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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

YOUR COMMITTEE

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RAFFLE

Congratulations to Margaret Flaiban who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

MEETINGS

At tonight's meeting David McGowan will be giving a presentation remembering the 25th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires. He was a volunteer fire-fighter during this time, and was involved in the fighting of these fires on the day.

Next month's speaker will be Anne Beadell.
Anne's husband Len has been named the "Last True Australian Explorer" for opening up over 2.5 million square kilometres of rugged Australian Outback. Anne was out there with him and I saw lots of the virgin country and the exploratory work that he did, with her and children in tow. Come along and hear her story.

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Mini Expo

Sunday October 21st 2007

We will again have a table to publicise our Group at the Elizabeth RSL Club's Mini Expo. A lot of interest was generated at the last Expo, hopefully this one will be just as successful.

Elizabeth RSL Club, Midway Road, Elizabeth. 12.00noon to 4.00pm

Huguenot Society

Thursday October 25th 2007

The Huguenot Society of SA will be having an illustrated talk on English Silverwork and the Huguenot Influence in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, given by silver expert Richard Phillips. It begins at 7.30pm at The Huguenot Society of SA, Tusmore Park United Church, corner of Barr Smith & Kennaway Street, Tusmore. The event will be advertised to the public with a door fee of \$5. ANDFHG Members will have free admission to this event, you will need to show your membership card at the door. We shall try to car pool this event.

Open Day

Saturday 10th November 2007

With the continuing success of our open days, our next research afternoon will be on 10th November from 1pm – 4pm

Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group

Sunday November 25th 2007

We have been invited to join the with Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group for their end of year picnic at Springton. We will meet for lunch at the Oval 11am, followed by a tour of Springton. We will then move on to Friendensberg School Museum and Cemetery, and lastly to The Uleybury School Museum at 3.00pm. A small donation applies at both Schools. If you wish to take part, please contact us with numbers by Friday 9th of November. We shall try to car pool this, just like Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group. This should a great day. We look forward to seeing you there.



HELP!

At our first Open Day, Tammy lent out her **British Vitals** Second Edition CD Set to somebody. Unfortunately, she cannot remember who she lent them to, and would like to use them. Could the person who borrowed them from her, please return them at the next meeting.

Many Thanks.

Organising Genealogy Files

When researching your family history, it is important to keep your files organised and easily found.

Nancy Carlberg's book "Overcoming Dead Ends" outlines a system for putting things where you can find them.

She has lots of rules for what goes where and how to store things in the right places. Especially helpful before computers, but still needed to handle the documents. First, have all family group sheets at your fingertips. When you go to a library, you have all this basic info in one place.

Beyond this, the most important files or folders, she says, are for each couple in the direct ancestry line. This is where to keep documents. For each couple, file a copy of the family group sheet, and copies of the records you've found for them from the time they set up housekeeping with a spouse or so, or birth of first child, whichever came first, until they died. Rather than files folders, I use tabs in binders for this. I assign each couple/family group a numbered tab and put families in alphabetical order by husband's surname. Every once in a while, if I am learning about several new ancestors, I have to rearrange my numbers to accommodate my new ancestors (haven't figured a way around this yet).

Their children's' marriages and beyond should be in the child's folder. This seems a logical separation of the documents.

My goal is to have a separate binder for each of my GRANDPARENTS and their ancestors. (Info on me, my parents and my children I keep in a binder of its own.) The grouping is workable so far. I have created such a binder whole hog for exactly one grandparent, and am working on the others.

At the beginning of the binder, I keep a tree for that grandparent and an index of the couples in alphabetical order by husband. Under each couple in the INDEX, I have listed all the documents I've collected on each.

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Internet Sites



Old Liverpool

www.old-liverpool.co.uk

Old Liverpool snippets and miscellany ...
This is an ongoing project, more added all the time

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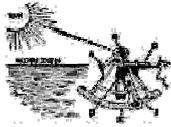


### **Blue Thistle Genealogy**

[www.bluthistlegenealogy.com](http://www.bluthistlegenealogy.com)

This is a Scottish Family History Service. They are able to research information from various sources such as Registers, Newspapers and photo databases. They can visit cemeteries and photograph headstones, find living relatives, and photograph rural Scottish properties.

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Mariners and Ships in Australian Waters

<http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au>

Masters, crew, a stowaway or two; passengers, cabin, saloon and steerage; births at sea, deaths at sea; deserters; vessels with one crew and one passenger and those with 70 crew and hundreds of passengers; simple single sail boats, barques, brigs, large steam ships; whaling voyages, regular coastal passenger trips, voyages from other Australian ports, London, San Francisco, China and other exotic ports - you will find them all here.

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### Australian History

[www.australian-history.com/sampler.htm](http://www.australian-history.com/sampler.htm)

#### Archive CD Books

Sample files usually contain the title page, contents, some introductory pages and sample pages from the body of the book.

The sampler can be opened, navigated and searched as with the full CD file/s. Often the complete index from the original book is included.

# **WARNING!**

## **DOCTORS FIND NEW DISEASE!**

Doctors have discovered a new disease that is very contagious to adults. They have named it

### **Genealogy Pox.**

#### **SYMPTOMS:**

Patient continually complains of a need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression on his face, and often seems deaf to mate and children.

Has no taste for work of any kind, except for feverishly looking through records, libraries, and courthouse.

Has compulsion to write letters and spends hours sitting at a computer. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail or threatens to kick computer if there is no email.

Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas.

Makes secret night calls and hides the phone bills from mate.

Patient mumbles to self and has a strange faraway look in his eyes.

Has a strange compulsion to gather and scatter old papers all over the house,

leaving piles of paper everywhere with strange numbers and names all over them.

#### **TREATMENT:**

No known cure. Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse.

Disease is spreading throughout the country very fast, quickly becoming an epidemic.

Patient should attend genealogy meetings, workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines, and be given lots more forms and a computer situated in a quiet corner of the house where he or she can be alone.

If family supports patient through this, patient will occasionally come out of strange trance and will act normal again unless you drive by a cemetery or courthouse.

#### **REMARKS:**

The unusual nature of this disease is such that the more sick the patient becomes, the more he or she seems to enjoy it, sometimes dancing with glee and yelling, "I found it!"

# The Life of John Dealtry

## An English Convict

John Dealtry could represent any of the hundreds of unfortunate youths who were transported to Australia for the most trivial of crimes. Life was hard, crimes were insignificant, and punishment severe.

John was born in Cambridge, England in 1833. He was the third of 5 children born to Joseph Dealtry and Susan nee Launder.

In 1851, at the age of 18, he was found guilty of having feloniously stolen a piece of oil cloth, a knife, a comb and 7d., and sentenced to seven years transportation.



John arrived in Western Australia as "Convict No 4089" aboard the Runnymede on 7 September 1856, after a 3 month voyage from Plymouth. The Runnymede was a purpose built convict transport ship, and on this voyage carried 248 convicts and 89 passengers. What the conditions were like aboard the ship for these convicts, one can only imagine, but there were no deaths recorded on the voyage.

Upon his arrival, John was transferred to Fremantle Prison. Having already served 5 years of his sentence in English prisons, his term was due to expire in October 1858. He was granted a ticket of leave on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1857, and received his certificate of freedom on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1865. He then left for South Australia on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1865 to begin a new life.

Life improved for John after his arrival in S.A. He married Jane Williams on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1869, and they settled in Spring Street, Queenstown. John worked as a lumper, unloading cargo ships in Port Adelaide, and also for some time in Fowlers Bay in the west of the state. John and Jane produced five children, 3 boys and 2 girls, between the years of 1871 and 1877, including one set of twins in 1872.

Work was demanding, but life was good for John. After his troubled beginnings in his new country, he seemed to have finally found happiness, and the love and support of his own and extended family.

But his serenity was to be short lived...

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1888, whilst working in the hold of the ship SS Gabo, a crossbeam fell from a hatchway landing on him. He was taken to the Port Adelaide Casualty Hospital suffering from a fractured arm, fractured pelvis and severe internal injuries. He succumbed to his injuries at 9pm that night. He was aged 55.

He was laid to rest in the Cheltenham Cemetery, a grave later to be shared by his wife and two of his children.

He was a hard worker, a devoted family man, and died well before his time.

As a final insult, his grave was repossessed in 1993, and his headstone added to the growing pile of unwanted monuments stored in the corner of the property.

Being a descendant, I have been able to claim this headstone, and it now has pride of place in my back garden.



Helen Stein