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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 Deb Llewellyn who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

MEETINGS

Tonight we will be having another Networking night.

Next month meeting will feature David McGowan giving a presentation about the 25th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday Bushfires.

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Open Day

Saturday 15th September 2007

Our second open day was again a great success, with 6 new people coming through the doors to make use of our facilities and expertise. At this point, our open days will continue on a monthly basis, the next being on Saturday 13th October from 1-4 pm

Radio station talk

Tuesday 18th September

Once again, we were invited for a radio interview to publicise our Group! This time by Radio 5PBA, a local station serving the Salisbury area. Colin Withall spoke very eloquently, and detailed the aims of our group and announced upcoming events. Hopefully some interested listeners will attend the meetings mentioned.

Earlier this month we had a radio interview with Uni SA FM. Many thanks to Margaret and Pete who attended this interview.

Gould Genealogy

Gould Genealogy at Modbury have changed their hours of business. They will no longer trade on Saturday mornings, but will still be open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Picnic with Fleurieu Peninsula Group

On the 25th November we have been invited to join the Fleurieu Peninsula Group in a joint picnic. Details to follow.

OLD WILLS AND DOCUMENTS

Our Thursday night meeting gave a warm welcome to Colin Withall who spoke on deciphering old Wills and documents. Some Wills are self explanatory but others have unusual legal wording and handwriting. A Will applied mostly to real estate and personal property. Colin explained about Probate documents and the two Ecclesiastical Courts namely York and Canterbury. If an estate was large, the Will was usually proved in London. If the estate was relatively small, say less than Five Pounds, the Will some times went to the Bishop of the Diocese, who usually took his fee out of the estate. In some of these instances, there was not enough money left in the estate for the family. It was a costly exercise to the executor to have probate granted. Colin provided a lot of information regarding the Ecclesiastical Courts and definitions of Wills and deciphering old documents. These pamphlets can be viewed at our rooms.

Over the years, Colin had gathered a lot of information about his Stafford and Withall families, which included Wills, and some of these were shown on the screen for everyone to see.

One of Colin's ancestors, Philip Stafford, made a Will in 1770 showing the family name had gone back to around 1689. This Will clearly set out his wish to be buried in a cave, and gifts of hatbands and gloves were given to the coffin bearers. There was a stipulation that no other person had to be buried in the same cave ! Philip's wife was left only 5 shillings, yet a servant, Jane Vickery, inherited a dwelling house. It was also not unusual to attach a pedigree chart to old Wills such as this.

Most people made their Will very late in life, some times on their death beds. One of Colin's family had made a Will in 1739 which showed that if his son married a PIKE girl, then he would lose the princely sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds from the estate. In today's money that equals approximately A\$323,582.50! The Will actually mentions this stipulation three times. Unfortunately, he did not inherit the money.

Another Will made by John Withall left 2 hogshead of cider to his wife. Apparently one hogshead is equivalent to 63 gallons. Little did they know that it was the cider that was killing the family off. The cider was put through lead pipes, and it was the lead content that poisoned them.

After 1837 a woman could make a Will in her own right, meaning she did not need her husband's permission. Non-conformists (i.e. Methodists, Quakers, and Catholics) did not have to pay as much in probate fees, as the Church of England people.

If you are looking for a Will, there are a lot of useful links such as :

www.ozgenonline.com

Our home page containing many shortcuts to other genealogy search websites.

www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk

for PCC Wills 1384 – 1858.

www.scottishdocuments.com

for Scottish Records and Wills up to 1875.

www.courtservice.gov.uk/cms/wills.htm

for Wills in England and Wales after 1858.

Parish Registers are also a good source of information for clues to that elusive family member.

Bastardy Bonds are rare, but if you are lucky to find one, they can provide very useful information. An entry into a parish register some times shows these as "base born of **". The parish usually had to keep and maintain this base born child if the father was not mentioned, so the mother was interrogated into giving the father's name. It was not unusual for women of the parish to have more than one base born child, but if the particular woman had more than two base born children, then they were some times whipped before the parishioners.

Most of Colin's ancestors were from Devon and a lot of records including Wills were destroyed during the Second World War, so he has been particularly lucky in locating his information.

Colin Withall

Buckland Park Station

The original owner of the Port Gawler Station, as it was known, was George Milner Stephen, son in law of Governor Hindmarsh. Next in the line of owners was in 1838 Capt. Allen and Mr. John Ellis. Mr John Ellis earned the title as the first settler in the Port Gawler area. A learned person believed to have spoken several languages, came to Southern Australia to amass his fortune, which he did. The original homestead on the southern side of the Gawler River was believed to have been built by him using the bricks used as ballast in his two ships. The site originally gazetted as the proposed township of Milner. But this did not eventuate, and it remained as one piece of land. Next to this homestead was built a Church. Later to be converted in to a home and used by Joseph Applebee jnr for many years. Also the connection to these boats may explain the long boat stored in the rafters of the stable roof, witnessed by myself in the late 1960's. In 1855 and 1856 ownership past back and forth after Dr. William John Browne and Dr. John Harris Browne bought the station, and returned it to Mr. Ellis after a disagreement over the health of the sheep. The Browne's eventually took control and it in turn was passed on to Mr. Leonard G. Browne, the son of one of the above in 1885. It is relative to note that at the same time as the Browne take over, Joseph Applebee Snr. and others had started buying up land just north of the main gate on what is now Applebee Road. Most of these private blocks were to become with time, under the ownership of the Applebee family as they remain to day.

It was during Mr.L.G.Browne's ownership that, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, the future King George V of England and Queen Mary visited. They had been in Australia for the first opening of Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in Melbourne on the 5th of May 1901. Travelling on the Royal Yacht they arrived in Adelaide on the 9th of May for a 5 day stay. On Friday the 12th of May the Duke boarded a specially decorated train for the trip to Salisbury, the Duchess followed some 2 hours later along the same route. A buggy ride was to follow to Buckland Park, along which at various points had been decorated with produce of the district. Once



at Buckland Park the future King and his entourage set about their reason for being there, shooting. At the lake area of Buckland Park, they

were after Duck, and twenty five were bagged in the morning. For lunch the Duke and Duchess met up again at a specially constructed marquee, were the royal couple penned messages for the evening paper. the Duchess's read 'Charming place, Enjoyed the pretty drive, the kangaroos would not hop', these messages were sent to Adelaide via pigeon. After lunch the Duke went of to bag some peacock, while the Duchess and her entourage were entertained by some buckjumping and shearing demonstrations. After which they returned to Adelaide together, the following day sailed for Fremantle.

Mr.L.G.Browne who spent most of his time at Parkstone, Dorset in England, during his ownership, allowed some of the Park land to be used for the Two Wells and Virginia Agricultural Show. After Mr. Browne 's ownership passed to George and Edmond A. Brooks, Edmond being the son of George. After his father passed away he remained in control, and was to become a very influential person in South Australia's Agricultural Industry as well as a Chairmen of the District Council of Port Gawler 1927-29, which later amalgamated with District Council's of Dublin and Grace to become the District Council of Light (now Mallala). He became and held Chairmanship of this Amalgamation from 1935 till 1951.

Under the ownership of Edmond Brooks the Park was used as a Mustering Centre for cattle from their northern stations. Stock from Kanowana, on Coopers Creek and Clifton Hills, on the Diamantina River, Nilpinna and Cootanoorina, both south of Oodnadatta, as well as Lake Letty Station were shipped from the closest railhead Marree to Two Wells and then to Buckland Park. At Buckland Park they were fattened ready for market, and at any one time there could be 2000 head of cattle and 12,000 head of sheep on the Park. Employee's of the Park would quite often travel to Marree to assist with the transfer of stock, including horses. Brumbies were brought to the Park, broken and then returned to the other stations for their usage. Sheep were a Potwarth strain, after much experimentation a Suffolk Ram and a Polwarth Ewe were mated to create a hardy, healthy breed suited to Park life. The low lands of the Park were irrigated by flood gates placed in the Gawler River, from time to time the Park would be flooded to help the pastures.



Cemeteries of the World



The City of the Dead (*Qarafa, Arafa*) is a cemetery in Cairo, Egypt. It is a four mile long cemetery located on the eastern side of Cairo. It is also home to nearly a million people, many of whom were forced from crowded ghettos in Cairo. The lack of satisfactory and affordable housing for the rapidly growing population has forced many poor Egyptians to live in houses amongst cemeteries. Others came from the villages simply looking for work - a good example of rural to urban migration.

To the people of Cairo, and other Egyptians, it is simply "the cemetery". It is a bustling grid of tombs and mausoleums where people live and work amongst their dead ancestors.



Drunk driver stuck in grave after crash

From correspondents in Berlin

August 22, 2007 05:16am

Article from: Reuters

A GERMAN woman on her way to pay respects to a dead relative ploughed across the cemetery drunk in her car, smashing up headstones and tombs before she ground to a halt in someone's grave, police said overnight.

The woman drove into the graveyard in the southern town of Mitterteich on a track running through it but veered off as she struggled to control her vehicle, local police said.

"Eventually she ended up stuck in a grave and couldn't get out, so we had to pull her out," a police spokesman said. "She said she'd come to visit one of her relatives' graves."

Police estimated the total damage to graves and the 53-year-old's car at around \$30,123.