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MEETINGS: 3rd Saturday of each month [except December] at 1.30pm in the Taree Library, Victoria St, Taree

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Renewal

	Single	Family
1 Jul – 30 Jun	\$25.00	\$33.00
1 Jan – 30 Jun	\$17.50	\$21.50
New Members		
1 Jul – 30 Jun	\$30.00	\$38.00

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Membership of the MWFHS Inc entitles financial members to :-Free use of the Society's resources during their opening hours.
- 4 copies of journal 'Figtree' [2 copies half year] plus Members Interest Directory
- Free research enquiries published in the 'Figtree'
- 18 free entries per year each member/family in the Society's Members Interest Directory.
- 2 hrs free research per member/family, per membership year for out of area members [1hr per half year], on receipt of a stamped self addressed business size envelope [photocopying extra]
- Monthly workshops

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL **GENERAL MEETING WILL BE** HELD IN THE SOCIETY'S AREA AT THE GTCC LIBRARY AT 1.30pm on SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

At our Monthly meeting on 23 May 2009 a Notice of Motion was put forward to be voted on at the AGM on 15 August 2009. The motion reads as follows

"Work done by any society member or family member for or on behalf of the Society shall remain the sole property of the Society at all times. This applies to all research, computer work, printing, notes, filing, newsletters or any other such items whether it be done on their personal computer or stationery or not".

REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE - MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED BY THE AGM WILL BE **DEEMED TO BE NON-**MEMBERS.

Presidents Report

A huge welcome to all our new and our renewing members. Please renew before the end of July (if you missed the deadline of the 1st July), certainly you are welcome to come to the meeting, renew and have your say. Those of you who have other priorities at present may you enjoy those, and come back to the Society, in the future.

As the winter comes to greet us I reflect on the last 3 months. Thank you to all the volunteers for the many things you do. Our Society is one of easiest groups to contact because of the 6 roster days in the library, that's the perception from others. We are always looking for more volunteers. Come and work with a duty person, just to get the idea of what is involved, and it also helps you to realise the extent, and location, of our resources.

Unfortunately, we appear to have some people who are taking things away from our resources (the value of the missing items is over \$500- not something we

can afford to allow to continue) - please write your name in the borrowing book and return it within the specified time so other members can use it. Further on in the newsletter there is a list of missing books from this present stocktake and from the last few years - please check on your bookcase.... and see if we can get OUR resources returned.

The month of May was very busy; starting with the repeat Research Workshop conducted by Gloria which was well attended. Genealogical Fair at Port Macquarie was well attended by volunteers and it meant we could man the stall for a short time each. Our Monthly meeting was well attended and people aired their opinions about lots of issues. Sunday 24th saw a group of volunteers raising money for the Society by hosting a BBQ at Bunnings, thank you to all involved. We look forward to running these each 2 months- and of course we need YOUR help to do that, put your name down for a couple of hours. Watch for the dates in the Society news. Then, to finish the month, we enjoyed the wonderful weather, for the Scottish Festival at Wingham, at great PR day helping to explain to people where we operate from and what we are about.

The Seminar conducted by Terry Eakin 6 June was fabulous and people learnt lots about "How to" Research your Irish Ancestors. There are seminar notes still available for sale for \$5, from the Library. Terry gave up his time, on Thursday 11th to the numerous people asking individual questions about their own families. We are truly privileged to have Terry as our Patron, thank you.

We have had to cancel the Workshop, about Handwriting, by Meryl Bolin but we will attempt to re-schedule for later this year.

Enjoy your research and please keep checking our new notice board for upcoming events. If you are unable to visit us please check in this Fig-Tree for the events and do not hesitate to contact our new email address.

secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au

I found this wonderful saying in the Parramatta Packet Journal "You may find errors in this newsletter. This is in line with the policy of trying to please everyone, even those who look for mistakes."

Barbara Fogarty

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members: Jim and Irene BURNETT, Bob HEDLEY, Carol LUCAS, Jill GARTRELL, Peta LEAN, Monika THOMPSON, Kay KLUMP, Stephen and Merrill PHILLIPS,

Susan HINSHELWOOD, Maggi ABBERLEY, John and Sue DIXON, Faye DOBSON, Valdon ANDERSON, John and Dianne FARLOW, June BROOKS, Caroline HIBBERT, Jean CHAPLIN, Lois VERNON and welcome back after a long absence to Bill BLAKE.

ILLNESS

To those who are ill or recuperating from an illness, your friends at the Society wish you a speedy recovery

EMAIL UPDATES

As you are all aware, the Society is now producing the Fig Tree electronically.

Could you please update your email address with the Society.

NEWSLETTER

If you have any family stories, or in fact, anything at all, that you would like put into the Figtree, we would appreciate the input. Please drop it into the Library or email it to

editor@manningwallambafhs.com.au

LIBRARIANS' REPORT

After doing our stock-take, this is the list of missing resources. Will you PLEASE check to see if you have any of these items at home.

- 1. DH:096 The Sage of Somerset (Book)
- 2. FH:186R John Campbell & Christina McDonald (Book)
- 3. GEN:107 Hot Sources: A Compilation of References Extracted from the Ancestral Searcher (HAGSOS) (Book)
- 4. SH:035 Upper Lansdowne Public School Centenary 1895-1995 (Book)
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- 6. SHP:003R Scottish Immigrations: Some Facts re Twenty Bounty Ships 1837-1840 (Book)
- 7. PEO:152C NSW Post Office Directory 1904 (CD)
- 8. PEO:116F Fiche No 9 of 9 Bench Books 1863-1883 Cundletown, Tinonee, Taree & Wingham (Fiche)
- 9. CEM:001R A Guide to Conservation of Cemeteries (Book)
- 10. CEM:002R Cemeteries A Policy Paper (Book)

- 11. EM:015R Crossroads Cemetery Late 19th & Early Century (Book)
- 12. CEM:071R Dubbo District Cemetery Records Vol 1 (Book)
- 13. CEM:418R Tumbarumba Shire Cemeteries (Edition 1998) (Book)
- 14. BC:010R Bulmer, Elizabeth 1853 (Baptism NSW Certificate)
- 15. DC:012R Tisdell, Elizabeth 1932 Death Certificate
- 16. DC:028R Warren, Arthur Stanley 1929 (Death Certificate)
- 17. MC:009R Tisdell, Thomas Henry & Elizabeth Bulmer 1870 (Marriage Certificate NSW)
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- 19. Thomas Waldron Arrears of School Fees 1893 – Original copy
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- 21. DH:074 Footprints on the Sands of Time
 Lane Cove 1788-1988 (Book)
- 22. FH:023R Records of the Family Gilbert Part 1 (Book)
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- 24. FH:029R Richardson Family Reunion (Book)
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- 30. FH:066R Belford Family Charts
- 31. FH:069R One Name Society (Book)
- 32. FH:086R Muirson, McIntyre & Cameron Charts
- 33. FH:132R Family of John Polloch (Book)
- 34. FH:159R Stephen Sheather & Hannah Tester (Book)

Please do not take any resources home with you. The resources are there for all members to use.

The Users' book is to be used every time an item is removed from the closet, even if it is only for 30 seconds the book has to be signed.

Diana & Margaret

Roles/tasks the Committee Members manage in their positions within the MWFHS. - ideas from Barbara Fogarty

I am very aware that all of these people at present do so much more over and above the "normal" descriptions as per the constitution... I am trying to build up interest because a number of positions will become vacant at the AGM in August 2009....

President - chair meetings, I am meeting on a regular basis with Council Librarian, searching for grants and put in submissions.

Vice Presidents - need to give valuable support to President, step in and chair meetings when President is unavailable

Secretary

- **minutes** take notes at the meetings and email completed minutes to committee members
- correspondence check society email on a regular basis and to forward the relevant email to the relevant committee people for them to deal with, keep records of incoming and outgoing mail, write up letters to go to people following meetings or discussions. Collect, record and distribute mail
- membership keep our membership information up to date and to send out welcoming kits to new members

Treasurer and assistant - keep an accurate account of the incoming and outgoing funds. One helping the other when one is unavailable!

Duty roster - drawing up the roster for 3 months in advance from the people who make themselves available to help out in the Library morning rosters. Maybe the next person may also include the Bunnings BBQ rosters & calls for volunteers for various actions that need to take place.

Librarian and assistant - catalogue the acquisitions purchased by the Society and to keep an eye open for different things people are requiring.

Making sure new CDs etc, are put onto the computer for members to access whilst in the Library.

Maybe this is where we also need someone to continue the "sceensaver" advertising for the Society and so this person/s is available to install these CDs on the Library computer.

All journals from other societies should be scanned and bundled - depending on volume, at least once each 3 months. Also need for a copy of all the journal DVDs to be done and updated at the same time.

Membership secretary should have both passwords, for the newsletter and secretary, so that email addresses and changes to addresses etc can be

changed on a needs basis. Then when comes the time for Bcc mail out all should go without the errors as experienced at present.

Webmaster - This has been 'out sourced' to a commercial enterprise on a needs basis as from April 2009.

Newsletter Committee - getting the electronic Fig Tree ready for distribution each 3 months. There is now an Editor's email for members to send information through in the format agreed on.

Management committee (3 people) - These people are valuable as a "check system" for the society and this year were wonderful to organize the various functions.

Maybe the idea could be to get 4 or 5 people who would be willing to meet, eg say each 2nd month, or better still, monthly, to organize workshops, social things etc, along with Treasurer, President and Secretary.

Publicity Person - Able to keep our activities in the public, so we continue to gain more members, and to have good attendance at activities organized.

Fair Organiser and Workshop person - To coordinate our next Fair and ones to visit, and follow through suggestions for workshops.

Publications person - because of our ongoing books and projects this will continue to be an important role.

Research officer – collect information from enquiries made and notify people as to charges. With information sent to people re rates etc... as per the information on the webpage at present.

Lots of small "behind-the-scenes" work that could make everything 'happen' easier and would certainly eliminate lots of extra chatter, by the President at present, at the monthly meetings and allow for more time for effective discussion at the meetings.

Please consider these and come to the AGM and put your hand up to help the Society to move forward.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this.

Barbara

SHEATHER REUNION

A reunion is planned at Taree, NSW on the 7th & 8th of November 2009 for Stephen & Hannah Sheather who arrived in Australia 1839 on the Neptune with two children, James and Mary Ann, Stephen took his family to Maitland, NSW where a

further 8 children were born of which all ten children married and added to the tree of about 3000 family members that are known to me, and we were hoping that you might like to advertise this in your newsletters or journals. Brian Burnett 0410571246 or www.sheatherfamily.com for more details

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Just Folks

I am like him, so they say, Who was dead before I came. Cheeks and mouth and eyes of grey Have been fashioned much the same.

I am like her, so they say, Who was dead 'ere I was born, And I walk the self-same way On the paths her feet have worn.

There is that within my face And the way I hold my head Which seems strangely to replace Those who long have joined the dead.

Thus across the distance far
In my body housing me
Both my great-grandparents are
Kept alive in memory.

Edgar A. Guest, 1934

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

From Barrie KLUMPP requiring information on the KLUMPP and KLUMP families, descendants of Christian and Johanna KLUMPP

WANTED

Donations of Scottish Memorabilia of all types for Window displays etc. for promoting Local Scottish Events. Contact Ian MacLeod 65510021 Email ianmacl@westnet.com.au

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

1 August

ARCHIVE RESOURCE KIT

(ARK)

PRESENTED BY
STATE RECORDS AUTHORITY
OF NSW
At the GTCC Library starting at

Doors open 12.45pm

Please bring a plate for Afternoon Tea

1.00pm

5 September COMPUTERS LEARN TO LOVE THEM DON'T HATE THEM (A GREAT RESOURCE TOOL)

National Family History Week 1st - 9th August 2009

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It's All About You Join the fun of National Family History Week. For lots of great ideas, log on to www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

BUNNINGS BBO FUND RAISER

Our first fund raiser held in May was a great success. We have booked the following Sundays with Bunnings 23 Aug, 25 Oct & 20 Dec, and would like to hear from anyone who can assist even for just an hour. The BBQ runs from 8am to 4pm.

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Congratulation to Lachlan & Janet Dengate who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary along with family and friends at Club Taree on Saturday 13th June 2009.



THINGS MY FATHER TOLD ME

(As told to Jessie M Sawyer by her Father William Henry Richardson)



William Henry Richardson

When about 9 years old and out shooting platypus, he was shot in the leg and laid up for a year while his leg mended. He propped his gun against a tree while he relieved himself, and his terrier dog, doing likewise against the tree, knocked the gun over and it fell and discharged, shooting him through the shin. While away from school, his teacher used him as an intermediary to obtain wine supplies from his Grandfather as no one knew the teacher drank. He would pay "Willie" to get the wine and smuggle it to him unbeknown to anyone. He said he never told anybody as they would not have believed anyway! He told me about the wine casks bursting, and his Grandfather Tom finding all his ducks drunk from swimming in and drinking it when it drained into the creek.

I always understood him to say his Grandmother was buried on the Allen's property at Kimbriki, but as he was deaf he may have misunderstood me and meant his Sister, who was badly burned and buried there. I had been asking him lots of things and he

may have become confused. His Grandmother Richardson is buried at the Bo Bo Cemetery and his Mother's Mother is buried at Kimbriki.

When he farmed at the Tiri they walked their pigs and drove them ahead of them to market at Wingham. He always bragged about the wonderful crops they grew on the Tiri. Much better than those he grew on his farm at Mondrook.

He had a habit of saying "dear God" and speaking with his eyes closed. I can still picture him saying "dear God, I haven't tasted anything like that since I left the Tiri!"

He was very strong as a young chap and the tale is told of the day the cartload of corn was bogged and he put his shoulder under and lifted it out (while in a rage).

Although he never took the time to go to church it is known he had a strong faith and was always for the "underdog." He made us all go to Sunday School as kids , which was Presbyterian, the only one available, in spite of us all being Christened in the Methodist Faith.

Pop was a keen sportsman, played cricket, belonged to the Rifle Club, having a certificate for marksmanship proficiency, and also the Bream Club, as he was a keen fisherman.

He was a good farmer and won several maize growing competitions.

I believe he never missed a show at the Taree Open Air Theatre years ago. They were so sure that he would be there that they would hold up the start of the show until he arrived! Once when the river was in flood, they waited longer than usual, and when

he arrived they gave him a standing ovation and all shouted "here comes Walrus Willie!" and they all stood up and clapped and cheered him.

When he got beyond playing cricket, he took to playing bowls and did well at it. He was a foundation member of the Harrington Bowling Club.

When he retired from the farm he went to Harrington to live. He did not have much schooling but was so well read that there was scarcely a topic he could not discuss, which surprised many people.

He was one of the first people in the district to buy a rotary hoe, and caused many a laugh when he would command it to "whoa!" at the end of a row, and it would often crash into the fence before he woke up that it was not his horse he was driving!

Pop had a habit of saying "dear oh dear" when something upset him and we would hear him down the farm saying to his horse when it was walking crookedly in the rows of corn, "dear oh dear oh dear oh dear" for half the length of the row of corn.

We were quite used to it but I believe the neighbours were always highly amused. I guess it was better than swearing at the horse. One way of letting off steam!

When his favourite horse was done and had to be put down, he could not do it himself, so he told his two young sons to take Nugget out into the bush and shoot him. What he didn't know was that they walked him over a big log and then shot him.

They told us later that Nugget died on his feet. They were about 9 or 10 years old at the time.

When ploughing etc and feeling the heat in Summer, the kids had to take a Golden Syrup tin of water with a couple of handfuls of rolled oats in it down the farm for him to drink. We would hang it in the shade on the barbed wire fence. He called the drink "scilly". I believe it was very refreshing. When he had drank all the water, we kids would gobble up the soaked rolled oats remaining. (we loved it). I think the drink also had a spoonful of salt added to it.

Uncle Freddie Richardson of Kimbriki told the story of how he and Willie as children, would get lengths of reeds to pierce the cream on the milk their mother had "setting", and drink all her milk, and she never found them out. They would suck up

the milk and leave the cream. "Dear God" he would say, "we gave Mother a lot of headaches." I never knew my Father to ever hit any of us children, but he only had to use his "frightening voice" to get results. He died of cancer of the bowel just before his 87th birthday. He had stayed with me for nearly 2 years before his death. He passed away in the Manning River District Hospital Taree and is buried in the Methodist section of the Tinonee Cemetery adjacent to his parents and Brother, Richard.

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THE CHANGE IN THE CALENDAR – 1752

And other interesting things regarding dating of records

While trying to pinpoint an exact date of birth, marriage or death in searching British records, there are two traps for the unwary:

- 1. There was a major change in the calendar in 1752, in which the days between September 2 and 14 were 'dropped'.
- 2. The New Year was changed from March 25 to January 1, shortening the year 1751, which started 25 March, and extended to 31 December or 282 days.

As background - Before 1582, the Julian Calendar was used throughout the Christian world. calendar divided the year into 365 days, plus an extra day every fourth year. The year started on March 25, and ended on March 24. astronomers discovered that there was an error of eleven minutes a day, or three days every four years. From 325 to 1582, that amounted to ten days in all. Therefore, Pope Gregory X111 decreed in 1582 that ten days be dropped from the calendar to bring Easter to the correct date, and that every four hundred years, Leap Year's extra day should be omitted in a centennial year, when the first two digits cannot be divided by four without a remainder. (This means it was omitted in 1770, 1800, and 1900, but was not omitted in 2000. Great Britain did insert a leap year day into 1752, as it was divisible by 4).

All Roman Catholic countries changed their calendars accordingly; Protestant nations did so later, at various times. In the case of Great Britain, it was 170 years before the change was made.

These changes affected records in many ways. Some educated persons, believing the change should have been made in 1582, recorded a 'double date' – for instance, 7 January, 1687/1688, indicating that while it was officially 1687, they considered it should have been 1688. This 'double dating' only applied to the periods of 1 January to 25 March, as the rest of the year was not in question.

Also, many parish registers show 17 August (O.S.) or 18 August (N.S.) – especially in the years 1751

and 1752. (O.S.= Old Style, - N.S.= New Style.) The unwary researcher may not be consistent in noting their records, but it is essential to understand which dating system was used, and what possible changes/corrections might have been made in various records because of these changes.

QUAKER DATING

Quakers almost exclusively used numbers for months. At times, they showed the number and name of the month, such as "4th month called June" or "the 10th day of the 10th month called December 1690." Any date in March was considered the first month. After 1752, Quakers adjusted to the calendar change by calling January the first month, February the second month, December the twelfth month, et cetera.

Quakers also wrote numbers in their meeting records, such as "3rd month" instead of May (before 1752, of course). Saying July (Julius), after Julius Caesar, or August, after the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus, was considered too pagan or worldly.

Sunday was the first day of the week, Monday the second day, and so forth.

An example of an early Quaker date might be: 4/17/1710 (with 4 being the fourth month). This date should be interpreted as 17 June 1710.

Many mentions of persons in older records show dec'd, or decembered. This indicates they died, and has nothing to do with the month of December per se

Taken from Cornwell Parish Clerks Resources

GENEALOGICAL CODICIL

My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor.

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files,

notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. (If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to "and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known).

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. (List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses).

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature	.Date
Witness	.Date
Witness	.Date

Reprinted from Murrumbidgee Ancestor June 2007.

PIONEER OF GLENTHORNE

Mr Thomas Duncan Trotter

In the year 1794 Mr. Thomas Trotter Snr, the grandfather of the late Thomas Duncan Trotter, was born near Perth, on the Firth of Tay, Scotland, and from various records, traced the history of the intervening years as reflected in this family, to the present day. Thomas Trotter Snr., who was one of the earliest settlers of Glenthorne, and whose many descendants are scattered all over the district, and in various parts of the state, was a very methodical man, and when he went on board a sailing ship, from Ireland, with his wife and family, to seek his fortune in the great South land known as Australia, he took with him a leather bound book, in which he recorded

the events of the trip, and later kept another book, in which are noted some of the happenings on the Manning in the early days. He was an expert penman and diarist, and although it is 67 years since he was laid to rest in the Dawson Cemetery, and one of these books is 109 years old, his diaries are still well preserved. We propose to publish some extracts from these interesting books which will serve to show the present generation the difficulties with which their forefathers successfully contended and which will forcefully illustrate the comforts and conveniences, which in the course of a single century, have come to their present day lives.

As quite a young man, Thomas Trotter Snr., showed a great interest in horticulture, and nursery work, and was sent to England, where he underwent a thorough training in these subjects, some of the botanical text books being preserved to the present time. From England, he went to the North of Wales, where he married Mary Tilston in 1817, and settled down for 18 years. It was at this time that he came under the influence of the Methodist revival, which swept Wales, and thus the religious convictions of the family were established. From Wales he crossed the channel to Ireland. It was here that the urge to emigrate to Australia came to him, no doubt helped by letters from his oldest son John, who was an adventurous youth and had already made the voyage acting as a valet in Bishop Broughton's household. The father had a desire to rejoin his first born in his the venture, and opportunity unexpectedly. He was acquainted with Mr. Boydell, a shareholder and one of the officials of the Australian Agricultural Company, and some of whose descendants are now living in the Paterson River District. From Mr. Doydell a letter was received, asking Thomas Trotter to come to Australia to out orchards for the Company. The writer stated he would make it worth Mr. Trotter's while and would also lease him land to make a start for himself. That settled it. Mr. Trotter, who was then 42 years of age, with a family of six at home, including an infant, forthwith made his arrangements and decided to come out. Thomas Trotter Jnr., (mentioned in the diary) was then a lad 14 years of age. On arrival, the family went to the Dungog District, settling in the locality of Brandon Grove, later moving to the upper part of the Williams River, at Chichester, where the land was eminently suitable for fruit growing. His son John was also working on his own account in the same district and Thomas also struck out for himself at an early age, the two latter being engaged largely in the cultivation of tobacco, which proved to be a highly profitable

venture. It was while here that further opportunity came to Thomas Trotter Snr. He was stationed at Canongalla, and with Mr. William Plummer (of the Manning River) on the 21st October 1851, purchased jointly the "Glenthorne Estate" of 647 acres, from James Corlette, for the sum of £250. Corlette had previously bought the land from the Crown at public auction, in 1841, for the sum of £388/4/0.

On 16th December 1852, Thomas Trotter and William Plummer subdivided the Estate and portions were sold to James Robinson, Robert Belford and Alfred Blackford. Thomas Trotter Snr. And his sons retained the remainder as homes for themselves. It was while at Gresford, in the Allyn River district, that Thomas Trotter Jnr., was married to Isabella McCullum, in 1845, and Thomas Duncan Trotter was born on 15th October 1847, and at the age of 8 years set forth, with his parents and his uncle John, for what proved to be his home for almost 90 years, at Glenthorne, until his death on 11th February last. The removal of these families to Glenthorne was a most trying ordeal in itself. For a great part of the district the road consisted of little more than a bridle track, and the first arrivals had to travel to Redbank, parts of which were already settled, notably a butchery business of Charles Turner, who lived on the river bank almost opposite Glenthorne, and who had secure and well grassed paddocks.

From here, the first to arrive were conveyed by boat to Glenthorne. Thomas Trotter Jnr., his family, and his brother John undertook the journey by bullock dray, having laid in a stock of provision which they considered ample. Young Thomes Duncan, rode a horse the whole distance, even at that age, showing keen appreciation of a good horse. The party had many difficulties, in many places tracks and detours had to be cut, rivers were flooded and days were lost waiting for them to recede, and it was only after weeks of toil and anxiety, and with dwindling stores, that at last they arrived at the promised land. Thomas Trotter Snr. (now 61 years of age) with his sons William and Samuel, Robert Belford and Alfred Blackford had arrived shortly before. Thomas Trotter Snr. had not neglected to bring many seedlings and grafted trees, as well as seeds, with him and one of the first duties on his own and his sons' homesteads, was the planting of an orchard on the newly cleared land, in which oranges predominated, and for 50 years Glenthorne was noted for its oranges.

Manning River Times 1935.

MRS THOMAS TROTTER

After an illness of only a few days, from peritonitis, Mrs Thomas Trotter, of Glenthorne, breathed her last at 8 o'clock on Friday night, at the ripe old age of 80 years. About eight months subsequent to the demise of her respected husband.

The deceased lady was a very old resident of the district, having arrived here some 50 years ago. She was born in Arygleshire, Isle of Mull, in the year 1820, her maiden name being Isabella McCallum. She came to Australia in the year 1841 in the ship Sir John Falstaff, the voyage occupying nearly six months! She was then housekeeper to Bishop Broughton for four years, when she became the wife of the late Mr. Thomas Trotter, being married at Gresford. The Bishop, when she left him, presented her with a number of good useful books, upon which she always set great store.

The late Mrs. Trotter was one of the most unselfish of women, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew her on this account and because of the grand Christian character which pervaded all her actions. Two sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss, namely, Messre, T.D. and John Trotter and Mrs Alexander Lobban and Mrs. W J Belford, besides a number of grandchildren and numerous relatives.

The funeral took place at the Gilwarra Cemetery

Manning River Times 28th March 1900

WEB SITES

April - July 2009

1851 Unfilmed Census

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society has transcribed 200,000 entries from water damage enumeration books & they can now be searched online.

www.1851-unfilmed.org.uk/

How The Team from the TV Show,

Who Do You Think You Are, talk about how they researched for the show.

www.bbc.co.uk

Nonconformist Registers

The BMD Registers site has had a further 600,000 Nonconformist records added to it that were previously only available on microfilm.

www.bmdregisters.co.uk

UK Incoming Passenger Lists 1878-1960

With 18 million names, on record, there are records of passengers arriving into the UK by boat from destinations as far-flung as the Caribbean, India and Australia.

www.ancestry.co.uk/family

1911 UK Census

Details of 36 millions of our ancestors recorded in the 1911 census of England and Wales have been made available.

A further 9 million records - detailing people from Wales, the Isle of Skye, Channel Island, those aboard Royal Naval and Merchant vessels, and British Army personnel abroad – will be added over the coming months.

www.1911census.org

NZ BDM Indexes online

Births that occurred at least 100 years ago

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Marriages and eventually Civil Unions that occurred 80 years ago

Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago

www.bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/

New Oueensland indexes online

Qld State Archives have recently added the following;

Australian Sth Sea Islanders 1867-1908

Passage Certificates Index 1887-1906

Register of Immigrants 1864-1878

www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/indexes.asp

Passenger Listing for Vessels bound for NZ

Has links to more than 4,772 lists

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestory.com/ ~nzbound/lists.htm

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www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hosptalrecords

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Now includes Country marriages up till 1965 http://www.wamarriage.info/

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Updated information for Australians who fought in the Boer War, Boxer Uprising and Sudan War.

www.awm.gov.au/research/people/nominal_rolls/pre _first_world_war/

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MANNING WALLAMBA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC MEMBERSHIP DUTY ROSTER

Please read through the roster, take note of the time allocated to you, and contact Diana (6553 8119) if you are unable to attend on your day. Are you able to do an alternate day? Opening times are 9.30am to 12 noon Monday to Friday, 9.30am. to 12.30 Saturday

We realise this roster does include some members' names who have work commitments, again please contact the Secretary if you are unable to do roster day.

DUTY ROSTER

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6 Jul Christine Troth & Barbara Fogarty	7 Jul Diana Smithers & Toni Schaper	8 Jul Ian MacLeod & Helen Branch	9 Jul Gloria Toohey & Nancye Swan	10 Jul June Bennett & Belinda Dickson	11 Jul Janet Dengate & Monica Mason
13 Jul Christine Troth & JB	14 Jul Diana Smithers & Dorothy Sparks	15 Jul Ian MacLeod & Maur- een Sullivan	16 Jul Pam Jarman & Lynette Smith	17 Jul Ida McLeod & Bar- bara Waters	18 Jul Janet Dengate & Lorna Walker Meet -
20 Jul Christine Troth & Barbara Fogarty	21 Jul Diana Smithers & Betty Rosskelly	22 Jul Ian MacLeod & Sue Ledger (Taree)	23 Jul Gloria Tooheys & Nancye Swan	24 Jul Judy Hoole & Elaine McCutcheon	ing 25 Jul Janet Dengate & Jan Mitchell
27 Jul Christine Troth & JB	28 Jul Diana Smithers	29 Jul Ian MacLeod & Ian Herford	30 Jul Anne Calvert	31 Jul June Bennett & Belinda Dickson	1 Aug Janet Dengate & Sue Robinson Work- shop
3 Aug Christine Troth & Kelvin Dagg	4 Aug Diana Smithers &	5 Aug Ian MacLeod & Albert Pratt	6 Aug Lyn & Brian Haynes	7 Aug Gloria Toohey & Nancye Swan	8 Aug Janet Dengate & Mar- garet Swift
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An open invitation is extended to all ex-students and interested persons to attend Tinonee Public School's 150th Anniversary to be held over the long weekend in October.

On Friday 2"d October an open day will be held at the school with displays, activities and performances by students.

On Saturday 3rd October the School will host a reunion beginning at 9.30 am with registration and morning tea followed by the official ceremony at 11 am. The day will include entertainment, displays, photos and memorabilia with souvenirs available for purchase. Refreshments available for purchase from the school canteen include morning and afternoon tea, sandwiches, snacks, drinks and a barb-que.

An 'Old Time Supper Dance' will be held on the Saturday night in the Tinonee Hall. The cost is \$10 per head and bookings can be made through the committee members. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

On Sunday 4th October a non-denominational church service and b.y.o. picnic lunch will be held in the school grounds at 11 am.

Please contact the school as above or committee members listed below <u>as soon as possible</u> if you will be joining us at the celebrations.

Feel free to copy this flyer and pass on to anyone you may know who has connections to our school or who may be interested in attending.

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Cemetery transcripts of Manning & Wallamba areas, Undertakers records,

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Research enquiries will be published in our newsletter 'Fig Tree'

A business sized stamped addressed envelope must be supplied with each enquiry.

All correspondence must be addressed to Secretary, PO Box 48 Taree NSW 2430

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Manning & Hastings Advocate Nov 1881 – Nov 1882 (Fully indexed)

Wingham Chronicle 1886 - (1886, 1888 fully indexed.1886-1920 BDM etc indexed)

Manning River Independent Jan – Nov 1892 (Fully indexed)
Mar – May 1893 (Fully indexed)

Manning River Times 1898 (Jan – Mar 1898 fully indexed, 1898 – 1907 BDM etc indexed)

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Maitland Mercury 1843 – 1925 (Indexed 1843 – 1848)

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