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From the Committee

Hello Everyone,

Now we are the end of our financial year, we will be going through the formalities of our Annual General Meeting. All paid up members can vote for a new Committee by completing the Nomination Form which is attached and sent into ANDFHG either by hand or by post or by email. For our newer members, our Annual General Meeting is governed by our Constitution and rules, which you will see from the copy sent to you at the beginning of your membership. In order to vote for a new Committee, you will need to be a **fully paid up member** for 2016/2017. This can be done before the Annual General Meeting begins if you haven't already renewed your membership. The formalities only take a matter of about half an hour, and with us celebrating our 10th birthday this year, we will have our usual barbeque and a very special cake. Please come along and join us on **Saturday 23rd July 2016 at 1.00 p.m.**

The existing committee have organised a couple of speakers for the coming months, as well as an outing to the Adelaide Gaol, possibly next February but this will be outlined in later newsletters. So, watch this space as well as the back page of your monthly newsletters.

Our group of researchers are dedicated in helping with the ongoing search for your ancestors, so to continue your quest - please continue your membership. Don't forget our two sub-groups which are always well attended.

Thank You.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 st July				30 th June Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm	1 st July	
	4 th July 			7 th July Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		9 th July Research and Committee meeting 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 1 pm
				14 ^h July Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		16 th July  Adelaide Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting 1.30 pm
				21 st July Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		23 rd July Annual General Meeting 1.30 pm – 4 pm
				28 th July Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		

"The Reid Family- Gawler's First Pioneer Settlers." Continued,

Copper Mining.



Eliza said "that she had almost forgotten to tell of her father's search for copper. Experts said there were indications in Whitelaw Gully, a little gully nearly opposite 'Clonlea' across the river. Miners were engaged, but found no copper. And she thought that, no doubt the remains of the tunnels are still there."

Whitelaw Gully as Eliza knew it is at the bottom of Bella St. and we know it today as Whitelaw Creek.

John Clift recalls that he had spent a lot of time over the years hunting rabbits in this creek and across to the river at 'Clonlea', to supplement the meat budget and when he first read Eliza's notes he felt that he knew of the existence of these diggings.

"One day I said to son Paul to come for a walk and we went in search of archaeological digs. It did not take long and as we cleared some pebbles, we found the logs which were covering this digging.

As we investigated we found a small opening between the logs and dropped a stone and waited to hear the sound as it hit the bottom. This took longer than we expected so assumed that this digging was reasonably deep and better left that others do not investigate further and get into trouble."

Posterity!

Col. Light declared that he would leave it to posterity to judge his worth and indeed posterity judged many of our early pioneers.

In 1852 Eliza records that they were left with little, most of their land, cattle and sheep sold. Willaston was named by a Mr. Paxton, a chemist from Hindley St. at that time who made a fortune from the Burra Copper mines. He held a mortgage over all of John Reid's property, which he foreclosed leaving the Reid's with only the homestead and forty acres of land.

Paxton set out and named the area Willaston after an area in England where he had lived previously.

In such dire straits the finding of gold in Victoria induced Eliza's brothers to go there and she records that they were fairly successful!

One brother had remained in charge of a small cattle station which they had on the Murray and which on their return they purchased Beetaloo, near Pt. Pirie where he lived for many years.

Brothers William and Dick with a friend Tom Wigley went to Queensland, purchased cattle and drove them all the way down the Darling, being the first to achieve this drove. They went back for more cattle and because a lot of this country was unexplored it required 'great pluck and endurance'

It is recorded that 'The blacks, a fine race, were very troublesome. Fortunately they were able to manage them, and were never obliged to use their firearms, as many had to in self defence. The last herd sold and sheep purchased to run on country which they had secured on the Darling, which they gave a native name 'Tolarno'. They sank wells and made tanks and buying more frontage until it increased to forty miles frontage on the Darling and sixty miles deep.' In 1880 it carried 200,000 sheep but that was almost its last most prosperous year, as year after year passed without rain. Wool prices fell, and worst of all rabbits increased by the millions, so ruin overtook William and Ross in 1892.

Brother Sam had died in 1858 and was buried in the old cemetery in Gawler. (Pioneer Place) and Richard died later and is buried at Crystal Brook.

Mrs. Eliza Sarah Mahony.

Eliza married Dr. David Mahony who practiced in Gawler after settling in the early 1840's, having migrated from County Kerry, Ireland.

They built and lived in the house which they named 'Yenda' which was on Lyndoch Rd. and they owned the land which extended from Union St. to the crest of the hill near Hutchinson Rd. and this was known as 'Mahony's paddock'.



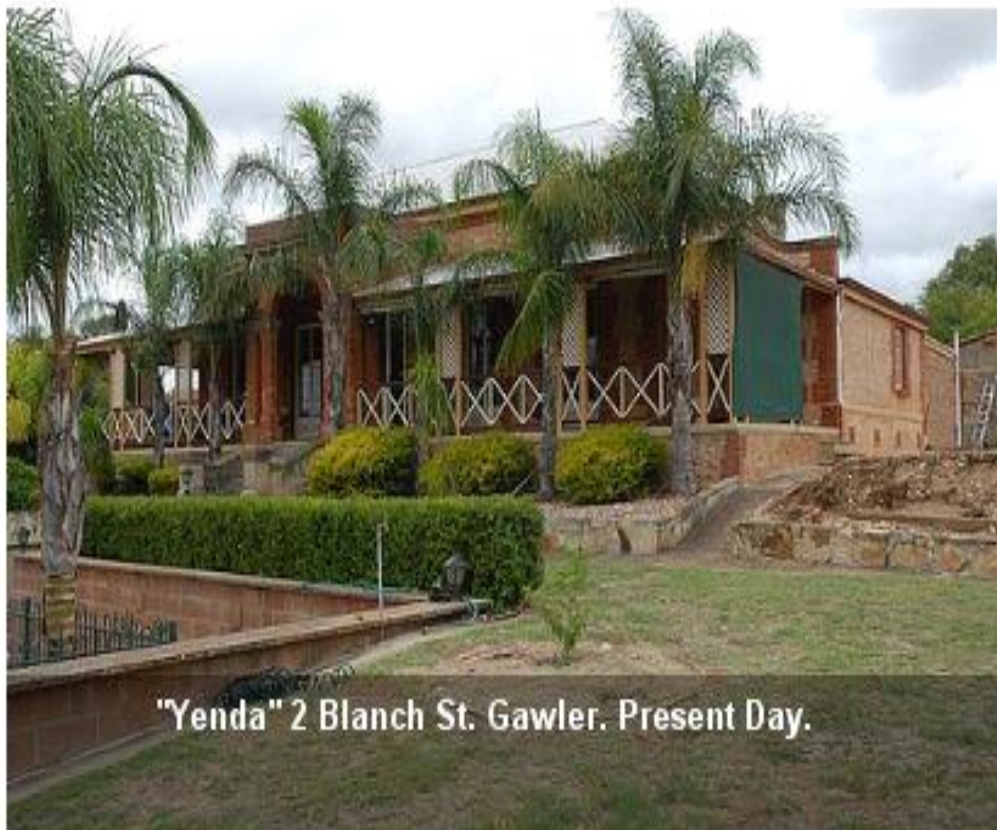
Dr. Mahony's name does not appear on the Medical register of South Australia. Therefore presume that his English qualifications sufficed.

Dr. Mahony died early in life on 7th February 1858 aged 39 years and was buried in Pioneer Place.

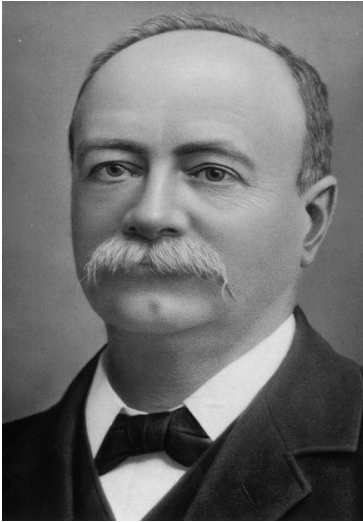
Eliza subdivided Mahony's paddock and it contained two streets Edith and Blanche streets which she named after her two daughters. This had the effect of isolating 'Yenda', but it does have an entrance from Blanche St. Eliza, after the death of Dr. Mahony, lived with her two daughters in Childers St. North Adelaide for three years.

Blanche married Harold Vivian of Cornwell and Eliza and Edith came to England for three years which Eliza states were very happy.

They then travelled throughout Europe before returning to Adelaide.



E.H. Coombe. 'History of Gawler ' 1908.

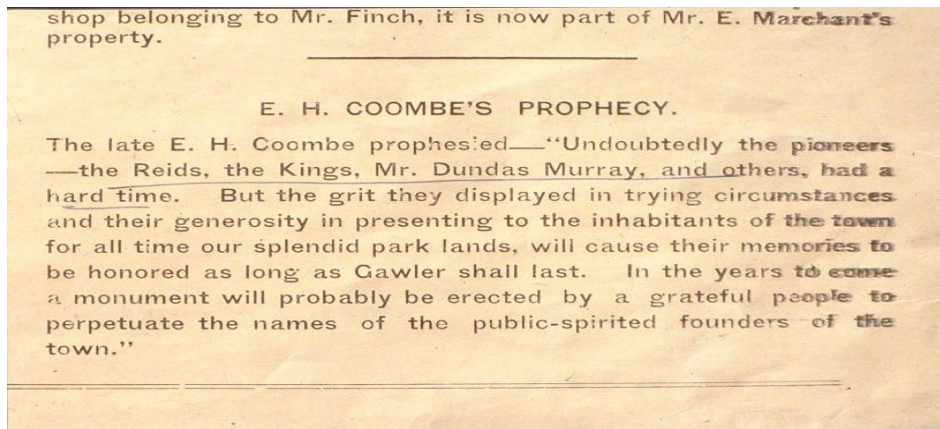


What prompted Eliza to write so comprehensively of these incidents?

In 1908 when E.H. Coombe published his book of 'The History of Gawler' Eliza felt that "whilst she acknowledged the interest and accuracy of his book, she felt that the author had totally ignored what her father John Reid had done for the foundation of this town."

This could not be denied as Eliza was right! Mr. E.H. Coombe, possibly as an appeaser declared that, and this has become known as

"E.H. Coombe's Prophecy:"



"Someday somebody would acknowledge the work of the Reid family and erect a memorial to their worth."

Remembered at Clonlea Park.

In 1975, Rob Gordon and I decided to fulfil this prophecy. Due to constitutional restrictions, National Trust was not able to contribute toward such a project, so we decided to finance and construct it.



To this end, with Council permission, at the site of 'Clonlea' we set a foundation amid the trees, set a one-ton piece of marble on it and affixed a plaque acknowledging the settlement of the Reid family in the foundation of our Town.

If I can spend a minute more, Rob Gordon and I selected the piece of marble from the Penrice Quarries at Tanunda. Loaded on the trailer, connected to Rob's Humber we commenced to tow this out of the quarry. Such was the load that the gears in the differential of the Humber, they could not remain messed and made a terrific noise, after several tries we got going. At this time the Gordon's owned the "Wheatsheaf Inn" at Gawler East and we were going to off load the trailer there. Such was the load on the trailer springs that I was left to position jacks to relieve the pressure. The Gordon's had Peahens rooming free at the "Wheatsheaf" and I was very intent on my task under the trailer, when a peahen let out that hideous cry as they can. I got a terrific fright and hit my head on the bottom of the trailer. I was quite pleased with the adjectives that I attached to that bird!

With our plaque in place.

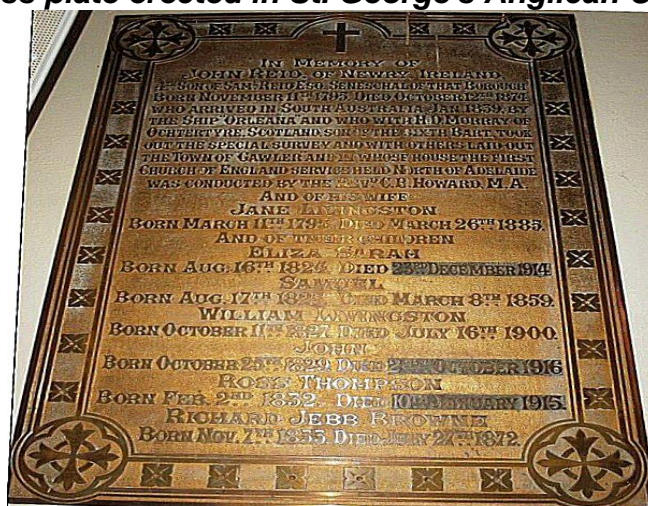


We hoped that Eliza would be pleased!

In Conclusion.

In memory of the Reid Family.

Eliza had a Brass plate erected in St. George's Anglican Church in Gawler.



Mr. John Reid died in Jersey on the 12th October, 1874, aged 79.

Mrs. John Reid died in Adelaide in 1885 aged 91.

Eliza Sarah died 23rd December, 1914, aged 90.

Reid St. was named after John Reid.



Clonlea Reserve has been developed on the site of John Reid's homestead.

The name 'Clonlea' has become a Gawler icon.

Gawler as South Australia's First Country Town has a very diverse history involving many stages, subjects and personalities.

I hope that you have enjoyed this little segment!

The Reid Family
Gawler's first Pioneer Settlers.

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Various photographs. John Clift collection.

Various photographs. The Gawler History Team collection.

As we know, family history can be exciting and interesting on a personal level – checking out and recording various facts and information about our antecedents. Now and then, we come across a part of our family history that is painful and heartbreaking, especially where children are involved. We tend to think of stillbirths as something that happened during the Victorian era, but as we know it can still happen today. The following is an account of a stillbirth, which has been kindly shared with us by Ray and Maureen Sperrin for which we thank them for sharing it with us. This is an account of their quest to find their missing member of their family.

Finding baby Ian

Born sleeping on 5th February 1968

In England 1968 and at 38 weeks pregnant, I went into labour, and my Husband drove me to hospital at 3am in the morning. At 3pm in the afternoon I delivered a stillborn baby boy. The nurses refused to let me see him and I was told 'I didn't want to see it.' The coldness of the staff at the hospital was unbelievable and I was taken to a side room where I was left alone for 3 days until my release. There was no funeral for us to attend and no way of saying goodbye to our little angel who we named Ian.

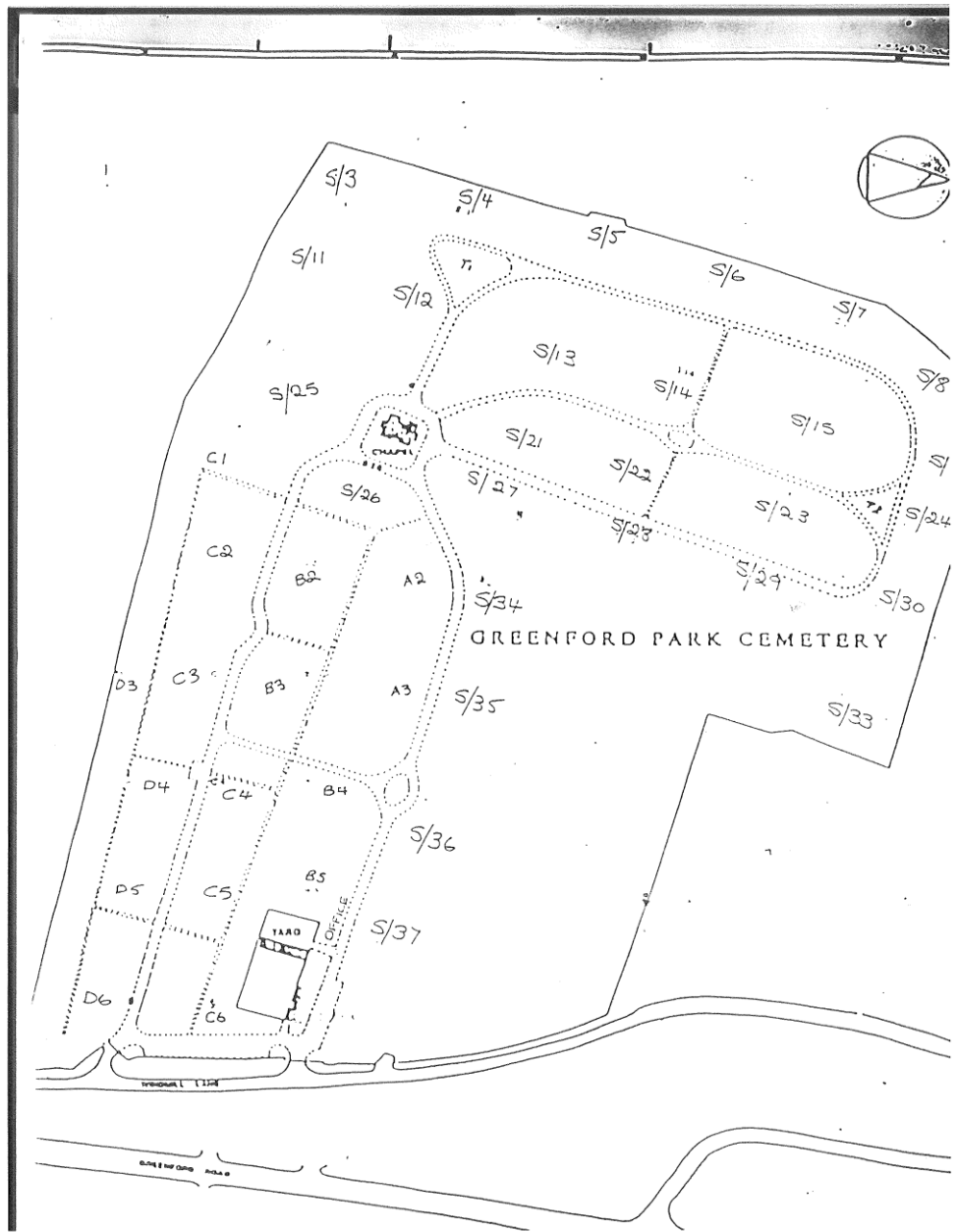
The attitude in those days was, he's gone so get over it, but little did they know that you never do get over it and for 48 years we have talked about him to our children and thought of him on Birthdays and Christmas and countless times in-between.

A good friend here in Australia knew about Ian, and whilst watching an episode of Call the Midwife she witnessed the treatment given to Mothers of stillborns in the 60's she thought of me and decided to do some research. She found an article from a copy of the English Daily Mail, in which many people like me were finding their little ones after 50 years or more, it also said that you could now get certificates and burial records for stillborns.

The article explained how to go about this and so another friend and I sat at the computer one Sunday evening until we had success. The first step was to contact the General Register Office where we filled in a form and payed £9 for a certificate. That is going to take a few weeks to get here but we got a receipt back straight away and confirmation that our request was completed.

The other thing was to find out where he was buried. So starting from where we lived we found that the nearest registry office was at Ealing Town Hall. We found the website www.ealingcemeteries.gov.uk and again had to pay £15 to get a receipt number. Then I sent a request giving as many details as I could along with the receipt number. I was very surprised when within a few hours I received a reply from a very nice man who sent me a plan of the cemetery with Ian's grave marked, a copy of the registration and a list of names of people that share his grave. He also offered that if we had trouble finding the unmarked grave he could arrange for us to meet the Cemetery Supervisor at the cemetery and that he would walk us to the exact spot.

Unfortunately, we are not able to go to England at this time but we have good friends who were willing to go on our behalf and give little Ian some flowers after all these years and they will take photos for us to keep. (Burial is in the top corner at 5/3) of the cemetery map.



Baby Ian is most probably in the same grave or coffin as Mary Josephine Lawrence who is the only person who was buried on the same day in the same site of the Greenford Park Cemetery – Ealing West London Middlesex.

BLOCK S2	EVERY PETTIT	Perry House, Ealing	96	9-2-68	62652	13	-	47	COMMON GRAVE	
NUMBER 39798										
CLASS Common	Mary Josephine Lawrence	38 Sardinia Avenue, Greenford	67	12-2-68	62659	13	-	48		
DESCRIPTION Burial	Sperrin (Stillborn)	26 Elton Avenue, Greenford	-	12-2-68	62658	1	-	49		
DEPTH	Elizabeth Robinson	5 Launce Road, Hounslow	77	13-2-68	62651	13	-	49		
BLOCK S3	Beatrice Dooty	St Bernard's Hospital, Ealing	82	14-2-68	62758	13	-	50		
NUMBER 39799										
CLASS Common (Buried)	Harry (Stillborn)	29 Newbury Road, Ealing	-	29-2-68	62755	1	-	51		
DESCRIPTION	Entrance (Stillborn)	61 Bognor Road, Ealing	-	1-3-68	62812	-	-	52		
DEPTH										

The kindness we have experienced in helping us to find Ian has been overwhelming after the awful experience in 1968, and I thank my friends and family for their support in bringing closure to my husband and myself.

Maureen Sperrin (Kindly submitted by Ray Sperrin) 24th March 2016.

1.30 pm Saturday 23rd July

10th Anniversary Annual General Meeting 2016/2017



Followed by our Members Sausage Sizzle.

Come along and have some input to the future of your group.
Network with other members in picnic like atmosphere.

All Welcome.



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