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FAMILY TREE MAKER CONVENER

Peter Applebee

LEGACY USERS GROUP CONVENER

Margaret Flaiban

Hello Members,

This past month we had Guest Speaker – Sharon Mansell and she is researching the Bushsfelde Area outside Gawler. A very interesting and informative presentation for those who attended.

This was a German Rural Settlement, which today sits between the Northern Expressway and the Gawler River to the west of the Gawler Aerodrome. There are Two Cemeteries, and was Two Churches (St.Pauls shown below). The area was called Loos after 1918 but has been reverted. However, they have now dropped the “s” to Buchfelde.

Vale Margaret Flaiban

Our life member Margaret Flaiban has passed away peacefully in the palliative care at Modbury Hospital. Margaret has been sick for some time, now at peace. A Memorial event was held on the 13th at The Water Shed Function Centre and was well attended by members.

She was a founding member, but more than that She and others came together to organize and form the steering committee to form this group. As Member Number 2 gives case to this cause. This Group and Family History in General were her life. Her last visit was at the 2022 end of year break up, where an emotional Margaret explained this to all in attendance.

For years she has stood at the coal face as a volunteer researcher, helping numerous people find their past.

She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Hope you all soon.

Regards ANDFHG

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Additions To the Website Members Area

December 2022

Whyalla Family History Group Inc.

The Grapeline March 2023

Mildura & District Genealogical Society Inc.

Ghost Buster March 2023

Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc

Tree of Life February 2023

Wyong Family History Group

The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.

The South-West Genealogist – Nov. – Dec. 2022

Cowra Family History Group Inc.

Eagle Eye Journal Dec. 2022

Young & District Family History Group Inc.

Lambing Flat Leader January 2023

Additions To the Library

- 883 Elizabeth Champions (tall book - laying down)
- 884 Silver Jubilee 1960-1985 Elizabeth Girls Tech and Playford High
- 885 The Spell Broken - Exploding the Myth of Japanese Invincibility
- 886 Those Ragged Bloody Heroes - From the Kokada Trail to Gona Beach 1942
- 887 Victory at Villers-Bretonneux - Why a French Town wil never forget the ANZACS
- 888 Gallipoli
- 889 Largely a Gamble - Australians in Syria June - July 1941
- 890 200 Shots - Damien Parer George Silk and the Australians at War in New Guinea
- 891 A Corner of a Foreign Field - The Illustrated Poetrynof the First World War.
- 892 Journeys into Night
- 893 Weary - The Life of Sir Weary Dunlop
- 894 A Tribute to Robert & Charlotte Haydon from their descendants.
- 895 Thomas Helps Family History
- 896 Johann Bubner Family History
- 897 Johann Bubner Family History - Appendix
- 898 Wards Belt Cemetery Burial Register

Help needed.

We had discussions with Taylor and Forgie Funeral Directors before Christmas. We are hoping to try and restart this document scanning project this year. The Equipment has been refreshed and is ready to go back in action. While the final details are yet to worked out, we are looking for volunteers who may wish to help with this.

The Editorial Team is also looking for some help with putting this newsletter together. Finding Interesting items for the same and perhaps typing out the odd article may be required.

If you can help with either of these please contact us via our
Projects Email Address: projects@andfhg.org.au

Have you heard of the Dunmow Flitch Trials?



Flitch bearers carrying the flitch (Image: Dunmow Flitch Trials)

Each British County has its own myths, legends and shared beliefs, but Essex is particularly rich in the currency of tradition – all of which takes cover under the umbrella of ‘folklore’.

Have you ever heard of a flitch of bacon being awarded to a married couple? It is a centuries-old English tradition, remnants of which survive only in Great Dunmow, Essex. The Flitch Trials are held in the town once every four years around Whit Monday (the day after Pentecost Sunday) in June. Its origins are obscure, but some claim that the trials were inspired when, in 1104, the Lord and Lady of the Manor in Little Dunmow dressed themselves as humble folk and begged the blessing of the Prior, one year and a day after their marriage. The Prior, impressed by their devotion, gifted them a flitch of bacon – a salted and cured side of pork.

Historically, the day of the Dunmow Flitch was started by summoning a mock court, consisting of a judge and a jury of six bachelors and six maidens from the town. Couples that had been married for a ‘twelvemonth and a day’ were invited to come forward before the judge and swear under oath that, across the whole year, they never once regretted their marriage or quarrelled with each other. Such an oath was taken whilst kneeling on sharp stones outside Dunmow Priory, whilst the crowd chanted a long verse. Winners are recorded back to 1444, when the flitch was won by Mr and Mrs Wright from Badbourn near Norwich, suggesting that folks travelled from miles around to take part in the proceedings.

After the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century, there was a long gap between Flitch Trials before the tradition was revived in 1701 when the awarding of the flitch was taken over by the Lord of the Manor. After another lapse, the trials were revived in the Victorian era after the tremendous success of novelist William Harrison Ainsworth’s 1854 book, *The Flitch of Bacon*.



The old Flitch Chair in the Little Dunmow Priory Church

This pageant is still held every leap year in Great Dunmow – the next one will take place in July this year, as it was postponed for two years in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These days, a council of respected locals and Essex folk are asked to cross-examine couples who travel from far and wide attempting to prove that they are deserving of the meaty prize.

It is a testament to Essex's community spirit that a tradition once carried out across the whole of England now exists only in Great Dunmow. The trials are an unadulterated celebration of true love, marital harmony and – of course – bacon. Long may it continue.

Short video is available to view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsnBlbbRyoM>

ⁱ<https://www.dunmowflitchtrials.co.uk>

ⁱⁱMillham, A (2022) Great British Life

“The Coromandelians” by William Othams

Harrison

John Harrison was a wheelwright. He had married Elizabeth Foulkes in England in 1835, and their first child was born on the voyage to South Australia, on 21 December 1836. We know this because his 50th birthday celebrations were reported in the SA newspapers. His parents named him John Coromandel Harrison.

When the Coromandel left England, it was not known there where the first settlement was to be, and the Coromandel's instructions were to go to Nepean Bay on Kangaroo Island, and get further instructions when they got there. The South Australian Company had made its first settlement there, and by the time the Coromandel had arrived, they had discovered that they had a great need for wheelwrights, so the Harrisons remained at the newly named Kingscote when the Coromandel sailed on to Glenelg.

The Company had decided by June 1839 that Kangaroo Island was a lost cause, and relocated all but a skeleton staff to the mainland. Their KI manager, William Giles, reported to the SA

manager, David McLaren, "Harrison ... we are free of; perhaps I ought in justice to Harrison to tell you that he has become an altered man, I have not seen him tipsy for many months ... Harrison owes the company retail store (in Walsdons time) a few pounds which I have never been able to get, as I have had to keep back sums of money due to Company for arrears of rent."

Their eldest daughter had been born on KI, and they had another daughter by the time of the 1841 census, when they were living in Gouger Street. By 1845, John was doing well enough at his trade to buy a property in Brown Street. However he sold that property in 1850. In 1852 he had a small wheelwrights shop in Hindley Street, but he sold the lease of that property in 1855. Their 12th or 13th and last child was born at Edwardstown in 1856, but all of the earlier children after the 1st 2 seem to have been born in Adelaide. At some stage after that last birth, they moved to the country, first apparently to Tothill Creek near Kapunda where John Coromandel had taken up farming, and then to Burra where their eldest 3 daughters all married during 1858 and 1859. John died at Burra in 1866. Elizabeth died in Adelaide in 1875, but her usual residence when she died was still recorded as Burra.

John Coromandel sold the Tothill Creek farm in 1880, invested in an Adelaide subdivision and became involved in a younger brother's painting business, which proved fatal for him in 1890, when he was bitten and crushed against a manger by one of the firm's horses, while he was grooming it.

My sources for the Harrison biography included:

- (1) An image on Ancestry of the church register entry for the 1835 marriage in England
- (2) Family trees on Ancestry and correspondence with Ancestry members which provided dates and places of birth for the 3 daughters born after John Coromandel and before government registration of births, deaths and marriages began (partially corroborated by the ages recorded for those daughters when they got married at Burra in 1858 and 1859)
- (3) An article published in Genealogy SA's magazine by a Harrison descendant, and correspondence with her
- (4) Genealogy SA's indexes
- (5) Newspaper items on Trove (including a letter about the need for wheelwrights on Ki in 1837, the passenger list of the Lord Hobart, which brought the Harrisons from Kingscote to Adelaide and many other items, such as the reports of John Coromandel's 50th birthday party, and the inquest on his death)
- (6) SA Company records held by the State Library, mostly accessible by microfilm (included a May 1837 list of the Company's KI employees, and the letter by William Giles that I have quoted)
- (7) The 1841 census
- (8) SA Government Gazette notices of ratepayers owing rates, or entitled to or challenged as to whether entitled to vote in council elections
- (9) Council assessment books accessible on-line via the Adelaide City Archives web-site
- (10) Directories, accessible on-line from 1865 on the State Library web-site, and before that on Ancestry and find My Past (for some years)
- (11) Old system and Torrens title land dealing records
- (12) The State Library's Manning Index entry and research note on Tothill Creek
- (13) An English Probate record accessed on Ancestry for a Harrison who remained in England after serving there during World War One.

One unlucky man in my tree by R Ward



Arnold Erik Stodden born at Wallaroo Mines 21 Feb 1886
"Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1931), Saturday 18 October 1902, page 8"
A VEHICLE ACCIDENT Kadina, October 15 1902

On Thursday morning a youth, Arnold Stodden. was the victim of an accident at Wallaroo Mines.

He was engaged driving a horse and dray, when the animal took fright at something and bolted. Stodden was thrown out on to his head, and he received a severe cut, which rendered him unconscious.

Forward to 1914 He and his wife Arabella are conducting a boarding house in David St Port Pirie

"Observer (Adelaide, SA: 1905 - 1931), Saturday 31 January 1914, page 45"

COOK CHARGED WITH ARSON FIRE IN A BOARDING HOUSE PORT PIRIE

At the Magistrates' Court yesterday (before Mr. 6. J. Mitchell, S.M.) James Albert LidBtone was charged with arson. Sgt. Dowling prosecuted. Arnold Stodden, mason's labourer, said—My wife and I conduct a boarding house in David Street. The accused has been employed as cook there for a fortnight. I gave him notice, however, on Tuesday night. About 11.30 on Friday night I was awakened by the accused calling out "The house is on fire." I went into the room of one of the boarders, not then occupied. Blankets and a quilt on the bed were ablaze. -The prisoner accompanied me to the apartment, and helped to extinguish the conflagration, which I then thought had been accidentally caused by one of the usual occupants. I am certain no fire was left there. I returned to bed. An hour afterwards my wife called me to fetch the police. "There's a fire," she said, "and I have caught Jim," I returned with Constable Morley. We found that in. the room where the fire had previously occurred a shirt and bedclothes had been burned.
1933 tragedy strikes again

"Kadina and Wallaroo Times (SA : 1888 - 1954), Saturday 17 June 1933, page 2"

INQUEST INTO STODDEN FATALITY ESCAPED CAR BUT KILLED BY TRAIN

How Arnold Stodden, aged 49 years, laborer, of St. Lawrence Avenue, Edwardstown had been saved from serious injury by a motor car on the South Road, Edwardstown, on the night of Monday, June 5, and then shortly afterwards had been killed by a train at a nearby level crossing, was disclosed at the inquest into his death today.

The Coroner found that Stodden had died from injuries received when struck by an engine at a level crossing at Edwardstown on June 5th, and that his death was not due to the negligence of any railway employe.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 16 June 1933, page 1

SAVED, THEN KILLED.

Car Escape and Rail Smash.

INQUEST STORY.

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As he approached the Castle Street crossing, said witness, he blew the engine whistle. When about 75 yards away he saw the man walking toward the line. When the engine was about 25 yards from the crossing, Henderson said that he saw the man stop as if to wait for the train to pass. The next thing he noticed was a tremor in the engine. Mr. Muirhead - Did you think you had passed over something? Witness - Yes. I said, to the fireman, "Did you feel that?" and then applied the brakes and pulled up the train. Henderson told the coroner that when he got down from the engine he found a man lying beneath the train with his head close to the front wheels of the second carriage. The man was badly injured, but alive, and was taken in the guard's van to the Adelaide Station and thence to the Adelaide Hospital. HAD CLEAR VIEW. From the Edwardstown Station he had a clear view of the crossing. It had no gate or warning bell, but in his opinion was adequately lighted. Thomas Harold McInerney, of Second avenue, Forestville, who was the fireman on the train, said that he did not see any pedestrian. James Henry Stodden, out of business of Salisbury terrace, North Walkerville, said that Stodden was his brother. He had had very bad eyesight from child-hood, and it had been getting worse as he got older.

Did you know Colchester used to be the capital of Britain and is the oldest recorded town in Britain?

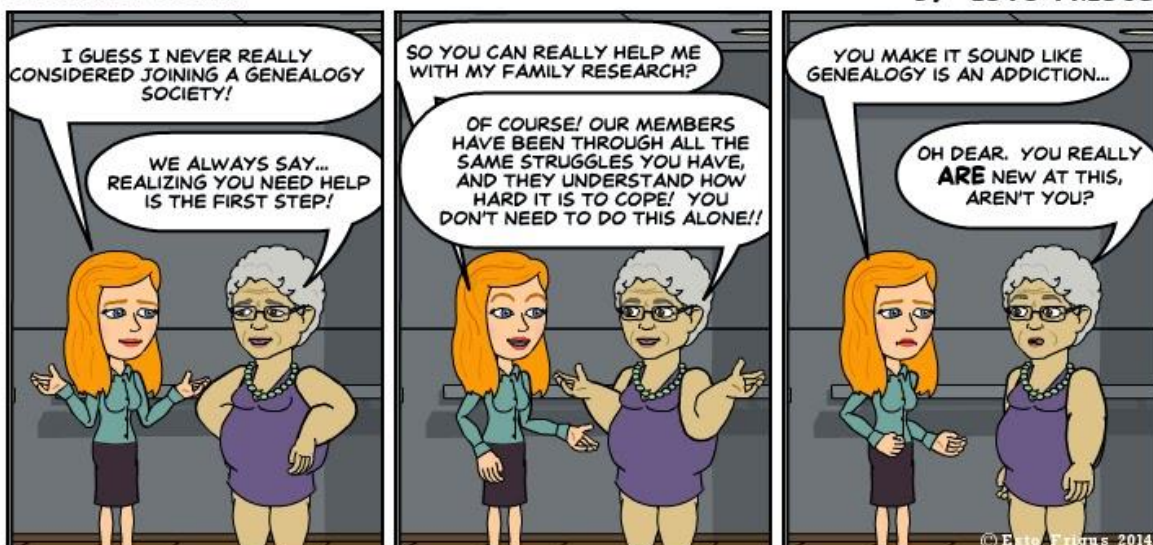
When the Romans invaded in AD 43 they set up Colchester, then called Camulodunum as the capital. It didn't last long though as the town was attacked and destroyed in AD 61 during Boudica Queen of the Iceni's rebellion. The Roman legions were away on campaign at the time and Boudica was almost unopposed. This alarmed the Roman authorities and they set about building a wall around the town. Colchester has one of the longest Roman town walls in Britain. The entire wall circuit is 2,800m long and once stood 6m tall and is an average of 2.4 m wide.

William the Conqueror also chose Colchester to build his first and largest royal castle in stone. Construction started in 1076 on the ruins of a Roman temple, the castle is now a museum.



GENEAPALOOZA

BY ESTO FRIGUS



CHESHUNT PARK AND THE CROMWELLS

A historic estate in Cheshunt Hertfordshire England

By *Nicholas Blatchley*



Cheshunt Park Lodge & Gate 1907
Hertfordshire Archive & Local Studies



The same lodge in 2014 - Photo R Ward

The first known mention of Cheshunt Park dates from 1339, when John Duke of Brittany complained of trespass at “his park at Cheshunt.”

It appears to have been part of the Manor of Cheshunt, subsequently held by the Crown until it was granted in 1526 to Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond and Somerset, Henry VIII's illegitimate son. Subsequently, though, it was separated from the Manor of Cheshunt and, from 1570, was part of the Manor of [Theobalds](#). As such, it was held by the Cecils and then by the Crown.

Survey

After the execution of Charles I, the Manor of Theobalds, including Cheshunt Park, was seized by Parliament. A survey described it as consisting of “669 acres, One Roode, and Sixteene pole”, with each acre worth 14s 6d a year, and containing “impaled pasture ground”, woods and three “tenements”. The Chief Rangers of the park were specified as being the Earl of Salisbury and his son, Lord Cranborne.

The Cromwells at Cheshunt Park

In the mid 18th century, the estate of Cheshunt Park passed by marriage to a certain Oliver Cromwell, great-grandson of his more famous namesake and great-nephew of [Richard Cromwell](#), briefly Lord Protector of England, who had spent much of his later life living in Churchgate, Cheshunt. The later Oliver Cromwell built a mansion in 1795, officially called Brantyngheshay, but later referred to simply as Cheshunt Park. In an ironic twist, this Oliver Cromwell also became Lord of the Manor of Theobalds, from which his ancestor's enemy Charles I had set out to raise his standard at the start of the Civil War.

Oliver Cromwell left only one surviving child, a daughter called Oliveria, who was the last direct descendant of the Protector to bear the name Cromwell. Her husband, Thomas Artemidorus Russell, repeatedly applied for permission to take his wife's name. Each petition was vetoed by George III, reportedly with the words, “No, no; no more Cromwells!”

Later history

Oliveria's descendants owned Cheshunt Park throughout the 19th century, but from about 1860 it was leased to Frank Gissing Debenham, who lived there. After his death in 1912, his

daughters bought the estate. The last of them died in 1969, and the house was demolished the following year. Cheshunt Park is now divided between a public park and a municipal golf course.

A little bit of history of my birthplace, Cheshunt Hertfordshire England by R Ward

How did normal people survive winter in the Middle Ages?



Interesting aspect on the life of our ancestors, surviving the seasons

In these more primitive times, our ancestors tended towards a more cyclical way of life that revolved around nature. They would hibernate through the coldest months of the winter and burst into action as soon as the warm weather came around again. That is, if they survived the sometimes unpredictable harshness of winter.

Sources: (Medievalists.net) (Ancestry)



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