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Please email articles for the next newsletter to the Australind website with
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15th November 2016



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Message from the Editorial Team

Hello everyone

Here we are again with our latest *Skeleton*, full of interesting stories and articles.

First of all, thanks to all those members who sent in their stories. We couldn't include them all in this edition, but don't despair, they will be included in subsequent editions. Keep on sending in your stories!!

As you can see from the photo on the front cover, we had a visit from the lovely ladies from Warren Family History Group on Saturday, 10th September 2016. Thanks for making the time each year to come and see us at the Library, Ladies!

The E-Team are busy compiling stories about the Early Settlers of Australind to include in the next three editions that leads us up to the 175th Anniversary of the Australind settlement in April 2017. We would welcome any stories you may have, especially if you are a descendant.

Once again, thanks go to Marg for helping out with this newsletter - it's much appreciated!

Anne & Jayne
The E-Team

DATES for your DIARY

Author Linda J Bettenay speaks at Australind Public Library at 2-3.30pm on Monday, 24th October 2016. See further details on page 17.

On request we can arrange appointments for researchers to come into the Library on Saturdays (between 10am and 2pm).

Committee meetings: Last Friday of the month. 10am. AFHS Library.

WAGS Library open Mon 9:30 - 20:00
Wed-Fri 9:30 - 14:30 Sat 13:00 - 17:00
www.wags.org.au

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All users	\$2 per hr
Printouts	30c each
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Printouts	30c each

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A4 B&W single	20c	Double-sided	30c
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A3 B&W single	30c	Double-sided	60c

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Up to 50 sheets	\$2
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Laminating

Please ask at desk

President's Report

Hello to fellow Members and Researchers

Welcome to the September *Skeleton*.

The Sausage Sizzle went really well and I think we could have made about \$600 profit. It was a nice day, cool but not wet and we could have done with a few more customers. However, it was steady all day and we are very lucky to have Bunnings support us with all their equipment. We had enough helpers and the men were great organising themselves into what jobs they needed to do. Also 'the girls' were wonderful - we have a group who've been doing the sizzles for many years, starting outside Harvey Norman. Thanks very much, we could not do it without you all. Hope to see you next year.

Some members from Warren Family History were here on Saturday, 10th September for the annual visit. This is always a great day and we love getting together to share lunch and cuppas

The Collie Family History Conference is being held on 16th and 17th September and Carol Vickridge and myself, Chris Shaw will represent Australind Family History.

Hope you all enjoy the warmer weather and the wonderful spring flowers.

Enjoy reading *The Skeleton*.

Cheers *Chris Shaw*

FORGOTTEN WHERE WE ARE?

Situated close to the new shopping precinct 'The Village', in Australind we would love to welcome you back, even bring a friend who has perhaps talked about researching their family history.

We have an extensive library and access to many online sites that are continually being updated.

Our willing and able volunteers are always keen to assist you with your research whether local or overseas.

Our premises are behind the Australind Public Library and we are open from 10am-5pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Look forward to seeing you soon



AUSTRALIND - BEGINNINGS



**Louisa Clifton's Painting of View of Pt Leschenault (Koombana Bay 1840s)*

Australind is a picturesque spot on the Leschenault Estuary where in 1841 the first European settlers arrived on the ship *Parkfield*, followed by the *Diadem* in 1842, and the *Trusty* 1842 and 1846. (Leschenault was named in honour of French botanist Jean-Baptist Louis Claude Theodore Leschenault de la Tour).

On Board *Parkfield*

"Land in sight!" rang from the masthead.

"There in the far horizon in the grey colouring of the coming twilight loomed the faint outline of our adopted land. At a distance of thirty or forty miles it rose high and the moment my eyes rested on this dim, discovered scene was one the remembrance of which the lightest life can never obliterate. None who have not known what it is to sigh, to long with sickening longing for land after a voyage of more than three months can fully understand with what ecstasy of feeling the first view and scent of land greets the weary senses."

The Bunbury Herald and Blackwood Express, 26th March 1928.

Some ten years after the Swan River Colony had been established the British were looking to expand the colony, and back in Britain several land schemes were being discussed in an effort to bring much-needed labour to the new colony. Not all came to fruition other than the scheme known as The West Australian Land Company formed in 1840 at its offices in London. The company was to follow the Wakefield (Edward Gibbon Wakefield) system of colonisation and emigration which entailed selling crown land to investors with sufficient capital to pay for their own labour and buy the land. It was also hoped that a prosperous trade between India and Western Australia would develop, hence the name Australind (early documentation shows spelling, 'Austra-Ind').

At the inception of the Swan River Colony, Colonel Latour sent out a large number of farm labourers with the object of establishing an estate in the colony, and in return he received 43,000 hectares of land at Leschenault, Australind, which the West Australian Land Company purchased for their new settlement. Land was also purchased from the former WA Governor, James Stirling (1828-1838), who also had land in the area.

*** Louisa Clifton's painting is on display in the Library.**

The plan was to establish an English-styled village with boulevards and avenues, a town square, a port, market place, hospital, churches, cathedral, colleges and town hall. Settlers could even establish a small country estate, but were unaware the land was unsuitable for farming.

Promotion of the scheme was well advertised:

"Whole families, whole circles of friends may go out together and the whole society..... begin their new world with our advantages - machinery, literature, art, science the memories and possessions of the old world with the hopes and power of a new field of exertion."

Canberra Times 27 March 1991

The Company drew up detailed plans of the new settlement - terms of land sale, climate, soil, anchorage, regulations for the new emigrants and the following:-

SCALE OF EMIGRANT'S OUTFIT

"The Articles necessary for the Emigrant's Outfit, may be obtained by payment of the under-mentioned prices, at the Company's Office (Emigration Department), or of Messrs. RICHARD DIXON and Co., No.12, Fenchurch Street, London.

N.B. - No other mattresses, or bedding, will be allowed to be shipped, except such as have been approved by the Company, as under stated."

For each adult Male.

	s. d.
Two Fustian Jackets, lined at	5 3 each.
Two pair ditto Trousers, at 4s. 3d. Lined at	5 3 per pair.
Two ditto Duck ditto, at	2 3 ditto.
Two Round Frocks, at	2 5 each.
Twelve Cotton Shirts, at	2 0 each.
Six pair worsted Stockings, at	1 6 per pair.
Two Scottish Caps, at	0 11 each.
Six Handkerchiefs, at	0 8 ditto.
Six course Towels, at	0 7 ditto.
One pair of Boots, with hobnails, &c., at	7 6 per pair.
One pair of Shoes, at 4s. 3d. and	5 0 ditto.
Four pounds of Soap, at	0 8 per pound.
One pair Blankets, at 8s. and	9 6 per pair.
Two pair Sheets, at 4s. 3d. per pair, or for two persons	3 6 per pair.
One Coverlet, at 1s. 10d. and,	2 0 each

For each adult Female.

Two Gowns, or eighteen yards printed Cotton, at	51/2 per yard.
Two Petticoats, or six yards coloured Calico, at	51/2 ditto.
Two Ditto Flannel, or six yards Flannel, at	1 2 ditto.
Twelve Shifts, or thirty yards long Cloth, at	0 6 ditto.
Six Caps, or three yards Muslin at	1 0 ditto.
Six Handkerchiefs, at	0 8 ditto.
Six Aprons, or six yards Check, at	0 8 per yard.
Six Neckerchiefs, at	0 8 each.
Six Towels, at	0 7 ditto.
One Pair Stays, at	3 6 per pair.
Six Pair Black Worsted Stockings, at	1 2 ditto.
Two Pair Shoes, at 3s. 6d. and	4 0 ditto.
One Bonnet, at	2 0 each.
Needles, Pins, Buttons, Thread, Tape, &c, an assortment of	2 0
Four Pounds Marine Soap, at	0 8 per pound.
Two Pounds Starch, at	0 8 ditto.
One Mattress and Bolster for each couple, of coloured wool	11 0
Knife and Fork, Plate, Spoon, Drinking Mug, & c., say,	3 0

Children must be provided with a proportionate Outfit, including mattress, &c. which may be had upon payment of the under-mentioned sum for each child, namely:-

One year of age, and under seven

Seven years of age, and under fourteen

£ s. d.

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On 2nd September 1840 the Surveyors had left London on the *Island Queen* for the proposed new settlement where they would prepare the site in readiness for the settlers. Soon after, the *Parkfield* set out with the first party of emigrants who included the appointed Chief Commissioner Marshall Waller Clifton. What transpired prior to the *Parkfield's* departure was unsettling information relayed to the Company from the explorer George Grey warning that the settlement site was unsuitable for agriculture and a poor site for a port. Grey's suggestion was to relocate to the Gascoyne, present-day Geraldton. Clifton was nervous but insisted the Captain of the *Parkfield* sail to Australind; and that they did.

Parkfield passenger's observation of the estuary shoreline -

"The scenery of the estuary gratified us extremely, the banks on both sides beautifully wooded down to the water's edge with foliage of various tints even at this time of year."

The Bunbury Herald and Blackwood Express 26 March 1928.

On arrival Clifton inspected the site, leaving the passengers on board where they stayed for a few days whilst he travelled to Perth to discuss matters with Governor Hutt. Clifton wished to have a recognised settlement. Hutt agreed.

Returning to site the passengers disembarked to begin their new life. These new settlers and the ones that followed found it "tuff" adjusting to their new surroundings. The scene they saw from on board ship gave no indication of the struggles ahead. The soil was poor, they had limited machinery and supplies, summer was very dry, and winter very wet.

Those disillusioned with the challenges left, to go back home, to Bunbury and to other States.

Public opinion in England over the uncertainty of the settlement deterred investors, and the plight of the American recession 1841-1844, were major obstacles for the settlement to progress. Consequently the company ceased operations in the year 1843. A few of the more hardy settlers stayed on.

(to be continued.....)

***You know you are a Genealogy addict
when***

You would rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall!!



**THE BEAUTIFUL ROLL TOP DESK
FROM ROBINSON & SMITH BAKEHOUSE
AT MIDLAND JUNCTION**
An Object Biography by member Janis Tutsai



Cutler-roll top desk, Private Collection

Don't I look gorgeous with my matching chair. During the past 35 years, I was hidden away in the back room of the garage at my owners house in West Midland and was covered with rubbish and junk. I was rescued by the eldest son and his wife in 1998 and taken to Georges Furniture Restoration Company, Guildford WA, and cleaned up from all the black muck that covered me, now look at me I am a beautiful American Honey Oak Wood roll top desk, with all my current and past favourite family photos on display.



Cutler-roll top desk

According to information researched on *Wikipedia* which was used to research the factory where I was constructed, they are called Abner Cutler & Son (circa 1820) who were cabinetmakers in Buffalo, New York, USA.

They were a company that only built rolltop desks way back in the 1800s and had a name change by 1870 to Cutler & Son.

The next name change occurred by the early 1900s and were known as the Cutler Desk Co. By 1930 after amalgamation they were the Sikes Chair Co.

Janet Beal in 'How to determine the age of an Antique roll-top-desk.' In her paragraph 2 she says, *'that from 1900 most desks were oak'* I will have to check with the private collection as to what's on the roll top desk they have.

The private collector had noticed a number embossed on my left side which said C1895 Number 361. In Google Search it proves that I am approximately 121 years old. According to Figure 3. Georges, Oak roll top desk picture, I measure width 920 x depth 660 x height 1095, and in the private collection picture in Figure 1. on the left side of the desk you can see I have 2 upright slots for documents, 6 pigeon holes, a horizontal slide out drawer, another horizontal slot under this drawer, then in the middle I have 2 more horizontal slots for more paper work to be held, and one open draw under the two slots, then below that the pen and the ink pot holder, on the left side just below the desk top you have a slide out table and then three small drawers and 1 large drawer, which is replicated on the right hand side of the desk.

I have a beautiful roll top that opens and shuts, unfortunately according to the private collection the key is missing, so I can no longer be locked up.



*Georges Furniture Restoration,
Tony. <http://www.georgesfurn.com>
Desks--Bureaus--Roll-Tops.html.
Width 920 x Depth 660 x Height 1095*



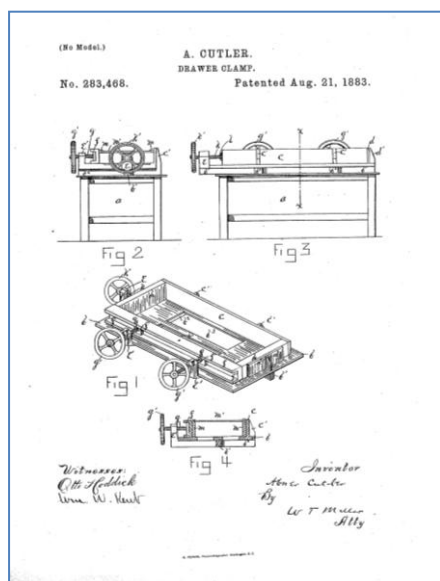
Cutler-roll top desk,

Looking and comparing the above two pictures of the desks showed me they were identical and assisted me in identifying that I was definitely a Cutler roll top desk.

I don't know how I got from USA to Australia. According to family folklore I was bought over from the Eastern States to Kalgoorlie by my original owner. I do know that my owner was living and working in Kalgoorlie as a baker, also on the Perth to Kalgoorlie water pipeline as a cook, where un-be-known to me, I think I was in storage or at a private residence for the duration.

In 1912 we moved down to Midland Junction and my owner bought into a Bakehouse and called it Robinson & Smith Bakers, a name change from the original name of Horne & Smith Bakers. Where they produced bread that was delivered all around the Swan, Guildford, & Midland Junction districts by horse and cart.

Whilst there in the Office across from the kitchen in the residence, I watched as my owner and his wife give birth to 7 children. The eldest son of my owner worked in the bakery from an early age together with his siblings, they would fight over whose turn it was to sit in my chair at my desk and do the bookkeeping for the bakery. Whilst the girls would help their mother in the kitchen. They also used to fight over where my secret drawers and hidey-holes were in my desk. See below the internal drawings for the workings of my roll top.



↙ **CUTLER Abner, Patents US 283468 A,**
Google Home, last modified
August 15, 2016
<http://www.google.com/patents/US283468>.

Whilst my owner was sitting at my desk I also witnessed the news by phone, of the death of his son in the 2nd World War in a Bomber over Maastricht in Holland.

I was at Byers Road Midland Junction from 1912 to 1963. I experienced the highs and lows of all the family. The success of his children, in their schooling, and accomplish learning the violin, and trumpet. I witnessed their marriages and the fact that his youngest son became a Doctor who was the Medical Superintendent at Royal Fremantle Hospital, and escorted Princess Diana around the hospital during her visit to Perth to open the *Princess of Wales Wing* in 1976.

I witnessed the change from the horse and cart to vehicles for the bread delivery, then the upgrade of the ovens from firewood to oil to cook the bread. I watched as the different apprentice bakers over the years became the chief baker in charge.

In the marriage of the oldest son to his wife, who gave birth to his 5 children. Experiencing again this latest generation of children fighting over who would sit in my chair, spinning around and around getting dizzy, and who wouldn't. Although the rest of the family would be working in the bakery at jobs to earn their pocket money.

So now we are back in 1963 at the closure of the bakery and my placement in the back room of the garage in West Midland. To wait for 35 years to pass, then in 1998 I was restored back to my original glory and now I get cleaned and dusted monthly to keep up my lovely shine.

I have witnessed the oldest son and his wife give birth to 2 children. It's now 2016 and I have watched as they have moved through their lives, growing up, through schooling, and marriage. I am enjoying my life as it is now living and breathing amongst the latest generations of the families.

Some family trees have beautiful leaves

and some have just a bunch of nuts.



Remember it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking!

Author unknown



HARVEY RIVER DIVERSION AND DRAINAGE SCHEME

This memorial artwork is situated in the Stirling Cottage gardens in Harvey. It commemorates the Harvey River Diversion scheme during the Depression years of the 1930s.

The Harvey River Diversion scheme was sponsored by the Commonwealth Government in order to provide unemployment relief during the 1930s, and was managed by WA's Public Works Department (PWD).

In 1911, an engineer named Walter Roland (Roy) Eckersley was appointed by the PWD to survey the Harvey district for suitable drainage in the area, so as to reduce seasonal flooding of valuable agricultural land. Eckersley's plan was to drain the Harvey River into Lake Preston, linking the Harvey and Leschenault Estuaries by building a canal through Lakes Clifton and Preston. This design would provide the extra water needed to produce the scour necessary to remove excessive salt water. However, Eckersley's proposal got no further than the drawing board and it wasn't until 1930s, when the need was great to provide men with employment, that a revised design was drawn up. Instead of constructing a canal through the two lakes, the river diversion was directed into the sea, just south of Myalup - a distance of approximately 14 miles.

The plan was to turn the excessive winter flow of water into the river diversion and, in the summer, open up the flood gates to allow the summer flow into the natural channel. Farmers downstream still had water rights during the dry season. The floodgates in the old river course and the sluices beside them had to be strongly constructed to prevent the river from washing away the man-made structures during the winter.



Harvey River Drain Construction

(mountaingirlrae.blogspot.com)



Sustenance Camp

(www.harveyhistoryonline.com)

This project was run to employ as many jobless men for the lowest cost, even though it could have been done cheaper and quicker by machine. Men worked two days a week on a 'sustenance wage'. There were 2,500 men recorded to have worked on the scheme. They were accommodated in camps west of Harvey, at Myalup and nearby Stonehouse. At times, up to 3,500 people, including wives and children, lived in these camps.

Each man wore around their necks a metal disc with their name and number on. They had to produce this disc to deduct from their wages any expenses incurred e.g. tent hire. Workers cooked for themselves on an open fire.



A cross-section of society worked on this project, from men who were well-educated to ordinary labourers. They had become disillusioned living in poverty during the Depression years; their spirits broken, not knowing what the future held for them.

These camps became like small townships known as 'mushroom towns', with the government providing water supplies, shops, hospitals and social centres. Life in these camps though was extremely hard, and the men endured dreadful conditions. Gambling was rampant. This article dated 23 March 1932 describes the state of the camps:-

"A silent, spiritless procession ploughing with heavy feet through dirt from the 'pits'; a grotesque, pot-bellied creature clad in bather trunks and skull cap; a miserable, be-whiskered youth tossing on a mean bag bed, fleas fastened to his flesh; boys passing wearily to manhood in soiled, improper rags; a leaderless legion open to temptation; grimy, profane tatterdemalions gambling their last pennies in the glare of acetylene lamps..."



Digging the Drain

(google images - harveyriverdiversion)

They had to work under primitive conditions, in the hot sun. At the Harvey end of the diversion where there was heavy clay, the drain was dug using a coal-fired mechanical drag-line. Further west towards Myalup, work involved manual labour to excavate the sand, using shovels and wheelbarrows.

At the time the scheme was regarded as one of the States' engineering achievements. It took nearly four years to complete, with many obstacles encountered along the way at a cost of nearly £300,000. The agricultural land affected by flooding, could now be cultivated, giving local farmers better production.

This article from the West Australian, dated 28 May 1935 reports on the diversion scheme's completion:-

HARVEY RIVER DIVERSION

"The Harvey River diversion scheme is now completed, the final dredging having been made.

The work was commenced over three years ago when sustenance men, numbering about 2,000, were given employment at Myalup, where work commenced. The bridge on the main road into Harvey, where the new diversion has gone through, is nearing completion, and it is expected that the road will soon be opened to traffic again.

Preparations are being made for an official opening of the river diversion, probably at the beginning of August. On the same day a new road board office and extensions to the present Harvey Hall will be opened, and the occasion will be a pioneers' day, on which residents of 35 years' standing, or over, will be guests of the road board. The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, the Premier, Mr Collier, and another Minister will be invited. A souvenir booklet, tracing the growth of the district, is being prepared."

A stone monument stands near the channel off Baker Street in Harvey and commemorates the men that worked on the Harvey River diversion scheme:-

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION

*In memory of the thousands of men
whose labour in the Depression years made the
Harvey River Diversion and Drainage Scheme
possible.*

*This diversion drain conveys water from the
Harvey River and the irrigation and drainage
network to the ocean at Myalup.*

1930-1935

Sources: *"They Made Their Destiny. History of Settlement - Shire of Harvey 1829-1929"* by A C Staples. Articles from Trove - nla.gov.au

MY HAIRCUT

(written by Henry Stone)

One day my sister said to me,
"Your hair looks like a girl's,
Come, sit you down upon this box,
And I'll snip off all those curls"

My hair needed cutting,
I will admit,
So I sat down right away;
I was Daisey's first victim,
So I didn't have to pay.

Snip, said the scissors cheerily,
"Oh, Aah, ah!" cried I;
As a piece of my ear fell to the
ground,

And I jumped nearly up to the sky.

"Can't you sit still?"
screamed Daisey,
"I can't cut your hair like that,
When you're wobbling and
jumping from side to side;
You fidgety, ignorant bat."

My hair is cut like a corkscrew,
I'm afraid to go without a hat,
Daisey said it was my fault -
How'd you like a sister like that?



HAIRCUT STORIES

JAYNE'S STORY

This is one of my Dad's childhood memories from when he was growing up in Staffordshire, England in the 1920s:-

"Young boys wore their hair in those days in what was known as the donkey fringe style. The fringe came down to the eyebrow level and that is the way I wore my thick dark brown hair until one day my brother, Norman who was some years older than me got hold of me and convinced me that I needed a haircut. And that was the end of my donkey fringe.

I can recollect my mother hearing me cry and immediately came and pulled me to her comforting me saying, "What have they done to thee lad?" (There must have been more of them, *brothers*, involved at the time). But I noticed as my mother held me close to her that she was trying to suppress her laughter and her belly wobbled with this reaction. However, all was put right by my eldest brother, Harry who shaped my hair into what was then known as a Prussian haircut, a style that came from Germany in WWI, I think.

Despite this improvement, I remember I was still upset especially going back to school looking this way. I imagined being the object of ridicule, with lads pointing and laughing at me uppermost in my mind, as in that period of time you had to wear a sort of skull cap (blue coloured) if anyone had head infections, e.g. ring worm, head lice etc.

I was worried stiff they would think I had one of these conditions because it was cut so short but as time went by my hair grew and I survived and the wearing of the dreaded skull cap never eventuated and the local lads from school came to our house asking, "Can you cut our hair like your Jack's?"

MARG'S STORY

My Mum used to tell me stories about life on the family dairy farm in the 1920s. She was the eldest of eight and because her mother was bed-ridden she was given a lot of responsibility around the home.

One of those jobs was haircuts.

Imagine if you will a dark night, no electricity, and a farm worker sitting ready for a trim at the kitchen table.

Mum's sister Phyliss is holding the kerosene lamp.

Phyliss is told time and again..... "Hold the lamp steady Phyl!".

Then "A-A-A-gh!!, you've gone and chopped me ear off!!" and the farm worker took off out the door.

Luckily Mum had only snipped off a tiny bit of his earlobe, but I don't think he ever came back for another haircut.



MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER, SARAH

by member Beverley Dyer

My father's maternal great grandmother Sarah Laughlin married William Dodd on 2nd October 1875. According to the marriage certificate she was the daughter of James Laughlin and Nancy (a pet form of Agnes) Maxwell, and was born in Downpatrick, County Down in Ireland in about 1849. Twenty two years later according to her death certificate she was born about 1843 and had resided in Victoria since the age of 4. Searching for the arrival of a Sarah with parents James & Nancy, an immigration record for a James Lachlan travelling with daughter Sarah aged 9, with an estimated year of birth of 1843, from Down in Ireland was found. They were on board the *Bourneuf* out of Liverpool and arrived in Geelong on 3rd September 1852. Also on board the *Bourneuf* where a Mary Lachlan aged 26, Anne Jane Lachlan aged 22, Agnes Lachlan aged 17 and Margaret Lachlan aged 15 - they likewise came from Down in Ireland.

Bourneuf										Bourneuf									
No.	Name	Calling	Native County				Religious Denomination				Age				Disposal List				Remarks
			England and Wales	Ireland	Scotland	Other	Anglican	Roman Catholic	Other	Other	Male	Female	Children	Under 16	By whom engaged	Address	Port	Destination	
450	Charlotte Smith	yardman		Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
451	James Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
452	Robert Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
453	John Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
454	John Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
455	John Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
456	John Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
457	John Smith			Down							45	45	45	45	By whom engaged	Geelong			
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These girls travelled separately from James and Sarah, in the female quarters and were listed as 'domestic servants'. From marriage and death indexes it appears that they were the older sisters of Sarah and making it likely that this is indeed the correct family group. But what would make a family leave Ireland and travel to the other side of the globe at this time? The years in Ireland since the birth of Sarah had been rather harsh as the Great Famine decimated the population with approximately a million deaths and a million emigrating. The discovery of gold in the colony of Victoria provided a very attractive opportunity and it appears that the Laughlin family took it.

If we accept the record for the Lachlan's, spelt phonetically, as Sarah and her family, we need to ask why Nancy did not join them. Was Nancy one of the many victims of the famine or did she succumb like many women to childbirth? Having survived the hardship in Ireland for over a decade the family journeyed to the other side of the world, but their suffering was not yet over. The ship *Bourneuf* departed from Liverpool 26th May 1852 and they journeyed through hell for the next three months with many deaths on board from Scarlet Fever and Measles, this precipitated an investigation into the safe conduct of emigrants.

our political constitution, we earnestly entreat attention to the injudicious and cruel system of sending out overcrowded vessels, which seems to be gaining ground just now. Within the month three striking cases of this kind have occurred. The *Bourneuf*, *Wanata*, and *Mareo Polo*, have arrived from Liverpool with about 800 passengers each. The consequences of over-crowding are sure to be fatal, and accordingly the deaths were 83, 39, and 53 respectively during the voyage. The vessels were of the largest size, it is true, but it is perfectly obvious that no vessel, whatever its size, can safely carry such large numbers on a three months' voyage. It is also true that the mortality in these cases was almost wholly confined to children; but the facts are not the less painful, nor inapplicable as warnings of the disastrous consequences of an inhuman system.

So having finally arrived in the Colony of Victoria after the arduous journey what became of Sarah? No information has been passed down so Birth Marriage and Death (BMD) indexes and newspaper reports are all that is available to help build a picture of her life. Our first glimpse of her life is in a newspaper report of an infant death in 1859. It appears that Sarah at the age of 16 gave birth to an illegitimate daughter who subsequently died resulting in the inquest that was reported in the Argus. This article helps to confirm the family group, as Sarah is living with her sister Anne (Jane) who married Joseph Hallows. It is really quite sad in many ways as she appears to have unwillingly stood by and watched her baby die of 'inanition', being obedient to the decisions made by the adults around her and also denied the opportunity of being a mother. The article indicates that her sister planned to send her into service after the birth of the child and later evidence indicates this is what occurred. Sadly in 1865 she makes the newspaper again. On this occasion she was arrested after the discovery of the body of a deceased infant in a water closet. It is alleged that she concealed the birth and disposed of the body. It is impossible to guess what was going through her mind but the situation in which she found herself is completely tragic.



Sarah does not appear in the newspapers again thankfully, but the BMD Indexes indicate that she had more illegitimate children, a son James born in 1871 this was followed by the birth of triplets in 1875, Ellen, Thomas William and John James sadly none of the three survived for more than 11 days. She then marries William Dodd; it is suspected that he is the father of the triplets but is not clear as no father was listed on registration. The couple have two daughters Emma born in 1877 and Ellen in 1879. It would be nice to think that the last twenty two years of her life were filled with some joy and happiness as she watched her surviving children grow into adults prior to her death at the relatively young age of 54.

Although very poor quality, this photo has been passed down in the belief that it is of Sarah Dodd (nee Laughlin)



LIBRARY BOOKS

MISSING BOOK!

**"When Blue was True" (Brunswick) (WA S/W HIS 1173)
Does anyone have any clues to its whereabouts?**

**** WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS ****

685	Shirley Curran	Australind
686	Rhonda Epis	Australind
687	Michael Willard	Eaton
688	Lynn Willard	Eaton
689	Rosemary Hughes	Bunbury

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MASON	Cheltenham	GLS	ENG	Pre 1840	689
CULL	Winchombe	GLS	ENG	Pre 1900	689
RANDELL	Cirencester	GLS	ENG	Pre 1900	689

IF MEMBERS HAVE MORE NAMES THEY WOULD LIKE ADDED TO THE MEMBERS' INTERESTS, PLEASE CONTACT US AND WE WILL PUT THEM IN THE NEXT EDITION.

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PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY>>

**Author Linda J Bettenay
Speaks at the Australind Public Library**

**Date: Monday 24 October
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Free Event - Light Afternoon Tea Provided
RSVPs: 97974590
or astaff@harvey.wa.gov.au**

**Linda's books include: 'Secret's Mothers Keep,
'Wishes For Starlight' and her latest novel
'The Apple Core Wars'**



WEB CORNER

*** Remember to visit our own AFHS Website administered by Chris Riley***

www.australindfhs.org

The Friends of Battye Library have updated their *Convict Records of Western Australia* and these can be downloaded from their website: www.friendsofbattvelibrary.org.au on the home page New Release.

Jersey Archive have launched an Online Catalogue to enable people to view or download documents, previously only available when visiting Jersey. For a small annual subscription fee on a pay-per-view basis the documents include 200,000 images from collections such as the Occupation Registration Cards, Allen's Immigration Cards, Hospital Registers, the Superintendent Registrar's Indexes for Birth, Marriages and Deaths, Wills and Testaments and Undertakers' records. Check it out here: <http://catalogue.jerseyheritage.org/>

Irish Genealogy - www.irishgenealogy.ie - a free Irish Government portal links you to a range of databases:

- 2.8 million indexed church records from late 1500s. These include Church of Ireland, Catholic and some Presbyterian baptism, marriage and burial records for parishes and counties Dublin, Cork, Carlow and Kerry.
- Civil registration records for the Republic of Ireland from 1864.
- 1901 and 1911 census for all 32 counties.
- Fragments of the 1821-1851 censuses (not destroyed in the Four Courts fire in 1922).
- Notes from 1841 and 1851 censuses about subsequent pension applicants.
- Tithe Applotments 1823-1837.
- Griffiths Valuation 1847-1864
- Index of Irish Wills and Administrations 1858-1920.
- Ireland-Australia Transportation 1791-1853.

Deceasedonline - is adding the second lot of records for the Aberdeenshire region in Scotland. 200-plus burial grounds and cemeteries managed by Aberdeenshire Council. Recently added 20 sites dating back to the early 17th century. Visit www.deceasedonline.com.

RootsIreland.ie new records online for **County Leitrim, Ireland** includes - 1821 Census Carrigallen Parish (7,264 records) & 1821 Census Drumreilly Parish (24 records). Visit www.leitrim.rootireland.ie.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Trove** - www.nla.gov.au - has become an invaluable tool that is used by millions of researchers and is supported by an enormous community volunteer effort. The NLA will be limiting *Trove*, in order to meet its 'efficiency dividends', especially in its capacity to add new collections. The Royal Historical Society of Victoria recommends that you write to the federal Minister for the Arts to point out the backward step that this involves or you may wish to contact your local federal member.
- **Good move for WA researchers**

WA Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages have available Uncertified Copies of historical births, deaths and marriages for \$20 each. This service is in addition to the current practice of offering reduced priced certificates for family history purposes.

Where to get Certificates: Application forms can be posted with cheque or money order to PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth 6850, Ph: 1300 305 021, Internet: www.justice.wa.gov.au



Genealogy Pox

Very contagious to adults!

SYMPTOMS:

Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression and is sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at the library and courthouse. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at the postman when he does not leave mail. Frequents strange places, such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret calls at night. Hides telephone bills from spouse. The patient mumbles to him/herself and has a strange faraway look in his eyes.

TREATMENT:

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but grows progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can work alone.

REMARKS:

The unusual nature of this disease is, the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it.

THERE IS NO KNOWN CURE!

Genealogy begins as an interest, becomes a hobby, continues as a vocation, takes over as an obsession; and in its last stages ... is an incurable disease ... but such a fun disease!!!



175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SHIPS ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIND

*Are you one of the descendants of families who came on ships
Island Queen (1840), Parkfield (1841), Trusty (1842) or Diadem (1842)?*

We are planning a special event in 2017 to celebrate the arrival of the first settlers to Australind.

Discussions with Harvey Shire and other relevant organisations are now underway.

More information in our next edition - watch this space!

**WITH THE UPCOMING EVENT, IN 2017, TO CELEBRATE THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF AUSTRALIND, OUR
NEXT THREE EDITIONS OF *THE SKELETON* WILL CONTAIN
STORIES RELATED TO THE NEW SETTLEMENT.**

MEMBERS INPUT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

"GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!"

Thank you to all those members who sent in stories for the newsletter. If your story isn't in this edition, we will be including it in our future editions.