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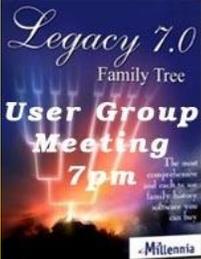
From the Committee

Hello Members,

August has been very busy for the Committee during National Family History Month, with two Open Days at Ann Street, a recruitment day at Golden Grove Shopping Centre and another successful workshop at the Dublin Local History Group. All this work has paid off as we have quite a few new members who we welcome and hope you enjoy reading our monthly newsletter and coming along to our Speaker Days. You can always refer to our monthly calendar in the newsletter for information. Our two users groups are still active with lots of chats between members, some of whom have found they are related or have family connections.

Our August Speaker day was very well attended with Robyn Ashworth in her element showing lots of interesting photos of the shipwrecks around the waterways and inlets of the Port Adelaide area. We hope she will return in the not too distant future with a presentation on Australian's World Heritage Convict Sites. Our next Speaker Day will be about the life and times of Colonel Light and we hope you will be able to come along. There seems to be some confusion about starting times for our Guest Speaker. We are open from 1.00pm till 4.00pm as we always have been, but the Speaker does not start till 1.30pm. In October we are planning a scrapbooking afternoon, with a presentation and display of examples of handcrafted works.

We would like to extend our very best wishes to the Whyalla Family History Group Inc. for reaching 25 years of being a family history group. Congratulations!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2nd Sept. Legacy 7.0 Family Tree User Group Meeting 7pm			5th Sept. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		
				12th Sept. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		14th Sept. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm
				19th Sept. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		21st Sept. Adelaide Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting 1.30 pm
				26th Sept. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		28th Sept. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Guest Speaker Afternoon 1.30 pm

Jaw dropping incident at the AGM.

On Saturday July 27th, and the day of the Annual General Meeting, an incident took place which dumbfounded our President Peter Applebee. The said incident followed the elections for the 2013-14 Committee, when the President elect began to wind up proceedings by saying "That about does it I think", whereupon the Vice President Ivan Randall, and Committee member and Life Member Colin Withall, interrupted the proceedings, when Ivan said "Not quite," Peter had a look of surprise and obviously wondered what was happening, all became clear when Colin was handed a framed Certificate, and at Ivan's introduction, Colin made the presentation of Life Membership to Peter.

Colin listed the accomplishments of Peter, who over the last 6 years has been our Chairman and President, and was once again elected unanimously by all members present for the 7th year running. It was obvious to all present that this presentation of Life Membership to Peter, came as a complete surprise to him, his jaw dropped in utter amazement. The Committee of 2012-13, decided in Peter's absence to reward him for his diligent leadership over the last 6 years, as emphasized by Colin that ANDFHG could not have had a better leader, and much of the success that we as a club enjoy today can be directly attributed to Peter.

Not many of our later members may be aware of our humble beginnings, when in 2006 a group of 8 like minded people, came together to discuss the idea to form an independent Family History Group. Those people were Peter Applebee, Margaret Flaiban, Tammy Martin, Helen Stein, John Clift, Bev Bourke, Sandra Francis and Colin Withall, the meeting took place at the home of Tammy Martin, and Peter was elected as Chairman, and a steering Committee was formed, and the rest is history, with ANDFHG's membership progressively growing from the original 8 people in 2006, to over 95 today.

But Peter Applebee, not only has led ANDFHG, he is ANDFHG, operating the websites OzGenOnline.com and the AustralianCemeteries.com. He is also the webmaster of the ANDFHG website as well as being involved with all face book pages, and is the distributor of the ANDFHG Newsletter. Peter also has been instrumental in the success of the 2012 Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry held in Adelaide, and was a Committee member and also the Web Master. He is currently the webmaster for AFFHO (The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations), the Chair of the Applebee Family Reunion Committee, and the list goes on.

It is inevitable that such a dedicated person such as Peter should be recognised and granted Life Membership to ANDFHG. The presentation was widely applauded, and it was a pleasure to all present to witness his promotion.

THE SPOONER FAMILY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING

By Nancy Barrowcliff (nee Spooner)

My grandfather Alfred Isaac Spooner was born in England in 1856 and became a well known Jockey in South Australia. He was a familiar figure on the South Australian race courses. He rode for many well known racehorse owners and retired in 1892. In 1896 his son John (Jack) Spooner became a jockey only riding in hurdle races and steeplechases. He had many wins most notable was the 1910 Grand National hurdle race at Victoria Park. In 1906 at the age of 21, he had a fall from '*Coalbox*' – Alexander Jacques came to his aid. Unfortunately the race was still on and the young man was killed by the oncoming horses. Jack also rode in a few Great Eastern Steeplechasers at Oakbank but no wins. He served in France and returned to Australia in 1917.

In 1912 Jack's youngest brother William (my father) began his profession as a jockey. He rode in South Australia and Western Australia and rode 3 consecutive winners in hurdle races in Perth in 1921. In the mid-1930's he worked for a Mr McCauley who at that time had a good sprinter called '*Unishack*' – he was taken to Melbourne in 1939 for the Oakleigh Plate and ran 3rd. The following year he returned to Melbourne again for the Oakleigh Plate and this time he came back to South Australia a winner!

Another family member in the racing industry was my father's Uncle Joe Tomlin (b.1870). In 1884 he won the Adelaide Cup on '*the Lawyer*'. He rode in many States and also rode in 4 Melbourne Cups : 1888 '*Lord Headington*' midfield; 1889 '*Night of the Garter*' – 12th; 1890 '*Singapore*' – 8th (the year '*Carbine*' won); 1892 '*Oxide*' – 7th. Joe also won 2 Goodwood Handicaps in Adelaide but when he rode in Broken Hill he had 4 wins in a day, including the Silver City Cup. He went on to win many more in Australia. A magnificent feat!

In 1932 a tragedy occurred in the family. My father's cousin Harry Higgs (a trainer at Glenelg) was married to a lady called Lillian. Lillian fell from the Big Dipper situated on the foreshore at Glenelg and died from her injuries.

Harry's nephew – Harry Walsh – became a jockey and later a trainer at Glenelg who rode in India in the late 1930's. His father, although not a jockey, became a boxer and fought in the featherweight division. His headstone was erected by the boxing fraternity at West Terrace Cemetery.

I married Phil Barrowcliff, a SA trotting family and from then on became involved in horse trotting. My husband's cousin Jack Barrowcliff was a well known breeder and owner/trainer and reinsman during the Wayville days. I personally owned one trotter *Crimson Boy* and leased 2 other trotting horses –*Crimson Lad* a half brother to *Crimson Boy and Judith Kaye* who was bred in Western Australia.

I have 5 winning photos in South Australia namely 2 wins for *Crimson Boy*, 2 wins for *Judith Kaye* and 1 win for *Crimson Lad.* My three children also were involved in ponies when they were younger, and even now many years later my daughter has an aged hack and my eldest son recently purchased a 2 year old hack. I guess horses are in their blood.

A TREASURE FROM THE 1911 ENGLISH CENSUS

Courtesy of 'FindMyPast.com'

Searching through the 1911 census, this little 'treasure' was found – Here is 'watchdog' Roger with the rest of the Little family in Dulwich, London.

Head of the household, James Little, recorded the following charming details:

'Incidentally, we have an Airedale Terrier. I do not know whether particulars are required, but in case you want them here they are!':

- **Name**: Roger
- **Age**: 5 years old
- **Children**: ? but something over 100
- **Occupation**: watchdog
- **Industry connected with**: looking after house
- **Employed or working on own account**: on own account
- **Whether working at home**: at home and outside
- **Birthplace**: Keighley, Yorkshire

Discover your ancestors' eccentricities

The 1911 census is wonderful for many reasons, one of which is that **it reveals our ancestors' personalities and eccentricities**. The descendants of the Little family may never have known they had a beloved watchdog, but the 1911 census reveals this priceless snippet to add to their family tree. **Search the 1911 census today to see if your ancestors left you any similar gems!**

Store Your Research Online (but Privately) with Rootsdb.com

Rootsdb.com is a new online program designed originally for members of the Guild of One-Name Studies but is also available free of charge to everyone. The primary purpose of Rootsdb.com is to provide a powerful genealogy database for use by any interested genealogist.

According to the Rootsdb.com website: "Many serious genealogy researchers have been asking for a sophisticated database programme for storing their research data. Some individuals with good computer and IT skills have produced their own databases for specific functions, but most have been restricted into using spreadsheets where the normal commercial 'Family Tree' software is unable to offer the kind of recording necessary."

Rootsdb.com is not a general-purpose genealogy program. It doesn't print fancy charts, doesn't generate sophisticated reports of books, and doesn't perform many of the functions you expect in a genealogy program. It will not help you to find any of your ancestors, but it will conveniently store all that you can find. Rootsdb.com simply stores and sorts all the information for all the individuals in your records, in family groups or as single individuals. Data can be retrieved easily but typically as lists that meet the criteria you specify.

In short, Rootsdb.com is designed as a fast data analysis program. Not only will the program store your information, but the searching facility will enable you to look up anything much quicker and more accurately than most other genealogy products, according to the program's producer.
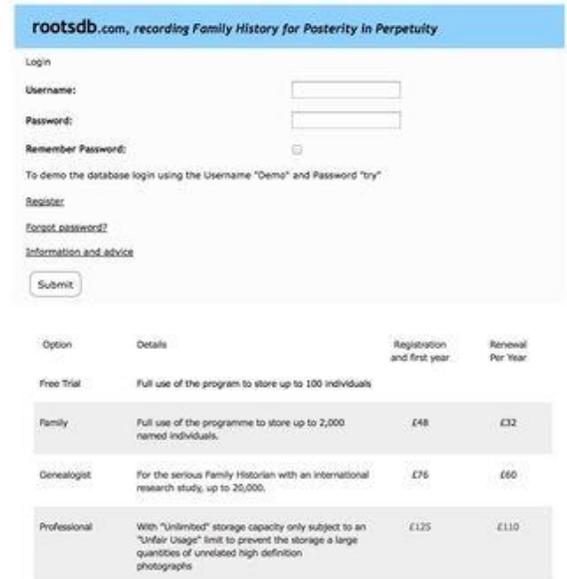
For instance, you might have a Rootsdb.com database of several thousand individuals. Perhaps you want to find all the females in the database with a first name of Mary, born between 1840 and 1850 in Kentucky. Rootsdb.com can provide that functionality.

The lifetime events include birth, death, and marriage records as well as census entries, education, employment, professional qualifications, religious, military records and even YDNA records.

Rootsdb.com is an online program which can be accessed from any computer capable of getting online. It works equally well with Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and even handheld computers. Unlike some other online genealogy services, Rootsdb.com provides privacy and security of your data. You have total control over who can see your data and who you pass any or all of that information to. You are always free to delete any data you wish.

One nice thing about Rootsdb.com is the capability to import GEDCOM files. The program's web site at http://rootsdb.com/help_advice_list.php notes the limitations of GEDCOM files by stating, "...be aware that the Gedcom system has a limit to the range of links that the records will have, you will need to add much more details manually but at least the basic information is entered automatically." In fact, the same will be true of importing GEDCOM files into other programs as well.

Rootsdb.com is a new service but new features are being added frequently. It shows a lot of promise. All new program improvements will be automatically available to all users without any need to download or update anything.

A free trial is available but is limited to 100 individuals in the database. Anyone with a database of any significant size will need to pay to use the service. Users may store up to 2,000 named individuals for £48 (roughly $83 AU dollars) for the first year, up to 20,000 named individuals for £76 (roughly $130 AU dollars) for the first year, or unlimited storage sizes for £125 (roughly $214) for the first year. At the end of the year, renewal prices are a bit cheaper.

To try Rootsdb.com for yourself, go to the program's web site at http://rootsdb.com and log in with the demo user name and password shown there.

Source: **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter** http://www.eogn.com.

ADRIFT IN SPENCER'S GULF.

South Australian Register (Wednesday 19 July 1882)

Some anxiety was recently felt on account of a party of five men — David Hunter, A. J. Muller, J. R. Hopkins, R. Ransom, and Jas. Malone — who it was feared had been drowned in Spencers Gulf. The men were under engagement to the Sir Joseph Banks Guano Company to collect guano on the Dangerous Reef Island, and they were left there by the ketch Stormbird with a month's provisions. After being there for some weeks, and waiting in vain for a vessel to call for the produce, they sailed away for Port Lincoln in an old boat, 19 feet long, which they had taken to the island with them.

From Port Lincoln they received instructions to return to Port Adelaide by the next steamer. They started away for the Dangerous Reef Island again for their clothes and bedding. They reached it in safety, and after getting their things on board tried hard to return to Port Lincoln, but the waves were too strong, and, after being in great danger of drowning, they were thrown on Spilaby Island. No word being heard of them for some days, vessels went out in search, and after having been on the island for nine days the sufferers were rescued by the Yatala.

The following particulars of the disaster were given by one of the party:- On Friday morning at daylight the party left Port Lincoln for Dangerous Reef Island for their clothes and bedding. The glass was very low when they left, and it had been blowing fearfully the day before. The reason they ventured against such odds was that their few things were valuable, and they under-estimated the danger. They arrived safely at the island, stowed the boat, and put off: While doing so the wind shifted to the north-west, and they found that they could not fetch Port Lincoln, though they tried for it for a long time. The more they tried the more they got to the leeward, and then they bore up for Strickland Island, but they could not fetch that either. The only chance that remained was to bear away for Spilaby Island, a little further to the northward. They reached it late on Friday night, and landed on the north side. Before they could get to the beach the boat was making water, and shipped heavy seas. A hundred yards away from the line of water she shipped a sea, which knocked her broad side in.

The next thing was that the contents of the boat were washed out and the party thrown into the surf. They scrambled out, and the next morning they found a few of their goods, but the boat was a wreck. All they had with them to eat were a few biscuits and some flour, but the island had some sheep. Having killed some of these they found some rainwater about a mile off. They managed to exist for nine days and saw no vessel pass by,   and had no means of escape till the tug called. There was nothing near but rocks and shoals and running reefs, with breakers and white foam all around. They were glad to welcome the Yatala's boat, which fetched the castaways off on the Saturday afternoon.
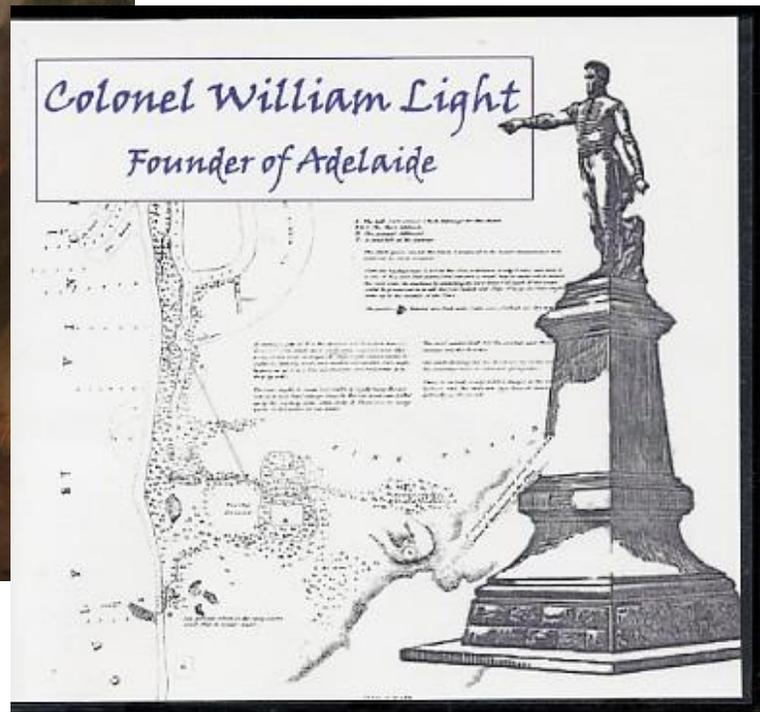
1.30 pm Saturday 28th September

"Glen Woodward "
The Story of Col. William Light.

Glen Woodward has been a volunteer guide at the Adelaide Town Hall for 20 years, as well as being a volunteer guide at several other Adelaide localities, a member of numerous historical and other societies, a tutor and keen traveller since he retired from a long teaching career.

Colonel William Light was British military officer and the first Surveyor-General of The Colony of South Australia. He is famous for choosing the site of the colony's capital, Adelaide, and designing the layout of its streets and parks in the Adelaide city centre and Adelaide Park Lands.

Colonel William Light
Founder of Adelaide

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