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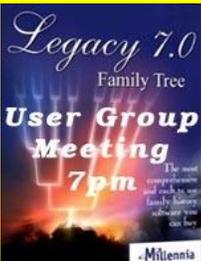
Welcome back to our friends and members of ANDHFG Inc. to the start of 2013. We do hope you all had a great Christmas and made some New Year resolutions, especially trying to find that elusive member of your family and break down a brick wall or two! Despite the heat, we opened up on Thursday 17th January and had a few members through the door, some regulars and a couple of people we hadn't seen for a while. We hope you all enjoyed your Australia Day celebrations too!

Don't forget we are still open every Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm for research purposes.

Our first Legacy Users Group for 2013 will meet on **Monday 4th February at 7 pm**. All are welcome to come along. The same goes for the Family Tree Maker Users Group who will meet on **Saturday 16th February at 1.30 pm**. Both Conveners will be happy to see new users.

As mentioned in our November news-sheet we have dispensed with our Thursday Night Speaker Sessions (so please don't turn up on Thursday nights as we will not be open!). We have moved this to the **4th SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE MONTH**. This decision was made for various reasons but primarily to allow those members who could not attend on Thursday nights to come along during the day. Our group's first meeting will be **23rd FEBRUARY at 2.00 pm** when Ivan Randall will be giving a lecture on the basics of E-mails. If you wish to bring your own laptop for this session, please do so.

On **Saturday the 4th of May**, the committee in conjunction with the Lyndoch District History Society Inc. has organized a cemetery tour, of the three local historical cemeteries. With attendees meeting at 12.30pm at the Lyndoch General Cemetery located in King Street at the top of the hill, for a 1pm start, and moving onto the St Jakobi Lutheran Cemetery and finishing at the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery. These cemeteries have very early pioneer graves with lots of interesting information from the booklet provided. The charge is \$15.00 per head which will include maps, booklet and afternoon tea. This event will prove to be a really enjoyable day out. If you would like to come along and participate in this tour, please contact us on events@andfhg.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>4th Feb</p> 			<p>7th Feb</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm</p>		<p>9th Feb</p> <p>Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm</p> <p>Committee Meeting 2 pm</p>
				<p>14th Feb</p> <p>Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm</p>		
				<p>21st Feb</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm</p>		<p>23rd Feb</p> <p>Research and Networking Day</p> <p>Guest Speaker Afternoon 1 pm – 4 pm</p>
				<p>28th Feb</p> <p>Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm</p>		

Andrew Brimer Baxter

By Ian Cowley

Andrew Brimer Baxter was born 7th March 1883 in Dunfermline, Scotland and was the younger brother of Barbara Baxter.



Andrew Brimer Baxter



Madeline Freida Berruex



Ronald Albert Baxter

After five years, Andrew finished his apprenticeship with Michael Tod & Son, Marine Engineers, of Dunfermline, Scotland on the 17th June 1905.

From there he went to Glasgow and worked as an engine fitter with A & J Inglis Engineers and Ship Builders for approximately 12 months and resigned in July 1906. He then joined the Orient Steam navigation Company as a Ships Engineer in 1906 and served on the Royal mail Steamers, Ormuz, Omrah and Orsova sailing from the Tilbury Docks, Essex, London to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and on the Anglo American Oil Company Ship the Potomac, sailing from Birkenhead, Cheshire, England to the United States of America.

He obtained his Chief Marine Engineers Certificate at Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland on the 14th August 1911 and stayed at sea until early 1914, when he applied for a position with the Uganda Railways Marine East Africa.

This position was to install the Steam Engine in a Stern Wheel Paddle Boat, then operate and maintain the vessel based at Namasagali on the Nile River travelling 200 miles down river to Atura trading skins and ivory. He was the only white man on board the vessel named "Stanley" and was Captain, Engineer, Bosun and Ships Doctor, the crew being natives from Namasagali.

In 1914 war broke out between England and Germany, and as one side of Lake Victoria was British and the other German, Andrew was commissioned Engineer Lieutenant Royal Navy Reserve, and was assigned to the Gun Boat H.M.S. Winifred based at Port Victoria (Kisumu) and patrolled the lake in this vessel. He saw action here and was shot in the right hand and was attended to by the ship's doctor.

When hostilities ceased he went back to the "Stanley" and continued trading on the Nile until 1920 when he migrated to Sydney, Australia and bought a furniture factory at suburban Redfern and a House in the Promenade, Sans Souci in 1921.

At the age of 41 years he married Madeline Freida Berruex (a Swiss from Neuchatel) on 27th September 1924. A son Andrew David Baxter was born 15th July 1925.

In 1926 he leased a boat shed at Mosman Bay, Sydney Harbour where he ran a boat maintenance operation and a mooring service, he also had a contract to Light and extinguish the navigation light at the entrance to Mosman Bay. On the 24th July 1927 a second son, Ronald Albert Baxter was born.

On the 10th January 1935, his son Andrew, at the age of nine years was killed by a drunken driver at Eastern Creek, in Sydney's outer western suburbs.
Andrew Brimer Baxter passed away at on the 9th June 1970, at Sans Souci. Sydney.

Visit to the State Library of South Australia

Tuesday 22nd January 2013

16 of our members turned up for this great night hosted by Andrew Laube of the Newspaper Archives Section, who gave us an insight into when newspapers first started. It is thought the Chinese began writing on 'paper' well before the Germans perfected it in the 1600's.

From thereon, it spread to England. We saw copies of The Times from 1783 showing all the classified and advertising entries.

Australian newspaper life started in Sydney in 1803 with the Gazette.
In 1872 the Overland Telegraph Stations were set up with the most important one in Alice Springs and then relayed down to Adelaide, which became the central hub for all news, which was then passed on to the eastern states.

Andrew gave us a very good demonstration of how to use TROVE with various names searches and lots of historical information in and around South Australia. The 'Advanced Search' was also relevant. Statistics show that 1 reel of microfilm (around 700 frames) can be digitised in 2 weeks or so. That's sounds like hard work!

Andrew gave us an example of his own name search i.e. LAUBE and found some information in the German Language and then demonstrating to us how to use Google Translate, which turned the text from German into English.

We hope to have another meeting with Andrew later in the year, when he is available.

Useful Websites :

www.slsa.sa.gov.au

www.samemory.sa.gov.au

New to the State Library online.

Post Office directories and almanacs a valuable source of information for family historians.

<http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/content.php?pid=366485&sid=3000163>

The Thompson Family of Salisbury

Maureen M Leadbeater

The first James Thompson arrived in South Australia with his wife Ruth in March 1839 on the "Buckinghamshire". James and Ruth had married, and their three children baptised, in the church of Orton in Westmorland, England while James was a shepherd on the nearby fells of Langdale. Robert and William aged 5 and 3 years survived the journey but baby James, born just a few months before departure, did not.

The family was living at Bowden when the next son, also named James, was born in 1840. Three daughters followed – Elizabeth Ann, Anne (Nancy) and Jane. The five eldest children were christened in the St Augustine's church at Salisbury in 1846, even though Robert & William had already been baptised in Orton. The duplication was a great help in checking details.

James and his family settled at Dry Creek, the present day Pooraka, where he worked as a dairyman. Later he worked on the Gawler Plains where Ruth died in 1873 aged 67 years. Within a year James remarried a widow, Anne Short formerly Gurr nee Wimherst. I do not know what happened to her. In 1881 James, aged 72 and suffering senile decay, probably dementia, had been living with his son James at Salisbury. It must have become too difficult to care for him and his son paid 9/- per week for his father's maintenance in the Adelaide Destitute Asylum until his death three years later.

Eventually most of James & Ruth's children moved away from the Salisbury district. The eldest son Robert married Catherine Lynch and they had six children. I have traced Robert to White Horse Plains in 1881 but I have yet to find where he went after that. William married Hanora Ryan. Living first at Reeves Plains, he later took up land under the credit selection scheme at Coonatto in the Hundred of Pinda. When William died of typhoid fever at the age of 47 only three months after his father, Hanora took her surviving children to Port Pirie.

The eldest daughter of James and Ruth, Elizabeth Ann, married Archibald McColl, a Scot from the Isle of Mull. Archibald had the misfortune to be one of a group of thirty emigrants left behind because there was no more room on board when the "Schah Jehan" sailed in 1860. After several months delay Archibald was sent on the "Blue Jacket" via Melbourne. Elizabeth Ann and Archibald were married in 1863 and after their first three children were born, the family went to live in Victoria, where another seven children were born.

The two youngest daughters, Anne (known as Nancy) and Jane married the Hallion brothers, Michael and Mathew. Both had large families, 9 and 13 children, and settled on farms near Mallala and Barabba.

The only one of James & Ruth's children to remain in the Salisbury district was James, my great-grandfather. He was an industrious young man who worked hard at many occupations. Beginning, it is said, as a bullocky to the Kapunda copper mines, he soon acquired land at Red Banks. He married Mary Spain, one of another Salisbury family, and they had six children. James had a flair for making money and he moved into investment and property dealing. At one time he owned the Governor MacDonnell Hotel and other valuable property in the heart of Salisbury. In the 1890s he retired and purchased a house, "Shirley Hall", in Robert Street in 1898. The family renamed it "Chelsea".

"Chelsea" was, and still is, an impressive house. Built in 1857 it had seven rooms, the pride of them being a ballroom. Nearby were stables and a coach house. A stone wall ran down the length of William Street enclosing the large English garden of flowers and fruit trees. There was also a fountain and a bird bath. The kitchen was a separate building with a vaulted cellar beneath and a lookout above from which ships could be seen sailing up the gulf. In summer the unmarried daughters would sit in the cellar, reading, doing needlework and other ladylike activities. Beside the kitchen there was an underground water tank and a windmill over a well. Mary did not live long to enjoy the family's retirement, dying in 1906.

James & Mary's eldest son, Patrick Augustine was set up on a farm at Penfield – the land is now part of Edinburgh RAAF base. Patrick married Anne Elizabeth O'Brien and they had four children. James Benedict, the second son, was married in Melbourne to Johanna, daughter of Daniel Quinlivan of Dry Creek. Of their 17 children, 12 survived to adulthood. James Benedict had a poor reputation – one of the anecdotes in the Salisbury History Collection describes him as a waster!

The eldest daughter and third child, Mary Immaculate, married Michael James O'Brien, the brother of Patrick Augustine's wife. They had five children. Eliza Ann married Edward Leo Doyle and lived on a farm near Hamley Bridge with their four children. The remaining two daughters had a double wedding in 1911 when Theresa Jane married William James O'Brien (no relation to the other O'Briens) and Cicely Ruth married Andrew Patrick O'Leary. Theresa and William had four sons and lived in Kings Road. Cicely and Andrew lived in "Chelsea" with her father and cared for him until his death in 1925. One of Theresa O'Brien's children was invited to name the streets in a subdivision of Salisbury near his home. There, between Spains and Kings Roads, are the streets he named for the Irish counties. But he remembered his family names - among the streets you will find Thompson and O'Brien Avenues.

Before his death James had quietly transferred money and property to his four daughters. When probate was settled the eldest son was puzzled, "I thought Father had more money than that." The girls wisely kept quiet. "Chelsea" passed from the family after a grand-daughter's death. My mother spent many girlhood holidays visiting her grandfather, James, whom she described as a white-haired gruff old

man. Coming from a farm she enjoyed the pleasures of town life and being squired around by her boy cousins. She often spoke of those good times.

Sometimes I drive past “Chelsea” and try to imagine it in the days of horses and carriages. I try to picture William Street fronting the large garden, not the current suburban houses. The first James worked as a shepherd and a dairyman. His son James did well in the Salisbury district and was able to retire and call himself a “gentleman of independent means.”

Acknowledgements

Besides the usual resources of the BDM, Catholic church records, cemetery headstones, shipping, IGI, Land Titles and Government Gazettes, I received much help and information from the Local History Room of the Salisbury Library, particularly from Gillian Pearson, the local historian at that time.

Visit to Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC) in September 2012

By Jeff Cook

I was fortunate enough to be asked by the group to visit them and provide a short talk on ANDFHG’s experience in setting up a Legacy Users Group. HAGSOC were most welcoming and showed me through their group’s premises which they share with a number of other community groups.

They are housed in a redundant Public School complex which has been converted into a number of sections for general community use. Their research facilities and library are housed in two ex-classrooms and contain a number of computers and an extensive library. They not only conduct local ACT research but also have the facilities for worldwide research. They share another large classroom with other community groups on a booking basis. I was amazed as approximately 150 people attended and my talk centred around setting up a Legacy Users Group and how we at ANDFHG use our group for mutual problem solving.

I prepared a PowerPoint slide show to assist me in delivering the information. I also very briefly spoke about some very important points which I have learnt from my membership of the ANDFHG User group. The most important of these is the need for consistency when entering data, followed by the need to record sources of information. As a result of my visit HAGSOC have taken the first steps in setting up a group similar to ANDFHG (see below).

HAGSOC at their first User Group meeting will be discussing and working through setting up a new Legacy database and importing a GEDCOM., customising Legacy Settings for the user and a Legacy Home Page.

I wish them all the best in their learning experiences and will watch their internet site with interest at <http://www.hagsoc.org.au/>

From HAGSOC's website :Sunday, 07 October 2012 20:09

Legacy Users Group

A new Legacy Users Group has been set up within HAGSOC. It is for HAGSOC members who use, intend to use or want to know more about the Legacy family history program. If you are interested in learning more about Legacy, sharing your experiences or just need help solving a problem, you are most welcome to join. Meetings are to be held at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the HAGSOC Library in the Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton St, Cook, ACT.

FROM THE PAPERS

Fame and high social position did not save anyone from tragedy in the early days of the colony. Imagine the happiness of our first Colonial Secretary in December of 1836, he has been sworn into high office on one day and his son is born on the next day. Then a few months later he has lost his wife and son.

**South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register,
Saturday June 3rd 1836**

Page 1

Glenelg, December 28, 1836

Robert Gouger Esq this day took the usual oaths, and his seat in the Council as Colonial Secretary of the Province.

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Birth

On December 29th, 1836 at Glenelg Mrs Robert Gouger, of a son.

Deaths

On the 14th March at Glenelg, of consumption, Harriet, wife of the Honourable Robert Gouger, aged thirty-two years; and

On March 15th their son, Henry Hindmarsh, aged eleven weeks and one day.

Guest Speaker Afternoon

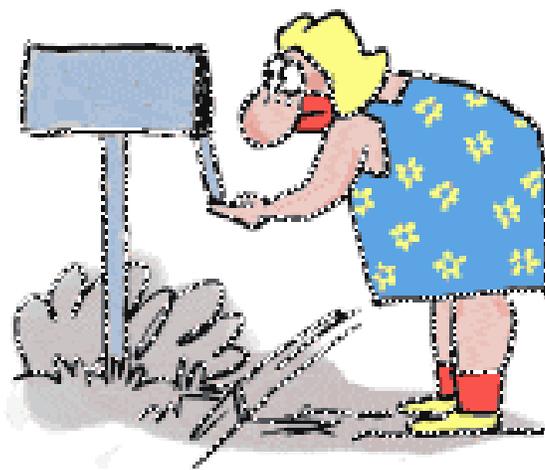
2 pm Saturday 23rd February

Computer Training Session

"E-mail Basics"

With Ivan Randall

Stupid computer
keeps saying
"you got mail"



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