



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019



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It's been a flurry of activity here in Orange over the past few months with plenty of visitors and requests for assistance. If you are going to drop in and see us please let us know in advance so that we can ensure one of our volunteers is available to assist and that we can potentially do some work in advance of your visit. As an aside we were excited that our super-researcher Carol's daughter starred on Mastermind recently. The ability to remember soooo much obviously runs in the family.

Last week we joined forces with the History Council of New South Wales to present a workshop on *Family and Local History, Memory and Material Culture* with Associate Professor Tanya Evans and local author Elisabeth Edwards.

Participants were asked to bring along one object to talk about in relation to their family or community history. Discussion was then held on how these might be interpreted and how they can be used to tell family stories in creative and innovative ways. It was a practical and fun filled day which will hopefully lead to a flurry of publications. When asked about how to go about writing your family story Elisabeth (who is very experienced) replied 'just start'!

This time two years ago we were full steam ahead to ensure that the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference in Orange ran smoothly. There are still reminders of that event around the office: left over satchels have found a variety of uses and we continue to draw upon the lessons learnt from our speakers. The [2019 Conference](#) is being hosted by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society 11-13 October and registrations are open until 6 September 2019. The 2020 Conference will be hosted by the [Newcastle Family History Society Inc](#) which brings us to our last piece of news. OFHG member Jan Richards has just returned from Newcastle and the launch of Newcastle's latest publication *They Sent me North: Female Convicts in the Hunter*. Jan was the co-author of this fantastic resource. An added feature of the launch was the exhibition of 1,200 bonnets inspired by Dr Christina Henri's [Roses from the Heart](#) initiative. The exhibition continues at the [Newcastle Library](#) until 24 August. Some of you will remember that Christina was one of the keynote speakers at our Conference in 2017 – which brings us almost back to where we began.

Enjoy the rest of winter, roll on spring!

A SMOOTHER JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY NEW HISTORICAL LAND RECORDS VIEWER LAUNCHES

Explorers of New South Wales history will enjoy a smoother journey thanks to the newly enhanced and expanded Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV), which launched today (26 June 2019).

HLRV is the New South Wales Land Registry Services (NSW LRS) online application to view digitised historical maps, plans, titles and indexes. It contains more than 6 million digital records from 62 collections.

Users can access HLRV online at: hlrv.nswlrs.com.au

NSW LRS has worked with stakeholders including the [Royal Australian Historical Society](#) to ensure that the enhanced HLRV delivers an improved experience for its users.

The President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, Christine Yeats, said: "The new HLRV is a wonderful improvement that will greatly benefit our members and historical researchers. We hope it encourages more people to explore their family or local history."

Details of this announcement are available on our website: [click here for more information](#). For further information or support with the HLRV, please [Contact Us](#).



NSW Land Registry Services

WHEN RESEARCH COMES TO A HALT, CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SPELLING

I was recently given this article from the *Orange Leader* and tried to find where William was buried under the name Robinson, however, have found the surname should be Robertson.

Information from NSW State Records Coroner's Inquest Index:

Robertson William NSW BDM – Death William Robertson – registered 1930 – died 23 October 1929.

Orange Cemetery. William Robertson - died 23 October 1929 buried Orange Cemetery – C of E section – unmarked grave.

The Orange Leader – 24/3/1930: Tragedy at Mullion Creek. Young man's sad death.

Two young men Samuel Priest and Leo Byrnes who were rabbiting on Mr Enoch Gazzard's property at Mullion Creek on Saturday afternoon, received a sudden shock when they discovered a badly decomposed body in the scrub. It was face downwards and had rotted away to such an extent that only skin and bones remained. The only clothing that was on the body was a pair of tweed trousers and a flannel shirt. The Orange Police were communicated with and Sargent Weston and Constable Pratt went immediately to the scene and they came to the conclusion that the man had fallen in an exhausted state and had died without moving from where he fell. On October 23rd 1929, two swagmen were camped at Mullion Creek and the following morning one was missing. His companion, whose name was Arthur Bates informed the police, but after a considerable search no trace could be found of the missing man, whose name is believed to be W Robinson. He had left the camp whilst Bates was asleep and had gone clothed in only trousers and shirt, not wearing either boots or hat and had left his swag behind him. At the time he was not in the best of health and he was about 27 years of age. The police believe that the body found on Saturday is that of the man Robinson. An inquiry will be held into the circumstances surrounding the death of the man but the date has not been fixed. The remains were brought into Orange yesterday and will be interred today.

Carol Sharp

GENEALOGIST'S DISEASE: GENEALOGY POX (VERY CONTAGIOUS TO ADULTS)

Symptoms

Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

CAUTION: NO KNOWN CURE!

Treatment

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

Remarks

The unusual nature of this disease is – the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

Anon

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Western Advocate - 2/12/1899: Burial at Night.

Several person who were passing the cemetery about 8 or 9 o'clock on Tuesday night were considerably scared to see lights moving about and figures standing over a grave. Thoughts of the East Orange ghosts at once flitted through their minds and as "distance lands enchantment to the view" they put as much room between them and the cemetery in as short a space of time as possible. Their fears were groundless as the persons were engaged in interring the body of an old man named Johann Brosaco, who was found dead in his hut near Ophir. As the undertaker had some fifty miles to travel to bring the body in, he did not arrive until late and the body was then buried.

(Brosaco John died 26/11/1899 65 years - died Finchs Bald Hill).

The Orange Leader - 2/8/1920: James Henry Hardy.

The death took place of Mr. J. H. Hardy at Anson Road, Bletchington, on Saturday morning last. He was an ex-imperial soldier, having served 22 years. His medals and decorations were: medal, Egypt campaign; clasp, Nile campaign, also bronze star for same campaign, and was also decorated for exemplary and long service. Eleven years of his military career, was served in India. After active service he was a 5½ years as color-sergeant instructor. A few years ago he and his wife arrived in the Orange district to try their futures on the land going on the land at the Pinnacles on the shares system, but he relinquished it after seven years, early and late hard toil, and removed to Anson Road, Bletchington. He was a mason. The funeral is to start from the Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Orange Leader - 20/4/1923: Obituary - William Job.

Another well-known identity of the Orange district passed to his long home at St. Helens' private hospital, Anson Street, on Tuesday last in the person of Mr William Job, of Wellington, but formerly of Orange. Deceased was once one of the whitest of our men who blazed the track and for years owned a considerable amount of land in the Towac valley. He was 82 years of age when the call came and the sympathy of a large number of friends and relatives in Orange will go out to his family. The remains were taken to Wellington for burial.

The West Australian (Perth) - 16/11/1929 pg 22: Youths on Esperance Bay.

From London the liner Esperance Bay reached Fremantle yesterday, and brought 126 adult migrants, assisted and nominated and 78 youths for the various states. Twenty-five adults disembarked at Fremantle. The lads on the vessel were selected for migration to Australia under several schemes. There were 30 Little Brothers for Sydney and 15 for Victoria, and a batch of 24 lads for Brisbane. The Brisbane boys came out under a scheme controlled by the Church of England Council of Empire Settlement. In addition there was one nominated youth, aged 16 years, for Brisbane, another nominated lad, aged

10 years for, Sydney, and six boy scouts for Melbourne. Among the Little Brother bound for, Sydney was Stanley Hardy, who was born in Orange, New South Wales. His father died and with his mother he went to England, but she decided to part with him in order to give him an opportunity to succeed in Australia.

(Stanley G. Hardy - Born 1913 Orange - Father James H. Mother Katie).

The Orange Leader - 5/4/1939: Mrs Alec Henderson.

Mrs Alec Henderson, formerly of the Central Hotel, Orange, sails by the Aorangi for Vancouver, Canada on April 13, for a health trip and to visit her two brothers, whom she has not seen for 30 years. Her daughter Miss Molly Henderson, is going to Sydney to wish her mother bon voyage. Mrs Henderson will be in Vancouver during the visit of the King and Queen and may also visit the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco on her return journey in July.

The Orange Leader - 8/9/1939: Miss Maida Conley.

Miss Maida Conley is putting the finishing touches to her trousseau for her marriage to Mr Bob Sloan of Orange, which is to take place at St. Jude's Randwick to-morrow week. Miss Conley was formerly attached to the teaching staff of the Orange Infants School. They will, of course make their home in Orange. Mr Sloan being accountant at Martin Bros Pty. Ltd.

The Orange Leader - 4/7/1941: Mr Thomas McMahon.

The death has been announced from Melbourne of Mr Thomas McMahon of Burwood, Melbourne. For some years Mr McMahon was a teacher at Guyong; Springside and Tallwood and retired from the Department of Education whilst in this district later going to Melbourne to reside. He is survived by his wife (17 Parer Street, Burwood) one daughter, Mrs Arthur Hart and one son Mr Les McMahon. One son Will, was killed in the 1914-18 war.

(Thomas Francis McMahon died 27/6/1941 at his residence 17 Parer Street, Burwood Victoria - daughter Gladys Hart. His son Leslie McMahon (New York.))

The Orange Leader - 4/7/1941: Mrs Annie Louise Gartrell.

The funeral took place at Rookwood cemetery on Monday of Mrs Annie Louise Gartrell of Illawarra. Born in Orange Mrs Gartrell's parents the late Mr and Mrs Edward Evans, were among the earliest pioneers. Two sister Mrs H.M. Ryan (Orange) and Mrs Hocking (Sydney) and two brothers Mr Fred Evans (Sydney) and Mr E. Evans (Orange) survive.

The Orange Leader - 12/2/1945: Personal.

Mr Leslie John Thomas passed away at the Base Hospital on Saturday at the age of 43 years. he was a native of Orange and resided at Bathurst. He leaves a sorrowing wife and one son, Maxwell. Brothers are Albert, herb and Will and sisters are Jean (Mrs Baker); Edith (Mrs Davies); Mabel (Mrs B.G. Dein) and Jessie (Mrs Connor). He was a member of the Protestant Alliance and Masonic Lodges. The funeral left A. McGrath's funeral parlors Sunday for the Kelso cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 9/1/1946: Miss Phil Whipple.

Miss Phil Whipple has been guest of Mr and Mrs J.F. Collins, Hill Street, for past few weeks, having happy time meeting old friends. with her mother (Mrs Ada Whipple) Phil lives at "St Hillary's" a beautiful home in picturesque surroundings at Chatswood. Phil's sister Mrs Karl Horrigan and husband, are busy settling into their flat at "Strathroy" the Horrigan's old family home. Incidentally, Jill eldest daughter of the Lea Whipples of "Collwood" is holidaying with her grandmother at Chatswood, accompanied by her friends, Patty Plowman.

Central Western Daily - 14/5/1953: Divorce decree for "Nagging".

London Wednesday - A civil servant whose wife "went on and on nagging" has won a decree nisi

on the grounds of cruelty. Granting the decree to Alfred Edward Baine of Notting Hill. Mr Justice Barnard said the nagging extended once a month from 1935 until 1944 - when it got worse. "Anyone who has seen Mrs Baine in the witness box would realise she is the type of woman who goes on and on and on about any particular thing" the judge added.

Central Western Daily - 13/5/1953: Railway veteran honoured.

A former Orange resident, Mr George Titheradge was recently paid many high tributes at Narrandera following his retirement from the service of the N.S.W. Government Railways. Mr Titheradge's long service included some years at Orange "loco" yards. He has two sisters and two brothers living in Orange. They are: Mrs Gill Parkes (McLachlan Street); Mrs A.H. Baker (Edward Street); Mr Harry Titheradge (Byng Street) and Mr Dick Titheradge (Lord's Place). One of the warmest tributes was at a recent railway picnic at Narrandera, where the gathering made a presentation to Mr and Mrs Titheradge "In recognition of their services to the picnic committee over a number of years". After speakers had praised the couple's great work for the committee. They were presented with gifts which included an inscribed chiming clock, a gold watch and a smokers stand. The Narrandera branch of the Railway Union has been successful in having life membership conferred on Mr Titheradge because of his outstanding services to the union for so many years.

Central Western Daily - 21/5/1956: Grazier's Memorial.

A polished granite drinking fountain will be officially unveiled at the Orange Saleyards next Thursday as a memorial to the late Mr Ernest Taylor, of "Beaumah" Shadforth. Mr Taylor, grazier and stock dealer, died at a special sheep sale at the Orange Saleyards on December 6, 1954. All costs of the fountain have been met by donations from his many friends. It will be unveiled by the Mayor, Alderman A. Ridley on Thursday at 3.30pm after the weekly stock sales. Joint secretaries of the building committee are Messrs W. Agland and E.G. Brown. Mr Brown said they expected a good roll-up at the unveiling. "We had a lot of trouble in getting the material and lettering had to be sent from Melbourne" Mr Bown said. "The sales will be over by 3pm and there will be a large crowd there" he said.

Central Western Daily - 7/9/1959: Died on duty at factory.

A gate-keeper of Emmco's main gate Mr Charles Baillie collapsed and died while on duty yesterday. Mr Baillie 68 lived at 137 Warrendine Street, Orange. He was employed on the railway for many years and worked at Emmco for the past few years. Mr Baillie was a native of Scotland and had been living in Australia for the past 37 years. War Service. Mr Baillie was a returned soldier from the First World War. He leaves a wife and two daughters Mesdames Heather J. Thompson and Edith J. Bradley both of Orange. There are four grandchildren. His funeral will leave the Methodist Church after a service today for the Canobolas Crematorium.

The Orange Leader - 24/9/1930: Obituary - Mrs Jane Anderson.

The death occurred on Monday of Mrs Jane Anderson at the age of 85 years, after an illness extending over only three days. Up until the time she was suddenly taken ill, she had enjoyed the best of health and had been in the full possession of her faculties even being able to handle the daintiest of needlework. She was born at Staffordshire and came to Australia when 19 years of age. She made her first home in Brisbane and there married the late Mr John Anderson. Shortly after their marriage Mr and Mrs Anderson came to N.S.W. where the former who followed the occupation of an engineer was employed in the assembling of the crushing plants at the Hill End

gold mines. Nearly 56 years ago they came to Orange, where Mr Anderson became engineer in charge of Nelson's flour mill in Byng Street, just opposite where the School of Arts building now stands. On the closing down of Nelson's mill, Mr Anderson transferred to Dalton's mill where was then situated in Summer Street. Throughout her long residence in Orange, Mrs Anderson made many firm friends all of whom will deeply regret her death. She did not take any part in the public affairs of the town but devoted her time to her home. A family of two sons are Messrs James (Sampson Street) and John Anderson (Ophir) and Mesdames M. Byrnes (Sydney) E. Hensby (Sydney) Misses Harriett and Hannah Anderson (Orange) are daughters. The funeral left the residence of her son James yesterday afternoon and the interment took place in the Presbyterian portion of the Orange cemetery. Mrs Frank Ford and sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

TWO AIMS OUR LAMBS FOR ENGLAND PLAN BEGINS



Dorset Horn ewes, with lambs, photographed on a Junee property

With the two-fold object of popularising Australian lamb in Britain, and making a gesture of Empire goodwill, the Christmas Gift Lamb Campaign was launched today.

The scheme is simple. It aims at making every Australian with friends or relations in Britain a distributor and advertiser of this country's good things by providing a means of sending an acceptable Christmas gift overseas, with a minimum of trouble and expense.

The campaign has the support of the Federal Government, acting through the Department of Commerce. Leading rural organisations, meat exporters, shipping companies and other interests

are taking prominent parts. A strong committee, on which are experts in all processes of selection packing and shipping of the carcasses, has been appointed for New South Wales, and will co-ordinate the activities of the various interest represented.

For the sender all Christmas gift troubles end with the payment of 25s to the controlling committee, together with particulars of the intended recipients. The committee will look after the rest.

In Good Time

Among other things, the committee undertakes carefully to select the carcass, and to have it delivered in good time for Christmas – a matter that is difficult for individual senders to arrange for themselves.

The committee is acting in an honorary capacity, and the campaign is not being conducted for profit. The payment is expected to cover only the actual cost of the gift.

It is necessary for a sender only to pay 25s to the Christmas Gift Lamb Campaign Committee, Commonwealth Bank, Martin Place Sydney and to indicate clearly his name and address and the name and address of the person to whom the gift is to be delivered.

On a separate slip of notepaper a message may be written which with a booklet containing greeting, information about Australia and recipes will be delivered with the gift.

Orders will be accepted for any address in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

The Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) has sent a message commending the scheme.

The New South Wales committee consists of Messrs, F H Stewart (Minister for Commerce) Chairman: J M Davidson (Chief Commonwealth veterinary officer NSW) Vice Chairman: E J Mulvany (secretary Department of Commerce); T A J Playfair, M L C (Thos. Playfair Ltd); J F D Bryce (Thos Borthwick Aust., Pty Ltd); F J Walker (F J Walker Ltd); F A Lambe (Riverstone Meat Co Ltd); G H Anderson (The Graziers' Association of NSW); W C Cambridge MLC (Farmers and Settler' Association of NSW); H J Brady (Aberdeen and Commonwealth Line) and Mrs Hubert Fairfax (Country Women's Association of NSW); Messrs D J Gilligan, publicity officer; J F Smith Secretary.

NEWMAN PARK MEMORIAL AVENUE OF TREES

On Saturday 6 September 1919 the NSW Director of Education, Mr Peter Board, unveiled the Orange East Public School WWI Honor Roll. The roll lists 100 former students who had served in the First World War, seventeen of whom had died in service.

Following the ceremony the school principal, Mr AT Caldwell, led an entourage of students, returned soldiers and relatives of fallen soldiers to Newman Park where they planted an avenue of Pin Oaks (*Quercus palustris*), each with a name plate in honour of a deceased soldier.

Interestingly, seventeen former students had died, however only sixteen trees were planted.

In 1920 Orange Council considered removal of the avenue, but the trees were saved by a strong protest from the East Orange community.

In August 1978 the Orange Sub branch of the RSL of Australia and Orange City Council donated a memorial plaque set in basalt to commemorate sixteen of the students.

The seventeen former pupils who died during World War I were:

Herbert Henry Argall, died 23 June 1916
Preston Edwin Argall, died 20 September 1917
Oswald Cecil Jeffrey Baylis, died 2 May 1915
William Robert Clive Beasley, died 2 May 1915
William Joseph Coppock, died 15 April 1917
Harold William Corkett, died 2 May 1915
Walter Thomas Cornish, died 22 September 1917
Thomas Meynell Curtayne, died 4 August 1916
Arthur James Dein, died 12 March 1917
John Arthur Earls, died 12 October 1916
Edwin Hercules Fardell, died 9 August 1915
Robert Clyde Jones, died 26 September 1917
Frederick Singleton Martin, died 30 March 1918
George Edward John Seers, died 5 April 1918
Ernest Edward Tandy, died 4 September 1918
Hector Edward Williams, died 3 May 1917
William Alexander Woods, died 8 April 1918

Newman Park has been the venue for Orange East Public School's Anzac Day services for many years. Friday 6 September 2019 will mark the centenary of the unveiling of the Orange East Public School WWI Honor Roll and the planting of the memorial avenue of trees in honour of the former pupils who died during the First World War.

TO THE AUSSIES, AND EVEN THOSE WHO AREN'T!

T'was the night before Christmas, he live all alone,
In a one bedroom house, made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give,
And to see just who, in this home, did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung picture of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,

A sober thought, came through my mind.
For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor, In this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how picture, an Australian soldier.

Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
I realised the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to soldiers, who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate, a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom, each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder, how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.
The very thought brought, a tear to my eye,
I dripped to my knees, and started to cry.

The soldier awakened, and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my god, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over, and drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
And we both shivered, from the cold nights chill.

I didn't want to leave, on that cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honour, so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered. "carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Peacekeeping Soldier stationed overseas. The following is his request. *"Would you do me the kind favour of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our Australian Service Men and Women for our being able to celebrate these festivities."*

Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed."

Anon.

CORONER'S REPORTS AD REELS 2921 & 2922. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE ENTRIES FOR THIS REGION THAT DO NOT APPEAR IN OTHER SOURCES FOR DEATHS.

AM HA	William	11-6-1867	Orange n. s. w.
ANDERSON	Francis	25-03-1850	Orange n. s. w.
BLANDFORD	Thomas	20-09-1853	Orange n. s. w.
BRETT	John	03-06-1858	Orange n. s. w.
BRIEN	Simon	20-12-1854	Orange n. s. w.
BROTHERTON	Charles	15-10-1866	Orange n. s. w.
BROWN	David	23-01-1857	Orange n. s. w.
BURFITT	James	03-08-1854	Orange n. s. w.
CAMPBELL	John	26-09-1854	Fredericks Valley n. s. w.
CHEBRET	Edward	27-01-1852	Orange n. s. w.
CHILVERS	Henry	27-10-1854	Orange n. s. w.
CORTES	William	17-10-1867	Gosling Creek n. s. w.
COFFOCK	Martha Jane	02-11-1868	Orange n. s. w.
CURLIND	Peter	24-06-1848	Blackmans Swamp n. s. w.
DALTON	Michael	05-08-1869	Orange n. s. w.
DICKSON	Edward	05-10-1852	Orange n. s. w.
DIXON	Mary Ann	10-11-1858	Orange n. s. w.
DOANEY	Robert (6 months)	07-09-1854	Blackmans Swamp n. s. w.
EDGAR	George	05-12-1855	Orange n. s. w.
GOOD	William Norman Walker	24-07-1869	Orange n. s. w.
HALLS	Isabella	29-04-1849	Blackmans swamp n. s. w.
HANS	Foi	11-06-1869	Orange n. s. w.
HARRISON	Thomas	25-04-1853	Orange n. s. w.
HAYTHORNE	Elizabeth	24-11-1866	Orange n. s. w.
NOCKWELL'S COMMERCIAL HOTEL FIRE		13-08-1868	Orange n. s. w.
HOLDITCH	Henry	22-05-1864	Orange n. s. w.
HUNT	Robert Joseph	04-08-1855	Orange n. s. w.
JOHNSON	Mary	16-04-1855	Orange n. s. w.
JOHNSTONE	Robert	26-12-1848	Blackmans swamp n. s. w.
JONES	Enoch	18-11-1849	Orange n. s. w.
KELLY	Thomas	05-01-1852	Orange n. s. w.
LITTLETON	George	23-05-1848	Blackmans swamp n. s. w.
MACDONALD	James	07-12-1864	Orange n. s. w.
MACGURRY	John	10-10-1864	Orange n. s. w.
MASSULO	Angelo	29-03-1866	Lucknow n. s. w.
MATTHEWS	William	10-04-1853	Orange n. s. w.
MOORE	John	05-04-1854	Orange n. s. w.
NELSON	Mary	22-05-1866	Frederick Valley n. s. w.
NELSON BROTHER STORES FIRE		17-11-1868	Orange n. s. w.
NOXIN	George (child)	17-12-1854	Orange n. s. w.
OSBOURNE	Mary Ann	10-10-1868	Orange n. s. w.
OXLEY	Owen Joseph	07-09-1864	Orange n. s. w.
PADBUSKY	Henry	11-02-1858	Orange n. s. w.
PETFIGG	William	03-01-1865	Orange n. s. w.
POLLARD	William	23-08-1851	Orange n. s. w.
PORTER	Anna	25-12-1865	Crossers Place (Orange)
REISSINGER	Jacob	22-12-1865	Boxenore n. s. w.
RACIN	Stephen	16-12-1866	Orange Road Orange
SHEILS	Daniel	27-09-1870	Orange n. s. w.
SHARP	Elizabeth	05-04-1853	Orange n. s. w.
SHARPLESS	Jane	25-03-1864	Cockatoo flat n. s. w.
STARR	Female infant	05-09-1870	Orange n. s. w.
SULLIVAN	Jeremiah	10-03-1853	Orange n. s. w.
THOMPSON	Richard	05-0-06-05-1857	Orange n. s. w.
THORN	George	09-12-1852	Orange n. s. w.
VICKERS	Richard	03-10-1850	Orange n. s. w.
VEST	John	09-10-1869	Orange n. s. w.
WHILLOCK	Emily	25-11-1869	Orange n. s. w.
WRIGHT	Henry Joseph (child)	01-06-1855	Orange n. s. w.

HENRY WILLIAM NEWMAN

Henry William Newman was born on 27 November 1839 in Nantes, France, where his father was British Vice-Consul. He arrived in Sydney with his parents in 1841 and was educated at the Sydney Grammar School.



Henry William Newman. Image courtesy *The Leader*.

At the age of 18, Henry caught gold fever and travelled to the Forbes gold fields where he remained for two years. He was unsuccessful in his venture and resolved to return to Sydney. He had only 12 shillings and six pence to his name when he stopped at the Wentworth gold fields near Orange in 1862 to try his luck. He proceeded to sink the Homeward Bound shaft, which produced £28,000 from gold in just nine months.

Henry invested his profits in a general store at Lucknow and later opened stores at Cadia Copper Mine and Icely Copper Mine. In 1867 Newman interviewed Mr Robert Frost who was the owner of the old field at Lucknow. Newman was given permission by Frost to select any site he liked upon the estate to mine without a license. Newman went on to manage many of the successful mines at Lucknow.

Newman married three times. Each of his wives supported him in his various pursuits and were involved in numerous functions at the family home, *Mamhead*, in Lucknow.

Henry's first wife was Adelaide Jessie Barsley, who was known as "Jessie" They married in 1864, and two children were born of the marriage: a daughter Ada Jessica was born in 1864 but died shortly after birth. A son also died in infancy. A boy of Greek parentage – George – was later adopted. The marriage lasted for 21 years, until Jessie's death in March 1885.

In 1886 Henry married Catherine Mary Bullen, the eldest daughter of of William and Mary Bullen of Cork, Ireland. "Kitty", as she was known, was very involved in the welfare of the miners and would organise fund raising activities for injured miners to assist with their convalescence. There were seven children from the marriage, two of whom died in infancy. The marriage lasted for seven years, until Kitty's death in August 1893, following the birth of her daughter Nellie. Kitty's untimely death at age 31 was a great shock to the Lucknow community, with whom she was immensely popular. The *Leader* described her funeral as "*the largest ever seen in the district.*" More than a thousand people attended and the procession included more than one hundred vehicles and two hundred horsemen.

In 1891 Newman was elected to Parliament and served as Federal Member for Orange. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute, a Justice of the Peace, post and telegraph master and general store keeper.

Ellen Ann Bullen, Kitty's younger sister, became Henry's third wife in October 1894. "Nellie", as she was known, and Henry were married for ten years, until Henry's death on 1 June 1904, aged 64. The couple had six children; the youngest, Bertie, was born following Henry's death. In 1920 Nellie moved to Sydney, where she remained until her death in August 1940.

Newman Street and Newman Park in Orange are named in Henry's honour, as is Newman Lane in Lucknow.

The *Leader* of 9 June 1904 provides a graphic account of Newman's life and death.
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(Transcript):

Death of Mr HW Newman MLA

Residents of the town were shocked last night to hear that Mr. Newman had died suddenly. The sad news fell as a pall over the place, and, we doubt not, all will feel a depressing sense of loss as the news is spread this morning. The first intimation of what had happened came by wire to one or two shortly after 6 p.m., and it was soon on everyone's lips that our worthy member was no more. It is no mere conventional compliment born of the occasion, to say that the man who has been at our beck and call for the past 14 years, who never said no to a favor he could conscientiously grant, will be sorely missed. He was everybody's friend, so far as doing them a good turn, and herein lay our late member's greatness. He was great, in that he had that subtle power of making friends of men. It was this that put him into Parliament fourteen years ago, and kept him there for fourteen years without a break. While there he made more friends, and it is more than probable that had he lived the friends he had made, and kept, would have put him back to Parliament against all odds. Whether it was by a hearty "Well, old man," or by some definite

act which placed a person under an obligation to him, Harry Newman got on top, and kept on top, and the mourners who will lament his going hence will be legion. To say he had no enemies would be foolish, but we do say this, that no man was readier to forget and forgive if circumstances made a suppliant of an opponent. In fact, the Scriptural injunction to do good to those that hate you, found more than one "aye, aye" in our member's life. We know that he was a good fighter, but we have often been surprised at the concessions he made; they were such that only a strong man could make. Owing, no doubt, to the malady which ever threatened his life, Mr. Newman represented us with his pen rather than with his voice; but the ablest orator could not have represented us more faithfully and assiduously.

The fact that he died with the pen in his hand proves the pertinacity with which he pursued his duties. Whatever his faults, we sorrowfully write his obituary, and feelingly say that "he hath done what he could" for all. A personal friend of ours, and of thousands in the district, has gone forever, and we feel that we ne'er shall gaze upon his like again. Following are the details of his last hours—he lived as a man whose every hour might be his last—of what he had been, and was:—The circumstances surrounding the deceased gentleman's death were strikingly pathetic, and they enabled him to realise one of the ambitions of his life, viz., that when the time came for him to quit this planet that he should die in harness. He was engaged in the large room at 'Mamhead,' which he used as an office, in negotiating his usual mass of public, mining, and other correspondence, and had just attached his signature to the last type-written letter, at 5.15 p.m.—had just completed his daily task, when he exclaimed " Oh," and fell back on his chair, his pen falling to the ground. Master Bertie Norris, the office boy, who was with him at the time, raised the alarm, and Mrs. Newman, who immediately rushed in, picked him up and put him on the sofa. A boy was immediately despatched for Mr. Skidmore and the Rev. Matthew Walker, who were shortly on the scene. He never spoke again or regained consciousness, and at 5.45 p.m. pulsation ceased. Dr. Howse, who had been sent for, arrived shortly after 6 o'clock and pronounced life extinct. The cause of death was aneurism of the aorta, from which he had suffered acutely off and on for the past seven years or so. The valve had enlarged itself considerably of late, and for the past three days he had not been well. He had on Tuesday received a cable from Mr. Frank Gardiner, owner of the D'Arcy Wentworth mine, granting him permission to deepen the shaft so as to permit of the rich lode discovered there being worked. The ecstasy caused by this welcome news, together with other matters, which tended to keep him in a state of sustained, if suppressed, excitement, was no doubt responsible for precipitating the end, which was of a painless character. He had had a presentiment for the past fortnight that his span of life was nearly run, and a day or so ago he said to a friend, "I won't stand it longer than Saturday," and added that that was the day when his girls would be home from school, but that he feared they would not see him again alive. It may be of interest to note that the last letter he addressed was one to the "Molong Argus." The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and large family to mourn their irreparable loss. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock on Friday, when the Masonic Order and M.U. Oddfellows will March. The mortuary arrangements have been entrusted to Mrs. M. A. Hale. Few men in colonial life have had a more chequered career than the subject of this obituary notice, the late Mr H. W Newman. Born in Nantes (France), where his father was British Vice-Consul, he arrived in Sydney with his parents in 1841, when but two years of age. Later on we find young Harry applying himself diligently to his scholastic studies, principally in the Sydney Grammar School, with that

perseverance and energy which formed so essential a part of his nature, and his many disinterested and kind actions, and his responsive and sympathetic nature had won for him a return of good-fellowship, and made him a general favourite with his early associates. Leaving school he applied himself to the study of the law, but continued close application to study proved injurious to his health, so he accepted a position in the office of Captain Eldred, at that time Lloyd's agent and Consul for Chili in Sydney ; and, although but a short time there, his ability com-mended him for speedy promotion. Meanwhile he, having a strong love of adventure, breathed with avidity the tidings of startling gold discoveries and reverses of fortune which were coming from the golden west. The climax came when the news of the Forbes rush was conveyed to him, for his overmastering desire to "try his luck" on the new fields could not be effectually restrained by the earnest solicitations of his friends. His experience there was not such as could be calculated to inspire hope, and he left poorer than he arrived. After knocking about the country we discover our hero at Lucknow, where he arrived in 1862 with but a few shillings in his pocket, and within the space of a cycling year he was able to sign a cheque for £12,000. He opened up the Home-ward Bound claim, obtaining 9oz. from the first prospect, and from three zinc buckets of brown vein realised 54lbs. of the precious yellow metal. But, as is not uncommonly the lot of the child of adventure, he lost this handsome fortune, and for five years worked his way as a labourer at Grenfell and Forest Reefs. Returning to Lucknow, which was then deserted, he restored it from desolation, for he almost immediately made fresh discoveries of gold, which brought him in the handsome return of £30 per week. In '78 he purchased the " Uncle Tom," which was regarded as a " duffer," and floating it, obtained splendid returns, and made several thousand out of the concern, which he managed. He then became well known as manager of several mines, and was instrumental in floating the "Wentworth" on the London market for half a million. His mining investments extended all over the colony, and there is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Newman had done more for legitimate mining than any living soul in New South Wales. He was a member of the Royal Colonial Institute and was honorary life member of various bodies—unique distinctions gained through untiring efforts and generous acts on their behalf. He was brought out by the miners of Lucknow as a candidate in 1891, and immediately received the support of the labour and free trade bodies, and was elected at the head of the poll, receiving a record number of votes for any one man, and as evidence of their appreciation of his straight conduct kept him in until the time of his death. His early struggles had given him an inti-mate acquaintance with the hard lot of the poor, which could not be eradicated from the mind of one so full of natural sympathy, and his unceasing efforts had always been directed towards relieving the miners and workers generally of the disabilities under which they suffer, and his influence and pockets had ever been at the disposal of the poor and the children of the poor. In charity alone he had spent several fortunes, and in the management of the mines he always paid the highest current rate of wages. His political life had been one unceasing advocacy of "liberty," and he had never broken in spirit or letter one single election pledge. He was essentially a man of action, and his wonderful energy had made him an ideal local member, and had rendered it impossible for his place to be filled. He had all his life been a firm believer in the union of the colonies, and it was one of the leading planks of his first political plat-form. He, however, opposed the Convention Bill, as he said the provisions for minority rule would destroy the political liberty and equality of the people, and that the financial clauses were most unjust to this colony. He was held in the highest esteem by all classes. As already stated, Henry William Newman was born in Nantes, France, on November 27, 1839.

Henry Newman, his grandfather, was the British Consul in France, and Robert William Newman (father) was Vice-Consul at the Port of Nantes. The latter, in July, 1887, married Miss Adelaide Heseltine, daughter of an officer in the Prince of Wales's Regiment. Miss Heseltine's mother was a Graham, of Gartmore, of the house of Montrose, and has one sister, in Switzerland. Her brother, Admiral Haseltine, died some eighteen years ago. The family of Newman, as may be seen on reference to Burke's Peerage, can be traced back to the reign of Henry VI. and VII. The family seat is Mamhead Hall, Devon, occupied by Sir Lydston Newman, High Sheriff of Devon-shire in 1871, lately captain in the 7th Hussars, who, as third baronet, succeeded his brother, Sir Robert Lydston Newman, a captain in the Grenadier Guards, who fell at the battle of Inkerman, November 5, 1854. Mr. Newman arrived in New South Wales with his father and elder brother, Robert Albert Newman, J.P., now residing in Tumut. Over 40 years ago he married Miss Jessie Barsley, by whom he had two children, both of whom died at an early age. In 1864 he embarked in the general storekeeping business, opening no less than three establishments—one at the Cadia copper mine ; one at the Icely copper mine; and the other at Lucknow, where he held the position of postmaster for several years. He has been married three times, the second and the present Mrs. Newman being daughters of the late Mr. Wm. Bullen, C.E., of Sydney. He had a very fine private museum of mineral specimens, which has attracted very wide notice.