



## ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016



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### ONLY NINE MONTHS TO GO!

We're counting down towards the 2017 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference here in Orange. With a theme of [Your family story: telling, recording and preserving](#) we're having heaps of fun developing a program that will inform and delight.

In feedback from the 2016 Conference (in beautiful Camden) you told us about a few things you'd like to see included and we're busy trying to make some of those a reality.

We can announce that in response to your interest we will be offering a full-day workshop on **Indigenous Family History** on Friday 22 September. This will be presented by the highly experienced [Indigenous Services team](#) from the State Library of New South Wales.

We're also delighted to have [Kim Kelly](#) on board to present a workshop on writing a lively family history. An editor and literary consultant Kim is also the author of four novels and one novella about Australia, its heritage and its people. We've had the pleasure of working with Kim in the past and can guarantee that if you book into this workshop you'll come away with lots of skills and ideas and have fun along the way.

If you haven't already done so head on over to the Conference web site and register your interest. By doing so you'll receive regular updates on what we're planning. Registration will open in March 2017.

## **ORANGE CITY LIBRARY CLOSURE**

Don't panic, it's only a temporary thing! Orange City Library (home to the Orange Family History Group) will close at 7pm Wednesday 25 January and re-open on Monday 20 February while an extensive refurbishment is carried out. The current furnishings and fittings are essentially the 1986 fit out. They've done great service but time for them to move on to the next stage of their lives! If you need to contact us we'll be here – phone 0263938120 and email [familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au)

## **WINDOWS INTO WARTIME**

If you're near Penrith you might want to visit this new exhibition produced by State Records NSW for the Centenary of Anzac and to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. The exhibition presents a selection of images produced by the NSW Government Printing Office Photographic Branch during and immediately after the Great War. As society mobilised on the home front in support of Australia's military effort overseas, government photographers were on the ground in Sydney and across the state shooting the image. They photographed a raft of activities and produced an extraordinary body of work that not only documented, but promoted and shaped how the people of NSW responded to the impact and upheaval caused by the First World War. Today, this collection of historic images—reproduced from original glass plate negatives—provides us with a unique insight into the NSW home front during the First World War.

Western Sydney Records Centre

17 October 2016 – 9 September 2017

9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday

10.00am – 4.00pm Saturdays

## **STATE RECORDS WEBSITE HAS A REVAMP**

The State Records website has had a facelift. Take the time to read this [guide](#) to get the most out of the changes.

## **IRISH CIVIL REGISTRATION ONLINE**

The Irish Government has made available online historic records of Births, Marriages and Deaths from the General Register Office.

At the time of writing these cover the period:

- Births: 1864 to 1915
- Marriages: 1882 to 1940
- Deaths: 1891 to 1965

The General Register Office are currently working on updating further records of Marriages dating back to 1845 and Deaths dating back to 1864. These will be included in future updates to the records available on the [website](#).

The website also includes additional search functionality for by way of providing a portal or search facility for digital genealogy records. Visitors can search records from a number of on-line sources including the historic Registers and Indexes to the Civil Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, the Church Records already available on the website and others such as the 1901 and 1911 Census and Soldiers wills, to name but a few.

Further information on how to research family history in Ireland is contained in the section Research in Ireland. [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

## **BACK FROM THE DEAD**

*Central Western Daily* Nov/Dec 1945

LONDON, Friday

A young, British soldier, freed after 3<sup>1/2</sup> years in a Japanese camp in Thailand, has returned to find his wife remarried and his name on a works war memorial.

Only a few weeks before he came home, his wife had sold their furniture, and was preparing for new life in Australia with her new husband.

Four years ago George Gault kissed his wife and four children good-bye in their little tenement home in Oatlands, Glasgow, and went East.

In January, 1942, Mrs. Gault was told by the War Office that her husband was missing, following the fall of Singapore, and early 1943 came a Japanese postcard stating that Gault had died in hospital.

Mrs. Gault contacted every source she knew in her efforts to confirm the news.

Eighteen months later she met a young Australian merchant seaman, John Bernard Marah, who was awaiting repatriation. Their friendship grew, and Marah proposed marriage. Mrs. Gault got in touch with the War Office again. It seemed that the report from the Japs was true, and a year ago she married the Australian.

A month ago came a cable from Private Gault "Home soon; fit and well."

Immediately, Mrs. Gault cabled to tell him of the complications at home, but Private Gault had not received this news when he reached home.

Mrs. Gault and her children are now on holiday at Whitehaven, Cumberland, and Gault is staying with her parents in Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

## IN THE VICTORIAN BDM'S

(<https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/indexsearch.doj>)

Place names are often abbreviated. This came about as the original records were hand written and a form of shorthand was employed. However, for people not familiar with Victorian place names, a comprehensive listing of names and their abbreviations is given at <http://bdmabbreviations.steveparker.id.au/> Steve Parker, who runs this website, also has an interest in photographing headstones in graveyards around northern Melbourne. Steve will provide free photographs on request for personal use.

From Botany Bay Family History Society Inc.

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Orange Family History Group have a list of local publications for sale which may be of interest to some readers.

<i>A Good Neighbour:</i>	\$16.50
<i>Orange Community Information and Services Centre celebrates 25 years /</i> by Elisabeth Edwards	
<i>An Historian's Sketchbook of Orange</i> - by Ross Maroney	\$20.00
<i>Anzac Doctor: The life of Sir Neville Howse, Australia's first VC /</i> Stuart Braga	\$19.95
<i>Australian Native Plants to grow in and Around Orange</i>	\$20.00
<i>City of Orange Heritage Manual</i> – by Orange City Council	\$10.00
<i>First Gold</i> - Robert Bartlett; assisted by Ross Maroney	\$39.90
<i>Half a World Away:</i>	\$39.95
<i>Postwar migration to the Orange district 1948-1965 /</i> Elisabeth Edwards	
<i>Lucknow a Veritable Goldmine</i> - by Kerrin Cook	\$29.00
<i>Orange and District Illustrated 1928</i> - Flynn & Leggo 1928	\$10.75
<i>Orange 1901</i> – by Helen Haynes.	\$14.95
<i>Orange Remembers, Boer War 1899-1902</i> - by Heather Nicholls	\$15.00
<i>Orange: A Vision Splendid</i> – by David Holmes, Andrew Honey and John Miller	\$39.95
<i>Weapons to Whitegoods - Celebrating Email's 50yrs in Orange</i>	\$15.00
by Elisabeth Edwards.	
<i>In Sickness and in Health</i> - by Elisabeth Edwards	\$49.50
<i>Orange and District Pioneer Register Vol 1 and 11 (CD ROM)</i>	\$20.00
<i>Orange Memorial Cemetery Transcript (CD ROM)</i>	\$25.00
<i>Chequered Times; A history of Gnoo Blas Orange 1953-61</i>	\$29.95
by Denis Gregory	

Should you wish to purchase any of these publications, you can download a copy of the order form [here](#) or visit the Orange Family History Group website [www.ofhg.com.au](http://www.ofhg.com.au) .

Note that some publications have limited copies in stock so order early to avoid disappointment.

## **NOTES AND NEWS**

Distractions at Home? Finding it hard to get your family history done? Make some time to come down to the peace and quiet at the Orange City Library. Bring your own lap top or tablet – free Wi-Fi!

### **THOMAS MACARTNEY CONDELL**

Thomas Macartney Condell was born in Ireland in 1882, fourth child and first son of Thomas Condell and his wife Sarah (nee Macartney). After completing his school education Thomas studied law and went on to practise in the Irish courts. In 1911 he migrated to Australia with his younger brother, Charles Henri Condell. The brothers settled in Orange, where Thomas worked as chief clerk for solicitor Donald Pilcher at Russell Chambers in Lords Place.

In November 1914 Thomas – aka Mac - was admitted by the Full Court in Sydney as a solicitor. He established a practice in Gaskell Street in Canowindra in premises adjoining Victor Hoare's tailoring establishment. Thomas joined the Canowindra Town Band, for which he played the violin.

In December 1915 Charles travelled to Cootamundra to enlist in WWI, nominating Thomas as his next of kin. Thomas followed his younger brother's example and volunteered his services in October 1916. He embarked from Sydney on 2 August 1917 and arrived in Glasgow on 2 October.

Thomas proceeded to France in November 1917. In January 1918 he was taken on strength with the 4th Divisional Train. He was transferred to Australian Army Pay Corps (AAPC) on 6 July 1918 and promoted to ER Sergeant on 23 August 1918.

In December 1918 Sergeant Condell was transferred to the Australian Army Service Corps, then, in January 1919, the Education Service and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

On 30 April 1919 Thomas proceeded to England and was promoted to Lieutenant. He returned to Australia in August, and his appointment with the AIF terminated in September.

Shortly after his return to Australia Thomas purchased the late AJ Shewcroft's solicitor's practice in Orange. In September 1923 he married Ethel May Seymour at St. Phillip's Church in Sydney. The couple's first child, Morna, was born in 1925. Three sons followed; one – Derrick – died tragically in April 1930 after accidentally consuming strychnine in the form of Alophen tablets.

Thomas and Ethel were prominent public figures in Orange. Thomas was an alderman on Orange Municipal Council in the 1920s and 30s, a member of the Orange Jockey Club, the Diggers' Race Club and the Orange Nationalist Association. He was treasurer of the Orange Players' (OP) Club and also a proficient golfer. The couple socialised with the Dalton family and Doctors Howse and Paton.

On the morning of Saturday 8 February 1936 Thomas worked in his office until midday, then spent a few hours with Ethel in the garden. At about 6.45pm he returned to the house and, remarking that he felt faint, requested a glass of water. He then suddenly collapsed and died. He was 53.

Four years later, in 1940, Ethel married Thomas Henry Oates, retired grazier from Belgravia, widower and father of eight. Ethel outlived both husbands; Oates passed away in April 1950, and Ethel in December 1988.

Thomas Macartney (Mac) Condell is commemorated on the Holy Trinity Church Orange Honour Roll and the Orange Golf Club Honour Roll. He is also commemorated on the Law Society of New South Wales Roll of Honour unveiled on 19 July 2016 by His Excellency the Honourable TF Bathurst AC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales.

Thomas' brother, Charles Henri Condell did not return for the war; he was killed in action in France in December 1916.

<http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/>

## **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

*Orange Star* - 25/6/1926: Orange Man Drowned.

Near Lake Cargelligo. Barney Byrnes, a well-conducted young man of 24 years, son of Mr and Mrs Byrnes of Lord's Place Orange, a week ago was in full vigour of manhood on the road with his father and two other drovers with a mob of cattle bound for Hay. On Tuesday afternoon his remains were laid to rest in the Church of England cemetery, at Orange in the presence of a deeply-bereaved circle of relatives. The fatal blow came through the young man's love of shooting. On Saturday morning the droving party were nearing Lake Cargelligo and Barney rode ahead to prepare a meal at Booberoi Creek, served by the waters of the Lachlan River. When the party arrived on Saturday afternoon at the spot agreed on they at once sensed a tragedy, for lying on the bank of the creek were deceased's gun, clothes and body of a freshly-killed duck. Apparently Barney had wounded another duck and he had stripped off and gone into the water after it. A poor swimmer, the rest is easily understood he sank forever, whilst his mates were several miles away. The body was recovered late on Friday night and conveyed to Orange by car for burial. Deep sympathy is felt for the family, as only a few months ago an older brother died at Parkes from typhoid fever.

*The Orange Leader* - 22/5/1929: Obituary - Mr J.J. Gates.

The death occurred in Sydney, on Saturday of Mr Joseph James Gates, who at one time, was well-known to many Orange residents. He was born at Surry Hills 68 years ago and throughout his life he was connected with many of the larger firms in Sydney and Melbourne. In the early eighties he went to San Francisco and on his return to Australia occupied important positions with Mary Foys, Melbourne, Bull and Co., Sydney and W.A. McArthur Ltd. Of the latter firm he became managing director in Australia and a member of the board of directors in London. He is survived by his wife and a family of four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons Messrs; Cyril and Clement were for some years the proprietors of a drapery business in Summer Street, in premises which are now occupied by Kenny's Furnishing Co. The other sons are Messrs R.F. (Sydney) and J.C. Gates (Melbourne). Mesdames F. Lloyd-Perry (Maitland) and J.I. Carroll (Sydney) are daughters of the deceased.

*The Orange Leader* - 11/12/1929: Found dead in bed. New Arrival in Orange.

Searching for employment and hoping to be engaged at the Orange Mental Hospital, Arthur Wilson painter, aged 57, arrived in Orange on Sunday, hailing from Junee. Yesterday morning he was found dead in his bed. William was unsuccessful in his quest, then he secured employment from Mr W. Gartrell, on Monday afternoon commencing immediately. He was advised by a workmate to go to Mrs Parry's boarding house in Lord's Place, for accommodation and this he did. He had tea that night seemingly in the best of health and afterwards sat on the veranda conversing cheerfully with his fellow boarders. At about 8 o'clock he went to bed. At 8.30 yesterday morning no response was made to their calling or knocking and becoming anxious the proprietress and another boarder to enter the room and it was then that the tragic discovery was made. The facts of the case were reported to the Coroner (Mr C.A. Arnold) who ordered a post mortem examination for yesterday afternoon. Deceased is believed to be a native of Bendigo (Vic) and to have a brother in Hay, with whom the police are endeavouring to communicate. Sergeant Carroll is handling the case.

\* Orange Cemetery - Church of England section - Unmarked Grave - Arthur Wilson.

*The Orange Leader* - 11/2/1933: Death – Mrs Martha Pearce.

The death of Mrs Martha Pearce relict of Mr John Pearce took place at Della Strada private hospital yesterday morning at the age of 82 years. About two weeks ago the deceased lady fell and fractured her hip. She was making good progress towards recovery but complications set in and caused her death. The late Mrs Pearce was a native of Scotland and came to Australia when in her tenth year. The family settled in Victoria for a while, afterwards going to Forbes, then to Lucknow and from there to Millthorpe, where she resided for over 40 years. She is survived by six children. Sons are: Jonathan (Reedy Creek); Arthur (Penshurst) William (Leichhardt); Samuel (Auckland N.Z.) and daughters are: Mrs Evans (Millthorpe); and Major Robina Pearce of the Salvation Army. One sister also survives her viz: Mrs Glasson; who resides in New Zealand. During the whole of her life she was a staunch supporter and worker for the

Methodist Church. She was also very charitably disposed. Mrs Pearce was the oldest member of the church in Millthorpe, and was present at the opening service 48 years ago. She could relate many interesting incidents of the early mining days. When travelling from Melbourne to Forbes the family were stuck up by Gardiner the bushranger, but fortunately had their sovereigns in a tin of fat and Gardiner failed to find them. The funeral will take place to-day moving to the Millthorpe cemetery after a service in the church.

*The Orange Leader* - 13/3/1933: Blayney Doctor's Death.

Blayney residents received a shock on Thursday morning when they learned that one of the town's well-known medicos; Dr Samuel Houston Davis, had been found dead in his bath. Since the death of his wife which also occurred suddenly on November 16 last, he had been terribly depressed. He had apparently given up the desire to live and nothing would rouse him from his despondency. His heart was very weak and only on the previous day he had an attack which necessitated the attention of his confrere, Dr St Vincent Welch. At about midnight on Wednesday he attended to a patient and then apparently followed his usual custom of entering the bathroom to cleanse his hands and collapsed on the floor. He was clothed in his pyjamas and the end seemed to have come easily and naturally. The deceased came to Blayney seven years ago was 50 years of age and a returned soldier having been attached to the Army Medical Corps. He took an active part in the activities of the Blayney branch of the returned Soldiers League the members of which turned out en masse to the funeral on Friday morning. He was native of Ballymore (Ireland).

*The Orange Leader* - 9/11/1934: Obituary. Mrs Catherine Jane Piper.

The death occurred in Newcastle Hospital on November 1, of Mrs Catherine Jane (Kitty) Piper at the age of 45 years. She was the eldest daughter of Mr J.P. Walsh and the daughter of Mr J.P. Walsh and the late Mrs Walsh formerly of Summer Street, Orange. The deceased had only been ill for a week when she entered the institution her death being caused by pneumonia. Mrs Piper was very popular with all sections of the community. She was well-known in Orange, having resided here for a number of years. She leaves a husband (Mr W.H. Piper) and son (Ray) of Newcastle and a daughter (Mrs Long, Sydney). Other members of the family are Frank; Jim (Newcastle); William; Michael; Phill; Sam (Sydney); Mrs F.J. Taylor (Enfield); Mrs J.L. Collins (Hayley Street, Lithgow); Mr Walsh, her father is still enjoying good health at the age of 80 and resides in Sydney. Mr W. Piper (husband) is a son of the late Mrs Evans, of Oberon. Mr W.D. Evans of that town is a step-brother.

*The Orange Leader* - 16/12/1938: Neck Broken - Fell from Hay wagon.

Accident at "Wellwood". When he fell from a motor lorry on which he was loading grade hay at "Wellwood" yesterday afternoon, Herman Beiring, aged between 55 and 68, fell to the ground. His neck was fractured and he died almost instantly. Beiring was standing on top of the load of hay in the lorry when it moved and he was thrown off his



balance, falling heavily to the ground on his head. He had been employed by Mr Kerr of "Wellwood" for the past three years. He had been in Australia for about 20 years and it is understood followed the son for many years. The Orange Ambulance took his body to the morgue at the Base Hospital.

*Leader Orange - 16/12/1938: Served in King's Navy. Death of Mr George Lewis.*

With a suddenness that was unexpected the death occurred at the Base Hospital at about midnight on Wednesday of Mr George Richard Lewis of Anson Street, at the age of 61 years. Some weeks ago Mr Lewis was injured when the car in which he was travelling to Orange, after paying a visit to his son, Mr Wally Lewis of Sydney, crashed on the Main Western Highway. He sustained fractured ribs and slight internal injuries. However, he appeared to be making splendid progress and by reason of this his demise came as a severe shock to his friends in Orange and district. He was born in that lovely old village of Chilham, Kent, England. At a nearly age as urge to "go Down to the sea in ships" became strong and so he entered the service of his Majesty's Navy, in which he served for a long period, before and during the war. Mr Lewis, with his wife and son, Mr Wally Lewis came to Australia ten years ago, removing a year later to Orange, where he was to win the friendship of a large circle of people. For years he acted as caretaker of the Orange Memorial Hall and in this capacity became known to the greater majority of people who are actively associated with organisations in this town. He is survived by a widow, two daughters, Mesdames Osborne and Willis both of whom reside in England and one son Mr Wally Lewis who arrived in Orange from Sydney last Night. A short service will be conducted at Holy Trinity Church this morning and the funeral will leave from there for the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery. Mr P.J. McGowan has charge of mortuary arrangements.

*The Orange Leader - 5/5/1941: Killed by Car. Outside Sydney home.*

Former Orange Man. James ("Shimmer") Hamilton 30, was knocked down and killed by a car outside his home at Kingsford, on Saturday night. The deceased third son of Mr and Mrs Bob Hamilton, of Kingsford and formerly of Orange was an ex-student of the Brothers' School, well-known Rugby League footballer, handballer and hockey player. Until last Christmas he was in Orange and then went down to join his parents who moved to the city about three years ago. For some time he was employed at the Rogers Meat Co's abattoirs in Orange and prior to that was on the staff of the grocery department of the Western Stores. Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers, Kevin; Bede; Jack and Gerart, all of Sydney and four sisters Mrs Jack Gillespie (Orange); Mrs Pat Hiney (Spring Creek, Orange); Sister Dorothy (Goulburn) and Miss Joan Hamilton (Kingsford). His funeral will take place in Sydney to-day.

*The Orange Leader - 2/12/1942: Obituary - Mrs Agnes Drew.*

The death occurred yesterday rather suddenly of Mrs Agnes Drew at the age of 76. Mrs Drew came to Orange a fortnight ago to stay with her daughter, Mrs J. Fitzgerald for the summer months, but collapsed and died yesterday. Her husband predeceased her by a

few years. Mrs Drew came from Coonamble where she owned a bakery business. Her family comprise Mrs Casey (Coonamble) William (Sydney) Mrs Chambers (Lake Illawarra) Mrs Casey (Condobolin) Mrs Fitzgerald (Orange) John (Port Kembla) Mrs Baker (Sydney) and Edward (Dubbo). Three sons predeceased her one being killed in the Great War. The remains will be sent by train to Coonamble, where they will be interred in the R.C. Portion of the cemetery. Mr P.J. McGowan carried out the arrangements. (Agnes Jane Drew died 31/11/1942)

*The Orange Leader* - 28/2/1945: Award to local nurse.

Congratulations are being showered on Nurse Mary Veronica Cale of the Mental Hospital daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Cale, Franklin Road, who has been awarded the much coveted F. Norton manning gold medal for the highest aggregate marks for the years 1942-44. During her three years training this gifted young lady, obtained highest marks in the state for her first year examination in 1942 and for this she received a volume prize from the Mental Hospital Department, then in third year examination in 1944 she again obtained highest marks in the state and received the volume "*Practical Nursing*" from the Mental Hospital Dept. This is the first occasion on which the gold medal has been awarded to an Orange nurse. Miss Cale is an ex-student of the Orange High School.

*Central Western Daily* - 11/6/1945: Death of Private Donald West.

It was with deepest regret that the residence of the Spring Hill district heard last week of the death of Private Donald West, somewhere in New Guinea. Born at Spring Hill 20 years ago. Don was the second son of Mr and Mrs John West. He received his education at Millthorpe and later at Orange. Deceased was a lad of sterling qualities and made many friends by his quiet, unassuming personality. Before leaving for Sydney to enter the employment of Holdsworth McPherson Ltd, from where he enlisted. Don was an employee of Carruthers Bros, storekeepers of Spring Hill. Deepest and sincerest sympathy goes to his parents and only brother, Jack, in their bereavement. This is the second Spring Hill boy to lose his life in this way, the other being private William Cully, who was a native of the Huntley district.

*Central Western Daily* - 26/4/1946: Obituary: Mrs Alice Blackett.

The death occurred on Wednesday night at the home of her daughter (Mrs Golding 158 Prince Street) of Mrs Alice Selena Ann Blackett at the age of 88 years. As Miss Bates deceased was born at Prospect her parents (Mr and Mrs James Bates) spending most of their lives at "Rocklynn" Borenore. Deceased moved from there to Richmond spending a considerable portion of his early life at Bathurst prior to returning to Sydney to live. The railway line only extended to Kelso when Mrs Blackett lived there, the continuance of the journey having to be made by horse and buggy. Pre-deceased by her husband 24 years ago, Mrs Blackett has no surviving brothers or sisters. The remains were placed on the 10 o'clock train last night for interment in the Rookwood cemetery. Mr R.J. McGowan having charge of the arrangements.

*Central Western Daily* - 6/8/1946: Orange Family to re-unite after 40 years.

Last night a cable arrived in Orange from New Zealand for Mr and Mrs Herb Mayfield of Lord's Place, telling Mrs Mayfield that her brother will arrive in Sydney after an absence of 40 years. Mrs Mayfield told the *Central Western Daily* last night that she was "just a school girl" when her brother Mr Gordon Paton, left Australia. I am greatly excited. It is 40 years since I saw him. My two sister Mrs Agland and Mrs Frazer who live in Sydney and myself will be at the wharf to meet him when the boat gets in from New Zealand on Friday. Mrs Mayfield added that he will be accompanied by his wife and son Gordon. The Paton family was born at Springside. Mr Paton served in the 1914-18 war. We did not hear of him for years after he left Australia said Mrs Mayfield. We did hear that he was in Auckland so we wrote and asked the Auckland police. Within three weeks the police had sent us Gordon's in Wellington. Mr and Mrs Gordon Paton and their son will come to Orange at the week-end.

*Central Western Daily* - 18/9/1946: Joan Field is "Miss Cargo" in Anti-T.B. Appeal.

Pretty and charming lass from Cargo, Miss Joan Field has been declared "Miss Boree" in the Anti-T.B. Appeal princess competition. Miss Field whose parents own that well-known and picturesque property "Edinboro" defeated her best friend Miss Beth Davis for the title of "Miss Boree" Miss Davis raised 450pounds and Miss Field 250pounds, but as on a population basis Canowindra had to raise seven times more than Cargo, Miss Field acquired the title. "I am proud of my little home town Cargo", Miss Field said yesterday. Population is only 250 and the people contributed 250pounds in support of my candidature. One pound a head will take some beating anywhere, she added with justifiable pride. Miss Field will now become one of the State finalists. Of course the competition has not yet been finalised and now the people of the Boree shire are concentrating on raising every penny possible in an effort to give Miss Field state honours. On October 5 a big race meeting will be conducted in Canowindra in support of her candidature. Other big functions are being planned. Miss Field will a guest of Bill Cifford's during her stay in Orange and she will assist the election campaign of John Howse.

*Central Western Daily* - : 20/9/1946: Golden Wedding Mr and Mrs W.G. Richards

Mr and Mrs W.G. Richards of Tallwood, Honoured. Gorgeous daffodils and wallflowers created a lovely setting for the golden anniversary celebrations of Mr and Mrs W.G. Richards of Tallwood, last Saturday night. The festivities were staged at the home of their son-in-law and daughter Mr and Mrs Cecil Wilson, of Beneree. Mr and Mrs Richards were married on September 15, 1896 by the Rev. Colwell of Millthorpe Methodist Church and have spent most of their lives in Millthorpe. Mrs Richards was formerly Phillipa Nicholas. Forty guests attended the anniversary celebrations. They came from Sydney, Orange, Narromine, Millthorpe and district. Toast to the guests of honour was proposed by Mr Ted Booth, of Orange a lifelong friend of Mr and Mrs Richards. There was a fine feeling of the true meaning of friendship in the words of Mr Booth when he congratulated Mr and Mrs Richards and conveyed sentiments of all those assembled to honour two of the best liked and respected people in the district. Mr

Arthol Richards responded on behalf of his parents. Master Angus Richards in a neat little speech, congratulated his grandparents on behalf of the grandchildren. The beautiful three-tier cake, made by Mrs Walter Oborn and decorated in gold by Mrs A.E. Roweth of Orange, was the central feature of the anniversary banquet. The three sons Arthol, John and Gordon and two daughters Phyllis (Mrs Cecil Wilson) and Edna (Mrs Len Saundry) all of Millthorpe were present. Eldest son George died at Forbes 19 years ago. There are eight grandchildren. Numerous gifts, cheques and congratulatory telegrams were received by Mr and Mrs Richards. During the festivities musical items were given by the Rev. Cowper (who had acted as chairman); Mrs Cowper, Mr Harry McCooley, Mrs Ron Anderson (Sydney) and Mr Len Saundry. The celebrations were concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

*The Orange Leader*. 16/7/1947: No inquiry by coroner: Late C.T. Gregory.

A post-mortem to ascertain the cause of death of Mr Charles Thomas Gregory, who was found, dead in bed at his home in Woodward Road on Saturday afternoon, was conducted by Dr C.B. Howse Government Medical Officer. He reported to the Coroner Mr G. Thompson, that haemorrhage into the wall of the heart was responsible for death. The coroner then dispensed with an inquiry. The funeral was attended by the deceased's two sons, Arthur and Norris, who live at Ryde, and are returned soldiers. The late Mr Gregory served in both the Boer War and World War 1. The services at the graveside were read by Rev. J. B. Richards and Mr H. Cassidy. (Died 12/7/1947 buried Church of England section Orange Cemetery - Unmarked grave).