



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

SAVE THE DATE

The Orange Family History Group is delighted to announce that we have been selected to host the 2017 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies **Annual Conference** with the theme of: *Your family story: telling recording and preserving*. The conference will be held over three days 22-24 September in the city's cultural precinct. We'll be providing regular updates in this *Newsletter* but for more information head to our [website](http://www.ofhg.com.au/) and follow us on [Facebook](#)

ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE

The Orange Family History Group recently reached a milestone of 100,000 entries. Entries include items such as births, deaths and marriages listings, funeral, probate and in memoriam notices and obituaries. Reports of news and social pages have also been included which adds an extra dimension to the database. The indexing team has been working on the project since 2009 using both hardcopy and microfilm editions of the Central Western Daily. This is a wonderful achievement! www.cwl.nsw.gov.au and search under the heritage and history link.

DO YOU HAVE AN 'ORANGE' FEMALE CONVICT IN YOUR FAMILY?

We're currently working on a project as part of the 2017 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference and are looking for people who may have a female convict ancestor who spent time in Orange in their family. If you can help us please contact Jan on jrichards@orange.nsw.gov.au.

NSW GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON TROVE

Great news, the *NSW Government Gazette* is now available online as part of the National Library of Australia's Trove 7 update (which has some amazing features)

The State Library of NSW and the National Library of Australia are working collaboratively to digitise and deliver the NSW Government Gazette collection (1832 to 2001) through Trove. More and more pages will be progressively released over the coming year, with the entire collection of nearly one million pages accessible by the end of the project.

This collection of digitised and full-text searchable *Gazettes* are a much anticipated addition to Trove, one which will benefit local, family and social historians, legal researchers and others throughout Australia.

WELSH NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

The National Library of Wales has embarked on a [newspaper digitisation project](#). To date they have digitised over 1.1 million pages from over 120 titles starting with the first Welsh newspaper (The Cambrian). Both English and Welsh language newspapers are included as are papers from the Welsh/English border area, and Welsh communities in London, the United States and Patagonia. This is a free site.

<http://newspapers.library.wales/home>

BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Meanwhile the [British Newspaper Archive](#) currently has 449 Newspaper titles and 11 million digitised pages from newspapers throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland with a date range of 1710 to 1995. The BNA does charge an access fee. Alternatively they can be accessed for free through Findmypast which is available for use within all Central West Libraries branches. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY - BEYOND 1914

The University of Sydney now has a searchable [database](#) of biographies and other archival information about members of the University community who were involved in WW1. Staff, students and alumni can be searched by name, degree, school, place, military rank and more. You can add to the stories by contributing information and photographs and you can also get involved in transcribing some of the diaries, letters and postcards available for viewing on the website. You'll find details at: www.sydney.edu.au/beyond1914

RESEARCHING PATIENT RECORDS FROM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

We are often asked about how to research mental health records. This article from *Discover* provides helpful advice.

State Records holds patient records from a number of State-run mental health facilities including Gladesville Hospital, Callan Park Hospital, Parramatta Hospital for the Insane, Kenmore Hospital, Bloomfield Hospital, Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital and Darlinghurst Reception House.

Typically patient records held at State Records can include:

- Admission files
- Case papers
- Medical case books
- Admission registers
- Registers of discharges removals and deaths, and
- Admission cards

It is important to remember that these records may be incomplete.

Patient records are closed to public access for 110 years under Access Direction No 7 to protect the sensitivity of the individuals described therein. To obtain permission to access any surviving records of patients, researchers must contact the NSW Ministry of Health, unless the hospital is still operating (for example Cumberland Hospital [formerly Parramatta Hospital for the Insane] and Bloomfield Hospital).. Generally you will be asked to complete an application and provide proof of your relationship to the patient.

The address at the Department to contact is:

NSW Ministry of Health
Locked Mail Bag 961
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059
Attention: Facilities and Records Unit
Phone: (02) 9391 9071

If the hospital is still in operation, contact the hospital directly. Addresses are provided in our Archives in Brief No 85.

Once you have received permission from the Ministry, you may then contact State Records' room staff. Please provide as much information as you can, including your name of the patient, the dates they were a patient (if they died at the hospital the date of death can be crucial to a successful outcome). Please allow up to TEN (10) working days for staff to check records.

Our staff will advise you of the outcome of the search. You can then make arrangements to visit the reading room to view any surviving records. For more information about researching mental health records please see Archives in Brief No 85.

THE ASHDOWNS AND WORLD WAR ONE

Almost 1,900 people from the Orange district volunteered their services for the First World War. These were men and women who were born in the area, or who enlisted here. Perhaps their nominated next-of-kin lived here, or maybe they chose to move to Orange after the war. Some people did not fit into any of these categories, but they had a connection to the city of Orange, and such is the case with the Ashdown family.

Edward Parker Ashdown was born in Sydney in 1844, the son of Archibald and Charlotte Ashdown. Following his education Edward joined the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. The bank held good prospects for advancement; by 1892 it boasted 152 branches: Head Office and ten branches in Sydney, 127 in country New South Wales, 13 in Queensland, plus an office in London. As a manager, Edward was posted to several locations on the eastern seaboard, including Newtown, Mackay, Inverell and Bega. In April 1899 he was appointed manager of the Orange branch, a position that he held until his death in March 1909. In 1876 Edward married Florence Eleanor Altesiech, and two years later a daughter - the first of nine children - was born in Sydney. The other children were born in Sydney, Mackay and Bega. Five of Edward and Florence's children served in the First World War; two of them did not return.

Cecil Parker and Edmund Arthur were both killed in action in France; Cecil in July 1916, and Edmund in April 1917. Ernest Edwin and Clive returned to Australia in March 1916 and August 1918 respectively; their sister, Staff Nurse Maud Ashdown, was discharged from the Australian Army Nursing Service in March 1917. The siblings are commemorated on several honour rolls and memorials in Queensland and New South Wales, including the Mosman War Memorial and St Clement's Church in Mosman, and the Holy Trinity Church Orange, where Edward had been a church warden.

Prominent Orange surgeon, Dr Arthur Edmund Colvin, donated a tree in Edmund's honour for the Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees which was planted along Bathurst Road in 1923.

To read more about the Ashdowns go to the Centenary of World War I in Orange website: <http://www.centenaryww1orange.com.au/>

Daughter and Four Sons of Late E. P. Ashdown, Commercial Bank, Orange, and Mrs. Ashdown, of Mosman.



Sapper Cecil B. Ashdown,
Engineer.

Driver Clive Ashdown,
Engineer.

Maud Ashdown,
Staff Nurse, Egypt.

Pte. Ernest (Pat) Ashdown,
Wounded.

Pte. Arthur Ashdown,
Sick.

Five of the Ashdown children enlisted in WWI. Image courtesy Sydney Mail, 16 February 1916, p. 33.

ANOTHER MILESTONE REACHED FOR THE RYERSON INDEX

The Ryerson Index volunteers are to be congratulated once again now they have indexed every available death notice in the Sydney Morning Herald from its first publication on 18 April 1831 to the current day. At the time of writing that was over 1,861,292 records!

Never ones to rest on their collective laurels, they've apparently decided to trawl back through the SMH again, looking for cases where funeral notices were published but there was no corresponding death notice. You can check out their website at www.ryersonindex.org

From *Descent* December 2015

THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF IRISH RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Researching Irish genealogy is notoriously hard, but it just got a lot easier. Many of the 70 million people with Irish heritage worldwide have struggled to find their ancestors in Ireland because many important records have been destroyed. In 1922, a fire burned down the Public Record Office in Ireland, destroying many of the essential 19th century censuses that we would use to locate our Irish ancestors.

Findmypast has released a fully-searchable database of local parish records from all 32 counties in Ireland. These local parishes offer some of the only remaining evidence of our ancestors who lived in Ireland in the 19th century. *Findmypast* feel that these new records are so important to Irish genealogy that they have decided to make them free forever.

The best place to begin looking for your ancestors from Ireland is in the parish records. From there, you can use that information to explore the rest of our Irish records - the most comprehensive collection online.

www.findmypast.com.au/irish-parish-records

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Western Advocate - 29/11/1901: Death of Mr F. Sullivan.

We much regret to have to record the very sudden death of an old and well-known resident of the district, Mr Florence Sullivan on Wednesday evening last, at his residence Sampson Street. Mr Sullivan who was 72 years of age, always enjoyed fairly good health, though during the last six weeks he had complained occasionally. On Wednesday evening at half past 7, just after tea, he was seated on a little box, when

Mrs Sullivan noticed him fall over. She went to his aid, thinking a faintness had come over him, but in a moment realised that her lifelong partner had breathed his last. She pleadingly called him by name, but there was no response the tongue was still. Distracted beyond measure, the poor woman called the neighbours and Dr Fitzpatrick and Father Ryan were sent for. Human aid was unavailing, however and clergyman and doctor on arrival could only confirm what was too apparent. The late Mr Sullivan was a native of county Kerry, Ireland and arrived in N.S.W. in 1863, first settling at Bathurst where he lived for nine years. nearly 30 years ago he came to Orange and took up land at Cave Creek. Here he lived and worked for nearly a quarter of a century and by courage perseverance and industry made such a success of agricultural farming that he was regarded as one of the most prosperous settlers of the district and a few years ago was troubled to retire from active life, build a cottage in town and enjoy the reward of an industrious life. Honest as the sun and possessing all the warm heartedness of his race. Florence Sullivan never had an enemy but by his integrity earned and until the end retained the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss. The latter is the wife of Mr Thos O'Shea J.P. grazier of Cave Creek. Another daughter was the late Sister Martina, a religious of St. Joseph's Order, who died some six years ago at Perth near Bathurst. These were the only children. Mr Denis Sullivan, who lived next door to the deceased, is a brother. Mrs P. Prendergast of Macnamara Street, is a niece of the deceased. The funeral took place this afternoon, the body being conveyed to St. Joseph's Church, thence to the R.C. Cemetery, Rev. Father O'Keefe officiating. Mr J.H. Gain conducted the funeral.

The Orange Leader – 18/2/1927: Personal. Miss Mary Ann Griffiths.

The death occurred at the Orange Hospital on Wednesday of Miss Mary Ann Griffiths, at the age of 35 years. Deceased who was a native of Wales, had only been in Australia for eighteen months, coming here from New Zealand. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon the remains being laid to rest in the Methodist portion of the Orange Cemetery. (Note unmarked grave).

The Orange Leader - 15/7/1935: Mr George Panowitz.

After a lingering illness the death occurred at the Base Hospital, on Friday, of Mr George Panowitz, son of Mr & Mrs Peter Panowitz, at the age of 19 years. Deceased who suffered a peculiar disease of the leg, had been in the institution for some time and although the best of medical and nursing skill was available he passed away as stated. Mr Panowitz, after leaving his home at Mt McDonald had been employed in Orange for some time. His remains were interred in the Orange cemetery on Friday afternoon. (Unmarked Grave - Orange Cemetery - Roman Catholic Section: died 11/7/1935)

The Orange Leader - 19/7/1935: Orange ties Around Sydney.

Mr J. Stapleton of the State Taxation Department formerly a resident of McLachlan Street for many years is taking advantage of his accumulated leave, after twenty years' service to visit the old country and Ireland, the birthplace of his father Mr Stapleton is an

old boy of the Patrician Brothers' College, when that order of R.C. teachers was located in Byng Street, prior to purchasing and establishing Croagh Patrick College now in possession of the St. Vincent De Paul sisters. Mr Stapleton will be away sight-seeing for twelve months. his sister (Miss A. Stapleton, who was once a teacher at East Orange is now at one of Sydney large suburbs Public Schools.

One of York Street's successful business men is Mr Arthur Stutchbury, a former resident of Byng Street. At the time of his residence here he was representative the furniture line and was as well-known to Western towns as the railway centres where he detrained. Mr Stutchbury regularly scares the city dailies for any news from his old home town but (as he says) news from Orange is as scarce in most of them as water melons in July.

The many friends of Mr Lionel Edye will be sorry to learn that he has had a parlous three weeks in hospital in Sydney, where he underwent an operation. On Tuesday his condition was much better, and it is now only a matter of a few days before he is on the convalescent bed.

By the time this appears in print, Mr Waddy of Bathurst Road, will be well on his way up the Queensland coast, on route to Cairns. He sailed on Tuesday afternoon, his objective being to explore the North Queensland markets for the disposal of fruit grown on Western orchard areas, particularly that of Orange. The speedy transit and train and steamer in these days bring the far northern Queensland coastal towns in closer touch with New South Wales and our fruit (cherries in particular) may now be landed there almost as fresh as when taken from the trees. The enhanced prices for Orange grown cherries, plums, pears and apples will more than pay the extra freightage and leave the grower a somewhat larger reward for his labours than has been his lot for many years past. A market for our fruit in North Queensland ports is what has been largely needed by our growers and to-day the opportunity if here and will as doubt be hailed with transport of joy by our growers in Orange, on of the most fertile districts in the Commonwealth. Let's hope that Mr Waddy's mission will have the desired result.

The Orange Leader. 25/2/1938: An affable Sportsman. Death of Mr Harold Murray.
The passing of Mr Harold Murray, at Prince Henry Hospital Sydney, just before midnight on Tuesday, will cause general regret in sporting circles throughout the West and Central West where he was known for his high ideals of sportsmanship and generously characteristics. With the courage he displayed on many occasions in the boxing ring the young man endured his long and painful illness, caused by a rare complaint which, it is believed had not been diagnosed at the time of his death. He was 23 years of age. With his mother and sister he came from Cowra to Orange a few years ago and became associated with Western Cinemas Ltd as a utility assistant. During this period he made many appearances in the boxing ring when the company was conducting a stadium and also fought at contests at Bathurst, Cowra and other centres. Everywhere he went he was popular and not only did followers of the sport recognise his sportsmanship but his ability and unusual talent as a boxer. He held the bantam with title of the west. However, according to Mr Mays manager of the Theatre Orange, who with Mr Rowe

(manager of the Australia Theatre) and staff of both highly esteemed the deceased Harold Murray, looked on boxing only as a sideline his real ambition being to succeed in the direction of theatre management. he was making splendid progress in his endeavours in this regard and was due for well merited promotion when his fatal illness stuck him down. His splendid characteristics were revealed in his love for his mother. As many of his friends in Orange and Cowra can testify his every thought was for his mother's welfare. Sympathy from a large circle of people will go out to her and an only brother Bede, a sister Mrs Des Sloane, predeceased him by a few months. On Thursday his remains were brought to Orange were interred after a service at St. Joseph's Church, in the Catholic Portion of the Orange cemetery. Mr P.J. McGowan directing the funeral.

The Orange Leader -: 6/6/1938: Mr Henry Froh.

Mr Henry Froh aged 72 years who had fossicked for gold in this district for many years, was found dead in his little cottage, at Summer Hill Creek on Friday. he was a native of Germany and a single man. A few days prior to his demise. It is believed he complained of illness to a member of the Coutts family of Culya, who had made available the cottage in which he lived. Relatives from Leichhardt attended his funeral on Saturday and his remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Orange Cemetery.

The Orange Leader - 7/7/1943: Personal.

On Friday afternoon at the Small Arms Factory, Mr W. Blackmore, on behalf of the workmates of Mrs Cruickshank, who is leaving Orange to reside in Sydney, presented her with three very beautiful gifts. An eiderdown quilt, a silver-mounted oak tray and two bedside mats. Mrs Cruickshank has been at the factory for 12 months and has been most popular with all who worked on her shift. On Saturday evening sixty of her friends entertained her at the home of her mother, Mrs Newman of Lord's Place. The evening was spent with community singing and games, supper being provided by the well-wishes and was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The Orange Leader - 20/12/1944: Obituary. Mrs Bert Swain.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mrs Clare Swain wife of Mr Bert Swain of Meadow Creek at the age of 63 years. She had been in bad health for some time and the end came suddenly when she sat up in bed and expired. Deceased was very well-known in the Orange and Canobolas districts, where she was held in the highest respect. Besides her husband four children survive: Gerald (A.I.F Ingleburn) Noel (Darwin) George and Shirley (Meadow Creek). The funeral will leave the parlours of T. Dixon Pty. Ltd. 249 Crown Street, Sydney to-day (Wednesday) for the Rookwood Crematorium.

Central Western Daily: 9/5/1946: Obituary. Mr Frederick Richardson.

The death took place at Lindfield the week before last, of Mr Frederick Richardson, at the age of 92 years. Mr Richardson was one of the earliest stationmasters at Orange, having been stationed here from 1880 to 1902 a period of 22 years. He was then transferred to a similar position at Newcastle and later to the Central Railway Station Sydney, where he served the last seven and a half years with the Railway Department prior to retiring. Mr Richardson was a noted horticulturist and a recognised authority on fruit, flowers and vegetables, which he grew extensively while a resident of Orange. During his early career in Orange he paid a special visit to the orchard property of Messrs William and Elijah Eyles on the Pinnacle Road now the home of the Spurway family. While there he picked two cases of Granny Smith apples and had them packed by a boxmaker to be sent to the international Exhibition in London. The apples secured first prize and the gold medal awarded was forwarded to the N.S.W. Government. Bronze replicas of the medal which is still on view at the Sydney Museum were obtained by the Government. One was presented to Mr William Eyles and the other to Mr Elijah Eyles (father of Mrs George Bouffler, of Sale Street). The medal is still the possession of Mrs Bouffler. Since Mr Richardson was transferred from Orange he never failed to pay return visits at least once a year and always stayed at the Royal Hotel. He was a great admirer of Cook Park and while holidaying here, daily visits were made to what he described as a veritable beauty spot. Located Tulip Tree. Some years ago he located in March Street, just off Lord's Place in North American tulip tree 20ft high. He took the curator of Cook Park, (Mr J. Bastick) to view the tree and subsequently Mr Bastick secured seeds from the tree since planting them along Sale Street opposite the High School. A blossom of the tree was sent to the Sydney horticultural Society. The report made on the tree disclosed that it is a hardy deciduous tree, a native of North America and is generally propagated by seeds, which if sown in the autumn usually come up the succeeding spring but if sown in the spring will usually remain in the ground. For simulation it does better to elevated cold climate districts, such as Orange in the autumn the foliage assumes very beautiful colours. Mr Richardson's wife predeceased him many years ago and he is survived by two married daughters and one son. Mr R.B. Richardson of Dubbo.

Central Western Daily - 11/9/1946 – Obituary. Mrs Eliza Wood.

There are many old residents of Orange who will regret to hear of the death of Mrs Eliza Wood wife of Mr Charles Wood of Annandale and formerly of Orange, the sad event occurring on Thursday last at the age of 76 years. Mrs Wood a member of the well-known Jeffree family was born at Hill End and with her parents came to Orange when quite a child. Following her marriage to Mr Charles Wood, who conducted a coachbuilding business in Lord's Place for many years, the couple because of their sterling qualities and good citizenship, took a prominent part in the town's activities and numbered among its most esteemed identities. Here they reared a family of ten children and they like their parents, having spent the early part of their lives in their native town, made many lasting friendships in this and the surrounding districts. About 25 years ago Mr & Mrs Wood removed to the city to spend the remainder of their happy partnership at Annandale. In addition to her husband Mrs Wood is survived by seven daughters and

three sons: Mrs W. Stewart (Moree); Mrs Thomas Mace (Orange); Mrs Son Gander (Glebe); Mrs Jack Millgate (Five Dock); Mrs Jack Bennett (Prospect); Mrs Sid Ashford (Annandale); Miss Muriel Wood (Annandale). Messrs Percy (Cabramatta); Jeffree (Randwick) and Harold Wood (Annandale). She also leave 16 grandchildren as well as two brothers and one sister: Messrs Ernest Jeffree (Orange) David Jeffree (Kensington) and Mrs George Jeffree (Hamilton). The remains were cremated at the Church of England cemetery at Rookwood when all the members of the family attended, including Messrs Ern Jeffree and Tom Mace of Orange. Rev. Robert Stewart of Hamilton, Newcastle, a grandson of the departed lady, assisted at the service. During her residence at Annandale, Mrs Wood was a staunch supporter of St. Andrian's Church of England and a special memorial service for her will be held there on Sunday next.

Central Western Daily -15/11/1948: Obituary - Oliver Frost.

The death occurred suddenly and unexpectedly at his residence, 108 Byng Street, on Saturday night of Mr Oliver Spence Frost at the age of 57. A native of Goulburn, Mr Frost came to Orange 22 years ago and soon established himself as a worthy citizen. he was a professional musician and gained outstanding success as a teacher of the pianoforte. His pupils had always figured conspicuously in examinations conducted annually by the N.S.W. Conservatorium of Music. Mr Frost was also a capable organist and had acted in that capacity at Holy Trinity Church for a number of years. He had been the Orange Rotary Club's pianist since its inception and also organist for Lodge Ophir. Well liked by all who knew him, Mr Frost is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs Wenham (Wahroonga); Mrs Elphick (Orange) and Miss Marion Frost (Orange) and one grandchild. He also leaves three brothers Arthur & Wal (Sydney) and George (Goulburn) His funeral will leave Holy Trinity Church, after a service commencing at 3.30 this after for the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery. Mr A. McGrath has charge of the arrangements.

Central Western Daily - 15/6/1950: Farewell by C.W.A. to Mrs A. Jarvis.

Members of the Orange Branch of the C.W.A. paid tribute to their fellow member, Mrs A. Jarvis, when she was farewelled at an afternoon tea party in the Rest Room last Wednesday. Mrs Jarvis will leave Orange shortly to take up residence at Narrabeen, because of her husband's ill health. Although it was a cold, dreary afternoon, most C.W.A. members were present and had a very pleasant afternoon. Tea was spread on an attractively-decorated table in the centre of the room. Long Service. The president, Mrs A. Moir presided. She spoke of Mrs Jarvis' long and loyal service to the C.W.A. and how she would be missed. The president's remarks were supported by Mesdames Whitmee and Kemp Glasson. Mrs Jarvis thanked members very sincerely for their kindness and splendid comradeship in the years she was associated with C.W.A. Mrs Jarvis was presented with a shoulder spray and a pretty cup, saucer and plate. Musical items were given during the afternoon by Mesdames Moir, Stansmore and S.S. Glasson.

Central Western Daily - 18/8/1956: Obituary: Mrs B.L. Melville.

The death occurred at Gloucester House Sydney on July 17, of Mrs Beatrice Lillian Melville, aged 74. Mrs Melville who had been in ill health for the past 2 months was born in Orange and was a member of the Airley family. Her husband Mr H.P. Melville, who predeceased her some years ago was a former chief inspector of schools in the Orange District. She is survived by three sons: James (Melbourne); Robert and John of Sydney and two Daughters Rose (Mrs Sneddon) and Margaret (Mrs Gietz) both of Sydney. (note Hector P. Melville married Beatrice Lillian Arey 1910 Orange).

Central Western Daily - 18/8/1956: Mr W.L. Thompson.

Mr Wilton Lewis Thompson a former well-known resident of Orange died in Lithgow Hospital yesterday morning after a long illness. He was 61 years of age. After spending his early life on the family orchard at Orange. Mr Thompson with his late father, Mr Lewis Thompson, conducted a fruit mart in Orange for many years. He left Orange to live in Lithgow about 12 years ago. Mr Thompson is survived by his wife a son Colin and two daughters Mavis (Mrs G. Campbell, of Belmont and Dell (Mrs M. Mackinnon, of Orange). He is also survived by his mother, Mrs Lewis Thompson of Sale Street, and a brother, Mr Keith Thompson of "Avondale" Orange. His funeral will leave the Methodist Church at Lithgow after a service at 8 a.m. today for the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Central Western Daily - 8/6/1965: Millthorpe - Obituaries.

The death occurred at the Blayney District Hospital, on Friday May 28, of Mr Charles Kemp a well-known former Millthorpe resident at the age of 85 years. The late Mr Kemp had been a patient in the hospital for a lengthy period. His funeral took place at Millthorpe on Sunday afternoon, May 30 and after a service at St. Mark's Church of England, interment was made in the Church of England portion of the cemetery. His wife predeceased him by several years. he is survived by a son, Mr Bill Kemp of Forest Road. The rector of Blayney Rev. A.R. Austin officiated at the church and the graveside.

Central Western Daily - 21/3/1977: Max Stewart dies in Melbourne.

Australian Motor racing champion. Max Stewart, formerly of Orange, died in Royal Melbourne Hospital on Saturday night from injuries he received in a 150km/h crash at Calder Raceway. Stewart's Lola Formula 500 crashed into the rear of an Elfin driven by Vern Schuppan during a practice round for yesterday's Kleber 40,000 race. Stewart suffered severe head injuries in the crash. Rescue teams took 20 minutes to get Stewart free from the wreckage of his Lola. Stewart who was 42, operated a garage in Orange for some years and moved to Sydney about two years ago so he could be closer to motor racing venues. He won the Australian motor racing championship, while resident in Orange. Stewart had invested thousands of dollars in his racing interests and dedicated to the sport. For much of his top-flight career he was one of the few champions who never had the benefit of a powerful sponsor. (A photo of Mr Max Stewart was next to the article). (His full name Malcolm Clarke (Max) Stewart died 20/3/1977).

INTERESTING ITEMS – ORANGE CEMETERY

The Orange Family History members have been checking information on the Orange Cemetery and found the following very interesting:

Headstone, Methodist Section, Francis Tremlett accidentally killed 20/3/1965 age 52 years. I could not find his death on NSW B.D.M. In the Central Western Daily he was recorded as being hit by two cars in Peisley St., Orange. However, his name was recorded in these articles as being Frank Tremblett. Looking up the date of death in Orange on B.D.M. found 21/3/1965 of Frank Trethewey. In the papers mentioned his sister was from Broken Hill. Looking at births in South Australia found them both, parents as Walter Bennett and Mother Agnes Mary Hodge. This helped us realise that Frank Trethewey was incorrect and should have been Frank Tremblett as parents and date of death were correct.

Headstone, Methodist Section, Olive Ridley, accidentally killed 26/4/1929 age 27 years. Could not find her death on N.S.W. B.D.M. The Orange Leader, Motor Fatality Young Woman Killed - Two men seriously injured. Gave her name as Olive Ridley. However, in the Orange Leader article of the coroner's inquest gave her name as Josie Alma Newman.

N.S.W. State Records, Coroners' Inquest Newman Josie Alma - held Cudal injuries accidentally received through being thrown from a motor lorry, died Longs Corner near Cudal - age 29 - born Cundletown.NSW. B.D.M. death - Newman Josie Alma, 29 years Molong - mother Violet. On checking the B.D.M. found a Josephine Robson married to George Newman and B.D.M. birth Robson Josey Alma mother Violet.

Headstone, Methodist Section - Alan (Jerry) Lapham accidentally killed 4/3/1962 52 years. Articles of death in Central Western Daily - Alan Lewis (Jerry) Lapham. Could not find his death in B.D.M. under Lapham however, found a record of his death under the surname Tapham. (note this is the only record under the surname of Tapham).

Headstone: Roman Catholic - William Joseph Hourigan - died 5/8/1917. B.D.M. had his surname as Hanrigan William J. He died at Bourke and was buried in Orange. His wife's family where in Orange at the time of his death. Their surname was Malone.

FROM OTHER JOURNALS

In the journal of Nepean Family History Society Inc. - Timespan - page 6
Valda May Foster (nee Thomas) first child of Bill and May Thomas of Clergate. Married Kevin Foster 1947 at Redfern. She died on the 19/9/2008. Buried at Emu Plains General Cemetery.

GOWMAN William - died 2/9/1887 & Elizabeth Gowman (nee Jenkins) died 5/10/1916 buried St. Phillips Cemetery March. Children: William Gowman; Ellen Barter; Thomas Gowman; George Gowman; Mary Anne Smee; Charles Gowman; Elizabeth Gowman and Ernest Gowman.

Information request by Marilyn Keirle.

Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Journal No 213 - page 18
Members Interest: Blowes Mary Elizabeth: Blayney, Orange, Cudletown - 1888 and Daniel James Blowes, Carcoar, Orange 1840.

Requested by Mr Ernest William Leslie Brook.

KEENAN Charles Joseph married Anne Mayoh, he died 10/5/1949 buried Albert cemetery: Children: Elizabeth Keenan; Charles Keenan; Constance Keenan; Anne Keenan; Amelia Keenan; George Keenan.

Requested by Ron Powell.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

If you recognise your family or can help with information etc please contact:

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