



# A.N.D.F.H.G. Inc. News Sheet

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### ELECTED COMMITTEE 2017-2018

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	Ian Cowley
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### APPOINTMENTS

<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Margaret Flaiban	<b>FAMILY TREE MAKER CONVENER</b>	Peter Applebee
<b>DOCUMENT SCANNER</b>	Sharon Norman	<b>LEGACY USERS GROUP CONVENER</b>	Shirley Bulley
		<b>AUDITOR</b>	Shirley Bulley

### **Sept. Calendar**

Monday, 4 September  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Legacy Users Group Meeting

Thursday, 7 September  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 9 September  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Committee Meeting - Research Day

Thursday, 14 September  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 16 September  
1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting

Thursday, 21 September  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 23 September  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Whats New with Family Tree Maker 2017 - Peter Applebee

Thursday, 28 September  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Mid-Week Research Open Day

### **From the Committee**

Hello Members,

August has been a busy month for our group with a visit to Dublin Local History Group and to the Playford Library Service at Elizabeth, both for research and help. Ivan Randall spoke at our Speaker Day on the latest version of Legacy - namely Legacy 9 - which for users of the program was very helpful.

We are familiar with the usual subscription websites such as Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com.au which we use regularly and to have a better understanding of other sites, we have paid a subscription to [TheGenealogist](#) which has some old English Criminal Records as well as WDYTIA (Who Do You Think You Are) facts and film clips. If you are interested in having a look at the site, please make a time with the volunteer researchers.

FindMyPast.com.au have also brought out some interesting articles and top tips for searching Irish Records including the bleak reality of the Dublin Workhouses and [Irish Prison Registers 1790-1924](#) covering all institutions in modern-day Republic of Ireland.

In this month's newsletter, you will see a link to the updated FreeCen site as well as some free genealogy websites you may wish to visit together with a couple of really interesting social history articles. We hope you enjoy reading them. If you have a small story to share, please let us know. For your information, the badges for this year's membership are now available to be collected from Ann Street.

Thank You.

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## FreeCEN Offers a Free-To-Search Online Database of the 19th Century UK Censuses

The following announcement was written by the people at FreeCEN:

Did you know- FreeCEN gives free access to census records for England, Scotland & Wales? And we're launching our new website...

FreeCEN offers a free-to-search online database of the 19th century UK censuses. Transcribed entirely by volunteers, we have more than 32 million individuals available on our website that anyone can search without having to create an account. The new 'FreeCEN2' website will launch on Monday 31st July 2017 with all of the records that the current website holds, but with a fresh new look and feel in-line with Free UK Genealogy and FreeREG. We believe that family history records should be free to access for everyone; our new website will offer more features for researchers, and make it easier for them to find what they're looking for. FreeCEN2 also brings with it a host of improvements for existing and future volunteers, such as a members sign-in area and brand new messaging system. FreeCEN, FreeREG and FreeBMD are projects by Free UK Genealogy, a registered charity that promotes free access to historical records. FreeREG underwent this process in 2015, and FreeBMD is due to begin its renewal later this year.



Pat Reynolds, Free UK Genealogy's Executive Director said, "We are very proud of the progress that our volunteers have made in the 18 years the project has been running, and we look forward to a time when we have a complete database of all UK censuses. The launch of our new FreeCEN2 website marks the beginning of an exciting period of renewal for FreeCEN."

Brenda Bowers, FreeCEN project leader went on, "The new website is a work-in-progress and we want genealogists and family history researchers to try it out and let us know what they think. If we know what works for them, what doesn't, and what features they'd like to see, we can make FreeCEN2 the best resource for free census records. It could even encourage new volunteers to join us!"

To try out FreeCEN2, please visit <https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk> and share your feedback with us to help make it the best it can be.

We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers, and we're always looking for more. If you'd like to join the FreeCEN team, go to [freecen2.freecen.org.uk/cms/opportunities-to-volunteer-with-freecen](https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk/cms/opportunities-to-volunteer-with-freecen).

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

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## THE STORY OF THE TWO VASES

By Pat Cooley

I first became aware of them when sorting out the remaining items after the sale of Mum and Dad's house at Valley View. They were in a carton marked "family vases" - two



rather beautiful items which I would describe as softly coloured and elegant china vases, which were obviously packed with great care and had been treasured. The unexplained part of this story is that both vases were broken. Each case had two ornate handles. Each vase had one of the ornate handles broken off. There were several broken pieces possibly enough to repair one vase, but not enough to repair the other. Why had they been retained for so long in this state? I do not recall our Mum, Rosa

Levi (nee Taylor/Sherratt) ever showing or mentioning these vases to me. However, I do recall her saying that some things did not travel well when unpacked after their arrival on the *Barabool* in February 1928. It is my belief that Grandma Taylor (Emma Susan Senior (nee Sherratt) must have really treasured them and been really upset about this breakage.

Mum was only about 12 years old when they arrived, so Gran must not have been able to throw them away and consequently decided to repack them. I imagine that this was when Mum became aware of how they were treasured. When Gran died in 1959 and Mum became the custodian of these vases, she also must have felt unable to throw them away.



Therefore I have been the custodian since Mum's death in 1999, and I have been unable to make the decision to finally dispose of them.



We are now in 2017, in the situation of having to downsize from our home in Valley View and I feel that I have to be the someone who makes the decision. I cannot think of any of the younger ones who would take this on as their homes are all of the modern style.

I intend to show my three brothers, Bill, Chris and Darryl, the vases and make certain that they understand the story and approve of my decision. Please take into account the fact that three women of this family have treasured these vases in this condition namely : -

Grandma 1928 – 1959 (31 years), Mum Rosa 1959 – 1999 (40 years) Pat 1999-2017 (18 years).

You might think of us as three crazy ladies but I prefer to think of us as three very caring ladies who appreciated the delicate beauty of these pieces.

UPDATE : After showing this article and the enclosed photographs to our daughter Lisa and her partner, it was made very clear to me that they both appreciated the beauty and the delicacy of the vases and could definitely understand my dilemma. They have offered to be the custodians and Lisa will take on the responsibility of passing them on through the family or being brave enough to make the final decision when the time comes. So ...Be warned ..... this kind of insanity is catching !!

## Free Genealogy Web Sites

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This is a list of free genealogy sites, which Alona Tester of Gould Genealogy put together on her personal blog. She has kindly given us permission to use it for our needs. You can always visit Gould Genealogy for books, CD's, microfiche etc. Alona is always happy to accommodate our members. Visit [www.gould.com.au](http://www.gould.com.au) for their details. Thank you Alona.

### == CEMETERIES ==

#### **Adelaide Cemetery Authority**

<http://aca.sa.gov.au>

The Adelaide Cemeteries Authority the manager of Enfield Memorial Park, Cheltenham Cemetery, Smithfield Memorial Park, and West Terrace Cemetery. With a search facility on their website you can get access to burial and memorial records that occurred at these cemeteries.

#### **Australian Cemeteries: South Australia**

<http://www.australiancemeteries.com/sa/index.htm>

Search for your reli's on Australia's largest collection of cemetery records together in the one place.

#### **Centennial Park**

<http://www.centennialpark.org.au/>

Centennial Park is one of South Australia's largest cemeteries, established in June 1936 on 40 acres. Fifty years later the area now covers 100 acres. You can search online for free the burial, memorial and cremation for services which occurred at Centennial Park.

#### **Forever Remembered**

[http://www.ozgenonline.com/~forever\\_remembered/](http://www.ozgenonline.com/~forever_remembered/)

With the general deterioration and vandalism that occurs within our cemeteries, this dedicated pair have been busy photographing and recording South Australian cemeteries, in the interest of preserving our history for the future.

#### **Grave Secrets**

<http://www.gravesecrets.net/>

For many years Faithe Jones has travelled about the state of South Australia photographing complete cemeteries for the benefit of the genealogy enthusiast. With 681 cemeteries already photographed and over 281,000 photos, this is one of the largest collections available to the public.

### == MILITARY ==

#### **World War I Pictorial Honour Roll of South Australians**

<http://www.ww1sa.gravesecrets.net/index.html?mid=50>

This site is dedicated to commemorate the lives of those who served in the Great War in pictorial form.

#### **South Australian Aboriginal Soldiers of WWI**

This is a collection of stories of Aboriginal soldiers from South Australia who enlisted

during the First World War.

<http://aboriginalww1veteransofsouthaustralia.blogspot.com/>

### **Blackwood Soldiers Project**

This project aims to collect and publish the personal stories of sailors, soldiers and nurses from Blackwood, South Australia and surrounding district (Coromandel Valley, Upper Sturt, Cherry Gardens, Eden Hills and Belair) from their service in the First World War.

<http://blackwoodsoldiersproject.blogspot.com/>

### **SA & NT War Memorials**

<http://www.tributesofhonour.info/index.php>

This site contains 5000 photos and 1700 memorials all relating to the South Australian and Northern Territory War memorials and those mentioned in them.

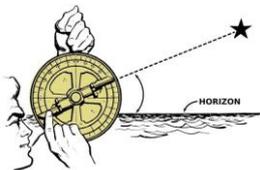
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## **Keeping On Track**

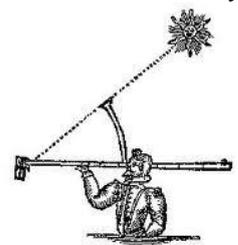
The disembodied voice, emanating from the small device sitting on the car dashboard, intones 'take the first exit on the roundabout' and, a few minutes later, the same voice tells us 'you have reached your destination'. 'Tom' has done it again – successfully navigating to our destination, without us needing to look at a street directory, map or compass! How times have changed!

The early explorers relied on the sun and stars to navigate and it is hard to imagine how they managed to travel around the world with just a few simple instruments - which could be rendered useless by bad weather or clouds.



Greek Astronomers used an Astrolabe to measure the angles and altitude of the Sun to calculate latitude and this was later used by mariners to fix a location. A clear view of the horizon and a steady hand were needed to get an accurate reading and this was not always possible on a ship at sea.

Another instrument, with possibly an even greater disadvantage, was the simple wooden Cross-staff which required the user to look directly into the sun. Not a good idea! In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, John Davis modified the Cross-staff to enable the observer to use it with their back to the sun and, not surprisingly, this was called a Back-staff.



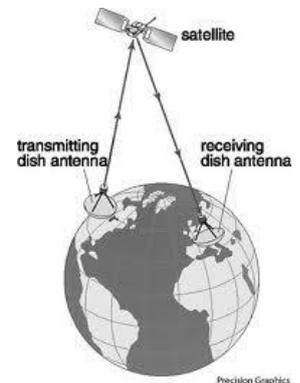
Early explorers located North by using a lodestone which was a magnetic rock suspended on a piece of string and the Venetians even had compasses with a magnetised needle. These aids helped navigators to establish which direction they were heading, but they also

needed to know how fast they were travelling. To measure their speed the sailors would use a combination of a floating Chip-log tied to a rope, with knots evenly spaced at approximately 14.4 metres along its length, and a Sandglass.

By measuring the number of knots reeled out in a given time sailors could calculate the ship's speed. So here we have the origin of a ship's Log and the nautical measurement of speed in Knots.

Today we rely on the hundreds of artificial satellites circling the earth to plot our course and without them our GPS systems would be useless.

The reliance on this form of navigation has developed since Russia launched the first Sputnik in October 1957 and I have a very personal interest in this as my first job, in 1960, was in the Satellite Centre at the Weapons Research Establishment in Salisbury.



Satellites were still something of a novelty to the general public in those days and tracking methods were rather 'quaint', and somewhat laughable compared to the high degree of technology employed in that field today. Although my official classification was 'computing assistant' I [and my colleagues] were always referred to as 'computers' – even more laughable when you consider what computers can achieve these days. Under 'Occupation' on my marriage certificate it states 'Computer'.

My main role was to compute [what else!] data which was received daily from the United States and issue predictions for satellite passes over Australia. In those days satellites were 'tracked' by 'Moonwatch' teams which comprised of volunteers located in several Australia State capitals.

Each day we would calculate the details [apogee, perigee, elevation, brightness and time] for satellite passes. With only the aid of a large map of Australia overlaid by a moveable piece of rigid Perspex, on to which we had hand drawn the satellite path with a crayon, we would decide which pass was most likely to provide the best sighting by the 'Moonwatch' teams.

Once this was established the details were encoded as a series of numbers and sent by telegram to 'Moonwatch' leaders in the relevant cities.

I often wonder if the girls, at the Telephone Exchange, who recorded the telegram for transmission thought that we were taking messages for some kind of spy network!

*Heather Milhench © October 2012*

Reference :[www.ehow.com/about\\_tools-used-early-explorers](http://www.ehow.com/about_tools-used-early-explorers)



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