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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 Pauline Young who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

MEETINGS

At tonight's meeting Lyall Kupke from Lutheran Archives will be explaining the resources they have available, and how they may help in your research.

OPEN DAYS

We will be continuing our twice monthly Saturday afternoon open days.
The next dates will be 28th June and 12th July from 1-4pm.
Volunteers and Committee members will be on hand to assist you.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Here we are two years down the track, and thanks to a City of Salisbury Community Grant, we now have Internet Access to our Computers. Our location, did manage to throw up a few hurdles, which for sometime did frustrate us. But we have managed to brush these aside, and look forward to the future challenges thrown our way. We are still in the process of cataloguing our magazine collection, which as you may be aware, we have chosen to name after the principal donor, member Anne Mellon. Shortly these will be added to our book loan database, so we are able to keep track on which member has them out on loan. We have also received donations of quite a few books, microfiche and microfiche readers, as well as computers over the past two years. So much so that we were able to set up six computers, for the computer training courses we recently held. But it must be said that these are old computers, but they are more than adequate for training purposes. I see no reason, why these computers could not be available to members on loan as well, perhaps loaded with the various family history programs. As we move forward, we plan to give more and more benefits to our members.

One of the ways we have chosen to differ from other groups is our newsletters. Normally these are kept in house, and available only to members. We put ours on our website, make them available online as pdf files. Perhaps in one way, we are using them as a promotional item, by letting people see that we are an active and perhaps innovative group. Secondly, it puts our "Can You Help" requests right out there in the World Wide Web. Because of the popularity of OzGenOnline, which hosts our site, we are regularly scanned by both Google and Yahoo. We have had several occurrences, where our newsletters have brought contacts from Overseas and across Australia. So I would suggest as a member, you make use of our "Can You Help" column, or infact if you wish to submit an article of interest, please pass them on to our editor, Helen Stein.

As we move into our third year, we do so with optimism, and looking forward to the challenges ahead. We have maintained a stable membership to this point, and look forward to expanding on this as we move forward with much more legitimate offerings for our membership. While we need to maintain an income to be able offer these services to our members, we also realize this is also about people sharing a common interest and the fellowship that this creates. Unfortunately, this is a fact that gets left behind by most financially successful groups. This is the reason we have this year decided to have our AGM on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a sausage sizzle. We, your committee, hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and join us for a bit of interaction and hopefully any suggestions you may have about our future can be passed on.

Look forward to seeing you at AGM on the 12th of July 1.00pm.

Yours Truly,
Peter Applebee
ANDFHG President.

CAN YOU HELP?

This column a free service to all members. Send your "Brick Walls" to genealogy99@iprimus.com.au with the subject title "Can You Help" to have them published. Remember that this newsletter is also posted on the Internet, therefore reaches a much wider audience than just members of our Group!

In the South Australian Parliament they have photographs or sketches of all the Lower House Members except the 18 attached to this email. I have been given the job of trying to fill in the gaps and I was wondering if any of your members are by any chance related to someone on the list. If they are do they have an image of them that we can borrow to make a copy to put in Parliament House?

Thomas Wylde Boothby ~ 1873 -1875
Edward Gascoigne Collinson ~ 1858 – 1860
William Bower Daws ~ 1857
Rudolph Wilhelm Emil Henning ~ 1878 – 1884
William Krinham ~ 1883 - 1884
William Lennon ~ 1860 – 1861
Charles Lindsay ~ 1862 -1865
Morris Lyon Marks ~ 1857 – 1858
Edward McEllister ~ 1858 – 1862
William Owen ~ 1859 – 1862
William Paltridge ~ 1870 – 1871
Joseph Peacock ~ 1860 – 1867
George Pearce ~ 1868 – 1870
Frederick Spicer ~ 1870
James Stewart ~ 1870 – 1871
William Henry Trimmer ~ 1865
David Wark ~ 1857 – 1862
Emil Wentzell ~ 1870 – 1871

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COMPUTER CLASSES

Our first computer basics class was well attended with 6 persons present. Ivan started with a “tour” of the hardware inside your computer and proceeded to explaining the basics of organising your hard drive, folders, etc. The next class will cover emails, email attachments and web mail & will be held on Saturday 28th June at 1pm. Future classes are planned, the topics of which will be decided by feedback from the members on the areas that they most wish to cover. Many thanks to Ivan Randall for the time and effort he has put into this venture.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member to our Group:

Gillian SWANSSON – researching TYLER, FORREST, CURRIE, PRATT, HEALEY & Tyler

A.G.M.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 12th July. This year we will be holding a sausage sizzle following the meeting and voting in of the new Committee. Nomination forms can be brought in on the day if they have not yet been returned.

A reminder that membership fees are due at the end of June. We would like to thank all our members for their support, and look forward to another fruitful year that sees more expansion of both resources and membership numbers.



ELUSIVE ANCESTORS

We welcomed Terry Duggin to our group's meeting on the 15th May to talk about his Elusive Ancestors. We can all relate to these two words, as we seem to have these somewhere on our trees!

Terry began his talk by saying he is by no means a lecturer, but a retired Electronics Technician. He became interested in searching for his family of McBain especially on the naval vessel "*Hercules*" many years ago. His ancestor John McBain and family left their Outer Hebrides home to come to South Australia for a better life. During his searches, he came across some Scottish names which are the same through different generations: for instance, *Iain* is sometimes *John*, *Sarah* can mean *Marion* and *Janet* can mean *Jessie*.

In the late 1960's Terry combined a McBain Family Tree and found the passenger list of the "*Olivia*" showing a McBain family arriving into South Australia in 1853. Terry joined SAGHS to try and find more information and began compiling lists for the BISA project (Biographical Index) which we all have used at some time. He also looked through the 313 Index and did a One Name Study of the name McBain.

He was contacted by Norman McBain of Milang who is related to the original McBain family and they shared information. The McBain family were farming people, with some of the original family still living and working around the Milang/Meningie area. At this stage, Terry was still on the trail of the elusive John McBain and found two John McBain entries at the Mount Barker Library. He also found the Robinson family marrying into the McBains and went on to find a Will of Catherine Robinson.

He searched Land Tax Records and found a John McBain in Victoria in 1884 paying tax on a property at West Milang where the family seemed to have resided for some time.

He contacted cousins/uncles/aunts for help with connections as well as contacting the "St. CLAIR's" and "HISLOP" families in Victoria who were also related. During this time, Terry had a lead with a lady called Kitty St Clair in Victoria. He found the telephone number after finding a funeral notice in the paper. This Kit St Clair turned out to be 103 years old and passed on vital information to Terry, in that Catherine had married twice. Terry showed us the newspaper article showing this amazing lady who died at 110 years old in 1992!

He went on to tell us that the families of McGuinness (part of his family tree also) went to live in New Zealand and Nova Scotia as well as Nairne in South Australia.

He amazed us with more information about Alexander Nicholson, the teacher on board, who wrote about the children's attendances at lessons and events during the voyage, as well as notes from the Surgeon. The Flinders University of South Australia hold films of this information.

We have all heard of the Irish potato famine but little is known about the potato blight that occurred also on the islands off Scotland. During this time in history (known as the Highland Clearances) the Highlands and Islands Emigration Society sent letters to all Governments requesting money to assist emigrants to find a new life in Australia. This proved to be a successful venture with 30 ships bringing assisted emigrants from the UK to Australia. If people could not pay the fare, they were funded by the Society and this was paid back, once they had found work. Terry showed us entries of promissory notes to this effect.

The "*Hercules*" was a hospital ship and was originally bound for Hong Kong but took on passengers from the Isle of Skye to South Australia. Many slides were shown of this magnificent ship which carried 756 passengers with 160 crew members. The ship left Scotland on the 26th December 1853 but was still in the Irish Sea on the 20th January with outbreaks of smallpox and other diseases. 148 people were taken off the ship near Cork, Ireland as 22 people had already died. Mr. Nicholson (the Teacher) had listed the names of the dead

emigrants in his log at the Cape of Good Hope. The ship had been fitted out with extra galleys for the emigrants and carried 8,000 books and bibles! When it finally arrived in South Australia there were only 415 passengers on board. Lighter boats were needed to ferry the people off the ship as it was too big to anchor in the Port River. We can only imagine what a magnificent sight it must have been!

Terry showed us much more of his large collection of information and slides, together with photos of the White Hut Gaelic Cemetery at Clare where 49 people from the "Hercules" are buried. There are 76 plaques on graves and is well worth a visit.



HMS "Hercules"

Listed below are some of Terry's sources:

The London Illustrated News
"Ships & Maritime History"
State Library of South Australia
Flinders University of South Australia
NSW Archive Authority
State Library of Victoria

JUST QUICKLY....

ancestry.com.au has just uploaded
* Victorian Cemeteries
* Australian Electoral Rolls - except SA

Queensland's Births, Deaths and Marriages from 1829 to 1914 can be searched free at <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/16.htm>

If you have British Army members in your family, records can be located at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/militaryhistory/army/?homepage=mh-army>

FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch added 24 million new names from England baptism and marriage records to its pilot Record Search collection. The collection can be accessed for free at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>

The Record Search pilot is testing a new online digital image viewer and search utilities that will be added to FamilySearch.org in the near future.

England Baptisms

- ? Indexed Names: 19,032,103
- ? Records: 6,789,235

England Marriages

- ? Indexed Names: 4,924,366
- ? Records: 1,787,802

Other records that have been added to their collection are:

Germany

- ? Baptisms 1700-1900
- ? Marriages 1700-1900

Mexico

- ? Baptisms 1700-1900
- ? Marriages 1700-1900

United States

- ? 1860 census
- ? 1880 census
- ? 1900 census
- ? Civil War Pension Index Cards
- ? Michigan Births 1867-1902
- ? Michigan Deaths 1867-1897
- ? Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates 1803-1915
- ? West Virginia Births 1853-1930
- ? West Virginia Deaths 1853-1970
- ? West Virginia Marriages 1853-1970