



**ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2023**



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CULTURAL SENSITIVITY WARNING

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this newsletter contains images and names of deceased persons

In July Orange Family History Group celebrated their 40th birthday with lunch at Duntryleague and an afternoon tea with guest speaker, Kate Gadsby, local author and researcher, talking about using maps in Family History. Kate used lots and lots of maps sourced from National and State libraries and NSW State Archives (now NSW History Museum) when researching the families and properties in the early history of Nubrygyn for her book *Convicts Capitalists and Corruption*.

This Special Edition is jam-packed with many different topics including the opening of the Orange Lions Club time capsule in Robertson Park which was buried in 1973, experiences in mental home in 1930s, and unmarked WWI war graves in Orange Cemetery.

If you have any articles you would like to contribute please don't hesitate to get in contact with our editor.

We hope you enjoy the varied articles in this newsletter.

Julie Sykes
Local Studies Librarian

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SPECIAL EDITION - Orange Family History Group 40th Birthday



*Celebrating
40 years*

Congratulations

REMINISCENCES

ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - BUS TRIP TO ARCHIVES AT KINGSWOOD 1988



Photo taken by Nasie Roweth

Back row: ?, Barbara Mason, Stan Griffith, Basbary Harvey, Avadeline Fosgie,
Bev Cox, Sandra Brooks, Diane Duggan, Karen Isbester

Front row: Bruce Farhall, Annette Condon, Beryl Castle, Pam Lawry, Robyn Neal

ELIZABETH GRIFFIN REMINISCENCES

When I joined the Orange Family History Group, the meetings were held in the community building in Kite Street with Ron Hamilton as President.

Sue Griffin was the main researcher and would sit in the Local History Room at the Orange Regional Library each Friday to help people with their research. Carol now does that.

The Orange District Pioneer register to 1888 was being compiled by Annette Condon and Jenny King following the success of an earlier publication of Pioneers Register to 1860 also done by Annette and Jenny with assistance from Pam Sturgeon.

Also at the time the task of listing all the inscriptions on the headstones at the Orange Cemetery was being done, an interesting task of love and labour. We would meet at the cemetery once a week and work our way up the hill.

When Orange was completed, then we would hop in my small bus and visit Millthorpe, Cargo, Byng, Guyong, Cudal, March and find lone graves over in the paddocks. These days were full of fun and a rich exchange of local information.



Jean Simpson, Elizabeth Griffin, Rhonda Hamilton, Ron Hamilton, Sue Griffin, Shirley Duckworth, September 2001

Then there was great excitement when Geoff Selwood was assigned the task of collating the information, putting it on data base. Shirley Duckworth would review it and then the Society was able to sell the disk, with the launch at the Library.

Another of my highlights was being asked to represent Orange at the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) Conference at Casino. Listening to the guest speakers and then conversations with the folks was a huge learning curve. On a more personal level I met up with a new cousin. We shared our great, great grandparents and it was a per chance remark that we sorted out our connection.

KAREN ISBESTER REMINISCENCES

In early 80s I started my family tree. After the death of my father and uncle, I realized I knew nothing of these men. My paternal grandmother was a big help to get me started.

Off to the library I went and worked in a very quiet and poky corner on a microfiche machine. I came across a lady who copied old photos and we got talking about the families I was looking for and found her daughter, Sue and Diane Griffen, was researching the same families.

They introduced me to the Family History Group as I was between jobs, so I went to 3-5 meetings. They were held in the dusty back room of the Museum, the old library in McNamara Lane.

I didn't understand the terms they were using, but a bus trip was organized to go to St Marys where the maps were kept. Lectures were organized regarding orphans, cemeteries, original papers at churches and record offices.

At some stage microfiche of Birth, Death and Marriages were on sale from overseas countries. I bought a couple and later donated them to the History Group.

Talking to Diane and she remembers the first gatherings at the Ex-Services Club. Then the Museum allowed storage area so the meetings were held there. Then they moved to the Community Centre in Kite Street and finally to March Street building owned by Council.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

RONALD LAURIE HAMILTON

PRESIDENT – 2000, 2001 TO JULY 2002

Ronald Laurie Hamilton born 24 May 1933 – died 15 June 2005. Plaque – Woronora Crematorium. Married Rhonda Margaret Whiteman 1959 (Note Rhonda was also a member of the Orange Family History Group)

Ronald spent 43 years working for the *Sun Herald* in Sydney. He also spent 45 years in the Scouts movement and held leading positions over these years. He and his wife retired to Orange. They bought a farm at Huntley, a few miles outside Orange, where they bred prize cattle. Ron was also a Bee Keeper. They were active Church goers and were very active members of the Orange Show Society, where they enjoyed showing their cattle. Not long after they arrived in Orange, they joined the Orange Family History Group and spent many hours helping with some of the groups many projects and was president for several years.

JIM SLATTERY

PRESIDENT - NOVEMBER 2002 TO JULY 2003

James Francis (Jim) Slattery – died 18 January 2018 aged 79 years.

His wife Anna Slattery was also a member of the Orange Family History Group.

Anna Margaret Slattery died 21 February 2011

CAROL SHARP

PRESIDENT - NOVEMBER 2003 TO JULY 2004

Carol is a current member, volunteer and researcher. Both Carol and husband Michael are avid researchers and contribute regularly to our newsletters.

GLORIA GILMORE

PRESIDENT - NOVEMBER 2004 TO JULY 2006

Gloria Mae Gilmore – died 2 January 2012 at Campbelltown Hospital aged 81 years.

PAM LANGHAM

PRESIDENT - NOVEMBER 2006 TO JULY 2008

Pamela Langham 18 February 1938 – 16 November 2002

Pamela Joy Simpson born 18 February 1938 Coonabarabran. Pam married Leslie Langham at St Joseph's Church Orange 22 March 1958. They had three children. Pam passed away in the Orange Hospital on 16 November 2014. Pam joined the Orange Family History Group in 1998. She was a committee member from 2002 to 2003. Secretary from 2003 to 2005. President in 2006 and remained so until the group joined the Orange City Library in 2008. Pam became chairperson and tried to keep the group 'relatively in order'. Over the years Pam spent lots of time at the cemetery recording monumental inscriptions along with other members. This information was then saved on CD. Pam also spent many, many months recording inscriptions at the crematorium and adding crematorium records up until 2004, which was also available on CD. Pam had been involved in indexing births, deaths and marriages from early editions of the Central Western Daily newspapers which was put onto the internet for ease of access. Pam is remembered for being very welcoming to all our new members, helping in any way she could. She always brought along something delicious for afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all after our gatherings.

DECEASED MEMBERS

ANNETTE LOUISE CONDON - 11 NOVEMBER 1948 TO 5 JUNE 2005

Annette Condon was a schoolteacher. She was an active member of the Orange Family History Group for many years. She loved doing family history. Annette was a great help to anyone who had a problem and would point them in the right direction. She spent a lot of time at the Mormon Church, as a volunteer, helping people with their overseas research. Annette spent countless hours indexing the many projects of the group such as the BDM's from the Orange Court House, the five large volumes of Cabonne Cemeteries, then both Pioneer Registers, as well as checking the *Orange Leader* newspaper for obituaries, as well as burial records from Orange City Council.

SHIRLEY DUCKWORTH – 8 FEBRUARY 1923 TO 15 JULY 2014

Alice Shirley Duckworth was a dedicated member of the Orange Family History Group for many years, faithfully attending every meeting she could. She held the position of Vice President 1992 to 1993, 1999 to 2005, President 1996 to 1999. Shirley helped with transcribing the headstones at Orange Cemetery and indexing the *Orange Leader* and *Central Western Daily*. Her regular contributions to the Orange Journal and newsletter were highly valued, as was her commitment to reading other Family History Society journals and sharing their articles about Orange with us. Shirley's assistance with Orange Family History research enquiries and willingness to seek out information from all sources was appreciated. Her passion for Orange and family history were often demonstrated in interviews and talks she presented to various groups.

JEAN SIMPSON – 3 APRIL 1994 TO 18 JUNE 2014

Jean was a member of the Orange Family History group until illness stopped her from giving her time to the group. She helped with Orange Cemetery CD by proofreading the information. She did a lot of work in setting up the information for the Canobolas Garden Crematorium CD.

DAVID MAX LOWE – 28 JULY 1929 TO 30 MARCH 201

EDITH MYRAM 'SUE' GRIFFIN – BORN EUGOWRA TO 3 NOVEMBER 2019

Sue Griffin was an active member of the group from 1988 until her death. Sue is best remembered by members of the Group for her outstanding information finding skills. For many years Sue was Research Officer and Newsletter Editor. Sue spent most of her life in Orange and was a font of knowledge about the City. A keen photographer, she also captured events on film and some of these have made their way into local publications.

OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

- Geoff Selwood
- Jenny King
- Elizabeth Griffin
- Heather Nicholls
- Ruth Orton
- Marie Cousins
- Neil Bartimote
- Sue Milne
- Marj Taylor
- Karen Isbester

If you have any information regarding presidents or past members of the Orange Family History Group you would like to share please send details via email to familyhistory@cwl.nsw.gov.au

ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - POTTED HISTORY

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
July 1983	Orange Family History Group established	Formed by Bruce Walden Thomas after a meeting of Ladies Evening View Club with Nick Vine Hall, Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists
	At first a private group, invitation only.	Inquiries were answered by Bruce Thomas. Always OFHG policy to answer all questions or to point them to professional researchers.
	Newspaper advertisement to join group	Meeting in public place – Ex-Services Club Rooms in Anson Street. With increase in research inquiries (10-15 per week) decided to help build up the Library resources
1989	Commenced meeting at Orange Museum in McNamara Lane.	
20 October 1990	Bus trip to Kingswood Archives	
1991	Pioneer Register	Forms made available
1992	Transcribing obituaries in <i>The Leader</i>	One year per member
1993	New meeting place at Neighborhood Centre in Kite St	
1993	Incorporated	
1994	HAGSOC travelling roadshow	
1995	Transcribing Orange Cemetery	
1996	Publication of <i>Pioneer Register to 1860</i>	Orange 150 th celebrations
1997	To publish <i>Orange Pioneer Register pre-1888</i>	
1997	Byng tour	
1999	OFHG on internet http://mail.yahoo.com	
1999	Pioneer Register pre 1888 goes to press in December	
2000	Orange Cemetery headstone inscription project	Opted for CD
2004	Moved to 148 March Street	Welcomed by Historical Society
2005	Vale Annette Condon & Ron Hamilton	
2006	Tuesday help at cottage	
2007	Future of OFHG inc - discussion paper	
2007	Orange Crematorium CD in progress	
2008	Secret ballot occurred in February	Motion carried to go from incorporated body to partner with Orange City Library
2008	OFHG resident in Orange Library in July	Memorandum of Understanding signed with Orange City Council

2009	Indexing of CWD births, deaths, marriages started	
2016	100,000 entries on Newspaper Index reached	Awards presented by Scott Maunder
2017	Conference	Held at Orange
2019	Heritage Award	

GERMAN'S HILL PICNIC 1876

Freeman's Journal – Saturday 3 June 1876 Page 16

GERMAN'S HILL.—The picnic in aid of the Roman Catholic Church lately erected in this locality came off (says the Orange Examiner) on Wednesday last, and was an unprecedented success. The day was gloriously fine, and during the afternoon, scores of people could be seen wending their way to the spot selected. In the evening there was at least 300 present, among whom there was a good sprinkling of the fair sex. Various games were indulged in by the picnickers, who who seemed bent on enjoying themselves. At 3 o'clock tea was announced, and there was a general stampede to the church where the tables were laid out. There were two long tables extending the whole length of the building, and they actually seemed to groan beneath the weight of the good things provided. These were attacked by the visitors with a vigour seldom seen, but the supply far exceeded the demand. After all had been satisfied, the Rev. T. J. Walsh, who had been present all day with Father M'Carthy, thanked the people for their attendance, and particularly those from Orange. He then called on the assembly to give three cheers for Sir James Dalton and the Orange visitors, and three more for the Queen, which were heartily responded to. The church of which the picnic was in aid, stands a short distance from the road leading to Cargo; it is a pretty little edifice, composed of weatherboards, and does infinite credit to the contractor, Mr. T Taylor. The visitors traced their steps homeward, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's amusement.

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY TO US!!

Orange Family History Group members celebrated the group's 40th anniversary with a well-attended special event at Orange City Library. Guest author Kate Gadsby spoke about maps and family history research. She shared her knowledge gleaned from many years actively researching her book *Convicts, Capitalist and Corruption* including surveyor maps, diaries, land titles and other property searches.

Former Club President Jenny King spoke about the foundations of the Club and its hardworking, kind and friendly members and hoped the group would continue for at least another 40 years. The group also held a celebratory lunch at historic Duntryleague Orange later in the week.



Julie, Lynne , Sharon and Jenny celebrate cutting the delicious chocolate mud cake to mark our group's 40th anniversary

KATE GADSBY TALK – USING MAPS TO FIND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Orange Family History Group enjoyed a wonderful afternoon taking journey with author, researcher and historian Kate Gadsby sharing her knowledge about using maps for family history research. She wove her way from Sydney, through Bathurst and Orange to the Wellington region citing maps from various surveyors and including details on how she did her research. It was fascinating to view maps of NSW from the 1800s and one also had detailed descriptions of the topography, land and another had original names for landmarks.

Kate spoke about using Parish maps - which are a record of lands grants and sales - as well as lot numbers to go back into time to research owners of properties. By filling in the gaps with Birth, Deaths and Marriages records, newspaper articles, archives materials, wills, probate and insolvency records and even drawings and paintings, you could join the dots in your family history



Kate Gadsby sharing maps with members of the audience

ORANGE LIONS CLUB TIME CAPSULE UNEARTHED ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023

On Thursday 29 June, 2023 the Orange Lions Club Time Capsule was unearthed from its resting place in Robertson Park, where it has lain for the last 50 years.

The Time Capsule Project was initiated in 1973 to raise funds for a ladies' rest centre and bus shelter in Robertson Park. The Lions Club invited the community to purchase an envelope for \$1.00 in which to place items for inclusion in the capsule, which was to remain buried for 50 years. Participants were issued a card authorising them or their next of kin to collect the envelope on 29 June 2023.



The day finally came after much planning from the Lions Club. A large crowd looked on in anticipation whilst Orange City Council bought in the big digger to assist with digging up the time capsule.

The copper capsule was made by TAFE students and sealed in a concrete pipe that was bricked in at each end. It took quite a few hits with the sledgehammer to reveal the drum inside. The Lions Club removed the drum to their headquarters for opening and to inspect the condition of the contents.

On Friday morning Library staff assisted the Lions Club to sort the contents of the time capsule. It was very surprising to see that the contents had not been damaged by mould or water and were all intact, however the envelopes did have a musty smell about them.



Card holders and next of kin were invited to the Lions Club headquarters to collect their items on Saturday 1 July 2023. Approximately 100 people turned up to collect their envelopes. Several had travelled from interstate to collect their envelopes; some were planning to meet with family members to open their envelopes. It was an emotional day for many.





The contents of envelopes included coins, photographs, newspaper clippings, certificates, postcards and other items of memorabilia. With the owner's permission Central West Libraries has photographed various items.



These photographs will be made available on [Recollect Central West](https://www.recollectcentralwest.com.au) You can access this online using centralwest.recollect.net.au

If you have a time capsule card, the Lions Club requests that you make contact with the Club by emailing olc.timecapsule@gmail.com stating the name on the card, the card number, the claimant's name, email address and phone number.

Alternatively, the information can be returned to:

Orange Lions Club Time Capsule
PO Box 499
ORANGE NSW 2800

On receipt of your information the Lions Club will forward details on how to collect your envelope.

Alison Russell
Community Museum and Heritage Manager

IRISH RESEARCH

Still looking for your folk in Ireland?

As we all know it is a nightmare trying to find them on the Griffith Valuations since you need to know the Townland where they lived. Ancestry has now indexed them under surname/forename making the searching a lot easier. As far as I can see these records are only available for Northern Ireland.

ENGLISH RESEARCH

Obtaining a certificate from the UK is not only time consuming but is also expensive (£7.50 for a photocopy, and £12.50 for a certified copy).

The GRO is now testing a Beta based program where you can order a digital copy (only available for Births 1837-1922 and Deaths 1837-1887) online for £2.50 and download it. Marriages are not yet available. I tested this and had my certificate to download as soon as I paid for it.

I just tested this and had my certificate in about 5 minutes, as long as it took me to find the reference, order the digital copy and pay for it. £2.50 equates to \$4.80 on current exchange rates.

Sharon Jameson
Researcher - Orange Family History Group

“IT’S (ABOUT) TIME”

GEOFF NEWHAM AND THE ORANGE LIONS CLUB TIME CAPSULE

“It's Time” was a successful political campaign run by the Australian Labor Party in the lead up to the federal election in December 1972. It was a response to a 23-year-long period of conservative government and focused on land rights, women’s rights, education, health care and the Vietnam War. Gough Whitlam was declared Prime Minister and 1973 heralded the beginning of significant political change, with 221 acts passed by parliament that year alone.

In 1973 discussions were under way regarding changing the national anthem from *God Save The Queen* to *Advance Australia Fair*, the average weekly wage was less than \$100, AC/DC performed their first major gig in Sydney, and Queen Elizabeth opened the Sydney Opera House.

Here in Orange in 1973, Fred Dobbin was mayor. There were two television stations: ABCN-1 and CBN8. Both stations broadcast from late morning and closed down before midnight. A three-bedroom brick house in the CBD cost about \$25,000, a colour tv and video cassette unit cost \$1,600 and the Central Western Daily, 10c.

An active member of the Orange Lions Club at that time was Geoff Newham, a carpenter and builder. In early 1960, 20-year-old Geoff and his older brother, Laurence (a mechanic), built a four-berth caravan with their mate Les McKenzie (also a mechanic). The trio built the caravan from scratch; the tyres being the only pre-made item they purchased. They then set off for an extended working holiday around the nation.

Geoff returned to Orange the following year. On Saturday, 18 November 1961, he and Noeline Watson were married at the Holy Trinity Church of England by the Rev Gordon Smee. After honeymooning on the NSW south coast the couple settled in Orange. By 1970 the couple had four children.

In 1973 the Lions Club came up with the idea of a time capsule as a fundraiser. Members of the public were invited to purchase an envelope for \$1, into which they could place photographs, stamps, letters, trinkets etc. The time capsule was to be buried in 1973 and unearthed 50 years later, in 2023.

Geoff designed the capsule, utilising the copper interior of a water heater. In March 1973 tickets went on sale at five locations in town: Jack Evans Menswear store, the Rural Bank, The Bank of NSW, the CBA bank and a stall in Summer Street.



Orange Lions Club members preparing to bury the time capsule
Geoff Newman kneeling front left
Image courtesy Orange & District Historical Society

The Newhams purchased two envelopes to be placed in the time capsule. By 1980 the family had relocated to Port Macquarie.

Geoff and Noeline returned to Orange on 29 June 2023 with their son Craig for the unearthing of the time capsule. Geoff recalled that it was a miserable rainy winters' day when he helped bury the time capsule some 50 years previously. Although it wasn't raining for the unearthing, it was a bitterly cold 3 degrees at 10am in Robertson Park.

Two days later, shortly after 10am on 1 July 2023, the Newhams arrived at the Lions Club headquarters to retrieve their envelopes. Geoff and Noeline were unable to recall what they had placed inside, and were delighted to discover coins, stamps, photographs and newspaper articles from 1973.



The Newhams opening their envelopes
Image courtesy Orange City Library

Trudi Mayfield
Heritage Research Librarian
Orange City Library

COOK PARK 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2023 SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Orange's heritage-listed Cook Park will notch up its 150th anniversary in November and members of the community are invited to join in the celebrations to honour the occasion. The celebrations will include a picnic and the development of a community sourced photographic archive. Orange Mayor Jason Hamling said Cook Park was a place of historical significance and a special place to many people.

"Cook Park and the country that it occupies has played host to many significant moments for generations of Orange families," Cr Hamling said. "From community events and family occasions to a casual picnic or quiet stroll, Cook Park holds many fond memories for the city's residents."



A special garden bed has been prepared for Cook Park's 150th celebrations
Photo courtesy Orange City Council

The 4.5-hectare block bordered by Summer, Clinton, Kite and Sampson streets was proclaimed a park on 30 November 1873 and officially named Cook Park, after Captain James Cook, in 1882. It was laid out in a traditional Victorian design with straight paths and rows of trees. Much of the original design is still in place today.

Orange City Council is encouraging members of the community to share their photos, memories and stories in the lead up to the anniversary. The material will be added to the Recollect Central West website, an online collection of heritage material relating to the people, places and events of the Central West.

Images will also be displayed on a screen in the Bastick Cottage as part of the celebrations, alongside an exhibition featuring the people who shaped Cook Park.

The community picnic day will be held in the park from 10am to noon on Saturday 25 November, featuring music and dance performances, food vendors, a cake cutting and commemorative tree planting.

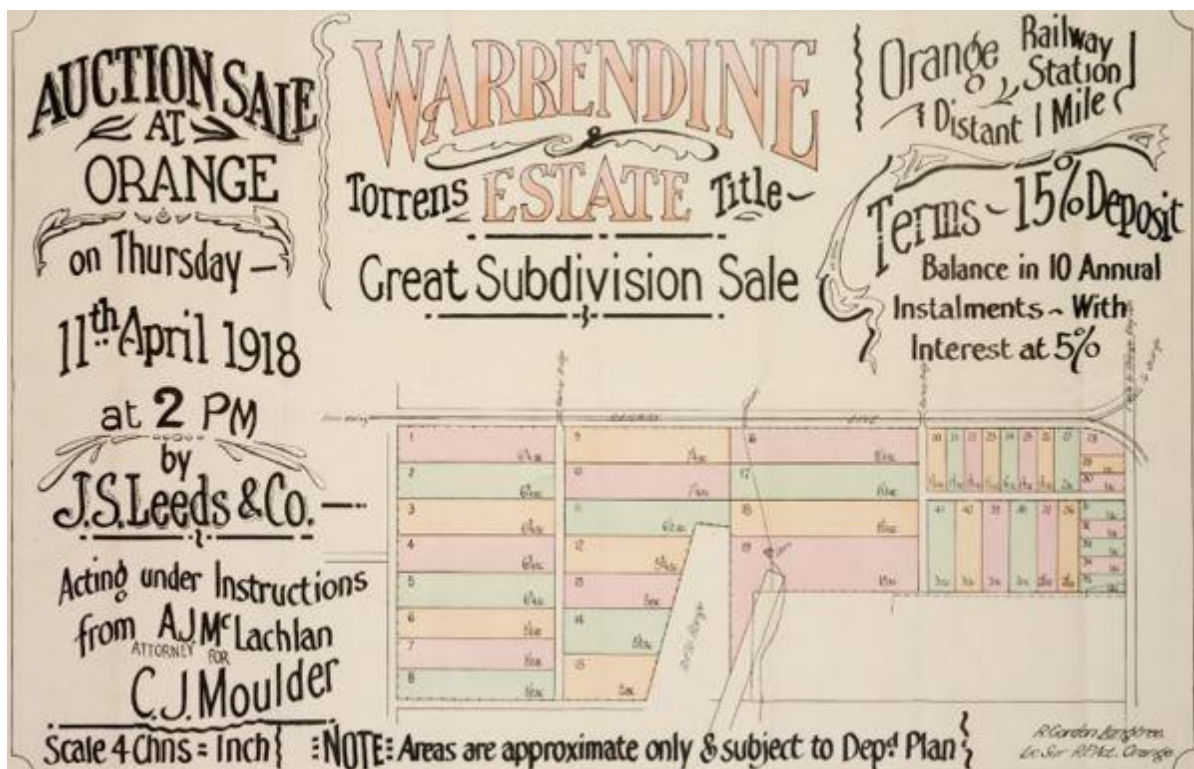
Orange City Council's Parks, Trees and Waterways Committee Chair, Cr Mel McDonell encouraged everyone to join in the celebrations.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate everything that we love about Cook Park, from its history and heritage significance to its present-day appeal for local families and visitors," Cr McDonell said.

People wishing to share their photos and memories of Cook Park should email their material to Alison Russell at heritage@orange.nsw.gov.au

DIGITISED NSW SUBDIVISION PLANS

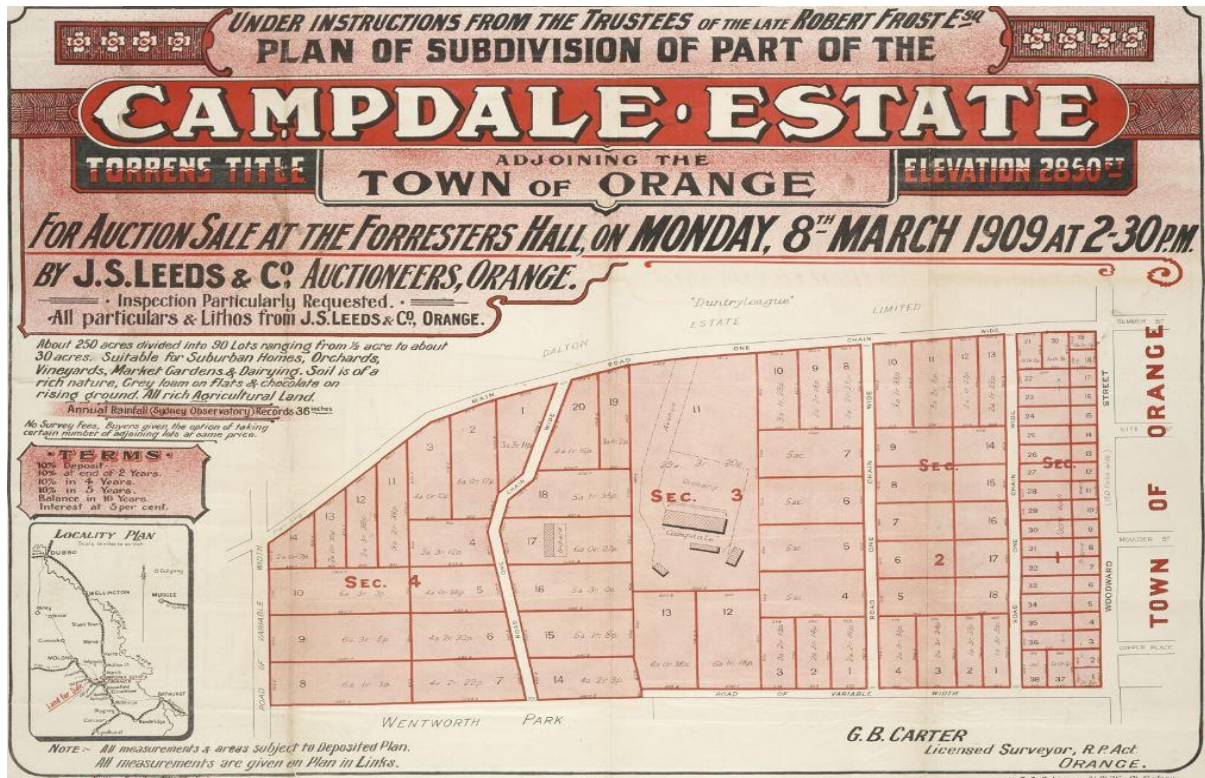
Subdivision plans are a goldmine for genealogists and local historians – they provide a glimpse into the past and are filled with fascinating details. Produced by real estate agents from 1800s to the 1930s, these ephemeral plans were usually discarded once a site was sold.



Warrendine Estate – Orange NSW

They were produced by real estate agents and auctioneers to advertise new subdivisions and land sales. They range from hand-drawn surveyors' plans to

beautifully designed colour posters. Some of the plans are annotated with sales figures, and you can see how public transport or access to shops, parks and local attractions influenced the popularity of a town. A search on Orange reveals the early Campdale and Warrendine estates.



Campdale Estate – Orange NSW

Following the digitisation of Sydney subdivision plans a number of years ago, the State Library is thrilled to announce that more than 4,600 historical plans of 460 regional towns in NSW are now digitised and available for the first time on the State Library's website. Start exploring today!

View all of the digitised subdivision plans on the State Library website:

sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/significant-collections/subdivision-plans

FINDING EMIL CROTTON/MOGYOROSSY

An inquiry from Emil's grandson, Jim Majors, stated that Emil Crotton Mogyorossy died on 30th December 1954 at Bloomfield Hospital AU. This information was gleaned from a scrap of paper found in his grandmother's belongings. Sadly, his grandmother would not discuss her early years while she was alive. His grandson believed that Emil was buried in the Orange City Council Cemetery NSW but there was no listing in the Orange Cemetery database. Jim was hoping the Orange Family History Group had records from Bloomfield Hospital.

The NSW Ministry of Health has closed all patient identifying records for 110 years. This direction includes all mental health facilities and asylums for the Infirm and Destitute run by the NSW Government. It includes Bloomfield Hospital in Orange. To access these records at the Museum of History (previously known as the NSW State Archives), Kingswood, permission must be sought from Western NSW Local Health District at the Bloomfield Campus. Once permission is given the records can be viewed at the Kingswood facility. Click on the link below for more details:

<https://mhnsw.au/guides/accessing-patient-identifying-records>

And so began the hunt to find out more about Emil Crotton. How did he end up in Orange NSW?

A search of NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages shows a death certificate [31759/1954]. It states that Emil Crotton Mogyorossy was born at Lata, Hungary, to Francis Joseph Mogyorossy and ___ Zarnowski in 1881. He spent one year in Victoria and 40 years in NSW. His profession was listed as Vaudeville Artist. Emil died of myocardial degeneration and senility. He was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Orange on 31st December 1954.

Searches on the internet and Trove revealed that Emil Moygorossy and Otto Arco performed as the "Crotton Brothers" all over the world. Newspaper reports describe the young Roman gladiators "*tossing each other about with the ease of a cat playing with a mouse*". Their act consisted of them balancing each other in the air and wrestling in Roman style. Emil and Otto Crotton held weightlifting records. In 1908-1910 they toured Australia and New Zealand, then Hawaii and then the United States. Emil and Mrs Crotton (Louisa Skremka) and baby Luisa arrived back in Sydney from San Francisco in March 1914 for a second visit. This time Emil performed with his wife was purely a gymnastic performance. Emil could paint a landscape while balancing Louisa.

Further searches show Louisa Moygorossy back in New York in 1920s and her occupation has changed to chamber maid. Emil has disappeared until his death at Bloomfield Mental Hospital in 1954.

A poster of the Croton Bros can be seen at:

[The Croton Brothers - Strongmen - 1905 French Lithograph Restored @posterf](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmQupyeiYNs)
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Jim Majors found a box in his basement of circus memorabilia in early January 1922. They included a photo of the Skremka Sisters, photo of strongman Emil Croton, a trapeze bar, costumes, prop sword, and notebooks.

A brief interview of Jim Majors about his find in the basement can be seen at:

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/community/cambrian/article257399057.html>



Skremka Sisters



Emil Croton

Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Sunday 24 March 1935, page 21

EXPERIENCES IN A MENTAL HOME

By "WATTY" An ex-inmate

When reading the humorous articles and the illustrated jokes about inmates of mental institutions, which frequently appear in the various periodicals, I have often wondered if the thousands of other people who read and enjoy these items ever stop to consider the mental anguish, and the months of confinement, which the person, unfortunate enough to be afflicted with mental illness, experiences.

It is a strange fact that any person will readily admit that his or her heart, liver, lungs, or any other part of their body might be attacked by disease, but to dare to suggest that their mind might be similarly affected immediately raises a storm of protest, and yet the mind is the most vulnerable part of their whole physical make-up.

The majority of cases of mental illness are also divorced from such popularly believed causes as heredity, drink, and other abuses.

I was a young man of twenty-eight, with a family history absolutely free from any semblance of mental instability. For some time I had been in business in the town of XXX, when the depression gradually reduced my income, until I reached the stage when I had to secure financial assistance from some source or become bankrupt. It needs little imagination to realise how much I was worried, the days being hours of mental torture, and the nights just long hours of wakefulness. "If I could only get money from somewhere" was my constant thought. I gambled away a few of my remaining shillings in State Lottery tickets, firmly believing, in my worried state of mind, that I would be sure to win something substantial.

It was at this period that something happened to cheer me up immensely. I awoke one morning from a fitful sleep, firmly believing that I had won first prize in the Lottery.

Three days passed, and no word came from the Lottery Office, I wrote them, asking when I could expect my cheque, but they replied, informing me that there must be some mistake. I wrote them again, and said that there could definitely be no mistake, and gave all particulars of the circumstances of my winning the prize.

Shortly after I had sent this letter I was visited by the local sergeant of police and after more questioning by doctors, police and magistrates, I found myself a patient at the Orange Mental Hospital.

Some days after my admission I was taken to the office of the medical superintendent, where two strange doctors and a magistrate asked me a number of questions, but I still maintained that I had won first prize in the Lottery. The charge attendant of the

ward gave evidence as to my behaviour since I was admitted, and I was certified insane.

As I was now formally declared a patient in the hospital, I was drafted to "B Ward", a ward for harmless patients who were considered prospective "workers." No patient can be forced to work, but he is encouraged to 'do so, and enjoys special privileges for giving any assistance to those in charge. It was considered a privilege to be a patient in this ward, and the patients were allowed comparative freedom within the "yard," and, as the ward housed no homicidal, suicidal, or sexual patients, it was visited only every two hours throughout the night.

There was a common room, with tables and chairs, indoor games of all kinds, a music-box, and throughout the winter a large fire burned until nine in the evening, when all patients must retire.

The meals were good, and we were treated very well. No patient is allowed to shave himself, this being done by an attendant once a week.

Eighteen months after my admission the doctor questioned me on his daily round of the ward, and told me he wished to see me in his office that afternoon. An attendant escorted me to his office, and I was questioned as to my present state of mind.

I had gradually come to realise during the preceding few months that my mental ideas were not quite normal, and told him so. He told me that the authorities realised that I had made a recovery and would soon be a normal citizen again. I was accordingly issued with my clothes and belongings and given my ticket to Sydney.

Many humorous incidents occurred during my sojourn, due to the delusions of the patients, but as one who has been 'through the mill' my sympathies are with the kings, gods, and others who remain behind, because I realise how narrow is the dividing line between sanity and insanity.

UNMARKED WWI GRAVES IN ORANGE CEMETERY

This project is finally complete.

Altogether there are 108 soldiers in unmarked graves 38 of whom have been awarded war graves. More applications are awaiting review with Department of Veteran Affairs so there could possibly be more. The more war graves that are awarded, the less Forgotten Diggers need to fund.

Veteran Affairs is now providing \$450 per headstone. This is a long-drawn-out process whereby Forgotten Diggers has to first apply for a war grave and then when this is rejected can apply for the \$450. (There are 19 rejections to date, so we have somewhere to start.) Cost of the brass plaques (similar to those on the war graves) is \$650 so of course there is a cash short fall.

John Thomas of Forgotten Diggers was in Orange last month and we met with Orange City Council who have now approved the erection of headstones with some minor alterations. He also spoke to a local monumental mason who will erect the plinth the plaque is attached to. Everything is in place except the shortfall of cash. We are working on that.

It is my personal dream that every one of these soldiers should have their names mentioned on a plaque in the cemetery. Most of them are not even on the Honour Boards situated in and around Orange.

Lest We Forget.

Sharon Jamieson
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ORANGE CEMETERY DATABASE



You can search for your ancestors using our Grave location search via the Orange Cemetery Database. This can be accessed by clicking on the image above, or visit the Orange City Council Website www.orange.nsw.gov.au/orange-cemetery/

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Central Western Daily - 5/1/1949: T.M. Griffin's Death.

After ailing for almost two years the death occurred at 8 p.m. on New Year's Day of Timothy Michael Griffin of 235 Summer St., Orange. A son of the late Mr & Mrs John Griffin pioneers of the district Timothy Michael familiarly known as "Mick" Griffin was born at his parent's old home on the Molong Road, six miles from Orange 65 years ago. He spent the greater part of his life there following in the footsteps of his father as a farmer and grazier. Widely known. "Mick" Griffin like other members of the family and his father before him was widely known throughout the Orange district, and everyone had a good word for him, because of his friendly disposition and sterling characteristics. Owing to continued ill health he disposed of his property a few months ago and with his wife and two young sons came into town to live in retirement. Two sons. In addition to his widow he is survived by two school boy sons Peter and John students at De La Salle College. He also leaves two brothers Messrs Tom Griffin of Peisley Street, and Ferdiand of Sydney and three sisters (Mrs M.Fanning (Mullion Creek) Mrs Collins (Burwood) and Miss Margaret Griffin (June). The remains were interred in the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Central Western Daily 8/1/1949: Death of identity of Byng.

The remains of the late Mrs Annie Theresa Tom were interred alongside those of her late husband in the old Methodist cemetery at Byng yesterday afternoon. Mrs Tom died at the residence of her daughter Mrs G.E. Buttle, of Bloomfield on Wednesday at the age of 79. Her husband the late Mr Matthew Henry Tom died at the Orange Base Hospital on October 8 last in his 89th year. Early settler. Matthew Henry Tom was a grandson of William (Parson) Tom of Springfield Byng. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Byng District and a son of Nicholas Tom for many years a resident of Bookanon near Byng. Matthew Henry Tom married his cousin, Annie Theresa Tom a grand-daughter of Parson Tom her father being William Tom jnr one of Parson Tom's sons. The late Mr & Mrs Matthew Tom spent practically all their life at Emu Swamp where they were keen adherents of the Methodist Church. Link with Ophir. The death of Mrs Tom removes one of the few remaining links with the old village of Ophir, where payable gold was first discovered in Australia and of the historic Cornish settlement at Byng. Mrs Linda Emma Theresa Buttle of Bloomfield is her only daughter. The services at the graveside yesterday were conducted by the Rev. N.G. Pardey and the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs Box and Jeffree who also buried her late husband in October last.

Central Western Daily - 4/1/1952: John Gallagher - Obituary.

Mr John Gallagher. A digger of the first World War and a popular identity about town. Mr John Gallagher died at Orange Base Hospital on Wednesday night aged 66 years.

Victim of shell shock during lengthy war service Jack Gallagher returned to Orange after his discharge with a total absence of his former robust constitution and a noticeable undermined constitution. But he did not lose his genial, friendly courteous personality, which remained with him throughout his long illness, thus enabling the well-known Orange native to take life philosophically treating alike good times and bad times. Possessing more than ordinary intelligence and being an inveterate reader of newspapers and magazines he kept abreast with world affairs about which he was always an interesting conversationalist. Taking ill last Monday he was removed to the Base Hospital and one of his sisters Mrs Pat Mathews, wife of the manager of the Rural Bank at Cowra was informed of the serious nature of his condition and she motored over in time to be with him for about two hours before he passed away. He was also visited by the local priests. Jack Gallagher was the elder son of a pioneer Orange couple the late Mr & Mrs James Gallagher and with the exception of services abroad spent practically the whole of his life in Orange. He was educated at the Convent of Mercy when it was located in Summer Street and also at the old Patrician Brothers School in Byng Street. For many years he was a member of the staff of Dalton Brothers store now the Western Stores and particularly before World War I took a keen interest in many local activities. He possessed a pleasing baritone voice and was a member of the old O.P. Club which was headed by the late E.B. Dalton. He usually took part in the choirs of the various comic opera productions by the club and was also a valuable member of St Joseph's Church choir. He was also a member of the old Mercantile Dance Club at the time the late Mr Frank Mannix was secretary, and the music was supplied by Mr W. Lehmann's orchestra. Jack Gallagher rarely missed a function in those days and a special occasion was when he won first prize at a poster ball in aid of the old District Hospital at which he represented Bushell's Tea, with Miss Flor Dolley (now Mrs J. Kaye) as partner. He is survived by three sisters and one brother: Mother M. Brigid of the Brigidine Convent, Maroubra Bay. Mrs T.P. Wilson (Sydney) Mrs P. Mathews (Cowra) and Mr James Gallagher (Sydney). A requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this morning and the funeral will leave the church of the Catholic portion of Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 22/7/1953: Death of Miner.

A man who travelled over the Blue Mountains with his parents in a bullock dray when four years of age and spent the greater part of his life digging for gold in the Orange district died on July 15 at the age of 81 years. He was Mr Reuben Davis, who died at the residence of his daughter Mrs Ivy Davis of 8 Ophir Street, Orange. He was born at Richmond leaving there when four years of age and was one of the last of the old gold and copper miners who played a big part in the early activities of the mining districts surrounding Orange, principally Ophir and Lewis Ponds. His parents the late Mr & Mrs Sinus Davis settled on a 40 acre selection at Spring Hill and in later years Reuben Davis and his father chiefly followed mining. He is survived by his wife and six daughters: Mrs Ivy Davis (Orange), Mrs Daisy Finneran, Mrs Edith Wilson; Mrs Edna Jenner and

Mrs Gertrude Ross all of Millthorpe and Mrs Evelyn Day of Orange. There are 23 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters Mrs Amy Hinchcliffe (Forest Reefs) and Mrs Florrie Boulton (South Coast).

Central Western Daily: 8/5/1954: Obituary - Martin Stanley Hawke.

The death on Thursday of Mr Martin Stanley Hawke of Clinton St brought relief to many years of patient suffering. Born in Cornwall England just 61 years ago. Mr Hawke served in the 1914-18 war when he was twice wounded but was still in France when the war ended. He returned to Australia and settled on the land on the Cadia Road, where he carried on for some time but found it impossible because of his bad state of health to continue. He then came into Orange to make his home in Clinton Street but his incurable wounds prevented him from taking part in any outside activities. He married Miss Ivy Gaudry and she and two brothers survive: Charles of New Zealand and Dan of Orange. The funeral took place on Friday when the remains were laid to rest in the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery. Rev. W. Petersen officiated at the church and graveside where the burial service of the Returned Soldiers League was recited by Mr James Porter.

Molong Express - 11/5/1956: Obituary - George William Lawson.

The death occurred recently at his home in Ascot Brisbane of a former Manildra resident Mr George William Lawson. The late Mr Lawson went to reside in Brisbane many years ago, but was well known to many older residents of the district. Mr Lawson's parents were originally landholders in the Gumble District but Mr Lawson senior later became the proprietor of the old Royal Hotel when it was situated on the corner of Kiewa and Derowie Streets. The late Mr Lawson is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Molong Express - 23/8/1957: Mrs I Gosper farewelled.

Well known Manildra citizen Mrs Ivy Gosper was tendered a farewell by several local organisations at the CWA rooms recently. Mrs Gosper who has been a lifelong resident of Manildra is to make her home at Pymble. Mrs C.G. Miller chaired the gathering and presented a reading lamp to Mrs Gosper. Speakers were Mesdames P.W. Carroll (CWA) C.L. Beddie (Book Club); A.C. Miller P and A. Association); H. Behan (Red Cross) and L. Rubie who made a presentation of a cup, saucer and plate from the Golf Associates.

Molong Express: 23/8/1957: Obituary - Henry David Cole.

The death occurred at the Dubbo Base Hospital on August 16 of Mr Henry David Cole aged 85 years. He had been in Hospital only a short time. The late Mr Cole was one of

large family and was a son of the late David Cole. He was born at Rockley and came to Molong as a boy. He remained in this district until last December when he moved to Dubbo. His wife (nee Miss Pheoebe Pursell) predeceased him by a few years. They had no family. The late Mr Cole is survived by two sisters and two brothers Rose (Mrs J. Staines, Dubbo), Florrie (Mrs A. Staines, Inverell); Fred (Lidcombe) and Albert (Adelaide). Six sisters and a brother predeceased him. The funeral was at Dubbo and interment took place in the Church of England portion of the Dubbo cemetery. Mr C.J. Shakespeare had charge of funeral arrangements.

Central Western Daily - 4/11/1957: Man found dead.

A four Mile Creek property manager was found dead at his home yesterday by a property hand. He was John A. Swinton manager of "Ashleigh Park" Four Mile Creek. He was found by a property hand Len Davis. Police said Swinton who was about 77 years old died of natural causes.

(note: Orange Cemetery - headstone: In Loving Memory of John Winston, died 3 Nov 1957 aged 69 years. Also birth under surname Swintan John - 24845/1889 Inverell).

Molong Express - 8/8/1958: Three injured in East Molong Fire.

Three workmen were seriously burned on Sunday night in a fire which caused damage. The fire occurred in a corrugated iron shed which the Italian workmen were using as a dormitory. Twenty eight Italians, including the three men who were injured lost all their possessions in the fire. The injured men are Zuccoo Romano; Gino Collusi and Petro Magentale. It is believed that they were burned when they attempted to save possessions. The fire completely gutted the building which at one time was used in the manufacture of a fertiliser and is situated in east Molong. A quantity of valuable electrical equipment was housed in the building and all was lost. The workmen were billeted in private homes for the remainder of the night and the men were later given many gifts of clothing. Supervising engineer Mr P. Dal Monte told a reporter on Monday that Molong people had been very kind to his men. He said many of the men had lost all their possessions but the company would make up the losses. He said the men had been paid on Saturday and the wages were lost in the fire. The fire is believed to have started from an electricity short circuit in the roof. Flames were said to have spread from one end of the building to the other in a matter of minutes. Electric Power Transmissions Pty Ltd is contracting company which is building a high-tension line from Orange to Dubbo for the Electricity Commission.

Molong Express - 24/12/1958: Obituary - James Cornelius Devenish.

The death occurred at Prince Henry Hospital last week of a Manildra native Mr James Cornelius Devenish aged 66 years. Deceased who was a resident of Stanmore leaves a

widow and adult family. He received his early education in the district and was a son of the late Jas Devenish a railway per way ganger here. In his youth he conducted a mail contract between Manildra and Parkes and later joined the police force. He retired several years ago with the rank of Superintendent. A few years ago he held the position of Secretary to the Catholic Club, Castlereagh St., Sydney.

Molong Express 8/1/1959: Obituary. Havey Ryves Jago Holt.

Mr Harvey Ryves Jago Holt, well known Molong solicitor passed away at Molong District Hospital on Friday last (January 2) after a long and painful illness. The late Mr Holt who was born at Rockhampton, Queensland 81 years ago was a son of the late William Harvey Holt of Cornwall, England and a grandson of the late John Smith who was the original owner of "Gamboola" and for whom the homestead was built. The late Mr H.R.J. Holt came to Molong more than 50 years ago, when he commenced practice as a solicitor, continuing in that profession until some five years ago, when illness compelled his retirement. The late Mr Holt was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late Reverent George Middleton, who was accurate of the Molong Church of England some time prior to 1866. One son of his first marriage Harvey, who was accidentally killed at Gunnedah, was his only child. His wife Mrs Enid Holt, two brothers, Messrs Bruno (Northmead) and Jack (Brisbane) and two sisters Mrs Ken Bowman of Wargundy N.S.W. and Mrs Morgan of Lindfield, survive him. One brother Robert and one sister Mrs Helen Thompson are deceased. The remains of the late Mr Holt were privately cremated at Canobolas Crematorium on Saturday last.

Molong Express - 15/1/1959: Obituary . Mrs Emily Jane Frecklington.

The death occurred on Saturday at the Memorial Hospital Cudal of Mrs Emily Jane Frecklington, aged 80 years. She was born at Bowan Park and was a member of the well known Baker family of that district. Her husband Mr John Frecklington was injured in a mine accident at Bowan Park and passed away a few hours later. Their son George was awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal for his bravery in this accident. Mrs Frecklington leaves a family of six. They are Evelyn (Mrs S. Thornberry of Ashfield) Hilary (Burwood), Alma (Mrs Whiley of Cargo), George (Koorawatha), Ellen (Mrs Whiley of Cudal) and John (Cargo). One daughter is deceased. Two brothers James (Cowra) and Bertie (Nelson New Zealand) survive. The interment took place at Cudal after a service at Saint James Church of England.

***Cudal cemetery - John Frecklington - died 24/9/1923 -Emily Jane Frecklington died 10/1/1959 80 years.

Central Western Daily: 17/10/1960: Man dies at his son's wedding.

A well known Clergate man collapsed and died at his son's wedding reception in the

C.W.A. room in Orange on Saturday night. He was Mr James Henry Ginn 62. His son John was married on Saturday afternoon at St Barnabas Church of England East Orange to Deirdre Fanning daughter of Mr & Mrs Hilton Fanning of March. The bride and bridegroom were not present when Mr Ginn collapsed. They had left the hall to change for travelling. Wedding guests were asked to leave the reception and a doctor was sent for immediately. The young couple have postponed their honeymoon trip. The late Mr Ginn was born at Glen Innes and later lived at Cairns Queensland. Ex-serviceman. He served in World War I with the Australian Light Horse in the Middle East. He enlisted in World War II and served in guard and garrison duties. Mr Ginn snr married Miss Constance Emma Gazzard and lived at Clergate where Mr Ginn was employed as a forester in the Mullion Creek State Forest. He is survived by his wife and two daughters Joyce and Margaret and one son, Raymond John all of Clergate. After a service at St. Barnabas Church of England today he will be buried in the Church of England portion of the Orange cemetery. Members of the Orange sub-branch of the R.S.L. are invited to attend.

Central Western Daily - 1/5/1963: Obituary - Mrs D.E. Edge.

The death occurred in Orange on Friday April 26, of Mrs Dorice Elizabeth Edge of 61 Kite St., widow of the late Robert Westcott Edge. Mrs Edge is survived by three sons Carl and Jack of Orange and Ross of Melbourne, who was travelling to Orange to visit his mother at the time of her death. Also surviving her are three sisters Mrs E. Woodland (Edie of Brisbane); Mrs M. Field (Mary, of Ryde) and Mrs L.E. Davis (Agnes of San Francisco, USA) and one brother Charles Gressier, of Sydney. Mrs Edge was born at Bathurst in 1891 and moved to Orange in 1895 with her parents Mr & Mrs John Gressier. She received a wide education with the Sisters of Mercy at St Joseph's Convent School and later achieved outstanding success in the study of music under the tuition of the late Sister M. Augustine. She was the first pupil outside the metropolitan area to gain the honour of Associate of the London College of Music. She was successful in many other musical examinations. She went on to many successes in the competitive field in singing, in eisteddfods in many places, including Orange, Bathurst and Wellington and Ballarat in Victoria. Along with her sisters she took many leading roles in musical society productions including comic operas such as the works of Gilbert and Sullivan and "Country Girl". After her marriage to Bob Edge she made her home in Forbes where she quickly became active in choral, solo and dramatic work. After her return to Orange she became well known as a teacher of voice production, gaining many successes with her pupils at eisteddfod including Sydney. During this period she acted as musical adjudicator at a number of country eisteddfods. In 1936 she became Musical Directress of St Joseph's Catholic choir and successfully carried on in that capacity until about two years ago when due to her health, she relinquished the work. She was always readily available to help any charitable organisation regardless of creed or nature of the organisation, both in her capacity as a program organiser and a concert soloist. Many will remember her programs arranged in and

around Orange. Her voice will be remembered by numerous married couples, young and old as part of their wedding ceremonies. Prior to her interment in the Catholic portion of the Orange cemetery on Sunday afternoon, Masses for the repose of her soul were offered at St Mary's East orange by the Very Rev. Monsignor Sheahan and at St Joseph's Church by the Rev. Father O'Doherty. Panegyric addresses were given in both churches. The love and respect in which she was held was indicated by the large attendance at her funeral which was held under very adverse weather conditions. The truly representative gathering including members of the Orange Orpheus Male Choir, the Methodist Choir, St Joseph's Choir and many other church and charitable organisations with which she had been associated over her many years of public life. The Catholic Women's Club with which she was associated attended and recited the Rosary prior to her funeral which left St. Joseph's Church after a service conducted by Father O'Doherty, assisted by Monsignor Sheahan. Pall bearers were members of St Joseph's choir. Messrs Charles McAtamney, Ken Downey; Ray Cameron and Harry Knight.

Central Western Daily -13/1/1966: Mailman's death 69. Manildra.

A well known Manildra mailman and hire car proprietor, Mr Leslie Charles Carty, died last Saturday morning while delivering mail at Bocobra. He was 69. Mr Carty had just delivered mail at a box when he complained of feeling unwell. His 10 year old nephew who was with him ran to a nearby house for help but when he returned his uncle was dead. A heart seizure brought about by other complications including a kidney complaint was the cause of death. Three months ago Mr Carty had a hernia operation the first time he had ever been in hospital. Mr Carty was born at Cudal a son of the late Mr & Mrs Daniel Carty. Was drover. In his early days he was a drover, but in the 1940's he and his wife made their home in Manildra where he was connected with a bakery firm. In recent years Mr Carty was well known throughout the Central West as a hire car proprietor mail contractor and school car service operator. He was known for his courtesy and promptness and was on call day and night for emergency trips. Keen on sport he played cricket and tennis in his earlier years and was a member of Manildra Bowling Club up to the time of his death. He was a trustee of Manildra Common for many years. Mr Carty is survived by his widow Mrs Wilga Carty two daughters Lorna (Mrs R. Hodges, Sydney) and Miss Wilma Carty (Manildra) and brothers Norman, Daniel ("Jack") both of Manildra and James (Sydney). Bowlers march. Manildra bowlers marched at the funeral. Mr Carty was buried in the Anglican portion of Meranburn Cemetery. Pall bearers were Messrs T. Carty (nephew) E. Hall, S. Moore and W. Williamson.

Central Western Daily - 31/5/1968: Tribute to Miss Edith Robinson.

A tribute to Miss Edith Robinson who died in Orange last week was sent to the Central Western Daily yesterday by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous. Her tribute is as

follows: "By way of your paper may I pay a small and inadequate tribute to the late Miss Edith Robinson" "Few people have had as many friends as Edith Robinson and all will feel sad at the loss of one whom they felt it was a privilege to know. Her warm hearted and genuine interest in everyone and everything involved her in many activities and she was sought after by young and old. "Hers was not the popularity of easy going acquiescence. "She held her strong views which she never hesitated to express and many a "dressing down" she gave if she felt the recipient was not pulling his or her weight or was being "one eyed" about something. "Her sympathy and help for those in trouble were experienced by many. "Throughout her illness her cheerful courage, laced with an inimitable sense of humor, was an inspiration to everyone. "Her wish that there should be no immediate announcement of her death was typical of the unselfishness and thought for others which was her life. "There are many whose lives are richer for knowing her and will thank God that Edith Robinson came their way".

(Note: Edith Forman Robinson - was cremated - Canobolas Gardens Crematorium)

Central Western Daily- 25/7/1968: Obituary - Mrs E.I. Goodman.

Millthorpe - The death occurred in Blayney District Hospital on July 10 of Mrs Elsie Isabella Goodman of Crowson St., Millthorpe at the age of 85. Mrs Goodman was the daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Christopher Prest, pioneers of Spring Hill, where they owned a property. Mrs Goodman was born at Spring Hill. She was a well known and loved teacher and taught at various schools -Orange, Spring Hill and East Guyong. She married Mr John Goodman also a school teacher at the Orange Baptist Church. Of later years Mr & Mrs Goodman and family lived on their property "Goodvale" at Guyong. Mrs Goodman was a keen gardener and also loved to write about the history of Millthorpe and district. She took a keen interest in local affairs and was the Guyong correspondent for the Central Western Daily for many years. Mr & Mrs Goodman and family came to Millthorpe seven years ago. Mrs Goodman is survived by her husband and five children daughters Elsie (Mrs Hunter, of Millthorpe) and Jean (Millthorpe) and sons Eric (Sydney), Ralph (Millthorpe) and Maurice (Belmont) and three grandchildren. After a service in the Millthorpe Baptist Church, the funeral cortege moved to the Baptist portion of Millthorpe Cemetery

(Note have copies of: Central Western Daily 6/1/1964- More memories of Millthorpe District's early days. - District Flashback - A pioneer and his family by Mrs E. Goodman - Central Western Daily 18/1/1964)

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POST / HOWARTH 200 YEARS REUNION



NASHDALE, NSW - 26 AUGUST 2023

We invite the Descendants of Thomas Howarth & Martha Post to attend a family reunion at the Nashdale Hall (outside Orange, NSW) on **Saturday 26 August 2023 from 10am.**

The 28th August 2023 marks 200 years since John Post came to Australia onboard the convict ship 'Henry'.

Johns daughter Martha Post and her husband Thomas 'Lanky Tom' Howarth became the progenitor for a large family of Howarth's around the extended Orange & Bathurst districts and throughout the Central West and beyond.

Descendants can RSVP and contact the organising committee at:
Howarthpost200@gmail.com

Or can follow us on Facebook at:
Howarth Family Reunion in Orange 26 August 2023
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/howarthpost200>

Or by scanning



Attendees on the day are asked to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and to bring a chair if possible. We ask that you BYO drinks and food for a picnic lunch. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

This is a family friendly event! Descendants of all ages are encouraged to attend. We ask for a contribution of \$10 per adult or \$20 for a family to attend to aid in covering costs to hire the venue, which can be paid prior or on the day.



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