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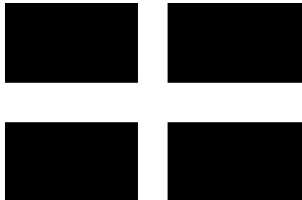
RAFFLE....

Congratulations to Graeme CARSE who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

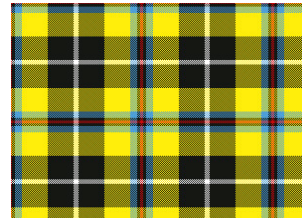
Guest Speaker Night.....

Tonight's Guest Speaker is.....

Roslyn Paterson AOM of the Cornish Association of S.A
Come along and discover your Cornish Origins, and what it means to be Cornish.



The Cornish Flag of Saint Piran



Cornwall's Tartan

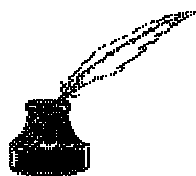
OPEN DAYS

The Groups Meeting Rooms are open each Thursday from 10am -4pm
For Family Research, members and non members are welcome.

We will be continuing our twice monthly Saturday afternoon open days.
The next dates will be 30th September and 13th October from 1-4pm.
Volunteers and Committee members will be on hand to assist you.

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Editorial....



From time to time, and in the course of our family research, we encounter what are known as brick walls, these occur when for some reason or other our long departed ancestor forgot to leave us clues as to their marriage, children, or even their deaths. Brick walls often appear to be unsurmountable, and one can spend months, even years, in trying to locate that little piece of history that will make these walls crumble. It is enough to make a grown man pull his hair out or woman cry, perhaps that is why there are so many balding men doing family history.

There is an old Chinese saying, “when the ground ahead seems steep and hard to pass, go back to the beginning, and start your journey over.” These are wise words indeed, often as not when we go back to the beginning, or to the point that created the brick wall in the first place, the answer suddenly is so obvious.

Speaking from experience, some time ago, I tried to locate the death of my G-G-Grandfather; he was listed on the 1841 and also on the 1851 Census, but not on the 1861 or any subsequent census. The answer was so obvious; he had died, but when? I knew where he resided in the census returns, so the problem had to be easy to over come, all I had to do was look up the St. Catherine’s Index, but where to start?

The answer was so simple; I knew that he was on the 1851 census, so start searching from the next year after that census was taken, in this case from 1852. All I had to do was to search each quarter up to 1861. So lets do the maths here a minute, there are 4 quarters in a year, right? Multiply that by the 10 years = 40 fiche to look at, oh yes! Plus the extra three quarters June to December 1851, which makes a total of 43 fiche to examine, easy, or was it?

After examining in excess of 50 odd fiche over a period of almost 6 months, why so long? Because the surname started with “Wi,” and some of the names carried over to a subsequent fiche, and after a while I began to work on the problem spasmodically, but nevertheless after months of searching, I finally scanned the December quarter 1861, without any results what so ever, there was no mention of his death, O Oh! A Brick Wall! I needed that death date so that I could get the certificate from the GRO in London. What to do? So like everyone else I just put the problem in the too hard basket, and worked in another ever expanding area of the family tree, before once again coming back to this whole question of his death date, 10 years later.

One day I was in the Playford Library putting in my time as a volunteer, and time was a little slack, so I decided to give the problem of my G-G-Grandfather’s death one last attempt in the hope of finding something, only this time I decided that I would start my search with the March quarter of 1851, so half heartedly I located the fiche and placed it in the reader, and lo and behold, there he was, he had died in March 1851. This seemed to be a little odd to me, because I knew that the 1851 Census was taken on March 30th of that year, so this death record just had to be wrong.

So armed with the information from the St. Catherine’s Index, I applied for a Death Certificate, but when it arrived I was surprised to read the death date, it was March 31st 1851, and he died as result of a diseased liver. He had actually died the day after the census was taken, What were the chances of that even remotely being considered?

So what did all this teach me? Well for one thing, never assume anything, and secondly always go back to the beginning if you strike a brick wall, retrace your steps, there may just be something that you missed. Had I did that way back in the beginning, I would have saved a whole lot of time, and a whole lot of wasted energy, because there never really was a brick wall, I had actually built one myself. I wonder how many times other people have done the same thing without realising that the problem was in fact a self made one.



NEW MEMBERS....

We welcome the following new members to our Group:

John HARKNESS.

Researching: **HARKNESS, PARHAM** (SA) **PREISS, ROSENTHAL** (Germany)
GWYNNE (Wales and Australia) **BAKER** (Kent UK)

Ruth HUNT

Researching: **BELL. BRADY, MARTIN** (S.A). **ELVIDGE** (Yorkshire) **ORAM** (Sussex)
SKEWES (Cornwall) **McGUIRK** (Co Tyrone Ireland) **TEMPLER** (Devon)



Happy Birthday to You

The following members are celebrating their birthday this month, on behalf of the Committee and members, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Gilbert Stevens, whose birthday was on the 9th September, Congratulations.

A Genealogy tale....

A Genealogist had developed his own ultra high speed computer, together with a really super duper family history research program, and was attempting to market it himself. He went to a prominent Family History research company and brought the computer into the CEO's office. He gave his presentation to the busy executive, and asked him to pose any question he desired to the computer.

The CEO said, "OK, where's my father?" The computer replied that the man's father was fishing in the highlands of Victoria. The executive laughed and told the scientist to leave. "My father has been dead for 20 years." The Genealogist asked for a second chance and said perhaps the phrasing of the question caused the computer to err, if the CEO would rephrase the question, he believed that the computer would answer correctly.

"So, where is my mother's husband?" the CEO asked. The computer responded, "Your mother's husband died 20 years ago; your father just landed a five pound trout."



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!

Ellen Wright is looking for a possible living relative of Alfred Leslie HOULT, who was born in Nottingham UK, he was believed to have contacted his sister Lillian in 1942 after the death of their mother, he is believed to have enlisted in the Army. She is also seeking information re William Alfred HOULT his father, who died in about 1955. Any information concerning their deaths or burial sites, please send information to the above address.

Success Stories....

We received an e-mail from Nic Nicholas stating *"I would like to contact member 26 who shares an interest in the Calderwood family of Rasharkin (a village in Country Antrim Northern Ireland – Ed), I have a family tree."*

This is a real success story, because this reply came as result of publishing our member's research interests in our newsletter.

Quite often, we all need help in finding that elusive piece of information that will enable us to put closure to a particular family member, often as not this help comes at a price, be it from a pay to view Genealogy Website, a Professional Genealogist Researcher or the purchase of a certificate.

The ANDFHG Committee are always available to assist you in your research problems, this service is free to all, in keeping with the ideals laid out in our constitution which states in part, the aims of the Group is to further knowledge of, and to encourage and promote freely research into Genealogy and Family History.

To that end, we encourage all our members to share their success stories with other members, by submitting a short analysis detailing what the problem was, and what they did to solve that problem. This could take the form of an e-mail or a hard copy consisting of not more than 700 words, these will be then printed in our Newsletter. You might find that your previous problem, now solved, could just be the catalyst in tearing down someone else's brick wall.

Therefore we ask all members and/or non members to participate in this project and we look forward to your contributions.

In this Newsletter several success stories appear elsewhere, and are presented in the hope that they will be of some motivational use to you. –Editor

The National Archives of Australia.

A review of the talk

Presented by Enid Woodley on 21 August 2008.

We welcomed Enid from the National Archives of Australia to our Thursday night meeting, with her co-worker Geoff Tulip. Since 1997 Enid has worked as Assistant Director of Access & Communications in the Adelaide Office of the National Archives of Australia and widely promotes the NAA and the use of records in its custody. Enid has a background in the Education Department as a Teacher and Librarian both in country and city schools. Most of us knew Enid from her past visits and talks at the local and family history section of the Playford Library at Elizabeth.

The National Archives house a collection of documents consisting of more than 50 million items, and includes records that were received. Created or kept by Australian Government agencies since Federation in 1901. The collection is unique and irreplaceable and the records it holds are available to all after 30 years, but of course depends upon National Security as to what can be released for public scrutiny.

She began by showing overhead transparencies, which involved a wide range of topics, starting with a copy of the Naturalisation paper of Johann **HEIER** from 1869, an improvements petition for a windmill for **PATERNOSTER** as well as original drawings and plans for the Port Adelaide Marine Board offices and residence of 1877. The actual building is still standing and is still in use. There was also a register of ships crew and passenger deaths at sea 1893 to 1922 reported at Port Adelaide and original agreements and accounts of crew with ships official log books from the "SS *Kapara*" dated 1919.

Enid then went on to explain about the index cards showing prisoners of war (internees) of the 4th Military District 1914–1919 and of one Rudolf **BIERDEMANN** and the register of admissions and discharges of the quarantine station hospital on Torrens Island. Enid also explained that the NAA holds personal papers of past prominent individuals closely connected with the government, such as Governors-General, Prime Ministers and senior Public Servants. The NAA has offices and reading rooms in each capital city, and in Canberra.

A very popular part of the NAA site is searching the records of the attestation papers of the Australian Imperial Forces of WWI. Some of these have been digitised on line and an example was shown of a James **CUNNINGHAM**. Enid went through each page explaining how to search the records, as these records are a marvellous source of information for family historians. These papers show vital information of family members, including parents and spouses and the addresses of these young men who went to fight for Australia. The papers describe their height, weight, hair colouring, markings (tattoos, moles etc), their time abroad, their health and also if they spent time in hospital.

Photocopies of Army and RAAF world War Service records are available and cost \$25 per record (includes GST and postage with Australia) The ANDFHG volunteers can help you with this particular site, if necessary.

The Adelaide office is situated in Angas Street Adelaide and has over 3,000 shelf metres of archival material, including a large amount of railway records, so is well worth a visit. Please check the website for opening times and days, as these vary. The office has a reading room, databases and plenty of help on hand at no charge. There is a charge however for photocopying.

ANDFHG research room holds the brochures and listings of the transparencies shown, together with all the information from tonight's talk, if anyone is thinking of visiting the Adelaide Office of the National Archives.

The National Archives website can be found at www.naa.gov.au

By: Margaret Flaiban. Secretary.



IN REVIEW....

This is a new section of the Newsletter which will be dedicated to examining new websites relating to Family History. We will be giving review of the content found, the ease of the sites navigation, and the value to the user

In this our first review we will be looking at a new Australian Website of the much anticipated Australian Newspapers BETA search service which is now available at <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/> and from the Search tab on the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program (ANDP) website <http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp>. The New Website of the National Library of Australia.

The BETA service is freely available to the public and currently contains 73,000 out of copyright newspaper pages (approx 730,000 individual articles) from 1803 onwards. In order to expand the available content approximately 20,000 digitised newspaper pages will be added each week to the Beta service.

The Library welcomes feedback and suggestions from users of the service to enable further development. Details on the way in which feedback can be provided are on the 'about' page of the service. The Library will continue to develop the Beta service and fix any bugs and major issues that arise over the next few months.

The Beta service will be further developed in line with user feedback into version 1 of the Australian Newspapers service and be officially launched in 2009.

What does all this mean to us Family History Researchers? Well in simple terms, one can go to the website and view out of copyright old Australian Newspaper pages on digitised film, much in the same manner as if they visit the State Libraries. By entering their search criteria, and the pages are download onto your browser, and are ready to view in a very short time. The Newspapers cover the Australian States beginning in 1803 for NSW, however not all the States Newspapers go back that far, for example South Australia has newspapers from 1850; the researcher can search by name or by the newspaper date.

The websites are hosted by the National Library a section of the Government, and as such is free to browse; downloading the information is also free. The information appearing on the sites is very extensive and considering the various Libraries that appear on the web these days, where most of the information is pay to view sites, we have at our disposal a very user friendly tool.

Our President Peter Applebee has carried out quite a lot of searching on this site already, and has had a lot of success, here is his story:

"I found my G-G-Grandparents in court action over a dispute involving some cattle. I found the following articles which appeared in the South Australian Advertiser, Wednesday 23 October 1861, the discovery of this hereto unknown incident has enabled me to put flesh on the bones of my ancestors, and I have a new insight in their lives and some of the intrigue that surrounded them."

"ASSAULT. - Flora Coleman appeared on Information, charged with assaulting Sarah Applebee at Port Gawler on the 14th inst. Mr. Turner for the complainant, Mr. Rudall for the defendant. Sarah Applebee stated that on the 14th inst. she went, accompanied by a boy named Gitsham, to the defendant's house with a notice about some cattle. Both Mr. Coleman and the defendant were at home. She placed the paper on the table, and the defendant jumped up and struck her twice, and used a filthy expression to her. The defendant said if she did not go she would break her neck, and then struck her several times. She called the boy to witness the assault, and Mr. Coleman said that if the boy said anything about it he would murder him. She did not use any offensive expression towards the defendant, nor did she strike her. Samuel Gitsham corroborated the above evidence, and the defendant was fined 1shilling and costs.

THREATENING LANGUAGE - William Coleman and Joseph Applebee appeared on Cross-information charged with threatening each other. His Worship said that if both parties would agree to be bound over, with their wives, to keep the peace towards each other, he would not hear the cases. Both parties agreed, and were bound over in sureties of £20 each to keep the peace towards each other and their families for one year."

This report in the Newspaper has only whetted Peter's appetite and he has confessed to being completely thrilled at the results he has found thus far, admitting to being a little addicted to browsing the site even in this early stage.

We found that the site is easy to navigate, and the content is being added to daily, so this is going to prove to be a fantastic tool in helping you to flesh out your Family History, of course not everyone will find information pertaining to their family, but as a historical site this will prove to be of interest to everyone. We give this site 9 out of 10 for design, content and ease of navigation.

The Editor.

Well remembered....

A lawyer was reading out the will of a rich man to the people mentioned in the will:

"To you, my loving wife Rose, who stood by me in rough times, as well as good, I leave her the house and \$2 million." The lawyer continued, "To my daughter Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave her the yacht, the business and \$1 million." The lawyer concluded, "And, to my cousin Dan, who hated me, argued with me, and thought that I would never mention him in my will - well you are wrong. Hi, Dan!"

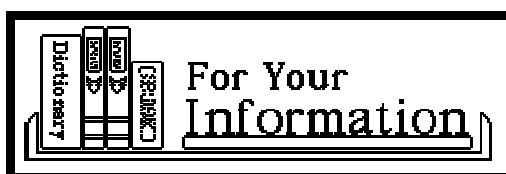
Genealogy Research Web sites....

Have you ever wondered whether your ancestors in England came from Aristocracy or were a member of the Landed Gentry? If so then a visit to Burkes Peerage website might just be the place for you. With over 15,000 records of Peerage and Gentry in England, Ireland Europe and Presidential families of the United States, it is worth a visit.

Go to <http://www.burkes-peerage.net/welcome.aspx>

Were your ancestors pioneers of South Australia? Find out by searching early shipping passenger lists and marriage records. Did they go to the gold fields in the 1850s? Maybe they purchased South Australian land in the 1870s or 80s? Your ancestry questions may be answered by the free databases, informative articles and genealogy resources found at <http://www.familyhistorysa.info/> this site was developed by Barry Leadbeater to provide free family history and Genealogy research for South Australian connections. Well worth a visit

Ever wanted to find out what day of the week a certain happening took place in your ancestor's life, such as birth, marriage or death? Then this site is for you <http://www.rosettacalendar.com/> this is a very handy converter, enter a date in the appropriate place either in the Gregorian (modern calendar) or if the date was before January 1st 1752 the Julian calendar (only for dates January 1 – March 24) and the day of the week is automatically calculated. This converter even takes into account the Hebrew calendar. For example if we enter 18 September 2008, the converter shows that the event took place on Thursday. Under the Julian calendar the event occurred on Thursday the 5th of September, and under the Hebrew Calendar on Thursday 18 Elul 5768.



The item appearing below was taken as is from the Guardian Newspaper (UK) Saturday August 16 2008, and is reprinted here for general information. The Newspaper website is located at <http://guardian.co.uk> ...Ed.

Ancestry hunters stuck in past as web project fails

- £16m plan to put family history online collapses
- Genealogists must rely on smudgy microfilm records
 - **David Hencke and Robert Booth**
 - **The Guardian**,
 - **Saturday August 16 2008**
 - **Article history**

Genealogists reacted with anger yesterday after it emerged that a government website, which promised direct access to 171 years of family records, had been delayed indefinitely following the failure of a Whitehall computer project.

An attempt to scan, index and digitise 250m records of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales from 1837 to the present day was supposed to result in a new public website that would let people trace their ancestors at the touch of a button next February. Now, three years after the government awarded the £16m contract to German computer giant Siemens, the deal has been terminated with only half the work done.

It was hoped that the online record would slash costs and speed up the process of tracing ancestry. The collapse means family tree enthusiasts must continue asking for copies of documents by post, which can take seven days and costs £7 or £10 a time.

The failure drew strong criticism from genealogists who were already dismayed that last October the government removed access to paper ledgers that contained indexes of births marriages and deaths at the family records centre in London when it decided to launch the website.

The General Register Office (GRO), which is responsible for the records, said only 130m had been scanned, and plans to make the index public had been shelved. Missing are details of birth records from 1837 to 1934 and death records from 1837 to 1957. The Identity and Passport Service (IPS), which runs the GRO, said it had only paid half the fee as a result.

Yesterday, the IPS were unable to say when the project would be completed and how it would pay for the rest of it.

Sue Hills, who runs Ancestral Footsteps, a company that offers tailor-made genealogical holidays, said: "This is a devastating blow. Everyone was incredibly excited because this was going to be a fantastic research tool and one of the big events in the world of ancestry."

Amateur genealogists Audrey Metcalf, and her husband Norman, from Enfield, north London, are now struggling to access documents for research into their ancestry, which has already thrown up a distant relative who was shipwrecked in the 19th century on the emigration route to Australia. "We use the microfiches in Hereford now but it takes a long time and it is not always legible," she said.

Simon Harper, managing director of Ancestry.co.uk, which charges for access to indexes but not the records themselves, said the delay was "not good news for the amateur genealogist". "It has reduced access to this data and means people still have to pay and wait to access certificates," he said. "This is hugely frustrating."

The number of Britons exploring their past has boomed in recent years with the advent of commercial websites which provide access to indexes of available records and the popularity of the BBC TV programme *Who Do You Think You Are*, in which celebrities trace their family histories.

Nick Barratt, a genealogist and consultant to the programme has also attributed the boom to people's yearning for belonging in a world where community ties are looser and families more widely spread. He estimates that one in three Britons have conducted research into their ancestors online.

The National Archives saw its visitor figures online and also to its offices in Kew, south-west London, double from 23.2 million in 2006 to 56.8 million in 2007.

Unions demanded an inquiry by the National Audit Office into the collapse of the deal. "Despite repeated warnings, the government dogmatically ploughed on and outsourced this important and sensitive work to the private sector," said Mark Serwotka, general secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union. "Yet again a private sector company has pocketed millions of pounds of taxpayer's money for an incomplete job."

The decision to digitise the system was highly controversial at the time. Siemens outsourced much of the work to India, which led to protests from civil service unions that data security was being put at risk and the contract would be too complicated to deliver on time.

Len Cook, then the registrar general, defended the move claiming the reform was part of delivering "a better, more efficient service to the public and part of the government's agenda of "offering choice and joined up services to the public".



A special announcement

The Committee is pleased to announce that by special arrangement with Santa Claus, this year he will be attending our ANDFHG Christmas BBQ in December (the date and time to be fixed). This is a real professional Santa, and he is a very busy man at this time of the year as can be appreciated.



All members with or without young children are invited to attend with their young family members, i.e. nieces, nephews, grand children etc. to meet him. It is expected that it will be a fun day and the concept will be for the children, although older children in their 30's upwards will also be able to meet and chat with Santa.

Each child will receive something from Santa on the day. For a small fee a photograph of the children meeting Santa will be available. In anticipation of a large number of children being there, and to assist with catering needs etc, we ask members to advise the Committee how many children they intend to bring along, an attendance form will be published in the next newsletter. There will also be further announcements in the October and November edition of the Newsletter.



Notice to all Members....

Would all members please check their e-mail addresses deposited with the membership records, we have been having quite a few e-mails returned with the notice attached that the e-mail address is either incorrect or access is denied, please check your e-mail options and ensure that ANDFHG is on you accepted mail list.

A special message from the Treasurer/membership coordinator. Membership renewals became due at the end of July, to continue the success and survival of the Group, would members please ensure that their membership is up to date.

Remember that the Group's meeting rooms are open each Thursday from 10am to 4pm for research. If members can not come along at that times, but still need assistance in their family research, please send an email outlining your research problem to andfhg@yahoo.com.au where it will be dealt with by our research team in due course.

All members are invited to participate in the activities of the Group such as contributing a few hours in helping in researching, cataloguing, and other duties. Remember this is your club and if you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Together we can get so much done.

Donations to the Group are always gracefully accepted, be it magazines, Genealogy Books, CDs or any other surplus to need Genealogy/Family History material. Your no longer required material may help someone else in their research, and that is what we are about, helping each other.

It has been noted by the Committee that on Talk nights, certain ladies of the membership are always volunteering in the catering area, providing supper, tea and coffee, and generally helping out in the kitchen, this activity has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated, on behalf of the President and the Committee a Big Thank You Ladies. These get together after the talk help build camaraderie among members, resulting in a friendly atmosphere which makes our talk nights so popular.

News from the Cemetery Tour Committee....

Forthcoming tour of 3 Cemeteries:

On October 11th, the Cemetery Touring Committee will be conducting a Tag-along tour of 3 Northern Pioneer Cemeteries. The first Cemetery to be visited will be of the Burton Primitive



Methodist Church, also known as Burton Pioneer (pictured), situated on Bolivar Road Paralowie, the Cemetery is located on the left hand side of the road, Burton Road is just off Port Wakefield Road. The Tour will meet at the site between 12.30pm - 1pm.

The second Cemetery visited for the day, will be the Sturton Chapel and Cemetery, situated at Edinburgh Park. This is a private Chapel and still a private burial place of the Jeffries family, who have kindly permitted us the access to the Chapel and the small cemetery. A member of the Jeffries family will be attending to answer any questions.

The last Cemetery for the afternoon will be the Gawler River Stonehill Methodist Cemetery; once again descendants will be on hand as will a curator. Family names such as Dawkins, Higgins, Parham and Pederick, all farmers of the district are well represented. Afternoon tea will be provided here in what was the centre of the community.

A charge of \$10 for the tour and a booklet, maps and information will be supplied; all sites will be marked with the ANDFHG logo. As these tours always prove to be popular, do please book early to secure your place. For further details and reservations contact the Committee, either by telephone on 8281 8431 or by email to andfhg@yahoo.com.au.

“A Full Circle”

A contribution by Margaret Flaiban

I seriously started putting my husband's family tree together about six months ago, although not getting very much information out of Jon as he was brought up mostly by his mother's parents (the Magors), and not really knowing much about the Bothwell side of the family. For a little while I was under the impression that Alexander Bothwell (born in Aberdeen) who married Theresa Mary Scanlon (an Irish girl) in Port Augusta South Australia in the 1870's and having a very big family were Jon's ancestors. It just shows that *everything* must be checked out thoroughly and confirmed as I found that *this* family was definitely not ours. My husband's grandfather was William Thomas BOTHWELL born in Victoria in 1875 and lived most of his life here in South Australia, dying in 1923.

William's father was Alexander Bothwell who married Hannah KNIGHT at the Fitzroy Registry Office Victoria on the 6th December 1871. Alex was a Mariner, aged 27 from Bourtie, Aberdeen, Scotland. His father's name was Alexander Bothwell (not surprising!) and his mother's name was Janet GIBB. I found more information about the Bothwell family from the 1841, 1851 and 1861 Census for Scotland, although our Alexander is not listed on the 1861 Census, so I presume by then he is on the "high seas".

Hannah was a domestic servant aged 21 on her wedding day, born in London. Her father was Thomas KNIGHT and her mother was Elizabeth McCARTHY, also both Londoners. On the marriage certificate she showed her address as Alma Road St Kilda (which is significant to the story). I am still searching to find out whether Thomas and Elizabeth came to Australia although they are not witnesses to the marriage.

On the 12th August 1872 Alexander worked on the docks at Port Melbourne but got charged for assaulting the Officer of the Watch Joseph Collier, also for stealing and drinking brandy whilst unloading the ship. He was given 12 weeks hard labour at the Sandridge (Port Melbourne) Court. (*Information taken from the Argus Newspaper*).

By 1873 their first son George is born at Brunswick, Victoria and in 1875 our William Thomas is born somewhere in Victoria. The family moved to Portland, Victoria where in 1877 another son, David is born. In 1879 yet another son Alfred is born at Morgan South Australia, so I can only assume that Alex worked on the River Murray. More children were born at Kapunda, South Australia which puzzled me as Kapunda is mostly a mining area, and Alex was a Mariner, so I can only assume he has got a 'shore job'. Their 7th child Jessie May had been born 1889 at Kapunda, however she had died at Heidelberg Victoria, although she is buried at St Kilda with her parents. In 1892 their last child Helen is born at St Kilda and was only 8 years old when her father died in 1900. His death is wrongly entered on the IGI, but I found the mistake and have confirmed it is the *correct* Alex Bothwell.

The 1903 Electoral Roll for the family showed Hannah and the eldest children, who could vote over the age of 21, had all been living in Prentiss Street St Kilda, which is only two streets away from Alma Road. I have since established that Alex, Hannah, Jessie May, Charles H, Lillian and a baby are all buried in the Presbyterian Section of the St Kilda Cemetery. Coincidentally, Alma Road runs at the back of the cemetery. Hannah died in 1921 ended her days close to Alma Road St Kilda, where she started from way back in 1871. So, the family went full circle ending up where they started from.

I have yet to obtain their death certificates and to check out the grave site, but hope to do that later this year.

