



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

FIVE MINUTES WITH TRUDI MAYFIELD

What Is Your Latest Project?

I'm the Project Officer for the Centenary of WWI Community Committee documenting the servicemen and women who signed up for the war in Orange. The main aim is to identify men and women from the area and commemorate them by telling their stories on the website.

Where Do You Start?

I start with the National Archives of Australia because all their attestation papers and war records have been digitised, then the Australian War Memorial. Honour rolls from the districts, churches and schools and information provided by the Orange and District Historical Society. We also received a grant to have the local papers digitised during the war period for local papers through TROVE, so I can search there.

I also use the Library's Spydus database. Members of the Orange Family History Group have been going through *The Central Western Daily* looking for births, deaths, marriages and obituaries, so a search through them often I'll find out more about a returned serviceman's life through an obituary - like whether he married or had children. Other than that, I just google their names and that often brings up the Family History newsletter and local studies history books and resources with books on Lucknow, Spring Hill and Lis Edwards' books often mention family names.

What Response Have You Had?

People have been very appreciative and thankful. I've received thank yous on the phone and by email. Margot Douglas wrote on 23 March 2015:

"What a great way to remember our WWI men & women. Ralph Coote was my grandfather who we are so very proud of and I thank you for doing this."

Any Outstanding Stories?

All the stories are outstanding. The story of the youngest to enlist Ernest Lachlan Powter is moving.

The story of friends Rocky (Deputy Town Clerk Herbert Rockliff) and Bun (Bernard Kelaher) – two mates who boarded together at Dover House, enlisted together and both of them died during the war.

For more information go to the Centenary of World War I in Orange website www.centenarywwlorange.com.au

WEBSITE STORY - HERBERT ROCKLIFF

Herbert Rockliff was born in Wardell on the Richmond River in NSW. He attended school in Millthorpe, where his father John was headmaster for many years. An accomplished euphonium player, he later moved to Orange where he became secretary then bandmaster of the Orange Town Band. No social event was complete without the enormously popular Herbert and his euphonium. He was later appointed deputy Town Clerk in Orange.

Herbert – also known as “Bert” or “Rocky” – boarded at Dover House in Anson Street with his good friend, Bernard Kelaher. The pair enlisted together on 1 February 1915 and proceeded to Liverpool camp. On the eve of his departure, Rocky played a final euphonium solo at Orange’s Empire Theatre where he was a member of the orchestra.

At the army depot at Liverpool Rockliff founded the 17th Battalion Band of which he was appointed bandmaster. The band utilised the depot’s instruments, but were unable to take them overseas. Band members subscribed money to a fund to purchase their own instruments and The Orange Leader encouraged readers to contribute to the fund.

Sergeant Rockliff boarded the Themistocles in Sydney on 12 May 1915. He fought right through the Gallipoli campaign and was one of the first Australians to arrive in France. He was killed in action on the Somme on 27 July 1916, aged 31. According to fellow soldier and band member William Eyles, Sergeant Rockliff was “buried and shell shocked in a shell explosion. He could have left the line, but returned manfully to his duty and was killed about an hour later. He proved himself a man in every sense of the word, and he died a man.”

In an obituary the Leader claimed: “He was one of the best known men about town, and one of the most popular...one of the gayest of our young men”. Fellow soldier Lieutenant Keith McKenzie described him as “the best known and most popular Sergeant in the Battalion”. During his time in the field Rockliff had one ambition that he was ultimately unable to fulfil – that of returning to Orange and marching down Summer Street with his old band.

Herbert is commemorated on the Holy Trinity Church Orange Honour Roll.

In 1923 the Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees was planted along Bathurst Road to commemorate fallen WWI soldiers. A tree was planted in honour of “Sgt H Rockliff”; it was donated by Town Hall Staff. Very few of the trees are still standing today.

Rocky's friend Bernard did not survive the war either; he was accidentally killed in France two months after Rocky was killed in action.



NEW ADDITIONS TO TROVE

The State Library of New South Wales continues to make great progress in the State Government funded digitisation of its New South Wales newspaper collection, with new editions being digitised and made steadily accessible on Trove all the time.

The following NSW newspapers have been digitised and are now available on Trove.

- *The Manning River Times and Advocate* for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 - 1954)
- *The Don Dorrigo Gazette and Guy Fawkes Advocate* (1910 - 1954)
- *The Macleay Chronicle* (Kempsey, NSW : 1899 - 1952)
- *Guyra Argus* (1902 - 1954)
- *The Uralla Times and District Advocate* (1915 - 1923)
- *The Uralla Times* (1923 - 1954)
- *Bundarra and Tingha Advocate* (1900 - 1906)
- *The Tingha Advocate and North-Western Advocate* (1916 - 1932)
- *The Moree Examiner and General Advertiser* (1899)
- *The Observer* (Henty, NSW : 1950 - 1954)
- *The Inverell Argus* (1899 - 1904)
- *North West Champion* (Moree, NSW : 1915 - 1954)
- *Justice* (Narrabri, NSW : 1891)
- *The Gwydir Examiner and Moree General Advertiser* (1898 - 1899)
- *Glen Innes Examiner* (1908 - 1954)
- *Glen Innes Examiner and General Advertiser* (1907 - 1908)
- *The Wingham Chronicle and Manning River Observer* (1898 - 1954)
- *Gosford Times and Gosford and Wollombi Express* (1892 - 1906)
- *Man on the Land* (Gosford, NSW : 1936 - 1938)

- *The Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate* (1906 - 1954)
- *The Henty Observer* (1914 - 1950)
- *The Ulladulla and Milton Times* (1891 - 1917)
- *Truth* (Sydney, NSW : 1894 - 1954)
- *Daily Commercial News and Shipping List* (Sydney, 1891 - 1954)
- *Sydney Mail* (1860 - 1871)
- *Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser* (1871 - 1912)
- *Sydney Mail* (1912 - 1938)
- *The Shipping Gazette and Sydney General Trade List* (1844 - 1860)
- *Sydney General Trade List* (1828 - 1829)
- *Sydney General Trade List, and Mercantile Advertiser* (1829 - 1830)
- *Sydney General Trade List, Mercantile Chronicle and Advertiser* (1830)
- *Sydney General Trade List* (1834 - 1842)

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Western Advocate - Friday 4/2/1898: Vagrancy.

Horace Henry Davis, aged six years was charged with having no lawful visible means of support. Constable Boon said the boy was given into his custody by a woman named Mrs Alfred James, who resides in East Orange. She said the boy had been in her care for about six weeks. The father was dead and the mother somewhere in Sydney. She had written to the mother, but could not get any reply. Mrs James refused to further support the child. The boy was ordered to be sent to the Industrial School.

Western Advocate - 5/2/1898: Orange Police Court.

Wednesday 2/2/1898 before Mr J.L. King P.M. Alleged Larceny. Yhe Sinn charged Samuel Hamilton with larceny of six vegetable marrow value 3s. Mr Kearney appeared for the complainant. Mrs Hamilton the defendant's mother, appeared, and said she was willing to pay the amount. She did not know where her son was. Mr Kearney said the summons had been extended two or three times, but the son could not be found, and asked the Bench to issue a warrant for the arrest of the boy. A warrant was ordered to be issued.

Western Advocate - 27/1/1902: Death from typhoid.

At a late hour of Saturday night Mr & Mrs J. Crook, of East Orange, lost their young daughter Mary. aged 3 1/2 years, from typhoid fever, which she contracted about a fortnight ago. Great sympathy is felt for the parents in their bereavement.

Western Advocate - 27/1/1902: Death of Mr Michael Dawson.

Death has removed a well-known figure in the Forest Reefs district in Mr Michael Dawson who died early on Sunday morning at Mr P. Fahey's Daniel O'Connell Hotel, Lord's place. He was only 29 years of age and a native of the district. He was a son of the late Mr Dawson of Gosling Creek. Some few weeks ago he contacted rheumatic fever and came to Orange for medical treatment. His heart was also in a weak state and its collapse eventually carried him off. Mr Dawson was a single man and resided with his brother (William) near Gosling Creek, where they were engaged

in agricultural pursuits. His death is a surprise to his many friends, as he was a big, powerful looking man and seemed to have a long lease of life before him. He was greatly respected by those who knew him, and his place will want a good man, to fill in as he did. The remains were interred in the R.C. cemetery this afternoon.

Western Advocate - 29/1/1902: Death Notice - Mr Frank Daley.

The death of Mr Frank Daley. Particulars of the sudden death of Mr Frank Daley, which took place at Hellings' Baths, Sydney, on Monday morning, are to hand. On the journey down to Sydney on Sunday night he had an attack of haemorrhage and lost a quantity of blood. The following letter from Mr J.E. Pears, who was at one time employed by Messrs Davis Bros, of the IXL store, and whose mother recently had a boarding house in Anson Street, but is now residing at 132 Phillip Street, Sydney, to Mr P.S. Flanagan, explains how the end occurrence took place:- "132 Phillip Street, Sydney, January 27th, 1902. Dear Pat - Just a few lines in reference to the sad death of poor Frank Daley. He arrived from Orange at 6-15 and came to our place just as I was going down to Helling's baths for a swim, so he thought that he would like a swim, and he came too. We went down I was the first to go in and he followed some 10 minutes after. He swam across the baths and back and then got out, I myself following directly afterwards. We both went and had a fresh-water shower, together and then returned to dress. Just as I was beginning to dry myself I heard a heavy thud as if someone had fallen down. Looking round I saw him lying face downwards. I ran and picked him up and then got someone to help me carry him into Hellings' bedroom. He was as white as a sheet and gasping for breath and unconscious and remained so to the last. We tried every possible means to bring him round, but without avail. He was telling me that he took bad coming down, and brought up about a pint of blood. He was going to see Dr Kenna after he had a swim, but the poor fellow never had the chance of seeing him. The police removed the body to the morgue. We wired to his father - "He will be down tomorrow, I thought it just as well to write to you, so that you would tell Mrs Daley how it happened. The doctor said that it was caused through the loss of so much blood the night previous, but we will know the real cause of it at the inquest tomorrow. I remain your faithfully, J.E. Pears". The body was removed to the morgue, and late on Monday afternoon, Mr Busby, draper at Dalton Brothers' who was in Sydney, after making numerous inquiries saw it there. There were a number of Orange people in Sydney who heard several conflicting reports of the death, but could not ascertain anything definite and were unable to find where the body was lying. Mr J.M. Allman, tailor, visited the morgue about noon on Tuesday, making inquiries as to the inquest, which it was understood would be held and was informed that the doctor had certified that death was due to the bursting of a growth on the lungs and that the coroner had dispensed with an inquest. A number of the Orange people and a large number of Sydney footballers had made arrangements to attend the funeral, but were unable to ascertain when or where it would take place.

The Orange Leader - 2/2/1902: Mr Wm Diggs.

Mr Wm Diggs who has been residing in Orange for some weeks suffering from the after effects of a gunshot injury to the foot has not improved as he expected. The bones of his foot were so much injured at the time of the accident that all efforts to save the foot were apparently useless. Yesterday he submitted to have his foot amputated, the operation being performed very successfully by Dr Fitzpatrick.

Western Advocate - 7/2/1902: Death Notice - Mrs Ann Clabby

We have to record the death of Mrs Ann Clabby of Boomey, at the residence of her son John, this morning early, from senile decay. The old lady was a native of Ireland was 88 years old at the time of her death. She was the relict of the late Patrick Clabby, who died some few years ago at the age of 102. The body will be buried in the R.C. cemetery, Orange and is expected to be at the church on Saturday. The deceased was 40 years a resident of the district and was well known at Belgravia where she lived for many years prior to her removal to Boomey. She leaves four sons: Messrs James, John, Patric and William Clabby and two daughters, Misses Bridget and May.

The Orange Leader - 23/8/1926: Obituary - Mr Patrick Godfrey.

The death occurred last Saturday at Lewisham private hospital of Mr Patrick Godfrey of March Street, Orange. The deceased, who was about 57 years of age, had been in Orange only two and a half years, previous to that he had worked the land successfully in the Parkes district. He was a quiet, unassuming man, possessing an attractive personality. He is survived by a wife and one daughter, Dorothy. The remains will be buried in the Rookwood cemetery to-day.

The Orange Leader - 29/6/1928: Obituary - Mr John Markham Pratt.

The death occurred at Stanmore on June 23rd of Mr John Markham Pratt aged 84 years. The late Mr Pratt was a resident of Orange about 45 years ago, but left here to reside in Parramatta, where he remained for a lengthy period, ultimately removing to Stanmore, where he resided with his wife and daughter. He leaves three sons and two daughters, the sons being: Jack of Orange; Harry (Stanmore); Charles (India) and William (Queensland) and the daughters Mrs Bercli (Springwood) and Dora (Stanmore).

The Orange Leader - 29/6/1928: Obituary - Mrs J. Betts.

There died at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, last Saturday, a well-known ex-resident of Orange in the person of Mrs Jack Betts, who was more generally known as Miss Ethel Webb. Mrs Betts was 26 years of age and she had spent the greater portion of her life in Orange. She was educated at the Orange High School, from which she entered the teaching service in 1919 and held positions at the Kegworth, Woodburn and Old Guildford Public Schools. The deceased was a great lover of music and an accomplished pianist. Her husband was at one time a member of the firm of Bedford, Taylor and Weston. The remains were interred in the Smithfield Methodist cemetery.

The Orange Leader - 29/6/1928: Mrs W.C. Harris.

The death occurred in a private hospital at Darlinghurst, on Tuesday of Mary Elizabeth Harris, wife of Mr William Caigiel Harris, at the age of 66 years, following upon an operation for hydatids on the brain. Both are well known to old Orange residents having lived for 20 years in Orange, during which period Mr Harris was accountant for T.J. Robinson and Co., prior to leaving 20 years ago, for Sydney, where they made their home at Kirribilli Point. Both deceased and her husband were well known for their enthusiastic and unselfish work for all charitable movements and

particularly the Presbyterian Church, of which deceased was one of the most keen and hard-working members and her husband was secretary. They earned themselves universal esteem for their praiseworthy activities. There were no children, but Mrs Harris leaves, beside the sorrowing widower, one sister to mourn her loss, Mrs J. Chiplin, whose husband is in the Railway department.

The Orange Leader - 29/1/1929: Fatal Motor Accident.

Orange Native's Shocking Death. Shocking injuries received as the result of having been crushed between a train and motor bus at the corner of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets Sydney, on Tuesday night last, resulted in the death on Thursday, of Mr Mark Walker, son of Mr & Mrs Phil Walker of Sydney, and of Orange, of which latter centre the unfortunate young man was a native. It appears that deceased was employed at Messrs Dalton Bros. office in Kent Street, was alighting from a train in order to board an approaching motor bus, which he was crushed between the two. His injuries included a fractured leg and arm and a fractured skull. Deceased was only 27 years of age and had lived here with his parents until nine years ago, when the family removed to Kensington. Mr Walker received his education at the local Convent and Patrician Brothers' Schools and later at Waverley. He had spent his annual holidays in Orange, only a few months ago. Every sympathy is extended his sorrowing mother and father and brothers and sisters viz: Messrs Thomas and Charles and Miss Ruth Walker. Deceased was a nephew of the following: Messrs T. Leahey (Orange); Stan Walker (Mullion Creek), J Walker (Ashfield) and Mesdames T. Casey (Clergate); J. Griffin (Grafton) and C Walker (Orange). The funeral took place at Randwick on Saturday.

The Orange Leader - 21/8/1933: A Carcoar Fatality.

Further particulars are to hand concerning the death of Cecil Redfern Watt Single (56) who was killed by a fall in the bush at Carcoar last week. With a man named Douglas, he was prospecting a few miles out of the town and when making back to camp, Single fell into a shallow hole on the track striking his head on roadside and breaking his neck. Douglas, who was a nephew of the deceased, heard his uncle fall into the hole, but thought he had got out. He walked on to his own camp, and it was not until the next morning that he found his uncle had not returned. Searching for him, he discovered him lying dead, where he had fallen. Deceased leaves a wife and family in Sydney.

The Orange Leader - 26/9/1934: Obituary - Thomas J. Harding.

"Nuts" is dead. Thomas J. Harding, 84, better known locally as "Nuts" has died in the Orange Hospital. Many years ago he hawked sundry articles about the town for sale, mostly of little value - nuts (by which he obtained his nickname), flowers (both wild and cultivated), spring onions (which he sometimes carried in his overcoat pocket), etc. At one time he owned a horse and vehicle - such as it was. The animal was decrepit, its harness was held together with string, rope and wire and similar contrivances were resorted to so as to keep the cart intact. Generally he was a jovial fellow, but sometimes he became incensed at the jibes of the young folk and then he showed what he could do in the way of using expletives. He lived alone in squalid surroundings at Lidster, notwithstanding that he was reputed to be worth some hundreds of pounds. During recent years his age told on him and he was seldom seen in Orange.

The Orange Leader - 22/6/1936: Obituary - Mrs Angelina Garland.

The death occurred on Friday of Mrs Angelina Garland at the age of 63 years. Leaving her home at Kandos some time ago she came to Orange for medical treatment but did not respond. She was born at Mudgee and had resided at Gulgong for a number of years. She possessed a quiet disposition but was ever ready to give assistance to those who asked for her help. Her husband predeceased her by 15 years, and she is survived by three daughters: Mesdames G. Sharrock (Gulgong); O'Grady (Wellington) and Turley (Kandos) and three sons Messrs Thomas (Marulan); George (Kandos) and Jack (Gooray, Queensland). Her remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Orange Cemetery. Archdeacon Needham officiating at the graveside. The modern undertakers carried out the mortuary arrangements.

The Orange Leader -20/5/1938: Obituary - Mr John Joseph Williams

The death occurred at Oberon on Wednesday of Mr John Joseph Williams aged 40 years, who had spent practically the whole of his life at Oberon, where he was proprietor of a billiard room. He was born at Burruga. Mr Williams was unmarried and leaves three sisters, Mrs Ross wife of Mr A. Ross, school teacher at Canobolas, Mrs J. Coonan of Yamba and Mrs McCusker of Burruga and one brother Mr Thomas Williams of Burruga. His remains were brought from Oberon and interred in the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery yesterday. The Modern undertakers directed the funeral.

The Orange Leader - 25/8/1941: Obituary - Mr Roy Corse.

The death occurred at Millthorpe on Saturday, after a six weeks illness, of Mr Roy ("Jerry") Corse at the age of 40 years. He is survived by a widow and one son Ronald. His aged mother, four brothers William (Grahamstown), John, Charles and Edward (Millthorpe) and Mrs Rose (Manildra). The late Mr Corse was of a happy disposition and was extremely popular. The funeral moved from the Roman Catholic Church after a service to the Millthorpe Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 26/5/1948: Obituary - Mrs M. Davidson.

The death occurred at the Base Hospital yesterday of Mrs Maria Davidson, a well-known Orange district identity. She was 75. Mrs Davidson was a native of Moorilda and came to Orange with her husband many years ago. For the greater part of their time in Orange Mr & Mrs Davidson lived at Meadow Creek and latterly at Nashdale. In addition to her husband Mr Leslie Davidson she is survived by six sons: Sam (Sydney); Len (Orange); Roland (Queensland); George and John (orange) and Stan of Nashdale. Mrs Davidson also leaves five sisters; three brothers and two grandchildren. Her funeral will leave A. McGrath's funeral parlors 103 Anson Street, after a service this afternoon for the Presbyterian portion of the Orange Cemetery.

Central Western Daily -15/12/1952: Obituary - H.E. Shorthouse:

A returned soldier of World War 1, Mr Herbert Edwin Shorthouse, a well known resident of Botany Sydney died at Orange Base Hospital yesterday at the age of 70 years. Mr Shorthouse came to Orange about a week ago to spend a holiday with

one of his sons, who resides here, but took suddenly ill and had to undergo an operation. His unexpected death came as a severe shock to his relatives. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters: Victor (Botany); Hebert (Orange); Mrs Graham (Botany) and Mrs Twyman (Punchbowl). There are eight grandchildren. Ex-servicemen are invited to attend his funeral which will leave A. McGrath's Funeral parlours at 10-45 a.m. today for St. Joseph's Church and afterwards for the Catholic portion of the Orange Cemetery

Central Western Daily - 27/11/1957: Obituary - Mr Herbert Mansfield

Mr Herbert Mansfield (Bert) Kerr died at Kogarah on October 16, at the age of 69. He was born and educated at Balmain and came to Orange as a young man and was employed at the Post Office. While in Orange he married Ellen (Nellie) Steward, a daughter of the late Mr & Mrs G.J. Steward. He was transferred to Grafton and later back to Sydney, where he took up duties at the International Correspondence School. He was forced to retire through ill health. He is survived by his wife and a family of two sons, Donald and Bruce and two daughters, Dulcie and Thelma. There are eight grandchildren. He was buried in the Church of England portion of the Woronora cemetery after a service at St. Paul's Church of England, Kogarah. Rev. A.A. Mutton officiated.

Central Western Daily: 27/11/1957: Obituary – Miss M.C. Jubb

Miss M.C. Jubb a former Orange resident died at Royal North Shore Hospital on November 18 at the age of 78. Miss Jubb was at one time matron of Dudley Private Hospital then situated at Anson Street and later in William Street. Prior to coming to Orange she was matron of Molong District Hospital. She was forced to retire from her profession more than 40 years ago because of ill health. She is survived by three sisters including Mrs D. Mackay formerly of Orange and now of Chatswood and Mrs L. Drain of New Zealand. (May Catherine Jubb)

Central Western Daily - 27/11/1957: Obituary - Mr F. Gressier.

The death occurred at his home in Waverley after a short illness recently of Mr Francis Gressier at the age of 76. Mr Gressier will be remembered in Orange as an outstanding runner and Rugby League player. He was employed at the "Leader" newspaper. In 1911 after leaving Orange he represented Newtown and played for Sydney against Country and ran with Daily Messenger. He later became well-known and liked among the racing fraternity. He leaves his wife Martie and one daughter Hope and son Norman, both of Waverley and one grandson. Also surviving are one brother, Charles of Cronulla, and four sisters Mrs D. Edge of Orange; Mrs Woodland of Brisbane; Mrs Field of Leichhardt; and Mrs Davis of San Francisco.

GEORGE ERNEST FRANKISH

(1887 - 1956)



A well respected member of the NSW Police Force for 30 years.

George Ernest Frankish was born at Kent Grove near Goulburn on 3 May 1887, the sixth of ten children to Thomas Ogram Frankish (1854-1931) and Harriet Ann nee Taunton (1854-1930).

On 7 October 1908 George, a mechanic living in Sydney at the time, married Alice May Mitchell (c1887-1970) at Central Methodist Church, Sydney. Their union produced three children, Irene May (1910-1992), Florence Mitchell (1911-1981) and Ernest George (1912-1960).

George joined the NSW Police Force at the age of 26. He was appointed a Probationary Constable on 14 July 1916 then Ordinary Constable on 14 July 1917. Further promotions followed - to Constable First Class in 1925, Constable First Class in charge of Western District CIB officers in 1935, Detective Sergeant in 1936, Detective-Sergeant Second Class about August 1939, Sergeant First Class about June 1943 and Senior non-commissioned Officer in 1944.

During his 30 years with the NSW Police Force George served the country communities of Bogan Gate (1916-17), Forbes (1918), Molong (1919-21), Mt. McDonald (1921-24), Orange (1924-25), Sofala (1926-28), Cumnock (1928-30), Dubbo (1935-41), Wellington (1941-44) and Goulburn (1944-46). During the period 1930-35 he was transferred to the CIB at Burwood, Sydney where he had specific responsibilities relevant to his expertise.

As well as an outstanding police officer George Frankish was a valued member of the many communities in which he served. This dedication to his profession and to those communities was reflected in the many words expressed to him at times of promotion and transfer.

On 10 July 1928 the National Advocate (Bathurst) reported on Constable Frankish's send off from Sofala. It indicated "the high regard in which he was held by the residents of Sofala was strikingly demonstrated at a social given in his honor at that township on the eve of his departure for Cumnock. Various speakers stressed the value of his activities as treasurer of the hospital, treasurer of the Sports Club, and as strenuous worker for the Bathurst Ambulance and every movement initiated for the welfare of the district". This article was also reported in the Molong Express and Western District Advertiser a few days later.

Constable Frankish served the community of Cumnock from July 1928 to July 1930.

On 30 March 1929 the Molong Express and Western District Advertiser reported on the Annual installation of officers of the Masonic Lodge at Cumnock including the installation of S.D. Bro G. Frankish.

In July 1930 Constable First Class Frankish was transferred to Sydney. On 11 July 1930 the Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate reported on his move from Cumnock "A valedictory social was tendered to First-class Constable Frankish and family in the Wiworri Theatre prior to their departure for Burwood. "Prior to the social evening, Mr. Frankish was entertained by the members of the Masonic Lodge."

In 1935, following his time with the CIB detective force at Burwood, Constable First Class Frankish was transferred to Dubbo where he assumed responsibility for the Western District CIB officers. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1936.

In May 1937 Detective Sergeant Frankish was awarded the King George VI Coronation Medal. The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate reported on 18 May 1937 that "prior to the commencement of the ordinary Police Court business yesterday morning, Mr A.R.G. Cookson, P.M. congratulated Det.-Sergt. G.E. Frankish on the honour which had been conferred on him". "These honours are not lightly bestowed, said Mr Cookson. Sgt. Frankish has earned it by meritorious service in the NSW police force. Very few officers of his rank - there were only five below the rank of superintendent - were selected for the award."

In keeping with his involvement with communities in which he worked, Detective Sgt Frankish was elected President of Dubbo Rugby League in 1937, as reported in the Dubbo Liberal & Macquarie Advocate on 26 January 1937. During his six years in Dubbo he was also Secretary of the local Police Association and President of the Dubbo District Ambulance.

In a professional capacity, according to Police Gazette reporting, George Frankish was involved with the investigation, arrest and conviction of many persons during his life as a police officer.

Probably the most notable event, as reported by the Sydney Morning Herald, The Dubbo Liberal and many other newspapers was the arrest and charge of Albert Andrew Moss with three counts of murder near Narromine during December 1938 and January 1939. Detective Sgt Frankish was in charge of the investigation and was present, along with Detective J.A. Burke and Sgt-tracker Alex Riley at the time of his capture. Albert Moss was found guilty on 26 September 1939, sentenced to death for one murder and arraigned for two others. The Death sentence was commuted to life in gaol and Albert Moss died in the Long Bay Penitentiary hospital on 24 January 1958.

George Frankish was promoted to Detective Sgt Second Class about August 1939.

According to the Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate of 11 March 1941 "following six years' service in Dubbo as officer-in-charge of the Western CIB Office Detective, Sgt G. E. Frankish has been advised of his transfer on promotion to Wellington as officer-in-charge". It was reported that "He has been a tolerant, helpful and charitable officer who preferred to see people placed on the right track, rather than in gaol. The result was that in his duties as investigator he has had excellent success." "In the Supreme Court, Quarter Sessions, police and coroner's courts, many tributes have been paid by the Bench to his ability and fairness".

On 29 March 1941 The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate reported on the farewell to Sgt Frankish. "A striking tribute was paid to Detective-Sgt G.E. Frankish by Superintendent J. Quinn when he described the CIB record of the Sgt as outstanding and second to none in the State". Mr Quinn was speaking at a well-attended farewell dinner given to the Sgt by a number of his personal friends associated with the Police Department, legal profession, Press, railway, ambulance, Rugby League and Public Service." Superintendent Quinn recalled that he first met the Sgt at Burwood. He had been selected for special duty at Homebush saleyards because of his knowledge of stock. However, it was not long before he distinguished himself as a criminal investigator. He made a great success of his job at Homebush. He was one of the most successful detectives in Sydney. When he was selected to come to Dubbo and take charge of the local CIB office he left behind him a record second to none".

On 8 May 1941 The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate again reported on Sgt Frankish's farewell. The newspaper paid tribute by reporting what a number of businessmen and community members had expressed. It was stated that "Sgt Frankish had shown himself to be a competent officer who at the same time was an able and willing townsman and still found time to devote to the interests of the Ambulance, Rugby League and other public organisations".

The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate, on 5 June 1943, reported that Sgt 2nd Class G. E. Frankish, officer-in-charge of Wellington had been promoted to Sgt 1st class. In 1944 Senior Sgt George Frankish was promoted to Senior non-commissioned officer on transfer to Goulburn where he took up duty on 26 July 1944.

On 26 June 1944 The Wellington Times reported on his three years there indicating that "news of his transfer will be received with regret, not only by the residents of this town, but throughout the whole west". Sgt Frankish was reported as having "proved himself a most courteous and obliging officer, ever ready to assist those who might be in trouble, and to the young people he has, by kindness and good advice, often put them on the right path, when they were inclined to stray away". "A most humane officer, and one of the most capable in the force, he had endeared himself to all classes, and his place will be hard to fill".

On 8 July 1944 The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate also reported on the "Wellington Farewell to Sgt. G.E. Frankish indicating that "a farewell was extended to Sgt first-class G E Frankish at a sitting of the Wellington police court. Members of the legal profession spoke very highly of the departing officer. They described his promotion as well earned and said he was a humane officer who administered justice in a most fair and capable manner"

Then, on 17 July 1944, The Wellington Times reported on the "Town and District Citizens' Tribute" paid to Senior Sgt George Frankish at a public farewell. The large gathering was presided over by the Mayor (Dr. V W.Savage). "On entering the room Sgt. Frankish received a great ovation, and all joined in singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". "Although he had only been here for a little over three years he had endeared himself to all classes, and it was a great blow to them all when it was learned that he was to leave for Goulburn. He was an excellent officer, and although sorry at his departure they were glad to hear of his promotion." Mr T T Maurice of Cobbora Shire Council described the Sgt. as "one of nature's gentlemen" adding that "he had four cardinal virtues – justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude" while Mr Reg Zedols of the Graziers' Association saw "three cardinal virtues – tact, tolerance and common sense and he used them in everything". Mr. F.C. Wall (President of the District Ambulance) "referred to the fact that Sgt. Frankish had been on the committee ever since he came to Wellington and he had been a tower of strength to them. "Mr Bruce Campbell (representing the reserve police) also paid tribute to the assistance given to them by the Sgt. when this force was instituted in the distressing time during the early part of the war. As a leader, the Sgt. was a real Roosevelt, and though it was not known at that perilous time, the Sgt. had only another man besides himself in the town, and the fact that we had the most efficient reserve force in the State was due alone to the efforts and energies of Sgt. Frankish".

The Goulburn Evening Post, in its edition of 20 July 1944, also reported on the send-off indicating "Wellington and district citizens paid a wonderful tribute to Senior Sgt George Frankish at a public farewell, which was tendered to him in the Bowling Club House on the eve of his departure for Goulburn".

Senior Sgt Frankish served in Goulburn from July 1944 until his retirement.

On 24 September 1946 the Goulburn Evening Post reported "Police Court Tributes" to Sgt Frankish. "Members of the legal professions, police and the P.M., Mr. T. H. Brooks, joined at the Goulburn Police Court yesterday in a farewell to Senior Sgt G. E. Frankish, who will shortly commence leave prior to retirement." Inspector Ellis said "although he had worked with the Sgt for only a month, he had known him by repute for many years. The department regretted the fact that the time had arrived for Sgt Frankish's retirement. He had served for many years as a member of the plain clothes division, and had also been in charge of many stations in the State. It had been hoped that the Sgt would have attained commissioned rank, but a law fixing an age limit had prevented this promotion".

On 2 October 1946 the popular officer was farewelled at the Masonic Hall in Goulburn by a representative gathering of citizens on the eve of his retirement. Many tributes were paid to the Retiring Sgt during the evening as had been the case at many previous "send offs" from other stations during his career.

On 18 October 1946 the Molong Express and Western District Advertiser reported "The many Cumnock friends of First Class Sgt George Frankish, who recently reached retiring age in the New South Wales Police Force, wish his wife and him many years of health and happiness in the time ahead". It further went on to say that "during the period that he was in charge of the local police station, Sgt. Frankish was noted for the capable and efficient manner in which he carried out his

duties. His slogan seemed to be' "While I will prosecute, I will never persecute." Many a young person who was inclined to start off the wrong way later on thanked the Sgt for the good advice given them."

Ex Sgt Frankish returned to Wellington sometime after his retirement and in 1948 became involved with Wellington Rugby League Football according to the Wellington Times reporting of his election as

President for that year, although he was not able to continue in that role, sighting pressure of business as the reason, he retained the position of Vice-President on the committee.

In 1948 it was reported in the Third Supplement to the London Gazette for 30 April that year that Sgt, 1st Class George Ernest Frankish had been awarded the Imperial Service Medal by King George VI.

By 1949 George Ernest Frankish former Sgt of Police, his wife and son had moved to Orange. According to a report in The Central Western Daily he commenced work at Emmco in 1949 where he worked, firstly, as watchman then in charge of works security before being forced to retire from his works duties about 1953 due to ill health.

George Frankish passed away on 5 November 1956 aged 69 at his home, 169 March Street, Orange.

On 9 November 1956 The Central Western Daily reported on an Email (formerly Emmco) Newsletter concerning his death. "News of the death this week of former head watchman, Mr George Frankish was received with regret by his many colleagues among the employees and staff. A former senior police official Mr Frankish joined the staff as a watchman in 1949. He later took charge of works security. Following an accident about 3 years ago he was forced to retire from his works duties. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy".

George Frankish was laid to rest within the Church of England section of the Orange Cemetery. His son Ernest George Frankish who passed away on 12 August 1960 aged 48 was interred next to his father. Unfortunately both father and son are buried in unmarked graves.

Marilyn Preston (nee Frankish)
Grand Niece of George Ernest Frankish
5 March 2015

George's story could not have been told without the assistance of notices and editorials contained in the publications mentioned below:

New South Wales Police Gazettes: 1916-1930
National Advocate (Bathurst): 1928
Molong Express & Western District Advertiser: 1928-1946
Dubbo Liberal & Macquarie Advocate: 1930-1944
The Wellington Times: 1944-1948
Goulburn Evening Post: 1946
Third Supplement to The London Gazette: 1948
Central Western Daily: 1956

WHERE ON EARTH LIES FRANK JENKIN?

Two sons of John and Catharine Jenkin migrated to New South Wales, from Gewnnap in Cornwall. On 12/2/1849 on 'Harbinger', John Jenkin (born 1816), his wife Grace (nee Roberts) and two daughters Grace (aged 9), and Ann (2) and one Son (Francis 5), arrived in Sydney. Another son John died in Cornwall. His brother Francis, wife Rosina (nee Manuel) with no children came on 'Malvina Vidal' in June 1853 (from NSW Shipping Records.)

When Francis left for Australia, under the Question 'Relatives in Australia ?' Francis had a brother John with wife and children living in Guyong NSW. An advertisement in the 'Bathurst Free Press of Saturday April 8 1853 – 'Horse stolen or strayed ... Reward if delivered to Mr Brown, Tambaroora, Mr C Mitchell, Windburndale, or Mr John Jenkin, Guyong.'

John's occupation was carpenter, and he seems to have followed that trade, often at Cadia mine. Francis was a Gardener like his father. There were no more children for John and Grace. John and his son Francis James, also grandchildren were prominent workers at Cadia.

Francis and Rosina had the following children:

- 1) Francis O Jenkin b 1854, died 1887, de-facto wife Martha Martin – 2 children; William b 1881 and John b 1882.
- 2) William Jenkin 1857 – 1936. Did not marry.
- 3) Mary Louisa Jenkin b 2/6/1859 d 1938. Married Adolphus T.C.P Judd. 12 children.
- 4) Elizabeth Ann Jenkin b 1862 d 1944. Married Samuel Jenkin. 4 children
- 5) Susannah Jenkin b 1865 d 1943. Married George Henry Jenkin. 9 children.

Both Samuel and George were sons of Francis (James) Jenkin and Ellen (nee Harvey). Samuel and Elizabeth seem to have lived at Cadia until after 1913 when they moved to Lithgow. Samuel died there in 1940. Susannah then moved to the Port Kembla – Wollongong area to be with other family members, and died there in 1944. Francis O. died in 1887 in Blayney. Mary Louisa Judd died in Bathurst in 1938. William died in Wollongong Hospital, in 1936, but had been living in Port Kembla.

George Henry (1942) and Susannah (1943) died in Wollongong area. Others to die there were:

John Francis (1949) Richard P (1970), James Edwin (1956) – parents Francis (James) and Ellen.

Children of George and Susannah who died at Wollongong – William Pervical, (1960) and Frederick H H Jenkin (1930).

Also James AMD Jenkin son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ann in 1977.

Rosina Jenkin (nee Manuel) died in Orange on 28 February 1908 aged 80. She was buried in the Methodist section of the Orange Cemetery. Susannah (daughter) who was the informant on the Death Certificate, was then living in Cadia.

Jenkin family members buried at Cadia were: John Jenkin b 1816 Gwennap Cornwall died 1877. (His wife Grace died in Cobar on 13 January 1884. Her daughter Grace Roberts was living there.

Their son Francis (James) died 1919, and wife Ellen (nee Harvey) in 1904.

Their grandson, John Francis Jenkin 1866.

Their great-grandchildren: John Oswald Jenkin 1907 aged 1 month, William James Jenkin, 1899 aged 5 months, and Ruby Ellen Jenkin 1916 aged 3 years.

Stanley Jenkin, son of George and Susannah who was living at Port Kembla, moved back to Cadia, and was working there, when an explosion occurred at an Iron Ore Quarry on 10 March 1921. Nine men were killed including Stan Jenkin who tried to rescue a horse. He was buried in Orange cemetery on 13 March 1921.

All this information I found on the Jenkin family, but I have been unable to discover when or where Francis (husband of Rosina) died. I assume that he was still working as a gardener, because that was his occupation on William's death certificate. He did at one time live at Summer Hill. (Presumably Summer Hill Creek) and died sometime between when his youngest child, Susannah was conceived in 1864/5 and 1908 when Rosina died as a widow.

References:

- (1) New South Wales Shipping records.
- (2) New South Wales Births Deaths and Marriage Indexes
- (3) 1841 and 1851 English Census Records
- (4) 'Cadia Valley Operations – Heritage Walking Tour'

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BARRETT

Thomas Barrett died 9/10/1914 Nyngan - Hotelkeeper.
Requested by John Cantwell.

GARLICK

William Garlick died 6/1/1866 married Sarah Welch died 1899 Orange: Children: Susan Carman died 14/8/1925; John Garlick 14/8/1925; George Garlick died 12/9/1921; Henry Garlick died 21/3/1878; William Garlick died 9/6/1928; Sarah Ann Whiley died 9/4/1902; Isaac Garlick died 1854; Isaac Garlick 8/8/1936; Eliza Garlick died 20/1/1939; Emily Garlick died 7/7/1863; Robert Garlick died 4/7/1863.
Requested by Ron Carter.

KIDD

John Edward Kidd Born 1835 England died 4/9/1920 married Mary Ann Matthews died 1/9/1882: Children: Ann Barrett (nee Kidd) died 28/4/1927 buried Nyngan Cemetery. Henry Kidd; George Kidd; John Kidd; Sophy King (nee Kidd); Faith Euwretta Wood (nee Kidd); Richard Kidd.
Requested by John Cantwell.

RISBY

Henry Edmund Risby: Born Hobart Tasmania - died 3/1/1913 married 22/10/1884 Mary Cooper (nee Fubbs) died 17/4/1904. Children: Isabella (Isobel) Mary May Lucas (nee Risby) died 6/5/1970; Ida Pearl Ribsy: 1st marriage Arthur Rowles, 2nd marriage John Edward Foster - died 9/1/1963; Florence Olive Guise (nee Risby) died 18/9/1955.
Requested by Pauline Sampson.

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