



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015

Our December edition marks the end of another year and, for some of us, the time to sit down and do some serious research during the Christmas /New Year period when the hustle and bustle of preparation is over and we've been inspired to revisit the lives of our ancestors after time spent with family.

During 2015 many people have focussed on family members who served during the Great War – research that will continue over the next few years. The Centenary of World War I in Orange [Blog](#) and our associated [Wiki](#) continue to grow in size and we are indebted to Project Officer, Trudi Mayfield and our wonderful volunteers for developing this great resource. One of the delights of this project is the feedback from people from around the world who have discovered us online. Trudi has also been able to connect family members with each other – she jokes she feels like a dating agency!

Another great initiative that goes ahead in leaps and bounds is the [Newspaper Indexing Project](#). At the 30 November it included 95,333 names! A huge thank you to everyone involved in this work, whether searching the newspapers or entering data.

While we're saying 'thank you' a special mention to our super researcher, Carol who never gives up. We are lucky to have her skills available to us.

To all our readers best wishes for the Festive Season,. We look forward to working with you in 2016.

BECOME AN ONLINE LIBRARY MEMBER – OUR SPECIAL OFFER

Central West Libraries has created a new, special library membership category called *Family History researcher* so that you may have access to the library's online resources even if you live outside our area.

To join, go to the catalogue home page <http://tinyurl.com/cwlfamily> and click on one of the *Join Online* links. Fill in the form and submit it; we will post your activated card to you which will confirm your address.

A couple of tips you will need to follow:

- choose Orange Library as the preferred branch
- in the *General Notes* field at the bottom of the form, type *Family History researcher* so that we can identify you as distinct from other online joiners
- your permanent membership number will authenticate access to online resources available by remote login (Ancestry and FindMyPast are available onsite in the library only)
- if you live outside our area, reservations are unavailable but inter-library loans may be arranged via your local library service.

Welcome to our new online *Family History researcher* members. We also love to see our existing members in any of CWL branches.

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

Do you have an ancestor with a criminal history in NSW? If so remember to check State Record's *Gaol Photographic Description Books* which contain a photograph of each prisoner and the following information: number, prisoners' name, aliases, date when portrait was taken, native place, year of birth, details of arrival in the colony - ship and year of arrival, trade or occupation, religion, standard of education, height, weight (on committal, on discharge), colour of hair, colour of eyes, marks or special features, number of previous portrait, where and when tried, offence, sentence, remarks, and details of previous convictions (where and when, offence and sentence). The number of images available to view online is growing – you might remember there is a digitisation-on-demand initiative for the gaol photographs index. As you order digital copies of the gaol photographs we will add them to the index in due course. There are now 1231 images included in the search result. The series was created in accordance with the 'Gaol Regulation' proclaimed in the NSW Government Gazette of 19 February, 1867. While the series roughly covers the period 1870-1930, the dates of the books for each gaol vary.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/gaol-records/index-to-the-gaol-photographs>

TROVE TIPS – LISTING YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

Hopefully by now you're familiar with the wonders of Trove for family and local history research. History comes alive through over one million family notices, articles and advertisements. Are you making the most of Trove? How do you organise your research? Have you found yourself losing important articles in a pile of printouts? Trove lists can help.

To create a new list in Trove:

1. Log in to Trove
2. Once you have found the first item you want to add to a list, click on the title to go to the item's detail page
3. Click on 'Lists' in the 'User activity' box to the right of the record's title
4. Click 'Add to list'
5. Fill in the name for your new list and click 'Add to list'.

For more information about lists, including a short video which shows you how to make one, visit Trove's Help Centre:

<http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/creatingcontributing/lists>

Thanks to the Newcastle Family History Society *Newsletter* for this hint

DO YOU HAVE DEVONIAN ANCESTORS?

Devon Family History Society, based in Exeter, Devon, UK celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2016 and has the largest county FHS membership in UK. It could be that you have ancestors who originated from Devon. They would love to hear from you regarding your Devon roots and research. Their website at www.devonfhs.org.uk has many pages of information. Their WWW board allows you to leave messages that others can respond to. The society email is secretary@devonfhs.org.uk.

NSW GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES GRANTED MILITARY LEAVE, 1914-1918

The online index, NSW Government Employees Granted Military Leave, 1914-1918, was recently updated to include 602 new names (including 341 names from two newly-added agencies), as well as additional information for 716 names from agencies previously listed. There are currently approximately 10,000 individual names included in the list. Including multiple entries there is a total of 13,735 entries taken from a variety of records and resources.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/war-records/index-to-government-employees-ww1>

ON NOT BEING SCOTTISH: THE ORANGE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

In the late 1940s and early 1950s I went with my Aunt Madge Marston (nee Chandler) who raised me to the Orange Caledonian Society Saturday night socials. The hall was in Peisley Street, just past the Strand, but before you reached the old cement swimming baths. We danced 'til we dropped, to records from Jimmy Shand's band and sometimes pipers from the band playing Strip-the-Willow, the Gay Gordons, foursome and eightsome reels, the Highland Schottische, and calming us down with a leisurely Pride-of-Erin. The men politely took turns whirling us kids around. I learned Scottish dancing and later my cousin Jan Marston joined the pipe band.

There were Wisharts, Tillets, McConnells and Mackenzies — Jock McConnell had a garage and Jock Mackenzie had started the pipe band. Their kilts were dark blue and green, colours I have loved together ever since, despite 'blue and green should never be seen'. I grew to adore the Scottish accent. We celebrated Hogmanay and Halloween (long before trick or treating). We had to kneel down in front of a barrel with apples bobbing on top, hands behind our backs and try to grab one with our teeth. There were bowls of mashed potato with threepences hidden inside (imagine real silver, about half the size and thickness of a six cent piece). Robbie Burns night dinner was adults only.

I went to the Presbyterian Church, went from Sunday School to performing in the Presbyterian Fellowship concerts and for a couple of years as the 'comedy relief act' with Roland Gregory's Welsh Choir. I thought I was Scottish through and through. Rev. Torrance kept us in line with the occasional hellfire and damnation sermon. I remember being terrified when I first met my husband Barry's grandfather Albert Luckie—a staunch Mason, when he queried my name 'Kelly'. I explained I wasn't Catholic—I was a Scottish Presbyterian Kelly.

I eventually learned my great grandparents (the Levingstones) were Catholic and their youngest daughter Madge (who became my grandmother) married Harry Chandler in 1902. He was not only an Anglican, but a divorced one at that, but Madge still kept her Catholic faith. Their son Harry contracted meningitis and died in 1915 when he was ten:

The funeral of Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chandler, of Peisley St., took place yesterday morning, when despite the inconvenient hour which was fixed, there was a representative gathering of sympathisers with the bereaved parents. Upwards of 250 boys from the public school (with the teaching staff) where the deceased was a general favourite, marched in front of the hearse, as a token of sorrow and respect.¹

The story handed down was that the priest refused to come when Harry fell ill, but the Presbyterian minister had. After that the family 'became' Presbyterian. My grandmother died before I was born but part of her obituary reads:

¹ 'Personal: Funeral of Harry, Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chandler', *Leader (Orange)*, 16 March 1915, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article119912537>.

Mrs Chandler, who was 57 years of age, was a native of Orange, being a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Livingstone, members of the old pioneering family, prominently identified in the early days with German's Hill, now Lidster, on the Cargo Road, and who, in the latter stages of their well-spent life, conducted a small store on the corner of Summer and Sale Streets, where Mr. H Swain subsequently built a butcher's shop.

Later she married Mr Harry Chandler, a highly-esteemed and capable agent, of Peisley Street, and, following his death fourteen years ago, Mrs Chandler, with her young family, remained in the same premises, until her death, and, ably assisted by two daughters, conducted a successful newsagency and stationery business.

Mrs Chandler was always a valuable citizen, and, always imbued with a great deal of enthusiasm and a progressive spirit, rendered inestimable services to a number of public and charitable institutions. Her work, perhaps, was better known in connection with the Orange High School Parents' and Citizens' Association, with which she had been actively associated for several years, and held the position of Hon. Secretary with conspicuous success from 1919 to 1925 ... Mrs. Chandler's untiring efforts for many years were also directed towards the old District Hospital and the Presbyterian Church, both bodies benefiting because of her interest and benevolence.²

By the time I got the family history bug in the mid 1990s my mother and all her siblings were dead. I gradually started collecting birth certificates. My great-grandfather James Livingstone (Livingstone) wrote Glasgow as his place of birth on all but one of his children's birth certificates, but I had no real clues to his early history, whereas I had been able to trace his wife Madge (Magy/Mary nee Gallagher) through her arrival via the Donegal Relief Fund on the *Sapphire* in 1859.

I was researching in the Orange library around 2003 and came across a book of articles written by William (Bill) Folster, compiled by his grandson, Paul Weathersten. Bill had interviewed James Livingstone. 'Born in Dublin, he worked as a linen weaver in both Ireland and Dunfermline Scotland. At the latter town he worked as a boy with Andrew Carnegie, The Scottish-American millionaire. The old man remembered well working on the table linen which was being made for the first great exhibition at the Crystal Palace, and making a shirt front for the Prince Consort.'³ So perhaps his 'Scottishness' came from working in Scotland during his boyhood. He was likely educated while working in the mills. The article went on to list his battles with the British 77th regiment of foot in the Crimean War, and success on the gold fields at Lambing Flat before moving to the

² 'Obituary: Mrs. Madge Chandler', *Leader (Orange)*, 30 December 1938.

³ Paul William Weathersten, *W. Folster's Articles: The Writings of William (Bill) Folster*, Molong NSW, Paul Weathersten, 1988.

Bathurst area. According to the article, James had had tea with Mr H M Keightley two days before he was held for ransom by Ben Hall and his gang at Dunns Plains in 1863.

I obtained his army records and discovered James Levingstone was born in Craigs, Ballymena, County Antrim, and so there is nary a Scottish bone in me.

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Chandler Family Alva Studio Portrait 1909
Back (L to R) Charles, Harry (Snr) Madge (Jnr) Madge (Snr); Annie, Harry (Jnr)



Photo right: Madge Marston (nee Chandler) dressed for burns night.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Orange Leader - 2/12/1902: Presentations

Mr A.C. Fraser who has been in the employ of Davis Bros for many years and is now leaving for New Zealand, was presented with a handsome sovereign purse on Saturday night. Mr S. Lamrock in making the presentation on behalf of the employees referred to the many good qualities of Mr Frazer expressed the sorrow they felt at losing him and wished him good luck. Mr Fraser responded and said we never wished to work for better men than Messrs Davis Bros. He might work for as good, but he thought it impossible to work for better.

The Orange Leader - 18/5/1921: Digger's lonely death

At the hospital yesterday, William Wrangham, a returned digger, passed away after suffering from wounds received and being gassed in the recent war. The Returned Soldiers' Club were notified of the sad end and also informed that deceased was a stranger to the town, he would have been buried as a pauper, but the Diggers of Orange have arranged to give their late comrade a fit and proper burial and the secretary asks all returned men who possibly came to attend the funeral, which will leave the hospital this morning. Deceased had been visiting about the district for some time. He was aged 56 years. Funeral Notice: The friends of the late Mr William Wrangham and Returned Soldiers particularly are requested to attend his funeral, to move from the Public Hospital this day for the Church of England section of the Orange Cemetery. Black Bros Undertakers. (Orange Cemetery - Church of England section - unmarked grave).

The Orange Leader - 3/3/1924: Grove Farm

An advertisement in this issue regarding the sale of "Grove Farm" near Millthorpe, one of the oldest and best known homesteads of the district west of Bathurst. Robert Booth, the pioneer owner of the "The Grove" bought from the Crown about 1835 and farmed a cattle station. Old hands reported that at the time the aborigines were wild and dangerous and in his defence the white man had in several instances, to shoot at the blackfellows and with fatal results. The squatter and his wife were childless and it was their ambition to have the finest home west of Bathurst and it is said they had it. Built almost wholly of brick, it is a substantial structure with beautiful cedar doors, windows etc. convict labour did it all and did it well. The hospitality at Grove Farm was known all over the west and whether squatter or sundowner they could always reckon on good entertainment at Grove Farm. In The absence of newspapers the visitor brought a budget of news that made him welcome and there was an open-handed open-hearted fellowship that was admirable. Following Robert Booth were William Bray and T.S. Pearse, all gone but their fine hospitality is not forgotten. Mr Pearse was a man of large public spirit and did much to advance public welfare in the district. The Orange District is one of the solidly prosperous sort whose future success is assured. (Note: Trove Newspaper - The Methodist (Sydney) - 21/6/1924 - page 12 - The Graves of a Household by J.A. Waddell) - "Grove Farm"

The Orange Leader - 21/8/1931: Mr Phillip Patrick Sharkey

Mr Phillip Patrick Sharkey whose death on Thursday last, in Sydney Hospital, was reported briefly in our last issue, was a native of Orange, aged 60 years. The greater part of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits but during recent years he retired to a lighter occupation near the city. The surviving brothers and sisters reside at the following centres: James, Sydney; John "Kia Ora" Manildra; Hugh "Silverdale" Cargo; Mrs H. Rack "Currawong" Carog; Sister Hilda, St. Joseph's Convent Gilgandra. The funeral took place on Friday when the remains were laid to rest in Rookwood cemetery, beside those of his wife, who predeceased him by two years. Rev. Fr O'Reilly conducted the last rites.

The Orange Leader - 7/4/1933: Obituary - Nurse Mary Walsh

Collapsing at her home in Clinton Street, on Wednesday night Nurse Mary Walsh died in the Orange Hospital in the early hours of yesterday morning without regaining consciousness. The sudden nature of her demise came as a great shock to her many friends, some of whom were aware that her health was anything but the best. She was born in Killkenny Ireland 52 years ago and came to Australia as a young woman. She trained as a nurse in Sydney and then came to Millthorpe where she practiced her profession for a number of years. In 1911 she came to Orange and had conducted a private hospital since then. Of a retiring nature Nurse Walsh did not take an active interest in any of the public or church organisation, but her friends admired her for her strength of character, kindness and charitableness. The Sweeney family of Vittoria, are relatives. Mr P.J. McGowan's funeral parlors at 10.30 this morning for St. Joseph's Church and thence to the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery. (died 6/4/1933 - unmarked Grave - Roman Catholic Section - Orange Cemetery).

The Orange Leader. -27/12/1933: Found Dead - Man Thrown from Sulky

With head injuries the body of James Geary aged 49 was found on the road at Spring Terrace on Sunday night by Mr Percy Baker, farmer of that district. Not far away were a sulky and horse owned by deceased and there were indications that he had been thrown from the vehicle which had collided with a log. The horse was very spirited. Deceased was a returned soldier and had no dependents. He was engaged on relief work and had drawn his pay on the previous day. The funeral took place yesterday in the Orange cemetery.

(Unmarked Grave - Church of England Section - Orange Cemetery).

8/9/1937: Personal: Orange Citizens Farewelled.

On the eve of their departure for Hurstville Mrs Roderick Plowman and her daughter Mrs Chas Overy, were farewelled on Saturday night at "Martinville" the home of Mr & Mrs Charles Hawke Canobolas Road. Both the guests of honour were born in Orange. Mrs Plowman who is now 84 years of age, having spent practically the whole of her life here. In 1906 she became the first lady of the town. Mrs Charles Hawke, who acted as hostess presented Mrs Plowman and her daughter on arrival with a basket of

flowers, this ceremony being followed by a convivial party which included a musical programme contributors to which were Miss Lorna Hawke, Mr Bob Edge, Mr Carl Edge, Mr Finch (Sydney) and Miss Aggie Hicks. Accompaniments were played by Mrs Overy. At supper time Mr W.J.I. Nancarrow on behalf of the gathering paid tributes to Mrs Plowman and Mrs Overy, presenting the former with a travelling rug and the latter with a pottery vase. Colin Overy son of Mr & Mrs Overy, was the recipient of an eversharp pencil. Responses were given by Mr Roderick Plowman and Mr Finch - Mr Overy who was not present has purchased a business at Hurstville.

The Orange Leader - 5/1/1938: Personal

Numerous messages of sympathy prompted by the tragic circumstances of the death of Hilton James Thomas and by the regard that his associates held for him were received by his family yesterday, when the funeral took place very largely attended. Mr Thomas met his death by drowning in the Nepean River, Penrith, on Sunday. The funeral cortege moved from his father's residence 54 Woodward Street, yesterday afternoon to the Orange cemetery, where interment took place in the Presbyterian section. Graveside services were conducted by the Plymouth Brethren Chief mourners were Mrs Thomas (widow); three infant children, three brothers (Stanley, Hedley and Ronald) and sisters (Mrs Norman Hobson of Katoomba, Mrs Sidney, Grenfell Misses Edna, Doreen and Eileen). Deceased was a native of Orange.

The Orange Leader - 27/6/1938: Death of Mrs E A Oats

While on a visit to friends in Lyndhurst yesterday week, Mrs E.A. Oats of Neville complained of feeling unwell and shortly afterward collapsed. She was taken to the Carcoar Hospital and died there next morning from a stroke. During her residence in Neville Mrs Oats took a formal part in all social activities. She was secretary of the C.W.A. for many years and fulfilled the secretarial duties in connection with all pavilion exhibits at the P. A. and H Society's Show. For a number of years she was a member of the combined church choir and this year had accepted the responsibility of superintending of the Sunday School. The deceased who was 44 years of age is survived by a husband and two sons Max and Charlie.

The Leader - 10/5/1939: Millthorpe - Farewell to district family

On Wednesday evening next, all roads will lead to the Convent School, Forest Reefs, where the Forest Reefs people in particularly invited to bid farewell to Mr Jim Dempsey and family on the eve of their departure from the district. Both Mr & Mrs Dempsey have spent the whole of their lives within a few miles of where they have resided since their marriage. A capable committee had arrangements in hand. The function will commence with a concert at which lending Orange and district artists will appear. The night will be brought to a close with a social.

The Orange Leader - 24/1/1944: Obituary - John McCarthy

The death occurred at the Base Hospital yesterday of Mr John McCarthy a well-known identity of Narromine. He was also for some years a resident of Carcoar. His wife predeceased him many years ago. Two sons survive viz Samuel (Ariah Park) and Laurence George of Orange also two stepsisters Mesdames F.E. Nonnenmacher and J. Davis of Orange. The funeral will leave P.J. McGowan's funeral parlors today. (Unmarked grave - Orange Cemetery. Roman Catholic section).

The Orange Leader - 24/1/1944: Local and general News - Boy's remarkable escape.

Reginald John Arrow (6) son of Mr & Mrs F.L. Arrow of Bathurst was apparently unhurt when the nearside rear wheel of a delivery van passed over his chest on Thursday afternoon. The van was driven by Mr N. Byron who had delivered an order at the boy's home, returned to the van and began to drive away. He suddenly noticed the child on the road and saw the rear wheel pass over his chest. Mr Byron immediately brought the van to a halt and ran back to the child, but could discover no injuries on him. He rushed him to the Bathurst District Hospital where he is under observation. It was stated that so far doctors have failed to detect any type of injuries but x-rays would be taken. If the boy is unhurt his escape can only be regarded as remarkable.

Central Western Daily - 19/4/1946: Death Notice - Stone

On April 12, at Bush Nursing Hospital, Benalla (Victoria), Sydney Herbert, son of the late Augusta Louisa and Henry Stone of Orange N.S.W. dearly loved husband of May Elizabeth and father of Gertrude (Mrs Skehan); Augusta Louisa (Mrs R. Sherwill); Alma (Mrs Hyland) and Sydney (deceased). R.I.P.

Central Western Daily: - 24/4/1946: Wedding - Hand/Cronin

Miss Jean Cronin and Jock Hand (both of Bourke) were married at St. Joseph's Church, Orange on Tuesday morning. The bride wore a lace frock with embroidered tulle veil and carried white roses and chrysanthemums. Her sister, the bridesmaid wore water-wave blue taffeta and carried a pink bouquet. Best man was Mr Mervyn Sharpe from Bourke. The reception was held at the Memorial Hall and the catering was arranged by Mrs Griffith. The honeymoon will be spent at Parkes. The bride's going-away frock was blue with black accessories. The young couple will live on the property of the bridegroom's father at Bourke. The bride is the second youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs Cronin, of "Nellyvale" Station Bourke and of Summer Street, Orange, where they are living at present. Among the guests at the wedding were Miss Noeline Heald who wore black with smart black hat trimmed with veiling and a short fur coat. Mrs G. Harvey and baby son looked charming, son wearing cream and mother in light maroon. Mrs A. Lyons also looked attractive in maroon ensemble.

Central Western Daily - 25/4/1946: Death of Mr John P Bidgood

The death occurred at his residence 21 Wentworth St., Manly, on April 9 of Mr John P.

Bidgood, a former well-known resident of Orange at the age of 68 years. While Mr Bidgood was here he held the license of the old Greengate Hotel shortly before it was delicensed and later of the old Club Hotel, where Hotel Canobolas now stands. Mr Bidgood is survived by a widow and one step-son.

Central Western Daily - 3/9/1946: Mrs Teaney Williams.

One of the few remaining natives of Orange to become octogenarians died recently at Welly Park, Bankstown. She was Mrs Williams, formerly Miss Teaney McGregor daughter of Mr & Mrs James McGregor and 87 years of age. Mrs Williams was born in McNamara Street, Orange. Her father was a well-known bricklayer and it is said that in the early days of Orange half the buildings were erected by him, while his sons Ted and Arch also bricklayers were partly responsible for many more. When a young woman Mrs Williams entered the employ of the late Mrs Whitney, when that noted lady resided in Orange, prior to making her home at Coombing Park, Carcoar. The sole surviving member of the family is Mr Jack McGregor now 73 years of age. His home is at Bondi Junction.

Central Western Daily - 15/11/1946: Member of Pioneer Family

Mrs M.E. Carroll from Randwick is spending a few months at Hotel Canobolas. She has been on a visit to Old Redbank, Molong, which was her home for 50 years and is now occupied by her youngest son, Mr Ray Carroll (who has the stud known as R.B. Carroll. Old Rendbank Stud) and his wife and sons Peter Newton aged six and nine-months-old Stephen Newton. She also saw her eldest son Mr Alfred Boyd Carroll and his wife and four children - Margaret Ruth (who is at PLC), Barbara Ann; Judith Mary and five-years-old Michael, called after his late grandfather Mr Michael Carroll of Redbank. Mr A.B. Carroll, well-known sheep breeder and owner of Redbank Corriedale Stud, is president of N.S.W branch of the Federal Council of the Australian Corriedale Association. His brother, Mr W. Chas. Carroll of Beulah, Trangie is owner of Beulah Corriedale Stud. The Carroll family is one of the oldest in the Orange district. The late Mr Michael Carroll of Summerhill which property joins Lucknow and where his sister Miss Lizzie Carroll, is living with her niece and nephew, who manage the property. Summerhill was bought from William Charles Wentworth by their grandfather, Michael Carroll whose daughter, Mrs Robert Frost of Campdale, mother of the late Mrs Jack Kenna) was four years old when she went there to live. Mrs Sims and Mr William John Carroll were his other children.

Central Western Daily - 18/11/1946: Death of Mrs Gillmore

The death occurred of Mrs Alice Gillmore, beloved wife of Mr Stan Gillmore of 148 March Street, Orange and loving mother of Kenneth and Betty. Mrs Gillmore was holidaying in Melbourne with her husband when she had a stroke and passed away suddenly on November 13, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The funeral takes place today in Melbourne. Mr Gillmore is an employee of the Orange Town Hall. (Emma Alice Gillmore).

Central Western Daily - 1/5/1948: Obituary - Mr Geo Roweth

The death took place at Kiama on Tuesday last of Mr George Roweth, a well-known resident of the Orange district. The late Mr Roweth, who was born in England arrived in this district towards the end of the last century. He became known in the Orange-Spring Hill district where he followed farming and grazing pursuits. Some years ago Mr Roweth won a block of grazing land where he busied himself as a prominent grazier of that district. His wife, who was formerly Miss Elsie Basham of the Spring Hill-Millthorpe district survives him. Mr Roweth is also survived by two Sons, Arthur (Eurobang) and Harold (of Spring Hill) and one daughter Mrs A. Williams of Coonabarabran. Two brothers and two sisters also survive. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Shellharbor near Wollongong.

Central Western Daily - 3/5/1948: Collapsed, died in Orange

A post-mortem examination was held yesterday on an elderly man who collapsed and died in Orange on Saturday afternoon. He was Joseph Brown aged 67, who was staying with friends in Orange at the time of the tragedy. The dead man, who recently managed a property at Deepwater, was on his way to Forbes to visit his brother. He broke his journey at Orange was at 257 Lord's Place. Residents told Orange police that at lunch time on Saturday Mr Brown appeared to be in perfect physical health. However, a short time after retiring to his room he collapsed. Two young women attempted first aid. Dr Hodgkinson was summoned and he pronounced life extinct. Police have already notified near relatives of the deceased. A post-mortem examination was conducted yesterday morning and as a result the Coroner, Mr George Thompson, decided to dispense with a coronal inquiry.

Central Western Daily - 13/8/1949: Death of Mrs Ferrier

Mrs Ferrier wife of Mr Lester Ferrier former district surveyor at Orange, died at Manly recently aged 63. Mrs Ferrier was born at Mundurama and was the eldest daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Thomas Kind, who were among the oldest residents of Carcoar and Lyndhurst districts. She had lived in the Lyndhurst districts. She had lived in the Lyndhurst area till her marriage with Lester Septimus Ferrier on January 26, 1914 at St James Church, King Street, Sydney, by Rev. J.W. Ferrier. Her homes were subsequently established for 14 years at Coonabarabran; 11 years in Orange for past 11 years in Manly. At these centres she took a keen interest in all local events associated with church charity. Returned Soldier and benevolent work. Mrs Ferrier is survived by her husband sons Lester and Rev. Edward, daughters-in-law Hazel and Lois and granddaughter, Sandra, who sincerely mourn their sad loss of a devoted wife and loving unselfish mother.

Central Western Daily - 15/8/1949: Mr R.M. Green

The death occurred early on Tuesday morning of Mr Robert Michael Green, aged 86. Mr Green died suddenly at his residence 2 Churchill Avenue, Orange. He had lived in the Orange and Dubbo districts all his life. Mr Green's wife predeceased him by 17

years. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. They are: William of Moriguy, Robert of Auburn, Thomas of Yass, Pearl (Mrs Leonard) and Ida (Mrs Whittaker) of Albert, and Rita (Mrs Stephens) of Orange. Mr Green had 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was buried at Dubbo on Thursday.

Central Western Daily - 15/8/1949: Draffin-Paul Wedding at Spring Hill

When pretty Joyce Paul became the bride of David Draffin at Spring Hill Methodist Church last week, she wore a classical gown of white crepe. Joyce was given away by her father, Mr T. Paul. Her frock had a scalloped yoke of figured satin and she carried a bouquet of white stocks and hyacinths. The bride was attended by her two sisters, Edna and Jean, who wore charming frocks of pale blue lace. The frocks of pale blue lace. The frocks were trimmed with blue marquisette which also trimmed their white picture hats. The bridesmaid carried bouquets of daffodils, pink carnations and heath. Mr Ray Flavel of Victoria and Mr Ray Walker of Goulburn attended the groom. Fifty guests attended the reception in the Spring Hill Temperance Hall. The Rev. Johnston was chairman at the reception, where a beautifully decorated two-tiered wedding cake was a highlight in the wedding fare. The cake had been made by the bride's mother and iced by Mrs G.E. Ginns of Huntley. Mr & Mrs Draffin will make their home in Tutye, Victoria.

Central Western Daily - 19/8/1948: Obituary - Mrs A. Halgren

A well-known and highly respected resident of Orange Mrs Annie Halgren, died at her residence 153 Sale Street, yesterday at the age of 85 years. Mrs Halgren was a native of Sydney and lived at Orange for 22 years. Her husband predeceased her by several years. She leaves a family of two sons and one daughter Alan (Lane Cove); Oscar (Vaucluse) and Mrs Goodfellow (Orange). Sisters are Misses I and E. Hoskins (Blackheath). Her funeral will leave the Presbyterian Church, after a service commencing tomorrow for the Presbyterian portion of the Orange cemetery. (Note correct surname Halgren). N.S.W. B.D.M. - Death - Halgree Annie. Son's birth under surname Halgrew Oscar Charles.

Central Western Daily - 20/9/1949: Narrow escape by headmaster

Mr K.N. Finch headmaster of Orange Rural School, considers himself lucky to be alive" after an incident at his home on Sunday afternoon. Mr Finch was pruning an old tree in the backyard of his home, when it crashed down almost on top of him. The tree which was about 30 feet high and had a trunk three feet through fell without warning. Mr Finch said that the tree had been weakened by the snow and the fact that it had been covered with ivy made it impossible for him to see the weaknesses. "When I look back on the incident, I realise how fortunate I was that I was able to scramble out before it pinned me to the ground" said Mr Finch.

Central Western Daily - 5/11/1949: Death of Bank Manager in London

Many folk in Orange who knew and liked Mr & Mrs Ainsworth when the former was the manager of the Commercial Bank of Sydney will regret to hear of Mr Ainsworth's death. It occurred suddenly in England where he had been residing for some time. Mr Ainsworth after leaving Orange, resided in Sydney and was appointed as manager of the bank in London. He and Mrs Ainsworth paid a visit to Orange a few years ago.

Central Western Daily - 8/11/1949: Obituary - Mr A.G. Byass

Mr Alfred George Byass a well-known resident of Orange, died at the Base Hospital on Friday aged 74 years. A Victorian by birth Mr Byass came to Orange when quite a young man as representative of the Deering Harvest Company the local agents then being Messrs James Nancarrow and Sons. Orange was his headquarters for many years and during that time he was a prominent member of the Orange Golf Club. He became the club's champion defeating the late Mr Donald Pilcher in the final when the links were located to the north of the town, on the site now known as Bletchington. He also won the championship the following year. He was also an active member of the Orange Bowling Club. In later years, Mr Byass was employed in the Sydney office of his old company and about seven years ago he returned to Orange with his wife to live in retirement among many friends of long standing. He is survived by his widow. The remains were taken to Sydney for cremation at the Northern Suburbs crematorium. (wife Bertha Leontine Byass lived at 64 Byng St., Orange)

Central Western Daily - 29/7/1952: Death of Mr Reg Ray

Many in Orange will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr Reg Ray, a former engineer of the Orange Council who died in Sydney. He was in charge of the laying of the bitumen road in Summer Street, and worked hard with the men employed. He was also a member of Holy Trinity Vestry and did much to improve the pathways around the church and rectory. To Mrs Ray much sympathy is extended

Central Western Daily - 28/9/1956: Death of Mr Robert Harold Rea

The death occurred last week in Lithgow District Hospital of a former well-known Manildra resident, Mr Robert Harold Rea, at the age of 65. Mr Rea, who lived in Sydney is survived by wife and family of 1 daughter and 4 sons and was for years employed in the bakery trade at Manildra, later going into business at Eugowra. A son resides at Eugowra and a nephew is Constable J. Rea of Cumnock Police Station.

Central Western Daily - 2/10/1956: Back in Orange after an absence of 22 years

Back in Orange after an absence of 22 years is Mrs J. Lillie of Seaforth. She is spending a fortnight here with another former resident Miss May Wulfte. Mrs Lillie was formerly Miss Myra Flynn. They are staying a few days with Miss Irene Fleming in Kite Street, and will later move to the Standard Hotel.

Central Western Daily: 2/10/1956 – Sudden death of Mr S R Reynolds

The sudden death on Sunday night of Mr S.R. Reynolds, late of "Burrawong" Cumnock and Anson Street, Orange, came as a shock to the many friends of the Reynolds family in Orange and district. Mr Reynolds has been ill for some time and died in Calare private hospital on Sunday night. The sympathy of his many friends is extended to his wife (Sylvanus Roy Reynolds - 176 Anson St., Orange - plaque - Canobolas Garden Crematorium died 30/9/1956).

Central Western Daily - 19/1/1965: Death of Mr George Toms

A former Millthorpe resident Mr George Toms died in Western Australia recently at the age of 69 years. The late Mr Toms left Millthorpe at the age of 17 years and has resided in Western Australia ever since. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

BERNARD AMBROSE COYTE

Born in Borenore in 1895, Bernard Ambrose Coyte was the fifth of ten children born to William Henry Coyte and his wife Mary Louisa (nee Schmich). Bernard and his siblings were educated at Borenore Convent.

Bernard was one of twenty-two men who joined the Coo-ees when they arrived in Orange on Saturday, 23 October 1915. He was 20 years of age, although he claimed to be 21 on his attestation papers.

After completing the Coo-ee march Bernard proceeded to Liverpool Camp, a private in the 15th reinforcements to the 13th Battalion. He embarked from Sydney on the *Star of England* on 8 March 1916, and after further training in Egypt, arrived in France for service on the Western Front.

Private Coyte was hospitalised several times during his war service. In March 1917 he was admitted to the 13th Australian Field Ambulance in France, suffering from influenza and pneumonia. He was subsequently transferred to hospital in England, followed by a period of furlough.

In September 1918 the 13th Battalion was engaged in battle just south of the town of Le Verguier in northern France. This battle claimed the lives of five officers and 82 enlisted men; one of whom was Bernard; he was killed in action just weeks before the



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Armistice was signed. He is buried at the nearby Jeancourt Communal Cemetery Extension.

Bernard is commemorated on St Joseph's Church Orange Honour Roll, the Borenore and District Honour Roll, the Borenore District War Memorial and the Orange War Memorial. His name also appears on panel 68 on the Australian War Memorial First World War Roll of Honour in Canberra.

In 1923 the Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees was planted along Bathurst Road to commemorate fallen WWI soldiers. Borenore Returned Soldiers donated a tree in honour of Private Coyte.

Before going into battle in September 1918 Bernard wrote the following letter to his brother, Gabriel's, wife, Lottie. Interestingly, it is dated 1 October 1918; apparently it was not uncommon for men to date letters this way as they went into battle. This is believed to be the last letter that Bernard wrote.

October 1, 1918 France

Dear Lottie,

Just a few lines, Lottie, in answer to your welcome letter to hand dated 9 June, was pleased to get a long letter from you and Gabe. So your little girls don't forget me by what Gabe told me.

Well I am expecting to be going to England on leave soon. I have been over here a long time and have been existing well.

All the girls getting married, well good luck to them and tell your sisters that I wish them the best of luck as besides fighting hard for years and wasting the best years of my life over here but you know I have a nice little girl over here first for the time being and will close this letter wishing you and the children the best of luck.

I remain, Bernard xxx

Letter courtesy Jenny Kingsford (nee Coyte)

Image: Bernard Ambrose Coyte c1915.
Courtesy Australian War Memorial.