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Hello Members,

Here is your August newsletter, which is informative and entertaining, and we think you will like the contents. A big thank you to the people involved in contributing their memories. The Group is still very active despite the Covid restrictions and lockdowns we experience from time to time.

As you know the Annual General Meeting is usually held at the end of July when a new Committee is formed and we have a barbeque. This year it was postponed due to lockdown.

This important item is on the Agenda for our next Committee Meeting which will be discussed in detail. The opinion at the moment is to postpone it until later in the year, possibly September. We are still within the guidelines of our Constitution and we will keep you posted in our Newsletter of developments. Membership fees will stay the same, i.e. 1st July to the 30th June in any year.

The two sub-groups will still be active, but as you know this could change from one week to the next. We will endeavour to keep you posted. If you are in doubt, please contact us.

Regards ANDFHG

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Additions To the Website Members Area

The South-West Genealogist, June & July 2021
The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.

Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc. June 2021
Murrumbidgee Ancestor.

The Grapeline June 2021
Mildura & District Genealogical Society Inc.

The Lambing Flat Leader May 2021
Young & District Family History Group

Whyalla Family History Group Inc. June 2021

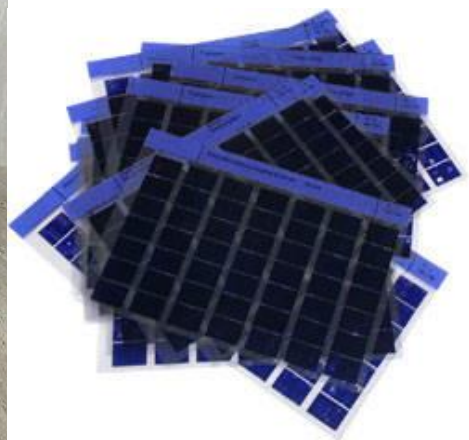
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Donation.

Recently we received a donation from a new member Helen Barnes which is a microfiche reader with lots of interesting fiche, some of which you would probably have to dig deep into the State Records and Libraries to view. The fiche is mostly of South Australian and Victorian early records.

If you are missing some early Australian information, then please call in to Ann Street and speak to one of our volunteers. Hopefully some of these fiche records may clear up some holes in your research.

Thank Helen for your Kind Donation.



THE LOG CABIN HALL

Memories of Mary O'Brien's childhood



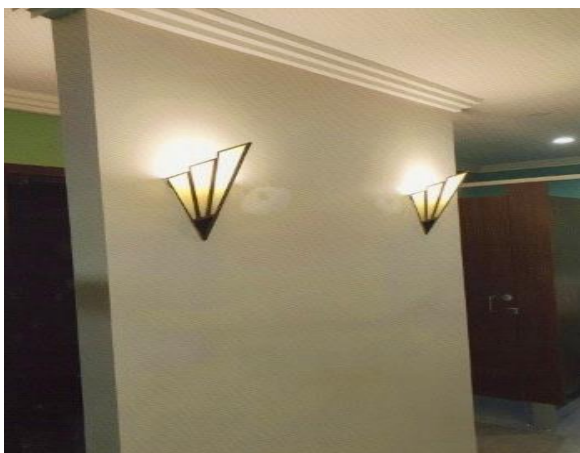
A local hall, constructed in a log cabin style on the outside with 1930s Art Deco interior. You might think you are in the Canadian Rockies. But you would be wrong because you are in Wiradjuri Country, in Central Western NSW, 340 km west of Sydney, via Bathurst, Blayney and Cowra.

Early history of the Log Cabin Hall

"In the early 1930s plans were prepared and land was surveyed to turn the Gooloogong area into an intensive irrigation complex, supplied by water from the Lachlan River. This scheme would have meant many more people coming to settle in the town, so better amenities were needed. To accommodate this influx, a man of vision, Mr. Hugh Heavener decided to extend the hotel, construct a livestock sale yard complex and to complete his dream, he built the unique Log Cabin Hall, which was originally opened in January 1938 and was to become a great landmark for Gooloogong.

The plans for the irrigation scheme were shelved due to the outbreak of World War 2, and after the War the scheme was built further down the river at Jemmalong. But the Log Cabin Hall became a great venue for Balls and Dances. It's busiest time being when the Land Army Girls were stationed in Gooloogong."

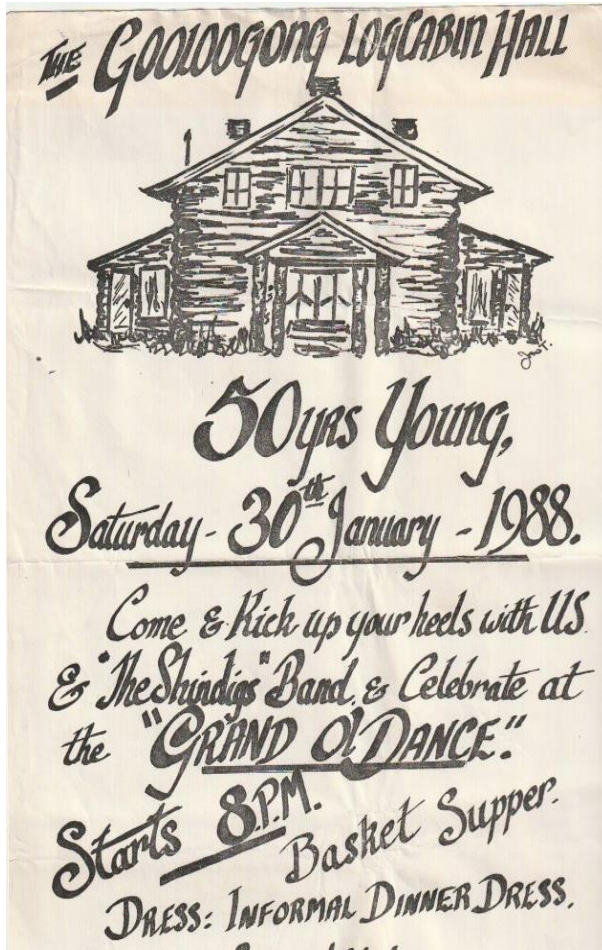
(the above is an extract from a letter to Mrs Norma Cooley dated 29/03/1988, from Kathy Thompson, Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall Committee)



In 1988 the Log Cabin Hall celebrated its 50th birthday, with a big focus on the Land Army Girls.

My Family Connection to the Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall

In the 1940s, Hugh Heavener swapped his properties, including the Log Cabin Hall, for a farm called Long Angle, owned by my paternal Grandfather, George Cooley. My grandfather became the local publican and the owner of the Log Cabin Hall. He passed away in 1950. My father, Alfred (Alf) Cooley, inherited the Log Cabin Hall. I would have been about six years old. My parents Norma and Alf Cooley, became the owners, operators and caretakers of that beautiful building.



The everyday running and upkeep of the hall certainly kept Norma and Alf busy. There always seemed to be something to be done.

After every function, they would check that everything was clean and safe. Safety was always a big concern, especially fire safety. The weekly picture shows, or, 'the flicks', as we called them, meant the projection room was always high on the fire safety checklist.

In addition to the everyday tasks, there were times of unexpected emergencies. For example, if a plague of mice came through Gooloogong, a mess had to be cleaned up. Every surface would be scrubbed clean. Everything disinfected. Every cupboard emptied of its crockery, all cups saucers, glasses, knives, forks, spoons were washed and disinfected. Norma was meticulous in everything she did, and she was doubly cautious with anything to do with health and safety. I will never forget the work they did after the 'Big Flood', I think it was 1952. I

remember Alf crawling around under the hall, clearing the flood debris. Also, under the stage and lighting sulphur to remove the effects of the flood. I am still not sure which was worse, the smell of the flood or the smell of the sulphur! They washed and scrubbed every surface, replaced flood-damaged items, and got the hall back up and running as soon as possible ready for the next booking. Whether it was a wedding reception, a ball, a juvenile or the pictures, the hall must go on.



helpers ready to put things right when the flood recedes

ALF COOLEY CHECKING THE LEVEL OF THE WATER IN THE MAIN STREET OF GOOLAGONG.

My maternal grandfather, David McDougall, painted the hall when he was in his late 60's. I still remember him climbing up on the roof to lean down and reach almost unreachable spots under the eaves. David was a local painter who painted many buildings in the district. He also painted the stage backdrop of the Log Cabin Hall.

Norma and Alf were a hard-working couple. They both believed in the value of community. Norma was a quiet countrywoman who helped at the Red Cross on sale days, was part of the church cleaning group, played bowls and was always ready to help anyone in need. She was particularly proud of her lifetime membership of the Red Cross and treasured the badge that she received.

Alf was a member of the golf club and the RSL. Always ready to help, but he never talked about the things he did. When he died, the family were amazed at how many people's sympathy cards included appreciation of his quiet kindness and help to them.

In the 1950s, Alf had a severe heart attack and was rushed to Cowra hospital. It was a life-threatening event, and it had a profound effect on us all. He recovered, and was careful with diet and tried to have a healthy lifestyle.

Over the years, ownership of the hall became more difficult. There were health, financial and physical aspects to be considered.

In 1963 Alf and Norma decided to sell the hall. They presumed any buyer would want to continue the hall's function as a venue for social occasions. The first prospective buyer wanted to turn the hall into a grain storage shed. Norma was adamant, and said "NO, it must stay as a centre for the community!" Alf agreed with her. Early in 1964, they called a public meeting. That was when the wonderful Log Cabin Hall committee was formed and took over the proprietorship of the hall. Norma and Alf were able to bow out of the story of the Log Cabin Hall and watch it continue its role as a centre of the Gooloogong community. Our family feel it is an honour to have been part of the history of this beautiful building.

Today, you can see The Log Cabin Hall on FaceBook and find the Committee host's many exciting events.

Recently the outstanding Log Cabin Committee have accomplished the renovation and restoration of the hall with support from all levels of government. They have retained the heritage look and feel of the hall.

Most people will not know that many years ago, a mild and reserved woman saved the hall from becoming a grain storage shed.

Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925

Did male and female convicts get different types of tattoos?

Convict Hulks

Petitions for Pardon

This website also takes you to The Old Bailey Criminal Trial links .

<https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/>

This is a great website to be put into your Genealogy Favourites mostly for social history. It is a Digital Transformation project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research

Council and is linked to various sites like Liverpool and Oxford Universities. It is connected to FindMyPast.com and is very useful as another research tool. If you want to trace London Convicts in Britain & Australia 1780 – 1925, then click on the link on the first page under that heading. The same for Convict Hulks and Petitions for Pardons

Have a browse and see what you think. It has links to the following information :

Well worth a look!

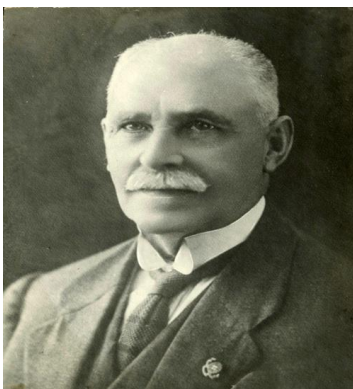
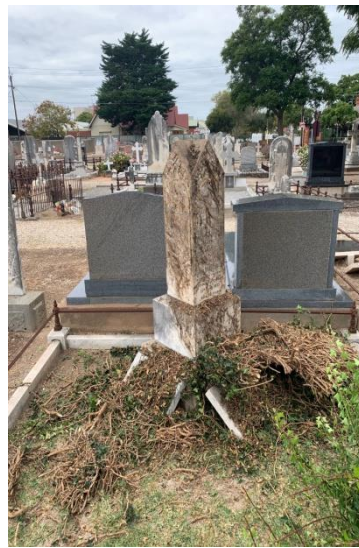
ANOTHER HIDDEN GEM FROM THE NORTH ROAD CEMETERY

Compiled by Helen Stein

What started as simply a gardening exercise uncovered an interesting piece of history. For quite a long time there has been a pillar of ivy situated on a grave at North Road Cemetery which had clearly been growing for decades, totally obliterating the headstone underneath.

Amazingly, the ivy had grown almost a metre beyond the height of the headstone.

As the ivy was gradually trimmed back and carefully removed from the marble underneath, it was found that the headstone and lead lettering were remarkably preserved. One of the names on the headstone was George Frederick Hussey, stating that he had been accidentally killed in 1935 aged 82 years. Further research found the story of George's life and tragic death.



George 's father (pictured) also named George Frederick Hussey, arrived in South Australia on the ship *Asia* in July 1839 at the age of 11 with his parents George Edward Hussey and Catherine, *née* Burt, and three siblings. He was educated at a private school run by James Bath, who was later secretary to the Minister of Education. In 1890 he and J. W. Gillingham took over the printing establishment of T. S. Carey & Co in Currie Street Adelaide, which they ran as Hussey and Gillingham when Hussey retired in 1922.

The company was responsible for printing [*The Southern Cross*](#) from 1890 and for some time he was the President of the Master Printers Association. George (Senior) died in 1872 and is buried in West Terrace Cemetery.



George Frederick Hussey (Junior) married Kate Young Cooke, a Cornish girl (1851-1931) on 20 August 1877 at the residence of Mrs S Cooke in North Adelaide.

George's life came to a tragic end at the age of 82, when he was knocked down by a tramcar in King William Road, near the Adelaide Bridge.

The 13th of June 1935 was a showery night, and although family members stated that George's eyesight and hearing

were perfect, it appeared that he was not aware of the tramcar and walked directly into its path. The driver sounded his gong vigorously, but was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision. George died at the scene before medical help could arrive. It was stated that his death was a result of a fractured skull.

The South Australian Police Gazette into the accident reads:

ADELAIDE.—On the 17th June, 1935, on the body of GEORGE FREDERICK HUSSEY, aged 82 years, late of 97, Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide, master printer. Verdict:—“I find that George Frederick Hussey, aged 82 years, late of 97, Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide, deceased, came to his death at Adelaide on the 13th day of June, 1935, from a fractured skull and other injuries received by him when struck by a tramcar at King William Road, Adelaide, on that date.”—(C.4545.)

Interestingly, the ivy that covered the headstone was of the same type as the ivy engraved on the headstone. It was planted at the foot of the column face that contained George's inscription, so it is possible that the ivy had been left untrimmed since 1935. George, Kate and their two daughters are buried together.

A descendant of George Hussey was thrilled to see the headstone. She had previously visited the grave and photographed the tablets recording George's daughters on the site, but she had no idea what was hidden underneath the ivy.

The story was also picked up by ABC Radio, who visited the grave, and aired a segment about it on their breakfast radio show.

Sources :

North Road Cemetery Records

Ancestry.com

Wikipedia

Digger Disks

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Over 100,000 names added to Irish Will Indexes

We have just released an Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858, an index to surviving records of Wills, Grants and Administrations held by The National Archives of Ireland (NAI). Records include the original NAI reference, which can be used to order a copy of the existing document.

This new release adds an easily searched and useful resource to the ever growing suite of records available to Diamond subscribers. The Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858 features:

- More than 100,000 names
- Easily Searchable by Name, County, Address and Keyword
- Can provide dates, occupation, status and place of abode
- Can provide reference and link to order the document from the National Archives of Ireland.

| Wills » Ireland: Eneclann Will Indexes » Full | |
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| Testator Forename | Arthur |
| Testator Surname | Guinness |
| Status or Occupation | Brewer |
| County | Dublin |
| Document Type | Will & Grant |
| Document Status | Copy |
| Date of Grant | 26th June 1807 |
| Where Proved or Granted | Prerogative Court |
| National Archives of Ireland Reference | T/11542 |



World Famous Brewer, Arthur Guinness' Will & Grant on TheGenealogist

Prior to 1858, Irish wills were administered by the ecclesiastical courts of the Established church, (the Church of Ireland), a part of the Anglican communion. In 1857, however, the Church of Ireland lost its responsibility for Irish Wills when the Probate Act of that year transferred the supervision to the state.

Source: TheGenealogist Featured Articles



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Conversion to Decimal Currency.

Some of you might remember the transition in 1966 from the English currency to the Australian Dollar system. There is a website put out by the Reserve Bank showing conversions.

<https://www.rba.gov.au/calculator/index.jsp>

The above link is a helpful converter to compare money values from the past into modern day currency. Before 1966, Australia used the English currency of pounds, shillings and pence. For example, a basket of goods and services valued at £ 5. 5s. 5d. (Five Pounds, Five Shillings and Five pence) in 1910 would in calendar year 1950 cost £14 2s 1d.

£ = the old Pound sign

s = the old Shilling sign

d = the old pence sign.

£5 5s 5d is roughly equivalent to **\$10.54**

£14. 2s 1d is roughly equivalent to **\$28.21**

From The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889-1931), Thursday 8 July 1909,page 6

EXPLOSION IN RUNDLE-STREET

A CHINAMAN INJURED - NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

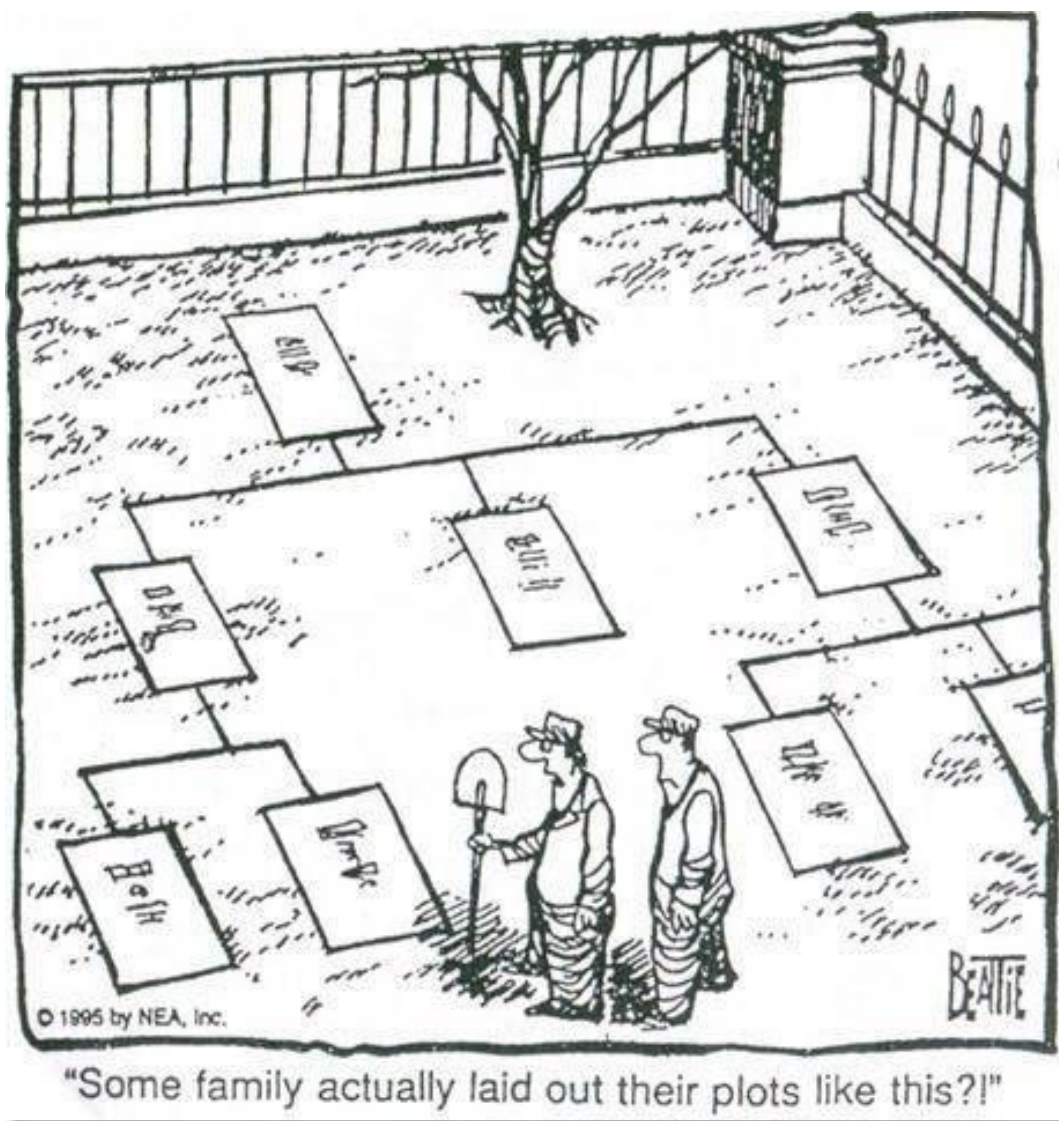
About 6.25 a.m. on Wednesday an explosion of gas occurred in the banana shop of Hung Loon & Co., 205, Rundle-street East. It is the custom of the company to place bananas to dry in air-tight rooms, supplied with gas jets. The gas is lit to warm the compartment to a certain temperature, and is then extinguished. This procedure had been followed at the Rundle-street premises. Early in the morning Lun Yen, who sleeps on the premises opened the door of a banana room, and struck a match to inspect the tiers of fruit. Simultaneously there was a loud explosion, flames enveloping for an instant the face of the Chinaman at the doorway.

His brother Lum Yow, who was standing two feet away, escaped injury, but received a great fright, as the explosion shattered all the front window panes to fragments, and the glass fell on the pavement with a great clatter. The back windows were also shattered. The seriousness of the concussion was shown by the fact that even in the second story the window panes were broken. The cause of the explosion was a leakage of gas. Fortunately, beyond the smashing of glass, which will cost at least £5 to replace, little damage was done to property. Lum Yen, however, received injuries to the face. His eyebrows were burned off, his hair singed, and his hands burned. He was treated

immediately by his brother, Lum Yow, and at noon had so far recovered as to be out of pain.

Interviewed subsequently, Lum Yow said—"The accident was unfortunate. Owing to the immediate treatment received my brother is well on the road to recovery. I tell you this for the benefit of humanity. Immediately after the accident I gave him a drink of six cups of hot water and honey (two spoonful's to each cup) and this prevented the poison from going to his heart. I also had other medicine for outside application, and this was applied. Without these remedies in five hours my brother would have died. Come and see him."

A visit upstairs revealed the patient sitting stoic-like in a chair, his hands and head smothered in a black, grease-like ointment. "He is out of pain," remarked his brother, " and will have no permanent signs of his unfortunate experience."



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