



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022



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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 the August edition of the Orange Family History Group newsletter!

It is jam-packed with interesting articles about the Orange district and helpful hints for extending your family history research.

Take the time to explore [Recollect Central West](#). You can view local photographs, images, local publications and documents. We are regularly uploading new content.

Just a word of warning, please always be mindful when obtaining information from sites such as Find a Grave or Woo Woo. The [Orange City Council Cemetery record](#) is true and correct. We often hear of people using these other sites and finding incorrect information connected to their relative.

Julie Sykes
Local Studies Librarian

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE FAMILY HISTORY NEWSPAPER INDEX IN SPYDUS CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES

In 2009 a team of volunteers from the Orange Family History Group began creating a Births/Deaths/Marriages index for:

- *The Sun* 1899
- *Orange Leader* 1913-1920
- *Central Western Daily* from 1945
- *Manildra Matters*

This index now contains 170,000 entries and is updated weekly. It is a wonderful resource for researching family history. The index covers:

- Births
- Christenings
- Change of name notices
- Family reunions
- Marriages
- Divorces
- Legal notices
- Deaths
- Funeral notices
- Probate notices
- Obituaries
- In memoriams
- Naturalisations
- Citizenship notices
- Significant life events
 - Golden wedding anniversaries
 - Award receipts eg. OAM, bravery

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Each entry contains the title, date and page number of the publication that the article appeared in. These publications are accessible via microfilm in the Local Studies Room of the library.

Many thanks to all OFHG volunteers over the past 13 years who created this fantastic resource and to Julie Milne who ensures it is kept up-to-date.

Trudi Mayfield
Research Librarian
Orange City Library

EDWIN THOMAS (TED) MCNEILLY

Ted McNeilly's funeral took place in Orange on Tuesday 18 June 1929. It was the town's largest funeral to date, the cortege stretching almost 2.5km from the Methodist Church in Anson Street to the cemetery. The combined Orange Town and Silver Bands led the cortege of 207 motor vehicles, four sulkies, 20 lighthorsemen, 77 returned soldiers, 64 council employees and 98 members of the Foresters' Lodge. Such a funeral was unprecedented in Orange and one befitting a man described as "the uncrowned king of Orange.

Born in Berrima on 5 October 1863, Edwin Thomas McNeilly was the sixth of seven children of Thomas and Charlotte McNeilly. Charlotte was a member of the Atkinson family who introduced Saxon Merino sheep to Australia in the early 1800s. The family moved to Orange when Edwin was an infant. His father worked as a farmer and carrier and his mother attended to the house duties and ran a school room.

From a young age Ted took an interest in civic life. At the age of 18 he joined the Ancient Order of Forester's Court of Little John. He was a prominent member of the order for the following 51 years and filled every office with distinction including that of Chief Ranger.

After a brief connection with stock and station agents Coulson and Leeds, Burke and Naylor, Mr McNeilly launched his own business. His name, integrity and honesty soon became widely known throughout central and western districts.

In 1892 Ted married Annie Elizabeth Johns, with whom he had five children: James, Edwin (Pat), Thomas, George and Emily (Essie). Tragically, Thomas died of pneumonia at the age of 14 months.

Ted joined Orange Municipal Council in 1897 and served as an alderman until his death in 1929, a total of 32 years. He served three terms as mayor between 1910 and 1918 and was, at that time, the town's longest serving mayor.

The town of Orange developed considerably during McNeilly's mayoral term. He was instrumental in the merger of Orange and East Orange municipalities in 1912 and was appointed as the first mayor of the newly constituted municipality. He was the driving force behind the implementation of Orange's first sewerage scheme in 1917, and the town's second water supply, Meadow Creek (later Lake Canobolas), in 1918.

Alderman McNeilly served tirelessly during WWI, undertaking a range of patriotic activities to assist the war effort. His passion and enthusiasm inspired community courage and optimism. He was affectionately known as the 'Father of the Diggers' and was ably assisted by Mayoress McNeilly,



E T McNeilly, Mayor of Orange
1910-1911, 1912-1914, 1914-1918
Image courtesy Orange City Library

'Mother of the Diggers'. Their son, James Atkinson McNeilly, served with the 6th Light Horse Regiment in Egypt, and later in France.

Ted's patriotism continued post-Armistice. He became a member of the Repatriation and Amelioration Committee and was executive of the Memorial Hall Trust. The erection and opening of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in 1922 was largely due to his loyalty, pride and devotion to Orange.

Mr McNeilly also played an active role in social circles. A keen horseman with an interest in trotting, Ted was clerk of the course and vice president of the Orange Jockey Club. As a youth he had been an exhibitor and judge with the Orange Agricultural and Pastoral (A & P) Society. In 1922 he was elected vice president, after an association spanning almost 50 years.

An Honorary Magistrate and Justice of the Peace, Ted was president of the Orange Branch of the National Association (later the Liberal Party) for 25 years. He also spent seven years on the Orange Hospital Committee.

Edwin Thomas (Ted) McNeilly died in Orange on 17 June 1929, aged 65 years. On Anzac Day 1930 a marble tablet in his memory was unveiled in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. In July 1930 Memory Park was dedicated as a memorial to ex-mayors Ted McNeilly and Bill Bouffler - lifelong friends and fellow-aldermen who had died just five days apart.

Trudi Mayfield
Heritage Research Librarian

RESEARCHING SOLDIERS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



No Australian community is untouched by war. More than 300,000 Australians served in World War I from a population of less than five million. Two decades later, another million answered the call. Local memorials remember not only the tens of thousands who gave their life for their country, but the many more thousands who came home again, forever changed by war.

This website aims to give you the tools to find out about your local soldiers, organised into eight themes. It complements our **[downloadable research guide](#)**, which outlines the online resources available for soldier research and how best to use them. You will find links to the guide, local soldier stories, and YouTube video guides for each major resource. Discover key questions to ask about your local soldiers' experience of war: why they enlisted, what the nature of warfare was really like, and how Australia has commemorated them, 100 years on. www.rahs.org.au/researching-soldiers-in-your-local-community/

PIONEER BALLOONIST

Leader (Orange, NSW : 1899 - 1945): Wednesday 7 April 1937, page 2

Death of Mr. Harry Henden.

Among those whose ambition it was to soar in the air and utilise the highway of the heavens was Mr. Harry Henden, one of the few old balloonists of the world, who died at a private hospital here yesterday.

Before coming to Australia nearly 60 years ago, Mr. Henden made several ascents in England and also in France. He was employed by the military and the Government of England to take officials on errands of importance in his balloon, but the romance and excitement of these days will never be written, for many of his secrets have gone with him.

The late Sir Neville Howse was among the men who approached Mr. Henden on the subject of writing about balloons and those who made ascents and carried out important work in man's conquest of the air. But Mr. Henden, because of a sense of modesty and almost dread of publicity, refused. It is known, however, that he was an intrepid airman, for ascents in those days were most dangerous, and though several men had improved the gas envelope, the frail air crafts were the playthings of the elements.

It has been recorded that on a couple of occasions the Orange balloonist was carried many miles from the point at which he wanted to descend. And it is said of him that he was responsible for the discovery of a certain fabric used in the inner envelopes of spherical balloons.

Some people thought that his limp was caused by an injury in a descent, but he was thrown out of a buggy in Orange many years ago, breaking his ankle.

The utilisation of the highways of the heavens was not Mr. Henden's only interest. He was a watchmaker—a member of the highly-skilled community of the small town of Dartford, where clocks and watches were as numerous in his day as musical instruments are in a city of music. There were few houses in this little place in which the art of watchmaking was not carried out. The craft was passed from father to son, and down through the generations. Here Mr. Henden learned the skill and set up his watchmaking shop in Summer Street shortly after he landed in Australia. Coming to Orange he caused to be built the shop where he spent about 50 years at his trade—making watches.

The years ticked by on timepieces big and small, and there bending over a desk at the back of his shop from early morn to night could be seen the familiar figure of the little watchmaker. Half a century slipped into eternity before the weight of years stimulated a desire to retire and he left his little workshop in May, 1933. But he did not forget it. Periodically he paid visits to it, talking about old days with the present occupant, Mr. R. A. Batty. The last occasion he trod the threshold of his shop was in February last. Then illness began to wear him down. Gradually he became weaker and weaker and yesterday at the age of 89 he went to his long rest. Until he was compelled to go to his bed, he was active.

A familiar figure in Orange, he could be seen often in the streets tapping his walking stick along the smooth pavements replacing broken laths that were when he first saw the town that grew as his clocks ticked the hours away. Mr. Henden enjoyed friendships that endured for years. He frequently visited these people, chatting with them and exchanging reminiscences. His friendliness, geniality and high ideals of citizenship will remain long in the memories of those who were his friends to the last of his days. He is survived by a widow, who is 80 years of age, and resides at "Dartford," Moulder Street; one son, Mr. Jack Henden (Goulburn), and five daughters, Mesdames Hogan (Grafton), Buckland, Pass, Hipkins and Morris (Sydney). His remains will be taken by road today, leaving Mrs. Ford and Sons' funeral parlors at 9 a.m., arriving at Rookwood cemetery at 3.30 p.m., where the body will be cremated.

Harry Henden was born in Dartford Kent in 1848, son of James Thomas Henden and Mary Miles. Harry married Louisa Constance Major Stratton on 16 June 1870 in Shoreditch, London. He arrived in Sydney on the 16 November 1884 via "Lusitania" with his wife Louisa and five children ranging in age from 12 years to 4 months. His name appeared in the Police Gazette residing in Orange as early as 3rd August 1896. He was one of the persons who applied to register "The Bletchington Gold-mining Company".

Submitted by Sharon Jameson
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Orange Family History Group

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Sat 23 Jun 1866 Page 5

A band of gipsies (said to be the first seen in Australia) lately passed through Orange on their way to Mudgee. They retain their habits and dress. They obtain a livelihood by tinkering, and making scaling wax, and toys.

The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser (NSW : 1856 - 1861; 1863 - 1889; 1891 - 1954) Sat 12 Apr 1873 Page 3

Two cabbages grown lately at Ophir weighed together 78 lbs.

UNMARKED GRAVE IN ORANGE CEMETERY

The *North-Western Watchman* of Coonabarabran records the following story of interest on Thursday 22 August 1946.

"The foster sister of Heinrich Hesse, 72, who died in an Orange boarding house, leaving an estate valued at more than £7,000 in a battered suitcase, has been traced in South Australia. After his death in an Orange boarding house on May 30, war bonds, debentures and other securities, now valued at £7000 were found in his rooms. The Orange CPS (Mr. R. C. Sheridan), as agent for the Public Trustee, has been conducting investigations for next of kin of the old man.

Though the name Heinrich Hesse is typically German, the old man was an Australian, adopted by a German family, when he was only three years of age. Deceased, although bearing a German name, was an Australia the child of English parents, and was born in Western Victoria, in 1874. His birth registration has been traced, and both his Christian name and surname are typically English. His mother, having been deserted, was compelled to look for some kind person to rear the little boy, who was then three years of age. A middle-aged German couple. Otto Hesse and his wife, Henrietta, whose family consisted of two daughters, were only too pleased to take over the little fellow. The eldest daughter had married, and the little boy would be company for their other daughter, who was then 10.

So, the child was handed to them and in September 1877, he was taken to the little Lutheran Church and baptised "Heinrich" by the pastor. The entry has been found in the old church baptismal register. The little boy grew up in the old German settlement and attended the Lutheran school and church with his playmates. Soon he learned to speak and write the German language.

Over 30 years ago, hearing of the advantages of land settlement in New South Wales, he came to this State. He selected land in the Matonga district (between Ganmain and Narrandera). Here the training received on his adopting parents' farm came to his assistance. He prospered, and, as the years rolled by disposed of his property, and lived in retirement, moving from town to town as he felt inclined.

He never forgot the German couple to whom he owed so much. He carefully preserved all their letters (written mostly in German), as well as those from his foster sisters. Both Mr. and Mrs Hesse lived till their eighties and died in the early part of this century. On one of his visits to the old home the deceased inspected their graves and arranged with a monumental mason to erect a suitable memorial.

His name during the war years caused him a certain amount of embarrassment, and, as he was of a retiring nature, he was treated with a certain amount of suspicion. However, there was no doubt about his loyalty, and he frequently made substantial donations to the Red Cross Society. His ten-year-old foster sister, now an old lady of 82 years, has been traced to South Australia. It is expected she will be able to supply the little information which is still outstanding."

Otto and Henriette Hesse died 1902 and 1905 respectively. They are buried in the Rainbow Cemetery Victoria. Their first daughter Louise married a teacher named Gotthilf MacKenzie in Tarrington Victoria in 1875. As stated above, their second daughter Caroline was the beneficiary of Heinrich's fortune. Imagine the delight of Otto and Henriette Hesse to be given little Henrich. Their own son Henry Otto born 1859 and lived only a year.

Considering the man was so wealthy the Daily Advertiser Wagga Wagga described him as *"having been a secretive man who wore threadbare clothing"*.

Heinrich Hesse lies in an unmarked grave in the Methodist Old Section of the Orange Cemetery.

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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.

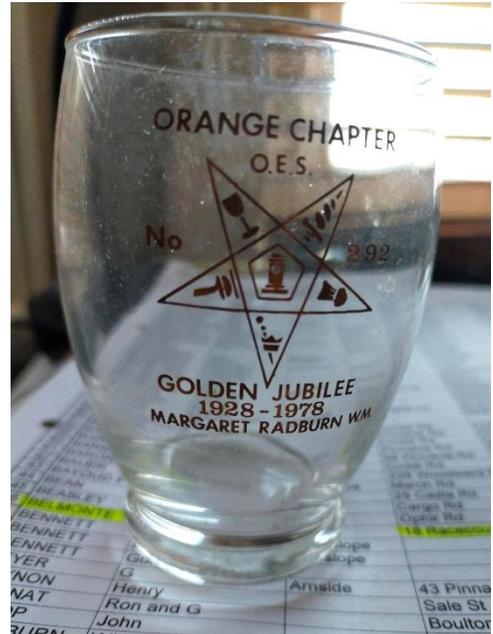
You can read through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and the Tutorial. Both are accessible from the Amplify landing page.

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Leader - 28 June 1927 – Page 6.

A chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (Chapter 292) was established in Orange in June 1927. The foundation members were Mrs S. Cleghorn, Mrs Ellen Bartlett, Mrs Winifred Doris Norrie, Mrs Rebecca May Lockie, Mrs Olive Viola Wright, Mrs Isobel Milligan Ferguson, Mrs Hilda Whitton, Mrs Linda Lane, Mrs Bessie H. Scott, Mrs Robina E. Reid, Miss Mary Syme Ferguson, Mrs Ivy Maud Livingstone, Miss Irene M. Lane and Miss Hilda I. Perry. Messrs W, Hamilton and G. Tyler of Sydney performed the initiation ceremony. Then the whole company assembled at the Blue Salon to celebrate.



The Objects of the Order were explained: to associate the wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of Freemasons, and give them a means to make themselves known to each other; to become workers in service to humanity; to give comfort in affliction, sympathy in sorrow, and aid in misfortune; to cultivate the social virtues, and to promote the interests of religion.

Past Worthy Grand Chapter Patron, Mr William Hamilton, addressed the new initiates and cautioned them not to even think they were in any way associated with Freemasonry: all that they could claim was kindred relationship. They had no connection with the Order of the Star in the East which was often confused with Order of the Eastern Star because of the similarity of the two names.

Can you help with more information about The Order of the Eastern Star? Did you have family in the Order of the Eastern Star? Do you have any photos or memorabilia you could share? Contact Orange City Library 02 6393 8105 or email familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au



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Central West Libraries

PAST MATRONS AND PATRONS

PAST MATRONS	DATE	PAST PATRONS
Sis. M. White	1928	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. M. Ferguson	1928-29	Bro. A. Smith
Sis. M. Reid	1929-30	Bro. W. Reid
Sis. L. Lane	1930-31	Bro. R. Ferguson
Sis. J. Smith	1931-32	Bro. R. Ferguson
Sis. L. Bridge	1932-33	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. O. V. Wright	1933-34	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. E. B. Bartlett	1934-35	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. M. Auckland	1935-36	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. H. Whitton	1936-37	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. R. Finch	1937-38	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. H. McCormick	1938-39	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. M. Craw	1939-40	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. M. Craw	1940-41	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. D. Bradbury	1941-42	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. U. Goodfellow	1942-43	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. P. Baker	1943-44	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. M. Crossman	1944-45	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. L. Hunt	1945-46	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. V. Sharp	1946-47	Bro. R Ferguson
Sis. E. Neal	1947-48	Bro. J. Waterson
Sis. C. Scriven	1948-49	
Sis. M. Honeysett	1949-50	Bro. H. Gardiner
Sis. M. Honeysett	1950-51	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. J. Coulson	1951-52	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. M. Eslick	1952-53	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. J. Frazer	1953-54	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. E. Caldwell	1954-55	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. E. Mackie	1955-56	Bro. A. McIntyre
Sis. L. Dowling	1956-57	Bro. F. Hubbard
Sis. M. Howarth	1957-58	Bro. F. Hubbard
Sis. G. Howarth	1958-59	
Sis. E. McFarlane	1959-60	Bro. R. Newman
Sis. P. Frazer	1960-61	Bro. R. Newman
Sis. G. Weisner	1961-62	Bro. R. Newman
Sis. L. Forster	1962-63	
Sis. R. Hayter	1963-64	
Sis. M. Stevenson	1964-65	
Sis. G. Howitt	1965-66	
Sis. A. Spurway	1966-67	Bro. G. Moore
Sis. M. Baird	1967-68	
Sis. E. Fowler	1968-69	Bro. G. Moore

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Sun (Orange) 17/1/1899 - Here and there.

Death returns - Returns of the deaths registered at the local Court House during the year, show that out of a total of 195 deaths, no fewer than 53 were of persons who had reached ages between 72 and 93 inclusive.

Central Western Daily - 27/3/1946: Obituary - Mr Thomas Fardy.

Mr Thomas Fardy school teacher of Springside died on Monday at a private hospital aged 61. He was a son of the late Mr & Mrs Fardy of Peelwood and was educated at St Patrick's College Goulburn from where he joined the Education Department as a teacher. He was stationed in the Temora district for many years and was transferred to the Springside School about 15 months ago. The late Mr Fardy married Miss Alla Dwyer of Temora and in addition to his wife leaves a daughter Mary (Domremy College, Five Dock) and one son Jack (St Stanislaus College, Bathurst). Four brothers survive and are Messrs Henry (Sydney), Albert (Warialda) Herbert (Peelwood) and William (Auburn). A sister is Mrs Webster of Bathurst. The late Mr Fardy was a tennis enthusiast and had recently reformed the Springside Tennis Club. Requiem Mass was held at St Joseph's Church yesterday, the funeral leaving the church in the afternoon for the Roman Catholic portion of the Orange Cemetery. Rev. Father Sheehan officiated assisted by Rev Father Duffy St Stanislaus College Bathurst (where the son of the deceased is a student). Two students from St Stanislaus were present and the Orange High and other schools were represented at the funeral.

Central Western Daily - 5/12/1946: Speedy distance runner was born in Orange.

Neville McDonald who scored a runaway win in the "A" grade two miles event at Henson Park, Sydney last Saturday is an ex-Orange boy. Neville was born in Orange and was educated at the Rural School. After leaving there he went to the Western Stores and was employed in the grocery department. That was about seven years ago. Later he joined the staff of Mr Alan Roberts pastrycook of Orange. His father the late Mr Ted McDonald who died in Orange in 1934 was a well known engine driver at Orange railway. Neville was a tall, slim lad; very likeable and unassuming" said Mr Roy Sharpe, manager of Western Stores grocery department. This is the story Sunday Sun "run" about Neville McDonald after he had won the big event last Saturday:- Neville McDonald (W.S) whose athletic career began while he was with the A.I.F in Morotal, scored a runaway win in yesterday's A grade two miles event at Henson Park. McDonald who works in the Traffic Branch of the Railways Department, was a bandsman in Morotal. A quiet unassuming chap he was nominated by some of his fellow bandsmen for the All Force's mile championship of the Island, more as a joke than anything. He caused a great surprise when he romped home, to beat the heavily backed favorite much to the disgust of those who had nominated him and backed the favorite! An interested spectator of the race was Terry Gleeson (Bot) who asked McDonald to take up athletics with the Botany Club. However, McDonald who is stationed at Strathfield joined up with Western Suburbs two months ago. Saturday's race was only Mr McDonald's second attempt at two miles. Neville was a member of the 1 Aust Corp Army Band which included five other Orange lads: Ron Young; Geoff Kennedy; Arthur Collins; Arthur Higman and Fred Gorrine. The McDonald's used to live in William Street. Ron Young recalls that Neville McDonald won the

mile race at Moratal, when he surprised his cobbers on his bare feet.

Central Western Daily - 12/12/1946: Memorial Window dedicated at St John's Church.

A memorial window dedicated to the memory of James Douglas and his wife (Jane Victoria Busby) was unveiled at a special commemoration service in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. The service was attended by relatives and friends of the late couple who were prominent citizens in the early pioneering days of this city. The Rev. A.G. Wood at present replacing Rev. Torrance as the Presbyterian minister, took charge of the service. Mr Stuart Douglas on behalf of Helen, Kenneth, Norval, Ross and Lorna Douglas unveiled and presented the memorial window. The inscription to the late James Douglas and his wife was as follows: "Dedicated to the memory of James Douglas Born March 22, 1837 died October 1 1917. And of his wife Jane Victoria Busby, born May 24, 1856; died July 16, 1944. - Erected by their loving children- Helen, Stuart, Kenneth, Norval; Ross and Lorna Douglas December 8 1946.

Central Western Daily - 11/3/1947: Memorial window to Miss O. Mayne unveiled in Church.

A very beautiful stained glass window depicting The Last Supper was unveiled during a dedication service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday service, in memory of a much loved and esteemed member of the church, the late Miss Olive Mayne. It was a tribute from her brothers and sisters. Speaking of the outstanding capabilities and the unselfish service of the late Olive Mayne the rector (Rev A.G Halliday) spoke of a full life nobly spent in the service of God and others. It is two years since Olive was called Home, but her very large circle of friends still speak of how they miss her and her great kindness and thoughts of them. Everyone honored her and enjoyed hearing her beautiful contralto voice in solos etc., at the church. As a nice gesture to the Mayne family, Mr George McNeilly sang beautifully "By Still Water" and the choir gave an anthem. The large congregation testified to the honor in which the late Olive Mayne was held. Members of all the church organisations Red Cross etc, were present. The Rector's address was a very great tribute to such a loved member of the church. The brothers and sisters she came for the dedication were Mr and Mrs S. Mayne and son; Mr Stephen Mayne, of Sydney; Mr Rich Mayne (Rose Bay); Mr & Mrs H. Sutton and daughter; Gweneth (Roseville) Mr & Mrs W. Mayne and sons; Messrs Douglas and Max Mayne, Messrs C. and L. Mayne and Miss Ada Mayne of "The Rest" Byng Street (sister) besides other relatives.

Central Western Daily - 31/5/1949: Return men at funeral. Late A.S. Lipman.

Officers and members of the Returned Soldiers League attended the funeral of the late Mr Augustus Solomon Lipman whose death occurred in Orange on Sunday. He was a returned soldier of World War 1. For many years Mr Lipman was western districts representative for Peapes Pty. Ltd men's outfitters of George Street, Sydney and was regarded as one of the most popular men "on the road"

Principally for health reasons he came to Orange about eight months ago during which time he was connected with the tailoring department of the Western Stores making the Occidental Hotel his headquarters. "Gus" Lipman who was 69 years of age made many firm friends in Orange when he paid monthly visits to the town and retained them right to the end. His wife

predeceased him a few years ago and he is survived by one daughter Mrs Tulford Murray of Mungindi, who came to Orange to attend his funeral yesterday morning. The remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery. In the absence of the Rector Rev. A.G. Halliday the service was conducted by the Rev. J.S. Fisher. The returned soldier's service was read at the graveside by Mr A.O. MacGillycuddy.

Central Western Daily - 25/4/1952 : Mr George Nicholas.

The death occurred at Orange Base Hospital yesterday of Mr George Nicholas, a well-known and popular identity at the age of 53 years. Mr Nicholas who was attached to the R.A.A.F in World War 11, was a native of Wellington and resided for many years in Orange where he married a local girl Miss Pauline Baxter. George Nicholas was well and favorably known to the sporting fraternity among whom he had been engaged for some years as a bookmaker's clerk. He was an excellent penman quick and accurate at figures and because of his friendly personality his death will be keenly regretted. The sincerest sympathy will be extended to his wife, three daughters and one son. His funeral will leave St Joseph's Church today for the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 22/12/1953.

Death of Mrs Jackson. One of the best known women in Orange Mrs C.J. Jackson (Carlotta" of the *Central Western Daily*) died at Orange Base Hospital on Saturday night. Mrs Jackson who was 86 years old died after a short illness. She lived at 66 Kite Street. Mrs Jackson had written the "Social Round" in the *Central Western Daily* and previous the "*Orange Advocate* for more than 20 years. She began when the late George Thompson was editor of the *Advocate*. Despite her age Mrs Jackson continued compiling the notes until several weeks before her death. Her amazing memory and energy helped her with her work. She was actively connected with many women's organisations in Orange. She was life member of Holy Trinity Women's Guild and one of the most energetic workers for the Hospital Ladies Auxillary when members conducted the tea tent at the Orange Show. In the early years of the Country Women's Association in Orange she was one of its stalwart members and was interested in the welfare of the Red Cross branch. She worked for and supported women's organisations of all denominations. Had many friends. Mrs Jackson was interested in people and had many friends. She had lived here for over 40 years. Born in Dubbo, Mrs Jackson then Charlotte Mostyn came to Orange with her mother Mrs Deborah Wythes. They lived together in their home in Byng Street. She married Henry Wright Jackson in Holy Trinity Church of England well over 60 years ago. After their marriage the couple went to the Tonga Islands to make their home. Several years later however they returned to Orange where the late Mr Jackson was a bookkeeper for several local firms in turn. One was Robinson's foundry in Anson Street. Mr Jackson died suddenly about eleven years ago. Mrs Jackson had three sisters and two brothers. Only one sister Mrs Burce Ross, of Mosley Street, Strathfield, survives. Mrs Harcourt Kerr of "Wellwood", Mrs N. McLerie, of Neutral Bay, both of whom are deceased were sisters. There were two brothers Tom and Will Mostyn, both former Orange people. Her five nieces are Miss Ethel McLerie of Neutral Bay, , Mrs Peter Carwardine, Croydon, Misses Vi and Blanche Ross of Strathfield and Mrs Jean Baker of "Hillside" Inverell.

Central Western Daily - 9/1/1954.

The well known livery stable proprietor Mr Jack Hurley of Lord's Place was found dead in a room adjoining the stable at 11 a.m. yesterday. Medical aid was summoned and on examination it was revealed that he must have died suddenly about three hours previously. Though it is understood that Mr Hurley had not been in the best of health for some time, he had been attending to his business affairs as usual on Thursday. Mr Hurley who was born at Gundagai 66 years ago, came to Orange with his wife about 35 years ago and with the exception of occasional visits to other centres the greater part of those years was spent in Orange. He was a taxi-driver for several years while for the past seven years he had conducted a livery stable. He is survived by his wife. The funeral will leave the chapel of Mr L.L. Box funeral director tomorrow. St Joseph's Church and afterwards for the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 31/3/1954: Obituary - James Lowe.

A well known resident of Orange Mr James Lowe of 92 Gardiner Road, died at the Base Hospital on Monday at the age of 67 years. Mr Lowe was a native of the Wellington district and had been a resident of Orange for a number of years. He was an employee of the Railway Department from which he enlisted for service in World War 1. For many years he had been a member of A.O. Foresters. He is survived by his wife three sons and two daughters. Bruce and David (Orange); Eric (Sydney), Mrs L. Knight (Orange) and Mrs Wells (Sydney). Stepchildren are Mrs W.K. Rawson (Orange) Mrs A. Ryan (Sydney) Norman (Freemantle). There are 19 grandchildren. Brothers are Albert (Umina); Walter (Blayney) William and Hugh Wellington and the sisters are: Mrs Seers (Wellington), Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Crawley (Sydney). His funeral will leave the Baptist Church today for the Orange Cemetery. Ex-servicemen are invited to attend.

Central Western Daily - 25/6/1955: Obituary. Mr Michael Miskell.

One of the oldest men in the Orange district, Mr Michael Miskell died on Wednesday night at Orange Base Hospital. Mr Miskell who was 88 years of age was a former member of Orange City Council where he was employed for more than 30 years. Born at Guyong, Mr Miskell spent the early part of his life on the land and came to Orange 35 years ago to make his home in Hill Street, Where he and Mrs Miskell reared a family of six sons. A keen sportsman Mr Miskell was an outstanding runner in his young days and took part in many athletic carnivals held in the Western districts. He was a devoted member of St Joseph's Church. In addition to his widow Mr Miskell is survived by his sister Ann and brother Joseph. His sons are Milton, Charles, Cecil, Barry, Neville and Horace. His funeral left St Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon for the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 28/11/1958: Obituary. Mr J. Horton.

The death occurred recently at his home in Petersham of Mr John J. Horton at the age of 72. He had spent many years of his life in Orange leaving here after retirement in 1940. For several years he was manager of the Shell Company's branch in Orange and after leaving this position he conducted a mixed business on the corner of Lord's Place and Prince Street for about ten years. Mr Horton leaves five children and eleven grandchildren: two daughters Valerie (Mrs

A. Collis of Sydney) and Sylvia (Mrs F. Evans, Orange) and three sons Bill and Eric of Sydney and Ron of Sydney. His wife predeceased him two years ago.

Central Western Daily - 27/5/1960: Obituary - Walter Orlanda Warburton.

At the age of nearly 82 years a very well known resident of Orange. Mr Walter Orlando Thomas Warburton died suddenly in the Orange Base Hospital on May 20, shortly after being admitted, following a sudden collapse late in the afternoon. He was born at Crookwell in 1878 and lived in that and the Goulburn locality in his youth and later was a commercial traveller for various firms. As a young man he joined the Singer Sewing Machine Company. As outdoor representative he was stationed at Bathurst for some years and later at Orange until his retirement in 1949. His car with the large "S" on the side was well known in western towns. He was a member of the Orange Bowling Club, the Masonic Lodge and for time of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. He also was a vocalist of no mean order and contributed largely to patriotic events during both wars. He is survived by his widow, two daughters Iris (Mrs Owen Smith), King Island; Gloria (Mrs L. Formby) Orange and a son Les, Orange and of a former marriage, two sons Walter and Arthur of Gladesville and Guilford respectively, a sister Mrs L. Gould (Lane Cove) and two brothers Clive (Parramatta) and the other in Queensland. His funeral proceeded to the Canobolas Crematorium last Sunday.

Central Western Daily - 2/6/1960: Obituary - Lillian Martel Dobson.

The death occurred suddenly at the residence of her daughter Mrs J. Starr at Dalton, on Saturday of Mrs Lillian Martel Dobson widow of Mr A.J. Dobson of Orange. Born at Daylesford Victoria 77 years ago, Mrs Dobson had lived in Orange for 40 years. In her early life Mrs Dobson assisted her father the late Mr George Green, who owned country newspapers in several Victorian towns. She was associated with the establishment of the first newspaper at Broken Hill where the late Mr Harry Leggo, a proprietor of the old *Orange Leader* was an employee. Until a few years ago Mrs Dobson had been closely associated with work for the Methodist Church and was a member of the Ladies Church Aid. She married 47 years ago to Mr Arthur James Dobson, who died in Orange three years ago. She is survived by a family of two sons Ivan (Orange), Milton (Wollongong) and four daughters Jean (Mrs W. Trimmer, Spring Terrace); Eunice (Mrs H. May, Blayney) Phyllis (Mrs J. Starr, Dalton) and Dulcie (Mrs J. Wooden, Orange). There are 17 grandchildren. Her funeral took place on Monday after a service at the Methodist Church and cremation was at the Canobolas Crematorium.

Central Western Daily - 15/8/1962: Mr H.W. Jones.

The death occurred in Orange Base Hospital on August 1 of Mr Henry William (Harry) Jones aged 57. Mr Jones was born at Delegate later moving to Manildra and from there to Orange where he and his brother conducted a taxi business known as Jones Taxi Service. After disposing of their taxi business Harry began a bus service which Mrs Jones is still operating on the March-Clergate Mullion Creek Run. For the past seven years Mr Jones has been employed as an inspector at the Email factory. He is survived by his wife Thelma three daughters Betty (Mrs W. Seers); Helen (Mrs J. Turner) and Diane one son Robert and five grandchildren all of Orange. Also surviving are Mrs J. Dempsey and Mrs A. Davey of Wellington and a brother Mr Wal Jones of Orange. Canobolas Crematorium.

Central Western Daily - 2/9/1963: Well-known church worker dies.

The death occurred in Orange Base Hospital on Saturday of a well-known and highly respected Orange resident Mr Frederick Charles Purdue, of Anson St., at the age of 65. One of the biggest funeral congregations for some time packed Holy Trinity Church of England yesterday afternoon for his funeral service. Mr Purdue, one of the church's most active older members was a verger and sacristan of the church for more than 23 years. Holy Trinity choir sang his favorite hymn at yesterday's service, conducted by the Rev. Gordon Smee who paid glowing tributes to Mr Purdue. Mr Purdue was also a member of the church's men's society. The welfare of younger children was always his deep concern and he was widely known for his quiet, unpretentious assistance to them. Members of Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows formed a guard of honour at the church. They walked beside the funeral car and at the graveside were joined in a guard of honour by church men's society members. Mr Purdue throughout his life was an active member of the MUIOOF. At 21 he was one of the youngest Grand Masters ever appointed. Born in 1898 at Reading England. Mr Purdue came to Sydney in 1912 with his parents. He lived at Belmore, where he worked as a bootmaker. He married 40 years ago and brought his young family to Orange 23 years ago. His son well known Orange jeweller, Mr Fred Purdue. Mr Purdue's life "revolved around his church. Mr Purdue in later years was also a keen woodworker and gardener. Mr Purdue leaves a widow. He is also survived by a daughter Mrs Lillian McCully, of Margaret St. There are six grandchildren - Annette; Malcolm; David; Ian Pamela and Robyn.

Central Western Daily - 7/2/1975: Obituary - Mr J. Murray.

A link with Cumnock's past history was broken last month with the death of Mr James Gordon Murray of Orange at the age of 87 years. The son of William and Mary Murray, James was one of nine children and was born at Yullundry in the hotel which his father had built and managed in conjunction with his property "Yarran Grove". This property was extended by James who lived there for more than 50 years. His sister, Mrs Paddison of Ryde and brother John of Narrabeen are still living. James Murray married Olive Rose Sharpless and they had four children, Betty, Marge, Bruce and Gordon. His wife predeceased him in 1970 and Bruce died in 1950 at the age of 21. His son Gordon died as a result of an accident last year. His daughters and sons-in-law Betty and Alan Watt "Tenebyng"; Marg and Bruce Sparkes, Cumnock and daughter-in-law Mollie Murray survive him also seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mr Murray enlisted in the First World War and served four years in the Middle East. He retired to live in Orange in 1948 but always retained his interest in Cumnock and "Yarren Grove". This property is being managed by his grandson Stuart Murray and Stuart's children, Tristan and Hayded are the fifth generation to live at "Yarran Grove"

Central Western Daily - 24/9/1977: Obituary - A man who worked for Orange City Council for 45 years and was well known for his contribution to numerous Orange charities and other organisations died in Orange last week. The man Percival Leonard Griffith was 81 years old and was buried in the Anglican Cemetery at March yesterday after a service at Holy Trinity Church in Orange. When Mr Griffith retired from council it was as senior building inspector. Notable local landmarks which he organised by way of funds, labor and construction include the Baby Health Centre, Scout Camp at Lake Canobolas when the Mayor of the day wanted to name one of the huts after him, but was refused permission, the Scout Hall, the begonia

and fern houses in Cook Park, the Banjo Paterson memorial the C.W.A. Hall in Robertson Park his achievements are endless. Mr Griffith organised the city's first Cherry Blossom Festival and during the 1930's organised the diphtherial immunisation of more than 500 children a day. He was the driver of the city's first motorised fire engine and held a current NSW drivers licence for 64 years without an offence. He organised all the naturalisation ceremonies in Orange up to the year 1965 and that was a mammoth task especially in the forties and fifties with countless of thousands of immigrants from war-torn Europe coming out to a new country. In those years Perc used to say the Strand Theatre was just big enough to hold the candidates and their friends. During the depression years with gangs of 100 men, he laid the sewer line around the area of what was then the city of Orange. He also painted the first zebra pedestrian crossing in Summer St between the Commonwealth Bank and the Royal Hotel. He served in World War 1 in the militia and was in the VDC in Orange during World War 11. Perc Griffith never knew what it was to have time on his hands, he could entertain his many friends with tales of early days when the city was municipality and progressing with the help of people like Perc to the city it is today. His early days were spent at Clergate and he started school at the little country school at Mulyan a good 2 1/2 mile walk from his home. The family moved into a house in Hamer St., Orange and after finishing school at the old "Rural" Perc started work as dairy worker for the late James Dalton at Duntryleague. In later years he used to look back with some pride and tell of those days when he worked seven days a week from 3.30a.m to 9.30 am and milked 200 cows every night and morning. He then worked for E.B. Dalton as chauffeur and gardener. He retired from Orange City Council in 1965 and was given one of the biggest testimonials ever held by council. Since his retirement he lived in his small cottage in Warrendine St and continued to be busy. He played cards with a small circle of friends looked after a large vegetable garden and some cattle out of town and helped his son with stock when need. His wife Ethel May predeceased him and he leaves four sons Bede (Wagga); Neil (Morrinsville, New Zealand); Ken (Loungueville) and Bryan (Orange) one daughter Marian (Mrs Wilson, Kingsford) 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Central Western Daily -30/12/2003: Harry's last Tango.

Former prominent Orange ballroom dance teacher Harry Brewer passed away in Sydney recently. Henry Joseph Brewer or Harry as he was known was also well known in his position as chief engineer at Orange Base Hospital. Harry emigrated to Australia with his first wife Pat in the mid 1950's and initially settled in Sydney. The couple later relocated to Orange where Harry began work at the Email factory. Harry and Pat opened the Brewer Ballroom Dancing Academy and taught from premises at the Allcorns Star Ballroom (Later the Patmos Restaurant) before the studio later moved to the corner of Clinton and Dalton streets (later taken over by the Lands Council). While Pat returned to Sydney to live Harry continued teaching and expanding his student base teaching over a wide area of the Central West. In 1969 Harry married local girl Shirley Mayfield and from the early 1970's the couple travelled extensively over the next several years working on the P and O liners. The Brewer Ballroom Academy hosted the annual Winter Festival of Dancing in Orange for many years which attracted hundreds of visitors and some of the country's top ballroom dancers and judges to the event. In the late 1980s Harry left Orange to work at the Mater Hospital in Sydney, moving on from his position at Orange Base Hospital, however his ill health which first showed itself as a heart problem during a trip a few years earlier to the United Kingdom prompted him to return to Orange. When his health improved he took up an offer to work with the P and O line

and he also worked on a Russian cruise ship which is where he met his third wife Pam. The couple lived in Sydney for a short time before settling in Taree. Harry's aunt Miss Florence Andrews still lives in Orange. He will always be remembered as epitomising the "top hat white tie and tails".

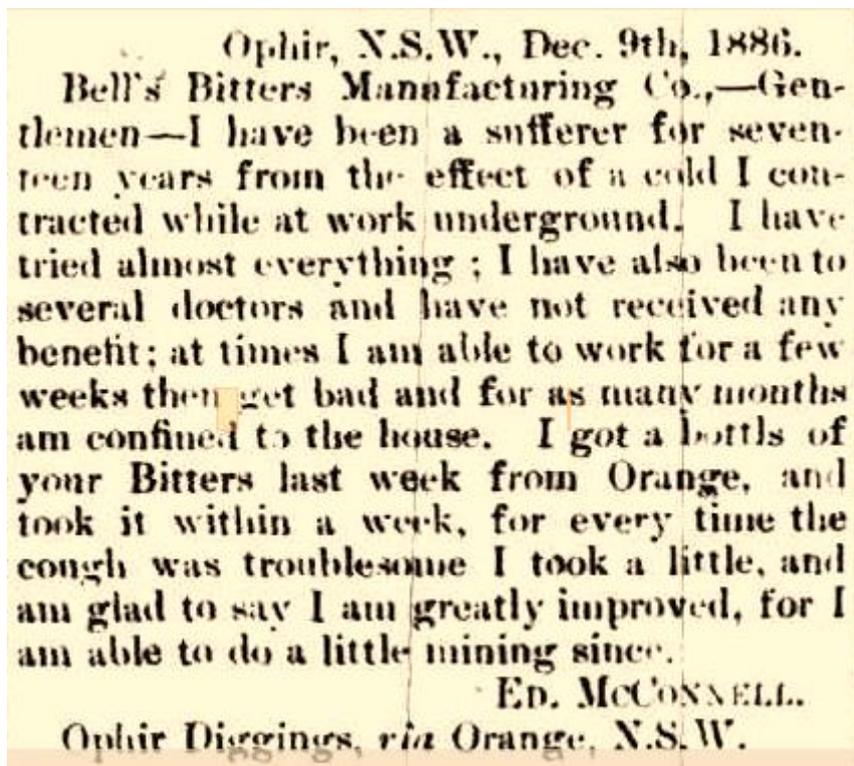
IS THERE A GHOST IN METHODIST SECTION OF ORANGE CEMETERY?

Recently we stayed a few nights in Orange to visit old family homes. We paid a visit to the Orange Cemetery to take photos of my Great Grandparents grave in the old Methodist section. It was about 4.00pm and as my daughter walked from the start of the Methodist section down towards the earlier graves, she heard a lady crying. My daughter decided to walk on the road area to give the lady her privacy, but when she looked over there was no one there. She found the grave of our Ancestors and came back to the car.

Does anybody know anything about a lady crying in the Methodist section of the Orange cemetery?

Article Submitted to Julie Sykes
Family History Librarian

Southern Queensland Bulletin (Southport, Qld 1888 - 1891) - Sat 21 Jul 1888: Page 4
Ophir, N.S.W., Dec. 9th 1886.



Ophir, N.S.W., Dec. 9th, 1886.
Bell's Bitters Manufacturing Co.,—Gentlemen—I have been a sufferer for seventeen years from the effect of a cold I contracted while at work underground. I have tried almost everything ; I have also been to several doctors and have not received any benefit; at times I am able to work for a few weeks then get bad and for as many months am confined to the house. I got a bottle of your Bitters last week from Orange, and took it within a week, for every time the cough was troublesome I took a little, and am glad to say I am greatly improved, for I am able to do a little mining since.
ED. MCCONNELL.
Ophir Diggings, via Orange, N.S.W.



ORANGE Heritage FACT SHEET

Family and oral history

FAMILY HISTORY

If you haven't started a family tree, now is a great time to begin. download a family tree and start to fill in the blanks <https://www.familytreemplates.net>

Here are a few hints to get you started:

- Ask your parents or grandparents their parent's names and dates of birth, marriage and death. If they don't remember the date you can look for it in the NSW Government's Births Deaths and Marriages index, where you can search for birth records more than 100 years ago, death records more than 30 years ago, and marriage records more than 50 years ago. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/family-history-search>
- The Ryerson Index lists Australian death notices and obituaries <http://ryersonindex.org/search.php>
- Central West Libraries catalogue indexes local births, deaths, marriages and probate notices. Go to: www.cwl.nsw.gov.au and select the library catalogue
- The National Library of Australia has some great family history resources <https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history>
- Trove's digitised newspapers are a great way to search for information about your family <https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/indigenous-family-history/trove-for-family-history>
- Visit the Orange Family History Group Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/orangefamilyhistory/>
- If you are over 18 you can enter the E.M. Fletcher Writing Award, an initiative of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC). For more information see <https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>

ORAL HISTORY

Gather family stories, ask family members about a special event or time in their lives and record their answers. You can then keep this as a family album or diary for other family members to enjoy.

1. Interview your parents or older family members about their childhood/school days/memories of old Orange
2. Share your memories with Central West Libraries' Oral History project. Topics include:
 - The history of Banjo Paterson Park
 - The day Templer's Mill was demolished
 - The Springs fringe camp
 - The establishment of F.O.O.D. Week
 - Memories of Wentworth Mine at Lucknow or Mining at Lucknow
3. Explore online resources:
 - Oral History Australia: <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au>
 - Oral History NSW: <https://www.oralhistorynsw.org.au>
 - State Library of New South Wales podcasts: <https://audio.sl.nsw.gov.au/podcasts>
 - Radio National's The History Listen www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/the-history-listen/
4. Plan for succession - tidy files, catch up on research, digitise and add captions to photos, talk to your family about the family history - who could or is interested to carry on the project?

For further information please contact:
02 6393 8132
library@cwl.orange.nsw.gov.au



RECOLLECT CENTRAL WEST



Recollect Central West is a digital platform that increases community engagement and online accessibility to the Central West Libraries heritage collections.

Here you'll find digital copies of maps, plans and out of print books as well as places in the region, the Orange & District Historical Society Central Western Daily Negative Collection; and the Orange Civic Theatre, Orange City Council and Orange City Library collections.

Register as a member and share material on this site to social media or between individuals. Please add images of Orange and the district, old school photos, family history photos or information about anything you find relating to the district. The aim is to continually grow and add to the Orange and Central West's stories and collections.

Contact
recollect@cwlib.nsw.gov.au
02 6393 8120

Image: Tennis Classes at Wade Park, Central Western Daily, 3 September 1957
Image courtesy Central Western Daily Negative Collection, Orange & District Historical Society

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ORANGE CEMETERY DATABASE

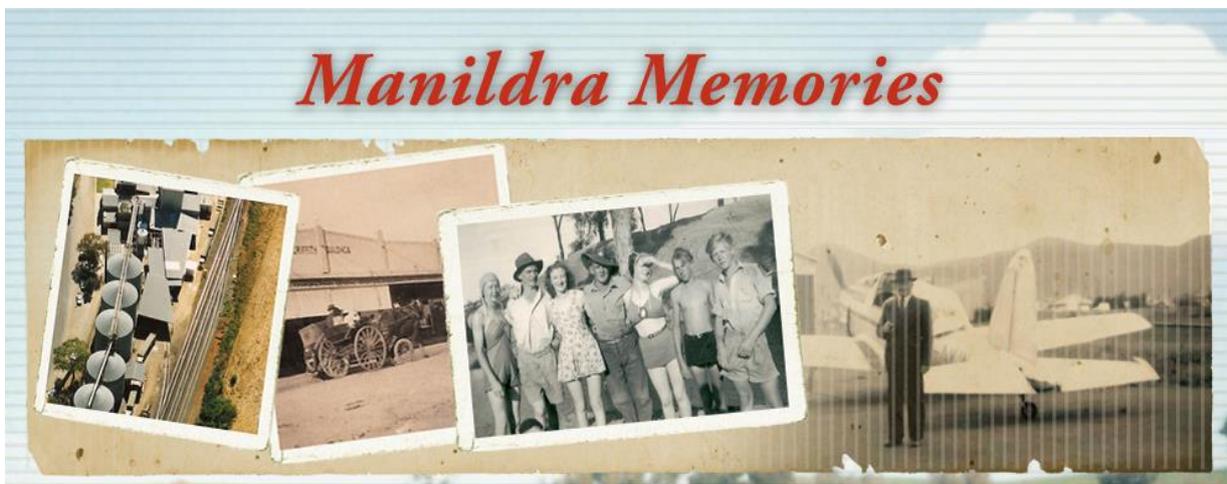


You can search for your ancestors using our Grave location search via the Orange Cemetery Database. This can be accessed by clicking on the image above, or visit the Orange City Council Website www.orange.nsw.gov.au/orange-cemetery/

NB: Please always be mindful when obtaining information from other sites such as 'Find a Grave' or 'Woo Woo'. Our Cemetery record is true and correct. We often hear of people using these other sites and finding incorrect information connected to their relative.

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

CORONER INQUESTS

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 found:

Coroners Inquest - William Pollard - held 23/8/1851 - Orange - Natural death. Intemp.

Sydney Morning Herald: 2/9/1851 - Orange - An inquiry was held yesterday, at the house of William Fitzpatrick, publican, of Summer Hill, touching the death of an old man named William Pollard, a shepherd, lately in the employment of Mr. Joseph Moulder. It appeared that deceased came to Fitzpatrick's house on Friday week last, and after having two or three glasses of grog, and treating some persons in the tap-room, went into the kitchen, where he got to bed, and for the two or three following days hung over the fire. He did not complain of being ill, and it was only on Wednesday last that a large gangrenous spot was discovered on his thigh. Information was given to the police, and in the afternoon J. A. Templer, Esq., J.P., accompanied by Dr. Bell, visited the man. He was then in a dying state, and though everything was done for him which the circumstances of his case demanded, he lingered only until Friday evening. Mr. Templer presided at the inquiry, and had depositions taken in the case. Death resulted from gangrene, the effect of phlegmonous erysipelas.

Coroners Inquest: Richard Thompson - held 5 & 6 May 1857- Orange - Injuries supposed occasioned by being jammed by tree.

****Empire Sydney* - 16/5/1857 page 2 - Orange - Richard Thompson, one of the oldest residents in the district, was found dead near his residence on Tuesday morning last. Mr Templar held a magisterial inquiry over the body the next day and it appeared from the evidence of Dr Warren, and the appearances which presented themselves, that he died from the effects of injuries received by being pressed against a tree by the two horses with which he was drawing logs. Had any person been with him at the time to have taken him to his hut, his life might possibly have been prolonged, if not saved. To be exposed to the severity of those cold nights, is, in itself enough to deprive any ordinary man of life.

Coroners Inquest - William John Pascoe - 7/6/1865- Cornish Settlement - injuries accidentally recieved.

Government Gazette - 23/6/1865 -Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In the goods, rights, chattels, credits, and effects of William John Pascoe, late of the Carangara Copper Mine, near Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales, miner, deceased, intestate. Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, application 'will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, that letters of administration of all and singular the goods, rights, chattels, credits, and effects of the abovenamed William John Pascoe, deceased, intestate, may be granted to Sarah Jeffrey (formerly Sarah Pascoe), of Guyong, near Orange, in the Colony aforesaid, as the mother and next of kin of the said deceased.—Dated this 22nd day of June, a.d. 1865.

**N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - William J. Pascoe - 26 years - Died Orange

Coroners Inquest - Percy Pratt - held 6/12/1865- Orange - Injuries accidentally received.

****Empire Sydney - 21/12/1865 -** A person named Percy Pratt was accidentally killed at Orange the other day, by a fall from his horse. Deceased was thrown on his head, and died from concussion of the brain and injuries to the spinal cord.

*****N.S.W. B.D.M. Death - 5/12/1865 Percy Pratt -** Father Matthew mother Agnes.

Coroners Inquest - William Perkins - 8/1/1867- Molong - Natural Causes.

****Empire Sydney - 11/1/1867-** Death in the Bush: William Perkins, a shepherd, and for many years a resident in this district, was found dead in the bush on Thursday last, about two miles from Brymadura. Senior-constable Wallings at once proceeded to the spot to take charge of the body, pending a magisterial inquiry. On Tuesday, the deceased called at Brymadura, and had something to eat, and stated that he was on his way to Boree. It is supposed, being a man in years, that exhaustion, from exposure to the extreme heat of the weather, and the absence of water, was the immediate cause of death.

**ORANGE GENERAL CEMETERY
UNMARKED GRAVES OF WWI SOLDIERS**

Orange General Cemetery has 93 WWI soldiers buried in unmarked graves to date: 14 have already been accepted for war graves. Orange Sub Branch RSL will be marking the other soldier's graves with white crosses. In time, it is hoped something more permanent will be erected.

Perhaps you have a "missing" relative. If you find them in the list of gentlemen below, we would love to make contact with you via OrangeSB@rslnsw.org.au

The Orange RSL will be hosting a special commemoration at the Orange Cemetery on Wednesday 2 November 2022. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Orange RSL on telephone (02) 6362 1735.



WAR GRAVE RECIPIENT	DETAILS	MARITAL STATUS / CHILDREN	OTHER INFO
WAR GRAVE RECIPIENTS			
AKERS Frank	1886 – 1963	born Cobar married 1 daughter	
BAXTER Frederick John	1892 – 1934	born Victoria married 4 children	
BROWNLOW George	born London England 1891 – 1963	single	
CRUMPLER William	born London England 1888 – 1967	married with 1 daughter	possibly in the Maitland area
LEONARD Fabian	born Condobolin 1890 – 1924		Memorial Hall Honour Roll Orange
LIPMAN Augustus Solomon	born Newcastle NSW 1879 – 1949	married 1 daughter	
MANNING Henry Cornelius	born Cootamundra NSW 1894 – 1966	2 children	
MITCHELL Neville Frank	born Botany NSW c1884 – 1938	single	
OWEN Albert Percy	born Banbury Oxfordshire 1882 – 1964		
PARKER John Oliver	born Drake NSW 1888 – 1944	single	
SMITH Frederick John	born Leytonstone Essex England c1891 – 1962	single	
STAFFORD Edwin Harold	born Mt Kembla NSW 1899 – 1960	single	
WALSH Stanley	born Penrith NSW 1900 – 1962		
WHITE William	born Bungowannah NSW 1867 – 1945	single	
CASH James	born Orange NSW 1890 – 1919		War grave to be erected in Rookwood Cemetery
IDENTIFIED SOLDIERS			
ADAMS Francis Charles Somerset (Doctor)	born Cooks River NSW 1875 – 1921		headstone but no plaque
BRIERTY Frederick Alexander	born Lilydale Vic 1892 – 1920	married	broken headstone
BROMLEY Arthur Cecil	born Sydney NSW 1885 – 1952	married	
BROWN Malcolm George	born Tumut NSW 1873 – 1944		
BUCHAN John Henderson	born Edinburgh Scotland 1885 – 1961		
BURGESS Thomas Oswald	born Greeveston Tasmania 1896 – 1934	single	
BYRNE James Robert	born Grong Grong NSW 1876 – 1949	married no issue	
CAMPBELL Donald	born Condobolin NSW 1886 – 1940	single	

WAR GRAVE RECIPIENT	DETAILS	MARITAL STATUS / CHILDREN	OTHER INFO
CHESTERTON Sidney Herbert	born Reading England 1866 – 1959	married	
COFFEY aka EVERARD Arthur Thomas	born Adelaide SA 1872 – 1938	married no issue	
COLLISON Reginald Hercules	born Woolwich NSW 1886 – 1946	married	
COMMINS Michael Joseph	born Queanbeyan NSW 1885 – 1952	single	
CORBETT Samuel Hastings	born Staffordshire England C1878 – 1943	single	
COTTON Garfield Graham	born Maryborough Qld c1890 – 1927		
CUMMINGS Arthur Joseph	born Redfern NSW 1894 – 1961	single	
DENAHY Daniel	born Michelago NSW 1891 – 1937	single	
DONNELLY Joseph William	born Armidale NSW 1886 – 1945	6 children	
DUDLEY William Henry	born Dubbo NSW 1883 – 1943	married 1 child	
DUNSTER George	born Gundagai NSW 1864 – 1925	single	
ELLEN James Robert	born Nairn Scotland c1880 – 1926		
EVERARD aka COFFEY Arthur Thomas	born Adelaide SA 1872 – 1938	married no issue	
EVANS Rowland	born Everton England 1893 – 1962	single	
FARGIE John Walter	born Wellington NZ 1883 – 1944	married 2 children	
FINLAYSON Kenneth Plockton	Scotland 1875 – 1946	single	
FRASER Robert	Born Wyalong NSW 1898 – 1967	married no children	
GEARY James	Camden NSW 1869 – 1933	single	
GILLET John William	born Peterborough England 1881 – 1955	single	
GOLLAN Thomas	born Gunnedah NSW 1891 – 1947	2 children	
GRANT Jack	born Ulmarra NSW c1894 – 1956	married no known issue	
GRAY Arthur Allen	Bathurst NSW c1894 – 1952	single	
HAIGH William Cyril	born Leeds England 1896 – 1947	married	
HAM William Edward John	born Eton England 1897 – 1962	single	
HARDY George Dunkley	born Lincolnshire England 1897 – 1942	single	
HEARN Thomas Joseph	born Crookwell NSW 1881 – 1955	single	

WAR GRAVE RECIPIENT	DETAILS	MARITAL STATUS / CHILDREN	OTHER INFO
HENDERSON Leslie George	born Cowra NSW 1895 – 1962	single	
HORNER William	born Carcoar NSW c1874 – 1945		
HUGHES Owen David	born Edinburgh Scotland 1888 – 1926	married 2 children	
JOHNS George William Kilgour	born Sydney NSW 1883 – 1951	single	
JOHNSON Ernest William	born Enmore NSW 1896 – 1940	single	
JOHNSONE William Frederick	born Ashwood England 1897 – 1943	married 5 children	
KEATING John born Ross,	Hotitiki NZ 1878 – 1940		
KEENAN Mary	born Orange NSW 1885 – 1955		Interred family vault Orange cemetery
KELLY Christopher Joseph	born Deloraine Tasmania 1892 – 1941	married 2 sons	
KERR Harold Oswald	born Lewis Ponds NSW 1888 – 1951	single	
KIDD Herbert Edward	born Lucknow NSW 1882 – 1929	married	
KURTZ Joseph	born Mudgee NSW 1876 – 1961		
LANGHAM Frederick Thomas	born Orange NSW 1894 – 1938	married 7 children	on Memorial Hall Roll of Honour
LAST Sidney	born Rougham England 1885 – 1933	single	
LAWSON John Edward	born Balmain NSW 1885 – 1943	married 6 children	
LEWINGTON John Stephen	born Yarrowonga Vic 1879 – 1950	married 6 children	
LOCKWOOD Charles	born Ossett Yorkshire England 1876- 1936	2 children	
MacCORMICK Arthur	born Ballarat Victoria c1877 – 1945		
MADDEN Daniel	born Wellington NSW 1888 – 1934	single	
MARSTELLA Frederick Charles	born Tenterfield NSW 1891 – 1964	single	
MAXWELL Robert	born Glasgow Scotland 1871 – 1943	single	
McLEAN Walter	born Glasgow Scotland 1890 – 1948	single	
MEEHAN Albert Horace	born Temora NSW 1890 – 1941	married	
MORRIS John	born Kilkenny Ireland 1880 – 1957	single	
MURPHY Joseph Henry	born Glen Innes NSW born 1891 – 1926	married no issue	

WAR GRAVE RECIPIENT	DETAILS	MARITAL STATUS / CHILDREN	OTHER INFO
O'BRIEN George Arthur	born Wallsend Newcastle NSW 1880 – 1957	single	
O'HEHIR Patrick John	born Melbourne Vic c1896 – 1946	married no issue	
OLSEN Ole	born Kristianna Norway C1889 – 1932		
O'REGAN Leslie George Icton	born Yass NSW 1888-1945	married x2	
PEASLEY Frederick William	Orange NSW 1897 – 1973	married	
QUIST Axel Rudolph	Stockholm Sweden 1877 – 1944		
RANKIN Cyril Roy (DCM)	Rotorua NZ c1893 – 1933	married 2 children	
REED Frederick	born Croydon England 1878 – 1924	single	
REID George Alexander	born Edinburgh Scotland 1882 – 1930	married no children	
ROBERTSON William Thomas Malcolm	born Eaglehawk Victoria 1886 – 1951	married	
SMITH Nathaniel	born Darlington Victoria 1886 – 1961	married	
THORPE James	born Carcoar NSW 1868 – 1953	married	Orchardist Orange
TOMLINSON William Robert	born Dublin Ireland 1859 – 1934	single	
WEEKS Bernard Vernon	born London England 1886 – 1969	married 2 children	
WILGREN Ivar Isidore	born Viborg Finland 1882 – 1947		
WOODBURN Walter	born Preston England 1888 – 1942	single	
WAR GRAVE RECIPIENT	DETAILS	MARITAL STATUS / CHILDREN	OTHER INFO
OTHER FORCES			
BISHOP Langslow Fred	born Birmingham England 1891 – 1932	Single	Served with NZ and UK Forces
DILBAR (RAHN) Affez	born Afghanistan c1898 – 1960		Served with Indian Forces
ROE Austin Ernest	born New Zealand 1887 – 1956		NZ Forces WW1 AIF WW2
THORNE Cecil		died 1964	served with UK Forces

LEWIS PONDS CEMETERY PROJECT - 1861-1920. CAN YOU HELP?

Research is currently being undertaken into tracing the burials that have taken place in the Lewis Ponds General Cemetery, located on Dry Creek Road in Lewis Ponds, as well as any other suspected burials in the Lewis Ponds district. The cemetery was established in 1861 and gazetted in 1890. It is still a crown lands reserve and managed under Cabonne Council. Cabonne Council have no records of any burials as they only received guardianship in the 1960's. The cemetery was managed by local landholders who were church trustees of each religious denomination within the cemetery.

I have 21 burials specifically in the Lewis Ponds Cemetery itself, and about the same buried somewhere in Lewis Ponds, and about 4 burials on another cemetery on Post Office Lane, which was originally Henry Kerr's farm back in 1860, and currently owned by the Bennett Family. I have also found some more burials for Ophir Cemetery and have passed them onto Rob Bartlett, author of "*First Gold Ophir NSW*" published in 1999.

The first burial was during the 1860s and the last were the Goodlock twins born and died in 1919. Many of the burials were single male miners who had been there for many years and locals such as Thomas Christopherson (1897) and his grandson Leo (1914), William Rusden shot by accident by Caleb Cundy in 1901. Two Howarth baby girls and two Buckley children from Emu Swamp vicinity. Many others were travelling through with the mining and their babies or family members are buried in the cemetery, and then the family left the district, following the gold.

I would love to get any sort of feedback of anyone in your group who may have had family connections to the Lewis Ponds area, especially if they believe they may know of anyone who is buried at Lewis Ponds, or even if they know they are buried in a cemetery at Ophir, Lewis Ponds, or even Post office Lane. I have been in touch with Robert Bartlett and Greg Tracey who have both done research into those cemeteries. Greg Tracey started Lewis Ponds back in the 1980's but did not proceed past the early stages and I have his single page of notes.

I have included photos of what remains. The small gate posts on the northern side, the corner post overgrown by a tree planted back 40 years ago, and the wrought iron grave surround (the size of a child's grave which I believe is Leo Christopherson's, although I have yet to confirm this).



Thank you for any support or ideas or information that any of your members may be able to bring to this. Copies of my research will eventually be freely given to Cabonne and Orange Libraries and Family History Groups.

Jenny Howarth - 0488 009 151 or
jenniferhowarth@bigpond.com

12 The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat., Nov. 29, 1952

Loyal Companion

THE splendid article by Edith E. Grainger — "Faithful Friends"—which appeared on this page on October 25, was a welcome reminder of the aid received by our early explorers from some of the aborigines.

But there was a notable omission from the article.

Among the natives whom Mrs. Grainger mentioned for their services to our explorers was a gin named Turandurey, who guided Major Mitchell on part of his journey to "Australia Felix" (Victoria). But she made no mention of Yuranigh, who guided him on his last journey of exploration—the long and adventurous journey from Boree, near Molong, into Queensland, terminating about 100 miles west of Mackay.

In his journal relating to that expedition Mitchell makes no fewer than 91 references to Yuranigh, recording his gratitude to that loyal native guide.

"He has been my guide, companion, counsellor and friend on the most eventful occasions during this last journey of discovery," Mitchell wrote.

"His intelligence and his judgment rendered him so necessary to me that he was ever at my elbow, whether on foot or horseback. Confidence in him was never misplaced. He well knew

By
W. FARMER WHITE

the character of all the white men of the party; nothing escaped his penetrating eye and quick ear."

Boree, from which the expedition (consisting of 29 persons), set out on December 15, 1845, was the pastoral home of Mr. Barton; to-day it is the home of the well-known Mac Smith family.

There is a cairn, erected in 1936 by the Boree Shire Council at a point where the road to Manildra branches off from the Orange-Forbes road. This cairn bears an inscription, stating that the last three of Sir Thomas Mitchell's four adventurous journeys "proceeded from this vicinity."

But many years before that cairn was erected, a memorial to Yuranigh was placed at a spot not far away—a few miles out of Molong, on the Gamboola property of one of our most noted sheep breeders, Mr. W. R. Glasson. Here Yuranigh died in 1850.

The stone bears this inscription: "To native courage, honesty and fidelity, Yuranigh, who accompanied the expedition of discovery into Tropical Australia in 1846, lies buried here accord-

ing to the rites of his countrymen, and this spot was dedicated and enclosed by the Governor-General's authority in 1852."

The stone was re-erected by the Government on a base of Molong marble in 1900.

Around the grave there stood four trees with mysterious aboriginal markings. The carvings on one of the trees are still clearly defined, but the others, with the encroachment of new wood and bark, are now as "closed books."

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WORTH quoting are the words which Mr. Charles P. Mountford, one of our authorities on the aborigines, has written to Mr. Glasson:

"You ask me if my experience with the aborigines has been on a parallel with that of Sir Thomas Mitchell's experience with Yuranigh. I would most definitely say yes.

"I have had the happy experience of working and living with aborigines in many walks of life, from Namatjira, the Paveroultja brothers and other famous Central Australian artists, with mission and station aborigines and the nomads of the Central Australian deserts and the swamps of the tropics, and my experiences have always been the same.

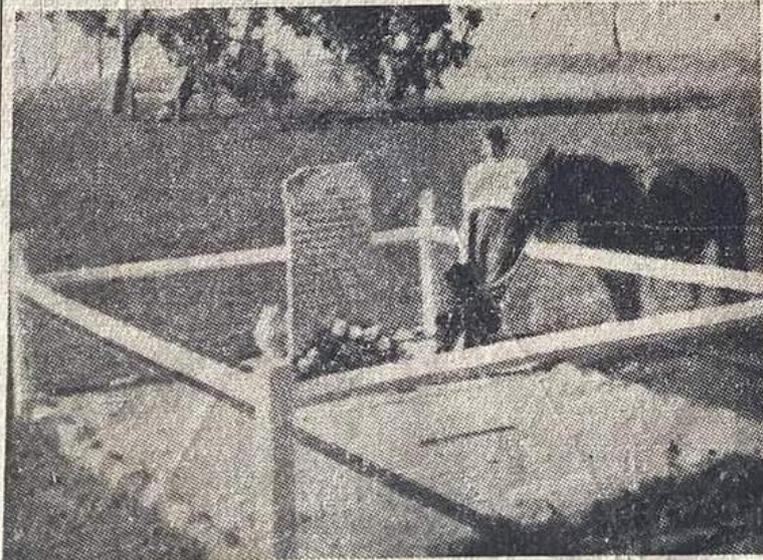
"Once those people became used to me and knew that I was not out to exploit them, they have always been courteous, kindly, helpful and honest to me in a remarkable degree . . . I feel that it was of the innate goodness that belongs to that brown-skinned race.

"Like Sir Thomas, I cannot help but feel that the aboriginal is surely the most lovable, honest and loyal human being that we have in the world to-day."

There could be no finer tribute than that to Yuranigh and his race.

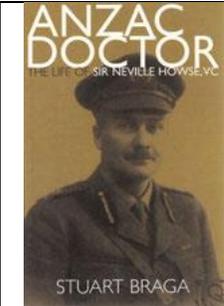
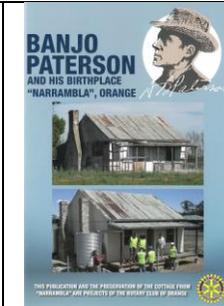
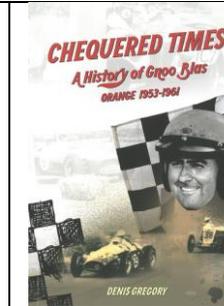
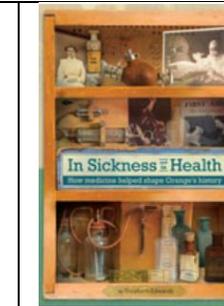
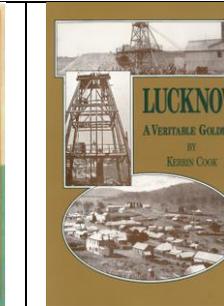
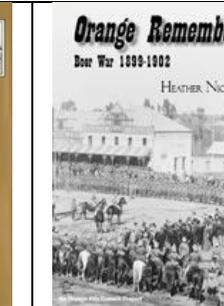
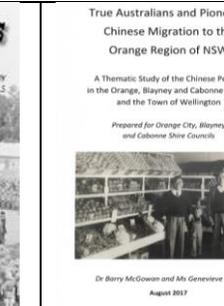
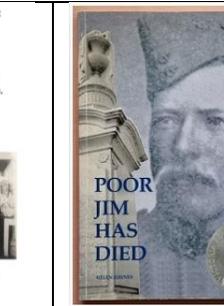
A few weeks ago, for the third year in succession, there was a "pilgrimage" to Yuranigh's grave, organised by the Orange Historical Society.

The old aboriginal carvings of a century ago may become obliterated, and the trees themselves may eventually rot and die, but Yuranigh should deservedly remain in our memory for all time.



The grave of Yuranigh at Gamboola, Molong.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

							
ANZAC DOCTOR By Stuart Braga 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	Banjo Paterson booklet A small booklet on Banjo Paterson and his birthplace "Narrambla". Project of the Rotary club of Orange	Chequered Times By Denis Gregory A history of Motor car racing Gnoo Blas – Orange	In sickness and in health By Elisabeth Edwards Exploring how medicine shaped the history of Orange and the surrounding districts from the earliest days of settlement	Lucknow A Veritable Goldmine By Kerrin Cook A history of goldmining and local history for Lucknow / Shadforth	Orange Remembers By Heather Nicholls Highlights and honours the men from Orange area who served in the South African Boer War and the four local men who died while on service	True Australians and Pioneers – Chinese Migration to Orange Thematic study of the Chinese people in the Orange, Blayney and Cabonne Shires, & the Town of Wellington	Poor Jim has died By Helen Haynes Trooper James Daniel Duff – NSW Citizens Bushman died in Boer War South Africa – now buried in a paddock near Moree.
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**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@cwl.nsw.gov.au

BORENORE AREA - ORCHARD INFORMATION

We are looking for any information on the Schmich brothers who operated orchards around the Borenore district and Peabody Road areas from 1860's onwards.

Do you have any fruit crates, orchard paraphernalia, photographs, or family information you would like to share?

Contact Therese at the Orange City Library on 02 6393 8120 or tkostitch@orange.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**

Program

9:15am – 9:30am **Welcome and Introduction**
9:30am – 10.15am **Madness, Mania and Melancholia: life in the Victorian Asylum** **Janet Few**

Using the stories of some of those who found themselves in an asylum, this presentation will look at life in an asylum in Victorian England and the records we can use to learn more.

10:20am – 10.30am **Break**
10:30am – 11.15am **Religion in Victorian Britain**
Charlotte Sale

Baptism, marriage, burial – three basic church records we use for researching our Victorian family. But which church? This presentation highlights the variety of religions followed by Victorian Britons and how religious differences affect our family research.

11.20am-11.30am **Break**
11.30am – 12.15pm **Canals, Railways and Trams of the Victorian Era**
Ian Waller

This session examines the history and evolution of three major transport systems which revolutionised travel around Britain. Learn how our ancestors would have been involved in their construction or in running these systems.

12.20pm – 1.00pm **Lunch**
1.00pm – 1.45pm **Schooling the Victorians**
Maggie Gaffney

Where did our 19th century ancestors learn to read? A look at the changes in English education during the Victorian era, the records that schooling generated and how we might find our ancestors in them.

1.50pm - 2pm **Break**
2.00pm – 2.45pm **The good the bad and the ugly**
Sue Swalwell

Sue explores the rules of law and their enforcement based on a case study of one family who left a strong imprint in the records of the courts. The story revealed is of a family's changing fortunes and a family structure comprising the good, the bad and the ugly of Victorian Society.

2.50pm – 3pm **Break**
3.00pm – 3.45pm **Family history and the busy world of the 19th century British Post Office**
Susannah Coster

This presentation will guide you through the process of researching your Post Office ancestors, including which resources to access remotely, and give insights into how this institution transformed communication and contributed to 19th century life.

3.45pm – 4.00pm **Break, including raffle prize draws**
4.00pm – 5.00pm **Q&A panel with all presenters**
5.00pm – 5.15pm **Seminar closing remarks and thanks**



Life in Victorian Britain Seminar

Saturday 24th September 2022

9:15am – 5:00pm AEST

Virtual Event via Zoom

Live Q&A with all speakers

All sessions will be recorded and available for one month after the event to ticket holders

Bookings and Payment

Early Bird Price if booked by 31 August:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$50/Non-members \$65

Price from 1 September 2022

GSQ/QFHS Members \$60/Non-members \$75

Book online at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/life-in-victorian-britain-seminar/>

Payment may be made by:

Credit card (online, by phoning GSQ 07 3349 6072 or at GSQ)

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Speakers Biographies



Janet Few: Janet is a well-known English family and social historian, who has lectured on these topics across the English-speaking world and at sea. She has written several books and two historical novels as well as many magazine articles. Currently, Janet is serving as the president of the Family History Federation.



Maggie Gaffney: A fourth-generation New Zealander, Maggie Gaffney has traced her tupuna back to Ireland, England, and Scotland. She became totally hooked on family history while living overseas and is now a tutor with the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies. She can be contacted on www.mghistorical.com.

Charlotte Sale: Charlotte has been researching her family since the 1990s, discovering that her ancestors followed a variety of religions. This diversity has taught her much about where to look for Victorian church records, which she's keen to share. She is a regular presenter at GSQ, QFHS, and elsewhere.



Sue Swalwell: Sue grew up in North Yorkshire and rescued the family archive from a bonfire when her parents sold the farm. That began her journey into her family history research leading to a Guild-registered Swalwell One-Name Study. Sue loves re-discovering and re-building the oft-forgotten stories of bearers of the Swalwell surname.



Ian Waller: Ian is a retired professional genealogist, vice chairman and education officer of the Family History federation. Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, author of various books in the SOG My Ancestor series, international presenter and tutor in family and local history.



Susannah Coster: Susannah Coster is an Archivist at The Postal Museum in London, which is home to the Royal Mail Archive. The archive holds the records of the British Post Office. Susannah has extensive experience of working with the genealogical resources in the archive and of advising family historians with their research.

Note: All presentations are 45 minutes duration followed by a break. The seminar will be recorded and available to paid ticketholders after the event.

Early Bird Special: Finishes on 31st August 2022

The Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) is holding their annual seminar on **Saturday 24 September 2022 at 9:15am AEST**
Please note bookings can only be made via the GSQ webpage - <https://www.gsq.org.au/event/life-in-victorian-britain-seminar/>