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Meetings are held on the third Thursday
of each month at 7pm at
The Old Police Station, Ann Street, Salisbury.

\$2 entry fee for non-members

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RAFFLE

Congratulations to John Clift who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

MEETINGS

Tonight's meeting is a casual "Help Night" where we can share information, and hopefully help each other with our research. We have varied expertise within our membership pool, and these nights have been very popular in the past.

Our next meeting will be the AGM, and everyone is encouraged to attend to decide the committee for the next year. This will be followed by a "Show and Tell" evening where members can share anything of interest.

*** If you would like a lift to a meeting please call Margaret on 8281 8431
or Bert on 8254 7950***

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We thank you for your continuing support.



AGM

Our AGM will be held on Thursday July 19th at 7pm at the Old Police Station, Ann Street, Salisbury. All members are encouraged to attend and vote in the new Committee for the next financial year.



COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

In keeping with our present constitution, all Committee positions must be vacated annually and new elections held. Every financial member has the opportunity to nominate the persons they wish to have serve on the Committee. Could anyone wishing to make a nomination ensure that their forms are returned before or at the AGM on July 19th

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Positions up for nomination are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Co-ordinator
Newsletter Editor
General Committee (x3)

Early families of Salisbury – by James Potter

Our Last Speaker Evening

James Potter is the past-President of the Salisbury Historical Society who gave us a very informative talk on early families who settled in and around Salisbury. He told us a bit about himself and his early life in and around Salisbury which is 160 years old this year. James has seen half of that, which makes him 80! He is a wealth of information.

He began by telling us about the Kurna aboriginal tribe who roamed the Salisbury Plains area long before the European settlement, and we were shown a few slides of photographs that had survived of the area in the early 1800's. In 1839 Gawler was settled before Salisbury with many hotels built along the road, one of which was the Travellers Rest on the banks of the Little Para River. The Salisbury Hotel on the corner of Commercial Road is the oldest building in Salisbury.

The Founder of Salisbury was John HARVEY, a 19 year old from Wick, Scotland who travelled from England with a Mr McFarlane on the "*Superb*" in 1839. John Harvey is reputed to have been partly coloured, and after marrying Ann PITMAN in 1841 delivered the mail to and from Gawler. Ann's family was connected to Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the famous Pitman's Shorthand. The family were originally from around the Salisbury area in Wiltshire, which is most probably where the settlement got its name. John and Ann soon had a son James, followed by John and Mary. Some of the major streets in Salisbury are named after them.

James' wife Marilyn showed us many slides of the early shops and the very important Flour Mill, which sadly burnt down in 1915. Churches were prominent and besides St John's Anglican Church, the Congregational Church and Wesleyan Chapel (built 1858 in William Street) there was a Strict Baptist Church founded by the HELPS family. In 1849 a private school was opened and in 1850 John Harvey gave one acre of land as a burial ground, at St Johns.

Around this time, the WINDZOR family were settled in Salisbury on 1000 acres, known as Deal Court on Port Wakefield Road. We can only assume they originated from Deal in Kent.

John bought Section 2191 shortly after his marriage, which is busy Commercial Road today. Here, people like Mr IRLWIN ran the butchers shop, who then sold the business on to a Mr WHITTLESEA. John PORTER acquired land as well as Joseph BROADSTOCK and a Mr TRABASCUS. In 1848 John Harvey bought land in and around Gawler, which consisted mostly of wheat fields. The Kapunda and Burra copper mines were in full production around this time also. By 1850 the settlement acquired their first doctor - Dr FISHER whose likeness hangs in the Salisbury Historical Society's rooms.

There was a Mr KEYWORTH, the undertaker, Mr GOODMAN who ran a Blacksmith shop and later in the 1920's a Mr F GURNEY was the General Smith & Coachbuilder. He sold the business on to a Mr LANG and eventually to Cyril RICE.

Along the Little Para River there were many orange groves and vineyards and mixed farming. By the 1850's there were 500 people in and around Salisbury and in 1856 the Assembly rooms were built. In 1859 the Police Station was built at a cost of £787.0s.0d. A Mr John WEBB was the local shoemaker who sold his business to a Mr EBBS and Mr JUDD in 1875. John Harvey's son James became District Clerk of the area at £30.0s.0d per annum and stayed in this position of office for many years.

In 1857 a Miss Charlotte PRETTY operated the drapers shop in John Street, selling the business on to the Harvey family.

The post offices were very well maintained, with sub-branches being at Penfield, Angle Vale, Waterloo Corner and Womma. A main post office was also situated at the corner of Bolivar Road and Port Wakefield Road, where the Service Station now stands.

At the turn of the century, the main Salisbury post office operated from the busy railway station which was run by the Government. The Station Master and the Postmaster worked virtually together.

In 1899 John Harvey died and is buried in St John's cemetery.

James finished up his talk by telling us about Mr William BENBOW who used to come to the Institute in the 1940's. Mr Benbow toured around South Australia on the cinema circuit showing the various films of the day. Quite an event!

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Old Munno Para flour mill, Salisbury, destroyed by fire in 1915.

Getting Started

GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

1. **ALWAYS** work backwards from the known (yourself) to the unknown (forebears)
2. **NEVER** believe everything on a Birth, Death or Marriage certificate
3. **NEVER** completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc.
4. **ALWAYS** check surname variants when researching
5. **ALWAYS** have at least two separate sources of proof for each event
6. **REMEMBER** that everything is only speculation until verified
7. **ALWAYS** photocopy certificates and important documents and leave the originals in a safe place
8. **IF** a document exists, read it!
9. **JOIN** at least one Family History Group, Genealogical Society or Historical Society
10. **SHARE** your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers

Australian BDM certificates

In Australia (and New Zealand) birth, death and marriage certificates are considered to be primary sources of information and as such are the "bread and butter" of a family historian's research. An important fact to remember is that each birth, death and marriage is recorded in the State and Territory where it occurred, so if your ancestors travelled it may be necessary to consult records in one or more of the eight States and Territories of Australia.

When tracing a forebear the recommended procedure is to obtain a birth certificate, then the parents' marriage certificate, their birth certificates and then their parents' marriage certificates. By continuing to obtain birth and marriage certificates for each forebear you are tracing, you will quickly get used to this good habit which enables you to trace your family tree with the highest degree of accuracy.

Births

Depending on the era and where it was registered, a Birth certificate will provide you with details of parentage, which include the father's birthplace, his age and occupation and the mother's maiden name, her age, the couple's marriage date and previous children (if any). Each of these items allow for essential cross-checking the accuracy of information gathered from other sources. Refer to the chart for precise details about Birth certificates.

Marriages

Also depending on the era and where it was registered, a Marriage certificate will provide you with both the bride's and groom's ages, birthplaces, occupations, previous marriages (if any) and their parents' names. Again, these details must be thoroughly checked for accuracy. Precise details of Marriage certificates are given in the chart.

Deaths

Sometimes a Death certificate will be needed to give additional information, but it must be remembered that a Death certificate is the least correct record because the person who died is not the person who provided the information. Caution must be exercised as errors have occurred even when the informant is a close relative – in most cases due to the emotions prevailing – however in the case of those dying in hospitals or institutions, it is usually because the information is simply not known.

Death certificates can sometimes provide details of a child or children who were previously known to the researcher. They also allow interested researchers to build up a medical history of their families which, in the case of genetic imperfections, can often prove relevant and beneficial to living family members.

Transcription Agents

If you are fortunate to have ancestors who were born, married or died in New South Wales you can save precious research dollars by using the services of one of the three Transcription Agents appointed by the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. You can find out about the services they offer from their advertisements in this magazine and from details given in BDM Certificates on p61.

What is on Australian BDM certificates

BIRTH	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Commenced	Jan 1930	Mar 1856	Aug 1870	Mar 1856	Jun 1842	Dec 1838	Jul 1853	Sep 1841
Earlier records	NSW	None	SA	NSW	None	None	NSW	None
Name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Father's name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Father's occupation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Father's age	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1907	from 1902	Yes	from 1896
Father's birthplace	Yes	Yes	from 1908	Yes	from 1907	from 1902	Yes	from 1896
Mother's name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maiden name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mother's age	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1907	from 1902	Yes	from 1896
Marriage date	Yes	Yes	from 1908	Yes	from 1907	from 1896	Yes	from 1896
Previous children	Yes	Yes	from 1908	Yes	from 1907	from 1919	Yes	from 1896
Embargo	100 years	1905 on	80 years	1820 on	75 years	75 years	1925 on	60 years

MARRIAGE	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Commenced	Jan 1930	Mar 1856	Aug 1870	Mar 1856	Jun 1842	Dec 1838	Jul 1853	Sep 1841
Earlier records	NSW	None	SA	NSW	None	None	NSW	None
Date	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couple's names	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couple's ages	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couple's birthplace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	from 1908	from 1896	Yes	from 1896
Previous status	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couple's occupations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couple's residences	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fathers' names	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1856	from 1896	Yes	Yes
Fathers' occupations	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	No	from 1896	Yes	Yes
Groom's mother's name	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1964	from 1896	Yes	from 1896
Bride's mother's name	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	No	from 1896	Yes	No
Embargo	60 years	1954 on	60 years	1940 on	60 years	75 years	1943 on	60 years

DEATH	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Commenced	Jan 1930	Mar 1856	Aug 1870	Mar 1856	Jun 1842	Dec 1838	Jul 1853	Sep 1841
Earlier Records	NSW	None	SA	NSW	None	None	NSW	None
Name	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Death place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Occupation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cause of death	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parents' names	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	No	from 1914	Yes	from 1896
Spouse names	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	No	No	Yes	from 1896
Marriage details	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1915	No	Yes	from 1896
Children's names	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	No	No	Yes	from 1896
No of children	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1907	from 1914	Yes	from 1896
Birthplace	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1907	from 1897	Yes	from 1896
Residency	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1907	No	Yes	from 1896
Burial place	Yes	Yes	from 1949	Yes	from 1948	No	Yes	from 1896
Embargo	30 years	1973 on	30 years	1955 on	25 years	25 years	1986 on	60 years

A Yes in a column means that you can usually expect the entry to appear. There are many examples of early certificates where 1 item may be omitted despite provision in the certificate for that item of data.

It should be noted that availability of certificates may be reduced by the lack of an index. For example, the Tasmanian Register only guarantees access to certificates prior to 1900.

Please check with the Registry for restrictions and embargoes

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Civil Registration commenced 1 January 1930

PO Box 225 AUD\$33.00
Civic Square ACT 2608
Tel (02) 6207 6444 (+61 2 6207 6444)
www.rgo.act.gov.au

NEW SOUTH WALES

Civil Registration commenced 1 March 1856

GPO Box 30 from AUD\$24.00
Sydney NSW 2001
Tel 1300 655 236 (+61 2 8306 8400)
Fax (02) 9699 5120 (+61 2 9699 5120)
Search Indexes Online www.bdm.nsw.gov.au (FREE)
Transcription Services
www.joymurrin.com.au
www.marbract.com.au
<http://home.iprimus.com.au/turtle/>

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Civil Registration commenced 24 August 1870

(1856-1863 = NSW, 1863-1870 = SA)
GPO Box 3021 AUD\$25.00
Darwin NT 0801
Tel (08) 8999 6119 (+61 8 8999 6119)
www.nt.gov.au/justice/graphpages/bdm/index.shtml

QUEENSLAND

Civil Registration commenced 1 March 1856

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages AUD\$25.00
PO Box 188 Albert Street
Brisbane Qld 4002
Tel 1300 366 430 (+61 3 3247 9203)
www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/forms.htm

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Civil Registration commenced 1 June 1842

GPO Box 1351 AUD\$34.00
Adelaide SA 5001 (incl 10 year search)
Tel (08) 8204 9599 (+61 8 8204 9599)
www.ocba.sa.gov.au/

TASMANIA

Civil Registration commenced 1 December 1838

Registrations PRIOR to 31 December 1899
Archives Office of Tasmania *moderate fee*
77 Murray Street
Hobart Tas 7000
Tel (03) 6233 7488 (+61 3 6233 7488)
Fax (03) 6233 7471 (+61 3 6233 7471)
archives.tasmania@education.tas.gov.au
www.archives.tas.gov.au

Registrations AFTER 1 January 1900
Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
GPO Box 198 AUD\$33.88
Hobart Tas 7001
Tel (03) 6233 3795 (+61 3 6233 3795)
www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm

VICTORIA

Civil Registration commenced 1 July 1853

GPO Box 4332 AUD\$17.50
Melbourne Vic 3001
Tel 1300 369 367 (+61 3 9603 5888)
Search Indexes Online www.dvc.vic.gov.au/bdm.htm
(fee charged)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Civil Registration commenced 1 September 1841

PO Box 7720 from AUD\$30.00
Cloisters Square WA 6850
Tel (08) 9264 1555 (+61 8 9264 1555)
www.justice.wa.gov.au

NEW ZEALAND

Central Registry 1875+ NZ\$20.00
Births, Deaths & Marriages 1848-1874 NZ\$26.00
PO Box 10-526 (incl postage from NZ)
Wellington
New Zealand
Tel 0800 225 252 (NZ only) (+64 4 474 8150)
bdm.nz@dia.govt.nz
www.bdm.govt.nz/

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FamilySearch Unveils Program to Increase Access to World's Genealogical Records

Tidal Wave of Online Databases Will Result

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH-FamilySearch announced today its Records Access program to increase public access to massive genealogy collections worldwide. For the first time ever, FamilySearch will provide free services to archives and other records custodians who wish to digitize, index, publish, and preserve their collections. The program expands FamilySearch's previously announced decision to digitize and provide online access to over 2 million rolls of copyrighted microfilm preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault. A key component of the program allows FamilySearch and archives to team with genealogy websites to provide unprecedented access to microfilm in the vault. The combined results ensure a flood of new record indexes and images online at www.FamilySearch.org and affiliated websites.

The plan combines the assets and experience of the Genealogical Society of Utah with the state-of-the-art technology resources of FamilySearch-all under the single brand name of FamilySearch. The Records Access program allows records custodians to publish their data online by themselves or with the assistance of FamilySearch or affiliate genealogical websites and historical societies.

"Records custodians worldwide are experiencing growing pressure to provide access to their records online while maintaining control and ownership. At the same time, websites that provide digitizing and publishing services are struggling with the staggering costs," said Wayne Metcalfe, director of Records Services for FamilySearch. "The new Record Access program takes advantage of FamilySearch's resources and creates an economical and effective forum where record custodians and genealogical websites can work together to accomplish their respective objectives," added Metcalfe.

Working with the records custodians, FamilySearch can leverage its extensive microfilm and growing digital image collection to create digital images for affiliate genealogical websites at a fraction of the cost. The affiliate genealogy organization will create indices of the digital images and then publish the images and the indices on its own website, the archive's website, or a jointly published site. A copy of the index will also be made available for free on the popular FamilySearch website, which will help drive traffic to record images on the custodians' or affiliates' sites. Full, free access to both the indices and images will be provided to family history centers, FamilySearch managed facilities, and the archives. If the record custodian seeks revenue to sustain operations, a small fee may be required to access images outside FamilySearch managed facilities or the archive.

For archives and heritage societies, the new program benefits include:

- ? Digitally capture, preserve, and publish records online
- ? Increase access to records while maintaining control and ownership
- ? Increase patronage and business viability
- ? Over 100 years of archival and publishing experience

For genealogy websites, the new program helps them:

- ? Benefit from the knowledge and relationships of FamilySearch with the archival community worldwide
- ? Significantly lower costs associated with acquiring, preserving, or providing access to data
- ? Increase business viability and website traffic
- ? Leverage an open platform that develops value-added services around FamilySearch, the world's largest repository of genealogical data.
- ? Under the program, FamilySearch will also provide tools and assistance to records custodians who want to publish parts of their collection using state-of-the-art digital cameras, software, and web-based applications.

The archive can work with an affiliate, historical society, or FamilySearch to index the images or host a website for the records custodian. The index of the record collection will be available for free on FamilySearch, and the records custodian's site will provide access to the images for free or a fee depending on the needs of the archive and those assisting in the digitization.

One example of the tools FamilySearch can provide is FamilySearch Indexing, a web-based application that engages tens of thousands of volunteers worldwide to create searchable indexes linked to the digital images created by FamilySearch. "Through mere word-of-mouth promotions, literally tens of thousands of volunteers are already joining this effort to index the world's records by registering at FamilySearchIndexing.org and donating a few minutes a week online to the effort. Over 100,000 volunteers are expected to enlist in the initiative by year end with the numbers increasing as more projects-particularly international projects-are added," said Paul Nauta, manager of Public Affairs for FamilySearch.

FamilySearch will announce the first collaborative projects of its new Records Access program during the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Convention in Richmond, Virginia, the week of May 14, 2007. Many more project announcements are expected in the following months.

Record custodians and archives that would like additional information regarding the FamilySearch Records Services can contact Wayne Metcalfe (metcalfewj@gensocietyofutah.org) and genealogy web service providers should contact Dave Harding (hardingdp@ldschurch.org).