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COMING EVENTS:

Saturday 18 June 2011 at 2.00pm

We're having a social get together so come along and catch up with each other over afternoon tea. Lovely pumpkin soup and fresh bread will be provided. And please bring a plate.

Family History Week – 29 July to 7 August 2011

The WFHS premises will be open all days from Monday 1st to Sunday 7th August.

Wangaratta Heritage Festival – 1 August to 14 August 2011

WFHS will be open during the 1st week (Family History Week) of this event. During that time all members and visitors will be welcome to undertake family research at WFHS premises and also join us for a free lunch on a day to be advised.

Other community groups are arranging a car trail; photos of unknown people to be displayed for identification by the community; antiques appraisal; cemetery walk; RCoW bike event on the bike trails; and women of Wangaratta event.

Seniors Festival - Saturday 1 October to Thursday 13 October 2011



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

-  Kathleen Toal
-  Gary Toal
-  Kathleen Cairns
-  Peter Wallington Ham
-  Jacqueline Mary Callinan
-  Naomi Anne Bull
-  Malcolm Aldridge (returning member)
-  Christine Heard.



ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS & OTHERS:

President: Peter Sewell

Treasurer: Val McPherson

Secretary: Cheryl Price

Other committee members:

- Ray McKenzie
- Jayson Pratt
- Don Pollard.

Auditor: Norm Kenny of Kerr Andison and Kenny Pty Ltd.

Public Officer: Cheryl Price.

Threads Newsletter: Cheryl Price and Anne Davidson.



HAVE A QUERY OR WISH TO MAKE A SUGGESTION?

Contact:

- Peter Sewell, President, on 03 5721 3661 or
- Cheryl Price, Secretary, on 03 5721 5906.

You can also email us on info@wfhs.org.au.



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NEWS OF OUR PREMISES etc:

The lease of our premises has recently been renewed with the Rural City of Wangaratta and will take us up to March 2014. Also, the Society has approached the council about the possibility of arranging disability access.

The following snippets were found in some of our old newsletters:

- in 1985 we were known as 'The Wangaratta Family Research Group' located at the LDS Genealogical Library.
- in 1988 we were incorporated and obtained insurance coverage for public liability for the first time.
- in 1989 we were affiliated to the GSV and called ourselves 'The Wangaratta Branch of the Victorian Genealogical Society'. Purchased our first microfiche reader.
- in 1990 our newsletter called *Threads* 'as this is a mill town – Bruck & Woollen mills – hence the name of our newsletter'.
- in 1991 we were called the Wangaratta Genealogical Society Inc.



WODONGA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY is holding a seminar:

*LARRIKINS, LAWBREAKERS, HEROES?
COLONIAL/AUSTRALIAN IRISH LIVES*

9:00 am to 4:00 pm 30th July, 2011
Felltimber Community Centre, Melrose Drive,
Wodonga. Well known genealogists Shauna Hicks
and Professor Jeff Brownrigg will be guest speakers.

Cost of seminar will be \$30.00 or \$25.00 for early birds who pay by 30th June 2011. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included.

To register, forward payments to the W. F. H. S. Inc. at P. O. Box 289, Wodonga, Vic., 3689. If you require further information contact secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org or call 0260563220 or 0260241591.



IN MEMORIAM

Mike Gardiner of Wangaratta, a long term member and committee member, passed away on 15th March 2011.

Max Dyer of Bairnsdale passed away on 7th March 2011.



LIBRARY NEWS:

Work continues on our hardcopy library and update of the catalogue. As always, members can still use those resources when they visit our rooms.

Some of our new CDs:

Passenger Lists – Victoria, Australia Outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923.

New Zealand Burial Locator version 2.

Australian Women in War (Dept of Veterans' Affairs).



REUNION:

The descendants of George Sewell, a convict who arrived in 1814, are invited to gather in the Southern Highlands of NSW on the weekend commencing 5th November 2011. Contact Stan Gordon of 8 Linden Ave, Toormina, NSW 2452; Ph 02 6658 7955; email pops.patch@bigpond.com.



OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Thank You to our great group of volunteers.

We encourage and welcome all members who would like to be involved in any of the many aspects of the work within the Society.



PUBLICATIONS:

Bowmans Forest Cemetery CD	\$ 60
Wangaratta Cemetery CD	\$ 77
Wangaratta Honour Boards	\$ 20
"Old News Today" <i>Incl postage</i>	\$ 27
<i>a collection of snippets from the Ovens & Murray Advertiser and Corryong Courier 1875 – 1900,</i>	



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or the Website www.wfhs.org.au

PROJECTS:

The Wangaratta Hospital Admissions 1885-1906 Project is nearly finalised and will soon be ready for us to make arrangements to launch the CD.

Updates to project plans for the following remaining projects are being undertaken:

- district cemeteries,
- funeral directors records,
- some school records,
- honour boards, and
- servicemen and women.

Please remember we have a **Members Interest Database** so let us know what names you are researching so they can be added in and made available to others who may be researching the same names.



GRAVE OF BENNELONG:

THE grave site of one of Australia's most famous historic figures has been pinpointed in a quiet Sydney suburb almost 200 years after his death.

The final resting place of Woollarawarre Bennelong - the first indigenous Australian to live amongst white settlers - was located under a family's front yard in Putney in north-western Sydney after an extensive search by an academic and the local council.

'We knew Bennelong was buried in the area but it's always been an urban legend in terms of where,' said Dr Peter Mitchell, honorary associate professor of physical geography at Macquarie University.

Although the Sydney-based newspaper published a photograph of the front garden of the property, its exact location will remain secret until the council can verify the find with members of Bennelong's tribe, the Wangal.

'We'll make sure we get the elders there and make sure we do the right thing by the Aboriginal community,' local Councillor Vic Tagg told Australian public broadcaster the ABC.

Source : Sydney Morning Herald

INTERESTING WANGARATTA CEMETERY 1898 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE



The Mercury (Hobart, Tasmania) Monday 10 January 1898

Intercolonial Telegram: from Melbourne papers - Victoria - Wangaratta January 6

'A curious condition of things has developed in connection with the local cemetery. A new Sexton has recently been appointed, and it has transpired that the former holder of the office had not adjusted his books and plan for several years. A resident of Oxley, who had two children buried in the Wangaratta cemetery many years ago, lately lost his wife, and his desire to have her remains interred beside those of her children. The sexton compared the books with the deed, and the plan with both, but could not find a 'vacant' allotment to correspond with that shown to be held by the applicant. In his dilemma he opened the grave alongside one where an 'unknown' child had been buried, but when the funeral reached the cemetery the bereaved husband insisted that the wrong grave had been prepared, and pointed out with great positiveness the place where his children had been buried. The sexton produced the plan and showed clearly that if the ground claimed was correct the number on the deed did not correspond with the books or plan. However, the husband prevailed, and the internment took place. It now transpires that not a single allotment in the whole cemetery corresponds with the plan! The whole subject has given rise to very grave doubt and anxiety amongst those who have parents, children, or friends buried in the cemetery. Some indication of the extent of the present tangle may be gleaned when it is stated that one parent has been laying tributes of regard and tokens of memory on a grave 29 sections removed from that which contained the remains of his child.'

Article at <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/page/844778?zoomLevel=1>

From the editor:-

- The current Sexton of the Wangaratta Cemetery, Paul Mossholland, was advised of the above article and commented that where burials occurred between 1849 and 1862 and there are no headstones, the specific location of those graves within the cemetery are unknown but their general location is known. This occurred because there are no records of specific burial location, or there are discrepancies within the records for that period of time. Burial records after 1862 are more accurate and many Victorian cemeteries have similar problems with old records.
- Also, the following statement is included in the Introduction of the Wangaratta Cemetery CD produced by our Society in partnership with the Wangaratta Cemetery Trust: 'Every endeavour has been made to present accurate information, however the Society acknowledges that there may be errors and omissions of which it is not aware. Both the Wangaratta Family History Society Inc. and the Wangaratta Cemetery Trust take no responsibility for any inaccuracies contained in the CD nor for any of that information being enacted upon.'



ANDREW AND LYDIA GOODWIN (NEE MUNRO)



This article follows on from the one titled 'LYDIA MUNRO, THE LAST OF THE 'FIRST FLEETERS' TO DIE IN AUSTRALIA' in the November 2010 edition of *Threads*. In that article we heard of Lydia Munro: her sentencing and transportation on the 1st fleet; her marriage to Andrew Goodwin; where she settled in Sydney and Norfolk Island; and the children she had. Further research has uncovered more information on the family and continues below.

'The Goodwin family, with all its possessions, departed from Norfolk Island on the *Porpoise*, on December 26th 1807, in what is now known as the 'second embarkation'. The ship arrived at the Derwent, Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) on January 19th 1808 and in due course they settled at Clarence Plains on the eastern shore. After purchasing land, the process of clearing, building and cropping began once again.

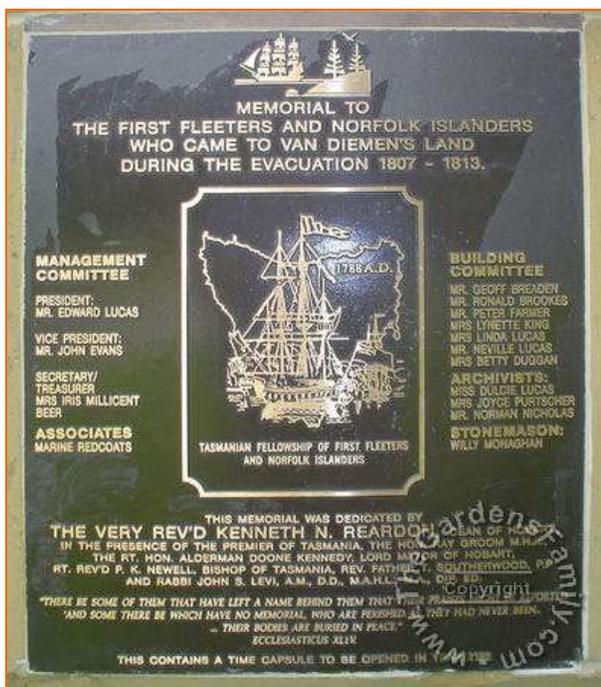
Tasmania would now remain their home for the rest of their days. The names of their children are: Mary b.1789; Sarah b.1791; John b.1794; James b.1796; Lucy b.1798; Margaret b.1800; Maria b.1802; Elizabeth b.1803; Ann b.1805; Letitia b.1806 and Andrew b.1811.

The Goodwins appear to have been a hard working, industrious couple, with a love for their large family. Andrew Goodwin died at Hobart on August 4th 1835, after they had been married for almost fifty years. Lydia Goodwin (nee Munro) lived on until June 29th 1856. Both are buried in the old St David's cemetery in the centre of Hobart, now St David's Park. A magnificent job has been done to preserve many of the headstones – setting them in a wall around the perimeter of the park. For those who have an interest in the Norfolk Island settlers, a visit to St David's park is a must. There is a brass plaque in the wall for both Andrew and Lydia. Within the park a very fine obelisk has been erected on which can be found a complete list of those who were moved from Norfolk Island to Tasmania from 1807 onwards. The 'first fleeters' from among them have an asterisk beside their names. The Goodwins and their children who came with them to Tasmania are also buried at St David's Park.'

**Tony Davidson of Wangaratta
is the G G G G grandson of Andrew and Lydia Goodwin**

Anne Davidson

(Source: *Blood & Water: the story of William Evans and his descendants*. Written and compiled by Kenneth J. Evans; 1998. Approval was received by WFHS to reproduce each photo for this article courtesy of L. Atkinson, www.thegardensfamily.com.)



TRANSLATION OF OLD WORDS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

The following may help you interpret old records.
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<http://www.doun.org/transcriptions/index.php>

Abbreviation	Description
Admon	Letters of Administration
AT	Archdeacon's Transcripts
B(n)	Born
Bap(t)	Baptised
BMD	Birth, Marriage, and Death Records.
Bp	Baptised
BT	Bishop's Transcripts
Bth	Birth
Bur	Buried or burial
CR	Census Return
d	Pence or Penny (money)
d of	daughter of
D(th)	Death
dau	daughter
Dd	Died, dead or deceased
FFHS	Federation of Family History Societies
FRC	Family Record Centre
GOONS	Guild of One-Name Studies
GRO	General Register Office
hd	head (of family)
IGI	International Genealogical Index
Illegit	Illegitimate
LDS	(Church of) Latter Day Saints
M	Married
Mar	Married
MI	Monumental Inscriptions
Mk	Mark (money)
NFHS	Norfolk Family History Society
Occ	Occupation
otp	of this parish
Pd	Pound (money)
PR	Parish Register
PRO	Public Record Office
s	Shilling (money)
s of	son of
sig	Signature or signe
sm	singleman
sw	singlewoman
unm	unmarried

W	Will
W(it)	Witness
Wid	widow or widower
Widr	Widower
X	mark made by someone who was illiterate

Latin Word	Translation
Agricola	Farmer, Husbandman
Armiger	Esquire
Baptizatus	Baptised, Christened
Baptizi	Baptised
Bastardus	Illegitimate
Clericus	Clergyman, Clerk
Cognatus	Relative
Emeritus	Retired
Et	And
Episcopus	Bishop
Eques	Knight
Faber	Smith
Filia	Daughter
Filius	Son
Fuit	He, she
Funera	Funerals
Gemini	Twins (Gemine for female)
Humatus	Buried
Illegitimus	Illegitimate
Incognito	Unknown
Mater	Mother
Matrimonium	Marriage (often abbreviated to 'Matri')
Morbus	Ill or sick
Mors	Death
Nihil	Nothing
Nuptus	married (often abbreviated to 'Nupt')
Parochia	Parish
Patri	Father
Relicta	Widow
Reputis	Reputed
Sepultus	Buried (You will often see this as 'Sepulta fuit')
Subsidium	Payment, basically a tax
Tumulatus	Buried
Uxor	Wife (often 'uxoris')
Vidua	Widow
Viduus	Widower



HANDY RESEARCH SITES:

Springvale Necropolis, Melbourne. As the 25 year tenure on some commemorative rocks, trees, rosebushes and wall niches at cremation sites at Springvale Necropolis expires - the ashes and plaques are being removed. With the kind permission of the Necropolis Trust, the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies are photographing each of the plaques and compiling an alphabetical, searchable database.
<http://www.aigs.org.au/necropolis.htm>

Victoria's Parish Plans.

<https://www.landata.vic.gov.au/tpc/>. Click on Central Plan Records Office. Login or Register. Click on Record Plan and scroll down the list and select. Download and save. Some plans are in 2 sections.

South Australia. Cemeteries

<http://headstones.weebly.com/>.

Victorian Government Gazettes archive 1836-1997 <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>.

Australian Nominal Rolls.

WWI

http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/nominal_rolls/first_world_war/.

WWII <http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/>.

Korean War <http://www.koreanroll.gov.au/>

Vietnam War <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/>

Nashos

http://www.nashonomroll.org/f_nominalroll2.asp

Ireland. National Gallery of Australia, Canberra has an exhibition 'Not Just Ned' on the Irish in Australia from 17 March to 31 July 2011. The following link to the gallery gives information on 'the best of Irish online'

http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/irish_in_australia/contents/.

Scotland. New portal for Scottish records

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>.



**WITH THE UP AND COMING QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY,
THIS ARTICLE MAY AMUSE YOU**

Bendigo Advertiser 26 May 1864

The jealous wife's revenge

'Between nine and ten o'clock on Tuesday night, observing that the locality of White Hills was illuminated by what appeared from Sandhurst to be an extensive conflagration, we dispatched a special reporter in that direction. On arriving at the Fifth White Hill, he found that the flames proceeded from an immense bonfire which had been lighted on the summit of the hill, and around which was congregated an assemblage of between two and three hundred persons of both sexes and all classes. The bonfire, he ascertained, had not been lighted in any exuberance of loyalty or honour of the Queen's birthday, as on looking nearer there were to be seen effigies of a man and a woman, who were being offered as a sacrifice to the flames. Naturally curious to find out who were the living prototypes of the effigies thus being consigned to 'blazes' by the infuriated crowd, he pursued his inquiries, the result of which were as follows: - It appears that some eight or ten days since a well known resident of the Hills had been found out by his wife, enacting the part of a gay Lothario. Some kind friend of his better half placed in her possession of such information that on a certain evening she followed her faithless lord, and saw him actually dandling a fair damsel on his knee. She caught up a stone and dashing it through the window smote her erring husband on the temple. Not satisfied with this, the next day the wife adopted the novel method of redressing her wrongs by procuring a hand-bell, with which she paraded the streets of the hamlet, proclaiming her lord's infidelity to the public through the length and width of the Hills, until she aroused the sympathies of all the husbands and wives dwelling therein, so that they determined in order, doubtless, to show their horror of such infidel husbands - to burn effigies of the lover and his fair innamorata as a sacrifice to the wounded mortality and fair fame of the White Hills. Selecting the evening of the Queen's birthday, they assembled, shortly after dark, and having hoisted on separate poles the effigies of the husband and the lady - the former being a striking resemblance to the original, in consequence of the crowd being supplied by the wife with a veritable suit of his own clothes - a procession was formed, and headed by the White Hills Brass Band, they marched from the Wellington Hotel, to the Shamrock, at Epsom, the novel excursion being considerably heightened in attraction and amusement by the letting off of squibs and crackers, while ever anon, the bearers of images, would increase the fun, by causing them to embrace each other in an affectionate hug. Returning along the road to the Fifth White Hill they formed a ring around the immense bonfire referred to, and amid the hissing of squibs, the explosion of crackers and huzzas of the multitude the effigies of the guilty ones were consigned to the flames, and having concluded that sacrifice the crowd avenged and contented, dispersed to their homes.'

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