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Welcome

We hope you will enjoy our newsletter and find it informative and helpful.

Your input is essential to help make our Group and Newsletter successful.

Our first guest speaker on July 20<sup>th</sup> is Alan Phillips from Gould Genealogy talking about. "Government and Police Gazettes - unlocking a major untapped resource" as well as the latest innovations in genealogy products and resources.

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

Cost is \$2 per person or we are offering a \$20 annual subscription.

Our August 17<sup>th</sup> guest speaker will be Trevor Powell of the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society who will talk on "Tartan and the Kilt in Scottish History".

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# WELCOME

We welcome our inaugural committee

President:	Peter Applebee
Vice President:	Bev Burke
Secretary:	Margaret Flaiban
Treasurer:	Tammy Martin
Membership Co-ordinator:	Helen Stein
General Committee:	Sandie Francis Jacquie Dennis Colin Withall

## NEW MEMBERS

Pat Strickland

## QUICK TIP

Do not be too quick to assume that because a record lists a person's name as John Smith Jr., that he is the son of John Smith.

This could indicate that there was another John Smith in the area (imagine that!), and that he was the younger, or even a nephew. This term was often used to differentiate two persons of the same name.

<http://legacynews.typepad.com>

# GETTING STARTED

You always start with yourself and work backwards in time. A pedigree chart is a very useful tool and one of the best ways to get the information out. It also makes it easier for you or anyone else to see which generation you need to find more information on.

State where you found your information ie sources. keep notes of you work - ask relatives if they have anything you can borrow and copy and any photographs you or they may have, not forgetting to attempt to identify the people and or regiments (if in uniform)

Tape recorders can be useful when talking to people as they often talk faster than you can write.

Birth certificates show parents full names and mothers maiden name.

Then parents marriage certificate show their ages and their fathers names. Sometimes witness are members of the family eg brothers, sisters or cousins

And so we continue back with birth and marriage certificates until 1837 in England (Each country varies) as this is when they first began issuing certificates.

Death certificates are also useful in showing cause of death but is one of the most unreliable pieces of evidence as the information is given by others who may not know the correct information eg age and place of birth if required.

Our group is always willing to help. Just ask. That is what we are here for.

HAPPY HUNTING

# HELP PAGE

Question: Where do you find Convict records?

Answer:

This all depends on which state in Australia you convict was sentenced to. Tasmania, New South Wales, Western Australia these are the main penal colonies.

Shipping records show which ship, from which port they left and which port in Australia they arrived. They usually have a convict number as well which is useful in tracing them here.

Begin with the State Archives and the National Archives

In England you can access court records once it is known what offence took place and in which county.

Check out eh “Old Bailey” site on the internet as this can be helpful. [www.A2A.org.uk](http://www.A2A.org.uk).

Muster Rolls were taken in Nsw and Tas for the recording of prisoners check these out for information

There are books specially written on this subject. Check out your local library or Family History Library

## *The Colourful life of Archibald George Remington MacLagan*

Archibald George Remington MacLagan was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1879 in Toorak Victoria. Only child to George F. MacLagan (Architect) and Frances Anna Millar (Teacher).

His father dies in 1891 and is buried in the Burra Cemetery

Archie was educated at St Peters College in Adelaide from 1894-1896 probably a boarder as his mother was living in Burra. From the school records it shows he passed his final years.

In 1896 after leaving school he was articulated to JEH Winnall, Solicitor in Korringa as a Law Clerk and a year later joining the Bank of Australasia in Korringa.

His mother dies in 1898 and is buried in the Burra Cemetery.

Whilst living in Burra he made friends with a couple of girls, Florence Lee and Margaret Beare.

September 1900 Archie is transferred to Perth with the bank and again transferred in 1901 to Kalgoorlie

May 1902 his first child is born to Florence Lee a son Cecil.

10<sup>th</sup> February 1903 Archie robs the Bank of Australasia of about £9,000. *The Kalgoorlie Miner - Having completed his business in Perth he propped to return to Kalgoorlie by the express train on Tuesday night, and MacLagan being an old and trusted servant it was decided to hand him a parcel of 200 £10 noted to deliver to the Kalgoorlie branch of the bank..*

*It was on Wednesday that his employers realised he was missing then it was discovered that a box containing 1842 bank notes was missing. Of different values the missing notes must aggregate with those taken from the Perth bank close upon £10,000.*

Feb 13 The bank offers a reward of £100 for information leading to the discovery of MacLagan he is 25 years of age.

Feb 15 Archie and his mates Harry Jones, and Bert Leighton were arrested before being able to leave the state.

In April he is sentenced to 3 years with hard labour in a Perth prison.

Another big event in April 1903 was his second child was born to Margaret Beare a son George.

After Archie was released from prison he married Margaret on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1905 in Fremantle.

March 1916 Archie enlisted in the Australian Army he is sent to France where on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1917 he is killed. A letter on his Army file from his wife Margaret says that he died in the arms of his mate after having his leg blown off.

His remains lie in the French war Cemetery at Villers Bretonneux.

Sad ending to a short but colourful life.

## LOOKING FOR

One name studies	Member details
Chellew	Tammy

MacLagan/McLagan	Tammy
Fosbrook(e)/Forsbrook(e)	Tammy
Meal(e)y	Tammy
Fawcett	Tammy
Stein	Helen
Dealtry	Helen
Sando	Helen

## Looking for individuals

Name	Place	Date	Member
Timothy Welsh	Kapunda, SA, AUS	1870	5
George F. MacLagan	Jamiaca or Scot	1801 or 1820	5

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,  
To see if I could find the making of me,  
And all that I had was Great-Grandfather's name,  
Not knowing his wife or from whence he came.

I chased him across a long line of states,  
And came up with pages and pages of dates.  
When all put together, it makes me forlorn,  
Poor old Great-Grandpa had never been born.

One day I was sure the truth I had found,  
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.  
I looked up the record of one Uncle John,  
But then found the old man to be younger than his son.

Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,  
I came across records that must have been him.  
The facts I collected made me quite sad,  
Dear Old Great-Grandfather was never a Dad.

It seems that someone is pulling my leg,  
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.  
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,  
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me!

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