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From the Committee

Hello Members,

September has been another busy month for the committee, with our Thursday Research Days being completely booked out. We are pleased that Ian Cowley is back on deck and is helping whenever and wherever he can. We have a few vacant slots for October, so if you would like to book a computer or would like help from the volunteers, please let us know, so we can book you in. First in best dressed!

Our Library is looking a lot better but still needs a bit more organising. Hopefully by the end of October, we will be on track.

The Microfilm reader has been put on the back desk and the computer should be up and running to take the information soon.

Glen Woodward our speaker at the end of September was absolutely brilliant in giving us so much information about Colonel Light and his life. A truly amazing man.

We have some sad news to impart with you all. Denise Minge, who regularly came to our Family Tree Group meetings passed away in August after a short illness. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be missed by us all.

We would like to remind you that we are always happy to receive your stories for our newsletter. If you have any interesting articles that you think other members would like to read, please see one of our committee members.

Our next Speaker Day is one for the ladies – SCRAPBOOKING with Michelle Scragg – so if you have never seen how scrapbooking works especially for Family History, this is a must see afternoon ! We hope to see you all there.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 3 rd Oct. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm | | |
| | 7 th Oct. Public Holiday | | | 10 th Oct. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm | | 12 th Oct. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm |
| | 14 th Oct.  | | | 17 th Oct. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm | | 19 th Oct.  |
| | | | | 24 th Oct. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm | | 26 th Oct. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Guest Speaker Afternoon 1.30 pm |
| | | | | 31 st Oct. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm | | |

Speaker Afternoon August 24th 2013

The Port Adelaide Ships' Graveyard



The Dorothy H Sterling

Robyn Ashworth has much experience and knowledge in South Australia's maritime history including working for the department of environment & marine heritage, Education Officer at the Maritime Museum and now a recent retiree with a passion for Outer Harbour, Birkenhead and its surrounds.

There are several areas in South Australia which host a ships' graveyard, but our chat today was mainly about Garden Island.

The Garden Island region presents a timeline of the history of ships – a diversity of manufacturing types, ships demonstrating important elements of their era and examples from many continents. The backgrounds of many skeletons have been researched so that they are not mere rotting carcasses but have names and adventures attached to their lives while in service.

An article in the Chronicle 20th July 1933 has pictures and anecdotes about many of the wrecks; this presents a unique opportunity to look at what was and compare to what remains.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/90887685?searchTerm=ocean%20derelicts%20north%20arm&searchLimits=>

Such ships as the Santiago, Dorothy Sterling, and Garth Neill with 'wrong way' Shipon, the Gem, Juno, Thomas and Annie, plus multitudes more.

Furthermore sightseers are not limited to donning SCUBA gear to marvel at these monuments as many can be viewed from land, a walk through the mangroves, or a pleasant kayak paddle to rediscover our oceanic past.

The Australian Medical Pioneers Index

A Database of Colonial Doctors to 1875

AMPI provides biographical data on over 4500 doctors who lived in Australia or visited Australian shores in a medical capacity in colonial days.

General practitioners and specialists are included, along with doctors in the army, navy, and colonial (civil) service. There are also records for doctors working in other (non-medical) occupations.

AMPI contains reliable information obtained from sources such as medical registers, shipping records, newspapers, pictorial archives, and medical publications.

The site provides a fascinating glimpse into Australia's early medical workforce, including doctors on immigrant ships, on the goldfields, and in the old colonial cities and country towns.

AMPI uses data from the original card file of Dr. Noel David Richards, computerised with the assistance of staff at the Geelong Hospital Library. The AMPI website was developed and funded by the State Library of Victoria through Vicnet and Victoria's Virtual Library

<http://www.medicalpioneers.com/>



BURKE'S PEERAGE

Important Notice: Termination of Burke's Peerage Online

Origins.net designed, developed and has been operating the Burke's Peerage Online web site on behalf of Burke's Peerage (UK) Ltd, since 2005.

Burke's Peerage has now been sold to another party and the present website will cease to operate from 1 September 2013. We apologise for the short notice, but we were only advised of this date today (21 August).

We have had no communication from the new owners about their plans, and have no information to indicate what type of service will replace the current one, when it will be available, and what the costs might be.

Current subscribers to Burke's Peerage Online

Normal practice when subscription services terminate is for the 'old' service provider to be permitted to continue to provide service until the end of the subscription period, so that current subscription agreements can be honoured. But in this case the new owners are not allowing this, and we shall refund the unused portion of your subscriptions. You will receive the refunds within the next few weeks.

We apologise for the uncertainty and for any inconvenience you may be caused, but lack of information about the new owners' intentions has left us as much in the dark as you.

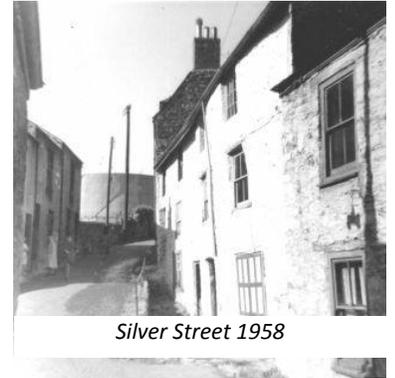
We thank you for your use of the present site. Our 72-hour access option will be available until midnight GMT 27 August 2013.

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Saltash Tragedy – Midnight Murder and Suicide

By Sharon Norman

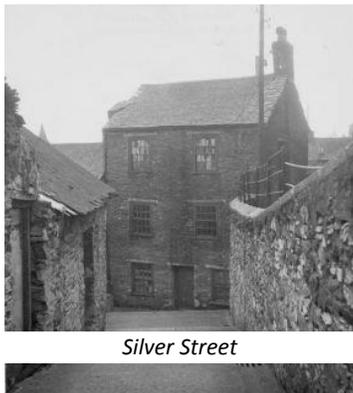
Whilst researching my paternal side of the family tree, I discovered that my Dad's auntie had been murdered. My Dad had never heard about this nor did his siblings. The street where it all happened, is Silver Street, Saltash, Cornwall, which was a small street with many rented two-three storey houses. The houses on Silver Street were pulled down during the re-vamp of the Saltash foreshore in the 1960's. Quite a few of the tenants living on Silver Street at that time are all related to me as my grandma Beatrice Crapp (sister of Florence) married into the Beer/Lanyon family a few years after this tragedy.



Silver Street 1958

Florence Ethel Crapp was born on 1893 in Ladock, Cornwall to Alfred and Elizabeth Crapp. She was one of 13 children. Florence married a Stoker in the Royal Navy - William John Saward in 1910 at Devonport near Plymouth, Devon. They had one son William John. William Saward spent a lot of time away from home due to his naval duties. He was at sea with the fleet at the time.

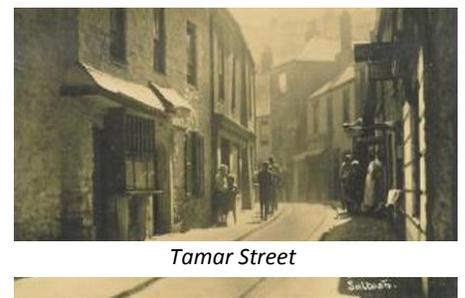
The information I found out about this event is from the newspaper articles at that time, mainly from The Cornish Times, Friday July 30th 1915. I cannot ask any relatives for information, as no one living has been aware of this event. It must have caused quite a stir in the close knit community of Silver Street.



Silver Street

On Saturday 24th July 1915 shortly after midnight, Silver Street was the scene of a murder and suicide. The victims were Florence Ethel Saward aged 22 and Alfred George Redman aged 40. Both were natives of the borough and lived at 12 Silver Street, a narrow thoroughfare almost under the land spars of the Royal Albert Bridge. Alfred Redman who was a cripple and walked with a crutch and stick, was a tailor by trade, but was obliged to give up work because of his lameness. After a time being supported by the parish, he with the aid of money left him and assistance from relatives he set up a small greengrocery business in Tamar Street. In 1911, he was left a widower with three girls of whom the eldest has since been in the care of a brother in the United States and the other two aged eleven and seven have lived with Alfred.

Florence Saward was the second daughter of a widow Mr. Elizabeth Crapp who lives in the court entered from Silver Street. Florence was the wife of a naval worker in service and they had a home in Pembroke Street and a baby boy fifteen months old. Alfred Redman was the occupier of two rooms on the ground floor at 12 Silver Street, one on each side of the entrance. Since he commenced his greengrocery business he had been assisted by Florence Saward. It appears to have been her practice when not living in her rooms at Devonport to sleep in one room at 12 Silver Street, with her baby and Redman's eldest child, while Alfred and his youngest daughter used the other room.



Tamar Street

Throughout Saturday and Saturday evening, Alfred was seen about the town and up to a late hour in his shop. Florence was also seen in the shop and at the house during the evening. Alfred was

observed not many minutes before midnight standing at the door. Alfred was seen by a police constable going in the direction of his home about 11.40.

A few minutes after midnight the neighbours were startled by a terrible shriek and the cry twice repeated, "I'm murdered". The residents ran to their windows and rushed into the street. First on the scene was Mrs Roberts who lived two doors from the scene of the tragedy, and at the corner of the court where Florence's mother resided. As she emerged into the street she saw in the bright moonlight, Florence had collapsed in the middle of the narrow roadway just six feet from the door of No 12. Mrs Roberts heard her shout "Mother, mother I'm murdered" and immediately after that she fell. Mrs Roberts kneeling down lifted her up but her head dropped back. Florence was wholly undressed except for a single undergarment. She was bleeding from a terrible wound in the throat and as she lay on the ground her only movements were a few twitches of the body. As Mrs Roberts was catching hold of Florence she saw a man at the door of No 12 but did not recognise him. She noticed he was breathing very heavily in a strange way, and heard him shut the door. Mrs Roberts ran back to her house and got a sailor's whistle which she and others blew until the police arrived. Mrs Beer (Mrs Roberts's mother) hastened to fetch a doctor, but halfway up the hill a soldier relieved her of that task. Mrs Roberts then informed Mrs Crapp of the affair.

Mr Beer a son of Mrs Mary Ann Beer was on his way home from the beach, when he saw a crowd and found his sister attending to Florence. Going to the house to see if the children were alright he had difficulty in opening the door, and when he gained admission found Alfred Redman huddled in a heap, in the passage dead, his throat having been cut almost from ear to ear. Mr Beer found the woman's baby in bed, and took it to his mother's house. Going back he opened the door on the left side of the house and as he did so Alfred's eldest daughter jumped out of the window. Both children were removed to another house.

The police had meanwhile arrived. Sgt Heberd found the walls and passage covered in blood and there was a large quantity of blood about the floor and walls of Redman's bedroom. An open, blood stained razor was found on the floor of the passage. The doorstep of the house appeared as if it was painted red and in the passage, the linoleum could barely be seen for blood.

Dr Wool-Lewis was called and pronounced life extinct in each case and then the bodies were removed to the mortuary in Waterloo Road. The dead man was well known in Saltash as was his family. He lost a brother on the *HMS Monmouth*, another brother in the army at the front, a third a schoolmaster, a fourth in the United States and a fifth in Government employ living in Saltash. Alfred Redman was temperate in his habits and generally regarded as harmless.

The court hearing was held the following Monday and after the verdict was returned a juryman said he knew for a fact that a few hours before the occurrence Alfred Redman had spoken to him. The juryman's brother was Redman's landlord, Alfred was saying that he would get a chipped potato machine to put in the shop. That, he considered pointed to the fact that the crime might not have been premeditated.

This midnight tragedy was inquired into by the County Coroner, Mr A de C Gibb at Saltash Guildhall on Monday the case of Florence was first heard. Mr E Browning was chosen foreman of the jury.

Mrs Roberts had nothing fresh to add to her statement. Alfred Lanyon her brother, was in Redman's company during the evening, and went home with him at 10.30pm where Florence and her brother were also there. Alfred Redman bought out whiskey but only the witness Alfred Lanyon drank any. Everyone was on perfectly friendly terms.

Mrs Elizabeth Ann Crapp gave evidence on the personal relations of the parties and said that Redman and Florence's husband were great friends. William Saward knew Florence lived at Alfred

Redman's house and when he was on leave about five months ago, he and Florence visited Alfred daily. There was no trouble between Redman and Florence so far as Mrs Crapp knew. Alfred Redman was a teetotaller. It was 11.30 on Saturday night when they left Redman's house and Mrs Crapp did not think more than ten minutes elapsed before Mrs Roberts called her, and she found her daughter with her throat cut.

The Coroner: "Can you account for it in any way! Was Redman jealous?"

"I think he took it to heart because my daughter was going home to leave again. That was why I was up there to say goodbye to her." Florence had been at Devonport all the week, and only came to Saltash this afternoon. She told witness she was going home by the 10 o'clock train, but she agreed to stop till Sunday to cook dinner for the children. Florence was expecting her husband home. Redman was very fond of Mr Saward. He told Florence she may well stop to look after his children. But Mrs Crapp said she thought she ought to go to her home. Mrs Crapp had not heard Redman threaten Florence and had not known him to be depressed.

In reply to Supt. Gard Mrs Crapp said she used to attend on Redman.

Supt. Gard: "Was it on account of Redman's and your daughter being too friendly, and you were opposed to her going to his house, that you gave up working for him?"

"Yes".

"In consequence of that complaint, your daughter stayed away from your house?"

"Yes, that was about twelve months ago."

"And you were not on speaking terms?"

"No not until her husband came home five months ago."

When William Saward returned home he went to Alfred Redman's house. Mrs Crapp then thought if he did not object to his wife going there, she need not concern herself.

Police Sgt. Heberd and a national reservist called him to Silver Street, at 12.10am on Sunday, and he found the body of Florence Saward four paces from the front door of No 12, she was lying on her back and was undressed except for a chemise. She was dead. He pushed open the door of No 12 and saw Alfred Redman lying behind it in a pool of blood, life was extinct. In the room on the right a lamp was burning, the top sash of the window was down and the bed had apparently been occupied by two children, a woman's garments were on the bed rail, nothing was disturbed in the room. Taking the lamp, witness went into the other room where behind the door was a bed on which was a single impression. A pool of blood was on the floor on the right side of the bed and from there to the spot where Florence was found was a trail of blood. He found a razor saturated with blood and covered with hair similar to that of Florence.

Among some letters in Alfred Redman's clothing witness found a picture postcard, on the address side of which Redman had written: I leave all my possessions to my daughters and my only wish is that they shall not be separated. Dated 27th April. My gold watch to my brother. Replying to Supt. Gard witness said he had kept observations on Redman during the four years, he (witness) had been in Saltash, lately he had noticed that he had a strange sort of stare. Dr Ernest Wool Lewis described the injuries. There was evidently some struggle as Florence's hands were both cut. The wound had evidently been inflicted from behind and the razor used in the left hand, Redman's throat was severed right down to the spine the wound being undoubtedly self-inflicted. The jury found the Florence Saward had been wilfully murdered by Alfred Redman.

Only one witness was called at the inquest on Alfred Redman. He was William Albert Redman, Waterloo Road, Saltash. Who said "Alfred George Redman was my brother. He was 40 years about, was a tailor although he carried on business as a greengrocer. I have not been friendly with him for 12 months. I did not speak to him, I did not know he lived with the deceased, I do not know whether he had any relations with Mrs Saward. My brother lost his wife about three years ago and got worried. He saw a doctor who certified that he was suffering from Tuberculosis. That preyed

on his mind. He told me he couldn't stick it any longer. In the last twelve months he was beginning to look thin and his eyes began to shrink back in his head."

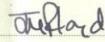
The jury returned a verdict of felo-de-se (archaic term for suicide).

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| Registration District St Germans | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1915. Death in the Sub-district of Saltash | | | | in the County of Cornwall | | | | | |
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| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 209 | Twenty fourth July 1915 In Silver Street Saltash U D | Florence Ethel Saward | Female | 22 years | Wife of William Saward a Stoker H M S "Centurion" | Murdered by Alfred George Redman having cut her throat | Certificate received from A de C Glubb Coroner for Cornwall Inquest held 26th July 1915 | Twenty eighth July 1915 | C H Rawling Registrar |

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

  Superintendent Registrar
4.3.2008 Date

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After reading the circumstances of this tragedy, a few points have puzzled me. Mrs Roberts, whilst holding Florence in her arms in the street, noticed a man she didn't know in the doorway of No 12, he was breathing heavily, acting strange, then closed the door. Now she would have known Alfred Redman as he had been living on the street for over 4 years. Was Mrs Roberts mistaken and it was Alfred she saw, or was there another man on the premises. If it was another man, could this have been a double murder?

Can you kill yourself cutting your throat from ear to ear? Alfred Redman had cut his own throat, it was cut from ear to ear and right down to the spine. I thought that this would be impossible to do yourself, but if he was in a rage maybe yes. But it was mentioned that he was in reasonably good spirits beforehand.

I have been looking through various records online and have found the following information on the family members left behind in this tragedy.

Alfred Redman's two daughters that were living with him were, Kathleen (who was 13 at the time of the tragedy), married and had one child. Kathleen lived till she was 91 years old and resided in Devon. Florence (who was 7 at the time), married and had one child. Florence lived till she was 73 years old and also resided in Devon. The eldest daughter Lydia who was living in America with an uncle at the time of the tragedy spent her whole life in the USA, she married, had 2 children and lived till she was 93 years old.

Florence's husband William John Saward moved to Poplar in London after the tragedy, he remarried in 1917 and was still a Stoker in the Royal Navy. He and his new wife had one child, a daughter. William died in Middlesex at the age of 69.

Florence and William's son, William spent his childhood growing up in Plymouth, here I am not sure who with. He married, had 5 children and lived till he was 75 years old.

Alfred Redman was buried in a triangular area in the far corner of a consecrated churchyard extension (well away from any other burials) at St Stephen's, then in 1917 a road was diverted which now makes the small bit of land detached from the churchyard.

Our Library Expansion.



Suzy Smith and Margaret Flaiban making use of our Records.

Recently a number of members gathered at our rooms for a working bee. Our aim was to shift and expand the library as well as bring the Micro Film Viewer back after some repairs. We are still bringing things together on the southern end of the room, but most of the heavy work is done.

**RIVERTON HISTORY AND INFORMATION CENTRE
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We have recently been in touch with the Riverton Local History Group who hold quite a lot of local and family history information for that area.

If your ancestors settled around the Gilbert Valley, Riverton, Rhynie, Tarlee, Giles Corner, Marrabel and Stockport areas, you will receive a warm welcome from them and we are sure you will be able to find something of interest.

They hold school registers, 31 published Local Family History books, 120 local family trees (unpublished), Minute Books, Assessment Registers and Old Newspapers and many other research material.

The Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. It may be helpful to contact them before you make the trip.

Scrapbooking Afternoon

with **Michelle Scragg**
of Heritage Scrapbooking



1.30PM SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

SCRAPBOOKING IS A GREAT WAY TO PRESENT YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
COME ALONG & LISTEN TO MICHELLE'S PRESENTATION. YOU ARE
WELCOME TO PUT SOME OF YOUR OWN SCRAPBOOKING SAMPLES
ON THE DISPLAY TABLE.

SHARE IDEAS OVER AFTERNOON TEA.



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