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## PRESIDENT'S YEARLY REPORT



Welcome to this my annual report.

I am most grateful for the assistance of our executive team in making this another successful year.

We have survived COVID although it is still with us.

The Committee planned for our full time come back to the library.

Our membership is down but gradually increasing as people venture back again.

Due to ongoing difficulty in manning the Bunnings B-B-Q it has been decided to cancel this year and have a review in this next year. This is a major fundraiser for our organization, but as our working group is ageing, so we lose the capability to operate this fundraising effort.

The management of our organization is under constant review and our expenses will be constantly scrutinized for maximum benefit.

A new fund raiser that we can operate with our current members will be searched for, so we do not have to lift our membership fees.

My thoughts to those that are going through difficult times and hope improvement comes your way soon.

Again my grateful thanks to your Committee who have tirelessly managed your Organization.

My best wishes to the incoming committee.

May those that have passed before us provide the answers we need.

Thank you

Ken Beeton

President



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The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held at Taree Library on

Monday 15 August, 2022

The following Annual Reports were tabled and accepted by all present.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

This last year has had it's challengers, several meetings were held at Mitchell's Island Hall, as we coped with social distancing and Covid requirements.

It has been good being back at the library, I'm appreciative of the friendship and support we receive from the Librarians.

Thanks to Kay for the help in organising the journals.

Our barbeques have ceased as we have a shortage of volunteers amongst our ageing members. Thank you to Janine for sending out the rosters.

Greg Golden from Golden Age Media continues to support our IT, Greg is always willing to help when contacted.

I would like to thank the Committee for their continuing support and I hope that we can continue to be the progressive Family History Society we have been for the past thirty seven years.

**Barbara Waters, Secretary.**

#### **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

We have had a pretty steady year with purchases of our Cemetery Books worth \$479 and Pioneer Registers worth \$65, total Publications sold gave us \$544 into our Bank Account.

Assistant Librarian Kay continues the indexing of journals that we receive. She also volunteers with the "Find A Grave" group on data input and photographing cemeteries, as well as helping Wal from our Research Team to prepare the Gilwarra Cemetery Book update.

Our Resources Library is in good shape with a couple of new acquisitions being added to the shelves, as well as benefitting from Lifeline Taree donations of family history books, handed into their store, that we can on sell, donating half the sale price back to Lifeline.

Reports prepared for the end of June 2022 show our Resources Library value at \$92,212.44, our Equipment Stock value at \$6,563.75 and value of our publications currently ready for sale at \$1,111.00.

We have subscribed to receive 2 magazines per year from Manning Valley Historical Society in Wingham. This costs us \$22 per year including postage. These are accessioned as a bulk lot under DH:178R and make great reading.

I have enjoyed working for the 12 months as your Librarian.

**Sue Robinson, Librarian.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30th June 2022

Hullo everyone. Again, we have experienced a disrupted year with the Covid19 pandemic. Our October '21, November '21 and February '22 meetings were held with minimum numbers at Mitchell's Island Hall, as we were unable to access Mid Coast Library. A donation of \$75.00 was made to the Mitchells Island Hall Committee. Also due to Covid19 our membership to NSWACTAFHS was waived for 2021/2022.

**Our income for 2021/2022** was down from the previous year, though we still made an overall profit of \$665.32. Membership fees came in at \$1821.50, Cemetery Book sales were up at \$479.00, Pioneer Book Sales were down at \$65.00. Research Income sky rocketed to a whopping \$506.80 so well done to our Research Team. Donations this year were from Tim Stack \$300.00 and Morning Tea \$52.15 totalling \$352.15. Disappointingly, we were only able to hold one Bunnings BBQ this year which brought in \$560.35 this included \$7.10 for Cash for Cans. Many thanks goes out to Graeme Rose for emptying all out-of-date drinks and cashing them in. Sundries were \$624.87 (for further details of sundries see below).

**Our Expenses for 2021-2022** came in the way of \$25.00, one of our members paid twice, Donation to Mitchells Island Hall Committee \$75.00, Catering for AGM held at Mitchells Island Hall \$60.80. Admin \$987.25 split up between Sharp Electronics (trading as Holiday Coast Office) for maintaining our printer. Paper and office expenses \$569.67, Australia Post \$219.58 and Golden Age Media \$198.00 for website hosting for 12 months and Sundries \$2596.30.

### **Sundries Breakup:**

**Income \$624.87**—re-banking of Bunnings BBQ Float \$500.00, Sale of Generations charts \$20.00, Sales of Surplus Publications \$45.00. We received \$59.87 being the first payment received from the Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership Program, this is calculated at 1% of the average bank balance of our S3 and S3.1 Community Partnership Accounts, plus any Regional Australia Bank accounts where the owners have selected us to receive 1% of their average Community Partnership accounts—paid by the bank. Investment accounts are not included.

**Expenditure \$2596.30**—Float for Bunnings BBQ \$500.00, Auditing Fees \$132.00, Fair Trading \$48.00, P.O. Box renewal \$139.00, Davnico Storage Unit \$1080.00, plus memberships to State and National Societies totalling \$201.00 and Insurance \$426.30, transfer to S3.1 account of \$70.00 to cover Registration & Raffle Tickets for NSWACTFHS Virtual Conference.

**Our 3.1 Debit Card Account** charges held steady at \$9.24 per month so for the year costs were \$110.88 plus \$70.00 payment for Registration & Raffle Tickets for NSWACTFHS Virtual Conference.

**Our Investment Account** held steady at \$11802.17. This Term Savings Account will mature on 15 May 2023 at an interest rate of \$0.65%pa.

I think this explains where our Society stands monetary wise to the end of June 2022.

I would like to thank all who have assisted me this last year especially those Rostered Duty Members who receipt monies received at the library and to our "Mail Boy" Graeme Rose for keeping the pony express operating both during and after Covid closures

**Lorraine Martin, Treasurer.**

## **RESEARCH REPORT**

I would like to thank the team of helpers—Kay, Barbara and Sue for their support and efforts during the year. I would also like to give a big thank you to Sue for her clerical abilities / expertise in keeping the team functioning. The requests processed during the year have been approximately 30, the value to the Society can be seen in the financial reports. Sale of research materials added to the research requests and made the year very successful.

**Wal Horsburgh**

## **ISOLATED and UNMARKED GRAVES REPORT**

Over the past year we have worked on consolidating the database for isolated and unmarked graves into one document. Thank you to Sue Langdown for her research. All future information will come straight to us and we will work on just this one master database document. Articles in Figtree and the Harrington Tell Everybody newsletter did not result in any new information. Project by Harrington Lions Club on Pilot Hill Cemetery is nearing completion. Part of the fence was moved to allow for the placement of crosses for 2 unmarked graves. These were for Dennis Cochran and Richard Guy. A plaque has been installed for baby Maxwell Muir on his mother's grave and a plaque is being considered for the unmarked grave of Captain Powell who was the first Pilot at the Harrington Pilot Station.

**Graeme and Pam Jarman**

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

Owing to Covid concerns opportunities for social activities were limited. Christmas Lunch for 2021 was at Mitchells Island Hall in conjunction with our December meeting. Meet and Greet went ahead early in 2022 which gave members the opportunity to once again join in a society activity.

**Pam Jarman**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Vicki Fletcher advised that membership for the year was currently at 80.

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

I couldn't let the opportunity go by without a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to the "Figtree" over the past 12 months, your contributions are always welcome, they don't have to be a lengthy family story (although that would be nice!). An interesting snippet from a newspaper, a poem or a research "hint" that you have come across, that has helped you and could very well be of benefit to someone else.

Just email your submission to our Secretary and it will find it's way to me.

**Joan Irvine, Figtree Editor**

**Graeme Jarman then took the chair for the Annual Elections**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022-2023

President	Ken Beeton	Research Officers	Wal Horsburgh
Vice Presidents	Graeme Rose		Sue Robinson
	George Sawyer		Kay Brooke
Secretary	Barbara Waters	Librarian & Publications	Sue Robinson
Minutes Secretary	Joan Irvine	Asst. Librarian	Kay Brooke
M'Ship Secretary	Vicki Fletcher	Social Committee	Graeme & Pam Jarman
Treasurer	Lorraine Martin	Publicity Officer	Vicki Fletcher
Asst. Treasurer	Graeme Jarman	Duty Roster	Janine Roberts

Isolated & Unmarked Graves - Graeme & Pam Jarman

Newsletter Editor—Joan Irvine

Public Officer—Lyn Haynes

### ***The Growing Years—Taree***

#### ***And the Mayor said: 'Let there be light!'***

*The following extract appeared in the Manning River Times dated May 19, 1900:*

***'Lighting the Town.*** At the fortnightly meeting of the Taree Municipal Council, held on Wednesday night last, it was decided to make the first definite move in the matter of lighting the streets of Taree, and an acetylene gas lamp is to be erected at the intersection of Victoria and Pulteney Streets as soon as possible. The lamp-post will be of iron, with a generator in the base, as recommended by ex-Alderman Manners of Sydney, who very kindly reported on the matter for the Council.

*The cost of the lamp is £8.10.0 and after the month's trial, if the light should prove satisfactory, additional lamps of a similar description will be placed at the intersection of other leading thoroughfares, as the undertaking would not be an expensive one.*

*The necessity of having our streets lighted has been felt for some years past, and the step that the Mayor and Aldermen have taken is one that will be heartily endorsed by the ratepayers.*

*The Mayor (Mr. J. Thompson, JP) is to be commended for the action he has taken on the matter.*

*This picture is Mr. Poole, who had the title 'Lighter of Taree's street lamps' going about his business at dusk"*



## **RESEARCH SERVICE**

Research Forms can be downloaded from Society Website

<http://manningwallambafhs.com.au/>

Initial Research Enquiry

\$20.00 including up to 2 hours research and limited photocopying, to the value of \$5.00

Extra microfilm copying \$1.00 per page. Additional

Research \$10 per hour



## **HAVE YOU HIT A BRICKWALL?**

The FigTree is issued 4 times a year, so please feel free to send in any query you may have and it will be included in the next issue.

Our Journal is not only distributed to you, our members, but to other Societies throughout Australia and Overseas.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE**

Family Membership      \$33.50

Single Membership      \$25.00

This renewal fee will not apply to new members who have recently joined

The membership renewal form is available from our room at Taree Library during our normal operating times -

Monday-Saturday 10.00am to 12 noon or alternatively can be downloaded from the Society's web page

## **THE HOWELL & CASTLIO FAMILIES**

**Submitted by Nancy Dixon (Howell)**

Unlike so many of our ancestral stories that start in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, before the people involved head to Australia either courtesy of the British Government or those migrating seeking a better life “down under”, Nancy’s ancestors, The Howell Family, traces its origin to, she believes is a Welsh family’s desire for opportunity, land and education, in what was to become the United States of America. Before I begin their journey I must point out that Nancy migrated to Australia from the US in 1965, the result of having an Australian pen pal at age 16 for three years. They are still in close contact after all these years. Nancy lives in the Manning Region and is a member of the Manning Wallamba Family History Society. Nancy has in her possession original hand written diaries and copies of the stories told to her Howell-Castlio Descendants by Serena Castlio Hays the wife of Daniel Berry Hays, a great-great grandson of Daniel Boone and the great-granddaughter of two of the pioneers – Francis Howell Sr and John Castlio, and it is from these that I hope, this abridged version, does justice to their content.

For generations the migratory paths of the Howells and Boones had run parallel – from the British Isles to Pennsylvania, to North Carolina, to Missouri and there the two families were bound by many, many intermarriages.

The Howell family apparently began their odyssey when three Howell brothers and three sisters left their ancestral home in Lancillo, bound for the New World by sailing vessel, embarking from Gravensend, England in the year 1684 and in March 1685 debarked at Norfolk on the east coast of North America. They made their way to Chester County, Pennsylvania and as a family settled in Whiteland Township on a tract of land surveyed to Francis, the eldest of the six siblings. It was here that Francis, Thomas, Mary, John, Elizabeth and Susan began their struggle to wrest new lives from the virgin soil of their adopted homeland.

Over the next hundred years Howell offspring, as British Colonial subjects, migrated southward along the east coast of what ultimately became the United States of America. Howell descendants gradually drifted from Pennsylvania to Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina and finally in 1795 to the Upper Louisiana Territory.

It was around this time that Francis Howell Sr. heard the rumour that Colonel Daniel Boone had sent his eldest surviving son, Daniel Morgan Boone, westward beyond the Mississippi in search of game filled fertile land. Some thirty years earlier (1769) John Howell, father of Francis Howell Sr. an acquaintance of Daniel Boone, had missed his opportunity to share in the initial exploration of the “Kaintuck” Territory. His son Francis Sr. Immediately began making preparations for his own great adventure. He did not want to live in regret, as his father had done.

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## THE HOWELL & CASTLIO FAMILIES (Continued)

In 1795/6, well in advance of Daniel Boone's anticipated journey, Francis Howell Snr. (1762-1834) and his wife Susannah Stone (1763-1826) came from North Carolina where they were married, together with their seven children (John, Thomas, Sarah, Nancy, Newton, Francis Jr. and Benjamin) brother-in-law John Buford Stone and several other families and made the long arduous, overland trek from North Carolina to the little village of St. Louis on the Mississippi, at that time the western border of the United States. Francis and Susannah had another three children after they arrived in St. Louis - Susannah, Lewis and James.

Nancy Howell (Callaway Castlio) though quite small remembered things which took place in their travels to St. Louis and relates the following incident.

*"...They had to travel a dangerous part of the country (from Indians) and required two days to get through. Consequently, had to spend one night in the dangerous section. She said they travelled sometime in the night to keep the Indians from tracking them should they happen on their trail. They camped, made a fire, cooked and ate their supper. When they went to bed, they took the women and children 20 or 30 yards to one side to sleep, telling them if the Indians fired on the camp to lie still and not stir. The men folks watched, standing guard, but fortunately they were not molested nor disturbed. The next day they got through the dangerous portion and finished their journey without incidents of danger...*

*".....St Louis at that time was a small French Village. Since most of the people were fur traders, the Spanish Lieutenant-Governor offered Pa forty acres, in what is now the heart of the city, if he would teach the French to farm. But Pa wasn't interested in the offer for he wanted to settle in Bon Homme Bottom on the south bank of the Missouri River. There, near the tiny hamlet of St. Andrews, the Howells built a log cabin, cleared land, farmed, raised their seven children*

*We stayed there a few years, and it seemed that some of us always had chills and fever. Then one spring a flood came. During the years we were living in Bon Homme Bottom, Pa often crossed the river to look over the land on this side. Our illness and that flood convinced Pa that he didn't want bottom land..."*

*He received a grant of 640 acres in the Dardenne Township, soon to be known as **Howell Prairie**, at first under the flag of Imperial Spain, the Lilies of France and finally (as a result of the Louisiana Purchase) under the "Stars and Bars" of the United States of America. It was here that he built the fort where the family lived until it was safe to move into a house. The fort, compared to Boonesborough, was small, but it was large enough to give ample protection to the settlers whenever they sought refuge there. .*

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## **THE HOWELL & CASTLIO FAMILIES (Continued)**

The fort stood on a hill near a spring enclosed by hewed logs, which in the memory of the oldest settlers never failed even in the driest seasons. Above the big spring were three “wet weather springs” to take care of the overflow of the main spring..

Evidentially, this spring had been used by the Indians for many years, for Mr. Sylvester Burgermeister, whose mother owned the Francis Howell farm in 1940, said that chips of flint from the making of arrowheads from local flint rocks, were found all about the spring and it was not unusual to pick up arrow heads anywhere on the farm.

About one hundred yards east of the Fort was the house – the oldest frame house in Howell’s Prairie – the framework of which was large hewed logs pegged together. No nails were used. The spaces between the studding were filled in with home-made bricks which in later years, due to weather and age, seemed to have reverted to dry mud and hair. The foundation of the original section of the house was six feet thick.

From 1800 until 1940 this homestead belonged first to three generations of Howells and then to three generations of Burgermeisters.

Francis Howell’s vision of the future proved to be a reality. In that part of St. Charles County known as “Crow’s Nest”, the translation of an Indian term meaning high point, his descendants to the fifth and sixth generation lived, converting the wilderness into a quiet rural community wherein were their homes, churches and schools.

On a hillside not far from the fort and the spring, in time the bodies of Francis Howell Snr. and Susannah Stone Howell lay, their graves blanketed with bluegrass in the spring and with snow in the winter. The silence of the little family graveyard was broken only by the songs of birds and occasionally by the creaking of a wagon as it jogged along the road at the foot of the hill.

Today numerous descendants and relatives of Thomas Howell rest in this prairie cemetery, now known as Francis Howell Cemetery.

During the War of 1812 sons of Francis Howell Snr. served as members of the St. Charles Rangers, protecting settlers from Indian raids. Benjamin served as a Captain and Thomas and Francis Jnr. served as privates. Captain James Richard Callaway a grandson of Daniel and Rebecca Bryan Boone, married Nancy Howell on the 9 May 1805. However, on the 7 March 1815, he was killed by Indians at Loutre Creek in Montgomery Country, leaving Nancy a widow with three small children. Three years later in 1818 Nancy Howell Callaway married John Harrison Castlio. John and Nancy went on to raise a further six children of their own.

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## **THE HOWELL & CASTLIO FAMILIES (Continued)**

The children of Francis Howell, the founder of the Howell family in Missouri and his wife Susannah Stone Howell –

John Howell, married (a) Grace Baldridge; (2) Sally Keele; (3) Joanna B Reeder

Thomas Howell married Susannah Callaway, daughter of Jemima Boone Callaway

Sarah Howell married William Stewart, a follower of Daniel Boone into Missouri

Nancy Howell married (1) James Callaway son of Jemima Boone Callaway;  
(2) John Harrison Castlio

**Newton Howell** married (1) Rachael Zumwalt Long ; (2) Adelia A Farris (**My Line**)

Col. Francis Howell Jnr. Married Mary Meeke Ramsey "Polly"

Capt. Benjamin Howell married Mahala Castlio, sister of John H Castlio

Susannah L Howell married Larkin S Callaway son of Jemima Boone Callaway

Lewis Howell married Serena Lamme Granddaughter of Jamima Boone Callaway

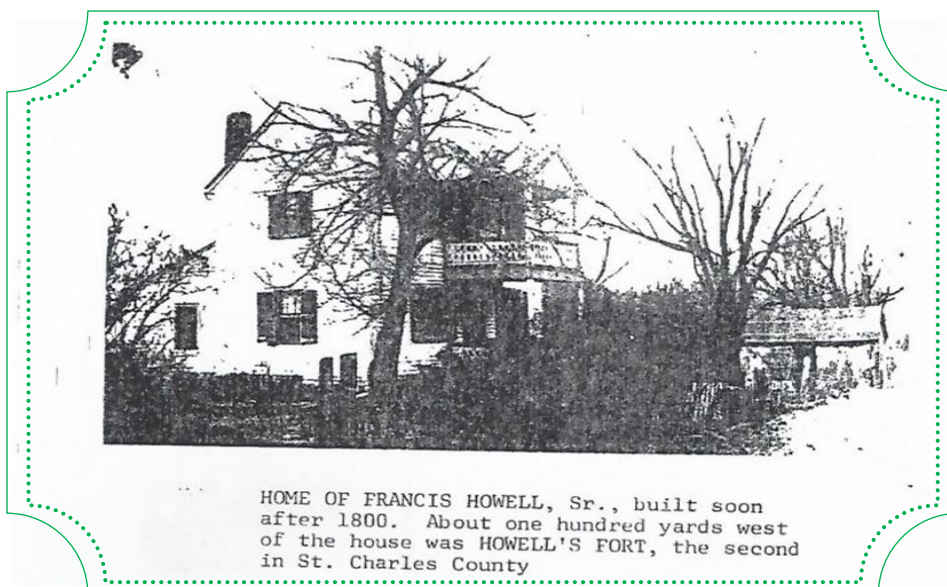
James Flangherty Howell married Isabel Morris.

Reference:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~moboonhs/howell/howell.html>

Crow's Nest by Lilian Hayes Oliver

There is a lot more to this family story and to do it justice it will be continued in the next Issue or two!



## HISTORICAL DOCUMENT

The following newspaper article was recently found amongst a bundle of old books and papers handed in to a local Taree "Op Shop". The article had been cut out and as a result I have no idea of the publication date or paper it was published in, but I feel well worth the read.

A family whose ancestors founded Taree, have in their possession a letter written by Sir Francis Drake, in July, 1588.

The letter is addressed to "The Right Honourable the Lord Henry Seymour, Admiral of Her Majesty's Navy in the Narrow Seas or in absence to Sir William Wynter. Knight.

Sir William Wynter, a paymaster in the British Navy, was an ancestor of the Wynters, who were first given a Crown Grand of land in Taree.

Throughout the years, the letter has been handed down to each generation of the Wynter family,

The letter reads: *"Right Honourable and my Very Good Lord—I am commanded by my very good Lord, the Lord Admiral to send you the cravel In haste with this letter, giving your Lordship to understand that the Army of Spain arrived upon our coast the 20th of this present.*

*The 21st we had them in chase and so coming up unto them there hath passed some cannon shot between some of our fleet and some of them, and as far as we perceive they are determined to sell their lives with blows.*

*Whereupon His Lordship hath commanded me to write unto your Lordship and Sir William Wynter that those ships serving under your charge should be put into the best and strongest manner you may, and ready to assist his Lordship for the better encountering of them in these parts where you are now.*

*In the meantime, what His Lordship and the rest here following him may do shall be surely performed.*

*His Lordship hath commanded me to write his hearty commendations to your Lordship and Sir William Wynter, Sir Henry Palmer and all the rest of these honourable gentlemen serving under you with the like, beseeching God of His mercy, to give Her Majesty our Gracious Sovereign, always victory against her enemies.*

*Written aboard her majesty's good ship the "Revenge" off to start the 21st late of the evening 1588.*

*Your good Lordship's poor friend ready to be commanded.*

Francis Drake

*This letter, my honourable good lord, is sent in haste. The Fleet of Spaniards is somewhat above a hundred sails, many great ships. But truly I think not half of them men-o-wars.*

*Haste.*

*Your Lordship's assured.  
Francis Drake"*



## NADA HASKAS

### “The Depression and Ox Tail Soup”

The following article appeared in ‘lifetimes’ date unknown

*Going to school without shoes during the Depression, riding the cream boat along the Manning River, relying on a horse and buggy to get to hospital in an emergency – Taree’s Nada Haskas, pictured right, has a lifetime of memories. Nada shared with “Times” readers some of her memories of growing up in the Manning in the 1930s.....*

Nada’s mother Emily and father Fraser Johnson bought lot 20 at Melinga during the 1920s and built a home where they began farming.

Her father was a merchant seaman, spending 60 years sailing along the Australian coastline. He originally hailed from the Scottish Island of Muckle Roe, while her mother was Australian.

From the time she was born, Nada had an association with the Manning Valley, travelling from Sydney to Langley Vale to visit aunts, uncles and cousins. Nada also used to travel with her father on some of the ships he worked on as they sailed between Sydney and Narooma. She recalls seeing ship wrecks high in the rucks near Nowra.



The last trip we made was from Narooma to Sydney. Sydney Harbour Bridge was a quarter built then and they would put the ships up on Morts dock to scrape the bottom.

When the family decided to move to the Manning they boarded a ship and sailed to Forster, which took three weeks by the time all the cargo had been dropped off at the ports of call, before arriving on the farm at Melinga in 1929.

The first school Nada attended was at Langley Vale, with her cousins, before she asked to be moved to Taree Public School, transported by steam train.

The family was living at a saw mill a Melinga when Nada had an accident. She was climbing up a paling fence but when she lent back to pick some fruit from a nearby tree the fence snapped in half and Nada ended up with a large splinter in her back.

Her father took her to Dr. Stokes in Taree by horse and buggy. At the time the new iron bridge was being constructed over Dawson River, but it had not been opened yet, with the wooden bridge still in use.

There was nothing to say the new bridge was open but the horse would not go across the wooden bridge, stamping and refusing to move. Her father checked out the new bridge and discovered it open and the horse went across without a problem.

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### **NAFDA HASKAS – The Depression and Ox Tail Soup” Continued**

Nada recalls that when her father’s ship used to tie up at the old wharf at Taree she used to sit on the pylon and talk to him. It was at this time that the Depression hit the community. Nada recalls the difficulties it imposed:

*“I was hungry, but we used to get a bowl of ox-tail soup at the old church hall in Manning Street for one penny. I came to school in the middle of winter with just my panties and a dress, I had no shoes. My school teacher gave me one of her overcoats to cut down, which my mother did.”*

Times were tough during the Depression. People built bark huts out of iron bark and beds by running two poles together and running potato bags over the poles. When there was no toilet paper we’d use newspaper or labels off jam tins. We used to cut the newspaper into squares and hang it on nails.

Nada recalls having to leave home at 7am by buggy and horse to shop in Taree. We used to tie the horse and buggy up behind the Elite Café in the park, with a nose-bag-on.

*Before the RSL Club was built there was a square of Morton Bay Fig Trees with lattice in between. It was called Greentrees Pie and Tea Place. They had pies, sandwiches and tea made on a kerosene oven and there were bench seats and tables. You had to cover your tea over to stop figs from dropping in.*

*In those days the railway had one carriage train run by battery. If I didn’t catch the goods train home at 3pm the next train didn’t arrive until 8.30pm. So I didn’t get home until 9.30pm by the time I walked home through a bush track.”*

Nada remembers watching movies in the old picture theatre on the corner of Albert and Manning streets, where she went to see Shirley Temple in “Poor Little Rich Girl”.

The block on which the Railway Bowling Club now stands was once very different. Nada remembers when the block was all bushland with a natural creek flowing through.

*“The railway yard was extended by blowing up the trees with dynamite. I used to sit on the railway seat watching the dynamite blast into the air.”*

At lunchtime at school, the students could buy food such as ice creams from a horse-drawn cart outside the school. A dozen pieces of fruit cost one penny, bread rolls with salad fillings were two pennies.

When Nada turned 14 there were no jobs in Taree, so her mother moved the family to Randwick in Sydney. Nada took a sewing job which paid two shillings and sixpence per week. She worked at the Dahdah Factory in Cleveland Street, Sydney making shirts and pyjamas for soldiers during the war.

*“I became an industrial machinist of 50 years experience. I got married, raised my family and then came back to Taree in 1983 to live permanently.”*

## The Community Partnership Program



Our Society banks with the Regional Australia Bank and as part of their **Community Partnership Program** we recently received the sum of \$31.04. (The very low interest rates this past year has reflected on the amount we received.)

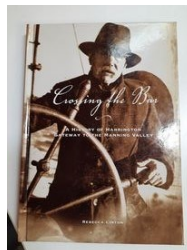
The **Community Partnership Program** allows their members to support their local community simply by transacting with a selected savings account and by approaching any staff member can nominate their choice of organisation from their list - **naturally this would be MWFHS Inc!!!**

For recipient organisation accounts, the bank will donate the equivalent of 0.40% of the average annual balance to recipient organisations supporting themselves.

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The Manning Valley Landscape & Settlement 1824-1900. W.K. Birrell	\$50.00 plus postage
VOICES—a folk history of the Manning Valley. Helen Hannah	\$15.00 plus postage
A Line on the Manning. Graeme Payne	\$15.00 plus postage
Past Days Around the Manning. Compiled by John Doust	\$15.00 plus postage
The Good Old Days from Barrington to Harrington and around the Great Lakes By Jim Revitt	\$25.00 plus postage
The Good Old Days Along the Manning River and Great Lakes. Jim Revitt	\$25.00 plus postage
North Sydney Sketch book—Allan Gamble and Ngair Souter.	\$ 5.00 plus postage

Crossing The Bar -



\$40.00 plus postage

Also, our website [manningwallambafhs.com.au](http://manningwallambafhs.com.au) has the full list of Burial Records Available for sale,  
as well as -

Pre 1860 Pioneer Register - Book 1 \$32.50 + \$12.50 p&p

Pre 1860 Pioneer Register – Book 2 \$32.50 + \$12.50 p&p



Or for further details you can contact our Secretary—[secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au](mailto:secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au)

## WORLD WAR 1 PERSONNEL RECORDS - ABBREVIATIONS

### RANKS NO LONGER USED

Ab/Dvr	Able Bodied Driver
AM	Aircraft Mechanic
Far	Farrier
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
MT/Dvr	Mechanical Transport Driver
PO	Petty Officer (Naval Bridging Train only)
S/Smith	Shoeing Smith
Whr	Wheeler

### GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

AOC	Army Ordnance Corps
Arty	Artillery
ASC	Army Service Corps
Bde	Brigade
Bn	Battalion
Bty	Battery
Coy	Company
Cps	Corps
Div	Division
Engrs	Engineers
GSW	Gun Show Wound
HMAT	His Majesty's Aust T'port
HQ	Headquarters
HS	Hospital Ship
HT	Hired Transport
Int	Infantry
M/I	Marched In
M/O	Marched Out
NYD	Not Yet Determined/Diagnosed
Pnrs	Pioneers
PUO	Pyrexia of Unknown Origin
Regt	Regiment
Sig	Signals
Sqn	Squadron
SW	Shrapnel Wound
TOS	Taken on Strength
Tp	Troop

### WORLDWAR 1 UNITS

AAH	Aust. Axillary Hospital
AAMC	Aust. Army Medical Corps
AANS	Aust. Army Nursing Service
AASC	Aust. Army Service Corps
ADBD	Aust. Divisional Base Depot
ADH	Aust. Dermatological Hosp.
AFA	Aust. Field Artillery
AFC	Aust. Flying Corps
AGBD	Aust General Base Depot
AGH	Aust General Hospital
AIBD	Aust. Infantry Base Depot
AIR	Aust. Imperial Force
AL Rwy	Aust Light Railway
AMGBD	Aust. Machine Gun Base Depot
AMTS	Aust. Mechanical T'port Service
AN&MEF	Aust. Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (New Guinea)
ANZAC Cyc Coy/Cn	ANZAC Cyclist Company/Battalion
ANZAC Mtd Reg.	ANZAC Mounted Regiment
ASH	Australian Stationary Hospital
AVES	Australian Vet. Evacuating Stn.
AVH	Australian Veterinary Hospital
BEF	British Expeditionary Force (Belgium, France, England)
BGROC	Broad Gauge Railway
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station

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## WORLD WAR 1 PERSONNEL RECORDS - ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

Con Dep	Convalescent Depot
DAC	Division Ammunition Column
Den Cps	Dental Corps
DSC	Divisional Supply Column
EEF	Egyptian Expeditionary Force (Egypt, Sinai, Palestine)
EMM& B Coy	Electrical and Mechanical Mining and Boring Company
F Amb	Field Ambulance
FAB	Field Artillery Brigade
FCE	Field Company Engineers
GSR	General Service Reinforcements
ICC	Imperial Camel Corps
L/M/H	Light/Medium/Heavy Trench Motor Battery
LGROC	Light Gauge Railway Operating Co
LH Bde	Light Horse Brigade
LHRR	Light Horse Reserve Regiment
LHTR	Light Horse Training Regiment
M Vet Sec	Mobile Veterinary Section
MEF	Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (Gallipoli)
MG Coy/Sqn/Bn	Machine Gun Company/Squadron/Battalion
RAA	Royal Australian Artillery
RAE	Royal Australian Engineers
RANBT	Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train
RBAA	Reserve Brigade Australia Artillery
RMT Unit	Remount Unit
RSD	Railhead Supply Detachment
SAN Sect	Sanitation Section
SB	Siege Battery
Sig Tp	Signals Troop
STS	Sea Transport Staff
Tun Coy	Tunnelling Company
Vet Sect	Veterinary Section



## A LITTLE BIT OF TRIVIA

# PINK BEDCLOTHES FOR HEALTH

## Colour Treatment While You Sleep

Health treatment while you sleep seems to be a new possibility, thanks to the introduction of coloured sheets, pillow-cases and bolster slips.

Instead of the time-honoured white bed-linen, some is being produced in yellow, pink, and pastel shades of blue, green and mauve.

"Coloured blankets have been in use for some time, but the introduction of coloured sheets and pillow-cases is a much greater advance, because these come in direct contact with the sleeper," a colour expert told a correspondent.

"Few people realise the effect of colour on health. Used wisely, colour has a high therapeutic value.

### CURE BY COLOUR

"As we spend one-third of our lives in bed, what better opportunity have we of using colour for healing purposes than when we go to sleep?"

"Women have always been able to make use of colours for health purposes, but men's clothes forbid such a practice."

This little gem was submitted by Pam Jarman, where it came from originally and/or what publication it first appeared in is unknown, although, I think it is fair to say, it wasn't recent!

"Men often wear a piece of cloth of the desired colour beneath their clothes so as to derive benefit from its healing properties.

"Every colour sends out its own peculiar rays, and these rays, by falling directly on the body, may be beneficial.

"A great many ailments are due primarily to disorders of the nerve system, and it is on the nerves that colour rays have their most ameliorative effect.

"To sleep between sheets of a certain colour is equivalent to giving the body an eight-hour colour bath. The sleeping-suit should be of the same colour as the sheets and pillow-case.

### PINK TONIC

"A highly-strung, over-excitable nature needs toning down by blue-ray treatment. A person of this temperament should use blue sheets. Blankets of the same shade will be helpful.

"For stimulating mental activity, yellow is helpful, while green encourages mental concentration.

"For brightening up, there is no better shade than pink. Most people will find pink the best colour.

"It is invigorating, but not unduly so; and it helps one to feel fresh and bright as soon as one awakens."

Coloured blankets may now be had in the following shades: Pink, Blue, Apple Green, Champagne, and Yellow.