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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A hearty welcome to our 19 new members who have joined us since last "Fig Tree"; happy researching!

Most of these new members joined following our recent successful Seniors Week workshop conducted by our intrepid Research Officer Gloria in conjunction with Greater Taree City Library. The function was well attended and a sumptuous luncheon, afternoon teas were provided, courtesy of the library and prepared by the new Valley Coffee Spot in the library.



Gloria is to be commended for her efforts and for making these workshops so interesting and educational.

Our recent Bunnings Barbecue was a great success despite the "wheels falling off" at the last minute due to some regular volunteers being called away on family matters. Many thanks to those who answered the call to assist and I do hope you all enjoyed the camaraderie of the occasion and want to be part of future barbecues. The next is scheduled for 30th June. Apart from raising much needed funds to finance purchases of equipment and resources, these days are a great social occasion as well.

The Port Macquarie FHS Fair is on Saturday 18th May and a contingent of members will be attending. Please liaise with others should you wish to attend and require transport. Helpers will be needed to "man" our trading table. The fair is always a good one, well attended by sister societies and others with genealogical items for sale. Good speakers are in attendance with expertise in various subjects of interest to researchers. Please contact executive should you wish to attend and be of assistance. As a result of our being at the fair our normally scheduled meeting on 18th May is cancelled.

We are in need of more volunteers to fill gaps in our library roster to maintain our daily presence at the library. Hours of attendance are Monday to Saturday 10 AM until 12 Noon with a little longer on Saturdays. Training will be provided, and new volunteers will initially be placed with someone with experience.

On a very sad note I regret to note the passing of member George Cudlipp after a prolonged illness. Our sincere condolences go to George's family.

GEORGE SAWYER

## SOCIETY NEWS

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** The membership year ends on 30 June and your membership needs to be received by the end on July for your membership to continue. Please complete the Renewal form attached so we can update your details, Additional forms are available at the Library.



**. BUNNINGS BARBECUE:** Remember the date: 30th June.

If you are able to spare an hour or two on any of these days, please add your name on the list at the Library.

**NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to:** Irene & John Banks, Susan Kriss, Kate Hirons, Evelyn Finnan, Beatrice Gregory, Louise Archibald, Lesley Bond, Allan & Valerie Dyball, Heather Clark, Laraine Cleary, Paul Dawson, Philip Fletcher, David Fowler, Dalys Gleed, Heather Sambell, Judith Tavner, Fiona Tetley

### UPCOMING EVENTS :

|                 |           |             |   |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|---|
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>18</i> | <i>May</i>  | <i>NO MEETING (Port Macquarie Fair)</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>May</i>  | <i>General Workshop</i>                 |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>General meeting</i>                  |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>Workshop</i>                         |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>30</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>Bunnings BBQ</i>                     |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>General Meeting</i>                  |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>Workshop</i>                         |



***NATIONA FAMILY HISTORY WEEK*** has been extended to the whole of the month of August. Several activities are being planned in conjunction with the Greater Taree City Library to celebrate our Heritage. Watch your Society News emails and the Society Noticeboard for details.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Thank you to Jan for organising lunch at Sailos in April. The next outing will be in late July.



*I trace family history so I will know  
who to blame.*

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**



Ida and John McLeod will celebrate 60 years of marriage next month.

Also to Alan and Jan Mitchell who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in March.

### **WANTED: ARTICLES FOR THE FIG TREE**

Can you supply articles for the upcoming issues of your journal The Fig Tree?

Suggested articles are

A story about an ancestor, family, place or journey

How you got started in Family History

That elusive ancestor- perhaps someone can help you find him/her

How you found an ancestor/broke through a brick wall

Items of local history/interest.

Articles can be sent to [secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au](mailto:secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au)



### **RESEARCH ENQUIRIES**

EDWARDS, MURDOCH, TURNER, MUDFORD Families

Samuel McCLINTOCK , Cundletown 1885-1890

POLLEY families in Manning Area

History, photos of MAYO HOSPITAL

McNEIL burials in Krambach

RAMSAY family Coopernook and Taree

**If you can help with any of these enquiries please contact the Research Officer.**

**RESEARCH SERVICE:** Research Form can be downloaded from Society website. Initial Research Enquiry \$20.00. Research enquiries will be published in our newsletter 'Fig Tree'. All correspondence must be addressed to Secretary, PO Box 48 Taree NSW 2430



George Rufus Cudlipp who passed away recently could claim some interesting ancestors, including rogues and royalty.

- John Nicholson, boat builder who built several boats, most noted being “Fanny Fisher”, in the vicinity of Fotheringham Park on the Manning River in the period 1844-1847. Some sources say he was one of the boat builders employed by William Wynter to built the “Tarree” in 1834. John also worked with Robert Dawson before starting his own boatyard.
- Thomas Greer—convict— found in possession of forged Bank of Ireland notes and forged plates for printing.
- George’s maternal line (RUFUS) can be traced back to William the Conqueror.
- Members of the CUDLIPP family were involved in journalism both in Australia and in England and Wales.

DEAR ANCESTOR (Dedicated to those who have gone before us)

Your tombstone stands among the rest neglected and alone  
 The name and date are chiseled out on polished marble stone  
 It reaches out to all who care. It is too late to mourn  
 You did not know that I exist. You died and I was born  
 Yet each of us are cells of you in flesh and blood and bone  
 Our blood contracts and beats a pulse entirely not our own.



Dear Ancestor...the place you filled one hundred years ago  
 spreads out among the ones you left who would have loved you so  
 I wonder if you lived and loved. I wonder if you knew  
 That someday I would find this spot and come to visit you.  
 Author unknown

## **NOEL and ELIZABETH (Adams) GORTON**

Noel Gorton was born on 9 July 1828 at Carrington, Port Stephens, NSW. He was the first born child of George Gorton and Mary Lane/Dolphin.

George Gorton was born in 1805 in Berkshire, England and arrived in Australia on 22 March 1826 on board the 'Prince Regent' as an indentured servant with the Australian Agricultural Company (A.A. Co.).

At the time of Noel's birth Carrington was the main settlement of the A.A. Co. It consisted of eleven permanent houses, a blacksmiths shop with three forges, a variety of workshops, a military barracks made of brick and a permanent store of two storeys. There was also a butchers shop, slaughter house, brick kiln, tan yard and a shearing shed large enough for forty shearers.

Noel married Elizabeth (aka Betsy) Adams on 25 November 1850 at West Maitland, NSW. Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Adams and Letitia Borrett nee Crisp. She was born in 1831 in Suffolk, England and arrived in Australia on 27 May 1848 on board the 'Thetis' with her father, Thomas, and her step-mother, Sarah Folkerd.

Noel and Elizabeth made their home in Stroud and brought up a family of eleven children. George Lester 1851-1940, John Alpin 1853-1860, Noel Ellar 1856-1938, William Lovell 1858-1946, Joseph Lewin 1861-1863, Mary Ada 1862-1926, Thomas Edgar 1864-1945, Edwin Ernest 1867-1959, Charlotte Letitia 1869-1956, Elizabeth Ethel 1872-1946 and Louisa Eva 1876-1879.

When Noel was old enough he was apprenticed as a wheelwright and continued in this trade for his entire working life. The wheelwright was a craftsman with the knowledge of timber and its properties and a knowledge of the art of wheel making passed down over the generations. It was a flourishing business during the mid 1800's when Noel was practising his trade.

Noel suffered for number of years from "disease of the liver and stomach" and after three weeks of "exhaustion" he passed away on 10 April 1877. Noel was buried the following day in the Stroud Cemetery.

Elizabeth married James Rambling, a joiner, at West Maitland, NSW in the spring of 1878 but sadness was soon to follow. Noel and

Elizabeth's youngest child, Louisa Eva, passed away in 1879 aged just 3 years.

Two other children predeceased Noel and Elizabeth, John Alpin in 1860 aged 7 and Joseph Lewin in 1863 aged 2.

After James Rambling passed away Elizabeth married Frederick Stevens, a carpenter, in May 1888 in Singleton, NSW. Both James and Frederick were widowers and Elizabeth had no children to either of them.

Elizabeth passed away on 25 August 1894 at South Singleton after suffering from hepatitis and obstruction of the gall bladder. She was buried the following day in Singleton Cemetery.

### *Sources*

*'A Million Pounds A Million Acres – The Pioneer Settlement of the Australian Agricultural Company', 2003, Damaris Bairstow*

*'Brothers – George and Joseph Gorton Pioneer Cattlemen', 1977, J.M. Clarke and G.T.G. Irwin*  
*NSW BDM Records*

*Qld BDM Records*

*Shipping Records (GTCC Library)*

*Trove Newspapers Online*

*<http://www.witheridge-historicle-archive.com/wheelwright.htm>*

From Joanne Gorton

### **GORTON FAMILY REUNION**

Descendants of Noel and Elizabeth (Adams) Gorton are invited to a family reunion to be held on Saturday 5 October 2013 at the Nabcac Showground Hall. Morning and afternoon tea supplied, BYO lunch., displays, photos, memorabilia, games, a little bit of history and a lot of reminiscing.

On Sunday 6 October 2013 family members are invited to visit Stroud, home of our ancestors, see the sights at your own pace and gather for an informal BYO picnic lunch at the showground.

Updates on all descendants is sought for inclusion in the family tree. Associated names include Bailey, Britton, Fernance, Hancock and Harragon.

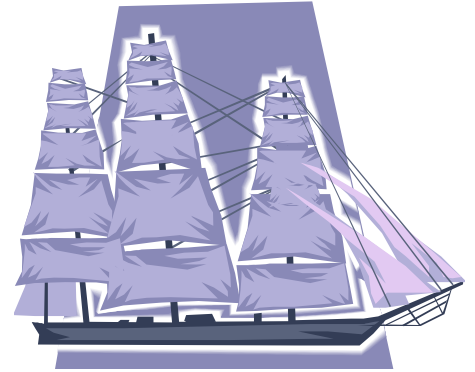
To register your interest or to find out more information please contact Joanne Gorton at 496 Comboyne Road, Wingham NSW 2429, or [wayneandjo\\_gorton@hotmail.com](mailto:wayneandjo_gorton@hotmail.com) or on Facebook - Gorton Family Reunion 2013.



## ALEXANDER KIDD

Alexander Kidd was born in Forfar, County Angus Scotland in 1800 and arrived in Sydney in 1827. He initially lived in Sydney and worked as a shipwright. He married a widow, Janet Stewart (nee Paton) in 1832 and a child James (my grt grt grandfather) was born in 1833.

In 1835 the shipbuilders Newton and Ferrier were granted approval to engage in shipbuilding on the Macleay River (at the time out of the limits of approved settlement)., Alexander being employed by them. The shipbuilding area was known as Scotstown and was located near the present town of Frederickton. Another child John was born in 1836, his baptism record stating under the heading "Abode", 'Sydney, child born Macleay River.'  
The child died in infancy.



It is not known exactly when Alexander settled on the Manning but was likely to have been either 1839 or 1840. A ship built by him, for Mary Cann the "Mary Ann" was launched in 1842. After this he was engaged again by Captain Alexander Newton as an employee at Newton's ship building yard at Pelican. One of Alexander and Janet's daughters was Jane Isabella who was born in 1838. As a young child she suffered a severe wound to her left leg following a shotgun being accidentally discharged. It was saved but came against her later and her leg was amputated.

Jane married James Henry Yarnold in 1854 at the age of 16 and went to live at James' property at Killibakh Creek.

She gave birth to her 12 children and managed her household with a wooden leg and also helped many women in the surrounding district with the birth of their children. Often she would go miles on horseback (side saddle) and a lack of bridges forced her to cross flooded creeks.

James Yarnold's original house was built of rough split slabs and a shingle or bark roof with more than likely a dirt floor. It was almost in the centre of his 40 acre selection on the highest elevation point so as to escape floodwaters. A second house was a little more elaborate, with a timber floor and several bedrooms while a kitchen and dining room were in a separate building to avoid the risk of fire.

James Henry Yarnold died in 1883 and Jane died in 1906. Both were buried in Woola Woola cemetery.

From Laurie Kidd

## **NEW SEARCHES AVAILABLE:**

**Find My Past** has some new sets of records as follows:

- US Censes 1790-1940
- US WW1 Draft Registration cards
- Irish WW1 memorial records
- New Zealand WW1 Soldiers records
- US WW2 Army enlistment records
- Records of Germans to America 1850-1897
- Records of Italians to America 1855-1900
- New Zealand electoral rolls 1853-1996
- Irish court & prison registers 1790-1924
- Australian school pupil indexes
- Ireland Births 1864-1958
- Ireland Deaths 1864-1958
- Ireland Marriages 1845-1958
- Australian Censuses 1841-1921
- Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858
- Irish Burial Registers 1618-2005
- Convict arrivals in New South Wales 1788-1842

**REMEMBER:** Find My Past can be accessed on the three computers in the Family History area of the Greater Taree City Library.

Ancestry.com can be accessed on all computers in the Greater Taree City Libraries (not limited to Taree)

*Thank you to the GTCC Library staff for making these services available.*

Ancestry.com has added:

- Wiltshire marriages 1538—1897
- UK Cities and Street Directories 1766—1946
- Some New Zealand Local Histories

## **New Searchable Database from the National Archives of Ireland**

Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858 –1922

<http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/search/cwa/home.jsp>

## TASMANIAN CIVIL REGISTRATIONS:

**FamilySearch.org** has made available a new collection of some 74,000 images of Tasmania civil registration records from 1803 to 1933. These are birth, baptism, marriage, death and burial records from the Archives Office of Tasmania. The images are organized region and then by type of record. The images are not searchable by name and many of the records were kept in ledger books as opposed to individual certificates, so it will require some digging to find an ancestor. Access is free.

Image 1851 Tasmania Marriage Certificate Notice the "Signature and Description of Parties" column was signed by the clerk who prepared the record and not by the bride and groom.

| Number   | When married, and where      | Name and Residence                 | Age      | Rank                    | Signature and Description of Parties | Name of Clergyman, Officiating Minister, or Deputy Registrar | When registered | Signature of Deputy Registrar or Officiating Minister |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 1155   | 20th April 1851<br>St George | John Wallis<br>Margaret Brown      | 30<br>23 | Broommaker<br>Housewife | John Wallis<br>Margt. Brown          | H. P. Fry  | 20th April 1851 | H. P. Fry   |
| <p>Married in the St George Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of Church of England by H. P. Fry</p> <p>This Marriage was solemnized between us<br/>         { In the Presence of }<br/>         John X Wallis<br/>         Margaret X Brown<br/>         James C. Brindley<br/>         Sarah Brindley Minister</p>         |                              |                                    |          |                         |                                      |  |                 |   |
| 1156   | 20th April 1851<br>St George | Joseph Dinning<br>Elizabeth Brown  | 20<br>30 | Engineer<br>Housewife   | Joseph Dinning<br>Elizabeth Brown    | H. P. Fry  | 20th April 1851 | H. P. Fry   |
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| 1157   | 23rd April 1851<br>St George | Daniel Brierley<br>Elizabeth Adams | 32<br>24 | Barber<br>Housewife     | Daniel Brierley<br>Elizabeth Adams   | H. P. Fry  | 23rd April 1851 | H. P. Fry   |
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<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2125029>

(From Genealogy in Time Magazine)

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