputy Mayor. During that time he was successful in getting a referendum in which the people of Orange voted for the establishment of an aerodrome. He initiated the "Victory" procession after World War 11, with such success that the procession was so long it had to be halted - it was found to be marching into the tail about half a mile behind. Mr Lehdey was a member of the Orange Swimming Pool committee which toured other country towns investigating pool costs and locations. It was at his instigation that Council built and additional 5ft on to Spring Creek Reservoir, saving Orange from a severe drought. It was while Mr Lehdey was in council that the old quarry was reconstructed to such an extent that blue metal requirements were not only available locally but available for sale to outside sources. Far West. He was president of the Orange branch of the Far West Council for many years. Before coming to Orange Mr Lehdey in conjunction with Mr E.J. Taylor OBE now chairman of Western Daily Pty. Ltd, started the first Lithgow Crippled Children's Fund. In 1940 he was Master of the Orange Manchester Unity, which took in the Parkes and Forbes areas as well. Mr Lehdey leaves a wife Mrs Zella Lehdey a son, Arthur of Pleasant Hills; and three daughters Zella (Mrs N. Crombie, Dora St., Orange) Vera Mrs J. Hawke, Dora St., and Kathleen (Mrs G. Bright, Ophir St., Orange). A funeral service will be held today at Holy Trinity Church of England and afterwards at Canobolas Crematorium.

Central Western Daily - 3/8/1964.

One of the most well-loved personalities of the Cudal-Molong district, Mrs Phyllis Rutherford, died in Orange yesterday. Mrs Rutherford had lived in the district all her life. She was 73 at the time of her death. Mrs Rutherford had been in ill health for some time and died at Dudley private hospital early yesterday morning. Mrs Rutherford was born at "Gamboola" Molong, the youngest child of the late Mr & Mrs Wallace Smith. In 1916 she married the late George Rutherford at Bathurst and they moved to Cudal where they made their home at "Nyrang". Mr Rutherford died in 1956 and in 1961 Mrs Rutherford came to live in Orange. She is survived by one sister Mrs Naomi Lees of Pymble and three sons who live in the Cudal-Molong district. They are Robert ("Nyrang"); David (Mirrabooka) and Wallace (Toby, "Arabinia"). A war effort for which she will always be remembered was the long and tedious task of picking thousands of violets and daffodils from her gardens at Nyrang - the flowers were donated to Cudal, Molong and Orange branches of the Red Cross for sale. A service will be held at Holy Trinity Church of England of England tomorrow and afterwards at the Canobolas Crematorium. Mrs Rutherford was a keen motorist and was always very proud of her low four-figure driver's licence number. She held the distinction of being the first woman to drive over the Blue Mountains unaccompanied by a man.

Central Western Daily - 27/7/1966: Obituary - Mrs M.E. Langham.

The death occurred in Orange Base Hospital recently of Mrs Mary Ellen Langham of 'Brookwell' Byng St., at the age of 86. She was the widow of Mr George (Dad) Langham prominent horse owner and trainer. The Langhams were the first family to build a home on

Campdale Estate where they established the well-known racing stables in Langham's Lane now known as Frost Street. The name "Brookwell" was made up of the names of two horses Playwell and Clerbrook. Mrs Langham was a great worker for the St Joseph's Church and Parish and a keen supporter of Orange Jockey Club. Mons Sheahan and Father Quigley officiated at the church service in St. Joseph's. Mrs Langham is survived by three daughters Amy (Mrs H. Dougherty); Val (Mrs Dunbier, Mortdale) and Madge (Mrs Harry Millgate, Borenore) and three sons Jack and Larry (Orange) and Pat (Sydney). Another son Jim predeceased her. There are 26 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

Central Western Daily - 24/8/1972: Obituary- Mr F. Graf.

Mr Frederick George Graf whose death occurred last week was one of the oldest architects still practising in NSW Born in London 87 years ago he was a soloist in St Paul's Cathedral London as a boy. He was an accomplished musician and had a very fine baritone voice. Mr Graf became a fully qualified architect in 1921 and practised both in Dubbo and Orange. He was noted for his extensive voluntary services to many projects in Orange including the designing and building of Legacy House, Red Cross House and the Amoco Centre. This meant the saving of thousands of pounds for the city of Orange. He was also a member of the Orange City Bowling Club, Newstead Bowling Club and for many years was a Rotarian. The sympathy of the community is extended to his widow Mrs Violet Graf MBE, who is also noted for her outstanding voluntary service to Orange in so many spheres.

Central Western Daily - 14/6/1980: District pioneer dies.

One of the Orange district's pioneers Mr Horace Stanley Pearce of Mirrabooka, Ophir Road, died recently. Mr Pearce was born on 26/2/1886 just over 94 years ago at the family property Rosedale which is an adjoining property to Mirrabooka. Mr Pearce was the third child of a family of five children born to Mr Robert and Mrs Sarah Pearce who then managed Rosedale which was owned by a Mr John Smith. When Rosedale was subdivided Mr Robert Pearce, Horace's father purchased 250 acres and occupied the Rosedale homestead which was originally built by a Mr Dale in about 1880. This historic homestead is still well preserved and is occupied by Mr & Mrs Colin Logan. Mr Pearce was a quiet, humorous and witty person but always the venture some pioneering type so much so that he packed his bags and left Rosedale and went by boat to Western Australia at the age of 20. He disembarked at Fremantle and made his way to the southwest corner with two other young men and settled near Bunbury at a small village named Manjimup. The three of them cleared the land of tall timber and dense scrub built themselves a log hut to live in and to make ends meet worked at neighbouring properties clearing land and digging potatoes. Horace had to return home to Rosedale to help run the property as his father's health was failing. Reluctantly he left his piece of cherished land and returned to Rosedale after having been away for only three years. In 1924 Horace married Miss Lila Crossman also an Orange resident and they settled at Mirrabooka in the house that he built himself and lived there until he died. Horace and Lila had one child Robert who still lives on the property with his wife Jean and four boys. Horace's wife Lila predeceased him by nine years.

Central Western Daily - 4/2/1987: Obituary - Death of Mr Cec Charker.

The death occurred on Tuesday, January 21 in Wollongong District Hospital of Mr Cec Charker after a brief illness. Cec was widely known and respected throughout the Orange district. He first went to Orange in 1936 being appointed to the old Rural School Super-primary and following its closure to the primary school as deputy principal. His resignation in 1958 was followed by further work in the educational field at both Orange High and P.L.C. Cec was held in high repute for his interest in children and his teaching ability. He will be fondly remembered by the hundreds of children who passed through his care. Besides his educational involvement, Cec was interested in sport firstly at the coaching and refereeing level, then administration. He was the organising secretary for the visit to Orange of Gus Risman's British touring rugby league team. His last two or three years in Orange were as secretary/manager of the Orange City Bowling Club at the old Anson St site. With the onset of illness to his father Cec went to Wollongong in 1963, with the further intention of taking up a position at the local high school. An offer from B.H.P. however led to his accepting the position of warden at B.H.P's junior staff hostel, Weerona for a period of 14 years until his retirement in 1977, to give more time to his wife Mary. At Weerona, Cec again used sport as a means to ease the boys into their new lifestyle this time however, in Rugby Union. In this field he later became both patron and life member of the club. The steem in which he was held by the boys was again exemplified by them and their respective wives in their visit to the hospital. Mary received support by the congregation at the church. At the funeral there were two honor guard lines, formed from the church door to the hearse made up separately by ex-Weerona boys and members of Wiseman's Park Bowling Club, where both Cec and Mary were members. Bowlers formed up on either side of the street as the hearse moved off for the crematorium. Cec is survived by Mary, his children Ron, Bill and Barbara, as well as their respective spouses and children.

Cecil William Charker - died 20/1/1987 - Wollongong Memorial Gardens & Mary Catherine Charker - died 16/8/1995 81 years.

Japs Had Liquor At Cowra In Riot

COWRA, Wednesday.
—The discovery of an underground liquor still at Cowra prisoner-of-war camp has led to the belief that the Japanese prisoners who rioted there in 1944 were drunk.

When the Japanese broke out of the camp they killed two Australian guards.

The escape attempt shocked Australia at the time.

The still, which was for making sake, or rice wine, was discovered in a secret underground room.

It is believed that the equipment and room were in existence since before 1944.

The discovery was made when a former guard at the camp sank through a tunnel.

The Cowra POW camp, which could be seen from passing trains, was one of the best known in the State.

The underground excavations and the secrecy precautions that the Japs had taken were amazing.

The still was hidden under the wide concrete floor of an old shower hut. The necessary water for the distilling process had apparently been tapped from the shower pipes.

The boiler was made from a four-gallon oil drum, still bearing the brand "Friar Oil" made by Edible Oil Industries.

This drum included a water level and temperature indicator and had two pipes soldered on to it, one apparently to put the raw materials in, and another to take the vapors out.

The fumes from the equipment went out through an earthenware pipe, supposed to carry away the surplus rainwater from the hut to the sewer, which had been tapped four inches below the ground.

It is thought that the Japanese used charcoal as fuel.

Where the prisoners got the material, and how they managed to do the necessary soldering, riveting and other work is a mystery.

The secret room was carved out of the earth and was about 5ft. 6in. in height, quite high enough for the average Jap to stand in.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

How to care for an Umbrella

In buying an umbrella you must take it on faith, for the most experienced shopper cannot tell how it will wear. Silk of a smooth taffeta weave is a good purchase and light to carry. Gloria makes a heavier umbrella, but it out-wears any silk make. No matter what the material may be, however, never keep it strapped, except when it is carried. Keeping it tightly rolled up destroy half of its durable qualities. When wet, dry an umbrella by standing it with handle down so as to prevent rusting the framework, as happens when the water runs off, the other end and collects at the top. When nearly dry do not open the umbrella or it will stretch out of shape while drying. Wipe the handle when ready to put away, using a piece chamois if there is any silver about it. Sometimes a blue or green umbrella spots when lightly wet, in such a case open it and set out in the first hard rain, the spots disappearing when it is thoroughly dampened. If either black silk or gloria become spotted with mud, etc., clean with a bit of old silk dipped into warm water and ammonia. If coloured silk needs, cleaning, do it with a rag of the same colour and naphtha, remembering that the latter is very explosive. If grease gets on the silk, remove with magnesia rubbing it in and allowing it to remain, for twenty-four hours. Naphtha also removes grease, but this liquid cannot be purchased everywhere, and magnesia can.

1921 CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The 1921 Census of England and Wales is now exclusively available online at [Findmypast](https://www.findmypast.com.au).

Taken one summer night on June 19 1921, it records where 38 million people were and who they were with. Individuals were asked age, birthplace, occupation and residence, but also place of work, employer details, and gave 'divorced' as an option for marital status.

This is pay per view service. Alternatively you can access [Findmypast](https://www.findmypast.com.au) onsite at the Library for free.

Come and explore!

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog/family-records/1921-census>

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS – MARCH 2022

1950 USA CENSUS

On Friday 1 April 2022, records from the 1950 United States census will be released. Details regarding access are available from the National Archives and Records Administration: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950> Alongside checking up on American relations, this census may be of use to Australian researchers in finding the whereabouts of "GI brides" from their extended family. Information from the [Australian War Memorial's website](#) states: "During the Second World War, around 15,000 women left Australia to live overseas, with more than two thirds moving to the United States of America". If there are enough member stories from this census, it might form the basis of a theme to one of our **Friday Hang Outs**.

NEXT "IN SEARCH OF..." VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - 18 JUNE

Following the success of Saturday's online conference about funeral, mourning and memorial practices, our next major virtual event, **In Search of...My English Ancestors, will be held on Saturday 18 June**. Please let us know of any suggestions for sessions via email to info@sag.org.au.

SCOTTISH FIRST MINISTER APOLOGY TO 'WITCHES'

Earlier this month, Scottish First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, offered a formal apology in the Scottish parliament to those historically accused of witchcraft, with many being executed as a result of their trials. Going forward, this may result in a formal pardon being realised. Media coverage of the story includes this link.

This pronouncement was the result of petitioning from the Witches of Scotland initiative. Claire Mitchell and Zoe Venditozzi from the campaign, featured in the Society's 2021 online conference, In Search of...My Scottish Ancestors alongside other activists from the Remembering the Accused Witches of Scotland charity. Information on whether your Scottish ancestors may have been implicated in these trials can be found from the Survey of Scottish Witchcraft.

HOOKED ON FAMILY HISTORY AT BLAYNEY LIBRARY

Family history researchers benefitted from a talk presented by Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group members including Rhonda Jones and Gwenda Stanbridge and Central West Librarians Ruth Bingham and Julie Sykes at the Beginning Family History talk held at Blayney Library in February.

The group members showed the resources available on site including samples of books from local family histories to reference books and those written about the local area including Blayney and Neville, parish maps and how to search local cemeteries on the Blayney Shire Council website.

Blayney Librarian Ruth Bingham encouraged people to try the FindMyPast and Ancestry.com websites for free when visiting the Library and shared tips on searching overseas databases.

Local Studies Librarian Julie Sykes was also on hand to introduce keen genealogists to the National Library's TROVE database, CWL newspaper indexes and digitised local historical newspapers.

"These resources are a great way to add colour and depth to any family story. It is not just a list of dates and who is who, it's a treasure trove of information about weddings, celebrations, court cases and events," Local Studies Librarian Julie Sykes said.

Visit your local library to discover family history resources on offer.



Rhonda Jones from the Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group was one of the guest speakers at Blayney Library



"BEW CHIP'S REGISTER"

A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE ON A HILL END & TAMBAROORA RESIDENT OF 72 YEARS.
(KNOWN LOCALLY IN HILL END AS 'NEW CHIP')

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2022

PRESENTED BY

DR. JUANITA KWOK PHD.

HISTORIAN AND HERITAGE CONSULTANT

Bew Chip, known locally as "New Chip", was a resident of the Hill End district for 72 years. Arriving in Tambaroora in 1865 at the age of 19, Bew Chip began life as a goldminer. Over a period of twenty-five years between 1865 and 1890, Bew Chip sent gold back to China, initially gold-dust carried by returning countrymen and later gold sovereigns sent through Chinese firms with branches in Sydney and Shekki, near Canton. Bew Chip kept a record of his remittances in a little book, now in the Hill End National Parks and Wildlife Service's collection. Bew Chip's register is a rare source of the names and villages of some of Tambaroora's Chinese mining population, of clan networks and early firms carrying on a remittance trade between Sydney, Hong Kong and China. In this talk, Dr Kwok will discuss Bew Chip's life and times with Ely Finch, historical linguist, who has translated and annotated the remittance register.

Entry by **DONATION** however **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** – please email sales@heatgg.org.au with name & contact details or phone 0408117784 or 0423962511.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL

11.00AM – 1PM

TALK, BOOK LAUNCH AND
Q&A SESSION AT
THE CHURCH ON THE
HILL

CNR THOMAS &
DENISON STREETS,
HILL END

1PM – 2.30PM
LUNCH LOCALLY

2.30 PM

IF CONDITIONS ARE
FAVOURABLE, WE MAY
BE ABLE TO VISIT A
SMALL NUMBER OF
CHINESE SITES IN THE
AREA. THIS WILL BE
CONFIRMED CLOSER
TO THE EVENT AND
MAY INVOLVE SOME
BUSH WALKING OVER
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THE SITES SO
APPROPRIATE
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DEATH OF AN OLD-TIMER

Mr. S. McConnell of Ophir, on Thursday reported to Inspector Ford at Orange, the death at Ophir of an old man named John Chandler, the previous day. Inspector Ford reported the matter to the Coroner, but that gentleman on hearing McConnell's statement decided to dispense with an inquest.

Chandler who was 85 the 29th of May last, had been blind or almost so for 8 or 9 years. For the last two years he had been living with McConnell, and for three years before that had been living with McConnell's mother, leaving her on her death to go to the son. Chandler had been very feeble for some time, the result of advanced age. He was an army pensioner and used to hand over £1 a quarter to McConnell for his keep, but alleged he was often left with nothing to eat for days. On July 29th Senior-constable Sutton and Constable McCrae were on duty at the Ophir, and noting that the old fellow's hut was built in the style of the diggers of long ago, went in and spoke to him. They elicited something of the old man's history.

Chandler was born in Stroudwater, Gloucestershire, England. He enlisted in the 50th Regiment of Foot in 1829 (when 15 years old) according to his own statement, and remained in the army 23 years. In 1838 he arrived in New South Wales, coming here with nine of his regiment as some of the guard over 201 convicts on the ship *Lloyd*, on December 16 of that year. He joined the Mounted Patrol on February 2, 1834, and was made one of Governor Sir Richard Bourke's orderlies. Captain Williams was at that time in charge of the police in Sydney, and was 40 years old.

After the breaking up of Governor Bourke's orderlies he was sent to Goulburn, where he was stationed 14 years. On May 24, 1851, he came to Ophir with Mr. Hardy, the first Gold Commissioner. There were eight others sent to the Ophir from Sydney, a Mr. Green being in charge, and living at Swallow Creek. When he arrived on the Ophir there were 2000 or 3000 people there, and they came in swarms afterwards from everywhere. Soon after, Sofala broke out and many of the diggers left for there. The largest nugget he ever saw found at Ophir was that discovered by Northwood's party, which weighed 45 ounces, and was found in the same gully where Sam McConnell found his big nugget some time back.

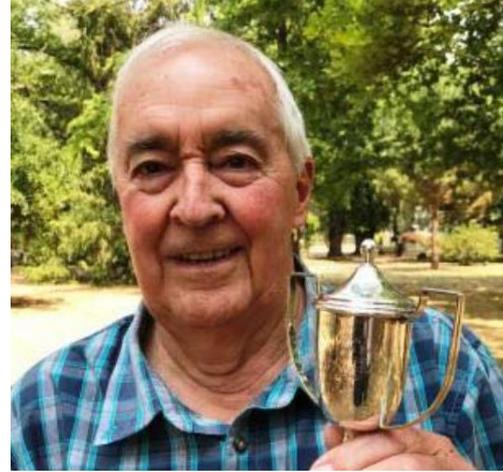
He left the police in 1854 and went digging on the Summer Hill Creek, Muckerawa and Tambaroora, returning to the Ophir in 1857 to settle down to digging there. He had drawn an Imperial pension of 1s a day since 1852. Mr. Green married a sister of General Stewart, of Bathurst, but both are dead now. Chandler stated that it was only by the kindness of Mr. Maurice Lee and Mr. John McDonald that he was rescued from starvation.

VALE DENIS GREGORY

In this newsletter we pay tribute to local journalist and author Denis Gregory who passed away in Orange November 2021.

Denis had been a journalist all his life, working in regional newspapers and for 22 years writing NSW country stories for a Sydney newspaper. He won seven awards for journalism, two of them national, and in 2004 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to country NSW through journalism.

Denis has also written two hard-bound coffee table books, one commissioned by the NSW Department of Agriculture called *Camden Park, the Birthplace of Australia's Agriculture*, and *Great Houses of Australia*. Other books he had published included *It's All About Australia Mate* and a series on Australia's Great Explorers. He also wrote *The Hazelton Story from Auster to Airline* and *Chequered Times A History of Gnoo Blas Orange 1953-1961*.



Denis Gregory
Photograph courtesy
Garry Rogers Motorsport

Denis had a lifelong interest in motorsport and raced at five Gnoo Blas meetings after his first outing a Schofields in a Morris Minor. He also raced at Mt Panorama, Warwick Farm, Lowood in Queensland, Albury and on dirt tracks at Forbes and Dunedoo. He also rallied and hill climbed.

Denis was a life member and president of the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club at Orange, established to keep alive the history of the old Gnoo Blas Track, particularly through an annual classic motor show held each year at Sir Jack Brabham Park.

The track is home to the first Australian touring car championship – now V8s, holding the first international race meeting in Australia, recording the first 100mph lap and the fastest flying quarter mile speed of more than 150 mph. It was also the track that Sir Jack Brabham had his first road race outing in a small Copper 500.

Denis leaves a lasting legacy with his newspaper articles, books and annual Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show.

To mark his passion and decades of commitment to the event, his son Dean Gregory was on hand to witness the presentation of the inaugural Denis Gregory Perpetual Trophy for Car of the Show at the 2022 Gnoo Blas Classic Car, Bike and Truck Show

He is sadly missed.

RECOLLECT CENTRAL WEST LAUNCHED

Orange Mayor Cr Jason Hamling launched a new digital space to capture and share Central West history, heritage and stories called Recollect Central West at Orange City Library in March. The Mayor said, "Recollect Central West provides easy online access to a rich store of heritage material relating to the Central West of NSW, its people, places and events."

"The site contains significant items from Central West Libraries local history collections including ephemera, publications, photographs and maps; and the *Central Western Daily* newspaper negative collection."

"Orange City Council has worked with the Orange & District Historical Society to digitise some of the *Central Western Daily* Negative Collection, which dates from 1955 to 2000, to make it accessible to all." "The aim is to continually grow the collection by sharing information relating to any items on the site. Central West Libraries will also progressively add new material." "We are now asking the public to register with the site, become a member, and add photos, stories and memories about the Central West region."

"This makes the site their own unique and wonderful resource for the community especially those interested in our social history, heritage and family history."

At the website launch Central West Libraries Manager Roslyn Cousins showcased features of the Recollect Central West site including how easy it is to become a member and upload materials.

Here is the link to Recollect Central West: <https://centralwest.recollect.net.au>



Central West Libraries Manager - Roslyn Cousins, Mayor -Cr Jason Hamling and Orange and District Historical Society President - David Sykes at the Recollect Central West Launch

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Please register as a member. You can add information about anything you find. The objective is to continually grow and add to Orange and the Central West's stories and collections.

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Central West Libraries is always interested in obtaining material to add to the collection, either as a loan of items to digitise or as a donation. Please contact the library if you have a collection of images, videos or memorabilia you wish to share.

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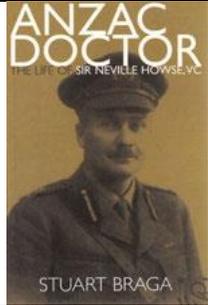
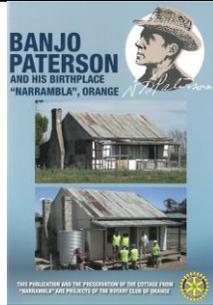
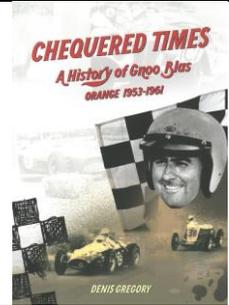
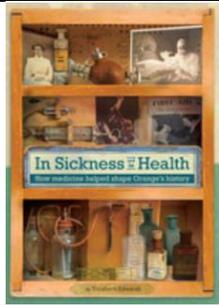
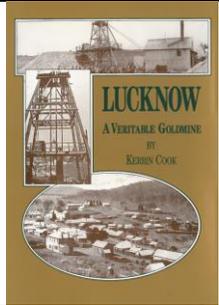
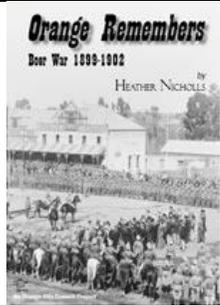
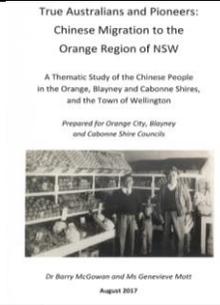
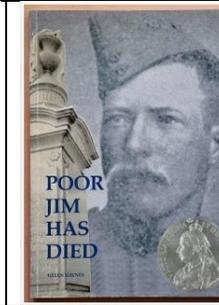
Orange City Library is committed to collecting local studies material which may include archives, letters, maps, photographs, and ephemera. If you have material that would be of interest to the library's collection, staff would be happy to advise you about the most appropriate home for it. Contact the library team on 6393 8120 or recollect@cwlib.nsw.gov.au

Other Collections

Central West Libraries have various other collections and databases available for your use:

- [Orange Family History Group \(newsletters\)](#) and help with research)
- [Local Studies blog](#)
- Local Studies book collection (Items are not for loan but may be used within the Library)
- [Orange Cemetery Database](#)
- [Local Publications for sale](#)
- [Manildra Memories](#)
- [Centenary of World War I in Orange](#)
- [The Orange Wiki](#)
- [Digitised historical newspapers](#)
- [Genealogy](#)

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

							
The life of Sir Neville Howse, VC, one of Australia's most outstanding soldier-surgeons, awarded the Victoria Cross for heroism during the Boer War	A small booklet on Banjo Paterson and his birthplace "Narrambla". Project of the Rotary club of Orange	A history of Motor car racing Gnoo Blas – Orange	Exploring how medicine shaped the history of Orange and the surrounding districts from the earliest days of settlement	A history of goldmining and local history for Lucknow / Shadforth	This book highlights and honours the men from the Orange area who served in the South African Boer War and the four local men who died while on service	A thematic study of the Chinese people in the Orange, Blayney and Cabonne Shires, and the Town of Wellington	Trooper James Daniel Duff – NSW Citizens Bushman died in Boer War South Africa – now buried in paddock near Moree.
\$19.95	\$3.00	\$29.95	\$49.50	\$29.00	\$15.00	\$32.10	\$20.00
Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional cost	Postage at an additional Cost
Post \$8.00	Post \$1.00	Post \$5.00	Post \$8.00	Post \$8.00	Post \$5.00	Post \$8.00	Post \$8.00

Order form including payment details is available on the [Orange Family History Group website](https://www.ofhg.com.au)

Or

[Click on this link www.ofhg.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Publications-and-items-for-sale-CWL.pdf](https://www.ofhg.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Publications-and-items-for-sale-CWL.pdf)

Or

Contact the Orange City Library for further details on 02 6393 8132

ORANGE CEMETERY DATABASE



You can search for your ancestors using our Grave location search via the Orange Cemetery Database. This can be accessed by clicking on the image above, or visit the Orange City Council Website www.orange.nsw.gov.au/orange-cemetery/

MANILDRA MEMORIES

Do you have relatives from the Manildra area?



In 2007 Central West Libraries asked the Manildra community to share photographs of people, homes, farms, shops, buildings and landscapes relating to Manildra to build our Local History Collection. In a short space of time we had amassed 100 photographs for the collection depicting just some of the industry, buildings, scenery and characters that make Manildra unique. This included sons going off to World War 1, pioneering farmers in the field, early shop owners, significant buildings such as the Flour Mill, Railway Station, School, Scout Hall, Baptist Church and amazing aerial shots.

You can view the 'Manildra Memories' project via the Central West Libraries website cwl.nsw.gov.au or follow this link manildramemories.cwl.nsw.gov.au

**DNA INTEREST GROUP
SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Orange City Library held a DNA seminar in 2020. This was presented by Marilyn Woodward from HAGSOC Canberra.

Members of the audience indicated they would be quite interested in joining a DNA interest group based in Orange. Our DNA interest group would meet bimonthly.

If you are interested in joining our DNA group, please contact Julie at Orange City Library on telephone 02 6393 8105 or send us an email library@cwll.nsw.gov.au

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ANCESTORS IN ORANGE AREA

If you are looking for information regarding your ancestors in the Orange area, please contact:

**The Research Officer
Orange Family History Group
PO Box 35
ORANGE NSW 2800
or
email: familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au**
