

# BORDERLINE NEWS

Newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Association. Est. 1987

## Next meeting dates & Guest Speakers

**May 18** Gail Holstock. Past adoption practices, formal and informal

**June 15** Meg Bate. What's happening in Irish & Scottish research

**July 20** Jan Parker, Family Tree Maker Workshop

## Family History Research Collection

We have a large collection of books, newsletters, magazines & reference materials from the local districts and overseas information.

## Research Enquiries

Our research Officer can undertake research on your behalf. See fees on page 2. Send request via post including the topic you want addressed on your behalf ie. your query.

Include everything you know:- names, areas, any births, deaths and marriage details you may have. *NB: There is no point paying for what you already know.* Please include a business sized self-addressed envelope with your enquiry.

## Outgoing President's report - from the AGM held in December 2020



This year has certainly been different to any we could have imagined. From our society's point of view we were disappointed we were unable to bring to you the speakers and programmes we had planned. We hope to bring these to you in 2021 if we can get back to normal meeting arrangements. Many thanks to our secretary Wendy who kept us up to date with happenings in the genealogical world.

Current projects have been on hold as we were unable to access our records at the library. This also meant we were unable to open for research. We are hopeful we will get back to normal next year providing of course that the COVID virus doesn't start spreading again. New library – building appears to be progressing very well and as far as we know it will be open on time in July/August 2021.

The committee is looking into purchasing "Find My Past" programme for our library computers. This would be a great addition to the research options available for our members and the public. We will let you know the result.

From the treasurer's report you will note we are still in a healthy financial position despite not being able to fund raise this year. Of course the \$1600+ raised from the plant sale at Warren's was a great boost – once again thanks.

Long time member and librarian extraordinaire Lyn Larkin is retiring. At this time Newsletter editor Christine has agreed to take this position. We thank Lyn for all she has done over the years – she will be missed as she has so much local knowledge and can always be counted on to tell us which book has the information we are seeking.

I am also retiring and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me and the club over the years. I would like to wish the incoming president and committee great success in 2021.

Norma Burrows, Past President

## Committee Members

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### Membership Benefits:

- ♦ Access to all the resources on the Society's library.
- ♦ Quarterly newsletter
- ♦ Access to other family history news through shared newsletters from other family history groups
- ♦ Monthly meetings with family history tips, news and guest speakers
- ♦ Contact with other family historians, our researchers and members who share your interest in family history

### Subscriptions:

New members -Joining fee  
\$10.00 plus \$25 membership fee

Annual Membership- \$25.00

Part-year Membership -(join  
between 1st April - 30th June)  
\$10.00 plus joining fee

## An update from President Pat

## Introducing Rev. Henry Elliott First vicar of Albury

Prepared by Ann Brennan with assistance from Helen Livsey, John Henwood and Howard Jones for use on the Cemetery Walk conducted by the Albury & District Historical Society – 17 April 2009.

### Wiltshire beginnings

According to the Australian Church Quarterly, Dec. 1944, the Reverend Henry Elliott was born at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, in England, 12 March 1814. He attended Warminster school and moved on to become a shoemaker in his

(NSW : 1871 - 1912), p. 550. Retrieved March 13, 2021, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article163782556>

Henry could never get enough books and he and a friend bought and shared a “Penny Cyclopedia”. At seventeen, he joined the Wesleyan Methodists and became a preacher and leader. He was criticised for his lack of humility and depth of knowledge. At this time, Henry, with his more working-class background, seemed to see problems regarding the theory and the morality of the New Testament.

### Van Dieman's Land

By the 1840's he returned to the Church of England and with the influence of the Wiltshire parish priest, the Rev. Emmanuel Strickland, he was accepted as a catechist, and on the promise of a Deaconate he, his wife, Fanny (nee Barnett), and two sons, sailed for Van Dieman's Land on the “Aden” on 5 November 1845. Upon landing in Hobart, his ordination was postponed because of differences of opinion between the Bishop of Tasmania and the Lieutenant-Governor about the status of chaplains in the penal colony. He took on the duties of Convict Chaplain until he was sent to Norfolk Island as a Catechist.

The Reverend Elliot and family made their way North, about 1,500 miles, along the east coast of Australia, in a sailing ship, to Norfolk Island. He wrote about the beauty of the flora on the island and compared this with the harsh realities of it being a penal colony for those who had offended since arrival in Australia. He described Norfolk Island as,

**“A festering cesspool of pollution and a boiling cauldron of frightful, disgusting crime”.**

At the time of his arrival in the prison colony, there ‘was much mutinous and disturbed behaviour among the prisoners due to a change in rations demanded by the Stipendiary



father's business. His family lived on the estate of the Marquis of Bath where he discovered a library and the staff lent him books. Later he joined a choir and became a proficient musician – (violin, violin, cello and French horn).

**St Mathews Church Albury** (Views in and Around Albury. (1896, September 12). The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser

Magistrate and sanctioned by the Commandant . There was a riot involving 300 of the 2100 prisoners with many brutal and diabolical murders; and 18 were sentenced to hang.

**‘rainy, murky, dismal day and he suffered a chill of horror as he saw the halters hanging from the beam.’**

**He saw :**

**‘the bayonets of the mute, armed guards and heard the clank of the heavy metal chains of the murderers as they moved in a slow procession to the drop’.**

The Reverend Elliott wrote that he did not wait to witness the hangings, but rode away.

## Shipwrecked

The family, including another child, Arnold, (Baptised in the Church of England at Norfolk Island in 1847), returned to Hobart, (16 August, 1848) for Henry's ordination. However during the voyage they were shipwrecked. Henry upset the hierarchy by demanding that the convicts be unchained so that they would have a better chance of getting to safety. Sixteen people drowned and the rest were rescued at Cape Barren Island and taken to Sydney where Henry was received by Bishop Broughton.

Eventually they arrived in Hobart where Henry was ordained a Deacon. Following this they returned to Norfolk Island where Henry fulfilled the role of Deacon, but soon returned to Hobart where he was described as destitute.

## Albury connections

It appears that in 1850, Bishop Broughton was sure that the Reverend Elliott would be an ideal person to run the parish at Albury, (described in some documents as the Murrumbidgee district),

Henry was with the murderers for many days, listening to their stories of misery and crime and urging them to repent. He noted that these men, chiefly young men, wished to live no longer. He was with them until the hour of their executions and described the scene as being a and in August 1851, Henry left his family in Melbourne and proceeded to Albury. At the time of his appointment to Albury, there was only one priest in charge of a parish between Melbourne and Sydney, Rev. William Singleton at Kilmore. The Rev. Elliott was ordained a priest, by Bishop Broughton, in 1856. We note that by the close of the 1850's there were five more Church of England priests between Melbourne and Sydney.

So the Rev. Elliott made his way to Albury-Wodonga to receive his appointment from Bishop Broughton. It was William Huon who guided Henry over the flooded wasteland between Wodonga and Albury, crossing the main bridge just before it got swept away in the flood, and Henry made the final part of the crossing in a bark canoe.

He later returned to Melbourne and brought his wife and family to Albury, got a committee together and applied for a grant of land on which to build a church/school. Apparently there was some debate about Rev. Elliott being offered a stipend of two hundred pounds per year with one hundred coming from the Church and one hundred to be raised by the parish. It is reported that Henry donated fifty pounds towards the building fund.

The parish was approximately 200 miles long and 70 miles wide, - with 5,000 parishioners scattered over about 20,000 square miles. The Reverend made visits on horse travel, sleeping under the stars, to most parts, with regular trips for services to Dymocks Inn at Mullenjandra. Services were held in the court house in Hume street, in homes, halls, hotels and the customs house. The Murrumbidgee District Registers

show that the Rev. Elliott performed baptisms in 43 centres. He visited Beechworth, Yackandandah and surrounding towns, riding about 1,100 miles. He showed signs of exhaustion and at one stage he fell from his horse. He never properly recovered from the fall.

## Hardworking and zealous

Historical records refer to Elliott as hardworking, zealous and an efficient pioneering priest, with no trace of his earlier radicalism or modernism. We have found no reference to how his wife coped with such an adventurous life and we do not know of any direct descendants in the area.

## St Mathews Church

The Reverend Henry Elliott died in April 1858, aged 44, about a year before St. Matthews Church was finished. He served here with foresight and dedication, for eight years. He is an inspiration and typical of the pioneers who built this area where we now live.

## Resources

Most of the information was drawn from *THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY* – Dec 30 1944 and *THE DIOCESE OF GOULBURN* – by Ransome T, Wyatt (1937). Both articles are well-documented with extensive footnotes. Some details about the stipend and the appointment of Henry Elliott to St. Matthews, have come from *Church in a Landscape* by Rev. Colin Holden, Melbourne Publishing Group, 2002 - listed in the catalogue Albury Library/Museum. *The Australian Pastor* by Rev. Emmanuel Strickland (1862) was found by Howard Jones using a Google Search.

## Revive old photos

Try out My Heritage newest tool:-

<https://www.gouldgenealogy.com/2021/02/revive-faded-photos-with-myheritages-new-colour-restoration-tools/>

Or Digitally restore your snaps using Vivid Pix restorer. 10 day free trial available at [www.vivid-pix.com/restore](http://www.vivid-pix.com/restore)

## Read All about it!

During Covid the WFHA continued to receive the latest journals. These include:

- ✦ *The South Australian Genealogist* - this has an interesting article on six brothers who all enlisted in WW11.
- ✦ *Family Tree* - provides analysis using DNA for family searches in 'Unlock the Story of Your Genes: Your DNA workshop'.
- ✦ *Geneological Society of Victoria: Ancestor* has a section outlining ideas for family history research in New Zealand including lists of historical organisations, church and civil records.

# Getting to Know the Ancestors

- Ann Brennan (nee Shugg)

## Introduction

This story is about my family, their Cornwall connections and settlement in Australia.

I was born in St.Kilda, Melbourne in 1941 -Christened Ann Dorothy Shugg (probably pronounced Shoog). While Shugg is an uncommon name now it has a long history in Cornwall going back to the 1600s.



The Shuggs operated a horse and coach line in Cornwall - coaches, horses, including inns and stables. The coach line was known as the Shuggline. The Shugg name lives on. The family seat of the famous royal photographer, Earl of Litchfield, is known as Shuggborough.

My son traced our immediate branch of the family back to Gervas Shugg who was born to John and Elizabeth Shugg at Gwinear in Cornwall in 1660, but I have decided that I am probably descended from the Roman conquest of the land of the Barbarians, Jutes, Vandals and the Anglo Saxons. When Alexander the Great was running the show,

(Roman Empire), when a nation was conquered he demanded the Roman soldiers not to rape the women, but rather marry them, and colonise the area, thus forming a more stable rule. So, with a stretch of the imagination, it is possible that I along with many others, are descended from the days when the Romans married the Celts.

## Immigration

When the Cornwall folk migrated to Australia they promoted the Cornwall way of life.

One of the early white settlers in the Yackandandah area was John Shugg. According to shipping documents, John was deaf. He was born in Gwinear, Cornwall in 1812 and at the time of his marriage to Eliza Vivian in 1837, he was described as a carpenter and Eliza as a school mistress and dressmaker. John and Eliza had four daughters: Jane Shugg born 1838 and married Nicholas Temby in 1856, Mary Shugg born 1841, married Thomas Thomas in 1859, Elizabeth Shugg born 1842, married George Stephens in 1860 and Julia Shugg born 1854 and died 1855, during the voyage to Australia.

John, his wife and daughters sailed to Australia on the *Lady McDonald*, arriving at Adelaide April 1855. John left his wife and daughters with relatives in South Australia while he made his way up the Murray in search of arable land. He doesn't seem to have come for the gold, but rather for farming, grape growing and maybe wine-making and dairying. I haven't been able to get enough records to understand the exact



“holding” run by John Shugg and the information I found in *The First Settlement of the Upper Murray* didn’t match with the time line I had, but the property seems to have stretched for several kilometres along the Wodonga–Yackandandah Road and covering some of what is now Yackandandah.

While John was on this journey, his wife, Eliza, died at Onkarparinga in South Australia, ( she is recorded as dying of “Apoplexia” (probably a stroke), in March, 1856, (aged 41 years). John returned to the Yackandanda property with Mary and Elizabeth. Jane and Nicholas Temby followed after the birth of their first child, Christopher.

## Farming at Yackandandah

John planted grape vines and set up farming activities. Later when the town was surveyed, grew and expanded, John Shugg is reported to have given areas of land for development – not sure of the legal arrangements. I assume that if the town required a certain block, then this may have been swapped for a clear title to other parts of his holding. At the time of John’s marriage to his second wife, Janetta Glasson, he was listed as residing at Growler’s Creek, but I have always assumed that the area uphill on the right of the cemetery, where some very old trees are overgrown, is where John’s house might have been. It seems that as he and members of the family, were buried near there, the spot became an unofficial graveyard and eventually surveyed and fenced to become the Yackandandah cemetery. John Shugg

died in 1877, aged 65, a highly respected farmer in Yackandandah.

John’s daughter, Mary, who married Mr. Thomas Thomas, a Yackandandah gold miner from Cornwall, in 1859, had three children and they took up farming at Tangambalanga. The land where the Kiewa Consolidated School now stands was farmed by the Thomas family for about 40 years.

Elizabeth Shugg, aged eighteen, married George Stephens in 1860 and they settled at “Willow Grove” . They had sixteen children and resided in the stone house on the Albury-Yackandandah Road. Elizabeth died in 1926, aged eighty four. Elizabeth seems to have had Rheumatoid Arthritis.

John Shugg encouraged his nephew, William Shugg, to come to Australia. He arrived on the ship *SS Great Britian* in 1860. (The *Great Britian* made about seventeen trips carrying new settlers to Australia and records list names such as Frauenfelder, and Polkinghorne, and others who have been responsible for building Albury). William had been working in the mines in Cornwall since he was thirteen and with gold mining in full swing, he settled and did well in Yackandandah, later taking up land and farming at Allans Flat. William Shugg was my great grandfather. William married Sarah Ann Player in 1863, in Yackandandah. Sarah was eighteen when she married and when she died following the birth of her ninth child, she was twenty eight.

## Water rights?

William Shugg had the initiative, (report in newspaper of the day) to use water from the local creek to water his orchard etc. The neighbours brought along their pipes to join onto the system and there was a ceremony of turning on the gusher (or trickle). This was followed by an all-night party with much singing, dancing and piano playing.



*Shugg family photo taken at Alan's Flat. Front row: boy on the right James Watson Shugg, grandfather. Back row: William Shugg, great grandfather pictured standing in the middle.*

William Shugg married again, a young woman named, Frances Fiddes, who had been born on the ship, *Chance*, as it sailed from Cornwall to Australia. They had six children, three survived.

In his will, William wrote in favour of his sons and son-in-law as was the custom of the time. He bequeathed the main farm of about 60 acres, to his eldest son, William, and the house with a few acres of orchard, (in Allans Flat), to his son-in-law, Martin Crameri. His wife, Frances, inherited household effects and the right to remain in the family home

until she died. Apparently the wife did not own her frying pan or tapestry cushions until they were left to her in the will.

## Conclusion

History, as we know it, is shaped by powerful men and women, including events such as wars, inventions and company takeovers. To get the the full picture of our families and the times I have found it worthwhile to delve into *how* people lived their lives in the bygone years.

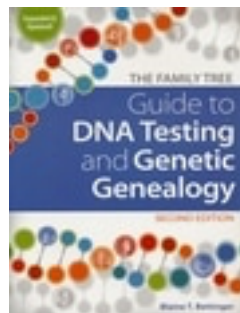
In addition, I think we owe our gratitude to all those who seek their family history and to Historical Groups who treasure and keep alive, our links with the past.

## Conference news

*Family History Down* under 2021 was cancelled on site but offered virtually due to uncertainty with Covid restrictions. Their next scheduled conference is Feb - March 2022. Venue and details still to be arranged.

## Book Ideas

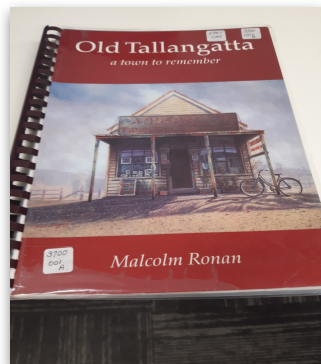
Features colourful diagrams and explanations of DNA terms. Includes Information about third-party tools you can use to more thoroughly to analyse your test results. Also tips on Genetic testing for adoption & brick walls. Also includes case studies showing how DNA tests can be useful in research.





## Spotlight on Tallangatta

Are you researching ancestors who came through **Tallangatta** or the surrounding districts? Each newsletter we will **highlight** some of the local resources the Wodonga Family History Association (WFHA) have available for family researchers:-



### Books

- ✦ Country Branch Lines Vic. Wodonga-Tallangatta-Cudgewa, N Gee, J Sargent
- ✦ Old Tallangatta: Part 1, Malcolm Ronan
- ✦ Old Tallangatta: Part 2, Malcolm Ronan
- ✦ Slates and Suet Puddings, Carmyl Winkler
- ✦ A Spirit of Co-operation, Ross Coulthard
- ✦ Bullioh State School Centenary 1882-1982
- ✦ Tallangatta Valley 1881-1981
- ✦ "Bolga" Tallangatta High School 1970
- ✦ History of the Tallangatta Primary School
- ✦ Hearts in Stone. Tallangatta War Memorials, Malcolm Ronan
- ✦ The Shire of Tallangatta. A History, Keith Swan
- ✦ New Tallangatta's Golden Anniversary 2006
- ✦ History of the Tallangatta Primary School (2nd ed).
- ✦ When We Were Kids: Tallangatta Valley, Pansy Cummins
- ✦ Tallangatta Cemetery Register

### CD's

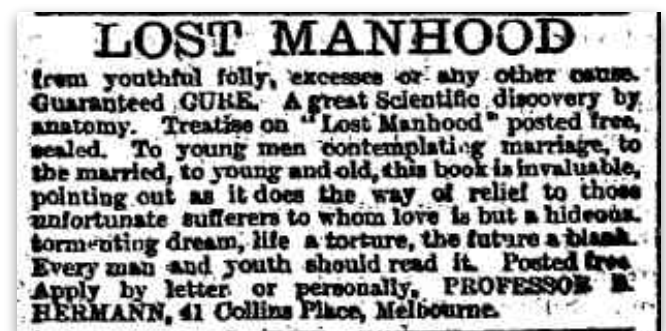
- ✦ Tallangatta Cemetery. Headstones to 1980-Register to 2000
- ✦ Tallangatta Cemetery

The WFHA also holds information on the nearby settlements:-

- ✦ Sandy Creek, 3695
- ✦ Tawonga, 3697
- ✦ Bogong, 3699
- ✦ Mitta Mitta and Granya, 3701
- ✦ Cudgewa, 3705
- ✦ Corryong and Upper Murray, 3707
- ✦ Tintaldra, 3708

## Back in time

It the late 1800's it seems like young men and women were 'in good hands' with 'advlce' from professor R. Hermann. See the promises below made in the Yackandanda Times



(Advertising, 19 Feb 1897 p. 1).



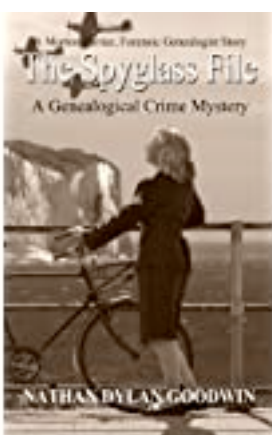
### Genealogy quote:

Just wondering - can a first cousin once removed be returned?

## Genealogical Mysteries

Over the past few years, I have become hooked on reading genealogical mysteries on my Kindle, but most are also available in paper form. Quite recently, Gould have begun stocking the paper versions.

Nathan Dylan Goodwin is probably my favourite, as his attention to detail is second to none. He visits the repositories and libraries when possible, and is it right up-to-date with any new resources. In fact, he has alerted me to one or two research tips of which I was unaware.



His main character is Morton Farrier who manages to get himself into lots of scrapes much to the chagrin of his partner, who is a police detective.

Steve Robinson's main character in most of his books is Jefferson Tayte, a genealogical detective. Most of his books can be read as stand-alone stories whilst linking to previous books through Jefferson.

- ♦ M.J. Lee's genealogical investigator is Jayne Sinclair.
- ♦ Wendy Percival's main character is Esme Quentin
- ♦ Peter Hey's genealogical investigator is Jan Madden

- ♦ Stephen Molyneux's main character is Peter Sefton, an amateur family historian.

There are other authors, and the range of subjects include murder, DNA, questionable births deaths and marriages, history, convicts, adoption, inheritance, witchcraft, royal heritage, spies, war etc.

All have a genealogical theme. The main characters also have their own personal issues with some romance thrown in for good measure.

In addition, there is a Facebook group called *Genealogical Crime Mystery Book Club*, which was only started early in 2021. Genealogical mystery writers Nathan Dylan Goodwin, MJ Lee, Stephen Molyneux and Wendy Percival set it up to connect with their readers. They sometimes have *Question and Answer* sessions. If you are not available to participate at the time; at a later date you can see what has been asked of the authors and their answers.

Hope you enjoy a good genealogical mystery of two.

Wendy Cooksey

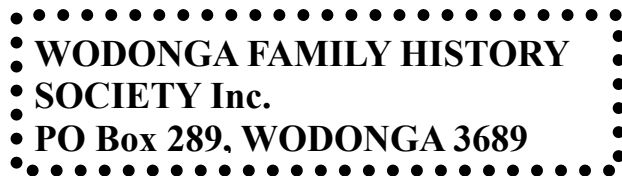
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## NOMINATION FORM

I nominate:

Name.....[Membership number.....]  
for election to Committee/President/Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary [please circle officer applicable].

Name.....[Membership number.....]  
Signed.....

I second the nomination:

Name.....[Membership number.....]  
Signed.....

I consent to nomination:

Signed.....date.....2021

Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Election to the Committee of the Wodonga Family History Society Incorporated: If necessary, voting is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on Tues. 21 September 2021.

## *Proxy Voting Form*

I [full name in block letters].....Membership number.....  
of [full address].....  
being a financial member of the Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, hereby appoint:  
[full name in block letters]..... Membership number.....  
of [full address].....

being a financial member of the said Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, or failing him/her, the Chairman of the meeting as my proxy, to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of.....2021.

A member entitled to attend and vote, and is entitled to appoint a proxy and vote. A proxy ***must*** be a financial member of the society. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.

Completed Proxy forms should be **received** by the Secretary **before 5pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



