



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



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December and the end of another year, but what a momentous year for the Orange Family History Group! After months of planning in September we hosted the 33rd NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference. A total of 320 delegates attended the Conference over the 3 days of programming and our members, dressed in their bright orange 'Ask Me' vests welcomed them all!

Feedback from delegates was extremely positive with 44% of delegates rating it as 'very high quality' and 42% as 'high quality'. Similarly the venue rated highly with 55% of delegates describing it as 'excellent' and a further 27% as very good.

Delegates made particular mention of:

- The speakers with particular reference to keynote speaker, actor, William McInnes
- The quality of the venue and ease of access
- The friendliness and professionalism of staff and volunteers
- The opportunity to attend a conference of this standard in a regional centre
- The Conference organisation
- The catering, and in particular the CWA morning and afternoon teas!
- The beauty of Orange and its obvious vibe.

Our thanks to all who came, and all who assisted. It was a lot of fun

The 2018 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference will be held in Batemans Bay.

TWO YOUNG BLACK SWANS HATCHED BY BROODY BANTAM FOSTER-MOTHER

Central Western Daily – January 1948

A bantam hen in Orange is the proud foster-parent of two young black swans. She hatched the cygnets on Wednesday from two eggs thought to be duck eggs.

She almost had to stand up to 'sit' on the eggs.

The swan's eggs were found in Spring Creek near the reservoir by Mr Tom King, an employee of the Mental Hospital. He thought they were duck eggs and asked his friend, Mr Arthur Ward of 5 Moresby Street Orange who had a broody bantam, whether the bantam would sit on them.

Mr Ward tried the experiment and although the bantam had a most uncomfortable task, she appeared to relish it. When the young swans were hatched the bantam took to them as a natural parent, and fought anyone who came close. She could not understand when they took to water and stood on the edge of the pond showing great agitation.

Mr Ward and his wife have had difficulty feeding the swans. They gave the young birds some rolled oats, and have had boys catching insects for them.

At night the swans nestle under the wings of the bantam, but they lift her off the ground when they move.

Mr Ward has offered the swans to the ranger of Cook Park. There is one black swan fully grown in the park at present. He will lend the ranger the bantam too as a protector for the swans.

Mr Ward considers that the bantam's feat is something of a record.

HUSBAND INSANE WHEN MARRIED WIFE GETS DIVORCE

Central Western Daily – 7 January 1948 Page 1

LONDON – A guilty decree was granted at Bristol divorce court to a woman whose husband was insane at the time of his marriage.

Judge Wethered said that the woman, Selina Elizabeth Sarah Binding, otherwise Hitchcott, of Chipetable, Somerset, knew her husband, Charles Sidney Binding, for 18 months before going through a form of marriage with him in 1946. She did not know that he had been certified insane in 1927.

Apparently he was merely allowed out of Tone Vane Hospital, Norton Fitzwarren, on Saturday afternoons, when he used to meet his future wife. It seemed most unlikely that he would ever be discharged as sane.

The husband was taken back to the hospital immediately after the wedding and his wife had never lived with him.

MATES IN PEACE AND WAR -THE CHAPMAN BOYS FROM SPRING HILL



Cousins Alf and Ben Chapman
Image courtesy Kerrie Nicholls

On 8 February 1915 Alfred Chapman and his cousins, brothers Benjamin Barnett Chapman and George Denis Chapman travelled from Spring Hill to Liverpool in Sydney where they enlisted in the First World War. Rumour has it that the boys ran away from home to fulfil their dream of participating in *"the big noise"*. When completing their attestation papers all three claimed to be 18 years old. George, aka Denny was actually 19, Alfred 17, and Ben just 16.. The boys were descendants of Spring Hill pioneers George and Charles Chapman.

The boys were assigned to 7th Light Horse Regiment, 6th Reinforcements. On 15 June Alf and Ben embarked for overseas service; Denny, followed on 28 June. All three served on the Gallipoli peninsula from October until the evacuation in December 1915; they then proceeded to Egypt.

In July 1916 Alfred and Ben were transferred to the 2nd Light Horse Brigade Machine Gun Squadron at Bir et Maler. In November 1917 the squadron fought in the Battle of Beersheba and the 3rd Battle of Gaza in Palestine. It was here that Alf was killed in action. According to Ben they were advancing amid direct enemy fire with less than half a kilometre left to go when Alf, who was riding behind, went down. Denny explained in a letter home that after Alf went down he half rose and waved his hand: *"game till the last"*. Alfred is buried in the Beersheba War Cemetery in Israel.

Benjamin was hospitalised twice during his four-year military service: in November 1915 with dysentery, and in October 1916 with malaria. He returned to Australia in August 1919.

Two years after his return from the war Ben was admitted to Dudley Private Hospital with adenoid and ear trouble. He died on 8 October 1921, the cause of death being acute septic meningitis.

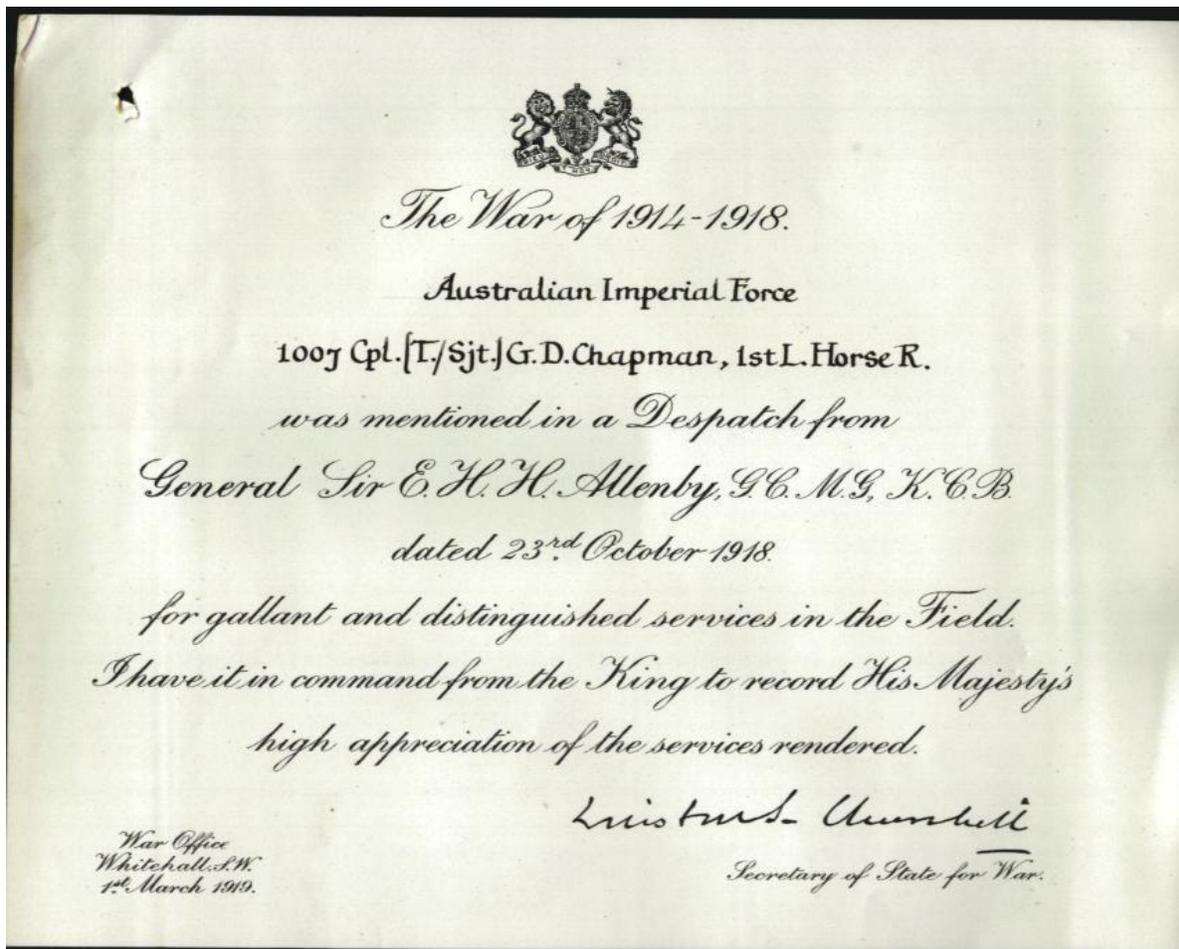
The *Leader* of 12 October 1921 described Benjamin's funeral as "*one of the largest ever seen in Spring Hill*". A contingent of returned soldiers preceded the hearse and formed a guard at the entrance to the cemetery. The newspaper concluded:

Ben will be severely missed by many whom he benefited in his generous way; he was most popular with all classes, and his cheery smile and pleasant manner will not soon be forgotten.



Denny Chapman
Image courtesy Kerrie Nicholls

Denis Chapman was promoted several times during his military service. In August 1916 he was appointed Temporary Lance Colonel, followed by Lance Colonel in December. On 23 October 1918 he was mentioned in a despatch from Field Marshal Viscount Edmund Allenby for "*gallant and distinguished services in the field.*" Two months later he was promoted to Sergeant.



George Denis Chapman despatch
Image courtesy National Archives of Australia

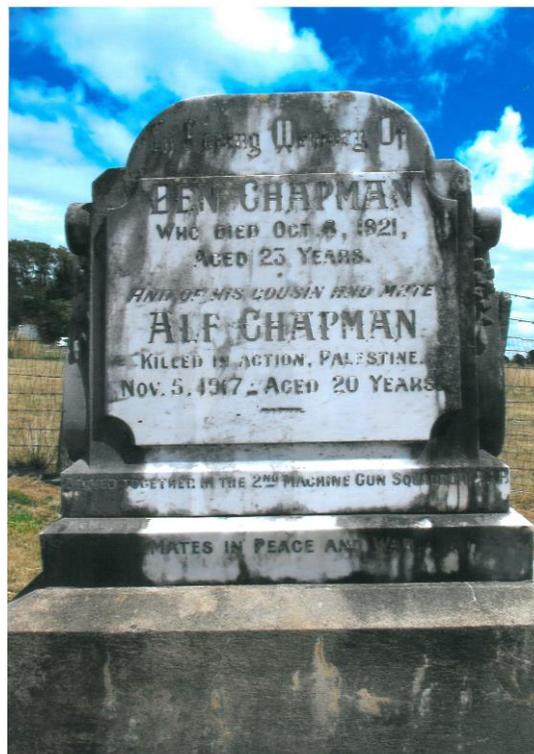
Denny returned from the war in April 1919 and resumed farming at Spring Hill. In September 1920 he married Sarah Elizabeth (Queenie) Worboys; their only child, George Barrie, was born in April 1924. On his 18th birthday Barrie joined the RAAF and served overseas as a pilot warrant officer during WWII. He met Jean Taylor in England and the couple were married there in April 1945. Tragically, Barrie died in Orange in March 1956, a victim of polio. He was just 31 years of age, and left behind Jean and a young daughter, Wendy.

During the 1930s and 1940s Denny exhibited his Southdown and English Leicester sheep, winning several awards. He was an officer in the Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC) during WWII and served on Canobolas Shire Council for eleven years. He was also a keen bowler who played at Orange and Millthorpe.

Denny and Queenie later retired to Dover Heights, where Denny died on 22 September 1963, aged 67 years. The *Central Western Daily* of 3 October 1963 reported that Denny's granddaughter Wendy travelled from England to attend his funeral.

All three Chapman boys are commemorated on the Spring Hill Public School Honour Roll, the Spring Hill Church Roll of Honour and the Spring Hill Temperance Hall Honour Roll. Alfred is also commemorated on the World War I Roll of Honour on the southern face of the Orange Cenotaph and on panel number 180 on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Ben's headstone in Spring Hill Cemetery also commemorates his cousin, Alfred Chapman, and bears the inscription "*Mates in Peace and War*".



Benjamin Chapman's headstone at Spring Hill Cemetery commemorating Alfred Chapman: *Mates in Peace and War*.
Image courtesy Alex Rezko.

FURTHER READING:

Alfred Chapman

<http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/service-men-and-women/alfred-chapman/>

Benjamin Barnett Chapman

<http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/service-men-and-women/benjamin-barnett-chapman/>

George Denis Chapman

<http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/service-men-and-women/george-denis-chapman/>

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Western Advocate - 4/9/1902: Death of Mr William Hill.

The many friends of the late Mr William Hill, late of the Steam Engine Hotel, Summer Street, will regret to hear of his death, which happend at Goulburn early this morning. Mrs Hill being advised of the sad event by wire about 10 o'clock. The late Mr Hill was a native of Rosetrevor, County Down, Ireland and at the time of his death was in his 65th year, having been born in 1837. He came to New South Wales, landing in Sydney about 1856 and went West to Ironbarks (now Stuart Town), where he remained for some years, eventually settling in Orange in 1868, where he resided until 1895, since which time he had been living in Sydney until a few months ago, when he removed to Goulburn. He leaves a widow, two sons Mr Bert Hill of Orange and Mr Percy Hill who is in Coolgardie W.A. three daughters the Misses Dorothy, Mabel and Ethel all of whom reside with their mother at "Dalkeith" Sale Street. The late Mr Geo Hill of Parkes was a brother of the deceased. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Hill and family, to whom the news of the sad even came unexpectedly this morning. The late Mr Hill was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge M.U. for many years and that Lodge has decided to arrange for a funeral in accordance with the rites of the Order. Arrangements have been made in Gouldburn for the removal of the body to Orange where it is expected to arrive by the paper train about 5 p.m. to-morrow (Friday). The funeral will take place on Sunday, 7th inst leaving "Dalkeith" Mrs Hill's residence, Sale Street, at 3 p.m.

The Orange Leader - 11/4/1923: The late Mrs E.A. Dooley.

We briefly mentioned in the last issue the death of Mrs Elizabeth Anne Dooley which event occurred at her residence Waterleight, North Sydney, on Thursday. The cause was the fearful malady creeping paralysis, which baffles medical skill. For three years she has been an acute sufferer and for the last eighteen months had been compelled to live and sleep in her chair. Under such unhappy conditions may be considered that death has relieved her of her sufferings, although it is very regrettable that a woman who had reached the age of 61 years should have been removed from a large and loving family and where of great usefulness. A family of twelve mourn the loss of a devoted mother and a large number of friends will miss one they so greatly esteemed. The remains were interred in the C of E section of the Northern Suburbs cemetery on Friday. She will be remembered as a member of one of the old pioneer families the Aglands of Lucknow, where she was born. The family comprises: Mrs Gander (Sydney); Mrs Downey (Rydal); Mrs Harold (Glebe); Mrs Bridges (Sydney); Mr Edward (Sydney) Mr Cecil (Orange); Mrs Evans (Sydney); Mr Claude (Sydney Police); McConnell (Nevertire); Mrs Eves (Sydney) Mr Frank (Mosman) and Miss Jessie.

The Orange Leader - 28/5/1923: Old Resident's sudden death.

The death occurred with shocking suddenness yesterday of Mr George Roxberry of Hill Street, Orange at the age of 73 years. He had been in his usual good health never having complained of any disquieting sympatthoms until a few moments before he passed away. When about to sit down to partake to his mid-day meal he was seized with sudden spasms in the region of the heart and died before medical aid could be

summoned from heart failure. The deceased who was of a retiring disposition was not much known recent years as he was devoted to home life. He was a native of England and arrived in Australia when only eight years old. For 40 years he resided in Orange following his calling as a bootmaker and being employed for a considerable period at Bowen's factory and by Mr Olver. There will be general sympathy with the bereaved widow and family of one son and six daughter: viz Mr J. Roxberry (Sydney); Mrs S. Ryan (Sydney and at present in Orange); Mrs G. Connolly (Molong); Mrs L.G. Price (Punchbowl) Mrs H.E. Brown (Newtown) and Misses Mary and Lily Roxberry (Orange).
**Orange Cemetery - Headstone.

The Orange Leader - 10/9/1924: Obituary - Mr R.C. McKean.

The death of Mr Bob McKean, which took place in a private hospital in Sydney on the 2nd of this month, came as a great shock to many people in the Borenore district, where he was well-known. He was the third son of Mr W.H. McKean, who for seven years had charge of the Borenore Public School "Bob" was born at Trunkey Creek 48 years ago, where his father had his second school. From there they went to Lime Kilns and then to Glanmire (near Bathurst) where the deceased finished his education at All Saints College. He was popularly known in football circles years ago, both in Lucknow and Orange teams and played with a representative team of the Central Western branch in Sydney country week. He entered the public service 25 years ago, his first school being at Mr Hope. From there he went to Sydney then to Silverton, near Broken Hill. He also had charge of Curlewis and Manillia schools and was finally appointed headmaster at Sutherland (Sydney). The cause of his death was gallstones. He underwent an operation but collapsed and died before it was finished. He leaves a widow and three daughters (Jean, Meg and Lorna) to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by an aged mother, who for many years has been totally blind, and to her the sudden loss of a most affectionate son has been a heavy blow. The surviving brothers are Matthew and William of Sydney. There are three sisters Mrs K. Smith (Waterloo); Mrs F. Eaves (Lilyfield) and Mrs N. King (Borenore).

The Orange Leader -16/10/1925: The late Mrs James Shelton

The late Mrs James Shelton, of "The Trig" Cadia whose death occurred on the 29th September, from complications which followed an operation for appendicitis, was a native of Finchley, Middlesex (England) and came to N.S.W. about 11 years ago with her husband. After a short stay in the Tullamore district. Mr Shelton acquired "The Trig" and together they converted the holding into a homely and remunerative asset.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr William Shipway, in his day a well-known cab proprietor at Finchley and three sister and two brothers survive her in England. Mrs Shelton was a highly-domesticated woman and a true helpmate to her husband with whom there is deep sympathy in his loss.

The Orange Leader -14/7/1926: Obituary - Mrs George Haslam.

Many residents of Orange will be grieved to hear of the death on Friday last of Mrs G. Haslam at the residence of an old friend (Mr J. Watson) Edgebaston Road, Peshurst. Irish born, deceased lived with her late husband in Orange for upwards of 30 years the latter being connected with the firm of Messrs J. Bonnor and Co for a lengthy period and later carried on a grocery business in Lord's Place in partnership with Mr A.F. Stanford. On the dissolution of the partnership, Mr Haslam carried on business on his own account in Anson Street. On the death of her life's partner in June 1920. Mrs Haslam went to reside with her sister Mrs Brown at Edgecliffe. The only care of the old couple was an adopted daughter Mrs Waugh, who died at Manly about a year ago. Mrs Haslam was a prominent worker for the Methodist Church and one of the original members of the Church Aid Society. She was kindly natured woman and the very soul of charity and many families can bear testimony to her Christain service to them in the time of want or trouble. Generous to a degree to one ever asked her for assistance in vain. (Annie Haslam)

The Orange Leader -1/11/1926: Orange Pioneer's Death.

A memory of the Bushranging Days. The death of Mr George Hooper, senior an old and well-known identity of Forest Reefs, occurred on Thursday morning October 21, at the advanced age of 81 years at Carlyle Flats, Waverley, the residence of his daughter, Mrs A. McCooey. Born at Campbelltown in the year 1846, his mother died when he was a child and he was left in charge of a settler named Mr C. Clarke near Gunning. In the sixties, when the gold rushes broke out, he was soon among the "old Seekers". He could tell many interesting tales of the early gold fields, such as the Lambing Flat riots and the long trip to the Palmer diggings in Queensland, tramping from Cooktown to the wild blacks ready to use their spears. He also had a good deal of experience with the bushrangers, on one occasion being held up near Carcoar, by Dunn and Jourle, who robbed him of the gold he was taking from King's Plains to Carcoar to sell, belonging to his father, brother Charlie and himself. In the year 1876 at Collector, he married Hannah the eldest daughter of the late John McDevitt, of Gunning and he then went to Forest Reefs, where he selected some of the church and school lands, which he and his family have farmed ever since. In the eighties he was carrying from Orange to the back country being well-known on the roads at that time. The sudden death of Mrs Hooper in 1898 was a severe blow to him. Seven children are left to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted father, Viz: Charles (Concord); George (Forest Reefs); Sergeant T.W. Hooper (Goulburn); Walter (Forest Reefs); David (Waverley); Mrs A.M. McCooey (Waverley) and Mrs J.J. Welby (Glebe Point). One son Constable Ernest Hooper, predeceased him. Deceased was nursed during his illness by his devoted daughters, his resignation and humour making it easy for all concerned. He was attended by the Sisters of Mercy (Holy Cross Convent) and Father Kennedy, Waverley. His remains were taken to Millthorpe Catholic Church, the funeral which was largely attended leaving for the Millthorpe cemetery. Father Shewehan officiated at the graveside. The pall bearers were Charlie; Tom; Walter and Dave.

The Orange Leader -14/12/1927: Obituary. Mr Leslie Payne.

The untimely death of Mr Leslie Gladstone Payne, son of Mr & Mrs William Payne of Lord's Place, has deeply shocked their many friends who extend to the bereaved parents their most sincere sympathy. Deceased who was aged 33 years was the second eldest son. He was a painter by trade and in the city, where he went about five years ago, his efforts were successful. He is survived by a sorrowing widow and two small children, also his father and mother, five sisters and four brothers. The funeral took place on Sunday morning when the body was lowered to its last resting place in the Church of England portion of the Randwick cemetery.

The Orange Leader -14/9/1928: Obituary Mrs Dartnell.

The death occurred at the residence of her daughter Mrs Beer at Katoomba on Wednesday night of Mrs Dartnell an old resident of Orange who left here some years ago. Coming here with her husband just after the railway was opened she remained for a very long time. Mr Dartnell working for Bowen Bros., boot manufactures for 27 years, after which they proceeded to Sydney. Mr Dartnell there opening a small boot business at Enmore Road, which he carried on until his death, nine years ago. Mrs Dartnell then went to Katoomba to live with her daughter and was predeceased a year ago by another daughter Hannah. Deceased was 83 years of age. One son, Edward is a resident of Orange and is employed in the postal department as letter carrier, but a bicycle accident which befell him three weeks ago has confirmed him to his bed preventing his attending the funeral. Another son James is in Sydney.

The Orange Leader - 22/1/1930

Mr Reuben Clayton, who has just returned from a trip to Britain and Europe, did not miss anything worth seeing while he was away and his autograph album is filled with the signatures of notabilities in the realms of British sport, politics, mercantile and literature. He visited the celebrated stud of Sir Tatlon Sykes, but strange to say, did not attend a single race meeting owing to the fact that there was none to attend, it being the off-season when he was in England. He advertised Orange everywhere he went and if all the people who have promised to pay Orange a visit carry out their intentions, Reub will have his hands full.

The Orange Leader - 1/3/1930: Obituary - Mrs Charlotte Corderoy.

As briefly stated in our issued of Monday last, the late Mrs Charlotte Corderoy. As briefly stated in our issue of Monday last, the late Mrs Charlotte Corderoy, mother of Mr Leslie Corderoy, manager of the Orange branch of the Bank of N.S.W. passed away at her residence "Emoch" South Bowenfels, on Friday last. Her husband, Mr Arthur George Corderoy died last August. The late Mrs Corderoy was 76 years of age and was respected far and wide. She was married at Parramatta in 1879 and ever since has lived at South Bowenfels practically in the one home. Mrs Corderoy had a kindly nature and was loved by all who came in contact with her. The family has been associated with the Presbyterian Church at the little centre for more than half a century. Mrs Corderoy

had been ailing for some time and was practically an invalid during that last few months. A family of seven comprising Messrs Walter and Sidney (Strathfield); Leslie (Orange) Arthur (Hampton); Douglas (South Bowenfels); Mrs Inglis and Miss Doris Corderoy (South Bowenfels) survive and to them the sympathy of the district is extended. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, interment being made in the Presbyterian portion of South Bowenfels cemetery. The Rev. C.A. White B.A. presided and there was a large attendance of friends and relatives at the graveside.

The Orange Leader -15/2/1932: Old Cobb and Co's Driver. Bill Lowe

Old Cobb and Co's Driver. Bill Lowe who resides at Portland is one of the old drivers of Cobb and Co's coaches still in the land of the living and one whose hands are still as capable of handling the ribbons as when he drove the Duke of Manchester from Bathurst to Hill End in 1881. Bill was the youngest driver ever employed by the famous overland firm being only 16 when he was given charge of a coach and for 23 years he took his team over all kinds of roads and in all kinds of weather, until the railways forced the company to wind up. This old driver, who can relate interesting experiences of the road has offered to drive the old Cobb and Co coach in Sydney next month and it is considered likely that the N.R.M.A will accept his offer.

The Orange Leader -21/10/1932: Mr James George Syble.

Mr James George Syble, who was shot dead at Winchelsea (Victoria) on Tuesday night, was a brother-in-law of Mr Herbert M. (Pat) Williams of Summer Street, Orange. The deceased is described as having been a very fine type of man. He was engaged in the hotel keeping business. Two persons have been arrested in connection with the tragedy one 19 and the other 16 years of age. The theory of the police is that robbery was the motive for the crime.

The Orange Leader - 2/5/1934: Obituary - Miss Hilda Hamilton.

The death occurred after a protracted illness at the residence of her mother in Malvern Hill Sydney on Saturday of Miss Hilda Hamilton, a member of the well-known and highly respected Canobolas family. Miss Hamilton, who was the daughter of the late Mr James Hamilton and Mrs Hamilton, suffered from an incurable disease prior to taking up residence in Sydney, she lived with her parents at "Glengarra" Canobolas. She possessed a charming disposition and was a prominent worker for the Methodist Church. She is survived by Mr Alex Hamilton (Sydney); Mr Jack Hamilton (Canobolas); Mrs Bishop (Sydney) and Mrs Percy Hill wife of Dr Percy Hill (Sydney); brothers and sisters. Her remains were interred in the Methodist cemetery at Malvern Hill on Monday.

The Orange Leader - 20/1/1936: Obituary - Miss Isabel Pauline Fraser.

Tragic circumstances surround the death at Yenda (near Griffith) of Miss Isabel Pauline Fraser only daughter of Mr & Mrs A.J. Fraser of Ophir Road, Orange at the age of 24 years. Miss Fraser who was attached to the staff at the Peak Hill Public School, came to

Orange at the beginning of the vacation and spent the Christmas holidays with her parents and brothers, leaving her on December 27 for Yenda to stay with friends. About Wednesday she became suddenly ill and was rushed to the hospital, where an operation was performed but she failed to rally and passed away late on Friday night. her mother was called to her bedside but her death had occurred before she arrived. Miss Fraser was to have returned to Orange early this week to spend the remainder of her vacation before resuming duties. She was born at Brisbane (Queensland), but until she entered the Teachers College Sydney had spent the whole of her life in Orange. She was educated at the Santa Maria Convent and after leaving school having sat for her examinations to qualify for the teaching profession she entered the employ of McDermott's where she remained until she received notification of her success in the exams. She then went to the Teachers College and was there for twelve months, later being given a position on the teaching staff at the Canterbury School. From there she went to Punchbowl and later to Trundle where she was engaged for two years. She had been at the Peak Hill School for about eighteen months. Miss Fraser possessed a charming personality and won the friendship of a large, circle of people wherever she went and these citizens in various centres of the State will extend sincere sympathy to the sorrowing parents and three brothers, Messrs Alex (Ophir Road, Orange); William (Anson Street, Orange) and Keith (Ophir Road, Orange). The body was brought to Orange yesterday and after a short service conducted by the Rev. Father Lands at St. Joseph's Church the funeral moved off for the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery yesterday afternoon. Beautiful floral tributes which covered the hearse were eloquent testimony of the popularity of Miss Fraser.

The Orange Leader - 28/4/1937: Mrs Mary Leahey

The death at her home 21 Old Canterbury Road, Lewisham on Saturday of Mrs Mary Leahey, relict of Michael Leahey recalls to many old residents the days when both Mr & Mrs Leahey were among the best known residents of Orange. Besides being licensee of the Gladstone Hotel and Occidental Hotels. Mr Leahey was keeper of the old Prince of Wales Hotel, which is the old building opposite the Methodist Church in Anson Street. After leaving Orange many years ago, Mr & Mrs Leahey went into a hotel, where they remained until the death of the former several years ago. Mrs Leahey was 76 years of age. She is survived by Beatrice (Mrs C. Ryall); Anglea (Mrs R.J. McDonald) and Josie (Mrs C.W. Treweeke); Michael, Joan and Katherine, Frederick and Margaret predeceased their mother. Mr T.S. Leahey is a nephew.

The Orange Leader -28/7/1939

Sister Pearl Hart, of Larras Lee, formerly attached to the staff of the Orange Base Hospital is on her way to England, there to marry in December, Dr J. Lennox Price. The romance started when Dr Price was resident medical officer at the Orange institution. He is now furthering his studies in London.

The Orange Leader - 27/10/1939: Mr Charles Ablert Dein

A well-known figure in the goldrush days of Western N.S.W. passed away recently at Chatswood when Mr Charles Ablert Dein died at the age of 81. He has a brother Adam, living in East Orange. Deceased had a miner's right at the age of 11 and with his parents he was in rushes to Forbes, Ophir, Wattle Flat and other Western fields. He was married in Orange 60 years ago, and lived here until 1910. He is survived by his widow, seven children, 33 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The Orange Leader - 15/7/1940: Mr George St. John

There passed away in the Orange Base Hospital on Saturday a member of the old 14th Brigade Headquarters R.Q.M.S. Mr George St. John aged 73 who had resided in Orange for about three years, coming here from Parkes. Of a quiet and retiring disposition deceased was an Englishman, and it is understood that he had no relatives in Australia. The funeral will leave Mr P.J. McGowan's funeral parlors this morning at 10.30 for the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery.

Orange Cemetery: Church of England section - Unmarked grave - George St. John

The Orange Leader - 23/12/1940: Wedding - Hentzschel/Uren.

Major W. Wooster formerly in charge of the Salvation Army Orange celebrated at the Newtown Salvation Army Citadel last week the marriage of Edith daughter of Mr & Mrs T. Uren of Nile Street, Orange and Fred son of Mr & Mrs P. Hentzschel of Sydney. The bride who was attired in a white satin gown with wreath and veil was given away by her uncle, Mr P. O'Sullivan in the absence of her father who is overseas. She was attended by the bridegroom's sister. Miss Myrtle Hentzschel who chose a pretty frock of mauve silk and Private Keith Henry of the A.I.F. was best man. While the register was being signed Miss Joan Astill sang "Because". The reception and wedding feast took place at Wellington Hall, Newtown where the bride cut a three-tier cake. The young couple are making their new home in Sydney.

The Orange Leader - 5/1/1942

A very happy gathering took place on New Year's night, when the friends of Col. ("Digger") Plowman son of Mr & Mrs Harry Plowman, met to bid him farewell. "Digger" who was showing great promise in cricketing circles as a member of Banks' Club, has been appointed to the staff of the Bank of New South Wales and will take up duties in the Rylstone branch almost immediately. Present at the farewell besides a host of young people, was Mrs Rodwell Plowman, grandmother of Col., and one of Orange's grand old ladies. Mrs Plowman was at one time Mayoress of Orange. "Digger" has been a student at the Orange High School and we wish him success in the banking profession.

The Orange Leader - 7/1/1942: Cargo: Death of Mrs Cowley.

The death occurred recently of Mrs Cowley, who for a number of years lived with her

daughter, Mrs Frank Davis of "Ingledell" Cargo. She was 68 years of age and led an active life up until a few days before she died. Mrs Cowley suffered a stroke and was taken to the Canowindra Hospital, where she passed away almost immediately. The late Mr Walter Cowley her husband was a business man of Milton Point. She met him in South Africa, when he was an inspector of railways. They were married in Cape Town, Mrs Cowley sailing from Bristol (England) to South Africa. She did a great deal of charitable work for the returned soldiers in Sydney after the last war. She leaves to mourn her loss five daughters and three sons, Mrs Frank Davis (Cargo); Mrs Balcomb (Cranbury); Nora; Grace and Margaret (Sydney); Ern (a prisoner of war in Germany); Frank (Malaya) and George (Cranbury). Her funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Canowindra.

The Orange Leader -3/8/1942: Mrs Ada Colley

The death occurred during Thursday night of Mrs Ada Colley aged 65 years, wife of Mr John Colley of Clinton Street. About twelve months ago Mr & Mrs Colley came from Cunnamulla Queensland to Orange to reside here owing to the latter's failing health. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr & Mrs John Perry of Mariebone Station Warren and was the last surviving member of the family.

The Orange Leader -11/2/1943: Mr John Ewin of Sutherland

The death occurred on 21st inst. of Mr John Ewin of Sutherland at the age of 67. He was the youngest son of the late Robert Ewin, of "Duck Ponds" Greghamstown. Deceased had been married twice. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Kingham, who predeceased him by 23 years, there being three daughters Mrs Les Muston, Mrs W. Woods and Mrs J. Marshall, all of Sutherland. His second wife was Miss Florrie Death of King's Plains daughter of the late Mr & Mrs C. Death, who predeceased him by 29 years, leaving one son Rexie Ewin of Leeton. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs J. Masters (Blayney); Mrs E. Patrick (Blayney) and Mrs W. Adams (Millthorpe) and one brother Mr D. Ewin of West Blayney.

Central Western Daily -10/5/1947: Orange and its pioneers by William Folster.

Henry Hunt. A native of Harrington Hall, Morpeth, on the Hunter River, Hunt arrived in Orange in 1858. For many years he resided at Cadia and Lucknow and for a long period in East Orange. He followed the occupation of miner a calling in which he was very expert. In the late nineties he went to Western Australia, where he met with severe injuries which caused him to return to Orange. There are many who will remember this kindly old character of the hey-days of mining in this district, who reared a large and capable family. Pioneer Schoolmaster. W.J. Quick. There are doubtless many March district, who received their education at the hands of W.J. Quick. At the time of his retirement this old schoolmaster had been 40 years in the service of the Education Department and retired from his position on reaching the retiring age. His first school was at Pitt Town near Bega removing he spent 10 years, Cowra 4 years and then to March, where his career as a schoolmaster closed. He was a native of West Maitland.

Quick raised a fine family: inculcated the best tenets in his pupils and was the facile princeps in everything, moving for the advancement of the district. Surely a pioneer.

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PULLEY

William Pulley Died 6/11/1870 wife Mary Pulley (nee Bulger) Died 26/10/1906 their son Alfred Christmas Simon Pulley Born 25/12/1854 Died 28/2/1928 buried Scarborough Cemetery wife Susan Ann Pulley (Dooley) Died 9/3/1941 Lucknow buried Church of England Portion Orange Cemetery. She was the daughter of Thomas Dooley and Sarah Dooley (nee Williams). Her mother's 2nd marriage to John McConnell.

Requested by Patricia Salisbury

My Great, Great Grandfather, William Pulley, farmer of Norfolk, England, followed the tradition set by his Aunt, Elizabeth Pulley, of the First Fleet, by stealing an ass, thereby receiving a sentence of 7 years' transportation, and arriving in Australia in the Asia 11 in 1822.

Many aspects of his life are known to us, being passed down by word of mouth and by research by various members of the family, but for many years we have been fascinated by his Death Certificate. It reveals that he died on 6th November, 1870 at Boshes Creek, near Orange, in Central Western NSW. However in it the Cause of Death is "Not Given, by Magistrate's Order". Naturally this raised our curiosity, and we would like to find out the cause if possible.

Research into records in the NSW State Archives has found the Probate Packet, which is of interest, but was unable to find any information that might reveal the cause of death, so the search continues...

Submitted by Laurie Pulley

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