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Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group

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Meetings are held on the third Thursday
of each month at 7pm at
The Old Police Station, Ann Street, Salisbury.

\$2 entry fee for non-members

YOUR COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Applebee
Vice President:	Bev Burke
Secretary:	Margaret Flaiban
Treasurer:	Tammy Martin
Membership Coordinator:	Helen Stein
Committee	Jaquie Dennis Sandie Francis

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to our group:

Kay Rozenboom
Bert Pettis
Suzanne Qintel

RAFFLE

Congratulations to Bev Burke's mum who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

SAD NEWS

We were saddened to hear of the passing of
Nick Vine HALL in October 2006

***** SPECIAL EVENT *****

On Saturday 31st March we will be conducting our first Cemetery tour, starting at the Salisbury Historical Society in Ann Street, Salisbury from 12.30. We will be visiting St Johns Anglican Cemetery in Salisbury, Zoar Bible Christian Cemetery in Penfield and finishing at Willaston General Cemetery in Gawler.

Cost will be \$10 per person. If you are interested please contact Margaret on 8281 8431 or Jacqui 8380 8956 so numbers can be finalised before the event.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

At our last meeting in November, we discussed the future of our group, and the format of future meetings. Our newsletter is in need of a name, and any suggestions at this stage are welcome...

This was followed by a shared supper which was enjoyed by all.

At tonight's meeting our guest speaker is David McGowen, the former overseer of Adelaide's West Terrace Cemetery. He will be discussing "Stone the Unedited History".

Our February meeting will be a joint meeting with the Salisbury Historical Society on Wednesday 14th February. Andrew Peake will be talking on the value of the SA Government Gazettes as a source for local & family history

On March 15th we will have our Family History Help Night .

** If you would like a lift to a meeting please call Margaret on 8281 8431 **

BOOK SALES

We are pleased to announce that we are able to sell
"Sources for South Australian History"
by Andrew Peake for \$10. See Tammy if you would like to purchase a copy.

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The Western Australian Genealogical Society have sent brochures of their products: *Family Reflections, Western Ancestor Index, Convicts, First Families and Marriage index 1915 - 1933.*

See Tammy if you are interested

## 1911 ENGLAND/WALES CENSUS AN EARLY RELEASE!

For those waiting for the 1911 census of England and Wales, you just moved up in line! The National Archives recently announced that because of the Freedom of Information Act, portions of the census will be available as early as January 2007.

If you know the address of the 1911 resident, The National Archives will offer a limited research service. They hope to offer a searchable online service in early 2009. The census in its entirety cannot be legally released until 2011.

To learn what will be available and when, visit  
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/1911census/>.

*The following a copy of an article from the Whyalla Family History Group Newsletter:*

### **The Trip To Playford Local and Family History Centre.**

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 20 of our members went by chartered bus to the Elizabeth library which houses the Playford Local and Family History Service.

The purpose of this trip was two fold, firstly to see what resources the centre has and to make use of them during the time available, secondly to meet with Peter Applebee and Margaret Flaiban of the newly formed 'Adelaide and Northern Districts Family History Group', both of whom are volunteers at the library.

We left Whyalla at 6 am and arrived at the Elizabeth Centre at about 11 am and thanks to Maureen's good directions to the bus driver, we had an hour to kill before going for lunch at the Grenville Community Centre which was just across the car park from the library. We had a quick look around the shops, then back for lunch, which was a terrific meal of roast beef, roast potatoes and veg. followed by trifle and all for \$6.00. a cup of tea or coffee was 80cents, wonderful value.

The trip was arranged by Jessie Bremner with the help of Margaret Flaiban and Peter Applebee, and apart from them, there were other volunteers who spent a lot of time helping our group find the information they were after.. Our thanks go to all the volunteer members of the Adelaide and Northern Districts FHG. for being so generous with their time and making us so welcome and to Jamie Ritchie who is the Local History Officer at the Library. To top it off they gave us afternoon tea/coffee, which was really appreciated by all.

Peter took some photographs of us all in the library and I hope he will pass a few on to us. When we were leaving they even came out to wave us off and again Peter took more photos.

We left the centre about 5 pm and again with Maureen directing the bus driver, we were soon on the main highway. Our one stop was at the BP roadhouse just before Port Pirie where we all had something to eat. I thought my husband and I would share a bag of chips but what came to the table on a large plate, 6 of us couldn't finish. I forgot it was a truckies stop. We all had a good laugh. A good finish to a terrific day.

Jessie Bremner.

## HELP PAGE

Question: Researching in New Zealand?

Answer: Try these sites...

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/newzealand.htm>

## NEW WEBSITE

Another new website that opened only this week is

<http://www.ancestorsonboard.com>

This searchable database features outbound Passenger Lists from the British Isles to worldwide destinations between 1890 and 1960.

Images of the passenger lists can be downloaded.

30 million passengers are listed – certainly worth a look at if you are searching for that elusive immigrant!

\*\*\* ADVERTISEMENT \*\*\*

## **Practical Genealogy for Family Historians**

Flinders University is again offering course in genealogy or family history which is available to the general public. It is offered as a series of modules or workshops, each of 6 hours. Students may take all four modules, or they may take only the modules of their choice. Those who successfully complete all four modules will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement issued by Flinders University.

Participants who successfully complete the full course may also be credited 6 units toward the new Flinders University Graduate Certificate in Applied History and Heritage Studies (which requires a total of 18 units), or toward the Flinders University Graduate Diploma in Applied History and Heritage Studies (36 units).

Practical Genealogy for Family Historians will be taught at the State Library of South Australia. The teacher for all four workshops is Graham Jaunay. All course materials will be made available to students. Limited places are available.

### **Course structure:**

The course consists of the following modules or workshops, each of six hours:

1. Saturday March 31: Accessing the primary research stream—the family
2. Saturday April 14: Accessing the secondary research stream—the paper trail
3. Saturday April 28: Interpreting the Record
4. Saturday May 12: Climbing the genealogy barriers

### **Fees:**

The cost of each workshop for those not completing the assessment is \$198 (GST inclusive). For those who take the full series of workshops, and who also undertake the assessment for the purpose of gaining a Certificate of Achievement, the cost is \$990 (GST inclusive).

### **For further information and enrolment forms contact:**

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## The Spain Family of Salisbury

*Maureen M. Leadbeater*

My mother often spoke of her grandmother, although she had died before my mother was born. Her grandmother was always referred to as "Mary Spain", her maiden name, but there was little further information about her family - only that they came from Ireland on the ship "Trafalgar".

When I began my research 20 years ago, I already knew my mother's line back to Mary Spain, so I began with the Spain arrival. There in the newspaper of 1847 were Spain names listed for the "Trafalgar" but separated into three lists. The next problem was to prove my hunch that they were all one family, with them split for the voyage into family, single women and single men. My great-great-grandparents Patrick Spain and Mary nee Coughlin did arrive in South Australia in July 1847 with their eight children aged between 8 and 20 years. The parents had been married and the children baptised in a small church in the parish of Eglis in County Offaly, Ireland. Their life in Ireland is not known.

There are a few clues to their first years in the colony. Patrick's name appears on a certificate in support of a teacher at Salisbury in 1850 when he had two school-age children. In the same year he subscribed £1 (as did most of the others) towards a proposed church.

In 1852 "Patrick Spain, farmer, Little Para" leased land and the following year he purchased three sections of land. There are no family stories that Patrick and his sons went to the Victorian goldfields. However it seems likely that this was the source of the money for these purchases, almost £550. In the next years Patrick sold one block and passed another to his second son Martin, keeping the 80-acre Section 2232 for himself. From this in 1856 the government took two acres when the Adelaide-Gawler railway line was laid across the corner of the Spain land. The six acres across the line were sold to a neighbour.

Son Patrick married Mary Maguire in 1856 but within two months he returned from Mintaro to die of "inflammation of the brain". Patrick's is the earliest recorded burial in St Augustine's Catholic Cemetery at Salisbury. It is recorded in the register of St Patrick's, Adelaide.

A family crisis occurred in the mid-1860s. The eldest son Edward was killed by lightning in February 1864 while working on a farm near Rhynie. Then the father Patrick died sometime between 1864 and September 1866 when his widow Mary died – his death is not registered, nor is his burial recorded. Although Patrick left a will, the powers-that-be declared it invalid. Eventually Martin was acknowledged as Heir-at-Law and he was able to divide the land between the four youngest children according to his father’s wishes, each receiving a little more than 17 acres. The three girls sold their land in 1869 and soon after John, now suffering with an injured leg, also sold his share to move to a cottage in John Street, Salisbury. Later he took his family to Bowden.

The eldest surviving brother Martin had married Bridget Maher in 1853. In 1877 he and his eldest son took up land in the Hundred of Telowie under the credit selection scheme. Anne married Peter Conley in 1855 and Catherine married James Ryan in 1867. Both families settled in the Lower Wakefield district. Mary married James Thompson in 1865, John married widow Catherine Barrett nee Doran in 1865 and Eliza married Patrick Peter Murphy in 1866. Both Mary and Eliza remained in the Salisbury district.

The only reminder of the Spain family in Salisbury is the naming of Spains Road. Patrick’s Section 2232 was situated along this road, roughly north of the Spains Road Cemetery (now renamed Salisbury Memorial Park).

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Patrick SPAIN & Mary nee COUGHLIN

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| Edward    | unmarried                           |            |
| Martin    | married Bridget MAHER               | 8 children |
| Catherine | married James RYAN                  | 1 child    |
| Ann       | married Peter CONLEY                | 8 children |
| Patrick   | married Mary MAGUIRE                | 1 child    |
| John      | married Catherine BARRETT nee DORAN | 8 children |
| Mary      | married James THOMPSON              | 6 children |
| Eliza     | married Patrick Peter MURPHY        | 7 children |