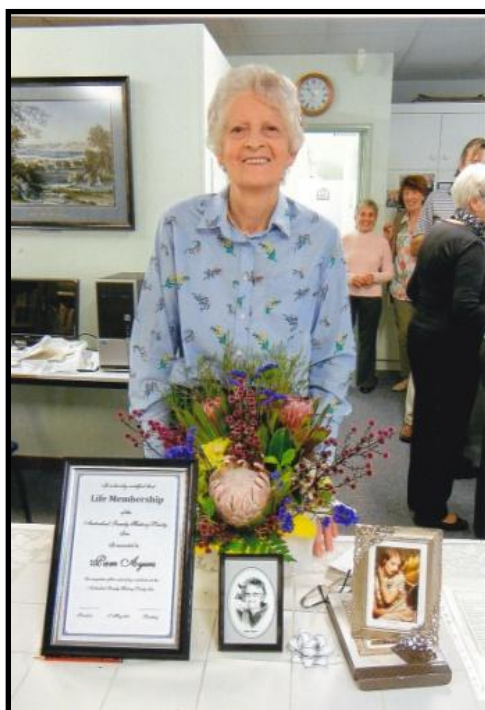


# The Skeleton



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### LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday                 10 am - 4 pm  
Wednesday             10 am - 4 pm  
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**Non-member charges**  
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### Research

Initial Fee                         \$10 for 2 hrs  
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Please email articles for the next newsletter to the Australind website with  
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**Deadline for the receipt of articles for next edition of *The Skeleton*.**

**15th November 2017**



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### Message from the Editorial Team

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our second edition of *The Skeleton* for 2017. We are now only publishing three times a year - Apr/Aug/Dec.

In this edition we have included details and photos on the 175th Anniversary of the Settlement of Australind event held on 2nd April. Also you can read all about Pam Ayers' presentation of a Life Membership.

Since the last edition, the Library had a visit from Kingston Primary School on 25th May. The 100 students who came were very well behaved and really enjoyed the experience.

We are always looking for new stories or articles to include in the newsletter.

Hope you enjoy this edition

Anne & Jayne  
The E-Team

#### DATES for your DIARY

**DNA Talk by Cate Pearce - \$5** Saturday,  
12th August 2017 at 9.30am at the Library.

**Sausage Sizzle** - planned for early October  
2017 at Treendale Bunnings store. We  
need volunteers to help on the day.

**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](http://www.wags.org.au)

**TIP:** *Don't forget to bring along your USB  
thumb drive to save files from your web  
research.*

#### AFHS SERVICES

##### **Library Visit**

Affiliated Societies - no charge (show membership card)  
Non members - \$5 per visit

##### **Membership**

1 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2017.

##### **Computer Use**

Internet Access -includes Ancestry.com + Find My Past  
and many more.

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

##### **Photocopying**

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

##### **Ring Binding**

Up to 50 sheets	\$2
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##### **Laminating**

Please ask at desk

## **President's Report**

Hello fellow Members and Researchers,

Welcome to the August *Skeleton*. Thanks to the girls who put this to print for us all to read.

I would like to thank all the Library staff who helped make the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of the first fleet into Australind such a success. The weather was very kind and the attendance was exceptional. For the many who attended, it was pleasing to see families making contact. The colour-coded balloons enabled the descendants to meet others who had arrived on the same ship. There was ample tasty food, supplied by Lucy's Caterers.

The Library is a friendly place to visit and there is always help available. Come in for a cuppa and we can also provide lunch for a small donation.

The Library is now open once a month on a Wednesday night (usually the third Wednesday) from 7pm till 10ish. To check dates on this particular time ring me - Chris Shaw (0438 254783).

Hope to see many of you at the DNA Talk on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 9.30am. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.

Enjoy reading *The Skeleton*.

Cheers

*Chris Shaw*



### **\*GERMAN GENEALOGY - need help with your research?**

I have had lots of experience researching and translating German (also Swiss German) documents/church records, and would be happy to help, if you need it.

Currently I have a subscription to Archion.de, which has digitized church records available online, and have found many other useful sites that have helped with my research.

You can contact me, Dianne Ward, through the Australind Family History Society Ph: 9796 1050, or privately by email at dianola@westnet.com.au or Ph: 0403773321.



## ***175th Anniversary Celebration of First Settlers to Australind***

We are pleased to report that the 175th anniversary event held on Sunday, 2 April 2017 was a great success. Over 250 descendants met at Alverstoke Historical Farm to celebrate the arrival of their ancestors who came on the four ships - the *Island Queen*, *Parkfield*, *Trusty* and *Diadem* - all those years ago.

The day was a beautiful warm autumn day and Alverstoke proved the perfect setting for such a historic event. One of the prominent settlers, Marshall Waller Clifton, purchased the land in 1842 where Alverstoke was later built and is still owned by the Clifton family today. We would like to thank the present owners - John, Mary & Emma Clifton for their help in organising this event.

Thanks also go to Lyndon Edwards for doing an excellent job as our MC for the day. We very much appreciated speeches from Nola Marino, Federal Member for Forrest, and Tania Jackson, Harvey Shire President. There was ample food served for morning tea thanks to Lucy's Caterers.

The tree planting ceremony was conducted by descendants from each of the four ships -, Audrey Aarons (*Island Queen*), Jacob Clifton-Gillett (aged 12) (*Parkfield*), Finnley Piggott (aged 9) (*Trusty*), and Pam Ayers (*Diadem*). A plaque was placed beside the tree to commemorate this event for all time. The tree chosen was a Chinese Elm which matches an existing one planted in the same garden bed. The tree was kindly donated by Waterloo Nursery.



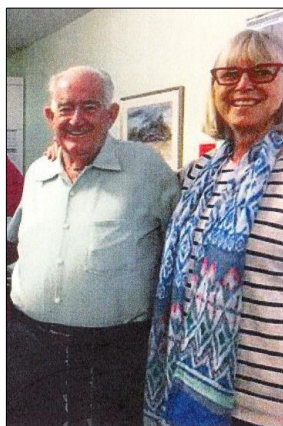
***Audrey Aarons (R), a descendant from the Island Queen, travelled from Victoria to attend the 175th.***



***"The planting of this tree and plaque is to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the first Settlement of Australind in this area"***

***Placed by Australind Family History Society 2.4.2017***

Descendants travelled from near and far and gathered beside the relevant 'ship sign' to make acquaintance with other descendants from the same ship. They shared stories, took photos and certainly would have stumbled across some distant relatives!



*Rosalie Savage, a descendant from the Trusty, travelled all the way from Sydney to attend and is photographed here with AFHS' Researcher, Alan Reynolds.*

AFHS would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming and making it such a wonderful event and a big thank you to the many volunteers who assisted us.

Here are a few of the thank-you's we received:-

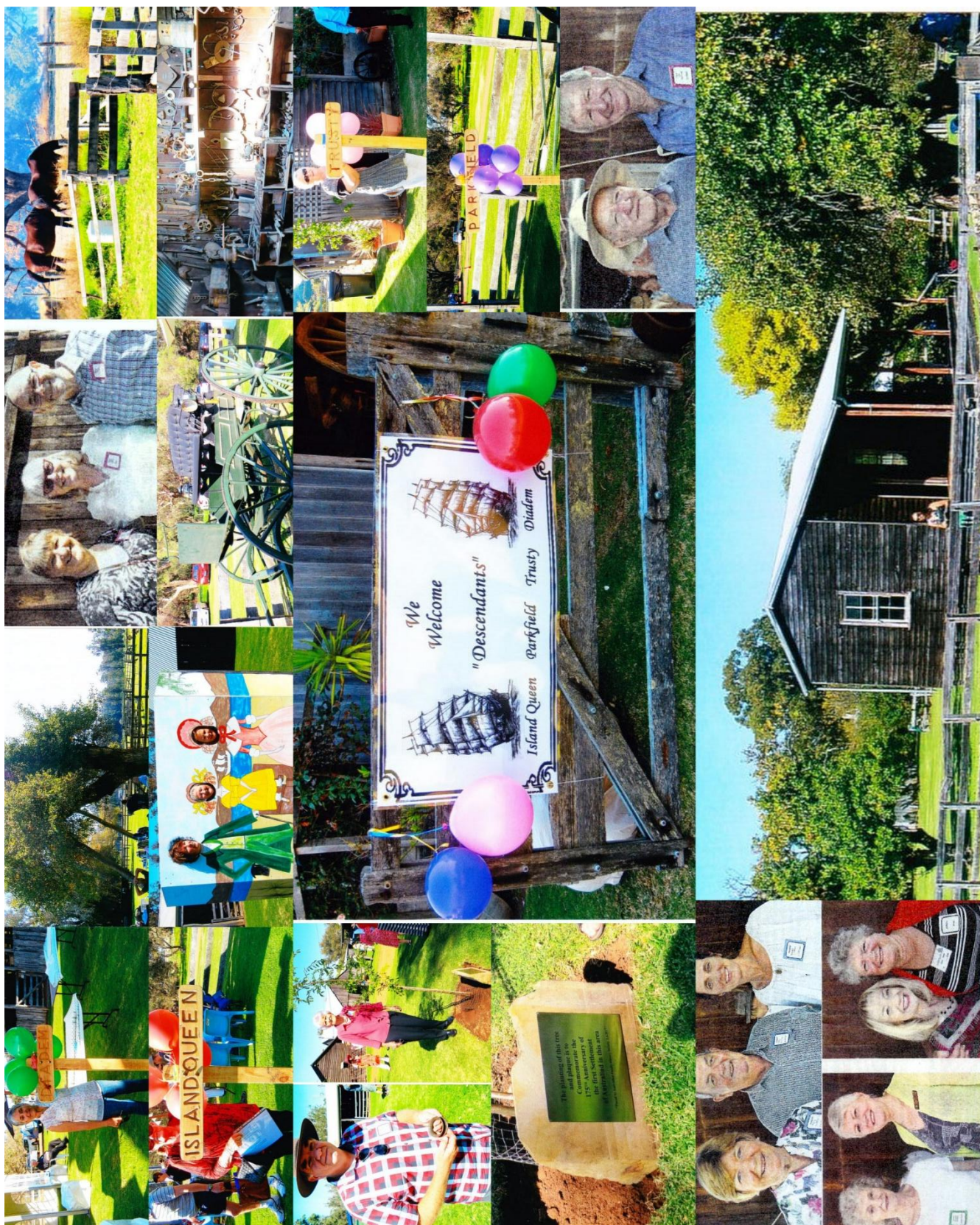
*Thank you so much, it was a memorable and very enjoyable occasion, superbly organized.*  
*Robert Keall*

*Thank you very much for a great day, the organisation, the venue, the speakers and the descendants of the 4 ships were awesome!*  
*Nick Bell*

*We thoroughly enjoyed the official and unofficial proceedings and felt that the pioneers who came on the four ships would have been proud to see that they are still being honoured by descendants to this present day.*  
*Barbara Constable*

*We hope you like the photo collage on the next page.*







## LIBRARY – LATEST ACQUISITIONS

*Many thanks to the generous people who have donated books to the Library.*

Perth Then And Now	Terry Wynn
The Boy From Augusta	Barbara Constable
*A Birch Tree. The Life & Family of Richard & Eliza Birch	Sue Birch
Old Albany	Roger & Lyndon Edwards



***\*For those interested in purchasing a copy of "A Birch Tree. The Life & Family of Richard & Eliza Birch" (cost - \$50), please contact us at the Library.***

### \*\* WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS \*\*

698	Sheila Baker	Eaton
699	Lorraine Stone	Brunswick Junction
700	Trevor Griffiths	Australind
701	Pamela Griffiths	Australind
702	Stephen Ivey	Leschenault
703	Sheryl Zaremba	Bunbury
704	Trevor Pengilly	Australind
705	Margaret Pengilly	Australind
706	Joan Akaczanek	Australind
707	Joan Cumming	Australind
708	Katherine Rooney	Brunswick
709	Evee Knight	North Boyanup
710	Greg Foulds	Australind
711	Ally Clarke	Eaton
712	Kerry Hanson	Australind

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### ***Victorian Genealogy Humour - Marriage Announcement***

On the 21st ultimo, by the Rev Mr Snooks, grandfather of the bride, Mr William David Smith, Chimney Sweep, only son of John William Smith Esq., formerly Principal Cross Sweeper in London, President of the Shoe Black Society and Vice President of the Anti-Poking Your Nose Into Other People's Business Society, now holding a Government Appointment in Norfolk Island, having left his Country for his Country's good, to Miss Anastasia Leonora Robinson, second daughter of Phoebe Robinson, wife of John Robinson, Green Grocer, late of St Giles, London - all of the South. (Source: *Wellington Independant (New Zealand)* 4th October 1862 pg3 vol.1)



## ***LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD***



We are pleased to announce that our long serving member and Librarian, Pam Ayers was presented with a **Life Membership**. The planned presentation was kept a secret from Pam and awarded on the day of the AGM, 6 May 2017. To say she was pleasantly surprised on receiving this award is an understatement! She couldn't believe we hadn't let the secret out.

This is what was read out at her presentation:-

"It is with great pleasure we wish to confer Life Membership on our long serving member, Pam Ayers.

Pam first signed in as a member of our Society on the 12 February 1996. Until this time Pam had mainly been doing her family research at the premises of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. She quickly became an invaluable member under the tutelage of the then Librarian, Helen Harbeck.

Before too long it became obvious Pam had the ability to put her knowledge to good use as a Librarian and she willingly joined the roster to assist new members searching for their ancestors.

Pam's speciality was in the areas of Scottish, Irish and Cornish research. She along with another member, Wilma Erlandson, held special "Irish Workshops". But that's not all...

Pam, being a 'local girl' is second to none in being able to help out the librarians and members. Pam has an enviable memory and knows just which book holds the information sought also remembering which family a person has been seeking even when a great deal of time has elapsed. We have all at times been at a loss and it's usual to hear, "Can you come back on Wednesday or Thursday when Pam will be on duty?" She very rarely fails to know what is being sought.

Another area Pam takes a special interest in is the Country Conferences. Pam attended as our delegate for the 2009 conference in Busselton, then again in 2011 in Mandurah. When not herself a delegate, she attended many as an observer, helping out our newish delegates by giving her support and aiding the composition of our report to be read at the conference. These reports were always constructed to show other great achievements we are making as a library.

This is but a brief overview of the contribution Pam has made over the past 21 years.

Regardless of how she is feeling on the day, Pam turns up to fill her spot in the roster and with this Life Membership we want her to know just how highly we value her as a fellow librarian and friend."

*(by Kate Bullock)*

*Congratulations Pam, from us all.*



## **A Song composed by George Fletcher Moore\***

**From the book "To Be Heirs Forever" by Mary Durack**

From the old Western World we have come to explore,  
The wilds of the Western Australian shore,  
In search of a country we've ventured to roam,  
And now that we have found it, let's make it our home.

(Chorus) And what though the colony's new, Sirs,  
And inhabitants yet may be few, Sirs  
They'll soon be increasing here too, Sirs  
So Western Australia for me.

With care and experience I'm sure 'twill be found  
Two crops in the year we may get from the ground,  
Good wood and good water, good flesh and good fish  
Good sail and good clime, and what more could you wish.

Then let everyone earnestly strive, Sirs,  
Do his best, be alert and alive, Sirs,  
We'll soon see our Colony thrive, Sirs,  
So Western Australia for me.

No furious South-Easterns - no burning simoom  
Our harvests to blight, and our fruits to consume,  
No terrible plague, nor no pestilent air  
Our 'livers' to waste, though our lives they may spare.

Our skies are all cloudless and bright, Sirs,  
And sweet is our lovely moonlight, Sirs,  
So Western Australia for me.

No lions or tigers we here dread to meet,  
Our innocent quadrupeds hop on two feet,  
No tithes and no taxes, we here have to pay,  
And our geese are all swans, as some witty folks say.

Here we live without trouble or stealth, Sirs,  
Our currency's all sterling wealth, Sirs,  
So here's to our Governor's health, Sirs,  
And the Western Australia for me.

\*George Fletcher Moore was a prominent early settler in colonial Western Australia, arriving at the Swan River Colony in 1830. He was the author of "Diary of Ten Years Eventful Life of an Early Settler in Western Australia" as well as many more publications including this song which was sung by Governor Stirling at the Government House Ball in 1831. These early colonists made WA what it is today.



## The Lonely Grave

*by Les Stevens*

*Research by Dien Stevens*

On the western side of the dual carriage way of the Forrest Highway, is a tiny grave. It is located on the southern corner of the Harris Road intersection between Myalup and Yalgorup National Park about five kilometres north of the Settlers Roadhouse. We have passed this way often, over the last two decades, on our way north, to either Mandurah or Perth. We constantly wondered if it truly was the grave of a child. Or was it the grave of a much loved pet, or was it just someone's sick statement about the road toll. I venture to say, I doubt if many passing motorists even notice it,

Finally in January 2017, instead of passing it by yet again, we stopped to look for some indication of its origins. There were none, but we took a photo anyway, to aid us in any research. Being so inclined that prompted me to write the poem "Who Lies Below" (page 13). We then made representations to the Australind Family History group in the hope that someone there might be able to shed some light on this enigma.

Then wonderfully the information that we sought was given. It was the grave of a still born female child, born to early settlers of that area. The information told us that the child had in fact been buried there over 100 years ago. It appears there is mention of the grave in a book entitled "More Lonely Graves" by Yvonne and Kevin Coates. There is also mention of it in the "Harvey History Online" website. The burial took place on 15th May 1914. She was buried by her father Ernest and the burial was witnessed by two other people.

Now armed with this basic starting point, which was 'a surname', we could now conduct further research. Using all the available genealogical research resources available to us on the internet, and her knowledge of genealogical research methods, my wife Dien, took to this project with gusto.

Having the family's surname, allowed the genealogical research site, Ancestry.com to give us access to a whole mine of information regarding the family. It allowed us to trace the origins of the family, right back to the early 1880s in Faringdon, Berkshire, England.

On the whole it may be said that the child's ancestors, figured prominently in the early development of the Swan River settlement. The child's great grandfather died in Perth in 1895. Our research showed that the immigrant family from Berkshire were largely responsible for the development of dairy farms on the southern banks of the Swan River.

As a young lad I knew of one such dairy farm at South Perth which was located between the Coode Street Jetty in South Perth and the Causeway Bridges. Our research of the Myalup family showed that there were definite family links to that farm. Other members of that branch of the family were also dairy farming further back from the river, albeit a few miles further south near the Canning River. That present day southern Perth suburb and a major thoroughfare through it now bears the family's name.

However, getting back to the parents of the still born child. The 1910 Electoral Rolls for the Bunbury area, accessed via Ancestry.com, showed us that the grandparents were listed as 'farmers' of Swamp Road, in Bunbury. The child's father Ernest and his brother Alfred, at that time, were listed in the Harvey Electoral Rolls as being farmers of the Australind/Myalup area, which is roughly where the grave is located.



Digging deeper, Dien accessed the search engine known as Google and entered the family name into that database. Back came a list of other areas worthy of research. This included one website called "Harvey History Online". This site surprisingly gave us the information that throughout the districts surrounding Harvey. There were in fact, many such graves. Seven of which were listed as being of children who were either still born or died as infants. The child who was the focus of our research was one of those seven.

Most of the burials appear to have occurred between 1903 and 1915. It seems that due to the isolation of these areas in the early 1900s that it was a fairly common practice to bury deceased or still born infants somewhere on the families property. There is one case recorded where a child fell down a well and the body was never recovered. The well was just simply filled in and it became the poor child's grave.

Further family information was gleaned via Google from local cemetery records, from which we now know that the child's parents died in the 1950s, two years apart. They are buried in what is known as the town of Harvey's 'old cemetery'. Had this girl child survived her birth, she would have had five brothers to contend with.

Following through the successive electoral rolls we could see that the family were quite successful farmers and became firmly entrenched in the Myalup, Harvey and Yarloop areas. One of the deceased child's siblings in 1950 became the sitting Liberal member for Harvey (later Wellington) electoral district, in the West Australian parliament. A situation that remained unchanged for the next 24 years.

Assuming that the child's burial took place near a dwelling on a property adjacent to what eventually became the 'Old Coast Road and subsequently the Forrest Highway, that dwelling no longer exists. Probably the reconstruction of a dual carriage way saw such a dwelling demolished. But that is only supposition.

It may though have only been a temporary residence until a more substantial dwelling could be constructed elsewhere on the property. In that era the Old Coast Road would have been nothing better than a rough limestone coastal bush track. A mate and I travelled that road by car in the late 1950s and it was still just a rough potholed limestone track, even then.

That rough track in 1914 would have constituted one of the few access routes to Bunbury via Australind. Because of that, our first thoughts were that the grave was that of child of a family travelling that route from Perth to Bunbury and that the child had become fatally ill or died due to some other misadventure. Being so far from civilisation at that time as it were, we thought that the child might have been buried beside the track.

What initially started out as idle curiosity, developed into an interesting study of one of Western Australia's early pioneer families. By strange coincidence, the family relationships we uncovered as I said, linked the whole story to a family that I knew of in Perth nearly seven decades ago.

So now having solved my mystery and have written the poem, "Who Lies Below" (page 13). I felt that now, a sequel was in order. So I wrote another poem that I titled "Now I Know" (page 14). Both poems appear in my recently published book "Rhyme for All Reasons".

I purposely have not mentioned the family's name because it does not change any part of this story which is really about the journey, our initial curiosity took us on, to discover the origins of this lonely grave. But nevertheless, an astute reader should be able to read between the lines and discover the clues to the family identity.

There is so much information out there in the cyber world these days that genealogical research can be a very rewarding pastime. One never knows just what may turn up nor where such enquiries will lead you. We think that it is truly amazing that a lot more than 'leaves' will fall out, when you give a family tree 'a damn good shake'!

## "Who Lies Below"



*Beside the highway all alone  
A lonely grave is overgrown  
Not noticed by the passing throng  
It has been there for oh so long*

*The road was then a rough bush trail  
Too isolated for those that ail  
Too far from help with horse and dray  
Civilisation so far away*

*A mystery from days long past  
Into this ground a body cast  
It's small in size a child must lay  
Reminder of a fateful day*

*A mother grieving I suggest  
For a little child laid to rest  
Burial service sadly read  
A wooden Cross placed at its head*

*No headstone stands upon this plot  
So a name or clue there is not  
Yet one day maybe I'll find out  
Just what this grave is all about*

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## "Now I Know"



*One lonely grave beside a road  
A tale of woe it did forebode  
So small in size it must attest  
A child maybe, was laid to rest*

*Its origin was in the past  
A body into, earth was cast  
I often wondered what could be  
The answer to this mystery*

*So this tiny grave to unmask  
Of who or why I had to ask  
A friend then told me where to look  
Answer was written in a book*

*Mother in labour so afraid  
Too far away from help or aid  
In anguish and desperation  
Still born child brought desolation*

*First daughter of a pioneer  
Did not bring the family cheer  
No reward for their sweat and toil  
Child laid to rest in virgin soil*

*On this grave the sun has shone  
One hundred years have come and gone  
History records that sad day  
When a mother's dreams went astray*

*Now that I have been made aware  
A still born child is buried there  
There's no reason now to ponder  
As on by I choose to wander*

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## WEB CORNER

\*\*\* Remember to visit our own AFHS Website administered by Chris Riley\*\*\*  
[www.australindfhs.org](http://www.australindfhs.org)

**Friends of Battye Library, Historical photographs** - this new online site for WA photographic collections held in local history collections in WA. Some wonderful images that are not in other collections:- <http://imageswesternaustralianhistory.weebly.com/explore-a-local-history-collection.html>.

**German website** - [www.archion.de](http://www.archion.de) - if you need to translate these records - AFHS member, Dianne Ward can help. Contact us at the Library on 97961050 for her details.

**DNA Testing** - Roberta Estes, *Ethnicity - A Conundrum* -  
<https://dna-explained.com/2016/02/10/ethnicity-testing-a-conundrum/>

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This is what a five year old thinks her family tree should look like:-

