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*Members contributions always welcome.*

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Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month February to November, 9:00 am – 12 Noon. After hours by appointment.

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*from our President*

*Kerrie Metcalfe - President – LM80*

Winter has well and truly been upon us. I have found it much colder this year. Maybe I am just getting older.

All was getting back to normal at the Cottage, our members were coming back to do a bit of research and attend our Special Interest Groups (SIG) and then we were hit with a lockdown that started on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This brought a halt to our planned events and the Cottage had to be closed once more.

As I write this report for the *Tree of Life* I reflect over the past few months when we were all getting back to normal, and I pray that we will be experiencing that again very soon as we have so many great things planned for the coming months.

In **March**: we conducted a successful Introduction to Family History Course with many starting out on their adventure and others gaining new inspiration. The success is owed to our band of volunteers stepping up to the task and giving their time every Friday for four weeks. We also held several pop-up stalls within the community to encourage the importance of saving our family history for future generations. A social BBQ was held at the Cottage early in March for the members to get together and enjoy getting to know one another.

**April**: We attended the Seniors Festival at Wyong Racecourse which was a great day for us to show the community what we do,

the networking has paid off with new members and a future project with Palmdale was discussed with the Palmdale representatives. We also took on a client whose research proved trying at times being Irish, however, we completed what we could, and our client was happy with what he received for his money, and we added a few more dollars to the running funds for the Cottage.

SIG's continued and as this is all done by a volunteer it would be good to see more members attend and take advantage of the information shared - it's free. It's amazing what you can learn from these groups not to mention the opportunity to meet other researchers. Pop-up PR stalls continued and Pam and Dellas made a whole \$1 at one of them for us. That deserves a star.★ Julie and Niel Nielsen have done several of these pop-up stalls as well.

**May**: We held a Drop-in day at the Cottage on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. It was pleasing to see some interest shown by the community and all went well except the weather - it rained so refreshments could not be held on the veranda and the rain may have kept people away.

**June**: we began planning our Introduction to Family History Course meant to begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. COVID had other ideas and now we await to reschedule it. Strict COVID lockdown restrictions meant the cancellation and rescheduling of our first seminar for the year with Joy and Alan Murrin. Saturday, 20



November is the new date.

During Heritage month, John Selwood and Wayne Bermingham conducted four Wyong Township History Tours that were hosted by Central Coast Council who paid our Group a fee to present the tours. The tours were well attended and were a good physical and mental



exercise for the guides.

Thanks to Regina we have had some excellent speakers at our Monthly Meetings, as well as some good attendances.

All being well we have some great events lined up in the following months. (**See page 26** for our Planned Events Calendar) Also, remember to read the newsletter each week put out by Wayne who is doing a great job keeping everybody informed, particularly when the Cottage is closed. ... 🌳

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## COVID-19 Update

*Your Committee.*

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**The 'Cottage' will remain closed for most, if not all, of August. Your Newsletter and website will advise when we are able to re-open following DOH guidelines.**

Our **QR code** is displayed at the 'Cottage', You are required to scan the code with your smartphone camera or QR reader. Ask the Co-Ordinator about alternatives. Don't forget you are still required to fill in your details

Social distancing and hand sanitizing guidelines must be followed as per DOH guidelines.

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*from your Editor*

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

Hello All!

Another issue a little late.

COVID-19 has played havoc with planning.

**Membership** – Have you renewed your membership yet? Did you fill out the Renewal Form? Information is available on the website and in the Cottage Newsletter.

The guest speaker for our well

attended June

Members' Meeting was

Bob

Pankhurst.

Bob is a

descendant of a

Boer War Veteran. He spoke about the 'Waler Horses' telling us of their history during the Boer War and WW1, and how they became known as 'Waler Horses'.





I personally found his potted history of horses extremely interesting.

Thank you Bob and thank you Regina, for finding this horseman.

Lockdown has been an opportunity to delve deeper into our family histories and for me, a re-connection with a young country grand-niece wanting a little of her late grandfather's story (my brother) has kept my brain ticking along.

In May, the Warnervale Airport was the venue for an Air Show showing how diverse our area is. As we are without transport, our veranda presented an view point for us to observe many interesting aircraft in the sky, The Air Force Roulettes whilst the RAAF F-35A LIGHTNING was mighty impressive.

On page 12 we are beginning a well researched story from Dr. Terry Ann Joyce member 897 and Ms. Pam Prior. This includes a long list of reference notes.

Central Coast Council have some Family History related items on their website <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on> . Like us, much of their program has been cancelled, however, scrolling through the offerings, many on-line events are still available.

Writing and sharing your stories adds to our knowledge and helps to make our publication interesting. The deadline for the next Tree of Life is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Good and productive researching

to everyone, we are all in this together, stay safe, stay well. ... 🌳



Thank you, Martin.

At the end of our May meeting, our fellow member Martin Fisher [member 653] gave a very informative talk about photos and how we can use them to enhance our knowledge of our past. I had the opportunity on the weekend to put his methods into play. A distant cousin contacted me again, after an absence of over 6 years, wanting to verify some information. A new book on the GREEN family is being compiled and the 'cousins' are collaborating to ensure the information is as correct as it can be.

Bob sent me a copy of a group photo that I had seen before, but neither of us knew the place or date of its taking. It was obviously a hot day as many are wearing hats. A number of the men are wearing dark singlets, which look like the tops of early swimming costumes. Some of the women and girls are wearing swimming caps. There are at least 24 individuals in the photo, from a baby to adults in their late forties. There appears to be sand and water behind them. I could identify my grandmother, her father, her sister, mother and the youngest GREEN, 'baby' brother Jack. Another cousin, John, had previously sent me other photos of my grandmother, great aunt and his father [Jack], taken, he believed, in the early 1920s in Sydney. I used these to verify my identity 'guesses' in the group photo.

When I was researching my



family's arrival in Australia from New Zealand a number of years ago, I found some relevant shipping records. They told me that my GREENs came over in 1921 and returned to NZ in Oct. 1925. Gus' father, Richard A W GREEN died in 1921, so perhaps this was the impetus for my family to come over. The ages of the youngest three returning children were 17, 16 and 11 in 1925. John had a photo of his father, Jack, in a Grade 5 class photo, taken in Greenwich, Sydney. The age fits with both the school photo and his return to NZ. The other photos John had showed my grandmother and her sister as older teens, dressed in 1920s finery.

Bob identified others in the group photo to be CHAPMANs. Kate Mines had married Charles CHAPMAN and her sister Clara MINES had married Charles' cousin, Augustus [Gus] GREEN. Charles became quite famous after rescuing some people from a flood in NZ in 1920. He was awarded the Albert Medal for bravery in 1923, and a gold medal from The Royal Humane Society. He was also an accomplished competitive swimmer. Bob directed me to some articles in TROVE, from

March 1923 and Feb.1924, which stated that Charles CHAPMAN was in Sydney, 'after an absence of some fifteen years'. His middle child, Alice was born in Sydney in 1909, and his third child, Victor, in 1919 in NZ, so this timing also fits.

So, "clustering" all the photos, along with corroborating

documents, has narrowed the timing of the photo down to 1923-25. Perhaps this family gathering was a celebration of Charles' award, or a Christmas get-together before the GREENs returned to NZ. I also feel it was taken on a Sydney foreshore. Perhaps another 'cousin' will have more clues to add. Time will tell. ... 🌳

## Members' Milestones

Since our last issue, the following members have reached milestones and I congratulate them and thank them for their support:

### May:

- #79 John Selwood 20 years
- #80 Kerrie Metcalfe 20 years
- #221 Russell Welham 15 years
- #516 Melissa Metcalfe 10 years

### June:

- #224 Christine Ullrich 15 years

### July:

- #530 Murray Hill 10 years
- #533 Regina Hogan 10 years
- #228 Peter Yates 15 years.

Unfortunately, due to lockdown the July meeting was cancelled so these deserving members will be presented at the August meeting.

Thanks and congratulations to all of you ... 🌳



## New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to our many new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of these members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

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# An Entertainer Or Two In The Family

Lynda Smith LM 02

*Continuing Lynda's story of an entertainer in her family. ... ed.*

Eden's next claim to fame was his relationship with an actress who called herself Grace Savieri. Grace had starred in an Australian film made in Papua, called "The Jungle Woman", where she took the role of the chief's daughter.

*YouTube features a short, behind the scenes clip of the filming of this movie. It is called 'Merauke Dutch New Guinea'*

Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW: 1894 - 1939), Saturday 17 July 1926.

## MOVIE NOTES. MOVIE ENGAGEMENT.

Well, well. So they do marry in the profession out here. Cluster round, girls, and listen-in. That handsome heart-breaker, Eden Landeryou, of "Tall Timbers," has been and gone and got himself engaged to our own Grace Savieri, the original "Jungle Woman." So there you are, or what have you? as they say in the pharmaceutical business. Seeing that Eden strums a mean banjo and sings with an unusual flow of soul, there's little to wonder at in the news, and



Miss Grace Savieri in "The Jungle Woman"

knowing Grace as we do — well, Eden, anyway, knows he's lucky.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sunday 27 September 1925.

## CHOSEN ONE

### Lucky Sydney Girl - Lead in Island Film

There is a girl in Sydney to-day so excited about her good fortune that she can scarcely talk about it at all (says the Sydney "Sun").

Yesterday-and to-day, too-she is playing lead in a local film, "The Mystery of the Sealed Room"; but next week she will be on her way to Papua to play lead in one of the biggest films that have been produced out here.

Miss Grace Savieri, 23 years old, small, with glossy black shingled hair and a pair of brown eyes that many a woman would give ten years of her life to own, has been chosen by Captain Frank Hurley and Mr. W. G. Saunders to play Hurana, the daughter of a Papuan chief, in "The Jungle Woman," to be produced shortly.

### MISS GRACE SAVIERI.

"I have always wanted to be a screen- star," said Miss Savieri when seen in her dressing room: recently. "And it is a curious fact that my only three parts have all been leads. I'm too lucky for words. This part in Mr. Hurley's film will be my great part, I know, and I will put my best foot forward, and make the most of my opportunity.

"I called myself Grace Glover for 'The Mystery-of the Hansom Cab' and 'The Mystery of the Sealed Room,' but I will take my real name for the new picture."

Miss Savieri has been on the legitimate stage, and she is engaged to be married to Mr. Eden Landeryou, who played with the "Kid Boots" company.

"For a while I was inclined to let sentiment interfere with my decision," said the little leading lady, "but I want to show what I can do before I get married and settle down. Yes, I think I will settle down to happiness when I return."

The film star is a good swimmer once upon a time she thought of taking up swimming professionally- and her aquatic talents no doubt helped in her new success, for there will be many swimming and under-water "sets" in the new picture.

Miss Savieri was to leave with the rest of the film company on Wednesday last. She expects to be about two months in Papua, before she starts on "The Jungle-Woman."

For reasons unknown to me, this engagement did not progress to marriage. Perhaps both of them wanted careers. Eden had married at age 18, to a Rosanna O'Shannessy in Sydney. It appears he couldn't handle the responsibilities of a wife and Rosanna filed for divorce in 1920 citing desertion.

Eden left the world of movies and went on to play in his brother Jack's band. They became very well known in vaudeville and later on radio in the 1920s. They featured live on many evening radio programmes of the time - in most Australian states. Stations included 2BL, 2FC, 3AR, 3LO, 4Qg and 7ZL.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954),  
Sunday 26 April 1931, page 7**

Eden and Jack Landeryou, the Australian vaudeville artistes who used to be well known on the Fuller circuit, have been engaged for the London Coliseum, after successfully touring Germany, France and the British Isles.

Over time, the name of the band changed from "Jack Landeryou's Jazz Band" to "Jack & Eddie Eden". By the 1930s they had moved to London and appeared on BBC Home Service. The Landeryou brothers were in London during the Blitz.

**Truth (Sydney, NSW: 1894 - 1954),  
Sunday 20 April 1941**

**JACK AND EDEN LANDERYOU,** (ex-Manly Sydney) entertainers working in England as Jack and Eddy Eden, were out all last night, in ambulances in the blitz. Both are appearing at the Berkeley Hotel. They told 'Truth' a grim story of nightmare dashes along glass and girder strewn roads, along blasted and burning buildings. They waited for two hours in one place with bombs pouring down, in the hope of taking to hospital the buried occupants of a hotel bar. They only left when there was no hope of saving these victims, and took other casualties to a hospital, only to see it hit. The brothers described the night as the most dreadful in their lives.



In 1949 they were engaged to play four concerts at The Winter Garden. YouTube features lovely black and white footage of some of their routines.

Some of their autographs have been included in various Entertainment Archives collections. Other documents have been advertised on ebay.

Eden ended up marrying an actress in 1948. Diana DECKER was also a singer, best known for her version of an Italian classic, *Poppa Piccolino*. This is also available on YouTube.

She was quite stunning.

Diana Decker had a long career in film and later in British television.

According to Wikipedia :- “Diana Decker (born Isabella Charlotte Diana

Decker, 9 January 1925 – 4 January 2019), was an American actress, singer, and television personality, who was popular from the 1940s to the early 1960s... She specialised in “dizzy blonde” roles in light

comedy films and also played this stereotype in a small part in her most significant film appearance in *The Barefoot Contessa* (1954)... Decker had few credits in the 1960s, although she did play a supporting role in Stanley Kubrick's 1962 film of *Lolita*. Her final film appearance was in 1965: an atypical role in the horror film *Devils of Darkness*.”

Eden died in London in 1987. I don't believe he and Diana had any children. Jack may have married... but I haven't followed this line as yet.

Sources: Google Images, YouTube, Wikipedia, Ancestry, trove Newspapers, various Australian BDM Indexes. ... 🌿







## Special Interest Groups




Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. Moderators/Co-ordinators are keen to share their knowledge with others. Please support them.

All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar. [see page 18]

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – Remember, if you book and are unable to attend please phone and cancel.**

SIGs are free to members and go for one to two hours.


Observing strict **COVID-19** protocols once SIGs resume. Watch the *Cottage Newsletter* for more information.

 **Breaking through Brickwalls** – Helen Burkett moderates our Brickwall Group this year broadening it to cover UK, Australia and Convict questions. Ann Cooke has kindly offered to assist her, especially with the latter two subjects as she has more expertise in NSW than Helen does and she has convict family too.




Helen has gathered very many resources and concentrated on more obscure websites over time and intends to show one or more of these each month. They will also be looking at the lesser used resources at our own Centre.


Watch the weekly newsletter or enquire at 'The Cottage' for more information.

 **Multi-Media Devices** – Roger Lewis & Ellen Sheerin continue this group helping attendees sort through their questions no matter what the media or device.




 **DNA Special Interest Group** – After the DNA test, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



 **FAMILY TREE MAKER** – This popular SIG will continue with moderator Martin Fisher. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.



 **PHOTOGRAPHS & FAMILY HISTORY** – Helen Johnston-Lord is moderating this SIG every second month. Taking suitable photos to include with your research publications, using old and new photos, making collages and photographing headstones & keepsakes are just a few things we hope to cover, with input from participants.





**SCOTTISH/IRISH RESEARCH** – Gwen Bates will moderate this interesting area for researchers. Not always the most straightforward proposition, Gwen will be here to guide your journey.



**WORD/POWERPOINT & FAMILY HISTORY** – Once again Helen Johnston-Lord and Ellen Sheerin will moderate this group. We have expanded to include PowerPoint. Word is a powerful desktop publishing software and PowerPoint has many uses in sharing your family history.




*Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential ...* 

## A Reminder For Members

*Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, they have to wear their membership card and do so in such a manner that it is clearly displayed.*

*Adhering to the strict **COVID-19** protocols as listed on page 4 is a condition of entry to 'The Cottage'.*

*Your courtesy is appreciated. ...* 

## William Parsons Meeker: His Life in America & in England

*Dr. Terry Ann Joyce member 897 and Ms. Pam Prior (London, England).*

*Researching a family's history can lead to both surprising and mundane discoveries. Often long-standing family myths and lies are revealed for what they are. During the process of seeking information the focus changes. What becomes important, isn't necessarily the number of generations you locate, it is the stories behind those faceless names who may only be two generations ago, or in this scenario, an American gentleman who was six generations before my own.*

*William Parsons Meeker was a merchant in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries both in America and England. He was only aged in his forties in 1812 when he died at sea on a trip back to America. To date, little else is known about this wealthy businessman from Philadelphia. This article will fill in*

*some of the knowledge gaps of his life in England. A brief insight into William's highs and lows as a trader in*

*London, England at the time of the Napoleonic wars with England will be described. We will also show that there was more to William than a bachelor trader who was lost at sea. William married in England and had his own son who was only about two years old when his father died.*



## Meeker in America

The name 'Meeker' is prevalent among biographical texts of America's founding fathers and their offspring. They were people who emigrated to America to escape from religious discrimination from places such as England and Europe. William 'Goodman' Meeker for example, was an Englishman who sailed to America sometime in the 1640s.<sup>1</sup> He was an Elizabethtown associate involved in the founding of the state of New Jersey.<sup>2</sup> William 'Goodman' Meeker's descendants include William Parsons Meeker, who was a second child and son for New Jersey couple, Matthias Meeker (1744-1832) who in 1764 married Jane Parsons (1746-1814).<sup>3</sup> Currently, William's birthdate is unknown. Matthias and Jane's first child was born in 1765 and their third born child in 1771. Therefore, William's birth date would be sometime between 1766 and 1770. Matthias Meeker was also a well respected Meeker and is remembered for his role in providing sanctuary and health care for people with the yellow fever during the 1793 epidemic in Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>

Another prominent Meeker from New Jersey was Matthias' brother, Captain Samuel Meeker (1738-1800) who was William Parson's uncle. He served in the light horse - Essex troop (New Jersey Regiment), first as a lieutenant; then vice-captain; he was promoted



to Major on 23rd May 1777 and wounded on 29 July 1779 at the Battle of Minisink,

New York.<sup>5</sup> Samuel Meeker (1765-1831) who was



Captain Meeker's son, became a well-known savvy Philadelphian merchant, financier and banker who served in the army in 1812. He was William Parson Meeker's 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin.<sup>6</sup>

Samuel and William probably spent a lot of time together growing up in New Jersey. Then, as adults, in the late 1790s and early 1800s they lived and worked, sometime as business partners, in Philadelphia. This city was known then, as the fashion capital of the colonies and the financial centre of the country.<sup>7</sup> History tells us, that at that time, money was plentiful and lined the pockets of Philadelphian merchants, including no doubt, the two Meeker cousins.

### Portrait by Gilbert Stuart

A recent find is evidence of William's prosperity in Philadelphia. His portrait, painted by the renowned American portrait painter Gilbert Charles Stuart (1755-1828), came to an American auction house in 2009. Gilbert Stuart, who worked from a studio in Philadelphia painted the rich and famous from the established merchant and landed classes. He is also recognised for his portraits of several US presidents including George Washington.<sup>8</sup>

The auction company – *James D.*



*Julia Auctioneers*, portrays a romantic image of William Parsons Meeker.<sup>9</sup>

*[William] wears a very high white neck cloth with a ruffled white shirt. The light brown hair is brushed back with curls at the neck.*

Notable, William's hair style reflects a move away from wigs worn throughout the 1700s. When William Pitt (British prime minister) introduced a new tax on hair powder in 1795, wigs were no longer fashionable and men went back to styling their own hair worn in a short style.<sup>10</sup>

The auction house also states, from the compiled description of Stuart's works by Lawrence Park in 1926:

*William Meeker was a London shipping agent for the London firm 'Meeker and Denman': and this [portrait] was probably painted in London between June 1775 and October 1787.*

The supposition that William Meeker was a Londoner and who was a shipping agent for a London firm is only partially correct. William was not an Englishman. Nevertheless, he was an agent who worked for 'Meeker and Denman' in London. William was 'Meeker' and his trading partner was Samuel 'Denman' who remained in Philadelphia. William bought goods from London and Liverpool, a city in the north of England, and shipped them off to Sam Denman in Philadelphia. Denman then sold the purchases to Americans at discount prices. Items included: *shawls, men and women's hose, Spring goods - all adaptable for the*

*French and Spanish markets.*<sup>11</sup>

Their firm in Philadelphia traded as Sam Denman and William P Meeker. In London, the partnership traded as W P Meeker and Co.<sup>12</sup> Possibly, the author at Lawrence Park was unaware of the existence of both companies and how the partnership was organised. Thus, the inference that William was a shipping agent for a London firm. Similarly, the date recorded for William's portrait is unlikely because it is based on the assumption of William's British nationality and the knowledge that Gilbert Stuart lived and painted in England between 1775 and 1787.<sup>13</sup> If these dates were correct, William would have been between 5 and 21 years old when he sat for Stuart. He was clearly an older man.

It's known that there are two contemporary Meeker portraits. The first, Gilbert Stuart painted William's cousin – Samuel Meeker in 1803. The second, is William Parson's portrait. Samuel and William are wearing a similar clothing style. Therefore, William probably sat for Stuart before he went to England at about the same time as his cousin's portrait was painted. It's also probable that the cousins commissioned Stuart to paint their portrait to advertise their wealth. Hence, it was a prosperous William Parsons Meeker who, not long afterwards, moved from Philadelphia to England.

*References are available upon request. We will continue this story in our next issue. Ed. ...* 🌿

## Exactly Who Was Rebecca Wilkinson?

Continuing Lynda's story about Rebecca Wilkinson.

Thomas Henry WILKINSON Lynda Smith LM2

*"Thomas Cleer, proprietor the Half-way House, Botany road, about a quarter of a mile from the Kerosene Works on the Sydney side, deposed that he recollected a woman calling at his house about half-past 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, the 9th instant; she came into the bar and asked for a glass of beer; she was a stranger to him; he said to her, "I think you have had beer enough;" she walked straight out, and that was all that passed; did not observe the direction which she took on leaving his house; she was alone; she was a middle-sized woman, well dressed, and appeared to be about 24 or 25 years of age; did not take much notice of her dress; thought the hat she wore was a dark one; I inferred from her talk that she had taken drink; the time she called at his place was about 15 minutes previous to the tram passing for Botany"*

It then gets very murky. Some witnesses say that Rebecca was in the company of a young man, others say he was a shabbily dressed older man. Some say she went into a hotel because she was 'fainty' and that a stranger had offered her a ride home. Other people insinuated that Rebecca knew the man and was overly friendly with him [had her arm around his waist]. Some young drunks said that they assumed she was 'available' but was stumbling drunk and had to be assisted into the vehicle.

The young man in question

Kerosene Works Botany Road



turned out to be Henry Pelham, residing at 64 Young-street, Redfern, cabdriver. He had a lot more to say, but basically, he insisted that Rebecca was a stranger that he had been trying to help as she appeared to be ill.

*"...about half past 5 o'clock, I saw a woman on the sidewalk on the Cook's River-road, on the Sydney side of the dam, about half a mile from the dam; the woman asked me if I would give her a lift; I asked her where she was going; she said "Surry Hills". After having gone about 200 yards she commenced to sway about on the seat, and nearly fell over the back of the cart; I put my arm round her waist to keep her from falling; did not like to put her in the body of the cart because I thought she looked too respectable; she laid her head on my shoulder, and I asked her if she was ill; she said, "No;" I could see there was something the matter with her from the position she was in, in the cart; I then asked her if she would have a glass of brandy, and she said, "Yes;" and I said, " Well, the first public-house we come to we'll get off; so I got off at the first public-house,*

*which I learned since is St. Peter's Hotel, and the woman followed me ; on going to the front of the door the publican said, "I won't serve that woman ; "I said, " She is not drunk, she is in a fainting fit;"*

*"Then I started along the Newtown-road down as far as Erskineville-lane, and went through there to Raglan-street to George-street, Redfern, along that street to Cleveland-street, and on to Elizabeth-street, where the woman said she would get off, and did so ; she said "Good night, and thank you," and went along Elizabeth-street, in the direction of Devonshire-street ; that was the last time I saw her, and it was then about half-past 6 o'clock ; we only called at the one public-house during that time, and had but one drink, of English ale ; the woman was a perfect stranger to me, I never saw her before; did not ask her name; she seemed madly bewildered."*

Another witness muddies the waters even more.

*"Constable J. Pannell, stationed at Cook's River, deposed: I knew the deceased, Rebecca Wilkinson ; often saw her under the influence of liquor; last saw her alive on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, passing by the police station, at about a quarter-past 5 o'clock ; she then appeared sober; saw her after that, when she was passing again at about half-past 5; she nodded and said " Good evening;" she was then sitting in the cart with the man Pelham, and looked apparently sober and all right ; that was the last I saw of her alive."*

Harry Pelham was exonerated of any wrongdoing by the Coroner.

After this time, no-one seems to know where Rebecca went, or if

she met foul play. The next section is very gory. Two men in a waggon [Henry Athol Royce and Adolpus Saunders] describe passing by the tram lines near the kerosene works



and seeing a 'bundle' in or near the tracks. The 7.20pm tram to Botany then came along and ran over the bundle. Sadly, the bundle was the body of Rebecca Wilkinson. Her injuries were quite horrific. She was obviously dead by the time the waggon driver and his mate investigated the scene. They stopped the tram at the kerosene works and the driver and conductor verified that it was a woman. They moved and bagged the remains before calling the police. Remains were collected from the underside of the tram the next day, and a 'rail cleaner' also found some more evidence. The policeman took Rebecca's body to the 'dead house' at Circular Quay, arriving about 9pm. A doctor later performed an autopsy, but he said that he could not determine whether or not Rebecca was alive when run over, or if she had been placed on the tracks after some injury had rendered her unconscious. There were no blood tests to prove or disprove alcohol in her system.



There was no mention of her epilepsy being a contributing factor.

In the end, the Coroner made this formal statement on October 23: "The jury found that deceased came by her death from injuries accidentally received by being run over by a tram going from Sydney to Botany at 7.20pm on Thursday evening, 9th instant." The tram driver and conductor were not blamed.

The family had other ideas expressed in the **Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette (Qld.: 1868 - 1919), Tuesday 21 October 1884.**

Thomas Wilkinson, the husband of the woman, informed a representative of the Evening News that he was married to his late wife a few months ago; she was a good wife to him and was generally respected by all her friends.

Occasionally Mrs. Wilkinson was subject to fits, but on the day he left her on the Kogarah omnibus she was perfectly well. When asked why deceased was found near the Botany Road. Wilkinson said he could not account for the mystery. On being further interrogated in reference to his wife's death he remarked that he was of opinion his wife had been ravished at a place behind some vehicle. There was no doubt on his mind that foul play had been resorted to in the case of deceased. She was of a most amiable and sensitive disposition generally.

Miss Glastenberry, sister of deceased, who had been present at

the time of the interview, expressed herself of the same opinion.

Other newspapers had hinted at 'an outrage' occurring, which seems to me to be a euphemism for rape. We will never know. Rebecca was lovingly remembered the following year by her surviving family.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Friday 9 October 1885.**

WILKINSON. —In sorrowful remembrance of my dear wife, Rebecca Wilkinson, who died October 9, 1884, aged 23 years. Short toil, eternal rest. W.

WILKINSON.— In sorrowful remembrance of my dearly beloved daughter, Rebecca Wilkinson, who died October 9, 1884, aged 23 years. "The Lord knoweth them that are His." A.M.

WILKINSON.— In affectionate remembrance of my dear sister, Rebecca Wilkinson, who died 9th October, 1884, aged 23 years. "Gone before, to that unknown and silent shore." M. A. Glastenbery.

Sadly, Rebecca's mother Ann died in April 1886 and her sister Mary Ann in April 1888. I have not yet discovered anything on Catharine.

Thomas Henry Wilkinson remarried, in 1887, to Emily SUSSEX. Emily is the sister of my cousin's wife's ancestor. They had a daughter, Ruby in 1888. Emily Wilkinson died in 1935 in Gundagai. She and Thomas appear in the Electoral Roll of that year, residing in Sheridan street.

I do not currently know what

happened to Thomas after this. I only hope that he had some happiness in his later life. His brother-in-law William SUSSEX must have thought he was

something special as he named a son after him in 1914.

*Sources: Trove newspapers, Ancestry, NSW BDM Indexes, NSW BDM certificates, Google images. ... 🌿*

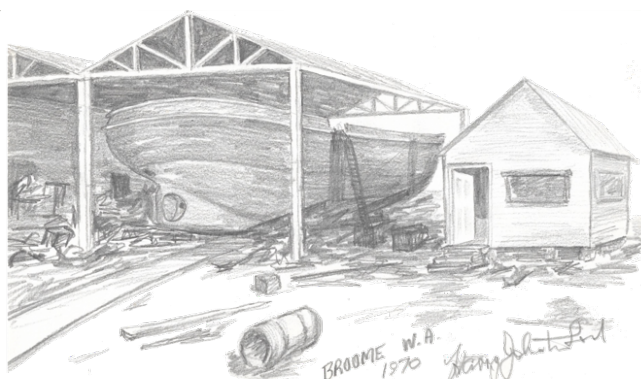
## The Mystery of Graham Dredge

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The DREDGE family members were wanderers. William Thomas John Dredge was born in Melbourne to the wonderfully named Theophilus Dredge and his wife Louisa WILKINSON in 1853. He married Elizabeth Edwards GRAHAM in Victoria, in 1875. They had 6 children- 4 daughters and 2 sons, some born in Victoria, others NSW, and one in New Zealand. That was Graham- born in Dunedin in 1881. I can only assume that William had taken his young family there in search of gold as this area was in the middle of a booming commercially viable gold rush. The lure of gold can never be underestimated. They mustn't have been successful though, as the family returned to Melbourne in October 1881. By 1883 the family had moved to Sydney, where son Harold was born. Sadly, he died, aged only 2, in 1885. Sometime after 1887, the family returned to Melbourne. William passed away suddenly, without leaving a will, in

March 1898. His youngest daughter, Mary, was 12 and the eldest, Jessie, was 23. His wife Elizabeth spent her remaining years living with one or more of her unmarried daughters. In 1925-26 Elizabeth travelled to England and enjoyed a holiday with her daughters, Eleanor and Jessie. Elizabeth died in Collaroy, NSW in 1941. Jessie and Eleanor remained spinsters. Eleanor became an accountant and Jessie was a music tutor.

By 1903, the only surviving son, Graham, was living in Melbourne, sharing a house with mum Elizabeth and 2 of his sisters. The Electoral Roll of the time lists his occupation as clerk and his mother and sisters as teachers. I am not quite sure who made the move first, but Graham, Eleanor and Jessie Dredge all end up in various parts of WA in the mid 1900s. Eleanor was working as a teacher at a private school - the Methodist Ladies College at Claremont. This school opened in 1908. Jessie established herself as a private music teacher in Cottesloe and Graham was in Broome, WA in 1907. He had arrived, via ship from Singapore in



Aug. 1906.

In 1907, Graham announced his engagement:

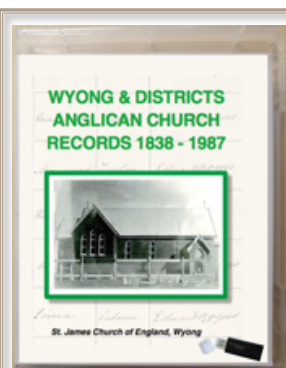
**Punch (Melbourne, Thurs 28 Nov. 1907**

**ENGAGEMENTS.** An engagement is announced between Miss Ruby Constance Williams, third daughter of Mr. W. H. Williams, of Singapore, and Mr. Graham Dredge, only son of the late Mr. W Dredge of Melbourne.

Perhaps the trip to Singapore was to meet the potential in-laws. Ruby's father, William Henry WILLIAMS was involved in mining, either as a mine manager, inspector or engineer. He and his family also travelled to many parts of Australia and New Zealand for his work. At this time, he was in what was then called the 'Straits Settlement', which is now the area known as Malaysia and Singapore. The WILLIAMS family were all very musical, and were keen Methodists.

Ruby was no exception. She was a talented violinist and pianist and possessed a lovely singing voice. There is a shipping record from 21 Oct. 1905 that has Ruby [born 1886] and her sister Olive [born 1889] arriving in Fremantle from Singapore. I don't yet know how Ruby came to be in Broome by 1907, but the engagement was a short one as a marriage is recorded for 7<sup>th</sup> December, the same year, in Broome. This frontier town had only been established in 1883. The major industry was pearling. The town grew rapidly after the submarine telegraph cable connected the area with the rest of the world via Java in 1889. I have no idea what the attraction would have been for Graham and Ruby.

*We hope to continue the story of Graham Dredge in our next issue, ed. ...* 🌿



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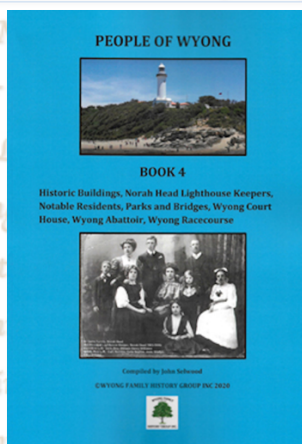
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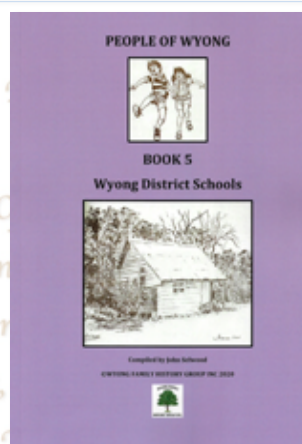
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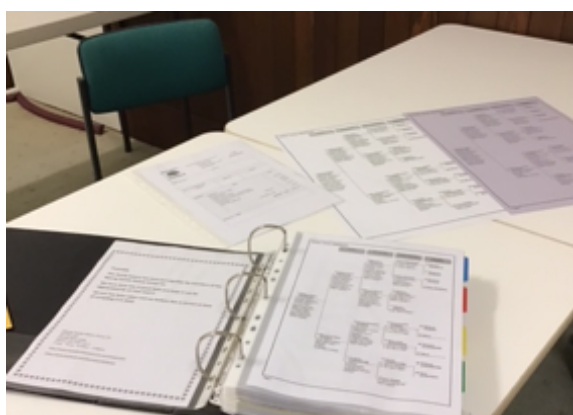
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- **Subject to change.**
- **The activities on this planner take into account the current COVID-19 restrictions.**
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, master classes and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The following applies for all special Interest Groups unless otherwise stated

**Bookings Essential**

**Strict limit of FIVE plus presenter in meeting room at one time**

	2021	Event
August	<b>With the Cottage closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, all August Planned Events have been cancelled</b>	
	Tue 30	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
September	Sat 4	Cottage open for Assisted Research 9.00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
	Tue 14	Microsoft Word/PowerPoint & Family History <b>SIG</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm.
	Wed 18	Scottish/Irish <b>SIG</b> 10:00 – 12 noon.
	Tue 21	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm.
	Thu 23	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 25	Multi Media <b>SIG</b>
	Tue 28	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
October	Sat 2	Cottage open for Assisted Research 9.00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 7	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
	Fri 8	<b>Course</b> Beginning Your Family History - week 1
	Sat 9	Monthly Members' Meeting 11.00 am and 1:00 pm.
	Tue 12	Photography and Family History <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Fri 15	<b>Course</b> Beginning Your Family History - week 2
	Sun 17	Palmdale Open Day
	Tue 19	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm.
	Wed 20	Scottish/Irish <b>SIG</b> 10:00 – 12 noon.
	Thu 21	Tree of Life Deadline
	Fri 22	<b>Course</b> Beginning Your Family History - week 3
	Sat 23	Multi Media <b>SIG</b>
	Thu 28	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Fri 29	<b>Course</b> Beginning Your Family History - week 4
	Sat 30	<b>Seminar – 21st Century Genealogy - Using Old and New Tools to Connect and Communicate</b> with Jill Ball
November	Tue 2	Committee Meeting 10:00 am Melbourne Cup Day
	Sat 7	Cottage open for Assisted Research 9.00 am – 12 noon.
	Tue 10	Using GRO Index [UK] Microsoft Word/PowerPoint & Family History <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

November	Sat 13	Monthly Members' Meeting 11.00 am and 1:00 pm. & AGM
	Tue 16	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm.
	Wed 17	Scottish/Irish <b>SIG</b> 10:00 – 12 noon.
	Tue 23	Planning Meeting 10:00 am
	Thu 25	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 20	<b>Seminar – Our Journey of Discovery &amp; Connections</b> with Joy & Allan Murrin
	Sat 27	Multi Media <b>SIG</b>

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### Census 2021

USA 1880 census records 15-year-old Catharine Cudney's occupation as 'does as she pleases'. I wonder if this will come up on the Australian 2021 Census 11 August. ... 🌳

Cudney Ezekiel w 38		1	Farmer
— Tom w 25	wife	1	Keeps house
— Alfred w 21	Son	1	Work on farm
— Catharine w 15	Daughter	1	does as she pleases

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**Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 October, 2021 is the closing date for items to be included in the next issue of the "Tree of Life".**

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### Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

**Opening Hours: Tuesday 6 – 8 pm,**

**Friday 10 am – 2 pm**

Generally closed during school holidays.

Open at other times on request

#### Free access

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### 2021 Annual General Meeting

The Committee would like to advise the Members of the date for the 2021 Annual General Meeting:

**Saturday 13 November 2021** from 1:00 pm

At The Cottage

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