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From the Committee

We would like to take the opportunity of welcoming the new members to our Group this month and hope you will enjoy meeting other "genies" and hopefully finding out new information on your family trees.

As some of you know, our vice-president Ivan Randall has finally recovered from his Genealogy Cruise, and has written an article about his trip. For those of you who don't know about these genealogy cruises, you can access the Gould Genealogy "Unlock the Past" website and look at what is on offer.

As we have reiterated before in previous newsletters, we are always on the look-out for interesting articles to put to print, in the hope that someone will come forward with something of interest. Please keep this in mind and share your stories with us, however small. We are all interested in family stories.

For those people who turned up in March to hear the very interesting and caring Mark Forgie talk about the undertaking business in Gawler, we are sure you will enjoy our next Guest Speaker with the return of David McGowan. Those members who came to his talk a few years ago will remember that he was very entertaining with stories of his time at the West Terrace Cemetery. I'm sure we can expect a fun afternoon.

Don't forget we are open every Thursday and the 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoons for research purposes, besides our Family Tree Maker Group on the 3rd Saturday afternoons in the month and our Legacy Users Group Meeting every 1st Monday night in the month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1st April Easter Monday			4th April Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		
	8th April 			11th April Mid Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		13th April Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm
				18th April Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		20th April 
				25th April Anzac Day Closed		27th April Research and Networking Day Guest Speaker Afternoon 1 pm – 4 pm

Parramatta Girls Home

The **Industrial School for Girls** - later known as the **Parramatta Girls Home** - was first occupied on the 9 May 1887. Previously the site had been occupied as the [Roman Catholic Orphan School](#).

This is a great website and a fantastic insight into what the conditions etc were like for those girls who entered the Parramatta Girls Home in New South Wales during the 19th and 20th Century. Well worth a browse. The photos are pretty good too.
<http://www.parragirls.org.au/parramatta-girls-home.php>

Trove reveals the family skeletons

My family history research always revealed a boring, non-descript bunch of ancestors who were basic working class, had a family and died. Some even too poor (or miserly) to have a head stone. Then along came Trove!

Just put in a name, and the things that are revealed to all. Yes, there is the day-to-day stuff → some relative came second in a rowing carnival, but occasionally you stumble upon such juicy gossip. Here is a sample of some of my discoveries – no names have been changed as what was once shameful is now just common place.

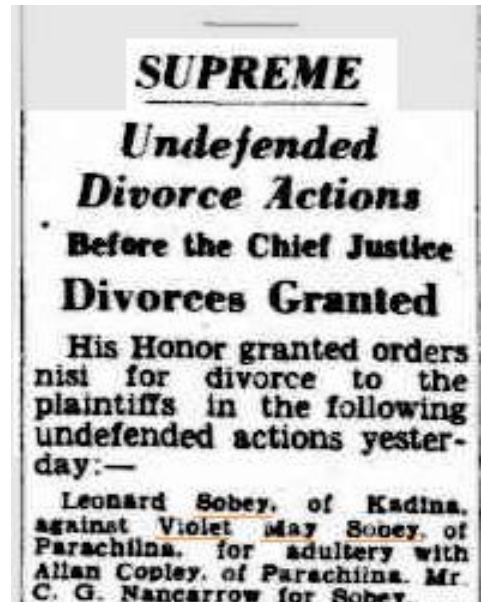
The screenshot shows a search interface with the query 'allan keith bean copley' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are filters for 'Available online', 'Australian content', and 'In my libraries', along with an 'Advanced Search' link. The results are displayed under the heading 'Digitised newspapers and more'. The first result is 'Man Committed On Bigamy Charge' from 'The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) Saturday 22 August 1942 p 5 Article'. The second result is 'ALLEGED BIGAMY WITH ABORIGINAL' from 'Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 - 1954) Thursday 13 August 1942 p 5 Article'. The third result is 'Bigamy Alleged Against Soldier; Evidence By Widow' from 'Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW : 1888 - 1954) Saturday 22 August 1942 Edition: SPORTS EDITION p 5 Article'.

One simple entry → the name of my first father-in-law, and just look at the sample of headlines. A bigamist, with an aboriginal, AWOL from the army during war time. What shame and scandal. I should point out that my first mother-in-law is not the first nor the second wife of Allan.

But wait, there's more.

Now I just add my first mother-in-law's name

The screenshot shows the Trove search interface. The search bar contains 'violet may sobey'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Available online', 'Australian content', and 'In my libraries'. On the left, under 'Refine your results:', there is a list of titles including 'The Advertiser (Adelaide,...)', 'Chronicle (Adelaide,...)', 'The Sydney Morning Herald...', 'The Argus (Melbourne,...)', and 'The Courier-Mail (Brisbane,...)'. The main results area is titled 'Digitised newspapers and more' and shows one result: 'SUPREME Undefended Divorce Actions Before the Chief Justice Divorces Granted' from 'The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) Friday 14 May 1954 p 5 Article'. The snippet of the article text is visible below the title.



Adultery, all revealed in the papers

NEW AUSTRALIAN FOR TRIAL SEQUEL TO RODINGA INCIDENT

Centralian Advocate (Alice Springs, NT : 1947 - 1954) Friday 22 September 1950 p 5 Article

... in answer to a question that he had bouerht the rifle from another New Australian. **Allan Keith Bean Copley** told the Court that he was the ganger in charge at Rodinga. He said that on the morning of ... **Constable Brown. Copley** identified a rifle' in Court as the one concerned in the incident. In answer ... 801 words

But it looks like Allan did redeem himself by intervening in an attempted murder at Rodinga.

Well, no one ever told me about these things!

Terrilisa Southon.

Stamp Act 1783

In 1783 in England the Stamp Act was passed by the government of the day, which helped to pay for the cost of the American War of Independence. The stamp was really a tax of 3 pence on all entries of births, marriages and burials in a parish register. This deterred a lot of people from registering their family event and also upset some of the Ministers who did not agree with this tax. This could be one reason why we cannot find that elusive birth or marriage, as the Minister refused to enter the event in the parish register, therefore they could not be fined for not having collected the tax ! The Act was repealed in 1794.

Why go on a Genealogy Cruise?

As many of you know, I have just recently returned from the 3rd Unlock the Past Genealogy Cruise. Some say did you have a good time? Others - why did you go? I will answer the second question first. I went because I needed a holiday and as I enjoyed a cruise that I went on six years ago, I thought it was a good idea. Because I am a single traveller, I thought that at least I would have some people (about 150) with a common interest that I would be able to talk to. To try and reduce the costs, as the single supplement is a considerable disincentive, I agreed to share a cabin with another conference attendee. I reasoned that on a cruise you only spend time in your cabin to sleep and change clothes, so that it would not be a hassle to do so. As it turned out the person that I shared with and I had a lot in common other than our interest in Family History, so I guess that I was lucky in that way.



Did I have a good time? YES!! The conference was run on a similar basis to the Congress held in Adelaide in March 2012 with up to three sessions running concurrently. This gave plenty of choice and sometimes made it difficult to choose which lecture to attend. The main advantages of this conference was the ability to interact with the Speakers at any time that they were free, or you could arrange to speak to them on an individual basis if you so desired. This gave a fairly informal atmosphere to the whole proceedings, which I thought was a great advantage. I must admit that I found it mentally draining and I was exhausted at the end of each day. From comments made at the wind up session, I think there will be some changes to next year's program to give a little more rest and relaxation time, particularly during the afternoon session, which was difficult to get through after having lunch. All the lectures that I attended were well presented and very informative, with lecture notes available on presenters web sites as you had no hope of make comprehensive notes on the day. Now if that wasn't enough for you there was always something happening on the ship with which you could amuse yourself.

There is plenty of opportunity to talk to other attendees during breakfast or lunch breaks and I must tell you of a rather strange coincidence that happened to me. While listening at one lecture a couple from Victoria were asking some questions about South Australia which were not

satisfactorily answered to my mind. After the session ended, I went over and started talking to them to see if there was anything that I could help them with as I was from South Australia. After talking for a few minutes the woman began to tell me about her background as she was born in Mannum, South Australia. The more she talked, the more interested I became because she was talking about things that I remembered from my childhood. I asked her what her maiden name was and after she told me and I told her what her father's name was, she looked rather stunned. You can imagine that the conversation got quite animated after that as we explored our childhood memories. We went to the same school, travelled on the same truck to that school, although we don't remember one another as she is five years younger than me. The thing that really shocked her, was the fact that we used to live next door to one another for a short period of time and our fathers worked together with the E&WS Department while building the South Para Reservoir in the late 1950s. It just goes to show that you never know who you will meet at a Family History function. (Ask Jeff Cook about the 2012 Congress)



Am I going on next year's cruise? Most probably, unless something comes up to prevent me from going. This last cruise had one major hiccup in that there was an electrical problem with the ship in Noumea and we were unable to continue on to Fiji as scheduled. This did not affect the conference at all as they just swapped the program to suit. It was disappointing not to go to Fiji as I have never been there, but as a result of the disappointment of a lot of the passengers, the company has given a large credit on any cruise that we take in the next two years. Genealogy Cruise 2014 here I come!! If it is all possible,

I would encourage anyone with an interest in Family History to start saving, look for a cabin mate (I'm looking for one) and go on next year's cruise and as it is Sydney /Melbourne /Adelaide /Hobart/ Sydney, so you don't even need a passport. See you there!!

Ivan Randall

Saving the Fry Family Bible.

Like me, a few members of ANDFHG are members of various internet mailing lists. They are a great medium for getting your research interests to the specific area and /or subject. In these days of social media they have started to decline, however, they are still a great means of communication with other Family History Researchers.

On Saturday, February 02, 2013 Ann Dow ANDFHG and FPFHG Member sent an email on the SA-Gen Mailing List advising list members that a South Australian Family Bible was on EBAY for Sale. Like a lot of other people I took a look, and it could only be said that it was a stunning example of its type. I am fortunate to be the caretaker of these family bibles. The simple fact that one of these family treasures is on EBay in the first place is just wrong in my book and that of a few others. First to jump to task was Chris Pycroft, who made a declaration on SA-Gen list that she was going to try and buy it and get it back to South Australia. At the time of the auction it was located in Victoria, and it was not with its family, rather it had been bought at Auction once before. It had been a coffee table piece for a number of years. A few days before the auction I made contact with Chris and offered my support, only to find I was only one of many. With things spurred up financially, it

was only a matter of waiting for the Auction to end.

I am pleased to say that no one came close to the funds that were available. The Bible is now back in South Australia, and the family history is being researched.

Details of the people listed in the Family Bible:

Parents: Isaac FRY and Angelina nee KEATS

Their children:

Lilian Maud b. 1883 Terowie, SA

Daisy May b. 1885 Terowie, SA

Walter Sydney b. 1887 Lobethal, SA

Myrtle Jane b. 1889 Lobethal, SA

Clarence George b. 1891 Mt. Barker, SA

Albert Leslie b. 1893 Terowie, SA [known as Leslie Albert]

Wilfred Keats b. 1896 Terowie, SA

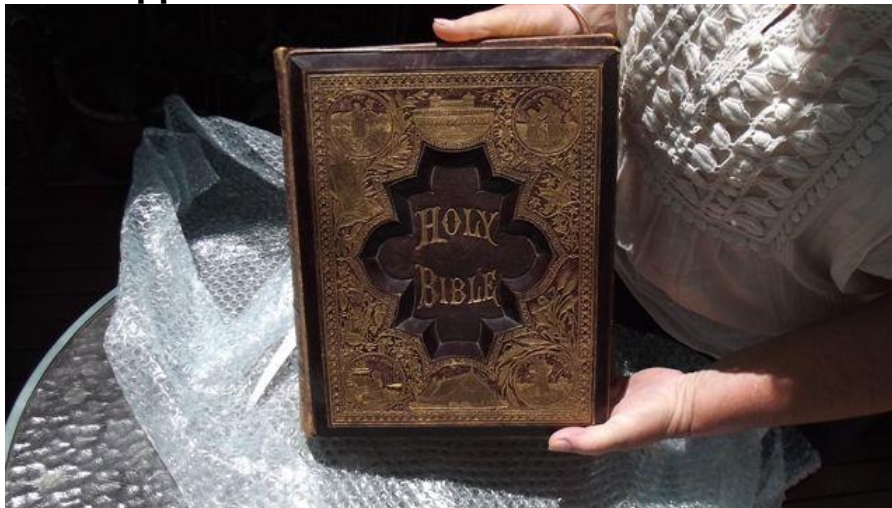
Gladys Emily b. 1898 Terowie, SA

Edith Annie b. 1902 Terowie, SA

As you can see the Family was from Terowie, and an event is in the planning stages to hand back the bible in Terowie on Isaac and Angelina Fry wedding anniversary November the 16th.

To be continued.

Peter Applebee



Guest Speaker Afternoon

1.30 pm Saturday 27th April

David McGowan Former Cemetery Manager of Historic West Terrace Cemetery



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