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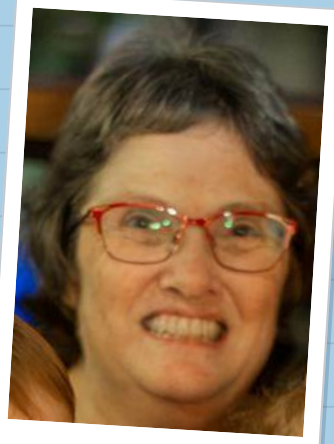
the whole family



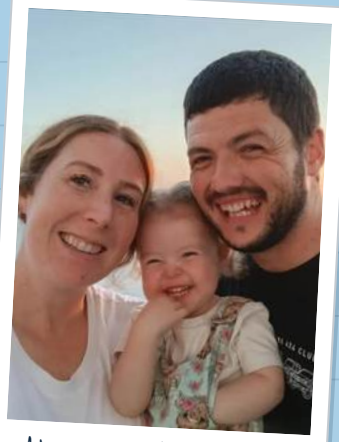
Nanny, in the Navy



Mum with the grandkids



Mum

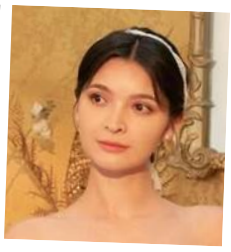


Alex, Steph and Joy



Jake and Katherine





Corey and Ange



Joy and Eli



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Compiled by Corey Wilton from public records and the family, November 2026

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How to read this book

This is the printed edition of the Wilton family file at coreywilton.com/family. Every person on the family tree has a file: who they were, what the records say, and the documents and photos found so far, with the source of each one.

177	899	38	19
people	documents and photos	who wore a uniform	voyages to Australia

The files

Each file opens with the person's name, their dates, and in red pencil how they are related to Corey. Their story comes next, with the facts and their close family in the column beside it, and then their documents. Short files share a page, two to a row.

How sure we are

Everything comes from public records (birth, death and marriage indexes, newspapers, war service files, cemetery registers, ship lists) and from the family. Where a link is likely but not proven, the text says "very probably", and files worked out from the indexes alone are marked NOT PROVEN.

On the charts



Finding people

The book follows the family tree: Corey and Ange, then Andrew's side and Heather's side. Each side opens with a chart of its ancestors, then goes back one great-grandparent's line at a time. A small number after a name, like Len Hodgskin p. 31, is the page of their file. The index at the back lists everyone by surname.

Living family

Living family are kept brief: a name, how they fit in, and what they have shared. No addresses, and nothing private.

Add to it

Know a story, a date or a face? Every file on coreywilton.com/family has a button to send Corey a memory or a photo, and the last pages list what we're still looking for. The Notes pages are for writing in.

Where the documents come from

Every document and photo in the book carries its source in italics. Most come from a handful of public archives, free to search online.

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THE FAMILY FILE

The best stories

A few of the stories in this book, each with the page of the file it comes from.



Do me proud mate

Alan Wendt asked his son Ben to make him proud. When Ben's daughter Ella arrived in 2026, his partner had Alan painted in beside them, with those words underneath.

Alan Lindsay Wendt p. 20



The gown

About 1947 Gloria made a christening gown. All seven of her children wore it, then their children and grandchildren, and in 2026 her great-granddaughter Ella.

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



They met at a radar station

Allan and Gloria served together at No. 19 Radar Station near Gosford in 1944, and married early the next year.

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



She painted eyes for wounded soldiers

Gloria wrote that surgeons at Concord asked her, an artist, to help paint artificial eyes while her brother Frank was there.

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



The Bronte house is still there

Max Gotch named his corner house Mount Eden and built flats beside it in 1927. The land records match: the corner house is No. 75 Gardyne Street, still called Mt Eden.

Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106



Australia's first child star?

At 12, Gloria had the lead in Magic Shoes, a 1935 film in which a young Peter Finch played Prince Charming. The film is lost, but the stills survive.

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



Bowral's century-getter

Ann's sister Sarah Loseby turned 100 in 1947 and got a telegram from the King. In Bradman's home town, the rector called her its century-getter.

Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82



The blacksmith mayor

Kenneth MacRae sharpened picks for the City Council and was Mayor of Redfern in 1931.

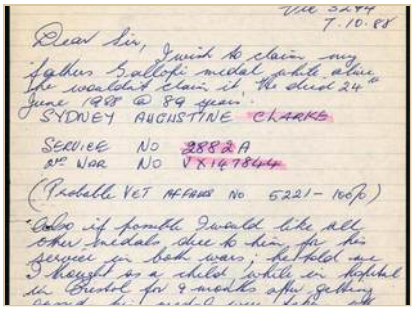
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74



A baby named after a ship

Kate Pericles Jewell was born at sea on the way to Sydney in 1883.

Kate Pericles Luke, née Jewell p. 33



Dear Sir, I wish to claim my father's Gallipoli medal while alive. He would not claim it. He died 24th June 1988 @ 89 years.
SYDNEY AUGUSTINE CLARKE
SERVICE No 2882A
WW1 WAR No 7X14784
(Probable VET AFFAIRS No 5221-166P)
Also if possible I would like all other medals due to him for his service in both wars. He told me I thought as a child, while in hospital in Bristol for 9 months after getting

"I wish to claim my father's Gallipoli medal"

Pa's 1988 letter cracked his family line. His dad Sydney was shot on the Somme.

Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141



Nanny in her Cerberus cap

Joy joined the Navy at 18 in 1951 and cooked at Flinders Naval Depot.

Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

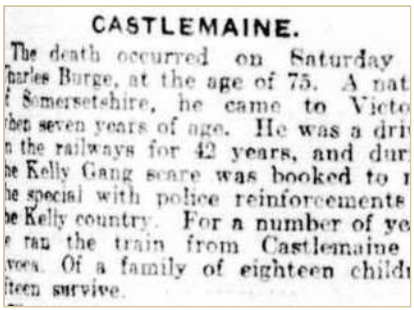


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Herr Max Gotch, herbalist

Bronte's herbalist: an indecent pamphlet, a case against the council and a cure for drunkenness.

Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106



CASTLEMAINE.
The death occurred on Saturday
Charles Burge, at the age of 75. A nat
f Somersetshire, he came to Victo
hen seven years of age. He was a dri
n the railways for 42 years, and dur
he Kelly Gang scare was booked to
he special with police reinforcements
he Kelly country. For a number of ye
e ran the train from Castlemaine
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The police train to Kelly country

Charles Burge was booked to drive the police special during the Kelly Gang scare.

Charles Burge p. 179

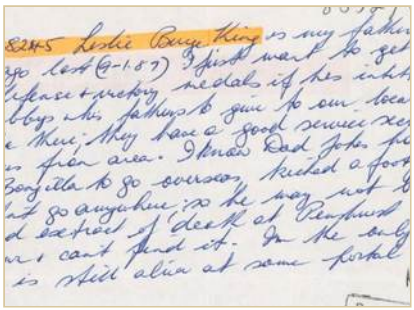


The Hamilton Band was invited
nbine with the local players in
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rival, and were afterwards billete
t with bandsmen and other su
rters. The Hamilton party num
ed 40, headed by Bandmaster Kin
identally there are 11 Kings
s Band—quite a royal combina
n.

Eleven Kings in one band

Marangan King's Hamilton band had so many Kings the paper called it a royal combination.

Marangan Leslie King p. 169



He kicked a footy and went nowhere

Les was set to go overseas when he broke his leg at Bonegilla, in Nanny's own words.

Leslie Burge King p. 164



Skipper and pilot

Heather's birth grandfather Neil Blunck, front row, second from left, with his all-Australian Liberator crew at Darwin in December 1944. They flew 14 operations with an American bomb group.

Neil Blunck p. 206



Three Clarke brothers in the AIF

Horrie, George and Syd Clarke in uniform, their names written along the mount. Syd was shot on the Somme in 1918, and all three lived to 89 or more.

Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141



The Blackfellows' Friend

Pa's great-great-uncle J. B. Gribble got his watch back from Ned Kelly, founded the Warangesda mission and wrote Dark Deeds in a Sunny Land. His headstone at Waverley calls him the Blackfellows' Friend.

The Rev. John Brown Gribble p. 159



Vide Police Gazette, 27th September, 1865, page 342 p. VII.

George Clarke, charged on warrant with deserting his four illegitimate children, has been arrested by Senior Constable Carroll and Constable McKenzie, Cocumla Police. Remanded to Bega to be dealt with.

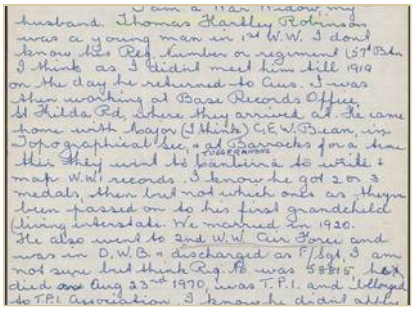
COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Nov. 17TH.

Wanted: George Clarke, 1865

A police warrant described Pa's great-grandfather down to his sandy whiskers and shepherd's-plaid trousers. Jane withdrew the charge when he said he'd gone to find work, and they married two years later.

George Clarke and Jane Howard p. 151



I am a War Widow, my husband Thomas Hardley Robinson was a young man in 1st W.W. I don't know his Reg. number or regiment 1st Bde I think as I didn't meet him till 1919 on the day he returned to Aus. I was then working at Base Records Office, St Hilda Rd, where they arrived at. He came home with Major (I think) C.E.W. Bean, in Topographical Sec. at old Barracks for a time then they went to Canberra to write + map W.W.I records. I know he got 2 or 3 medals, them but not which only as they've been passed on to his first grandchild living interstate. We married Jan 1920. He also went to 2nd W.W. Air Force and was in D.W.B. = discharged as F/Sgt. I am not sure but think Reg. No was 58815 he died Aug 23rd 1970, was T.P.I. and belonged to T.P.I. Association. I know he did and also

The day he came home

Marjorie's mother Mabel met Thomas Robinson on the day he came back from the war in 1919. She was at AIF Base Records; he had come home with Charles Bean's historical party, as a Defence letter of June 1919 confirms.

Thomas Hartley Robinson and Mabel Elizabeth Cole p. 211



The dandy of West Maitland

Max Gotch at about 21, in top hat and tails with a cigar and cane, hand-coloured at a West Maitland studio in 1901, before he became Professor Linguard, then Herr Max Gotch.

Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106



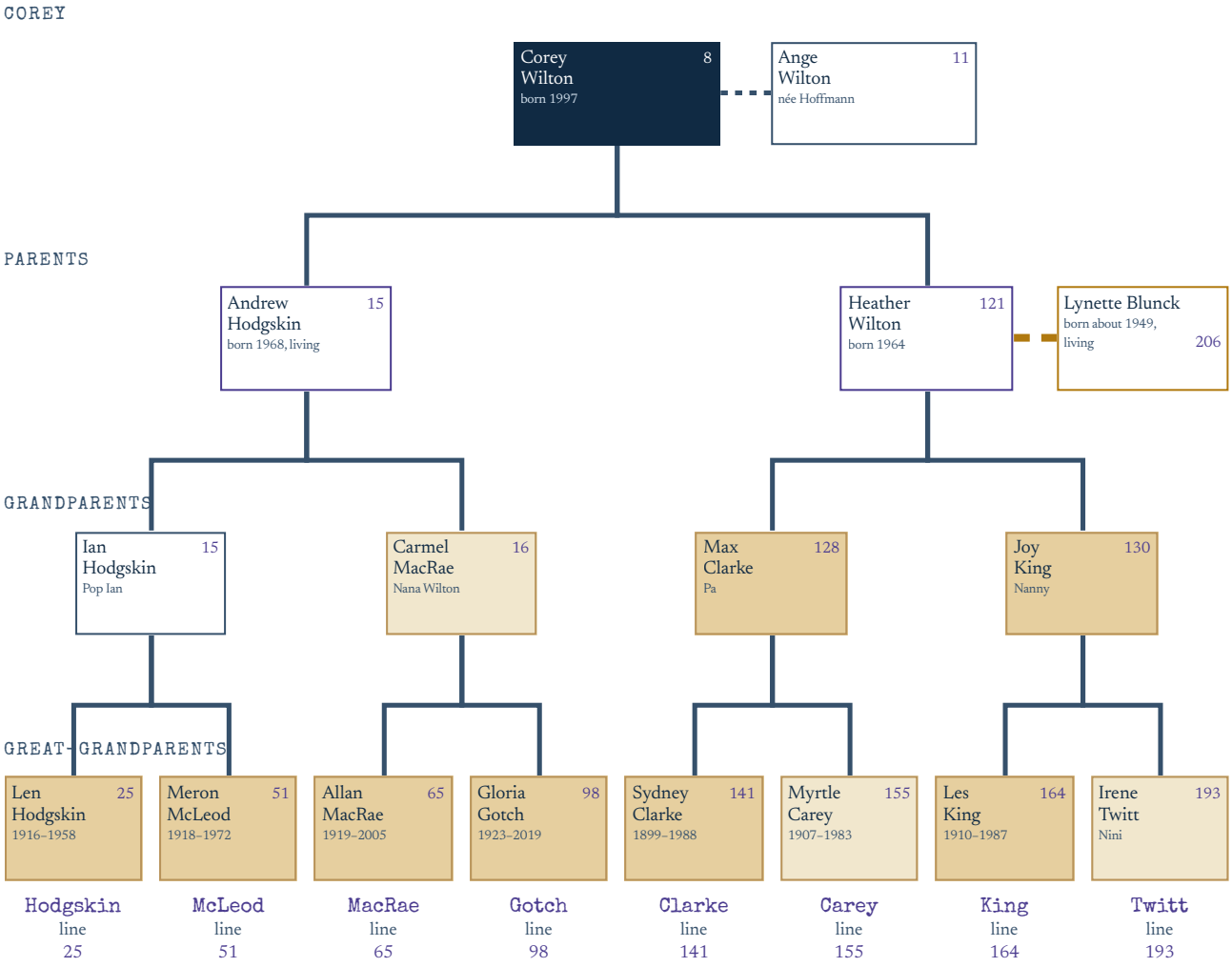
How it started / How it's going

Corey and Ange got together at 16, on 18 November 2013. Seven years later he posted two beach photos of them side by side: how it started, and how it's going.

Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8

The family at a glance

Corey's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Each great-grandparent leads to a chapter that follows their family back; the small numbers are the pages to turn to.



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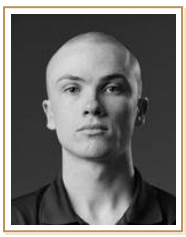
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Corey and Ange

Where the file starts

Corey put this file together; Ange is his wife. Her own family is in a file of its own at coreywilton.com/family.



Put this file together

Corey Andrew Wilton

born 1997

Corey was born in 1997 and grew up on the Gold Coast. He went to Caningeraba State School and then Miami State High School, where he met Ange. His childhood home was 6/2 Pontoon Place, Varsity Lakes, a two-storey housing commission townhouse in a block probably built about 1991, on land that was still empty grass in mid-1990. The photos his mum chose for his 21st show a baby in a crown T-shirt, a curly-haired toddler, a boy taking off from a home-made ramp at sunset, and a grinning kid in the orange jersey of the Ashmore BMX Club. Home had Jack, the family dog, and in 2009 Heather had a portrait taken of "my boys": Jake in a suit, very probably for his graduation, Alex, and Corey, the youngest, in front in a red striped shirt.

He and Ange were in Year 12 together, the class of 2014. Their last day of classes was Thursday 6 November 2014, and the Year 12 formal fell on 18 November 2014, their first anniversary: that evening, in his suit beside Ange, he posted "1 year today!". On 5 January 2015 came the beach photo he would later post as "How it started", and in December 2015, after planning it since May, they made their first trip to Thailand together, from Bangkok to Chicken Island off Krabi.

His first sales job, in 2015, was door-knocking for charity with UAG, the United Advertising Group, a Brisbane direct-sales company that raised pledges for charity clients. He was one of its Outstanding Fundraisers for April to June 2015, in the company's top five; that July he was working in Wellington, New Zealand, and in September at Albury, and at 18 the job had him on the road for about 30 weeks of the year. He got into crypto young, co-founding a customer support company for blockchain start-ups in about 2017 or 2018. The business that lasted began as TacToys, a gel blaster shop, and grew into Gel Ball Undercover, and today all his companies sit together in one group, Vanguard. Along the way he sold P2Enews, a play-to-earn news site, in 2022, co-founded Mirai Labs, the game studio behind the horse-racing game Pegaxy, which has since closed, and wrote for crypto publications including Cointelegraph.

At 19, in December 2016, he and Ange moved into their first home, a flat high above the Broadwater in Southport Central Towers, and he wrote that he couldn't be more proud to live there at 19. In August 2017, ten days before they left for three months in the United States, starting in Honolulu, he posted a photo with his mum and her little dog, Fausty Bear: "This is mum."

Since about 2022 he has spent more and more of each year in Vietnam, now half to two-thirds of it, and in May 2023 he posted that after about two years they had an office they loved "in the heart of Hanoi". He and Ange got together

BORN
1997

SCHOOLS
Caningeraba State School; Miami State High School

TOGETHER SINCE
18 November 2013

MARRIED
20 June 2024, to Ange, at Casa Campana, Nunderi, NSW

CHILDHOOD HOME
6/2 Pontoon Place, Varsity Lakes

FIRST HOME
Southport Central Towers, Southport, December 2016

YEAR 12
Class of 2014; last day of classes 6 November 2014; formal on 18 November 2014, their first anniversary

FIRST JOB
Door-to-door charity fundraising with UAG (United Advertising Group), 2015: Outstanding Fundraiser, April–June 2015; Wellington, NZ, in July; Albury in September

PARENTS
Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Heather Wilton p. 121

PARTNER
Ange (Warapha) Wilton p. 11

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Rhianna Wilton p. 15, Riley McElwain p. 15, Alex Bowley p. 123, Jake Bowley p. 126

Corey Andrew Wilton, continued

on 18 November 2013, when they were both 16, and married on 20 June 2024 at Casa Campana, at Nunderi in the Tweed Valley, just over the New South Wales border. On Valentine's Day that year he had written that after ten years she'd said yes to being a Wilton, forever. He wrote in 2025 that the best thing ever to happen to him was dating her since they were 16.

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How it started, how it's going
The same two, seven years apart.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 17 October 2020



Corey as a baby, about 1998
One of the photos his mum chose for his 21st.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



Corey as a toddler, about 1999
Another of the photos his mum chose for his 21st.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



Pontoon Place from the air, June 1990
The circle marks where the townhouses at 2 Pontoon Place would stand, still empty grass, with the new lake to the left and houses going up in the next street. By 2001 the block was built.
QImagery, South East Qld 1990, film QAS2677 frame 4884, © Woolpert Asia-Pacific 1990, CC BY 4.0



Airborne on the BMX
Taking off from a home-made ramp at sunset, about 2005.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



Ashmore BMX Club
Corey, probably the boy in front, in the club's orange jersey, about 2007.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



"My Boys", 2009
Heather with her three sons: Corey in front in the red striped shirt, Jake in the suit, very probably for his graduation, and Alex on the right.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, 17 April 2009



Jack, 2009
The family dog. Heather called the photo "Jack Dog".
Heather Wilton, Facebook, 17 April 2009



Corey and Ange as teenagers
An undated print, about 2014, that Heather chose for Corey's 21st.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



How it started
Corey and Ange in their early days together, on a Gold Coast beach, photographed on 5 January 2015.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 17 October 2020

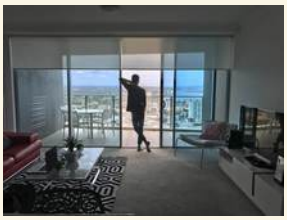


Two years together, 18 November 2015
Ange wrote: "Two years together today, I love you more than ever".
Ange (then Angela Hoffmann), Instagram, 18 November 2015



Partners in crime, 2016
"My partner in crime!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 24 March 2016

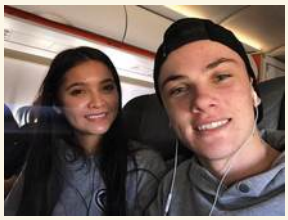
Corey Andrew Wilton, continued



Their first home, December 2016
Corey, 19, at the window of their first flat, in Southport Central Towers: "Blessed to call this our first home."
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 23 December 2016



With his mum, 2017
Corey with Heather and her little dog, Fausty Bear, ten days before he left for three months in the United States.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 7 August 2017



Off to the States, August 2017
On the plane to Honolulu, the start of three months in the United States.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 18 August 2017



"I found her", 2020
"I found her, and I will work every damn day to make sure I never lose her."
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 2 May 2020



With the cat, 2021
Home from the vet after she had all her teeth out: "she came home a little drunk".
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 12 November 2021



The Hanoi office, 2023
Ange sees the Mirai Labs office in Hanoi for the first time.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 25 May 2023



Engaged, February 2024
On the beach, the day they got engaged.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 14 February 2024



She said yes
"now she's blessed me by saying yes to being a Wilton, forever".
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 14 February 2024



Married, 20 June 2024
Corey and Ange at the ceremony at Casa Campana, Nunderi, in the Tweed Valley.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Mr and Mrs Wilton
On their wedding day, 20 June 2024.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Everyone at the wedding
The whole wedding party on the steps at Casa Campana. Heather is in red; Riley is near the far left, behind the boy in the navy suit; Lilah is the flower girl in front, with Babi behind her and Ron at the bottom right, on the step beside her.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Christmas 2025
Corey and Ange on a jetty at sunset on Christmas Day.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 25 December 2025



"1 year today!", 18 November 2014
Corey and Ange at their Year 12 formal, on their first anniversary: "1 year today! Thanks for everyone who came out, enjoyed it so much!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 18 November 2014



Arriving at the formal, November 2014
Hand in hand on the red carpet. Corey: "The papz be out here I need privacy."
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 19 November 2014



The beach, 5 January 2015
The bucket hat and the beach steps of the "How it started" photo, taken the same day.
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 5 January 2015



Outstanding Fundraiser, 2015
UAG's certificate for April to June 2015: "Got into the top 5 fundraisers of the company for last quarter!" The amount raised is blurred here.
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 15 July 2015

Corey Andrew Wilton, continued



Two years, 18 November 2015
"2 years with the love of my loif, happiest two years of my loif too." Ange: "I love you more :)"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 18 November 2015



Bangkok, 3 December 2015
Ange at the wheel of a tuk tuk, Corey in the back: "SOMEONE HELP!!! I found the worlds worst tuk tuk driver!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 3 December 2015



"It's definitely love", Bangkok, December 2015
On a Bangkok rooftop, on their first trip to Thailand together.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015



"For good luck!", December 2015
An elephant ride under a red parasol.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015



Chicken Island, December 2015
On a speedboat off Krabi.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015



Corey's wife

Ange (Warapha) Wilton

born 1997 · Her family has its own file at coreywilton.com/family/hoffmann.html

Ange was born Warapha Hoffmann in Thailand in 1997, and goes by Angela. The family moved to Australia when she was one and settled first in Melbourne, then spent many years back in Thailand, and she came home to Australia about halfway through primary school, finishing it at Burleigh Heads. She's one of five Hoffmann sisters: Sara (Naphatsara), Ange, Melisa, Samantha (Mekala) and Lilahni. Her mum, Nisa Hoffmann, née Kamapiang, is Thai, and her dad, Ron Hoffmann, is the son of Danuta Hoffmann, who was born in Poland. Ange and Corey were high school sweethearts at Miami State High School, and got together on 18 November 2013, when they were both 16. By the time she was 20 she had spent almost four months of one year overseas, a month in Thailand and three in the States, and that same year she made her first vlog.

Corey proposed in early 2024, and on Valentine's Day he posted that she had said yes to being a Wilton, forever. They married that June at Casa Campana, at Nunderi in the Tweed Valley, just over the New South Wales border, and a year later she joked that he had almost passed out during the vows. She won a place at Griffith University in a double degree in law and international relations, moved into nursing, and now runs the business with Corey. Vietnam has become a second home to them both. She reads anything from philosophy to romantasy, and she's an aunty. In Corey's words, she believed when no one else did.

Two years after she and Corey got together, on 18 November 2015, she posted a photo of the two of them at home and wrote that she loved him "more than

BORN
1997, Thailand

GIVEN NAME
Warapha

PARENTS
Nisa Hoffmann, née Kamapiang, and Ron Hoffmann

SISTERS
Sara (Naphatsara, 1995), Melisa (1998), Samantha (Mekala, 2002) and Lilahni (2017) Hoffmann

SCHOOLS
Primary school at Burleigh Heads; Miami State High School; Griffith University

MARRIED
20 June 2024, Casa Campana, Nunderi, NSW

YEAR 12
Class of 2014, with Corey; formal on 18 November 2014, their first anniversary

WORK, 2015
Kingfisher Realty

PARTNER
Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8

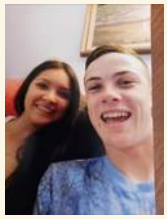
Ange (Warapha) Wilton, continued

ever". They travelled early and often, beginning with Thailand together in December 2015, from Bangkok to Chicken Island off Krabi, and twice more in 2016, in April and in December, when she took a Thai cooking class. In 2015 she worked at Kingfisher Realty, where, Corey posted that July, she was "killing it". In 2021 she adopted a cat she calls her grumpy kitty. She paints in oils, and in 2025 she painted an original as a Father's Day gift. In 2022 they went from the Philippines to Croatia, Hanoi and New York, and in May 2023 she saw Corey's office in Hanoi for the first time.

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Married, 20 June 2024
Corey and Ange at the ceremony at Casa Campana, Nunderi, in the Tweed Valley.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Corey and Ange as teenagers
An undated print, about 2014, that Heather chose for Corey's 21st.
Heather Wilton, Facebook, February 2018



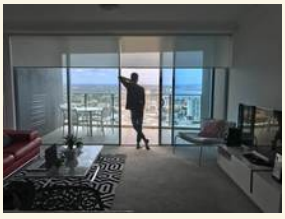
How it started
Corey and Ange in their early days together, on a Gold Coast beach, photographed on 5 January 2015.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 17 October 2020



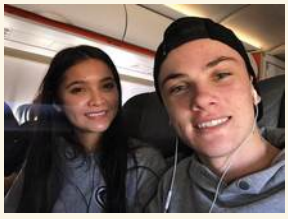
Two years together, 18 November 2015
Ange wrote: "Two years together today, I love you more than ever".
Ange (then Angela Hoffmann), Instagram, 18 November 2015



Partners in crime, 2016
"My partner in crime!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 24 March 2016



Their first home, December 2016
Corey, 19, at the window of their first flat, in Southport Central Towers: "Blessed to call this our first home."
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 23 December 2016



Off to the States, August 2017
On the plane to Honolulu, the start of three months in the United States.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 18 August 2017



"I found her", 2020
"I found her, and I will work every damn day to make sure I never lose her."
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 2 May 2020



How it started, how it's going
The same two, seven years apart.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 17 October 2020



Ange and Lilah, 2021
Ange with her youngest sister, very probably Lilah, at a dinosaur show. Corey loved it because "it's real".
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 20 April 2021



One of Ange's oil paintings, 2022
Ange paints in oils. She posted this one in January 2022.
Ange Wilton, Instagram, 14 January 2022



The Hanoi office, 2023
Ange sees the Mirai Labs office in Hanoi for the first time.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 25 May 2023

Ange (Warapha) Wilton, continued



Engaged, February 2024
On the beach, the day they got engaged.
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 14 February 2024



She said yes
"now she's blessed me by saying yes to being a Wilton, forever".
Corey Wilton, Instagram, 14 February 2024



Mr and Mrs Wilton
On their wedding day, 20 June 2024.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Everyone at the wedding
The whole wedding party on the steps at Casa Campana. Heather is in red; Riley is near the far left, behind the boy in the navy suit; Lilah is the flower girl in front, with Babi behind her and Ron at the bottom right, on the step beside her.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 21 June 2024



Christmas 2025
Corey and Ange on a jetty at sunset on Christmas Day.
Corey and Ange Wilton, Instagram, 25 December 2025



"1 year today!", 18 November 2014
Corey and Ange at their Year 12 formal, on their first anniversary: "1 year today! Thanks for everyone who came out, enjoyed it so much!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 18 November 2014



Arriving at the formal, November 2014
Hand in hand on the red carpet. Corey: "The papz be out here I need privacy."
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 19 November 2014



The beach, 5 January 2015
The bucket hat and the beach steps of the "How it started" photo, taken the same day.
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 5 January 2015



Two years, 18 November 2015
"2 years with the love of my loif, happiest two years of my loif too." Ange: "I love you more :)"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 18 November 2015



Bangkok, 3 December 2015
Ange at the wheel of a tuk tuk, Corey in the back: "SOMEONE HELP!!! I found the worlds worst tuk tuk driver!"
Corey Wilton, Instagram (his old account, @coreywilton_), 3 December 2015



"It's definitely love", Bangkok, December 2015
On a Bangkok rooftop, on their first trip to Thailand together.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015



"For good luck!", December 2015
An elephant ride under a red parasol.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015



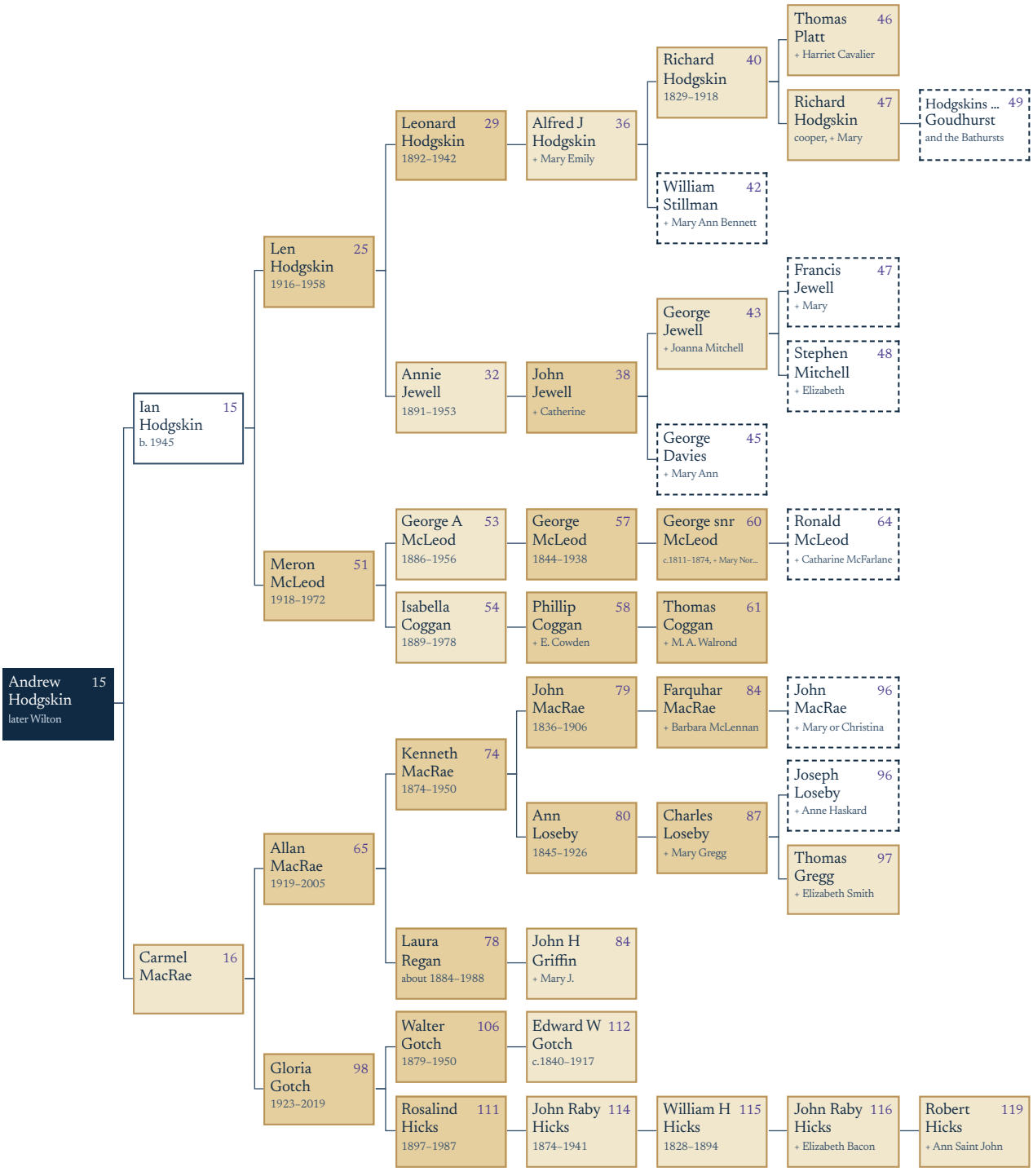
Chicken Island, December 2015
On a speedboat off Krabi.
Ange Wilton, Facebook, album "Thailand 2015!", 23 December 2015

PART

Andrew's side

Corey's dad's family

The Hodgskins of Watford and Goudhurst, the Jewells of Cornwall, the McLeods and Coggans of the Gundagai district, the MacRaes of Skye and Redfern, the Losebys of Bong Bong, and the Gotches and Hicks of Bronte.



ANDREW'S SIDE

Andrew and his family

Corey's dad

29 files: Andrew's partners and children, parents, brothers and sisters, and the aunts, uncles and cousins.



Corey's dad

Andrew Hodgskin

born 1968, living

Andrew was born in 1968, Ian and Carmel's son, and grew up at Curl Curl on Sydney's northern beaches. He went to St Paul's Catholic College at Manly. He later took his stepfather Bob's surname and goes by Andrew Wilton, and he has been self-employed for more than twenty years. His children are Corey, Riley and Rhianna.

BORN 1968 · HOME TOWN Curl Curl, NSW · SCHOOL St Paul's Catholic College, Manly · MARRIED Heather Clarke, then Tracey; both marriages ended in divorce

Parents: Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15, Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16 · Partner: Rachel McElwain p. 15, Tracey p. 15 · Brothers and sisters: Abby Flynn p. 18, Debbie Wilton p. 17, Jamie Wilton p. 17 · Children: Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8, Rhianna Wilton p. 15, Riley McElwain p. 15

Corey's father's partner

Rachel McElwain

living · *Riley's mum*

Riley's mum. She and Andrew had Riley, Corey's younger brother.

Partner: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15 · Children: Riley McElwain p. 15

Corey's half-sibling

Riley McElwain

living

Andrew and Rachel's son, Corey's younger brother. Ask him about dirt bikes.

Parents: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Rachel McElwain p. 15 · Brothers and sisters: Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8, Rhianna Wilton p. 15

Corey's father's wife

Tracey

living · *Rhianna's mum; Andrew's former wife*

Rhianna's mum. She and Andrew married and had Rhianna, Corey's little sister; they later divorced.

MARRIED Andrew Hodgskin; later divorced

Partner: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15 · Children: Rhianna Wilton p. 15

Corey's half-sibling

Rhianna Wilton

living

Andrew and Tracey's daughter, Corey's little sister. She's known as Eggby, she loves her cat, Astra, and she draws.

Parents: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Tracey p. 15 · Brothers and sisters: Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8, Riley McElwain p. 15



Pop Ian · Corey's grandfather

Ian McLeod Hodgskin

born 1945, living

Born in 1945, a son to Meron and Len, as the birth notice in the Sydney Morning Herald put it.

He married Carmel Therese MacRae in Sydney in 1968.

MARRIAGE
NSW 2833/1968, Sydney

LIVES
Perth, Western Australia

Ian McLeod Hodgskin, continued

Ian lives in Perth, Western Australia. In May 2015 he turned 70 there, with Gay beside him and four of his children and their kids crowded onto the couch around him: "Three generations of awesome. Happy 70th Dad."

He's an artist in his spare time. He screen-prints his own T-shirts, from South Park characters to a "GRUMPY (70 YEAR) OLD" shirt for his birthday, and paints portraits in oils.

WIFE NOW
Gay Hodgskin

PARENTS
Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25, Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51

PARTNER
Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Gay Hodgskin p. 18

CHILDREN
Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Abby Flynn p. 18

MORE SOURCES
Birth notice, Sydney Morning Herald, 19 May 1945

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Pop Ian's 70th, May 2015
Ian in the middle, holding a photo album, with Gay beside him in the floral top. Abby stands right behind him; two more of his daughters and his son are around them, and the children are his grandchildren. The caption: "Three generations of awesome. Happy 70th Dad."
Ian Hodgskin's Facebook (public), cover photo, 18 May 2015



Pop Ian, August 2015
A selfie in a jumper he called ugly: "Thought I needed to show my ugly jumper one more time!!"
Ian Hodgskin's Facebook (public), 5 August 2015

Nana Wilton · Corey's grandmother

Carmel Therese Wilton, née MacRae

The daughter of two wartime radar operators, Allan and Gloria MacRae.

She married Ian Hodgskin in 1968 and Robert Wilton in 1974.

A Carmel MacRae, aged 12, modelled a sun-dress for Grace Brothers' 75th birthday parades in Sydney in 1960, in full colour in the Australian Women's Weekly. The name and age would fit. Nobody has confirmed it's her, so if you recognise her, tell Corey.

MARRIAGES
NSW 2833/1968 and 27538/1974

PARENTS
Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

PARTNER
Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15, Robert James Wilton p. 17

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25

CHILDREN
Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Debbie Wilton p. 17, Jamie Wilton p. 17

Carmel Therese Wilton, continued

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Possibly Carmel, 1960
Women's Weekly, 24 August 1960. The caption names Carmel MacRae, aged 12, in the 1960 sun-dress.
Australian Women's Weekly, via Trove



The full page
"Yesterday's Children", Australian Women's Weekly, 24 August 1960.
Australian Women's Weekly, via Trove

Pop Bob · Corey's grandmother's husband

Robert James Wilton

Married Carmel in 1974

Robert James Wilton married Carmel in 1974. The index misspells her surname as "Hhodgskin".

His own family hasn't been traced yet.

MARRIAGE NSW 27538/1974

Partner: Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16 · Children: Debbie Wilton p. 17, Jamie Wilton p. 17

Corey's father's sister

Debbie Wilton

Andrew's half-sister

Carmel's daughter, and Therese's niece. Her children are Isabella and little Joshua, who share the same dad.

Parents: Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Robert James Wilton p. 17 · Brothers and sisters: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Jamie Wilton p. 17 · Children: Isabella Wilton p. 17, Joshua Wilton p. 17

Corey's first cousin

Isabella Wilton

living · *Debbie's daughter*

Debbie's daughter, and Joshua's big sister: they share the same dad. Through her mum she's a granddaughter of Carmel and Bob Wilton, and a great-granddaughter of Allan and Gloria MacRae, who met at a radar station during the war.

Parents: Debbie Wilton p. 17 · Brothers and sisters: Joshua Wilton p. 17

Corey's first cousin

Joshua Wilton

living · *Debbie's son*

Debbie's youngest, and Isabella's little brother. They share the same dad.

Parents: Debbie Wilton p. 17 · Brothers and sisters: Isabella Wilton p. 17

Corey's father's brother

Jamie Wilton

living · *Andrew's half-brother*

Carmel and Bob Wilton's son, Debbie's brother, and the younger half-brother of Corey's dad, Andrew. Through Carmel he's a grandson of Allan and Gloria MacRae, the wartime radar operators, and his uncles and aunts include Therese, Bernadette, Rosemary and Michael.

Parents: Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Robert James Wilton p. 17 · Brothers and sisters: Andrew Hodgskin p. 15, Debbie Wilton p. 17



Corey's grandfather's wife

Gay Hodgskin

living · *Pop Ian's wife*

Pop Ian's wife. She's beside him in the floral top in his 70th-birthday photo, taken in Perth in May 2015, where Facebook tags her as Gay Hodgskin.

MARRIED TO
Ian Hodgskin (Pop Ian)

LIVES
Perth, Western Australia

PARTNER
Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15

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Pop Ian's 70th, May 2015
Ian in the middle, holding a photo album, with Gay beside him in the floral top. Abby stands right behind him; two more of his daughters and his son are around them, and the children are his grandchildren. The caption: "Three generations of awesome. Happy 70th Dad."
Ian Hodgskin's Facebook (public), cover photo, 18 May 2015



Corey's father's sister

Abby Flynn

living · *Pop Ian's daughter; Andrew's half-sister*

Pop Ian's daughter, which makes her Andrew's half-sister. She's standing right behind her dad in his 70th-birthday photo, May 2015. She has a daughter of her own.

She's an artist in Fremantle, like her dad: she draws, paints, carves and block-prints, and makes tiny tattoos and magnetic dress-up dolls that she sells through her own online shop.

FATHER
Ian Hodgskin (Pop Ian)

WORK
Artist, Fremantle (stompfacesketch)

PARENTS
Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Andrew Hodgskin p. 15

Abby Flynn, continued

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Pop Ian's 70th, May 2015
Ian in the middle, holding a photo album, with Gay beside him in the floral top. Abby stands right behind him; two more of his daughters and his son are around them, and the children are his grandchildren. The caption: "Three generations of awesome. Happy 70th Dad."
Ian Hodgskin's Facebook (public), cover photo, 18 May 2015



Corey's grandmother's sister

Therese Clare Frawley, née MacRae

Andrew's aunt

Therese is one of Allan and Gloria's seven children, and the one who holds the family together. For years she invited the whole extended family to her place every Christmas, and she's as family-minded as they come. She married Alan Wendt in Sydney in 1970, two years after her sister Carmel married there, and they raised Ben, Kylie and Danielle. Alan died in 2013. She still marks Police Remembrance Day, and lunches with the Police Legacy ladies.

In about 2020 she met Ric Frawley. Their first date was at the Currumbin surf club, and "we haven't been apart since then". Ric is a Vietnam veteran of 2RAR who later served as a warrant officer in the Army's Military Police Special Investigation Branch. He builds furniture, turns wood on his lathe, cooks, sings to her as he drives, and in 2026 finished his second book. They live on the southern Gold Coast, walk the beach at Palm Beach, go on SAAB club runs, and in 2023 drove across the Nullarbor to Albany, where Ric showed her the places of his past. Ric has his own file.

She keeps her parents' memory. Every Anzac Day she posts Allan and Gloria in their RAAF uniforms, and she visits her dad's plaque at the Currumbin RSL. She looks after the christening gown her mother made about 1947, and in May 2026 her newest granddaughter was christened in it. By then she counted 17 descendants: three children, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MARRIAGE
NSW 4430/1970, Sydney

HUSBAND
Ric Frawley, Vietnam veteran, since about 2020

PARENTS
Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

PARTNER
Alan Lindsay Wendt p. 20, Ric Frawley p. 22

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25

CHILDREN
Ben Wendt p. 21, Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt p. 22, Danielle Wendt p. 22

Therese Clare Frawley, continued

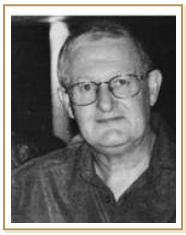
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Therese and Ric at Ella's christening, May 2026
Holding Ben's daughter Ella, in the gown Gloria made about 1947.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Four generations
Gloria (top left), Therese (top right), and Therese's daughters Danielle (bottom left) and Kylie (bottom right), December 2022.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Corey's grandmother's sister's husband

Alan Lindsay Wendt

died 2013 · *Married Therese*

Alan was a New South Wales policeman, registered number 15701. In August 1989, as Sergeant Alan Lindsay Wendt, he was awarded the National Medal, which recognises at least fifteen years' service in the police, and his name appears in the Commonwealth Gazette that September among the NSW Police Force recipients.

He married Therese MacRae in Sydney in 1970, and they raised Ben, Kylie and Danielle. His parents were very probably Lindsay Wendt and Ella, née Knowles, of Clovelly, the next beach south of Bronte, so Therese married a local boy. He died of cancer on 16 June 2013, aged 64, and his funeral notice ran in the Gold Coast Bulletin three days later. The Retired & Former Police Association of NSW remembers him on its roll for that year.

Therese has called him "the dad I had for my children", an amazing man, and one of their children wrote that he "really was the rock to our family". He asked Ben to make him proud. When Ben's daughter Ella was born in 2026, Ben's partner Lisa had a portrait made for his birthday: Alan standing beside Ben and the baby, and underneath, "Do me proud mate. I love you so much. Love forever, Dad."

POLICE
NSW Police, registered no. 15701; Sergeant by 1989

NATIONAL MEDAL
21 August 1989, for 15 years' service (Australian Honours, award 991171)

MARRIAGE
NSW 4430/1970, Sydney

DIED
16 June 2013, aged 64

MOTHER
Very probably Ella Wendt, who died on 5 May 1966 (probate 19 June 1967, Series 4_632182)

PARTNER
Therese Clare Frawley p. 19

CHILDREN
Ben Wendt p. 21, Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt p. 22, Danielle Wendt p. 22

MORE SOURCES
The National Medal, Australian Honours

Commonwealth Gazette, 27 September 1989, p. 2163, via Trove

Retired & Former Police Association, Vale 2013

Funeral notice, via the Ryerson Index

Alan Lindsay Wendt, continued

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"Do me proud mate"
The portrait Lisa had made for Ben's birthday in 2026: Alan beside Ben and baby Ella.
Ben Wendt, Instagram



Alan and Ben
A later photo of father and son, shared by Ben in 2024.
Ben Wendt, Instagram



Alan with baby Ben, about 1990
Shared by Ben in 2024: "Miss you old boy".
Ben Wendt, Instagram



Corey's father's first cousin

Ben Wendt

living · *Therese's son*

Ben was born in 1990, Therese and Alan's youngest, and his mum's "baby boy". He's the family's footy tipster and a stickler for spelling, and he's the one who turns up to mow the lawns and lift the heavy things. He and his partner, Lisa Marie, had their first child, Ella Therese Wendt, in January 2026, and that May she was christened in the gown her great-grandmother Gloria had made about 1947.

PARENTS
Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Alan Lindsay Wendt p. 20

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt p. 22, Danielle Wendt p. 22

CHILDREN
Ella Therese Wendt p. 21

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Ben, Ella and his dad
The portrait Lisa had made for Ben's birthday in 2026, with Alan beside them: "Do me proud mate".
Ben Wendt, Instagram

Corey's second cousin

Ella Therese Wendt

living · *Ben's daughter*

Ben and Lisa Marie's daughter, born in January 2026. That May she was christened in the gown her great-grandmother Gloria made about 1947.

Parents: Ben Wendt p. 21



Corey's father's first cousin

Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt

living · *Therese's daughter*

Kylie was born a Wendt, Therese and Alan's daughter and Andrew's cousin. She has also been Kylie Green, and now goes by Kylie Lindsay, after her father's middle name. She studied at Southern Cross University on the Gold Coast, and since 2017 she has been a psychiatric and mental health nurse at Robina Hospital. She runs Canungra Quirky Cookies, a decorated-cookie business in the Gold Coast hinterland. She has seven children, six sons and a daughter. Her eldest, Luke Muir, six foot six, made Therese a great-grandmother: his sons are Phoenix and Lachlan, the baby, born in February 2026. Bray graduated from Griffith University and works as a wildlife biologist at the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, where he helped with the koala chlamydia vaccine project. Her only daughter is Natalie Green.

PARENTS
Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Alan Lindsay Wendt p. 20
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Ben Wendt p. 21, Danielle Wendt p. 22
CHILDREN
Kylie's seven children p. 22

Kylie's children

Kylie's seven children

living

Kylie has seven children, six sons and a daughter. Luke Muir, six foot six, is the eldest of Therese's grandsons, and his sons Phoenix and Lachlan (born February 2026) made Therese a great-grandmother. Bray Muir graduated from Griffith University and works as a wildlife biologist. Josh Muir is another of the boys, and Natalie Green is the only daughter. The other boys' names aren't on file yet.

Parents: Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt p. 22



Corey's father's first cousin

Danielle Wendt

living · *Therese's daughter*

Danielle is Therese and Alan's daughter, sister to Kylie and Ben, and a mum of three sons: Declan, Ewan and Spencer. Declan is a tattoo artist, and he inked the butterfly she loves, "even more special knowing my son did that". She cooks for the family's big Easter lunches and is often out with Therese and Ric.

Parents: Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Alan Lindsay Wendt p. 20 · Brothers and sisters: Ben Wendt p. 21, Kylie Lindsay, née Wendt p. 22 · Children: Declan, Ewan and Spencer p. 22

Danielle's sons

Declan, Ewan and Spencer

living

Danielle's three sons. Declan is a tattoo artist, and he inked the butterfly on his mum that she loves.

Parents: Danielle Wendt p. 22



Corey's grandmother's sister's husband

Ric Frawley

living · *Therese's husband*

Ric is Therese's husband. They met in about 2020, had their first date at the Currumbin surf club, and in Therese's words "we haven't been apart since then". They live on the southern Gold Coast, walk the beach at Palm Beach, go on SAAB club runs, and in 2023 drove across the Nullarbor to Albany, where Ric showed her the places of his past.

PARTNER
Therese Frawley, née MacRae, since about 2020

Ric Frawley, continued

He served in Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in the early 1970s, and later as a warrant officer in the Army's Military Police Special Investigation Branch. Fifty years on, Therese says, his weapon is a nail gun and his battle the back deck: he builds furniture, turns wood on his lathe, cooks, sings to her as he drives, and in 2026 finished his second book. Through Therese he's part of Allan and Gloria MacRae's big family, and he was beside her at the christening of Ben's daughter Ella in May 2026.

SERVICE
Vietnam, 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; later warrant officer, Military Police Special Investigation Branch

HOME
Southern Gold Coast

PARTNER
Therese Clare Frawley p. 19

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Ric and Therese at Ella's christening, May 2026
Therese holds Ben's daughter Ella, in the gown Gloria made about 1947.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



2RAR in Vietnam, July 1970
Mortarmen of 2RAR/NZ, the ANZAC Battalion, duck the blast at Fire Support Base Tess in Phuoc Tuy Province during the battalion's 1970–71 tour. Ric isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial EKN/70/0464/VN, public domain

Corey's grandmother's sister

Bernadette MacRae

living · *Andrew's aunt*

Allan and Gloria's daughter, "Dette" to her sister Therese. The two live near each other on the Gold Coast, walk Palm Beach together and stop for coffee at the surf club. She hates having her photo taken, so Therese posts only half her head.

Parents: Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98 · Brothers and sisters: Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25



Corey's grandmother's sister

Rosemary Wood, née MacRae

living · *Andrew's aunt*

Allan and Gloria's daughter, Rosemary Wood by marriage, Corey says. Her daughters are Natalie and, very probably, Emily. In October 2019 Natalie posted a photo of herself and her baby son beside the "mother and father of the bride" at a family wedding; they're very probably Rosemary and her husband.

PARENTS
Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25

CHILDREN
Natalie Wood p. 24, Emily Wood p. 24

Rosemary Wood, née MacRae, continued

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Mother and father of the bride, October 2019
Natalie with her son, beside her parents at a family wedding. Very probably Rosemary and her husband; the family should confirm.
Natalie, Instagram



Corey's father's first cousin

Natalie Wood

living · *Rosemary's daughter*

Rosemary's daughter and Andrew's cousin. She was born about 1980, and her son, Elijah, was born in 2018. Her sister is Emily, "Aunty Em" to Elijah.

PARENTS
Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Emily Wood p. 24
CHILDREN
Elijah p. 24

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At a family wedding, October 2019
Natalie and her son, with the mother and father of the bride.
Natalie, Instagram

Corey's second cousin

Elijah

living · *Natalie's son*

Natalie's son, born in 2018. As a toddler he wanted to be Santa for his cousin Caitlin.

Parents: Natalie Wood p. 24

Corey's father's first cousin

Emily Wood

living · *Rosemary's daughter*

Rosemary's daughter and Natalie's sister, "Aunty Em" to Natalie's son, Elijah. The October 2019 family wedding where Rosemary was mother of the bride was very probably hers.

Parents: Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23 · Brothers and sisters: Natalie Wood p. 24

Corey's grandmother's brother

Michael MacRae

living · *Andrew's uncle*

Allan and Gloria's son, one of their seven children. He lives at Port Macquarie, and in October 2024 Therese and Ric drove down to stay with him for a week.

In 1980 a Michael Francis MacRae was on the roll at Allan and Gloria's address in Bronte, very probably him.

Parents: Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98 · Brothers and sisters: Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23

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The Hodgskin line

Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin's family and forebears

Hodgskin · Jewell · Stillman · Davies · Platt · Mitchell · Goudhurst

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Corey's great-grandfather

Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin

1916–1958

Born at St Marys in 1916, the eldest son of the family at King Street, Enfield. He was a lacquer worker, and his form names Standard Telephones and Cables in Alexandria.

At nearly 14, Lennie Hodgskin went to the St Marys school ball dressed as Fowl-House Fanny, which is all you need to know about his sense of humour. He'd already broken his right forearm at about nine, and at 14 or 15 he had an operation on his left thumb, which by 1940 was missing its top joint. He trained as a French polisher and lacquer worker.

In August 1940 an Army doctor marked him unfit, not for the thumb, which the doctor called slight, but for sugar in his urine. He was later reclassified A1, and served part-time in the Volunteer Defence Corps until it disbanded in 1945. He signed for his discharge at 6 Croydon Street, Lakemba.

He married Meron McLeod at St Thomas's, Enfield, on 5 July 1941, with over 100 guests and a honeymoon at Ettalong. The local paper's one complaint was the absence of his brother Ron, who was serving in Darwin and couldn't get leave to be best man.

ARMY NUMBER
N448157

BORN
13 August 1916, St Marys

MARRIED
NSW 20590/1941

DIED
21 April 1958, NSW 8621/1958

RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 7, Niche 81

VDC
11th Battalion from March 1943; 9th Battalion, May 1944; 11th again, February 1945; discharged on disbandment, 30 September 1945

PROBATE
18 September 1958 (Series 4_481254)

Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin, continued

In 1938, when his father turned the lacquer business into a company, 22-year-old Len held one of the two founding shares. After the war he went into partnership with his brother Ron and George Coggan, home from a Japanese prison camp and about to marry their sister Gwen. In March 1946 the three registered Betta Spray Service at 41 King Street, Enfield, doing spray painting and French polishing.

The 1943 aerial photo of Sydney shows Len and Meron's whole story in a single block. His father's lacquer factory was on King Street, facing St Thomas's churchyard, and on the other side of the churchyard, on Wynnstay Avenue, lived Meron's parents, about 180 metres away. They married in that church, and both families' plaques are in its memorial walls today. He died at Ashfield on 21 April 1958, aged 41, late of Lakemba. His plaque at St Thomas's, Enfield says: We have him in our hearts.

NSW ITEM NUMBERS

Estate file [20/6885] B182018 (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-38-14631, 4_481254 (NRS 13660)

CHILDREN

Leonard Arthur (very probably), Ian and Merilyn Kay

PARENTS

Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29, Annie Hodgskin, née Jewell p. 32

PARTNER

Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Ronald Keith Hodgskin p. 27, Gwenyth Beatrice Coggan p. 29, Russell Hodgskin p. 27

CHILDREN

Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15

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Wedding report, Cootamundra Herald, 28 July 1941

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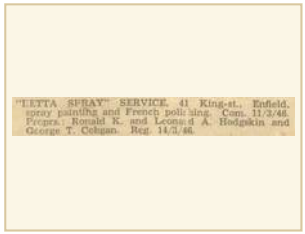
Len's hand, 1940
His signature, with his father's address at 41 King Street, Enfield.
National Archives, B884, N448157, page 1



Unfit: glycosuria
"Distal phalanx missing", "Unfit, Glycosuria", then A1.
National Archives, B884, N448157, page 10



"For thumb, 1931"
His answers about the operation and the broken forearm.
National Archives, B884, N448157, page 10



"LETTA SPRAY" SERVICE, 41 King-st., Enfield, spray painting and French polishing. Com. 11/3/46. Proprs.: Ronald K. and Leonard A. Hodgskin and George T. Coggan. Reg. 14/3/46.

Betta Spray Service, 1946
Registered by Ron, Len and George Coggan, at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Dun's Gazette for NSW, 26 April 1946, via Trove



Len's plaque
St Thomas's, Enfield.
Find a Grave 171591280, Erica Knower



St Thomas's, Enfield
Where he married Meron, and where they both rest.
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One block in Enfield, 1943
(1) The McLeods at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, (2) St Thomas's church and churchyard, (3) the Hodgskin factory site on King Street, approximate. Markers added by the researcher.
NSW Spatial Services, Sydney 1943 aerial imagery (SIX Maps)

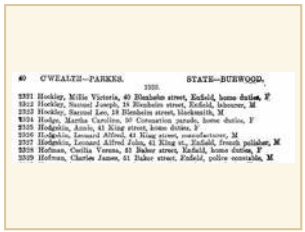


The memorial wall at St Thomas's, Enfield
Wall 7 holds the plaques of Len and Meron, and of Arthur and Isabella McLeod.
Erica Knower, Find a Grave 171591280

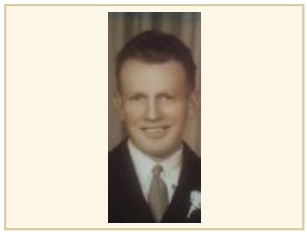
Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin, continued



Len's service card
"Unfit for military service" and "left thumb amputated", with his Volunteer Defence Corps postings below. The doctor's sheet gives the fuller story.
National Archives, B884, N448157



The family on the 1939 roll
Annie, Leonard (manufacturer) and Len (French polisher), all at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196462906



Len on his wedding day, 1941
A hand-tinted portrait, taken when he married Meron at St Thomas's, Enfield, on 5 July 1941.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Len's discharge, 1946
The Army's NSW Echelon and Records office sends his VDC discharge certificate, no. 10707, to him at Lakemba in April 1946, and Len signs for it.
National Archives, B884, N448157, page 6



Len with his mother, about 1919–20
Very probably Len, aged about three, on Annie's knee.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Russell Hodgskin, known as Russ

died 2003 · *Len's brother*

Leonard and Annie Hodgskin's youngest son, Len, Ron and Gwen's little brother: the family's notice for their father in 1944 remembered him as "father of Len, Ron, Gwen, Russ", and Leonard's in memoriams name Russell. In 1969 Russell Hodgskin made the land-title application PA 46765, for lot 13, section 1, of the Adelaide Park Estate, in Mitchell Street, Enfield, a different block from the family's King Street lot. He died in June 2003, fifteen days after his brother Ron.

PARENTS Leonard Alfred Hodgskin and Annie Jewell · LAND PA 46765, 12 December 1969: lot 13, section 1, Adelaide Park Estate, Mitchell Street, Enfield · DIED June 2003, fifteen days after Ron (who died on 5 June 2003)

Parents: Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29, Annie Hodgskin, née Jewell p. 32 · Brothers and sisters: Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25, Ronald Keith Hodgskin p. 27, Gwenyth Beatrice Coggan p. 29



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Ronald Keith Hodgskin, known as Ron

1922–2003 · *Len's brother*

Ron was Leonard and Annie's second son, Len's younger brother, born at St Marys on 20 May 1922, by a family tree. In July 1939, at 17, he and his father were caught in an explosion at a St Peters vulcanising works and made the front page

ARMY NUMBER
N75446

Ronald Keith Hodgskin, continued

of The Sun. Ron was kept in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with burns to his face and arms.

Ron told the Army he was 20 when he was 18 and was sent to Darwin with the artillery garrison. In December 1940 he became a clerk in the Provost Corps, and in March 1941 he was posted to 7th Military District headquarters in Darwin and made a corporal. He was there on 19 February 1942. That morning the headquarters log records the general alarm at 9.55, the town telephone line going dead and, at 11.30, a call to the provosts to keep people at a safe distance from the bombed ship Barossa, whose boilers might burst at any time. Five weeks later his tour was up and he came south.

He couldn't get leave to be best man when Len married Meron in 1941, and the local paper noticed. After the war he went into partnership with Len and their cousin George Coggan, who was about to marry their sister Gwen: in March 1946 the three registered Betta Spray Service, spray painting and French polishing, at the family factory at 41 King Street, Enfield. Ron, by then of Yamba, died in June 2003, aged 81, and his little brother Russell died fifteen days later.

His Army record gives his full name as Ronald Keith Hodgskin and his birth as 20 May 1920, two years earlier than the family tree and the 1922 registration; Ronald Keith died on 5 June 2003, aged 81, late of Yamba.

SERVICE
Provost Corps clerk from December 1940; corporal, 7th Military District headquarters, Darwin, March 1941 to March 1942

DIED
5 June 2003, Maclean (a family tree); late of Yamba, aged 81

BORN
20 May 1922, St Marys (a family tree)

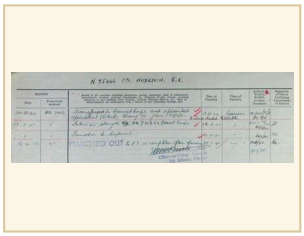
PARENTS
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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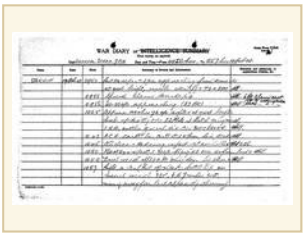
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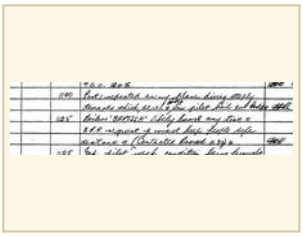
"Ron Hodgeskin", 1950s–60s
Half a page from a family album deposited with the Society of Genealogists: Ron in glasses and a short-sleeved shirt by a fence post, with sugar cane behind. The typed caption names him.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Ron's card, Darwin 1940 to 1942
Provost Corps clerk from December 1940, then a corporal at 7th Military District headquarters, Darwin. Marched out on completion of his term, 25 March 1942.
National Archives, B884, N75446, page 4



Darwin, 19 February 1942
The headquarters war diary: general alarm sounded.
Australian War Memorial, AWM52 1/7/46/5



"Request provost keep people safe distance"
Headquarters calls the provosts at 11.30. Ron had been a Provost Corps clerk before joining this headquarters.
Australian War Memorial, AWM52 1/7/46/5



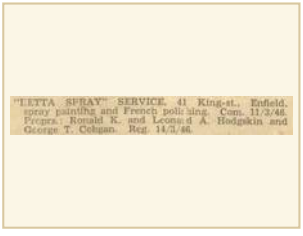
The Barossa and Neptuna burning, 19 February 1942
Near the Darwin jetty after direct hits in the first raid. That morning Ron's headquarters asked the provosts to keep people back from the Barossa, whose boilers might burst.
Australian War Memorial, P02759.011, public domain



Headquarters, 7th Military District, Darwin, 1942
Larrakeyah Barracks, photographed in November 1942. Ron was on this headquarters' strength from March 1941 to March 1942.
Australian War Memorial, 027813, public domain



"Blast in Factory", 1939
The Sun's front page, with the hole in the wall. Leonard and Ron were both hurt.
The Sun, 22 July 1939, via Trove



Betta Spray Service, 1946
Registered by Ron, Len and George Coggan, at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Dun's Gazette for NSW, 26 April 1946, via Trove

Corey's great-grandfather's sister

Gwenyth Beatrice Coggan, née Hodgskin

1926–2012 · *Len's sister; George Coggan's wife*

Leonard and Annie Hodgskin's daughter, Len and Ron's sister. In 1946 she married George Coggan, Meron's first cousin, home from three and a half years as a prisoner of the Japanese, at St Thomas's, Enfield, where Len and Meron had married five years before. So the Hodgskins and the Coggans were joined twice over: Len married a Coggan granddaughter, and his sister married a Coggan grandson.

Through her father she descends from the Hodgskins of Watford and Goudhurst in Kent, and through her mother, Annie Jewell, from the Cornish mining families who came out on the Pericles in 1883.

She died at Ballina Hospital on 29 July 2012, aged 86 (Northern Star, 1 August 2012).

Her middle name, Beatrice, was very possibly for her father's only full sister, Beatrice Hodgskin (possible).

MARRIED
George Thomas Colin Coggan, 1946 (NSW 18115/1946)

PARENTS
Leonard Alfred Hodgskin and Annie Jewell

DIED
29 July 2012, Ballina Hospital, aged 86 (Northern Star, 1 August 2012; probate 5 September 2012)

PARENTS
Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29, Annie Hodgskin, née Jewell p. 32

PARTNER
George Thomas Colin Coggan p. 55

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25, Ronald Keith Hodgskin p. 27, Russell Hodgskin p. 27



Corey's great-great-grandfather

Leonard Alfred Hodgskin

1892–1942

The Australian Hodgskin line starts with this one young man from Watford in Hertfordshire. He was baptised there in 1893, the son of Alfred John Hodgskin, a decorator, and Mary Emily, of 43 Souldern Street. His mother, Mary Emily, born a Stillman at Camberwell, died at Watford in 1895, aged only 21, when he was two, leaving him and his baby sister, Beatrice. In 1901 the census found him, aged 8, in Harwood Road, Watford, with his father, by then a house painter and decorator, his stepmother Annie, Beatrice and a month-old half-brother, Alfred. By 1911, at 18, he had left his father's house and was boarding with a widow, Emily Ashby, at 23 The Crescent, Watford, working as a decorator for a builder. He very probably came out on the Hawkes Bay: an "L. Hodgskin", a 20-year-old farm student, sailed from Tilbury on 18 June 1914, landing in Melbourne at the end of July, days before war broke out, and less than two years before his wedding. The Victorian copy of the ship's list has the same "Hodgskin, Mr L.", 20, farm student, English, booked to land at Melbourne; like the English list, it gives only his initial. If it was him, the Watford decorator had become a farm student: he may have done a short farm course, or simply put down the work he hoped to find.

By 1916 he had married a St Marys girl at Christ Church in Sydney. In 1919 he had a three-room weatherboard cottage approved at Toongabbie, and by the mid 1930s he was making lacquer in sheds at 41 King Street, Enfield. He wasn't shy about a deal: in 1931 he offered an Essex sedan for a player piano, and in 1934 a cottage with a lighted tennis court for a place he could put a factory. By 1938 it was L. A. Hodgskin Pty Ltd, with £10,000 of capital.

BIRTH
England, Watford, December quarter 1892, 3A 561; mother's maiden name Stillman (GRO index, which spells him "Lemard Alfred")

MARRIED
27 January 1916, Christ Church, Sydney, NSW 532/1916

DIED
25 August 1942, Enfield, NSW 16416/1942

RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 4, 17

HOMES
Toongabbie, 1919; 9 Hornsey Road, Flemington, 1928–33 (Sands Directory); 41 King Street, Enfield, from about 1935

PROBATE
1 December 1942 (Series 4_273909); land-title Primary Application, Enfield, Parish of Concord (NRS 13012, PA 34708)

LAND
PA 34708: lot 32, section 1, Adelaide Park Estate, King Street, Enfield (NSW Government Gazette, 24 April 1941)

ESTATE FILE
[20/3052] A45760, "paint and lacquer manufacturer" (NRS 13340)

Leonard Alfred Hodgskin, continued

In July 1939 he and his 17-year-old son Ron were caught in an explosion at a St Peters vulcanising works, and they made the front page of The Sun. Ron was kept in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with burns to his face and arms, and Leonard was treated and sent home. Two hens next door were beheaded by flying iron. He died suddenly at Enfield on 25 August 1942, aged 49. The firm carried on, supplying lacquer to the Post Office across the country.

Two years on, the family's notice remembered him as "dear husband of Annie, father of Len, Ron, Gwen, Russ". Ron's war, in Darwin on the day of the first air raid, has its own file.

The 1939 electoral roll found the family together at 41 King Street, Enfield: Annie at home, Leonard described as a manufacturer, and young Len as a French polisher. Before Enfield they lived at 9 Hornsey Road, Flemington: the Sydney directory lists L. A. Hodgskin there from 1928 to 1933, and the 1930 roll has Leonard, a foreman, with Annie at home, a few years before he had a lacquer works of his own.

Find a Grave gives his birth as 1893, the year he was baptised; the birth index has the December quarter of 1892.

He was the only male L. Hodgskin born in England and Wales from 1885 to 1900 (the others are Lucy, Lily, Lydia and Lilian), which firms up the Hawkes Bay's "L. Hodgskin".

In February to April 1940 the Sydney District Court lists had a Budrodeen and Stott Pty Ltd v Hodgskin; the defendant isn't named in full, so it may or may not be Leonard (possible).

PARENTS
Alfred John Hodgskin p. 36

PARTNER
Annie Hodgskin, née Jewell p. 32

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Beatrice Mary Harriet Hodgskin p. 31

CHILDREN
Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25, Ronald Keith Hodgskin p. 27, Gwenyth Beatrice Coggan p. 29, Russell Hodgskin p. 27

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In memoriam, SMH, 25 August 1944

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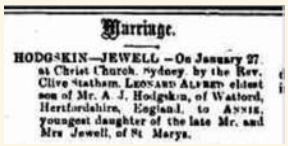
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"Blast in Factory", 1939
The Sun's front page, with the hole in the wall. Leonard and Ron were both hurt.
The Sun, 22 July 1939, via Trove



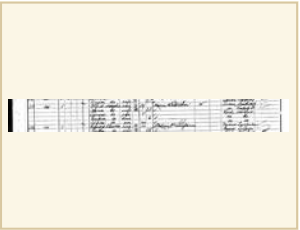
The wrecked works, 1939
A second photo of the St Peters works after the blast.
Daily Telegraph, 24 July 1939, via Trove



Their marriage notice, 1916
Eldest son of Mr A. J. Hodgskin, of Watford, Hertfordshire, England.
Nepean Times, via Trove



St Mary's, Watford
Where Leonard was baptised on 6 October 1893.
Nigel Cox, CC BY-SA 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Leonard at 8, Watford, 1901
Harwood Road, Watford: Alfred Hodgskin, 29, house painter and decorator, born Southwark; Annie, 22, born Kentish Town; Leonard, 8; Beatrice, 6; and baby Alfred, one month.
1901 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG13/1319, folio 47, p. 33 (record 7702928)



Leonard the decorator, 1911
23 The Crescent, Watford: Leonard Hodgskin, 18, boarder, decorator, builder's worker, born Watford, three years before he sailed for Australia. He's on line 4; the green tint is Ancestry's highlight.
1911 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG14 piece 7712 (record 41085837)

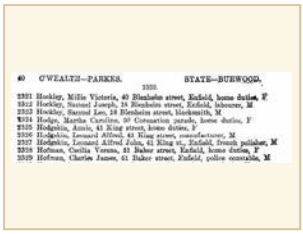


"Hodgskin, Mr L.", 1914
A 20-year-old farm student on the Hawkes Bay passenger list, Tilbury, 18 June 1914, bound for Melbourne. Very probably Leonard.
Ancestry, UK and Ireland Outward Passenger Lists 1890-1960 (The National Archives, BT27), record 41974631



Bound for Melbourne, 1914
The Victorian copy of the Hawkes Bay's list: entry 670, "Hodgskin, Mr L.", single, 20, farm student, English, booked to land at Melbourne. Very probably Leonard.
Ancestry, Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists (PROV), record 3583172

Leonard Alfred Hodgskin, continued



The family on the 1939 roll
Annie, Leonard (manufacturer) and Len (French polisher), all at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196462906



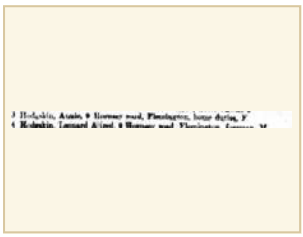
Leonard, about 1930
A portrait taken in Sydney, from a family print.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Leonard and his sister Beatrice, about 1900
In England. His little sister Beatrice (1894–1983) has her own file.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Sands Directory, 1928
"Hodgskin L. A., 9 Hornsey rd, Fl'ton", with his neighbours.
Sands Directories, Sydney and NSW, 1928, via Ancestry



9 Hornsey Road, Flemington, 1930
The 1930 roll: Annie Hodgskin, home duties, and Leonard Alfred Hodgskin, foreman.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Corey's great-great-grandfather's sister

Beatrice Mary Harriet Hodgskin

1894–1983 · *Leonard's sister*

Beatrice was Leonard's little sister, born at Watford in Hertfordshire in 1894, the daughter of Alfred John Hodgskin, a decorator, and Mary Emily, born a Stillman. Their mother died in 1895, aged only 21, when Beatrice was a baby. In 1901 the census found her, aged 6, in Harwood Road, Watford, with her father, her stepmother Annie, Leonard and their month-old half-brother, Alfred.

Leonard sailed for Australia in 1914, but Beatrice stayed in England. The family's own caption on their photo says she never married and became a nanny, later looking after the next generation of the same family. In 1911, at 17, she was already a children's nurse, living in at the Watford home of a doctor, Mervyn Eager, whose wife had a young child. She died in London on 17 June 1983, aged 89; a family tree had given 1970. The studio portrait of the two of them, taken in England about 1900, is the earliest photo the family has of either.

BORN
2 April 1894, Watford, Hertfordshire

PARENTS
Alfred John Hodgskin and Mary Emily Stillman

1901 CENSUS
Harwood Road, Watford, aged 6

DIED
17 June 1983, London (England and Wales death index, Kensington and Chelsea; probate calendar, London, 26 August 1983). The Hodgskin family tree had 1970

1911 CENSUS
39 Abingdon, Durban Road, Watford: nurse (domestic), aged 17, in the household of Dr Mervyn Eager

PROBATE
Of Flat 2, 27 The Vale, Chelsea; died 17 June 1983; probate London, 26 August 1983; £28,879

Beatrice Mary Harriet Hodgskin, continued

PARENTS
Alfred John Hodgskin p. 36
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29

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Beatrice and Leonard, about 1900
In England: Beatrice in the bonnet, her big brother Leonard beside her.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Leonard at 8, Watford, 1901
Harwood Road, Watford: Alfred Hodgskin, 29, house painter and decorator, born Southwark; Annie, 22, born Kentish Town; Leonard, 8; Beatrice, 6; and baby Alfred, one month.
1901 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG13/1319, folio 47, p. 33 (record 7702928)



Beatrice the nurse, 1911
Watford: Beatrice Hodgskin, 17, servant, "Nurse (domestic)", born Watford, in Dr Mervyn Eager's household.
1911 England census, via Ancestry



The probate calendar, 1983
Beatrice Mary Harriet Hodgskin, of The Vale, Chelsea.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1983



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Annie Hodgskin, née Jewell

1891–1953

Annie was born at St Marys in June 1891, the youngest daughter of a Cornish family, and baptised at St Mary Magdalene. She lost her father in 1913 and her mother just two weeks before her own quiet wedding in 1916, so her sister Kate's husband gave her away. She raised Len, Ron, Gwen and Russ, ran a home beside a paint factory, and was widowed at 51. She died at 41 King Street on 30 December 1953, aged 62. Her funeral left St Thomas's Church, a few doors away, on 2 January 1954 for Rookwood Crematorium, and her ashes are in the church's memorial wall beside Leonard's.

In 1930 she was on the roll with Leonard at 9 Hornsey Road, Flemington, before the move to King Street, Enfield.

Leonard's own land-title application, PA 34708, was for lot 32, section 1, of the Adelaide Park Estate, in King Street, Enfield (Government Gazette, 24 April 1941). A later application, PA 46765, made by their youngest son, Russell, on 12 December 1969, was for lot 13, section 1, of the same estate, in Mitchell Street, Enfield: a different block, not the King Street house.

DIED
30 December 1953 (probate, Series 4_417186; the estates index's "30/10" is wrong); NSW 25863/1953

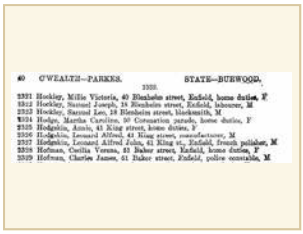
RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 4, 18, beside Leonard

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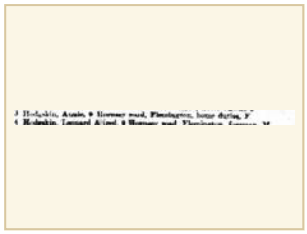
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The family on the 1939 roll
Annie, Leonard (manufacturer) and Len (French polisher), all at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196462906



Annie with her little boy
Very probably Len, about 1919–20, on her knee. A larger copy of the same photo.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



9 Hornsey Road, Flemington, 1930
The 1930 roll: Annie Hodgskin, home duties, and Leonard Alfred Hodgskin, foreman.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Annie in later life, about 1950
In a hat, white collar and patterned frock, at a Luke family wedding. A typed caption in a Jewell family album names her "Annie Hodgeskin (Jewell)"; cropped to Annie only.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandmother's sister

Kate Pericles Luke, née Jewell

1883–1944 · *Annie's sister*

Kate was born at sea in 1883, somewhere in the Atlantic, on the Aberdeen clipper Pericles, while John and Catherine Jewell sailed from Cornwall to Sydney with their two older children. They named her after the ship, and she kept the name all her life. The immigrant list still has "Born on Voyage" in the margin.

She married George Henry Luke, a St Marys sawmiller and alderman who owned the mills on both sides of the station, and it was George who gave her little sister Annie away in 1916. He died at home in August 1928, aged 56. Kate died on 11 May 1944, aged 60, and they lie together at St Mary Magdalene, St Marys, under a stone that reads "Sadly missed". Their son Vyal Henry Luke, who died in 1957, has a plaque on the same grave.

Her family's album has her wedding portrait, about 1900–01: George seated in a bowler hat, with his moustache and a buttonhole, and Kate standing in a feathered hat with a wide white sash. Their sons included Vyal Henry, known as Jack (1902–57), Hilton Alworth, known as Hec (1904–64), and Harold Elwyn (1908–69), and they had daughters, Elvie and Clarice among them. In the 1930s she was photographed knitting in a cane chair on the verandah of the house at St Marys, with Clarice beside her. In 1916 George was the sole executor of her mother Catherine's will.

Her sons' names Vyal and Vivian may carry a Davies family name; her brother John Davies Jewell's son was Vivian James (possible).

In October 1920 George registered "Lalor & Luke", sawmill proprietors, St Marys, with Richard Henry Lalor (Register of Firms [2/8551], 37275).

BORN
1883, at sea on the Pericles

MARRIED
George Henry Luke, St Marys sawmiller and alderman, about 1900–01 (their wedding portrait)

DIED
11 May 1944, aged 60

RESTING PLACE
St Mary Magdalene churchyard, St Marys, Row H, Plots 9–10

GEORGE'S PROBATE
George Henry Luke: estate Pre A 36518; probate Series 4_154392. "Kate P. Luke" appears in Deposited Deeds 11824

GEORGE
George Henry Luke, 1871–1928; died 13 August 1928, aged 56

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Kate Pericles Jewell, about 1905–10
Seated, in a dark dress with a lace yoke and a choker. The family's caption adds: "Kate was born at sea on the ship 'Pericles'". The print is cracked.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"George Luke and Kate Pericles Jewell", about 1900–01
Their studio wedding portrait: George seated in a bowler hat, Kate standing in a feathered hat and wide white sash.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Kate Pericles and George Luke's headstone
St Mary Magdalene, St Marys. Sadly missed.
Find a Grave 158213165, Kevin Roe



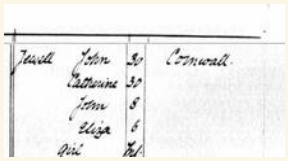
The Luke grave, St Marys
Kate and George's grave in the churchyard of St Mary Magdalene.
Find a Grave 158213165, jandj, 2022



"Born on Voyage", 1883
The Jewells on the immigrant list of the Pericles.
NSW State Archives NRS 5316



"Relaxing at house in St Marys, N.S.W."
"L to R Kate Luke, Clarice Luke": Kate in later life, about the 1930s, knitting on the verandah, with her daughter Clarice.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Girl, Inf.", 1883
Kate, unnamed on the Pericles list, as the infant girl of John and Catherine Jewell.
New South Wales, assisted immigrant passenger lists, via Ancestry

Corey's great-great-grandmother's brother

John Davies Jewell

1875–1945 · *Annie's brother*

Annie's big brother, born in Cornwall in 1875 and given his mother's maiden name, Davies, as his middle name. He was the boy of eight on the Pericles when the family sailed for Sydney in 1883.

He went west: 25 years with the Western Australian railways, a farm at Gorge Rock near Corrigin, and a JP. In 1916, at 41, he tried to enlist in Perth and was knocked back for bad teeth and haemorrhoids, but he got in with the Railway Corps anyway. He's the family's old link to Western Australia.

He had a seizure at York, in the wheatbelt, on 1 June 1945 and died in York Hospital two days later, aged 70. The town hall flag flew at half mast, and he was buried at Karrakatta with the Railway Corps named in his death notice. His surviving son, Vivian, had died nine years before, aged 35; his headstone calls him the loving father of Vivian, Reta and Vera.

In Western Australia he married Alice Maud Mary Bailey at Northam in 1899, the daughter of James Bailey and Emma Gregory. Their first baby, John, died at seven months on the Yilgarn line that year; Vivian James was born at Meckering in 1900 and died in 1936, and Emma Vera was born at Wagin in 1906 and married Roy Graham Atkinson at Corrigin in 1929. Alice died at Perth in 1964. His own death entry, at York in 1945, gives his mother as "Caroline Davies", an informant's slip for Catherine.

BORN
28 January 1875, near Mawgan, Cornwall (his AIF attestation)

ARRIVED
Pericles, Sydney, December 1883, aged 8

SERVICE
Railway Corps, First World War

DIED
3 June 1945, York Hospital, Western Australia, aged 70

RESTING PLACE
Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth

MARRIED
Alice Maud Mary Bailey, Northam, WA 909/1899; her parents were James Bailey and Emma Gregory

John Davies Jewell, continued

His AIF attestation, where he's indexed as John Daniel Jewell, gives his birth as 28 January 1875 near Mawgan. He attested on 18 October 1917 as no. 2719 for the Railway Corps, with his wife, Alice Maud Mary, at 98 Bent Street, North Perth.

His birth was registered in the Helston district early in 1875, and in 1881 he was six, at Mawgan Cross with his parents, John, 28, and Catherine, 27, and his little sister Eliza J., 3.

His file, filed as John Daniel Jewell, says his birth certificate was seen: born at Mawgan on 28 January 1875. He enlisted at Blackboy Hill on 26 November 1917, stamped "requires extensive dental treatment", sailed from Fremantle on the Ormonde on 13 March 1918, and served as a sapper with the 5th Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company from 1 July 1918 and the 4th from 12 July. He came home on the Karmala on 8 August 1919 and was discharged on 31 August.

His son Vivian James has a Western Australian Government Railways service card: a junior porter, then a porter, from 1916 to 1923. No probate for him is online.

As a Justice of the Peace he sat on the Corrigin bench. The Gazette records his transfer to the Yilgarn district in 1936 and to Avon, which takes in York, in 1941. His eldest daughter, Alice Rita, married N. J. Tassell at Corrigin in October 1925: she is the "Reta" on his headstone. In 1934 the Gazette index lists "Jewell, J. D., Gorge Rock" under the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, very probably as a farmer seeking relief from his creditors in the Depression (likely).

CHILDREN
John (1899, died aged 7 months at Yilgarn Line); Vivian James (born Meckering, 1900; died 1936); Alice Rita, "Reta", the eldest daughter (married N. J. Tassell, Corrigin, 28 October 1925); Emma Vera (born Wagin, 1906; married Roy Graham Atkinson, Corrigin, 1929; died 1983)

AIF
No. 2719; attested 18 October 1917, enlisted at Blackboy Hill 26 November 1917; sapper, 5th then 4th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company, 1918; Ormonde out, Karmala home; discharged 31 August 1919

BIRTH REGISTERED
January–March 1875, Helston district (GRO index)

JP
On the Corrigin bench, February 1932 (Corrigin Broadcaster, 4 February 1932); transferred to Yilgarn, 1936, and reinstated and transferred to Avon, 1941 (WA Government Gazette indexes)

FARMERS' DEBTS
"Jewell, J. D., Gorge Rock", Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, 1934 (WA Gazette index, p. 237; likely)

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John Davies Jewell, rejected, 1916
Bad teeth and haemorrhoids.
National Archives, MT1486/1



John Davies Jewell's headstone, Karrakatta
"Loving father of Vivian, Reta and Vera. Died 3rd June 1945. Ever remembered."
Q-Here, Find a Grave 213664191 (2025)



The Jewell grave at Karrakatta, Perth
John Davies Jewell's family grave.
Find a Grave 213664191, joanne fischer



"Born on Voyage", 1883
The Jewells on the immigrant list of the Pericles.
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John Davies Jewell, continued



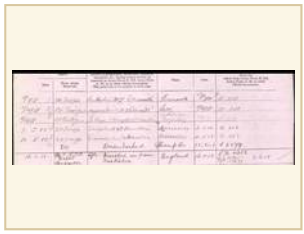
His AIF attestation, 1917
John Davies Jewell, no. 2719, Railway Corps: born near Mawgan, Cornwall, 28 January 1875; his wife, Alice Maud Mary, of North Perth.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, via Ancestry



His AIF attestation, 1917
Filed as John Daniel Jewell, no. 2719.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Jewell J D



His service
The Broad Gauge Railway Operating Companies, 1918–19.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Jewell J D



Off to the war, 1918
Sailed on the Ormonde from Fremantle, 13 March 1918.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Jewell J D

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Alfred John Hodgskin

1871–1961 · *Leonard's father*

Alfred was a Southwark boy, born on 26 October 1871 in St Saviour's district, the son of Richard Hodgskin and Harriet Platt, and was christened at St Philip's church on Kennington Road, Lambeth, on 3 December 1871. In 1881 he was nine and at school, at 11 Amott Road, Camberwell. At 19, in 1891, he was staying at Oxhey, on the edge of Watford, with his half-brother Richard John, a carpenter like their father, and Watford became home. At 20 he married Mary Emily Stillman at Camberwell in 1892, and their first son, Leonard, was born at Watford that year. In 1916 a New South Wales paper called Leonard the eldest son of Mr A. J. Hodgskin of Watford, Hertfordshire. He stayed in England and lived to 90, dying at home in Bushey, near Watford, in December 1961.

Mary Emily Stillman, born at Camberwell in 1873, was very probably the daughter of William Stillman, a letter carrier, or postman, who also made boots, and his wife, Mary Ann Bennett, a shoemaker's daughter, who had married him at St Giles's, Camberwell, on 25 July 1872; they have their own file. In 1881 an eight-year-old Mary E. Stillman, born at Peckham, was at school and living with them at 10 Choumert Grove, Peckham, with her little sister Sarah. Mary Emily was 21 when she died at Watford in 1895, leaving two-year-old Leonard and baby Beatrice Mary Harriet. Leonard carried her name across the world on his death record. In 1900 Alfred married again, to Annie Eliza Trimnell, born at Kentish Town about 1879. In 1901 the census found them in Harwood Road, Watford, Alfred a house painter and decorator, with Leonard, Beatrice and a month-old son, Alfred Edward John. Charles Frederick followed in 1903. Alfred and Annie died within three days of each other at Christmas 1961: he at home in Beechcroft Road, Bushey, on 22 December, aged 90, and she at Shrodells Hospital in Watford on Christmas Day, aged 81. Their sons Alfred Edward John, a railway engineer, and Charles Frederick, a postal employee, wound up both estates.

The 1939 Register has him at Cheshunt, in Hertfordshire: Alfred J. Hodgskin, born 26 October 1871, a retired railway painting inspector, with Annie, born in 1880.

Their son Charles Frederick was a postman at Watford: the London Gazette has his Civil Service certificate as a postman in July 1936, and in December 1963 the Imperial Service Medal on his retirement as a Postman Higher Grade, Watford (likely him).

BORN
26 October 1871 (1939 Register), St Saviour's district, Southwark

MARRIED
Mary Emily Stillman, Camberwell, April–June 1892 (civil index 1d 1361, the same page; in no Church of England register, so probably the register office); Annie Eliza Trimnell, 1900

CENSUSES
Camberwell 1881; visiting his half-brother at Oxhey, Watford, 1891; Harwood Road, Watford, 1901

BAPTISED
3 December 1871, St Philip's, Kennington Road, Lambeth

DIED
22 December 1961, Bushey, Hertfordshire, aged 90. Annie died 25 December 1961, Shrodells Hospital, Watford (probate calendar)

1939 REGISTER
Cheshunt, Hertfordshire: retired railway painting inspector, with Annie

ESTATE
Administration with will, Oxford, 25 October 1962, to his sons Alfred Edward John, railway engineer, and Charles Frederick, postal employee; £4,117. Annie Eliza: administration 17 September 1962; £5,287

Alfred John Hodgskin, continued

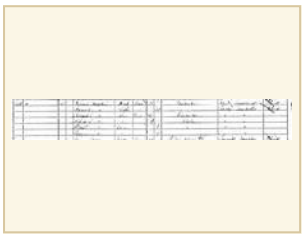
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MARY EMILY'S PARENTS, VERY PROBABLY
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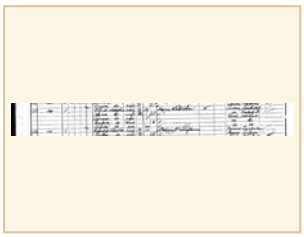
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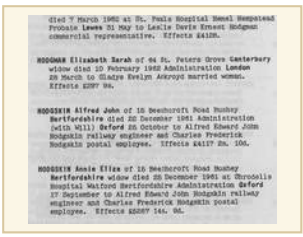
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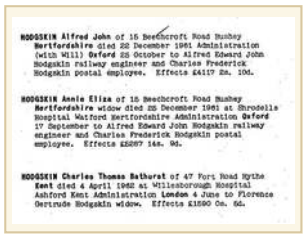
The Hodgskins at 11 Amott Road, 1881
Camberwell: Richard Hodgskin, 51, carpenter, born Goudhurst, Kent; Harriett, 39, born Lambeth; Richard J., 19, carpenter; Alfred J., 9, scholar; Elizabeth, 6; Rosina, 1; and at the foot, their lodger John Carre, a blind chair caner from Somerset.
1881 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG11/676, folio 103, p. 46 (record 21122095)



Leonard at 8, Watford, 1901
Harwood Road, Watford: Alfred Hodgskin, 29, house painter and decorator, born Southwark; Annie, 22, born Kentish Town; Leonard, 8; Beatrice, 6; and baby Alfred, one month.
1901 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG13/1319, folio 47, p. 33 (record 7702928)



Alfred and Annie, Christmas 1961
The 1962 probate calendar: Alfred John Hodgskin of 15 Beechcroft Road, Bushey, died 22 December 1961, and Annie Eliza Hodgskin, of the same address, died three days later at Shrodells Hospital, Watford.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1962, via Ancestry



The probate calendar, 1962
Alfred John Hodgskin, Annie Eliza Hodgskin and Charles T. B. Hodgskin, all in the same year.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1962

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather's brother

Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin

1881–1962 · *Alfred's brother; Leonard's uncle*

Richard and Harriett's son, Alfred's younger brother and Leonard's uncle, born at East Dulwich on 10 August 1881. His middle name, Bathurst, came down eighty years from Harriett Bathurst Hodgskin, christened at Goudhurst in 1802, and is the family's best clue to the Bathursts of Finchcocks.

He was a gunner in the Boer War and then a Hertfordshire mounted constable, who rode in the county's mounted escorts in 1910 and 1911. He married Florence Gertrude Smith at Watford in 1909. On 4 August 1914 he was recalled to the artillery, and he was in France by 6 October as Gunner 5588, Royal Field Artillery: one of the Old Contemptibles, with the 1914 Star.

He retired from the police in 1923, was a gardener at Chorleywood in 1939, and died on 4 April 1962 at Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, in Kent, the county his family had come from.

BORN
10 August 1881, East Dulwich (GRO, Camberwell, September quarter 1881, 1d/799)

SERVICE
Gunner 5588, Royal Field Artillery; France from 6 October 1914; medal card WO 372/9/225814, "Hodgskin, Charles Thomas Belhurst" [sic]; 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals

MARRIED
Florence Gertrude Smith, Watford, 1909

DIED
4 April 1962, Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Kent

ESTATE
Administration, London, 4 June 1962, to his widow Florence Gertrude; £1,590

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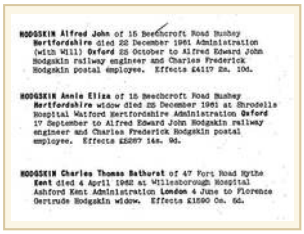
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His medal card
Gunner Chas. Thos. Bathurst Hodgskin, RFA, 5588: the 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
UK, British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards (WO 372), via Ancestry


HODGSKIN Alfred John of 15 Beechcroft Road Bushey Hertfordshire died 22 December 1961 Administration (with Will) Oxford 25 October to Alfred Edward John Hodgskin railway engineer and Charles Frederick Hodgskin postal employee. Effects £4117 2s. 10d.

HODGSKIN Annie Eliza of 15 Beechcroft Road Bushey Hertfordshire widow died 22 December 1961 at Rhodella Hospital Watford Hertfordshire Administration Oxford 17 September to Alfred Edward John Hodgskin railway engineer and Charles Frederick Hodgskin postal employee. Effects £5287 14s. 9d.

HODGSKIN Charles Thomas Bathurst of 47 Fort Road Hythe Kent died 4 April 1962 at Willesborough Hospital Ashford Kent Administration London 4 June to Florence Gertrude Hodgskin widow. Effects £1590 0s. 6d.

The probate calendar, 1962
Charles T. B. Hodgskin, with his brother Alfred and Alfred's wife Annie (Leonard's stepmother).
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1962



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

John Jewell

died 1913 · *Annie's father*

John was a Cornish farm labourer from Mawgan. He was born at Green Bottom late in 1852 and registered in the Truro district, and the birth index gives his mother's maiden name as Michell, the Cornish spelling of Mitchell. His father George, a lead miner at Green Bottom, Kenwyn, was buried in 1862, aged 48, and by 1871 John was living with his uncle at Mawgan Cross. He and Catherine married in their home parish, Mawgan in Meneage, on 2 October 1873, both 20 and both the children of miners called George, and both signed the register. Catherine's parents were George and Mary A. Davies, very probably the mining family who moved wherever the work was: in 1861 George Davies, a miner born at Plymouth, and Mary Ann, from Illogan, were at Illogan with children born at Phillack, Penryn, Redruth and Illogan, among them Catharine, eight, born at Phillack. At 17 Catherine was in service at Mawgan, where she married John two years later. Her parents have their own file. In October 1883 he and Catherine boarded the Aberdeen clipper Pericles with two small children and a third on the way. Somewhere in the Atlantic she gave birth to a girl, and they named her Kate Pericles. They reached Sydney at Christmas. The immigration agent gave up his Christmas Day to meet the ship with a steamer, but the single women on board asked to spend Christmas on the ship and went ashore the next day. The original handwritten list survives, with "Born on Voyage" in the margin.

John went to work on the Lethbridge estate at Tregear, near St Marys, cut wood, built the town's kerbs and footpaths, and stayed thirty years. He died in Nepean Cottage Hospital on 30 September 1913 after a long illness. Catherine died on 11 January 1916, aged 62, of a paralytic stroke thought to have been brought on by the shock of an accident a few weeks earlier.

Two of their children have their own files: Kate Pericles, born on the voyage, and John Davies Jewell, the boy of eight on the ship, who went west.

A Jewell family tree on Ancestry has an uncaptioned studio portrait of an older man in a hat, with a moustache, very probably John in his last years. It's the face on his tag.

BIRTH
December quarter 1852, Green Bottom, Kenwyn; registered in the Truro district, 5c/184, mother's maiden name Michell (GRO index)

ARRIVED
Pericles, Sydney, December 1883

DIED
30 September 1913, Nepean Cottage Hospital

CATHERINE DIED
11 January 1916, aged 62

RESTING PLACE
St Mary Magdalene churchyard, St Marys, Row H, Plots 3-4

CATHERINE'S BIRTH
About July or August 1853 (aged 60 years 5 months at Christmas 1913)

CATHERINE'S PROBATE
To George Henry Luke, sole executor, March 1916 (probate notice, 24 March 1916)

TREES DISAGREE
Catherine's parents: George and Mary Ann Davies (very probably; her marriage entry names a miner George), or Thomas and Phoebe Davies (one family tree)

PERICLES LIST
Sydney, 25 December 1883: John 30, Catherine 30, John 8, Eliza 6, and an infant girl

1881 CENSUS
Mawgan Cross, Mawgan in Meneage: John, 28; Catherine, 27; John D., 6, born Mawgan; Eliza J., 3

John Jewell, continued

Catherine's own portrait, from the Crown Studios in Sydney, was sent at Christmas 1913, after John's death: "Xmas 1913. To Hilda. From Mrs. Jewell. Aged 60 years 5 months when taken." That puts her birth about July or August 1853. She sits by a table with an open book, her grey hair up, in a dark silk blouse with a lace panel and a bar brooch. Their headstone at St Marys reads: "In loving memory of John Jewell, died 30th Sept. 1913, aged 60 years. At rest. Also his beloved wife Catherine, died 11th Jan. 1916, aged 62 years. At rest." Probate of her will, as Catherine Jewell of St Marys, widow, went to her son-in-law George Henry Luke, the sole executor, in March 1916.

One family tree names Catherine's parents as Thomas and Phoebe Davies, not George and Mary Ann Davies. The trees disagree; her 1873 marriage entry, which calls her the daughter of a miner called George, is why the page keeps George and Mary Ann, very probably.

The Pericles's list, on reaching Sydney on 25 December 1883, has John Jewell, 30, Catherine, 30, John, 8, Eliza, 6, and an infant girl, from Cornwall. About 1900 the Yewens directory lists John Jewell at St Marys.

The Mawgan register's witnesses at his wedding on 2 October 1873 were James Martin and Caroline Treloar (Cornwall OPC). In June 1913, a few months before he died, he broke his collarbone unharnessing horses (Nepean Times, 21 June 1913).

The Illogan Davieses fit Catherine's family: the little sister in their 1861 household was Eliza J., and in 1877 Catherine named her first daughter Eliza Jane; both of her children's grandfathers were miners called George, and so was a son of hers living in 1913 (likely).

MARRIAGE INDEX

December quarter 1873, Helston 5c/389, John Jewell and Catherine Davies on the same page

CHILDREN

John Davies (early 1875, Mawgan); Eliza Jane (September quarter 1877, Helston district; later Mrs George Page); Kate Pericles (1883, at sea); Mabel (born 17 March 1888, Penrith district, NSW 30578/1888; died before 1913); George (living 1913); and Annie (1891). His 1913 obituary names five living: John Davies Jewell of WA, Mrs Geo. Page, Mrs George Luke, George Jewell and Annie

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CATHERINE'S PARENTS, VERY PROBABLY

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CHILDREN

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Very probably John Jewell, about 1905–13
An uncaptioned studio portrait from a Jewell family tree: an older man in a hat, with a moustache, holding papers. The tree has John's dates and family right, but the photo itself isn't labelled, so it's very probably him rather than certainly.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Born on Voyage", 1883
The Jewells on the immigrant list of the Pericles.
NSW State Archives NRS 5316



The iron ship Pericles
At San Francisco.
State Library of South Australia, PRG 1373/3/62



John and Catherine's headstone
St Mary Magdalene, St Marys.
Find a Grave 158211710, jandj

John Jewell, continued



His obituary, 1913
Mawgan, Cornwall, and the Lethbridge estate.
Nepean Times, via Trove



St Mary Magdalene, St Marys
Built 1837 to 1840, the church that gave the suburb its name. Also where Governor King's headstone now stands.
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Mawgan-in-Meneage, Cornwall
Their home parish: the 1881 census has the family at Cross, in Mawgan in Meneage.
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Catherine Jewell, 1913
Seated by a table with an open book, her grey hair up, in a dark silk blouse with a lace panel and a bar brooch. Annie's mother.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



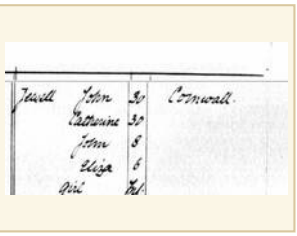
"Aged 60 years 5 months when taken"
The back of the postcard portrait, from the Crown Studios, Sydney: "Xmas 1913. To Hilda. From Mrs. Jewell."
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Their headstone, close up
"In loving memory of John Jewell, died 30th Sept. 1913, aged 60 years. At rest. Also his beloved wife Catherine, died 11th Jan. 1916, aged 62 years. At rest."
Find a Grave, via a Jewell family tree on Ancestry



Very probably Catherine, about 1905–13
A phone copy of a cabinet card, uncaptioned: seated in a carved chair, in a dark dress with a lace yoke and a pearl choker. The face and hair match her 1913 portrait.
Jewell family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Jewells on the Pericles, 1883
"Jewell, John, 30, Cornwall", with Catherine, 30, John, 8, Eliza, 6, and "Girl, Inf.", Kate.
New South Wales, assisted immigrant passenger lists, via Ancestry



Corey's 4× great-grandfather

Richard Hodgskin

1829–1918 · *Alfred's father*

Leonard's grandfather Richard, a carpenter and builder, was born in the Kentish village of Goudhurst on 23 April 1829 and baptised there on 31 May, the son of Richard Hodgskin, a cooper, or barrel-maker, and his wife Mary. He never forgot where he came from: census after census, from Lambeth in 1861 to Watford in 1911, he gave the same birthplace, Goudhurst, and the register of his 1869 marriage names his father as Richard Hodgskin, a cooper. The cooper and Mary had at least three children christened at Goudhurst in four years, Mary Ann in 1826, Harriett in 1827 and Richard in 1829, but Harriett, born on 15 July 1827, was buried at Goudhurst on 24 June 1828, aged 11 months, so he grew up with one big sister, Mary Ann. She was very probably the Mary Ann Hodgskin, 20, of Brenchley, who married George Boxall there on 11 June 1846 (likely). His mother was very probably Mary Allwork, of a Goudhurst cooper family, who married the cooper at Rochester in 1825 (likely). He married Cordelia Clark at Hastings in 1851, and they had a family in Lambeth, including twin boys, John Samuel and Thomas Clark, in 1858, then Richard Alfred John (baptised 1 September 1861), James Septimus (the name means a seventh child) and George Albert. Cordelia died in the spring of 1869, aged 42, and on 31 August that year he married

BORN
23 April 1829, Goudhurst, Kent; baptised 31 May 1829, son of Richard and Mary Hodgskin (Kent registers)

CENSUSES
Lambeth 1861; Southwark 1871; 11 Amott Road, Camberwell 1881; East Dulwich 1891; Watford 1901; 46 Holywell Road, Watford 1911

DIED
1918, Watford, aged 89

MARRIED
Cordelia Clark, Hastings, 1851; Harriett Platt, 31 August 1869, St Andrew's, Lambeth (his father named as Richard Hodgskin, cooper)

Richard Hodgskin, continued

Harriett Platt at Lambeth. They had twelve more children in Southwark, Lambeth, Wandsworth and Camberwell, among them Alfred John in 1871, twin girls, Ann and Harriet, in 1876, Charles Thomas Bathurst in 1881 and George Herbert in 1886. In 1871 the family was in Southwark, with ten-month-old Clora and a young servant girl, Jane Newman, living in. In 1881 he was a carpenter at 11 Amott Road, Camberwell, with Harriett, his son Richard John (Richard Alfred John) from his first marriage, nine-year-old Alfred, Elizabeth and baby Rosina, and they took in a lodger, a blind chair caner from Somerset. By 1891 they were at East Dulwich, and by 1901 at Watford, where Alfred had settled. At 82, in 1911, Richard was still giving his trade as carpenter, at 46 Holywell Road, Watford. He died there in 1918, aged 89, and Harriett in 1924, aged 82. A Harriett Bathurst Hodgskin was baptised in the same Goudhurst church in 1802, and Bathurst turns up again eighty years later in the name of Leonard's uncle Charles, the Hertfordshire constable who rode in mounted escorts.

When Richard married Harriett Platt at St Andrew's, Lambeth, on 31 August 1869, a widower and a carpenter living off the Kennington Road, the clerk wrote down his father's trade: cooper. It's the proof the family needed that the Lambeth carpenter was the cooper's boy from Goudhurst. Richard signed his name; Harriett, a brush maker's daughter, made her mark. She very probably grew up among brushes: in 1851 a Harriet Platt, eight, born at Bermondsey, was living at Mile End New Town with her father Thomas and her mother Harriet, both brush makers, and her brothers George and William Henry.

Their son Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin went to France in 1914 as a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery, no. 5588, and earned the 1914 Star, one of the regulars and reservists who crossed in the first months of the war. He died at Ashford, in Kent, in April 1962, and has his own file. The only photo of Richard the family has found is a poor copy of an old print, captioned "blind carpenter", showing him at work among his tools in the late 1800s.

Harriett's parents had married at St Anne's, Limehouse, in April 1830: Thomas Platt, of Whitechapel, and Harriet Cavalier, very probably the Harriet Matilda Cavalier christened at Whitechapel in 1812, daughter of James and Martha. Both signed. In 1861 Thomas was still a brush maker, at Walworth, with a second wife, Maria. They have their own file.

The boy Richard was at Horsmonden in 1841, and his sister Mary Ann married at Brenchley, the next parish, in 1846: by the 1840s the cooper's family had moved a few miles from Goudhurst, which supports the Brenchley bride being his sister (likely).

In 1841 twelve-year-old Richard was living away from home at Spelmonden Cross in Horsmonden, the next parish to Goudhurst, in the household of Edward Perriman, a farm labourer; his parents and sisters do not appear with him (likely).

SISTERS
Mary Ann (1826; very probably married George Boxall, Brenchley, 11 June 1846, likely); Harriett (born 15 July 1827, buried Goudhurst 24 June 1828, aged 11 months) (FreeREG)

1841 CENSUS
Spelmonden Cross, Horsmonden: Richard Hodgskin, 12, born in Kent, in the household of Edward Perriman, 42, agricultural labourer, and Ann, 50 (HO107/459/11, f. 30, p. 4; likely)

PARENTS
Richard Hodgskin p. 47

HARRIETT'S PARENTS, VERY PROBABLY
Thomas Platt p. 46

CHILDREN
Alfred John Hodgskin p. 36, Charles Hodgskin p. 37

Richard Hodgskin, continued

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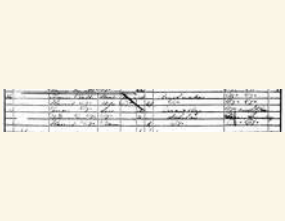
Richard Hodgskin, the carpenter
"Richard Hodgskin, blind carpenter. Late 1800's. At work with his carpentry tools around him," says the family's caption. A phone photo of a photocopy, so most of the detail is lost, but his beard and face show.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Hodgskins at 11 Amott Road, 1881
Camberwell: Richard Hodgskin, 51, carpenter, born Goudhurst, Kent; Harriett, 39, born Lambeth; Richard J., 19, carpenter; Alfred J., 9, scholar; Elizabeth, 6; Rosina, 1; and at the foot, their lodger John Carre, a blind chair caner from Somerset.
1881 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG11/676, folio 103, p. 46 (record 21122095)



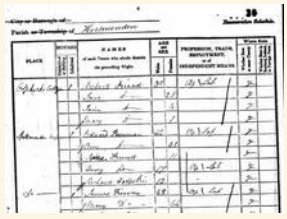
Richard marries Harriett, 1869
St Andrew's, Lambeth, 31 August 1869: Richard Hodgskin, widower, carpenter, son of Richard Hodgskin, cooper, marries Harriett Platt, daughter of Thomas Platt, brush maker. His signature; her mark.
London Metropolitan Archives, P85/AND2/007, entry 453, via Ancestry



Very probably Harriett at eight, 1851
Mile End New Town: Thomas Platt, 40, brushmaker; Harriet, 39, brushmaker; George, 13; William Henry, 11; and Harriet, 8, born Bermondsey.
1851 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/1544, folio 257, p. 9



Charles Hodgskin's medal card
Gunner Chas. Thos. Bathurst Hodgskin, Royal Field Artillery, 5588: the 1914 Star (B.E.F.) and the British War and Victory Medals. Richard and Harriett's son, Leonard's uncle.
UK, British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards (WO 372), via Ancestry



Very probably Richard at 12, 1841
Spelmonden Cross, Horsmonden: Edward Perriman, 42, agricultural labourer; Ann, 50; Henry Friend, 17; Jane Friend, 11; and Richard Hodgskin, 12, born in Kent.
Ancestry, 1841 England Census, HO107/459/11, f. 30, p. 4

Corey's 4× great-grandparents

William Stillman and Mary Ann Bennett

Mary Emily's parents WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Mary Emily Stillman's parents, and so Leonard's grandparents: the GRO index has Mary Emily Stillman's birth in the June quarter of 1873 at Camberwell, with her mother's maiden name Bennett. William Stillman was christened at St Bartholomew's, Sydenham, on 21 April 1847, the son of William Henry Stillman, a labourer who later made shoes, and his wife Emily Anne. He became a letter carrier, a postman, and on 25 July 1872 he married Mary Ann Bennett at St Giles's, Camberwell. Her father, Joseph Eli Bennett, was a shoemaker too, and both bride and groom signed the register.

In 1881 the census found them at 10 Choumert Grove, Peckham, William a letter carrier who also made boots, with two daughters, Mary E., eight, and Sarah. Mary Emily married Alfred Hodgskin in 1892. That last link still rests on the 1881 household: the 1892 wedding isn't in the church registers, so only the certificate would prove it.

In 1851 young William, 4, was at Peckham with his parents, William Stillman, 54, born at St Dunstan's in Middlesex, and Emily Ann, 47. William married again

WILLIAM CHRISTENED
21 April 1847, St Bartholomew, Sydenham, son of William Henry and Emily Anne Stillman

MARRIED
25 July 1872, St Giles, Camberwell, by banns

MARY ANN'S FATHER
Joseph Eli Bennett, shoemaker

1881 CENSUS
10 Choumert Grove, Peckham

MARY EMILY BORN
June quarter 1873, Camberwell 1d/685, mother's maiden name Bennett (GRO index)

1901 CENSUS
Peckham (All Saints, Blenheim Grove): William, 54, head, born Sydenham; Sarah Ann, 26, daughter (RG13/504)

William Stillman, continued

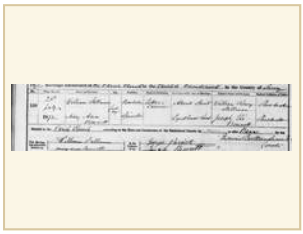
in 1901, to Elizabeth Howden, at St Andrew's, Peckham, so Mary Ann had very probably died by then.

In 1901 William Stillman, 54, born at Sydenham, was at Blenheim Grove, Peckham, with his daughter Sarah Ann, 26, and no wife in the house, six months before he married again.

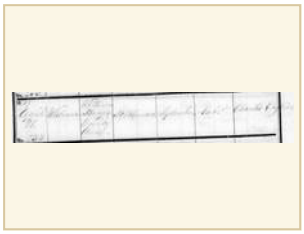
DEATHS
Mary Ann, early 1899, Camberwell, aged 56; William, July–September 1921, Camberwell, aged 74 (GRO index; likely)

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William Stillman marries Mary Ann Bennett, 1872
St Giles, Camberwell, 25 July 1872: William Stillman, letter carrier, son of William Henry Stillman, shoemaker, and Mary Ann Bennett, daughter of Joseph Eli Bennett, shoemaker. Both sign.
London Metropolitan Archives, P73/GIS/034, entry 159, via Ancestry



William christened, 1847
St Bartholomew, Sydenham, 21 April 1847: William, son of William Henry and Emily Anne Stillman, of Sydenham, labourer.
London Metropolitan Archives, DW/T/0985, entry 234, via Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

George Jewell

born 1813 · *John's father*

George Jewell and Joanna Mitchell married at Kenwyn church on Boxing Day 1842, a Monday. He was a 28-year-old miner, and she a 24-year-old miner's daughter, christened at Trenarren, near St Austell. Both lived at Green Bottom, a mining hamlet near Chacewater, and they named sons after both their fathers, Francis Jewell and Stephen Mitchell. Their little daughter Elizabeth died at eight in 1853, and Joanna died at Green Bottom in 1860, aged 41. George died in 1862, aged 48, so their son John was an orphan at nine, and he grew up with his uncle at Mawgan Cross.

George was a Mawgan boy who went north to the mines: the 1851 census gives his birthplace as Mawgan, in Meneage. That year he was a lead miner at Green Bottom, 38, with Johannah and five children, the youngest, Stephen, only two months old. The uncle at Mawgan Cross who gave his orphaned son John a home in 1871 was another John Jewell, born about 1823, very probably George's younger brother, who has his own file. Joanna was very probably the Joanna Mitchell christened at St Austell on 7 February 1819, a daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Mitchell.

In 1841 a George Jewel, 27, born in Cornwall, was lodging at Kenwyn with James Woolcock, 57, and his family, eighteen months before George's Kenwyn wedding (likely him). His marriage entry names his father as Francis Jewell, a labourer, and his parents were very probably the Francis and Mary Jewell of St Martin and Mawgan in Meneage, who have their own file.

The Kenwyn registers (Cornwall OPC) fill in the rest. At the wedding on 26 December 1842 George was 28, a miner and a bachelor, the son of Francis, a labourer, and Joanna Michell, 24, the daughter of Stephen, a miner; the

BORN
About 1813, Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall (1851 census)

1851 CENSUS
Green Bottom, Kenwyn: lead miner, with Johannah, Mary, Elizabeth, George, Francis and Stephen

1841 CENSUS
Kenwyn: George Jewel, 27, lodging with James Woolcock (likely)

FATHER
Francis Jewell, labourer (his marriage entry, Kenwyn, 26 December 1842; Cornwall OPC)

MARRIED
Joanna Michell, 26 December 1842, Kenwyn: George 28, miner, bachelor, father Francis, labourer; Joanna 24, father Stephen, miner; witnesses T. G. Hicks and Paul Clark (Cornwall OPC)

BURIALS
Kenwyn, all of Green Bottom: Elizabeth, 11 October 1853, aged 8; Johanna, 2 October 1860, aged 41; George, 14 September 1862, aged 48 (Cornwall OPC)

George Jewell, continued

witnesses were T. G. Hicks and Paul Clark. The burials, all of Green Bottom, are Elizabeth on 11 October 1853, aged 8, Johanna on 2 October 1860, aged 41, and George on 14 September 1862, aged 48.

CHILDREN
Mary (Kenwyn 1844), Elizabeth (Kenwyn 1845; buried 1853, aged 8), George (Chacewater 1848; buried at Kenwyn 26 December 1866, aged 20), Francis (Baldhu 1850), Stephen (Baldhu 1851), John (Chacewater 1853), Elizabeth (Kenwyn 1855) and Eliza (Baldhu 1859) (Cornwall OPC)

PARENTS
Stephen and Elizabeth Mitchell p. 48, Francis and Mary Jewell p. 47

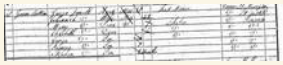
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Kenwyn church, Cornwall
Where George and Joanna married on Boxing Day 1842, and where Joanna, George and two of their children are buried.
Tim Green, CC BY 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Green Bottom, 1851
Kenwyn: George Jewell, 38, lead miner, born Mawgan; Johannah, born St Austell; and Mary, Elizabeth, George, Francis and baby Stephen.
1851 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/1910, folio 499, p. 10

Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother

John Jewell of Mawgan

born about 1823 · *George Jewell's brother; John's uncle*

George Jewell's younger brother, very probably, born about 1823, who stayed at Mawgan in Meneage when George went north to the mines. When George died in 1862, it was John who gave George's son a home: the 1871 census has "John Jewell, nephew, 18" in his house at Mawgan, with Mary, his wife, 57. Two years later young John married Catherine Davies in the same parish, and ten years after that he sailed for Sydney on the Pericles.

The 1861 census settles who he was. At Mawgan in Meneage were John Jewel, 38, born at St Martin, his wife Mary, 46, born Mary Bowden, her father, Joseph Bowden, 71, and an old boarder, Mary White. So in 1871 Mary was 56 or 57, and the 1871 page itself, read closely, says 57. He was very probably a son of Francis and Mary Jewell, who had children christened at St Martin and Mawgan from 1807 to 1828.

In 1841, next door to Francis and Mary Jewell at St Martin, at Gear farm, a John Jewell of about 20 was working for the farmer James Bishop, with James Bowden, 15, another farm hand. He is possibly to likely this John (the 1841 census rounded adults' ages down, and later censuses put his birth about 1823–25), and

1871 CENSUS
Mawgan: John Jewell, 46, with Mary, his wife, 57, housekeeper, born Mawgan, and his nephew John, 18, born Kenwyn; and a visitor, John Matthews, 19, of Mullion (RG10/2304, folio 54, p. 7)

1861 CENSUS
Mawgan in Meneage: John Jewel, 38, born St Martin; Mary, 46, his wife; Joseph Bowden, 71, her father (RG9/1572, folio 123, p. 5)

WIFE
Mary, born Bowden, daughter of Joseph Bowden (1861 census)

1841 CENSUS
Possibly him: John Jewell, 20, farm hand, at Gear, St Martin in Meneage, in the household of James Bishop, farmer, with James Bowden, 15 (HO107/138/6, f. 5, p. 4; possible to likely)

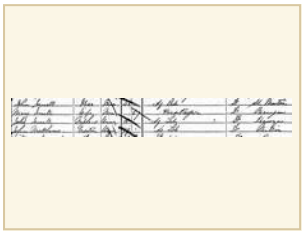
John Jewell of Mawgan, continued

James Bowden may have been a brother of his future wife, Mary Bowden (possible).

PARENTS
Francis and Mary Jewell p. 47

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George Jewell p. 43

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Mawgan Cross, 1871
John Jewell, head, 46, agricultural labourer, born St Martin; Mary Jewell, wife, 57, born Mawgan; John Jewell, nephew, 18, born Kenwyn; and John Matthews, a visitor, from Mullion.
Ancestry, 1871 England Census, RG10/2304, f. 54, p. 7

Corey's 4× great-grandparents

George and Mary Ann Davies

Catherine's parents, very probably WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Catherine Jewell's parents were George and Mary A. Davies, and very probably this mining family. In 1861 George Davies, a 33-year-old miner born at Plymouth in Devon, and Mary Ann, 33, born at Illogan, were living at Illogan with George, 12, Catharine, 8, Eliza J., 4, and baby Mary A. The children's birthplaces, Illogan, Phillack, Penryn and Redruth, show the family moving from mine to mine.

In 1871 Catherine, 17, born at Hayle in Phillack parish, was a servant at Mawgan, and two years later she married John Jewell there. Both were the children of miners called George.

The naming fits too, against the rival tree's Thomas and Phoebe Davies: the little sister in this 1861 household was Eliza J., and in 1877 Catherine named her first daughter Eliza Jane; both of her children's grandfathers were miners called George, and so was a son of hers living in 1913 (likely). So the page keeps George and Mary Ann, very probably.

1861 CENSUS
Illogan: George, miner, born Plymouth about 1828; Mary Ann, born Illogan about 1828

CHILDREN
John Jewell p. 38

George and Mary Ann Davies, continued

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Very probably Catherine at eight, 1861
Illogan: George Davies, 33, miner, born Plymouth; Mary Ann, 33; George, 12; Catharine, 8, born Phillack; Eliza J., 4; and baby Mary A.
1861 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG9/1582, folio 101, p. 20

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

Thomas Platt and Harriet Cavalier

Harriett Platt's parents, very probably; Alfred's grandparents

Very probably Harriett Platt's parents, and so Alfred Hodgskin's grandparents. Thomas Platt of St Mary's, Whitechapel, bachelor, and Harriet Cavalier, spinster, married by banns at St Anne's, Limehouse, in April 1830, and both signed. Harriet was very probably the Harriet Matilda Cavalier christened at St Mary's, Whitechapel, on 27 September 1812, daughter of James and Martha Cavalier.

Thomas was a brush maker all his life. In 1851 the family was at Mile End New Town, both parents brush makers, with Harriett, 8. A Harriet Platt died in the St George Southwark district early in 1858, possibly his first wife; in 1861 Thomas, 50, a brush maker born at Christchurch, Middlesex, was at Walworth with his second wife, Maria, and the boys Edwin and Charles, and in 1871 he was at Bermondsey.

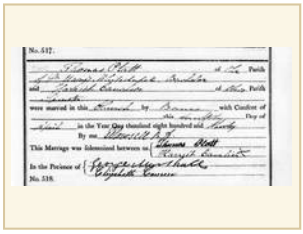
MARRIED
April 1830, St Anne's, Limehouse, by banns; both signed (likely our couple)

HARRIET
Very probably christened 27 September 1812, St Mary's, Whitechapel, daughter of James and Martha Cavalier

1861 CENSUS
Walworth: Thomas Platt, 50, brush maker, with Maria, Edwin and Charles

CHILDREN
Richard Hodgskin p. 40

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Thomas Platt marries Harriet Cavalier, 1830
St Anne's, Limehouse, April 1830: Thomas Platt of St Mary's, Whitechapel, bachelor, and Harriet Cavalier, spinster, by banns. Both sign.
London, Church of England Marriages and Banns, via Ancestry



Thomas Platt, brush maker, 1861
Walworth: Thomas Platt, 50, brush maker, with Maria, Edwin and Charles.
1861 England census, RG9/341, via Ancestry

Corey's 5× great-grandparents

Richard Hodgskin senior, cooper, and Mary (very probably Allwork)

Richard's parents

Richard Hodgskin, a cooper, or barrel-maker, and his wife Mary were the parents of Richard Hodgskin the carpenter, Leonard's grandfather. Their son's baptism at Goudhurst on 31 May 1829 names them as Richard and Mary, and his 1869 marriage register gives his father's trade as cooper. They had at least three children christened at Goudhurst in four years: Mary Ann in 1826, Harriett in 1827 and Richard in 1829. Harriett, born on 15 July 1827, was buried at Goudhurst on 24 June 1828, aged 11 months.

The cooper very probably married Mary Allwork at Rochester St Margaret on 24 October 1825, a bachelor, with William Allwork and Ann Lown as witnesses; their first child, Mary Ann, was born at Goudhurst four months later. Mary was very probably the daughter of William Allwork, a Goudhurst cooper, christened at Burwash on 7 July 1804 (likely). A cooper who married a Goudhurst cooper's daughter, with her father as his witness, very possibly learned his trade in the Allwork shop (possible).

By 1841 the boy Richard was at Horsmonden, and Mary Ann very probably married George Boxall at Brenchley, the next parish, in 1846, so the family had moved a few miles from Goudhurst (likely). Who the cooper's own parents were isn't proven: he was very probably Thomas Hodgskin's son Richard, born at Goudhurst in 1798, of the Hodgskins of Goudhurst and the Bathursts, who have their own file. A grocer of Brompton, another Richard Hodgskin, who went bankrupt in 1826, was a different man.

The cooper, Mary and their daughter Mary Ann don't appear anywhere under Hodgskin in Kent in the 1841 census, though twelve-year-old Richard was at Spelmonden Cross in Horsmonden with the family of Edward Perriman, a farm labourer (likely). Another Horsmonden household that year, at Sherenden, was a different branch: George Hodgskin, 55, on navy half-pay, with Elizabeth, 80, and Frances, Mary, Henrietta and Joanna, all of independent means. That Mary, born about 1796, is probably the "Mary Anne, about 63" buried at Horsmonden in 1859, so the 1859 burial is less likely to be the cooper's wife.

MARRIED
Very probably 24 October 1825, Rochester St Margaret: Richard Hodgskin, bachelor, and Mary Allwork; witnesses William Allwork and Ann Lown (FreeREG; likely)

CHILDREN CHRISTENED
Goudhurst: Mary Ann (1826; very probably Mrs George Boxall, Brenchley, 1846), Harriett (born 15 July 1827; buried 24 June 1828, aged 11 months) and Richard (born 23 April 1829, baptised 31 May 1829)

TRADE
Cooper (his son's 1869 marriage register, St Andrew's, Lambeth)

RICHARD BORN
Very probably 1798, Goudhurst, son of Thomas Hodgskin (the 1916 pedigree; likely)

MARY BORN
Very probably christened 7 July 1804, Burwash, daughter of William and Philadelphia Allwork (likely)

PARENTS
The Hodgskins of Goudhurst p. 49

CHILDREN
Richard Hodgskin p. 40

Corey's 5× great-grandparents

Francis and Mary Jewell

Very probably George's and John's parents (George's father was a Francis, a labourer) WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Very probably the parents of George Jewell, the miner of Green Bottom, and of John Jewell of Mawgan. Francis and Mary Jewell had children christened at St Martin in Meneage, the parish next to Mawgan: Francis on 26 April 1807, Mary Ann on 9 April 1809, Jane on 19 January 1812, a son, Francis, on 15 May 1814, at Gonhilly Downs (not the "Frances" of Ancestry's index), Mary on 2 June 1816, another Francis on 31 March 1820, at Rosemayn, and William on 16 March 1823, when the father was a labourer; then at Mawgan in Meneage, Elizabeth on 26 December 1827 and Peter Thomas on 14 September 1828. George, born about 1813 at Mawgan by his own census entry, fits the gap between Jane and the 1814 Francis, and John, born about 1823 at St Martin, fits beside William. George named a son Francis. Neither George nor John is in the baptism index, but

CHILDREN CHRISTENED
St Martin in Meneage: Francis (26 April 1807), Mary Ann (1809), Jane (1812), Francis, a son (15 May 1814, Gonhilly Downs), Mary (1816), Francis (31 March 1820, Rosemayn), William (1823; the father a labourer); Mawgan in Meneage: Elizabeth (1827), Peter Thomas (1828) (Cornwall OPC)

SONS, VERY PROBABLY
George (born about 1813) and John (born about 1823), not in the baptism index

Francis and Mary Jewell, continued

George's own marriage entry, in 1842, names his father as Francis Jewell, a labourer, as this Francis was in 1823 (likely).

The Francis Jewell who married a Mary Mill at Illogan on 5 February 1827, once taken for a possible second marriage of this Francis, was a bachelor: another man.

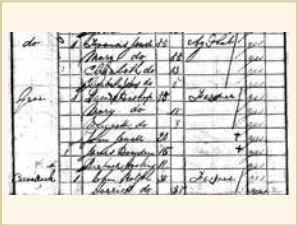
Francis and Mary's children were christened at St Martin until 1823 and at Mawgan from 1827, and the 1814 son was born at Gonhilly Downs, the moor between the two parishes, which squares with George giving Mawgan as his birthplace about 1813 (possible).

In 1841 Francis and Mary Jewell, both about 55, were at St Martin in Meneage with their daughter Elizabeth, 13, and next door, at Gear farm, a John Jewell of about 20 was working for the farmer James Bishop (likely). Francis was an agricultural labourer, and a little Elizabeth Johns Jewel, 5, was with them too.

1841 CENSUS
St Martin in Meneage: Francis Jewel, 55, agricultural labourer; Mary, 55; Elizabeth, 13; and Elizabeth Johns Jewel, 5 (HO107/138/6, f. 5, p. 4; likely)

CHILDREN
George Jewell p. 43, John Jewell of Mawgan p. 44

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Very probably Francis and Mary, 1841
St Martin in Meneage: Francis Jewel, 55, agricultural labourer; Mary, 55; Elizabeth, 13; and, next door at Gear, John Jewell, 20, a farm hand.
Ancestry, 1841 England Census, HO107/138/6, f. 5, p. 4

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

Stephen and Elizabeth Mitchell

Joanna's parents, very probably WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Very probably Joanna Mitchell's parents. A Joanna Mitchell, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Mitchell, was christened at St Austell in Cornwall on 7 February 1819. Her age fits Joanna's, 24 at her wedding and 32 in 1851, and so does her birthplace, and Joanna named a son Stephen, after her father. Her christening entry places the family at Trenarren, near St Austell; when she married in 1842 she was living at Green Bottom, Kenwyn.

The St Austell registers (Cornwall OPC) have the marriage on 4 December 1811, by licence: Stephen Mitchell, of Kenwyn, and Elizabeth Varker, who both made their marks, with Peter Robins and Thomas Treggiden as witnesses. Their children were christened there, the father a miner: William on 17 April 1814, at Trevarrick; Mary on 22 September 1816, at Trenarren; and Joanna on 7 February 1819, at Trenarren, the hamlet of her christening. A Stephen Mitchell, 47, of Kea, buried at Kenwyn on 14 May 1839, was very probably her father. The Mitchells came back to Kenwyn: Stephen was "of Kenwyn" when he married at St Austell in 1811, Joanna was living at Green Bottom, Kenwyn, when she married in 1842, and Kea is the next parish (likely).

JOANNA CHRISTENED
Very probably 7 February 1819, St Austell, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Mitchell

MARRIED
4 December 1811, St Austell, by licence: Stephen Mitchell of Kenwyn and Elizabeth Varker, both by mark; witnesses Peter Robins and Thomas Treggiden (Cornwall OPC)

CHILDREN
William (17 April 1814, Trevarrick), Mary (22 September 1816, Trenarren), Joanna (7 February 1819, Trenarren); the father a miner (Cornwall OPC)

STEPHEN'S BURIAL
Very probably the Stephen Mitchell, 47, of Kea, buried at Kenwyn, 14 May 1839 (likely)

CHILDREN
George Jewell p. 43

Corey's 6× great-grandparents

The Hodgskins of Goudhurst

The cooper's forebears, very probably WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

In 1731 a girl called Mary Bathurst was born at Finchcocks, a grand red-brick house in the Kent Weald that her father, the barrister Edward Bathurst, had rebuilt "at great expense" six years earlier. Mary married a local man, John Hodgskin of Hopemill in Goudhurst, and a family pedigree printed in 1916 lists their thirteen children. The Goudhurst church registers match it date for date.

One of their sons, Thomas, stayed in Goudhurst, and in 1802 named a daughter Harriett Bathurst Hodgskin, after his mother's family. Thomas's son Richard, born in 1798, was very probably the Goudhurst cooper whose son Richard, born in 1829, became Leonard's grandfather. The name kept going: Leonard's uncle, born in 1881, was Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin.

If that link holds, Corey's eight-times-great-grandfather built one of the finest baroque houses in Kent. Finchcocks is Grade I listed today, and for 45 years it housed a famous museum of old keyboard instruments. Richard's own baptism at Goudhurst in 1829, to Richard and Mary, and six censuses giving Goudhurst as his birthplace now prove his part, and his 1869 marriage register calls his father a cooper. What still needs proof is that his father, the cooper, was Thomas's son Richard, born in 1798. The cooper's marriage has been found since (below), but marriage registers of 1825 don't name fathers, so his own baptism or a family will is still needed.

The one rival on paper, a Richard Hodgskin who died in 1840 in the Ticehurst district next door, turns out to be a Lamberhurst man, christened there in 1783, buried there on 27 December 1840 aged 57, and married to Sarah Tyhurst. He wasn't the cooper, whose wife was Mary.

The gravestones settle it. At Lamberhurst the stone reads "Richard HODGSKIN of this parish, 22nd December 1840 aged 37 [the index says 57]. Sarah his wife, 14th August 1864 aged 85", and he had married Sarah Tyhurst there in 1805, so the 1840 Richard was another man. At Goudhurst the stones remember Mary, wife of John Hodgskin, "daughter of Edward Bathurst late of Finchcocks", who died on 25 September 1788, aged 57 (John died on 3 January 1795, aged 74); Ann, wife of Thomas, who died in 1835, aged 69, and Thomas, who died on 19 April 1842, aged 75; and their daughter Harriett Bathurst Hodgskin, who died on 7 April 1833, aged 31. At Horsmonden, where the boy Richard was in 1841, an altar tomb remembers John Bathurst Hodgskin, who died in 1847 aged 64, and John Hodgskin of Deptford (possible kin).

The cooper married Mary Allwork at Rochester in October 1825, very probably the daughter of William Allwork, a Goudhurst cooper; their first child, Mary Ann, was born at Goudhurst four months later. The Rochester St Margaret register has Richard Hodgskin, bachelor, and Mary Allwork on 24 October 1825, with William Allwork and Ann Lown as witnesses. A Mary, daughter of William and Philadelphia Allwork, was christened at Burwash on 7 July 1804, and Philadelphia was buried there in 1806, aged 23. The Allworks were coopers at Goudhurst: a William Allwork, cooper, and Barbara had children there from 1810 (Philadelphia in 1813, John in 1815, Thomas in 1818), and Charles Allwork, cooper, and Sarah a son Charles in 1820; Barbara was buried in 1821, aged 46, and William in 1830 (FreeREG, the Goudhurst transcripts by Frank Rogers; likely).

A caution: another Richard Hodgskin, a grocer of Brompton, near Chatham, went bankrupt in 1826 (The National Archives, B 3/2403; London Gazette, 16

GOUDHURST STONES

Mary (née Bathurst, of Finchcocks), died 25 September 1788, aged 57; John, died 3 January 1795, aged 74; Thomas, died 19 April 1842, aged 75; Harriett Bathurst, died 7 April 1833, aged 31 (Kent Archaeological Society, Goudhurst MIs 129, 135, 136)

THE COOPER'S MARRIAGE

Richard Hodgskin, bachelor, and Mary Allwork, 24 October 1825, Rochester St Margaret (entry 292); witnesses William Allwork and Ann Lown (FreeREG; likely the cooper and his wife)

MARY ALLWORK

Very probably christened 7 July 1804, Burwash, daughter of William and Philadelphia Allwork; the Allworks were coopers at Goudhurst (likely)

NOT THE COOPER

Richard Hodgskin of Brompton, grocer, bankrupt 1826 (B 3/2403), husband of Sarah Bowles: a different Richard

CHILDREN

Richard Hodgskin p. 47

MORE SOURCES

Burial, Richard Hodgskin, Lamberhurst, 27 December 1840, FamilySearch

The Hodgskins of Goudhurst, continued

January 1826). He was the husband of Sarah Bowles, married in 1809, and came of a Chatham grocer family. He is a different Richard, not the cooper. The 1845 will of Thomas Hodgskin of Lamberhurst (PROB 11/2014/66) may name the cooper; it hasn't been read yet. The Bathurst name ran in other branches too: a Thomas Adolphus Bathurst Hodgskin is in Chancery notices in 1884 and 1894 (possible). Harriett Bathurst Hodgskin was buried at Goudhurst on 12 April 1833, aged 30, "of Maidstone".

In 1841 the Hodgskins at Sherenden, in Horsmonden, were George Hodgskin, 55, on navy half-pay, with Elizabeth, 80, and Frances, 45, Mary, 45, Henrietta, 40, and Joanna, 35, all of independent means, and two servants: another branch of the family. The 1841 index also has a Thomas Hodgskin, about 1766, at Goudhurst, which fits the pedigree's Thomas, baptised in 1766 (index only; possible).

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Finchcocks, near Goudhurst, Kent
The house Edward Bathurst rebuilt in 1725, where Mary Bathurst was born in 1731.
Kentandeastsussexhistorian, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons



The Bathurst pedigree, 1916
Edward Bathurst "rebuilt Finchcocks at great expense 1725"; his only daughter Mary, "born at Finchcocks 1731", married John Hodgskin of Hopemill in Goudhurst.
Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica, 5th series, vol. 2, p. 228, via Internet Archive



John and Mary Hodgskin's children
Including Thomas Hodgskin of Goudhurst, baptised 1766, and his children Richard (born 1798) and Harriet Bathurst (1802).
Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica, 5th series, vol. 2, p. 229, via Internet Archive



St Mary the Virgin, Goudhurst
Where the Hodgskins were baptised and buried from the 1740s to the 1840s.
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ANDREW'S SIDE

The McLeod line

Meron Myra Hodgskin's family and forebears

McLeod · Coggan

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51
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3× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	George McLeod p. 57 Phillip Coggan p. 58
4× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	George McLeod the elder p. 60 Thomas Coggan p. 61
5× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Ronald McLeod p. 64



Corey's great-grandmother

Meron Myra Hodgskin, née McLeod

1918–1972

She married Len Hodgskin in 1941. Her father was detained in the far west, "where transport is very scanty", so she walked in on the arm of her uncle, A. E. Coggan of Muttama, in a gown of figured lamé.

They had at least three children: a son born in 1943 (very probably Leonard Arthur), Ian in 1945 and Merilyn Kay in 1947.

She was registered as Merron at Cootamundra in 1918, the eldest child of George and Isabella. Her name is unusual, and nobody has found where it came from. Her son Ian's middle name is simply her maiden name.

She was widowed at 40 and died in January 1972, aged 54, late of Warriewood on the Northern Beaches. Her plaque sits right next to Len's, one niche along. It says: Reunited beyond the sunset.

In 1939, two years before her wedding, Meron was living with her parents at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, and working as a stenographer. The roll gives the house a name, Ashton.

Her unusual name may have come from the Coggans: a Meron Coggan, a married woman, died at Muttama in 1948, very probably an aunt by marriage. That's a possibility, not proven. Albert Edward Coggan, who gave Meron away at her wedding, died on 12 September 1965.

The 1968 roll has her in the Narrabeen North subdivision, at Warriewood, a typist.

DIED
18 January 1972, NSW 44042/1972

RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 7, Niche 80

PROBATE
Series 4_736479 (1972)

ROLL, 1968
Narrabeen North subdivision: Warriewood, typist

CHILDREN
Leonard Arthur (very probably), Ian and Merilyn Kay

PARENTS
George Arthur McLeod p. 53, Isabella Jane McLeod p. 54

PARTNER
Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Milton Arthur McLeod p. 52

CHILDREN
Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15

MORE SOURCES
Wedding report, Cootamundra Herald, 28 July 1941

Merilyn Kay's birth notice, SMH, 2 August 1947

Meron Myra Hodgskin, continued

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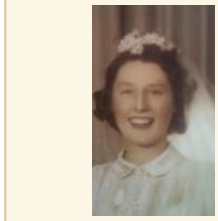
Meron, 1941, close up
A colourised close-up of her bridal portrait: the floral headpiece, the veil and the Peter Pan collar.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



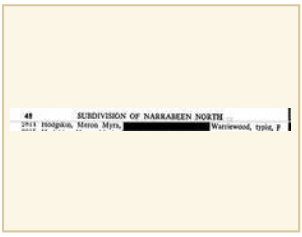
Meron's plaque
St Thomas's, Enfield. Reunited beyond the sunset.
Find a Grave 171591260, Erica Knower



The McLeods on the 1939 roll
George Arthur McLeod, labourer, Isabella Jane, and Meron Myra, stenographer, at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, a house called Ashton.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196463818



Meron on her wedding day, 1941
A hand-tinted bridal portrait, the pair to Len's.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Warriewood, 1968
"Hodgskin, Meron Myra... Warriewood, typist". Street hidden.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Corey's great-grandmother's brother

Milton Arthur McLeod

1922–1983 · *Meron's brother*

Meron's youngest brother was a junior telegraph assistant at the Post Office when he joined up in December 1941, and he grins in his Army photo. He spent the war in signals, in Darwin from mid-1942 and with the heavy wireless sections in Melbourne, and landed at Lae in August 1945. He went back to the Post Office in January 1946 and died in 1983.

ARMY NUMBER
NX78196

UNITS
Signals, N.T. Force, Darwin, from June 1942; 19th, 18th and 17th Australian Heavy Wireless Sections; signalman

PARENTS
George Arthur McLeod p. 53, Isabella Jane McLeod p. 54

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51

Milton Arthur McLeod, continued

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Milton McLeod, December 1941
His Army identity photos, aged 19.
National Archives, B883, NX78196, page 2



Corey's great-great-grandfather

George Arthur McLeod

1886–1956

George Arthur McLeod and Isabella were both children of the Gundagai hills, George from Wambidgee and Isabella from Caulderwood at Muttama. They married at St George's Church, Paddington, on 10 March 1917, just after his parents had moved from Wambidgee to Wahroonga, and raised Meron, Kenneth and Milton first at Cootamundra, then at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, not far from the Hodgskin factory. Isabella's parents had retired to Strathfield, the next suburb, and two of her sisters lived at Enfield too. When her nephew George Coggan joined the Army in 1940, he gave his grandmother's Strathfield house as his home. He was the A. G. McLeod of the 1941 wedding report, stuck in the far west when Meron married. He died on 1 July 1956, aged 70. Isabella lived on at Enfield until 1978, and her death notice names their children Meron, Ken, Milton and Betty.

The electoral rolls list him as a labourer at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, in both 1939 and 1946. The roll names the house Ashton.

In 1913, four years before his marriage, Arthur George McLeod was a farmer at Mooney Mooney, near Coolac, on the roll with his parents George and Jane and a houseful of McLeods.

His death notice calls him the dearly beloved husband of Isabella, loved father of Miron (Mrs Hodgskin), Ken, Milton and Betty (Mrs Westmore), and fond father-in-law of Clarice, Lois, Len and Roddy; it names his eight grandchildren too, who aren't listed here. A faded oval wedding portrait in another family tree is labelled "possible - George Mcleod & Isabella Jane"; it came down through a McLeod cousin's family, but its owner asks for the identity to be checked, so it's unconfirmed.

BORN
1886, Gundagai district, NSW 21818/1886

DIED
1 July 1956, at home, 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, aged 70 (his death notice); registered at Burwood, NSW 18596/1956

RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 7, Niche 22

CHILDREN
Meron (1918–72), Ken, Milton and Betty (Mrs Westmore)

PARENTS
George McLeod p. 57

PARTNER
Isabella Jane McLeod p. 54

CHILDREN
Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51, Milton Arthur McLeod p. 52

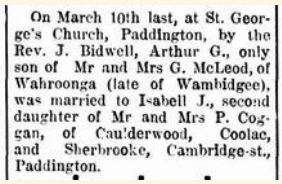
MORE SOURCES
Wedding report, Cootamundra Herald, 28 July 1941

George Arthur McLeod, continued

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George Arthur McLeod, colourised
A colourised close-up cut from the photo with his first grandson, about 1945–47.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)


On March 10th last, at St. George's Church, Paddington, by the Rev. J. Bidwell, Arthur G., only son of Mr and Mrs G. McLeod, of Wahroonga (late of Wambidgee), was married to Isabell J., second daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Coggan, of Caulderwood, Coolac, and Sherbrooke, Cambridge-st., Paddington.

Arthur and Isabella marry, 1917
St George's, Paddington.
Gundagai Independent, 16 April 1917, via Trove



His plaque
St Thomas's, Enfield, in the same wall as his daughter.
Find a Grave 243803300, Erica Knower


SUBDIVISION OF ENFIELD. 53
1939

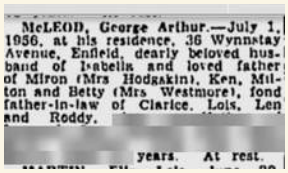
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George Arthur McLeod, labourer, Isabella Jane, and Meron Myra, stenographer, at 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, a house called Ashton.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196463818



George with his first grandson
In a backyard, about 1945–47, standing behind the boy. A larger copy of the same photo.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Mooney Mooney, 1913
The 1913 roll at Coolac: Arthur George McLeod, farmer, Mooney Mooney, with his parents George, farmer, and Jane, and a houseful of McLeods.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry


McLEOD, George Arthur.—July 1, 1956, at his residence, 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield, dearly beloved husband of Isabella and loved father of Miron (Mrs Hodgskin), Ken, Milton and Betty (Mrs Westmore), fond father-in-law of Clarice, Lois, Len and Roddy.
years. At rest.

His death notice, July 1956
"McLeod, George Arthur.—July 1, 1956, at his residence, 36 Wynnstay Avenue, Enfield". The grandchildren's names are hidden.
Sydney Morning Herald, 3 July 1956, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry



Unconfirmed: "possible - George Mcleod & Isabella Jane"
A faded oval wedding portrait: the groom seated, with dark curly hair and a watch chain, the bride standing in her veil. The tree's owner asks for the identity to be checked; it hasn't been.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Isabella Jane McLeod, née Coggan

1889–1978

From Caulderwood at Muttama, in the Gundagai hills, the daughter of Phillip Coggan and Elizabeth Cowden. She married George McLeod in 1917 and lived on to 89, dying in hospital in the Cessnock district on 15 October 1978, still "late of Enfield". Her nephew George Coggan married Len's sister Gwen, joining two families that were already connected.

Her funeral left St Thomas's Church of England, Coronation Parade, Enfield, after a 9.15 service, for the Rookwood Crematorium. Her death notice calls her the dearly beloved wife of the late George McLeod, beloved mother of Meron (deceased), Ken, Milton and Betty, and fond sister-in-law of Mary Coggan and Harry Thompson.

BORN
31 March 1889, Gundagai district, NSW 21788/1889

DIED
15 October 1978, in hospital, Cessnock district, aged 89

RESTING PLACE
St Thomas Anglican, Enfield, Wall 7, Niche 23

PARENTS
Phillip Coggan p. 58

PARTNER
George Arthur McLeod p. 53

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Phil and Mary Clare Coggan p. 56

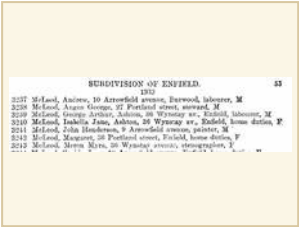
CHILDREN
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Isabella Jane McLeod, continued

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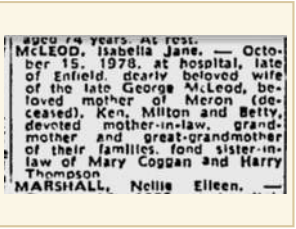
Her plaque
St Thomas's, Enfield. Peace, perfect peace.
Find a Grave 189053280, Erica Knower



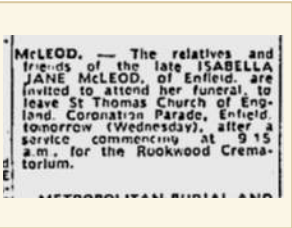
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Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 196463818



Isabella with her first grandchild
About 1943.
Hodgskin family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Her death notice, October 1978
"McLEOD, Isabella Jane.—October 15, 1978, at hospital, late of Enfield, dearly beloved wife of the late George McLeod".
Sydney Morning Herald, 17 October 1978, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry



Her funeral notice
From St Thomas's Church of England, Coronation Parade, Enfield, to the Rookwood Crematorium.
Sydney Morning Herald, 17 October 1978, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry



Unconfirmed: "possible - George Mcleod & Isabella Jane"
A faded oval wedding portrait: the groom seated, the bride standing in her veil with a bouquet. The tree's owner asks for the identity to be checked; it hasn't been.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-grandmother's first cousin

George Thomas Colin Coggan

1919–1996 · *Meron's first cousin, and Gwen Hodgskin's husband*

George was born near Cootamundra on 28 May 1919, the son of Phil and Mary Clare Coggan of Clare, Muttama, and a grandson of Phillip Coggan of Caulderwood, which made him Meron's first cousin. When he enlisted he gave his grandparents' house in Strathfield as his address.

A Muttama boy with dark hair and hazel eyes, George was in Singapore with the 2/10th Field Ambulance by August 1941. When Singapore fell he was posted missing, and his family waited more than a year for word. A record card kept by Australian clerks inside Changi camp shows him "Entrained F Force" in April 1943, the group sent to build the Burma to Thailand railway. From Singapore he wrote home to his parents: get rid of all the rice in the house. He was the first Gundagai-district prisoner of the Japanese to come home, by flying boat, after three and a half years in Japanese camps in Thailand and Malaya. The village hall had never seen such a crowd.

In March 1946 he went into partnership with Len and Ron Hodgskin in Betta Spray Service, at the family factory on King Street, Enfield, and later that year he

ARMY NUMBER
NX66916, 2/10th Field Ambulance

BORN
28 May 1919, near Cootamundra

PRISONER OF WAR
Missing 16 February 1942; F Force, Burma–Thailand railway, April 1943; flew home September 1945

MARRIED
Gwenyth Beatrice Hodgskin, 1946 (NSW 18115/1946)

DIED
23 January 1996, late of Ballina, aged 76

PARENTS
Phil and Mary Clare Coggan p. 56

PARTNER
Gwenyth Beatrice Coggan p. 29

George Thomas Colin Coggan, continued

married their sister, Gwenyth Beatrice Hodgskin (she has her own file). He died on 23 January 1996, late of Ballina and formerly of Enfield, aged 76.

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George Coggan, 1941
His Army identity photos, aged 21.
National Archives, B883, NX66916, page 2



"Entrained F Force", 1943
A record card kept by Australian clerks inside Changi camp.
National Archives, B883, NX66916, page 9



F Force, Singapore, April 1943
Australian prisoners loaded onto a truck as F Force, photographed in secret by a fellow prisoner, George Aspinall. George Coggan went with F Force on 23 April 1943; he can't be picked out.
Australian War Memorial, P02569.173, public domain



F Force on the train north, 1943
Prisoners at the doors of the steel rail wagons taking them towards the Burma–Thailand railway. Secret photo by George Aspinall.
Australian War Memorial, P02569.178, public domain


GEORGE COGGAN WRITES HOME FROM SINGAPORE

"The Year 1943 Was . . The Worst"

George Coggan writes home, 1945
From Singapore.
Gundagai Independent, 24 September 1945, via Trove



George Coggan's discharge, 1945
Malaya, ex prisoner of war of Japan.
National Archives, B883, NX66916, page 3


"LETTA SPRAY" SERVICE, 41 King-st., Enfield. spray painting and French polishing. Com. 11/3/46. Propns., Ronald K. and Leonard A. Hodgskin and George T. Coggan. Reg. 14/1/46.

Betta Spray Service, 1946
Registered by Ron, Len and George Coggan, at 41 King Street, Enfield.
Dun's Gazette for NSW, 26 April 1946, via Trove


SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

"Missing", then "Prisoner of War"
His record card: missing on 16 February 1942, the day after Singapore fell; "Prisoner of War – Malaya" was stamped on it in July 1943.
National Archives, B883, NX66916, page 7

George Coggan's parents

Phil and Mary Clare Coggan

Phillip and Elizabeth Coggan's son Philip Cowden Coggan, Phil to the family, with his mother's maiden name in the middle, and Isabella's brother. He farmed at Muttama, near Cootamundra, on a property called Clare, named after his wife, Mary Clare, very probably Mary Clare Robinson, from Clare in South Australia. When his father died in 1932, Phil and his brother Albert of Caulderwood were the executors.

Their son George, born in 1919, was Meron's first cousin. He was taken prisoner when Singapore fell, and his file sits below theirs.

HOME
"Clare", Muttama, near Cootamundra

PHIL'S PARENTS
Phillip Coggan and Elizabeth Cowden

SON
George Thomas Colin Coggan, born 1919

MARY CLARE
Very probably Mary Clare Robinson, born 1888 at Clare, South Australia, daughter of Thomas Robinson (Genealogy SA 421/250)

FULL NAME
Philip Cowden Coggan (his father's estate notice, 1945); "Phillip Cowden Coggan, Clare, Muttama", 1937

Phil and Mary Clare Coggan, continued

PARENTS
Phillip Coggan p. 58
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Isabella Jane McLeod p. 54
CHILDREN
George Thomas Colin Coggan p. 55

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

George McLeod

1844–1938 · *George Arthur's father*

George was born near Goulburn in 1844, when his father was minding sheep for the Macarthurs, the family who built Australia's wool industry. At eight he walked a mob of sheep to Muttama with his father and brothers. He farmed at Sunnybrae, Wambidgee, from boyhood until 1916, spent 17 years at Wahroonga in Sydney, and came home to Sunnybrae in 1933. His stories of the early days, bushrangers among them, were handed down through the family. He died at Wambidgee on Sunday 16 January 1938, aged 93, after being seriously ill since at least November, and the minister noted he was one of the few Australian-born people to reach such an age. He married Jane Reid in 1874. Born at Jugiong about 1852, Jane spent more than forty years at their place between Coolac and Wambidgee, raising four daughters and Arthur. She died at Wahroonga in February 1928, aged 76, and her obituary called her one of "the very old type of hardy women".

A McLeod family tree remembers him as a bullock driver, and gives his birth as 20 September 1844 at Norwood, near Goulburn, and his marriage to Jane Reid at Gundagai on 18 August 1874.

MARRIED
Jane Reid, 18 August 1874, Gundagai (a family tree); NSW 2558/1874
RESTING PLACE
Coolac Cemetery, Presbyterian portion
PROBATE
Estate Pre A 123531 ("gentleman", Wambidgee); probate 15 July 1938 (Series 4_231229). Jane, née Reid, died 8 February 1928 at Wahroonga (Series 4_151229)
BORN
20 September 1844, Norwood, near Goulburn (a family tree)
PROBATE NOTICE
Late of Wambidgee (SMH, 20 January 1938; likely)
DIED
16 January 1938, Wambidgee, aged 93
PARENTS
George McLeod the elder p. 60
CHILDREN
George Arthur McLeod p. 53

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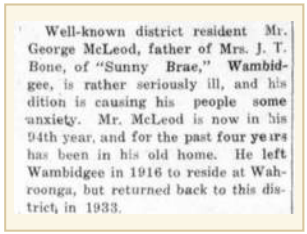


"Link with the Macarthur Family"
His obituary, 1938.
Cootamundra Herald, via Trove


OBITUARY

MRS. GEORGE McLEOD.

Mrs George McLeod, 1928
Jane's obituary.
Gundagai Independent, 13 February 1928, via Trove

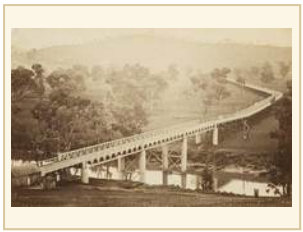

Well-known district resident Mr. George McLeod, father of Mrs. J. T. Bone, of "Sunny Brae," Wambidgee, is rather seriously ill, and his dition is causing his people some anxiety. Mr. McLeod is now in his 94th year, and for the past four years has been in his old home. He left Wambidgee in 1916 to reside at Wahroonga, but returned back to this district, in 1933.

Back from Wahroonga, 1937
George, 93, rather seriously ill, having left Wambidgee for Wahroonga in 1916.
Gundagai Independent, 29 November 1937, via Trove

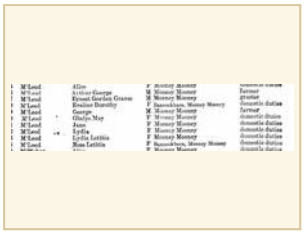


His grave at Coolac
A marble plate, badly weathered.
Find a Grave 156102927, Leonie Brown

George McLeod, continued



Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai, 1877
The country he spent his life in.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Mooney Mooney, 1913
The 1913 roll at Coolac: Arthur George McLeod, farmer, Mooney Mooney, with his parents George, farmer, and Jane, and a houseful of McLeods.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Unconfirmed: "George McLeod b1844-1938"
A very dark small print of a man with a full dark beard, captioned as him in a McLeod family tree. A dark beard fits his father in the 1860s and 70s better, and the two heads may have been swapped, so neither is on a tag.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Phillip Coggan

1846–1932 · *Isabella's father*

Phillip was ten when he sailed from England on the Herefordshire in 1857, a voyage of about three months, and the family went bush. He took up Caulderwood, married Elizabeth Cowden of Yass, and was the first church warden of Christ Church, Jugiong. In 1925 he retired to Strathfield, leaving Caulderwood to his sons, and called his house in Cotswold Road Pitney, after his Somerset birthplace. He celebrated his 81st birthday with a joy flight over Sydney Harbour. He died at Pitney on 30 June 1932, aged 85, four months after a stroke, and the death index, registered at Burwood, names his parents as Thomas and Mary. Elizabeth died at Strathfield in April 1945, aged 86, and is buried at Jugiong. Their son George died at 24 in 1906, of a weak heart from childhood rheumatic fever.

Their grandson George Coggan, Phil's son, was a prisoner of the Japanese on the Burma–Thailand railway. His story has its own file.

Elizabeth's family were very probably the Cowdens who came out as assisted immigrants on the Beejapore in 1853: George, 31, Agnes, 26, and their children Jane, Agnes, George and the baby Isabella. Elizabeth was born about 1859. A G. Cowden died at Harden in 1909, and William Cowden, gentleman, at Muttama in 1938.

Phillip doesn't appear in the Pitney baptism register, which survives complete from 1843 to 1858, so he was probably baptised elsewhere, or not at all.

By 1885 he was running sheep at Caulderwood, Jugiong. In 1925 his brand passed to his sons Albert Edward and Philip Cowden Coggan, of Caulderwood, Muttama, and they were his executors when he died in 1932. Elizabeth's father was very probably the George Cowden who was farming at Limestone Creek, North Yass, in 1868, with letters waiting for him at Queanbeyan in 1858 and at Yass in 1863 and 1868.

Their golden wedding notice in 1930 gives their marriage: on 13 October 1880, at Bowning, by the Rev. Robert Jackson, "Philip Coggan, second son of late Mr. and Mrs. Coggan, of Jugiong, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cowden, of Bowning". That settles George Cowden as her father. Their son Albert Edward served in the AIF as no. 290, with his father as

BORN
14 December 1846, Pitney, Somerset (his obituary; aged 4 in the 1851 census)

DIED
30 June 1932, at Pitney, Cotswold Road, Strathfield, aged 85

RESTING PLACE
Church of England cemetery, Jugiong, with Elizabeth

PROBATE
Estate Pre A 68458; probate 6 September 1932 by the index, 7 September by the 1945 estate notice (Series 4_183225). Elizabeth: estate A80511; probate 20 June 1945 (Series 4_302605)

LAND
Caulderwood, Coolac (application 26663); and Albert Edward and Philip Gordon Coggan (so read; the Gazette's brand and estate notices call him Philip Cowden Coggan), Caulderwood, Muttama (application 57429), NRS 122

ELIZABETH'S FAMILY
Her father was George Cowden of Bowning (their golden wedding notice); very probably George and Agnes Cowden, assisted immigrants on the Beejapore, 1853

BRAND
"Coggan Phillip, Caulderwood, Jugiong", 1885; transferred to Albert Edward and Philip Cowden Coggan, Caulderwood, Muttama, 1925

GEORGE COWDEN
Farming at Limestone Creek, North Yass, 1868 (likely Elizabeth's father)

Phillip Coggan, continued

next of kin. The Sands directory has Coggans at Gundagai in 1898 and at Coolac from 1919 to 1922 (likely).

Elizabeth was the golden-wedding notice's "fourth daughter", born about 1859, after the three girls, Jane, Agnes and baby Isabella, who came out with George and Agnes Cowden on the Beejapore in 1853, and she named her own daughter Isabella Jane (likely).

On 1 September 1858 P. C. Palmer & Co. sued a George Cowden "for butcher" at the Queanbeyan Court of Petty Sessions (NRS 3345 [4/8028]), the same place and year as the letters waiting for him there (likely Elizabeth's father).

MARRIED

Elizabeth Cowden, 13 October 1880, Bowning, by the Rev. Robert Jackson (their golden wedding notice, SMH, 13 October 1930)

ELIZABETH'S DEATH

Very probably 30 April 1945, aged 86, late of Strathfield (SMH, 1 May 1945)

PARENTS

Thomas Coggan p. 61

CHILDREN

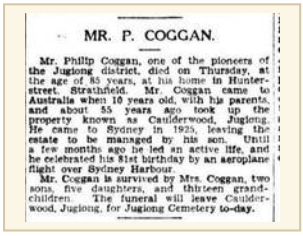
Isabella Jane McLeod p. 54, Phil and Mary Clare Coggan p. 56

MORE SOURCES

Estate notice, NSW Government Gazette, 8 June 1945, p. 1021, Trove

Brand transferred, NSW Government Gazette, 18 September 1925, Trove

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MR. P. COGGAN.

Mr. Philip Coggan, one of the pioneers of the Jugiong district, died on Thursday, at the age of 85 years, at his home in Hunter-street, Strathfield. Mr. Coggan came to Australia when 10 years old, with his parents, and about 55 years ago took up the property known as Caulderwood, Jugiong. He came to Sydney in 1925, leaving the estate to be managed by his son. Until a few months ago he led an active life, and he celebrated his 81st birthday by an aeroplane flight over Sydney Harbour.

Mr. Coggan is survived by Mrs. Coggan, two sons, five daughters, and thirteen grandchildren. The funeral will leave Caulderwood, Jugiong, for Jugiong Cemetery to-day.

Mr P. Coggan, 1932
Aged 85, and a flight over the Harbour at 81.
Sydney Morning Herald, 2 July 1932, via Trove



Philip and Elizabeth's headstone, Jugiong
Find a Grave 188011403, Lindsay Swadling



The Coggans at Pitney, 1851
Thomas Coggan, 30, labourer, born Martock; Mary, 33, born Lydford; William, 8; and Philip, 4, both born at Pitney.
1851 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/1926, folio 255, p. 21



The Herefordshire, 1857
Phillip, 10, with his parents, his brothers William and James and his sister Anne.
New South Wales, assisted immigrant passenger lists, via Ancestry



GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

COGGAN—COWDEN.—October 13, 1880, at Bowning, by late Rev. Robert Jackson, Philip Coggan, second son of late Mr. and Mrs. Coggan, of Jugiong, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cowden, of Bowning. Present address: Pitney, 22 Cotswold-road, Strathfield.

Their golden wedding, 1930
"COGGAN—COWDEN.—October 13, 1880, at Bowning... Philip Coggan, second son of late Mr. and Mrs. Coggan, of Jugiong, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cowden, of Bowning. Present address: Pitney, 22 Cotswold-road, Strathfield."
Sydney Morning Herald, 13 October 1930, via Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

George McLeod the elder

about 1811–1874, + Mary Norval · *George's father*

A Glasgow man, very probably the George McLeod baptised at the Gorbals on 26 May 1811, son of Ronald McLeod and Catharine McFarlane, though his headstone's age implies 1815; one online tree says Dumbarton. He married Mary Norval at Glasgow on 17 May 1840, and their daughter Ann was baptised there that October. The family sailed from Greenock on the Herald on 6 April 1841 and reached Sydney on 15 July. In Australia he shepherded for the Macarthurs and helped open up the Muttama country. On a Thursday in February 1874 he walked into Mr Hill's store at Coolac, said good evening and dropped dead. His doctor had warned him two years before that his heart could go at any time. The paper even got his name wrong. Mary had been ailing for some time when she died at Coolac on a Saturday in December 1891, almost certainly the 19th, aged about 75. A large crowd from Coolac and around the district came to her funeral the next day. Her son Donald later put up a fine stone for her, though its date seems to be almost a year out.

Their assisted-immigrant card gives the fullest picture of them. George McLeod was a joiner and carpenter, a Presbyterian, 27 in April 1841, who could read and write, a native of Dumbarton; his parents were Ronald McLeod, a gardener, and Catherine McFarlane, both dead. Mary, a housekeeper of 26, was a native of Dunfermline, in Fife, the daughter of Alexander Norval, a weaver, and Ann Lilley, both dead too, and baby Ann was with them. His age on the card puts his birth about 1813 or 1814; the family trees give 11 May 1811 at the Gorbals. The card's Alexander Norval doesn't match the John Norval of their marriage entry: the records disagree.

He died without a will, and on 8 April 1874 administration of his goods, sworn at £400, was granted to his widow, Mary McLeod.

On the night of 5 July 1861 three armed men robbed a George M'Leod, "a shepherd in the employ of Thomas Broughton's, Esq., near Gundagai", of a lady's gold wedding ring, two gold brooches, a few nuggets of gold and a single-barrelled gun and shot pouch; they went towards Lambing Flat. That shepherd was very probably him. A Gundagai householders' list also has a George McLeod (likely).

His bounty papers say he was brought out by Gilchrist & Alexander on the Herald in July 1841, a joiner and carpenter of 27, a native of Dunbarton, son of Ronald, a gardener, and Catharine McFarlane, both dead. With no baptism certificate he made a declaration before John Hamilton, a Glasgow magistrate, and John Norval and Daniel Ferguson vouched for his character; the list notes he "has been ill three weeks", otherwise in good health.

The John Norval who vouched for him may be the John Norval named as Mary's father in their marriage entry (possible).

DIED
26 February 1874, Coolac

RESTING PLACE
North Gundagai, Presbyterian Portion, Row Q, Grave 3. Mary is at Coolac

BORN
Very probably baptised 26 May 1811, the Gorbals, Glasgow, son of Ronald McLeod and Catharine McFarlane (likely; his headstone's age implies about 1815, and his 1841 immigration card, 27 in April 1841, about 1813–14)

MARRIED
Mary Norval, Glasgow, 17 May 1840 (likely); daughter Ann baptised there that October. The marriage entry names her father as John Norval; their 1841 immigration card gives Alexander Norval, weaver, and Ann Lilley: the records disagree

ARRIVED
Herald, from Greenock 6 April 1841, Sydney 15 July 1841: a joiner and carpenter, 27, native of Dumbarton (assisted-immigrant card)

ADMINISTRATION
Granted to his widow Mary, 8 April 1874; goods sworn at £400 (register entry 601)

PARENTS
Ronald McLeod p. 64

CHILDREN
George McLeod p. 57

MORE SOURCES
His death, Gundagai Times, 28 February 1874

George McLeod the elder, continued

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One column, one day, 1874
The elder McLeod's death in Hill's store, and Philip Coggan's 80 acres at Money Money, side by side.
Gundagai Times, 28 February 1874, via Trove



His stone, North Gundagai
With Ann and James.
Find a Grave 259324283



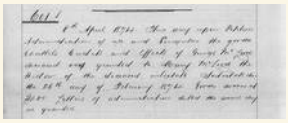
Mary's stone, Coolac
Its date, 18 January 1891, seems to be almost a year out: the papers report her death in December 1891.
Find a Grave 156102938, Leonie Brown



Mary's headstone, Coolac
Find a Grave 156102938



The McLeods arrive, 1841
Their assisted-immigrant card: George McLeod, joiner and carpenter, 27, of Dumbarton, son of Ronald McLeod, gardener, and Catherine McFarlane; Mary, 26, of Dunfermline, daughter of Alexander Norval, weaver, and Ann Lilley; their baby Ann. Ship Herald, 15 July 1841.
NSW assisted-immigrant card, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry



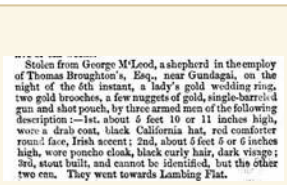
Administration, 8 April 1874
"Administration of all and singular the goods chattels credits and effects of George McLeod deceased was granted to Mary McLeod the widow of the deceased intestate. Intestate died the 26th day of February 1874. Goods sworn at £400."
NSW administration register, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry



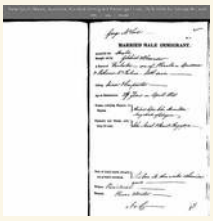
His stone, North Gundagai, another view
The tall sandstone headstone with its carved wreath, naming George, Ann and James McLeod.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Unconfirmed: "George McLeod b1811-1874"
A small head of an old man with white hair and side-whiskers, captioned as him in a McLeod family tree. He looks well past George's 62 years, and this and the dark-bearded head in his son's file may have been swapped, so neither is on a tag.
McLeod family tree on Ancestry (member upload)


Stolen from George M'Leod, a shepherd in the employ of Thomas Broughton's, Esq., near Gundagai, on the night of the 6th instant, a lady's gold wedding ring, two gold brooches, a few nuggets of gold, single-barrel gun and shot pouch, by three armed men of the following description:—1st, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, wore a drab coat, black California hat, red comforter round face, Irish accent; 2nd, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, wore poncho cloak, black curly hair, dark visage; 3rd, stout built, and cannot be identified, but the other two ens. They went towards Lambing Flat.

Robbed near Gundagai, 1861
"Stolen from George M'Leod, a shepherd in the employ of Thomas Broughton's, Esq., near Gundagai, on the night of the 5th instant, a lady's gold wedding ring, two gold brooches, a few nuggets of gold, single-barreled gun and shot pouch, by three armed men... They went towards Lambing Flat." Very probably him.
NSW Reports of Crime, July 1861, via Ancestry



His bounty papers, 1841
Married male immigrant per Herald, July 1841: a joiner and carpenter of 27, from Dunbarton, son of Ronald, a gardener, and Catharine McFarlane.
NSW Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, via the Schonrock Family Tree on Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

Thomas Coggan

1818–about 1903 · *Phillip's father*

Thomas was a labourer's son from Martock in Somerset, the son of James and Jane, who in 1841 were living at Bower Hinton in Martock parish. Mary Anne Walrond was born at Lydford, about ten miles away (one memorial says East

BAPTISED
10 December 1818, Martock, Somerset, son of James and Jane

Thomas Coggan, continued

Pennard). They married early in 1842 in the Yeovil district, which takes in Martock, and were at Pitney with their four children when they sailed on the Herefordshire in 1857. Mary Anne was so unwell on the way up country that she had to stop at Goulburn for six weeks and finish by coach.

Their first son, William, was christened at Pitney on 3 January 1843, when Thomas was a labourer there, and the 1851 census found the family at Pitney: Thomas, 30, born at Martock, Mary, 33, born at Lydford, William, eight, and Philip, four.

Thomas worked five years as a teamster for Mr Pring of Widgengully, then selected Inglewood near Jugiong, and the family grew and prospered. He died there in December 1903, aged 83. Granny lived on with her youngest son at Inglewood and died in May 1908. Six of her grandsons were her pall-bearers after the service at Christ Church, Jugiong. She and Thomas share a white marble obelisk in Jugiong cemetery.

A daughter, Anne, was privately baptised at Pitney on 6 February 1854. The civil index for the marriage, Yeovil district, January to March 1842, lists Thomas Coggan and Mary Walrond on the same page. Mary Anne was very probably the Mary baptised at East Lydford on 14 September 1817, daughter of William Waldren (Walrond), a labourer, and Elizabeth Green, who had married there that May; by 1825 William and Elizabeth were at Pitney, where her brothers John and Philip were baptised. Thomas's elder brothers and sisters, Martha (1805 and 1808) and James (1810 and 1815), were baptised at Martock.

The family reached Sydney on the Herefordshire on 27 May 1857: Thomas, 38, Mary, 39, William, 14, Phillip, 10, James, 5, and Anne, 3, from Somerset. On 21 March 1877 twenty head of mixed cattle and a red and white steer were stolen from Chidowlah, near Jugiong, and reported by "Thomas Coggan and Sons, Jugiong".

In 1841, aged 20, he was living at Pitney with William and Elizabeth Walrond, Mary Anne's parents, and their family; the census indexes him as "Goggan". Another son, James Waldron Coggan, carried his mother's maiden name; his birth was registered at Langport in 1851 (likely).

A second Coggan family sailed with them on the Herefordshire: James, 42, very probably Thomas's elder brother, with his wife Eliza and their children. In 1865 that James and his son Thomas, of Pejar, were tried at Goulburn for stealing sheep at Pomeroy. The father was acquitted and the son sent to the roads for five years. It was this younger Thomas, not ours, who was freed from Cockatoo Island in 1868. Both Coggan families came up the road through Goulburn in 1857: James and Eliza's family settled near there, at Pejar, where James died in 1891, while Mary Anne, too ill to go on, rested six weeks at Goulburn before Thomas's family went on to Mr Pring's at Widgengully (each record confirmed; that she stayed with them is possible).

By 1868 he had taken up 81 acres at Cooney's Creek, in the parish of Jugiong. His eldest son, William, a Jugiong JP, died in February 1906. Mary Anne's mother, Elizabeth Walrond, was born at East Pennard about 1797, by the 1851 census at Pitney, which very probably explains the memorial's "East Pennard" (likely), and a James Coggan, born at Martock about 1777, still alive at Martock in 1851, may be Thomas's father (possible).

The 81 acres at Cooney's Creek, parish of Jugiong, that Thomas had by 1868 were very probably Inglewood: Mary Anne lived on there with her youngest son, and the estate index has her dying at Cooney's Creek in 1908 (likely).

MARRIED
Mary Anne Walrond, early 1842, Yeovil district

DIED
7 December 1903, Gundagai district, aged 83 (his 1818 christening makes him about 85), NSW 14101/1903

MARY ANNE DIED
17 May 1908, very probably at Cooneys Creek (NSW estate index AF00145931), Gundagai district, NSW 5676/1908

PROBATE
Estate [19/10217]; probate, died 7 December 1903 (Series 4_30545)

ANNE
Daughter, privately baptised 6 February 1854, Pitney

MARY ANNE BORN
Very probably baptised 14 September 1817, East Lydford, daughter of William Waldren (Walrond) and Elizabeth Green (likely)

ARRIVED
Herefordshire, Sydney, 27 May 1857: Thomas 38, Mary 39, William 14, Phillip 10, James 5, Anne 3

1841 CENSUS
Pitney, in the household of William and Elizabeth Walrond, Mary Anne's parents (HO107/955; indexed "Goggan")

SECOND COGGAN FAMILY
James Coggan, 42, and Eliza, 38, with Mary Ann 14, Thomas 12, William 10, Charlotte 6 and Mary Jane 3, also on the Herefordshire, 1857 (Assisted Immigrants Index, reel 2138 [4/4793]); James very probably Thomas's elder brother, christened at Martock in 1815 (likely)

THE 1865 CASE
Not our Thomas: James Coggan and his son Thomas, of Pejar, tried at the Goulburn Quarter Sessions, September 1865, for stealing 31 sheep from F. R. L. Rossi at Pomeroy; the father acquitted, the son five years on the roads; certificate of freedom 19 September 1868, "Herefordshire" ([4/422]) (Goulburn Herald, 20 September 1865; committal NRS 849, item 2, p. 15, entry 259)

LAND, 1868
81 acres, Cooney's Creek, parish of Jugiong (Yass Courier, 15 July 1868)

SON WILLIAM
Died 4 February 1906, a Jugiong JP (Gundagai Independent, 7 February 1906; estate AF00131550)

CHILDREN
Phillip Coggan p. 58

Thomas Coggan, continued

MORE SOURCES

Goulburn Herald, 20 September 1865: James and Thomas Coggan, father and son, at the Quarter Sessions

Yass Courier, 15 July 1868: 81 acres at Cooney's Creek

Gundagai Independent, 7 February 1906: William Coggan's obituary

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"Late Mrs. Coggan", 1908
The Herefordshire, Goulburn, Mr Pring and Inglewood.
Gundagai Independent, 27 May 1908, via Trove



Thomas Coggan's obelisk, Jugiong
Who died 7 December 1903, aged 83.
Find a Grave 188011405, Lindsay Swadling



Granny Coggan's side of the obelisk
Abide with me.
Find a Grave 188011400, Lindsay Swadling



The Coggans on the Herefordshire, 1857
Phillip is listed aged 10.
NSW State Archives NRS 5316



St John the Baptist, Pitney
Where Thomas and Mary Anne's children were baptised before they sailed in 1857.
Neil Owen, CC BY-SA 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Christ Church, Jugiong
Granny Coggan's funeral service was held here in 1908.
Virtual Steve, CC BY-SA 2.5, via Wikimedia Commons



William christened, Pitney, 1843
3 January 1843: William, son of Thomas and Mary Coggan, of Pitney, labourer.
South West Heritage Trust, D\P\Pitn/2/1/5, entry 397, via Ancestry



The Coggans at Pitney, 1851
Thomas Coggan, 30, labourer, born Martock; Mary, 33, born Lydford; William, 8; and Philip, 4, both born at Pitney.
1851 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/1926, folio 255, p. 21



Anne christened, 1854
Pitney: Anne, daughter of Thomas and Mary Coggan, labourer, privately baptised 6 February 1854.
Pitney parish register, p. 79, via Ancestry



Very probably Mary Anne's christening, 1817
East Lydford, 14 September 1817: Mary, daughter of William and Elizabeth Waldren, labourer.
Somerset, Church of England Baptisms, via Ancestry



The Coggans on the Herefordshire, 1857
Thomas, 38, Mary, 39, William, 14, Phillip, 10, James, 5, and Anne, 3, from Somerset.
New South Wales, assisted immigrant passenger lists, via Ancestry



Cattle stolen from Chidowlah, 1877
Twenty head of mixed cattle and a red and white steer, taken from Chidowlah, near Jugiong, on the 21st ultimo; owner "Thomas Coggan and Sons, Jugiong".
NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 18 April 1877, p. 124

Corey's 5× great-grandparents

Ronald McLeod and Catharine McFarlane

The elder George's father WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Named with Catherine as the elder George's parents, in Scotland about the 1780s. It's likely, not proven.

Very probably Ronald McLeod and Catharine McFarlane, who married at Buchanan, Stirlingshire, on 12 December 1795, and had their children baptised at the Gorbals, Glasgow, among them Daniel (1800), Agnes (1804 and 1806) and George (1811). A Ronald, son of Ronald and Catharine, was baptised at Luss, Dunbartonshire, in March 1795, which may be the root of the family's "Dumbarton".

The elder George's immigration card of 1841 calls his father, Ronald McLeod, a gardener, and says both Ronald and Catherine McFarlane were dead by then. One family tree gives them as Ronald, 1777–1841, and Catherine, 1774–1841.

MARRIED
Very probably 12 December 1795, Buchanan, Stirlingshire (likely)

CHILDREN
George McLeod the elder p. 60

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Their son's immigration card, 1841
"Father Ronald McLeod, gardener, deceased; mother Catherine McFarlane, deceased."
NSW assisted-immigrant card, via a McLeod family tree on Ancestry

ANDREW'S SIDE

The MacRae line

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae's family and forebears

MacRae · Christopher · Griffin · Loseby · Gregg

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
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3× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	John MacRae p. 79 Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80 John H Griffin p. 84
4× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Farquhar MacRae p. 84 Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87
5× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	John and Mary MacRae p. 96 Joseph Loseby p. 96 Thomas Gregg p. 97



Corey's great-grandfather

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae

1919–2005

Born at Redfern in 1919, he grew up to be a school teacher, with first aid and life-saving certificates. In 1943, the year before he joined the Air Force, the roll found him at West Maitland, living at the Marist Brothers and working as a school teacher. The Registrar-General's check in 1944 shows his birth was registered as Alan Joseph MacRae.

He joined the Air Force in January 1944, at 24, and swore a declaration that he wished to be known by the longer name, Allan Joseph Peter. A tall man, 6 foot 2 by the doctor and 6 foot 3 by himself, he'd already taught maths, English and French. The recruiter wrote that he was a good type, neat and respectful, with a good voice. He passed the Radar School at Richmond with 79 per cent, and his conduct sheet was clean at every unit. That April he was posted to No. 19 Radar Station near Gosford, where Gloria was already working.

In his own words, written decades later: he left Australia in early April 1945, reached Morotai 15 days later, and landed on Labuan, off Borneo, on 10 June 1945, the day of the landings. His radar station's unit history puts it a day later: No. 163 Radar Station sailed from Brisbane on the Liberty ship Simon Bamberger on 2 May, reached Morotai on 16 May, left on LST 993 on 5 June, and arrived at Labuan on 11 June, the day after the landings, disembarking on the 12th and all ashore by the 13th. From 26 June it served at Lutong, in Sarawak, with air-raid alerts on 5 and 30 July, and it was back on Labuan on 15 August 1945. His sworn statement of 1946 gives 2 May for embarkation, and his radar station's own records agree: the whole unit drew overseas allowance from 2 May 1945. The same records have him on compassionate leave and then pre-embarkation leave that April, authorised to wear the Pacific Star in October, and posted with ten mates to a mobile fighter control unit on 26 October. The station's medical orderly was a Sgt W. G. Watts; twenty years later Gloria wrote to the Air Force trying to find him. He was last posted to No. 163 Radar Station. A 2001 Air Force medals assessment, which only needed his service after the war ended, has him with it on Labuan from 15 August to 25 October 1945, a week with 111 Fighter Control Unit there, then at Morotai with 1st TAF headquarters until 19

AIR FORCE NUMBER
139362

BORN
6 July 1919, Redfern, NSW 25287/1919

MARRIED
Gloria Gotch, Waverley, NSW 5800/1945

PARENTS
Checked by the Registrar-General: Kenneth John MacRae and Laura Mary Regan

RESTING PLACE
Mudgeeraba Cemetery, Gold Coast

DIED
30 October 2005, aged 86

SCHOOLING
Marist Brothers' Juniorate, Mittagong: Intermediate 1934, Leaving Certificate 1936 (Catholic Press, 31 January 1935; Southern Mail, 22 January 1937)

LABUAN
No. 163 Radar Station arrived at Labuan 11 June 1945, the day after the landings; Lutong, Sarawak, from 26 June; back on Labuan 15 August (unit history, NAA A9186, 594)

CHILDREN
Seven: Carmel, Therese, Bernadette, Rosemary, Michael and two more

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae, continued

December. RAAF radar crews were hauling their gear into place on Labuan the very next day, as the photo here shows.

By December he was on his way home, and he was discharged on 9 January 1946 with the Pacific Star and the War Medal.

He came home from Borneo to Gloria's family's house, Mount Eden, at 73 Gardyne Street, Bronte, and in 1966 they were in a flat at the same number. A Mr A. MacRae of Bronte, ex-Air Force and registered as a teacher, took a clerk's job at Leeton Shire Council in 1948, and an Allan Joseph MacRae of the Department of Social Services was made a Special Magistrate of the Commonwealth in 1962. The first is probably him, and the second may be.

They moved to Palm Beach on the Gold Coast about 1990. He believed his medals went missing in the move. In 2000 he wrote to Canberra asking for replacements: "I feel the loss each year in not being able to wear my medals." Defence found he'd also earned the 1939–45 Star and the Australian Service Medal with its South West Pacific clasp. In July 2001, at 82, he filled in the declaration for them in careful capitals: the medals had gone "somewhere between Bronte and the Gold Coast", and he added a line nobody had asked for: "I still have my returned badge which is always pinned to my suitcoat lapel".

He died on 30 October 2005, aged 86, and rests at Mudgeeraba under a plaque calling him a beloved husband, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Allan was one of ten children, and his brothers Leo and Patrick also served in the Air Force.

He and Gloria raised seven children: Carmel, Therese, Bernadette, Rosemary, Michael and two more. They remember a gentle giant, "an amazingly intelligent, loving giant of a man, strong as an ox and as protective and affectionate as the lion king", as Therese put it. He could fix anything, he kept his faith, his advice was respected by everyone who knew him, and the family called him IBM, as in the computers, because he just knew it all. His memorial card shows him late in life in his suit, with his medals on his chest and a badge on his lapel, perhaps the returned badge he wrote about. His plaque is at the Currumbin RSL, and every 6 July and every Anzac Day his children still post his photo.

From 1949 Allan and Gloria were on the roll in the Clovelly subdivision, which takes in Bronte, and in 1972 and 1980 the roll gives their address as 73 Gardyne Street, the street where Gloria grew up. By then it called Allan a clerk.

Before the war he was a pupil at the Marist Brothers' Juniorate at Mittagong, the order's training school, where he passed the Intermediate Certificate in 1934 and the Leaving Certificate in 1936, as Allan Joseph MacRae; his brother Christopher had gone the same way two years earlier. Whether he went on to the novitiate isn't in print, so "Marist Brother" stays likely.

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

PARTNER
Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

CHILDREN
Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25

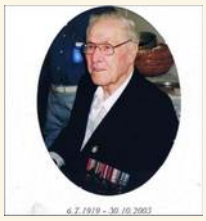
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Death notice, via the Ryerson Index

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae, continued

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Allan in uniform
A studio portrait from the war years, shared by Therese on Anzac Day 2026.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



"6.7.1919 – 30.10.2005"
His memorial card: Allan late in life, wearing his medals, with a badge on his lapel.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Gloria and Allan in uniform
A wartime snapshot from Gloria's memorial page. The faces and his height match their Air Force photos, but the family should confirm.
Find a Grave, added by Robyn



Allan, 18 January 1944
His Air Force identity photo.
National Archives, A9301, 139362



His letter, 2 October 2000
In his own hand: Morotai, Labuan and the lost medals.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 13



"My returned badge", 2001
His declaration in his own hand, aged 82. Address and witness cropped out.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 9



"I embarked for Borneo"
His sworn statement, 9 January 1946, claiming his leave.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 30



No. 163 Radar Station, April 1945
"139362 LAC Radar/Opr. MACRAE, A.J.P.": compassionate and pre-embarkation leave.
National Archives, A10605, 739/4, page 170



Posted on, October 1945
MacRae and his mates posted to 111 Mobile Fighter Control Unit.
National Archives, A10605, 739/4, page 160



The parents form, January 1944
Red corrections from the Registrar-General, naming Kenneth John and Laura Mary Regan.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 36



His service record
School teacher, radar operator, Pacific Star.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 4



Labuan, 11 June 1945
A RAAF radar unit hauling up its apparatus, the day after Allan says he landed. The men aren't named.
Australian War Memorial OG2920, public domain



Labuan, June 1945
One of the last radar stations the RAAF built. By then camouflage was no longer considered necessary.
Australian War Memorial OG3550, public domain



"Good type, neat appearance, respectful"
The recruiter's notes, 1944.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 39

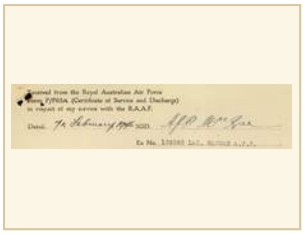


His name declaration, 1944
Alan on the birth certificate, Allan Joseph Peter from then on.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 37



Radar School marks, 1944
He passed with 79 per cent.
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 35

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae, continued



His signature, 1946
National Archives, A9301, 139362, page 18



Allan's plaque
Mudgeeraba Cemetery.
Find a Grave



The rock bath at Bronte, about 1950
A Rose Series postcard from their Bronte years.
Australian National Maritime Museum, via Wikimedia Commons



Palm Beach, Gold Coast, 1967
Where he and Gloria later retired.
Via Wikimedia Commons, CC BY 4.0

A teacher at Maitland, 1943
The 1943 roll: "MacRae, Allan Joseph Peter, Marist Brothers, school teacher".
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



No. 163 Radar Station, April–June 1945
The unit history: Brisbane, Morotai, and Labuan on 11 June, the day after the landings.
National Archives of Australia, A9186, 594



Lutong, Sarawak, July 1945
The station at Lutong from 26 June; air-raid alerts on 5 and 30 July.
National Archives of Australia, A9186, 594



Back on Labuan, August 1945
Back on Labuan on 15 August 1945.
National Archives of Australia, A9186, 594



Morotai to Labuan, 1945
The station's operations record for the move.
National Archives of Australia, A9435, 231

Corey's great-grandfather's sister

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn, née MacRae

1910–2001 · *Allan's eldest sister*

Kenneth and Laura's eldest child, born in 1910 and registered at Waterloo. In December 1931, while her father was Mayor of Redfern, the town crowned a Miss Mollie MacRae its Queen to raise money for the unemployed: very probably her.

She married William Finn in 1932, and their stone at Woronora calls them "husband, father and pop" and "wife, mother and nanna". They share it with their son Kevin, who died in 1956 at just 20.

BORN
1910, Waterloo (NSW 42884/1910)

MARRIED
William Finn, 1932

RESTING PLACE
Woronora, Roman Catholic Monumental 3B 0823, with Bill and their son Kevin

DIED
23 October 2001

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn, continued

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

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Queen of Redfern, 1931
Miss Mollie MacRae, crowned while her father was Mayor. Very probably Allan's eldest sister Mary, later Mrs Finn. The family can confirm.
The Sun, 13 December 1931, via Trove



Mary and Bill Finn, Woronora
With their son Kevin, who died at 20 in 1956.
Find a Grave 167306975, photo by Possum

Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Kenneth John MacRae

1912–1978 · *Allan's brother*

Kenneth and Laura's eldest son, born at Redfern on 23 March 1912. He was a clerk in 1939 and became a council health inspector at Holbrook, where he married Clare Veronica Weekes in 1941; his brother Leo had married her younger sister Beryl two years before. He had trained with the militia's 2nd Field Hygiene section, and when he was called up at Culcairn in March 1942 he was released for his reserved occupation. From April 1943 to August 1944 he served part-time with the 17th Battalion of the Volunteer Defence Corps, the home guard.

He and Clare later moved to Picton. When Clare died in October 1977 he followed her eleven weeks later, on 9 January 1978, at Camden, and their children put them together at Camden under the words "our dearest parents".

BORN
23 March 1912, Redfern

MARRIED
Clare Veronica Weekes, 1941

VDC
V374311; 17th Battalion, part-time, 7 April 1943 to 1 August 1944

DIED
9 January 1978, Camden

RESTING PLACE
Camden, with Clare

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

Kenneth John MacRae, continued

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Kenneth junior called up, March 1942
His mobilization attestation at Culcairn: health inspector at Holbrook, married to Clare Veronica, earlier service in the 2nd Field Hygiene section of the militia, discharged for a reserved occupation. Class III.
National Archives, B884, V374311



Kenneth junior in the home guard, 1943–44
His service and casualty form: posted to the 17th Battalion, Volunteer Defence Corps, for part-time duty on 7 April 1943; discharged 1 August 1944.
National Archives, B884, V374311, page 3



Kenneth John and Clare, Camden
"In loving memory of our dearest parents."
Find a Grave 130262856, photo by Anthony_Katon

Allan's brothers

John Ewen and Christopher Francis MacRae

Two of Kenneth and Laura's ten children, and Allan's older brothers. John Ewen was born at Redfern in 1915 and Christopher Francis in 1917, both registered there, and the NSW birth index names Kenneth and Laura as the parents of both.

In 1939 both were labourers, living at home at 69 Edward Street, Redfern, with their parents and their brothers Kenneth and Leo. Both are named in their father's death notice in 1950.

John, Jack to the family, died at Springwood in the Blue Mountains on 30 October 1987, aged 72, and was cremated. Christopher died in Queensland on 21 December 1985, aged 68, and the Find a Grave index puts his burial or cremation at Tweed Heads, just over the border. His death record names Kenneth and Laura as his parents too.

John Ewen's Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Springwood, and his funeral left the church for the Pine Grove Crematorium.

Christopher went to the Marist Brothers' Juniorate at Mittagong too: Intermediate Certificate 1933, Leaving Certificate 1935.

JOHN EWEN
Born 1915, Redfern (NSW 29680/1915); died 30 October 1987, Springwood (NSW 27650/1987)

CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS
Born 1917, Redfern (NSW 14574/1917); died 21 December 1985, Queensland (Qld 1986/333); buried or cremated at Tweed Heads

1939 ROLL
Labourers, 69 Edward Street, Redfern

JOHN EWEN'S PROBATE
Series 5_8802425; the probate index gives his death as 31 October 1987 (the page has 30 October)

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

John & Christopher, continued

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Six MacRaes on the 1939 roll
Kenneth the blacksmith, Laura, and four grown sons, Christopher Francis, John Ewen, Kenneth John and Leo Benedict, at 69 Edward Street, Redfern.

Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 197279383



Kenneth and Laura's children, 1910–25
The NSW birth index, family MacRae, father Kenneth, mother Laura: Mary E. (Waterloo, 1910), Kenneth J., Leo B., John E., Christopher F., Alan J., Kathleen M., Laura T. and Patrick J., all registered at Redfern.

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, historical index


MACRAE. — Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late JOHN EWEN MACRAE, of Springwood, will be celebrated tomorrow (Wednesday), at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Cnr. Macquarie and Hawkesbury Roads, Springwood. Mass commencing at 10 a.m. The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral to leave the church after prayers following the Mass for the Pine Grove Crematorium.
DIGNIFIED FUNERALS, F.D.A. - N.S.W. FIVE DOCK. 713 1911. LAKEMBA 759 2512. LEICHHARDT 568 2111.

John Ewen's funeral notice, 1987
"Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late John Ewen MacRae, of Springwood", at St Thomas Aquinas, then to the Pine Grove Crematorium.

Sydney Morning Herald, via a MacRae family tree on Ancestry



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Patrick Joseph MacRae

1925–2022 · *Allan's brother*

Pat, the second youngest, went to the Marist Brothers in Harrington Street, played cricket, football and athletics for the school, and joined the Air Training Corps at 16. At 18 he began training as a wireless operator and air gunner, and he won his air gunner's badge just after turning 19. From September 1944, aged 19, he flew 121 strikes and attacks in Beauforts with No. 8 Squadron from Tadji, New Guinea. His commanding officer called him "a bright, keen type". He remembered being served tea from a china set at Uncle Colin's, which was more than his own family had. In his nineties he arranged a new headstone for his grandfather John at Lower Mittagong, dedicated in March 2018. He died on 13 August 2022, aged 97.

AIR FORCE NUMBER
433844

RESTING PLACE
Woronora, Casuarina Plaque Lawn, 0575

BORN
23 March 1925, Redfern, NSW 14830/1925

DIED
13 August 2022, aged 97

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

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Patrick Joseph MacRae, continued

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121 strikes, 1944 to 1945
His secret operational tour record with No. 8 Squadron.
National Archives, A9301, 433844, page 23



His aircrew application, 1943
His sports, his height, and his and his father's signatures.
National Archives, A9301, 433844, page 35



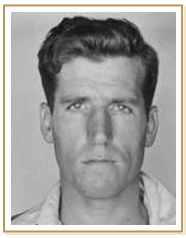
Beaufort crews at Tadji, October 1944
Aircrews of 8 and 100 Squadrons walking in from their aircraft. Pat's squadron; he isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial OG1605, public domain



Pat, 22 May 1943
His Air Force identity photo.
National Archives, A9300



His service card
Air gunner.
National Archives, A9301, 433844, page 3



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Leo Benedict MacRae

1914–2018 · *Allan's brother*

Allan's brother Leo was a special constable when he joined the Air Force, and his identity photo is one of the great faces in this family. His application is stamped "Messerschmitt Exhibition". A Messerschmitt shot down over Kent was on show at Sydney Town Hall that December to stimulate recruiting for the RAAF, and Leo signed up there. The recruiter wrote him off as "average type, not very bright, well mannered". Leo then earned a Distinguished Pass on both his armourer's courses and spent the war keeping cannon and machine guns working, finishing at Morotai and Tarakan in 1945. He'd married Beryl Weekes on her 20th birthday in 1939; two years later his brother Kenneth John married her sister Clare. He rowed for Glebe. He died on New Year's Day 2018 near Tweed Heads, just over the border from Allan's Palm Beach, aged 103.

AIR FORCE NUMBER
62565

BORN
8 May 1914, Redfern, NSW 14311/1914

DIED
1 January 2018, Banora Point, aged 103

RESTING PLACE
NSW Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood

LAST UNIT
61 Operational Base Unit; last clearance at Station Tarakan, 13 November 1945

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

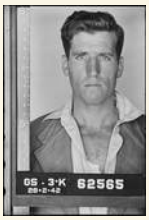
Leo Benedict MacRae, continued

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Leo's own hand, 1945
Embarked for Morotai 12 March 1945, home 30 November 1945.
National Archives, A9301, 62565, page 45



Leo, 28 February 1942
His Air Force identity photo.
National Archives, A9301, 62565



The Messerschmitt at the Town Hall, 1941
"Plane on exhibition to aid recruiting": where Leo signed up.
Daily Mirror, 10 December 1941, via Trove



His record sheet
Armourer.
National Archives, A9301, 62565, page 7



Leo in the city, about 1938–45
A street photo: Leo as a young man in a suit and striped tie, beside a young woman in a dark hat and white collar, very probably Beryl Weekes, his wife. A phone copy from his page in a MacRae family tree, uncaptioned.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Walking past a sandstone wall, about 1940
Leo and a young woman, very probably Beryl, in a sepia street photo.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Leo past 100
White-haired, in a check shirt with a small badge.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Donald Vincent MacRae

1927–2002 · *Allan's brother*

Don was the baby of Kenneth and Laura's ten children, born on 26 April 1927, and Allan's youngest brother. He was a junior messenger of 18 when he joined the Army at Paddington on 11 May 1945, giving his father at 69 Edward Street, Redfern, as next of kin and signing his full name, Donald Vincent MacRae.

The war ended before he left Australia, but in March 1946 he sailed on the Kanimbla to Rabaul and spent most of that year there with army transport and supply platoons, flying back to the mainland at the end of December. He grew to 6 foot 2, like Allan. In 1961, writing from Croydon in Sydney, he asked the Army why a mate who'd gone overseas with him had been sent two more medals than he had. The War Medal, they replied, was his full entitlement.

He died on 20 August 2002, aged 75, late of Five Dock, and was buried at Rookwood.

ARMY NUMBER
NX207014

BORN
26 April 1927, Sydney

SERVICE
11 May 1945 to 4 February 1947; Rabaul, 1946

DIED
20 August 2002, late of Five Dock, aged 75

RESTING PLACE
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, lawn section

Donald Vincent MacRae, continued

PARENTS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71

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Don, the youngest, May 1945
His Army identity photos, aged 18. Next of kin: Kenneth MacRae, 69 Edward Street, Redfern.
National Archives, B883, NX207014, page 2



Corey's great-great-grandfather

Kenneth John Alexander MacRae

1874–1950

In January 1931 the Mayor of Redfern was also the man who sharpened the picks and shovels for about 90 road workers. Kenneth was a City Council blacksmith, out the door at 6.30 every morning with his lunch, and he asked his bosses for a few hours a week to go and be mayor. It made the papers as far away as Rockhampton. The aldermen nearly came to blows over it, and one declared a working man could be as good a mayor as any businessman.

He was over six foot, with a moustache and a curl at the front of his hair. He rolled his own cigarettes, followed Bradman and read Robbie Burns. He was an alderman from 1922 to 1934, re-elected for Golden Grove ward in 1925 with his name printed as K. McCrea, a J.P. by 1927, and stood for the Lang Plan in 1931. He and Laura raised their family at 40 Abercrombie Street and, from 1924, at 69 Edward Street, Redfern.

As an alderman in 1929 he stood up in council to complain that the police were carting respectable Redfern people off as drunks; he'd watched a young man taken away just for tripping on the kerb. As mayor in 1931 he was working on a cable-laying job for the council's electricity department, which is part of why his time off became such a fight. Laura stood beside him as Mayoress. That December Redfern crowned a Queen of Redfern to raise money for the unemployed: Miss Mollie MacRae, very probably his eldest daughter Mary, who married William Finn the next year.

BORN
21 December 1874, NSW 7968/1875

MARRIED
Laura Mary Regan, 12 January 1910, St Benedict's, NSW 103/1910

DIED
11 June 1950, Redfern, NSW 7449/1950

RESTING PLACE
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mortuary 2, Section 2, Plot 1323

PROBATE
Estate B145128; probate granted 10 January 1957 (Series 4_455697)

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file [20/6405] B145128 (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-36-13392, 4_455697 (NRS 13660)

CHILDREN
Mary (Mrs Finn), Kenneth, Leo, John Ewen, Christopher Francis, Allan, Kathleen (Mrs J. O'Hara), little Laura (died 1924, aged four months), Patrick and Donald

Kenneth John Alexander MacRae, continued

In 1943, at 68, he signed his son Patrick's papers to fly with the Air Force, writing his name in full. He died at home on 11 June 1950, aged 75. His death notice names the children: Mary, Kenneth, Leo, John, Christopher, Allan, Kathleen (by then Mrs J. O'Hara), Patrick and Donald.

Mary married William Finn in 1932, and has her own file. Two MacRae brothers married two Weekes sisters from Redfern: Leo married Beryl in 1939, and Kenneth John married her older sister Clare in 1941. Kenneth John became a council health inspector, and when Clare died in October 1977 he followed her eleven weeks later. Their children put them together at Camden under the words "our dearest parents". The baby of the family, Don, served at Rabaul after the war, and has his own file.

The 1939 roll lists six MacRaes at 69 Edward Street, Redfern: Kenneth the blacksmith, Laura, and four grown sons. Christopher Francis and John Ewen were labourers, and Kenneth junior and Leo were clerks. Christopher and John are two of the sons named in Kenneth's 1950 death notice. John Ewen was born in 1915 and Christopher Francis in 1917, both registered at Redfern. John, Jack to the family, died at Springwood in the Blue Mountains on 30 October 1987, aged 72. In 1946 Allan was on the roll at the same house, his occupation given as R.A.A.F.

The NSW birth index lists nine children born to Kenneth and Laura between 1910 and 1925: Mary at Waterloo, then Kenneth, Leo, John Ewen, Christopher Francis, Allan, Kathleen, little Laura and Patrick at Redfern. Donald followed in 1927.

Their eldest son, Kenneth John, born at Redfern in 1912, was a clerk in 1939 and became a health inspector at Holbrook, where he married Clare Veronica in 1941. He had trained with the militia's 2nd Field Hygiene section, and when he was called up at Culcairn in March 1942 he was released for his reserved occupation. From April 1943 to August 1944 he served part-time with the 17th Battalion of the Volunteer Defence Corps, the home guard. He and Clare later moved to Picton, and he died at Camden in 1978. He has his own file.

On 11 December 1927 a 9-carat gold long-link albert and a 9-carat gold heart-shaped photo locket, with a horseshoe set with red and white stones, were stolen from "John Alexander McRae, 69 Edward-street, Redfern" (NSW Police Gazette, 18 January 1928, p. 42).

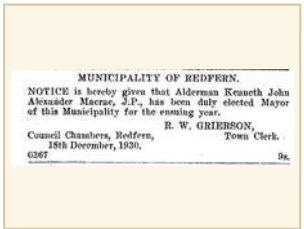
His estate's probate, granted on 10 January 1957, named his son Leo as executor (solicitors Griffiths Delaney & Co, Hurstville).

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PARTNER
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MORE SOURCES
Sydney's Aldermen biography
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog

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"Cannot find the time to be Mayor"
Redfern's chief citizen is a worker, the paper said, and the City Council his boss.
Evening News, Rockhampton, 4 February 1931, via Trove


MUNICIPALITY OF REDFERN.
NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman Kenneth John Alexander Macrae, J.P., has been duly elected Mayor of this Municipality for the ensuing year.
R. W. GRIERSON,
Council Chambers, Redfern, Town Clerk.
18th December, 1930.
6267 9s.

Elected Mayor, December 1930
"Alderman Kenneth John Alexander Macrae, J.P., has been duly elected Mayor of this Municipality."
NSW Government Gazette, 24 December 1930, via Trove


Redfern Beauty

Queen of Redfern, 1931
Miss Mollie MacRae, crowned while her father was Mayor. Very probably Allan's eldest sister Mary, later Mrs Finn. The family can confirm.
The Sun, 13 December 1931, via Trove



Kenneth John Alexander MacRae, 1943
His full signature, consenting to Patrick flying.
National Archives, A9301, 433844, page 35

Kenneth John Alexander MacRae, continued



St Benedict's, Broadway, 1872
Where Kenneth and Laura married in 1910, and where his funeral began in 1950.
Charles Percy Pickering, State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



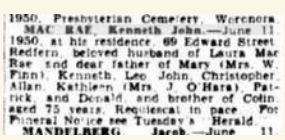
Kenneth at about 70
About 1945. Courtesy Peter Arthur.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



Kenneth as a young man
Courtesy Natalie Macrae.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



Kenneth at three, in a kilt
Courtesy Joanne Ryan.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



1950, Presbyterian Cemetery, Waverley
MACRAE, Kenneth John.—June 11, 1950, at his residence, 69 Edward Street, Redfern, beloved husband of Laura MacRae, and dear father of Mary (Mrs. W. Finn), Kenneth, Leo John, Christopher, Allan, Kathleen (Mrs. J. O'Hara), Patrick, and Donald, and brother of Colin, aged 75 years. Requiescat in pace. For Funeral Notice see Tuesday's Herald.
MANDELBERG. Jacob.—June 11,

His death notice, 1950
It names all his surviving children, including Allan.
Sydney Morning Herald, 12 June 1950, via Trove



The family stone
Kenneth, Laura and their baby Laura, Rookwood.
Find a Grave



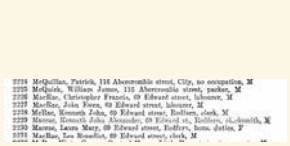
Redfern Street
The court house and post office, undated.
State Archives NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Redfern Post Office, early 1890s
The Redfern he'd come to know.
Via Wikimedia Commons



Redfern Town Hall
Where Kenneth sat as alderman and mayor. A modern photo.
J Bar, CC BY 2.5, via Wikimedia Commons



Six MacRaes on the 1939 roll
Kenneth the blacksmith, Laura, and four grown sons, Christopher Francis, John Ewen, Kenneth John and Leo Benedict, at 69 Edward Street, Redfern.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 1972 79383



Kenneth and Laura's children, 1910–25
The NSW birth index, family MacRae, father Kenneth, mother Laura: Mary E. (Waterloo, 1910), Kenneth J., Leo B., John E., Christopher F., Alan J., Kathleen M., Laura T. and Patrick J., all registered at Redfern.
NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, historical index



The locket, 1927
"John Alexander McRae, 69 Edward-street, Redfern": a 9-carat gold long-link albert and a heart-shaped photo locket with a horseshoe of red and white stones, stolen 11 December 1927.
NSW Police Gazette, 18 January 1928, p. 42, via Ancestry

Corey's great-great-grandfather's brother

Charles Farquhar MacRae

1876–1900 · *Kenneth's brother*

John and Ann's second son, Kenneth's younger brother, born on 28 November 1876 and given his grandfather Farquhar's name. Ann wrote his name and birthday into her diary with the rest of her children's.

He died at the family home, 67 Abercrombie Street, Redfern, on 10 June 1900, aged only 23, after a year's illness with Bright's disease, a disease of the kidneys. The Bowral paper called him a nephew of Mr Robert Loseby of Bong Bong. He was buried at the Catholic cemetery at Lower Mittagong, where his father joined him six years later; the two share the new stone the family dedicated in 2018.

BORN
28 November 1876 (NSW 8516/1877)

DIED
10 June 1900, 67 Abercrombie Street, Redfern, aged 23

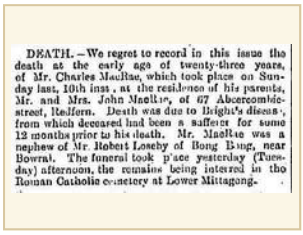
RESTING PLACE
Marist Brothers Cemetery, Lower Mittagong, with his father

Charles Farquhar MacRae, continued

PARENTS
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Ewen Robert MacRae p. 77

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DEATH.—We regret to record in this issue the death at the early age of twenty-three years, of Mr. Charles MacRae, which took place on Sunday last, 10th inst., at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacRae, of 67 Abercrombie-street, Redfern. Death was due to Bright's disease, from which deceased had been a sufferer for some 12 months prior to his death. Mr. MacRae was a nephew of Mr. Robert Loseby of Bong Bong, near Bowral. The funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, the remains being interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Lower Mittagong.

His death notice, 1900
Aged 23, at his parents' home in Redfern: "a nephew of Mr. Robert Loseby of Bong Bong".
Bowral Free Press, 13 June 1900, via the descendants' blog



John and Charles's stone
Lower Mittagong, 2018.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



The plaque on his stone
"John MacRae, born 26.12.1836, died 13.10.1906, and his son Charles F. MacRae, born 28.11.1876, died 10.6.1900."
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandfather's brother

Ewen Robert MacRae

1882–1925 · *Kenneth's brother*

John and Ann's son, Kenneth's brother, born on 11 May 1882. In April 1907, at 24, he entered the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Catholic order, and stayed nearly ten years, until February 1917, apart from nine months with the Marists in 1916.

He died on 20 October 1925, aged 43, of Bright's disease, like his brother Charles, and lies in an unmarked grave in the Catholic section at Rookwood. His portrait reached the family's descendants through Julie Macrae.

BORN
11 May 1882 (his mother's diary)

RELIGIOUS LIFE
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, 1907–1917

DIED
20 October 1925, aged 43

RESTING PLACE
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mortuary 2, Section 8, Plot 132, unmarked

PARENTS
John MacRae p. 79, Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Ewen Robert MacRae, continued

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Ewen Robert MacRae
Kenneth's brother, as a young man.
Courtesy Julie Macrae.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Laura Mary MacRae, born Griffin

about 1884–1988

Laura was born Laura Mary Griffin at Waterloo on 15 April 1884. Her mother very probably married John Regan in Sydney in 1886, and Laura grew up the eldest of a family of Regan half-brothers and sisters. By the time Laura married in 1910 they lived at 23 Dick Street, Chippendale. Death came to that house more than once. Little Aloysius, a twin, died in 1903 aged four, and in July 1915 his brother John William, 24, was buried in the same grave at Rookwood. The family's notices ran together in the Herald: from his parents, from "Edward, Leo and Chrissie", and from "Mr. and Mrs. McCrea", very likely Laura and Kenneth with their name misspelt, as it often was.

She married Kenneth at St Benedict's in 1910 in white silk and orange blossom, with her sister Chrissie beside her. They raised their family at 40 Abercrombie Street and, from 1924, at 69 Edward Street, Redfern. Nine of their ten children grew up; a four-month-old daughter, also Laura, died in 1924.

In 1931 she was Mayoress of Redfern, and in 1939 Redfern still listed her as Mrs MacRae, ex-Mayoress. She outlived Kenneth by 38 years and died at Our Lady of Loreto Nursing Home, Strathfield, on 2 June 1988, aged 104 if, as the family's research says, she was the Laura Mary Griffin born in 1884. Her headstone and death notice say 102. She was born before Federation and lived to see the Bicentenary.

One family tree calls her Laura Mary "Griffith Regan" MacRae, the daughter of John Regan and Mary Griffith. The family's research has her born Laura Mary Griffin; the trees disagree on the spelling.

Around 1903–05 John and Ann MacRae's family were at 67 Abercrombie Street, Redfern, and Laura's at 23 Dick Street, Chippendale, a short walk apart; Ann's uncle Richard Loseby had died in Chippendale in 1893 (the addresses confirmed; how Kenneth and Laura met, possible).

BORN
15 April 1884, Waterloo, NSW 10852/1884, as Laura Mary Griffin (by the family's research)

MARRIED
12 January 1910, NSW 103/1910

DIED
2 June 1988, Strathfield, NSW 14571/1988

RESTING PLACE
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mortuary 2, Area 2, Grave 1324

PARENTS
John H Griffin p. 84

PARTNER
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74

CHILDREN
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Finn p. 68, Kenneth John MacRae p. 69, John & Christopher p. 70, Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65, Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72, Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71, Donald Vincent MacRae p. 73

Laura Mary MacRae, continued

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Laura in great old age, about the 1980s
In a wheelchair, in a white cardigan, pearls and sunglasses. From her page in a MacRae family tree, uncaptioned; cropped to Laura only.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Wedding Bells, 1910
The report of Kenneth and Laura's wedding. Courtesy Lucas MacRae.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



The Regan funeral notices, 1915
From 23 Dick Street: his parents, "Edward, Leo and Chrissie", and "Mr. and Mrs. McCrea".
Sydney Morning Herald, 26 July 1915, via Trove



Six MacRaes on the 1939 roll
Kenneth the blacksmith, Laura, and four grown sons, Christopher Francis, John Ewen, Kenneth John and Leo Benedict, at 69 Edward Street, Redfern.
Ancestry, Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, record 197279383



grandnan of their children.
"Yours has the suffering been, the memory shall be ours."

MACRAE, Laura Mary. — June 2, 1988, at a nursing home Strathfield, formerly of Redfern, dearly loved wife of Kenneth (deceased), loving mother of Mary, Kenneth (deceased), Leo, John (deceased), Christopher (deceased), Allan, Kathleen, Laura (deceased), Patrick and Donald, loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother of their families.
Aged 102 years.
Please watch these columns daily for funeral arrangements.

Her death notice, 1988
The notice gives her age as 102 and lists all ten of her children. Kathleen, Mrs John J. O'Hara, is not marked as having died.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Very probably Laura in middle age, about the 1930s–40s
A soft phone copy, uncaptioned, on her page in another MacRae family tree: a woman with dark wavy hair and a dark coat, standing before a lattice screen.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

John MacRae

1836–1906 · *Kenneth's father*

John was a baby of about six months when his family left Skye on the William Nicol in 1837. By 1870 he was farming at Lower Mittagong. He sat on the local school board and, at 36, married Ann, the shoemaker's daughter from Bong Bong.

They moved to Sydney and he became a coachbuilder. His advertisements read like his order book: a new Hansom cab, "cheap"; a double-seated buggy, "near tollbar, Paddington"; a dogcart of the newest design, with lamps and cushions, £24. Family lore says customers who didn't pay ruined him, though no bankruptcy was ever gazetted. They lost three of their six children young. He died of heart failure in Sydney on 13 October 1906, aged 69, and his body was taken home to Lower Mittagong to lie near his father's. The local paper called him the brother of "Mr. C. McRae", very likely his younger brother Christopher of Kangaroo Valley, who died at Mittagong in 1926 (Farquhar's file has his story).

Two of their sons have their own files: Charles, who died at 23 in 1900, and Ewen, who spent ten years with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

MARRIED
23 July 1873, Berrima, NSW 1931/1873

RESTING PLACE
Marist Brothers Cemetery, Lower Mittagong. A new stone was dedicated in 2018

BORN
26 December 1836 (his grave plaque)

SCHOOL BOARD
Lower Mittagong Public School Board, 16 May 1871

DIED
13 October 1906, Sydney, aged 69 (his grave plaque; the local paper)

John MacRae, continued

In May 1871 he was named to the Public School Board at Lower Mittagong, with G. T. Riley, A. G. Keith and Joseph Loseby, his future wife's brother. In 1892, when he and his brother Christopher were their father's executors, he was a coach-builder at 67 Abercrombie Street, Redfern.

In March 1875 a joiner's cramp was stolen from the workshop of a John M'Rae, carpenter, of Edward Street, Redfern, very possibly him (possible to likely). Edward Street was where his son Kenneth's family later lived.

PARENTS
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PARTNER
Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80

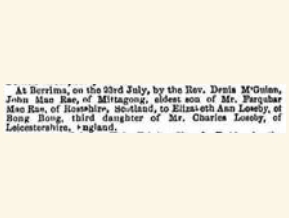
CHILDREN
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Charles Farquhar MacRae p. 76, Ewen Robert MacRae p. 77

MORE SOURCES
Lower Mittagong Public School Board, NSW Government Gazette, 16 May 1871, Trove

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Very probably John MacRae, about 1875–90
An uncaptioned carte de visite on his page in a MacRae family tree: a man of about 40 to 50, with a full dark beard and a dark bow tie. It's a phone copy, heavily enlarged, so it's soft.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



At Berrima, on the 23rd July, by the Rev. Denis M'Guinn, John Mac Rae, of Mittagong, eldest son of Mr. Farquhar Mac Rae, of Rossshire, Scotland, to Elizabeth Ann Loseby, of Bong Bong, third daughter of Mr. Charles Loseby, of Leicestershire, England.

Their marriage notice, 1873
John, eldest son of Farquhar of Rossshire, to Elizabeth Ann, third daughter of Charles Loseby.
Town and Country Journal, via Trove



FOR SALE, one new Hansom CAB, cheap. JOHN M'RAE, Coachbuilder, Paddington, near Toll-bar.
FOR SALE, a first-class double-seated BUGGY. Mr. M'Rae, coachbuilder, near toll-bar, Paddington.
FOR SALE, SOCIABLE, almost new. On view at M'Rae's, coachbuilder, 94, Oxford-street, Paddington.
FOR SALE, DOGCART, of the newest design, lamps, cushions, complete, £24. 77, Abercrombie-st, Redfern
TWO CABS, new and second, for SALE, cheap. John MacRae, coachbuilder, 77, Abercrombie-st, Redfern.
NEW Square Hansom Cab, best material and workmanship, for sale, £90. 67 Abercrombie-st, Redfern.

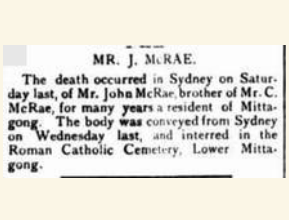
Coachbuilder's advertisements, 1879 to 1892
Hansom cabs, a buggy, a sociable and a dogcart.
Sydney Morning Herald and Evening News, compiled by Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog



Abercrombie Street, Redfern, about 1900
Not the family's house, but the street they lived in.
State Archives NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



John and Charles's stone
Lower Mittagong, 2018.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



MR. J. McRAE.
The death occurred in Sydney on Saturday last, of Mr. John McRae, brother of Mr. C. McRae, for many years a resident of Mittagong. The body was conveyed from Sydney on Wednesday last, and interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Lower Mittagong.

"Mr. J. McRae", 1906
Died in Sydney, buried at Lower Mittagong.
Robertson Advocate, 19 October 1906, via Trove



The plaque on his stone
"John MacRae, born 26.12.1836, died 13.10.1906, and his son Charles F. MacRae, born 28.11.1876, died 10.6.1900."
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-great-grandmother

Elizabeth Ann MacRae, née Loseby

1845–1926 · *Kenneth's mother*

Born at Harby in Leicestershire on 7 June 1845 and registered at Melton Mowbray, she came to New South Wales as a baby: she was eleven weeks old when the Tropic sailed from the Downs on 23 August 1845. Ann kept a diary, and her careful handwriting survives, with her marriage and their children's

BIRTH
June quarter 1845, Melton Mowbray 15/198, mother's maiden name Gregg (GRO index)

RESTING PLACE
Bong Bong Church Cemetery

Elizabeth Ann MacRae, continued

names in a column, and the line "July the 4 1905 when the old Home was sold at 67 Abercrombie Street Redfern".

Her uncles were colourful. Richard Loseby, transported for theft in 1822, became a Bong Bong constable and innkeeper, and his story has its own file.

Her little sister Sarah lived to 100 at Bowral, and has her own file.

Their brother Robert gave Bowral its Loseby Park, where the town opened its first turf wicket in Bradman Week, 1928. He has his own file.

She died of heart failure on 20 June 1926 at 364 Bourke Street, Sydney, aged 81. She was buried with her own family at Bong Bong, not with John, under words saying she had borne her cross with patience through life.

DIED
20 June 1926, 364 Bourke Street, Sydney, aged 81

PARENTS
Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87

PARTNER
John MacRae p. 79

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82, Robert Loseby p. 81

CHILDREN
Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74, Charles Farquhar MacRae p. 76, Ewen Robert MacRae p. 77

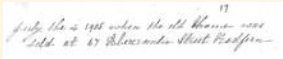
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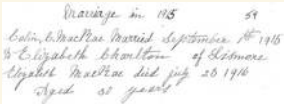
Very probably Ann, about 1880–90
An uncaptioned studio portrait on her page in a MacRae family tree: a seated woman of about 35 to 45, her dark hair drawn back, in a high lace collar and a dark dress with a long watch chain.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Ann's diary
Her own handwriting: her marriage and her children.
Courtesy Patrick MacRae, Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



"When the old Home was sold", 1905
Ann's own hand.
Courtesy Patrick MacRae, Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog



Ann's diary, 1915 and 1916
Colin's marriage and Elizabeth's death.
Courtesy Patrick MacRae, Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog



Her headstone
Bong Bong.
Find a Grave



Christ Church, Bong Bong
Where the Losebys are buried. Sarah, born in September 1847, was christened in February 1848, very probably here.
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Corey's great-great-great-grandmother's brother

Robert Loseby

1843–1925 · *Ann's brother*

Ann's brother Robert gave Bowral the sports ground behind the hospital, on one condition: that it be called Loseby Park. In April 1928 it got Bowral's first turf wicket, opened by Test cricketers including Jack Gregory, Arthur Mailey and Vic

BORN
28 January 1843, Harby (his headstone)

Robert Loseby, continued

Richardson, and the night before, the town gave a gold watch to a local 19-year-old, Don Bradman. Two years later Bowral welcomed him home from England at Loseby Park, under new electric lights.

He was born at Harby, in Leicestershire, on 28 January 1843, two years before the family sailed, Charles Loseby's fourth son; his headstone at Bowral says so. Back in 1889 he lent the council £1000 to build its Town Hall, in two instalments of £500 on 16 September and 16 December, and the council accepted his gift of the ground in November 1922, to pass to it on his death. When his nephew Charles MacRae died in 1900, the Bowral paper simply called the young man a nephew of Mr Robert Loseby of Bong Bong. Robert died in 1925.

In 1922 he wrote down the family's early days for the headmaster of Bowral High School; his account, reprinted in the Southern Highland News in 1971, is in his father's file. In 1862 he and his brother Joe took horse teams out to the Lachlan, in the days of Gardiner's gang. A Bowral historical society photo of a civic gathering, about 1910–20, has him as the old man in a bowler hat and white moustache at top left.

GIFT
Loseby Park, Bowral, accepted by the council in November 1922

DIED
11 January 1925, Bowral, aged 81, "gentleman" (his headstone; NSW estate Pre A 10580; probate Series 4_129688)

TOWN HALL LOAN
£1000, in two instalments of £500, 16 September and 16 December 1889 (NSW Government Gazette, 4 March 1890)

DIRECTORY
Bowral, about 1900 (Yewens)

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file [20/1014] Pre A 10580 (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-10-247, 4_129688 (NRS 13660)

PARENTS
Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80, Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82

MORE SOURCES
Town Hall loan, NSW Government Gazette, 4 March 1890, Trove

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Robert Loseby
The family's own crop of him from a civic group: a bowler hat and a white moustache. Small, so it's soft.
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



A Bowral gathering, about 1910–20
Thirteen men in suits and a nurse in white before a weatherboard building, very probably a hospital or council occasion. Robert is the old man in the bowler hat at top left. From an article supplied by the Bowral district historical society.
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Opening Loseby Park, Bowral
Don Bradman, sixth from left, with his father George and brother Vic, the mayor and visiting cricketers, at the opening of the turf wicket (April 1928 by the names; the library dates it 1930).
Photo by D. Speer. State Library of South Australia, PRG 682/16/107



His headstone, Bowral
"In loving memory of Robert Loseby of Bowral, fourth son of the late Charles Loseby of Bong Bong, born in Harby, Leicestershire, England, January 28th 1843, died January 11th 1925, aged 81 years."
Find a Grave, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



Corey's great-great-great-grandmother's sister

Sarah Gregg Loseby

1847–1948 · *Ann's sister*

Sarah, Ann's little sister, was born at Harby Farm, near Bowral, in September 1847, and never left the district. In her nineties she told the Bowral paper about crossing the flooded ford to church, cockatoos digging up her father's prize potatoes, and the Aboriginal families who passed along the old Argyle Road. At 99 she lived alone, kept her own garden and wouldn't have electricity in the house.

BORN
4 September 1847, Harby Farm, near Bowral

Sarah Gregg Loseby, continued

On her 100th birthday in 1947 the King and Queen sent a telegram, Bowral named a children's playground after her, and she cut a cake with 100 candles. The rector said Bowral was known the world over for one famous century-maker, and now for this "century-getter". She died the next June, and her stone at Bong Bong says simply "Abide with me".

She remembered being prepared for confirmation by the Rev. James Hassall, a grandson of Samuel Marsden, and confirmed at Berrima by Bishop Frederic Barker. Her stone gives her age as 100 years and 9 months.

DIED
16 June 1948, Bowral, aged 100 years 9 months

RESTING PLACE
Bong Bong Church Cemetery

PROBATE
Estate A128293; probate 3 August 1948 (Series 4_341190)

BAPTISED
13 February 1848, Camden district register, entry 25 (NSW 2333, vol. 33): Sarah Gregg, born 4 September 1847, daughter of Charles and Mary Loseby of Bong Bong, shoemaker

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file [20/4168] A128293 (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-28-8657, 4_341190 (NRS 13660)

PARENTS
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80, Robert Loseby p. 81

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Sarah Loseby at her 100th birthday, 1947
Arriving at her thanksgiving service at St Jude's, Bowral.
Berrima District Historical & Family History Society, via Southern Highland News



"Only one off a century", 1946
Sarah at 99.
Truth, Sydney, 8 September 1946, via Trove



Sarah's stone, Bong Bong
"Age 100 yrs & 9 months. Abide with me."
Photo by Eric, Find a Grave 129392978



Christ Church, Bong Bong
Where the Losebys are buried. Sarah, born in September 1847, was christened in February 1848, very probably here.
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Sarah's baptism, 1848
Baptised 13 February 1848, born 4 September 1847: Sarah Gregg, daughter of Charles and Mary Loseby, of Bong Bong, shoemaker.
NSW baptism register, Camden district, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry

Corey's great-great-great-grandparents

John H. Griffin and Mary J. Griffin

Laura's parents

Laura was born Laura Mary Griffin at Waterloo on 15 April 1884, to John H. and Mary J. Griffin. Her mother very probably married John Regan in 1886 (NSW 1770/1886), and Laura grew up as a Regan. She married in 1910 as the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Regan of 23 Dick Street, Chippendale.

In June 1912 John Regan, of 23 Dick Street, was stabbed in the scalp by roughs in Regent Street and saved by a passing constable.

A John Regan, alias John Gainor, alias John Bull, aged 27, in the NSW Police Gazette in 1912 was a different man: at 27, too young to be Laura's stepfather.

Possible only: in December 1894 the Redfern bench issued a warrant for a John Regan, charged with deserting his wife, Mary Regan, of 140 Walker Street, Redfern: an Englishman of 34, a labourer, with tattoos. The names and the district fit Laura's stepfather and mother, but nothing ties this couple to the family, and it may well be another John and Mary Regan.

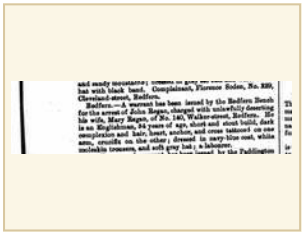
The Regans' 1915 notice came "from his parents", so Laura's mother was alive that July: the Mary Jane Regan who died on 7 August 1911 isn't her.

LAURA'S BIRTH
NSW 10852/1884, Waterloo

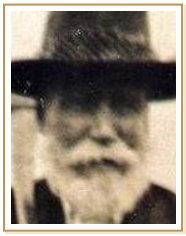
CHILDREN
Laura Mary MacRae p. 78

MORE SOURCES
The Regent Street attack, 1912
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog

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Possibly not ours: a Redfern warrant, 1894
A Redfern bench warrant for a John Regan, charged with deserting his wife Mary Regan, of Walker Street, Redfern. The names fit Laura's stepfather and mother, but nothing ties this couple to the family.
NSW Police Gazette, 5 December 1894, via Ancestry



Corey's 4× great-grandfather

Farquhar MacRae

died 1892 · *John's father*

Farquhar, a Highlander from Ross-shire, sailed from Skye in July 1837 on the William Nicol, the first ship the government chartered to bring Highlanders to Sydney. It took 113 days. He signed on as a farm labourer for £30 a year, and went on to own two farms by the family's account.

He died at Lower Mittagong on Monday 4 January 1892: the Australian Star reported on the 9th that "Farquhar M'Rae, an old resident, died on Monday at the advanced age of 92 years", and his sons' probate notice followed in February. His stone gives 6 April 1892, but the paper and the probate prove January. The

DIED
4 January 1892, Lower Mittagong, aged 92 (Australian Star, 9 January 1892; the probate notice, February 1892). His stone says 6 April 1892, aged 96

RESTING PLACE
Marist Brothers Cemetery, Lower Mittagong, section 2, row plot J03

Farquhar MacRae, continued

stone says he was 96, and the paper and his death certificate 92, though his passenger record implies far less: he was 32 on the William Nicol's list in October 1837, so born about 1805. The family thinks he took a few years off to qualify for the voyage. Barbara McLennan, John's mother, died of tuberculosis on 31 December 1871.

A history of the Clan Macrae printed in 1899 lists a Farquhar, son of John Macrae and Mary Maclennan, who "went to Australia". It's tempting, but probably not ours. The family's own research, through their New Zealand cousins, gives our Farquhar a brother Christopher and sisters Flora, Jessie and Catherine who all stayed in Scotland, and their DNA points to a different MacRae line. The facing page of the book has a second Farquhar who also went to Australia.

Barbara McLennan was the Barbara baptised at Kintail on 22 May 1815, daughter of Ewan McLennan (likely): her death was registered at Berrima (3207/1872), naming her parents as Ewen and Mary. So Farquhar's daughter Mary, born about 1828, was by an earlier wife (likely); Barbara's death certificate would give her age. In 1841 a Christopher MacRae, 60, a fisherman, was at Portchullin in Lochalsh with his wife Janet (Jessie) and their son Alexander: very probably Farquhar's brother Christopher Ban. In 1861 Christopher M'Rae, 80, a farmer born at Kintail, was still at Portchullin with Jeannet, 70, their daughters Peggy, Mary and Christy, their son John and a grandson, Murdo (likely).

His stone at Lower Mittagong was put up by a daughter-in-law: "To the memory of my father-in-law Farquhar McRae". John's wife Ann lies at Bong Bong and Christopher was the son still at Mittagong, so she was very possibly Christopher's wife, perhaps the Eleanor of the 1897 petition (possible). It also remembers his daughter Christanna and a great-grandson, Andrew McRae. In 1860 the government had his title deed ready for 92 acres 3 roods in the county of Camden.

The family trees disagree about his parents. One gives him as the Farquhar born on 19 August 1805 at Leckachan Wester, in Glenshiel, "to John MacRae, schoolmaster", which fits his age in 1837, and the same register has a Christopher born to John MacRae, schoolmaster, in 1803; but that Christopher can't be Christopher Ban, who was 60 in 1841 and 80 in 1861, so born about 1781. But another tree gives that 1805 baptism to a different Farquhar, a single crofter who died at Ardelve, in Lochalsh, in 1887, aged 85, the son of John MacRae and Isabella. Other trees give his parents as John MacRae "of Coilrie" and Christina, or John and Mary. So the Glenshiel baptism is possible, not proven.

In December 1897 Christopher and Eleanor McRae, bakers of Mittagong, withdrew a bankruptcy petition (Bankruptcy Index, file 12374), and on 19 September 1899 Christopher McRae sued Charles Loseby in the Mittagong small debts court for goods sold and delivered (Mittagong Court of Petty Sessions, NRS 24077 [40/2531]). The plaintiff was very probably Farquhar's son Christopher, and the defendant very probably Charles Robert Loseby of Mittagong, Ann's brother (likely).

Farquhar's younger son Christopher was very probably one man across the records: the farmer of Mittagong who was his father's executor in 1892, the Mittagong baker who withdrew a bankruptcy petition with Eleanor McRae in 1897, the plaintiff against Charles Loseby in 1899, the "Mr. C. McRae" of John's 1906 notice, and the Christopher McRae of Kangaroo Valley who died at Mittagong on 30 July 1926, aged 74 or 76, born at Liverpool, with a son named Farquhar (likely). An elder son, also Christopher, was burnt to death in the 1840s, by the family's account (possible).

PROBATE
Applied for by his executors, his sons John MacRae, coach-builder, of 67 Abercrombie Street, Redfern, and Christopher MacRae, farmer, of Mittagong; notice dated 4 February 1892 (NSW Government Gazette, 9 February 1892). The probate packet, Series 4_2572, has "died 04 Jan 1892"

BARBARA
Baptised 22 May 1815, Kintail, daughter of Ewan McLennan (likely); died 31 December 1871, registered at Berrima, NSW 3207/1872, parents Ewen and Mary I.

LAND
Title deed to 92 acres 3 roods, county of Camden, portion 9 (NSW Government Gazette, 18 September 1860)

AGE IN 1837
32, a married farm labourer with two children, on the William Nicol's bounty list, 27 October 1837 (NRS 5313 [4/4780] p. 13, reel 2654), which supports a birth about 1805

TREES DISAGREE
Born 19 August 1805, Glenshiel, son of John MacRae, schoolmaster, by one tree; another tree gives that baptism to a Farquhar who died at Ardelve in 1887 (possible)

ESTATE FILE
NRS-13340-6-62-[AF00056671], indexed "Farquliar", Lower Mittagong, died 4 January 1892; duty paid 22 April 1892

ENGAGED BY
J. T. Hughes, Esq., £30 a year and rations (William Nicol bounty list, no. 66; NRS 5313 [4/4780] p. 13)

PARENTS
John and Mary MacRae p. 96

CHILDREN
John MacRae p. 79

MORE SOURCES
"Mittagong Matters", Australian Star, 9 January 1892, Trove

Probate notice, NSW Government Gazette, 9 February 1892, p. 1129, Trove

Title deeds, NSW Government Gazette, 18 September 1860, p. 1755, Trove

Farquhar MacRae, continued

The William Nicol's bounty list has Farquhar McRae, 32, a farm labourer with two children, engaged by J. T. Hughes at £30 a year with rations. Two children fit Mary, about nine, and baby John, so Mary, very probably an earlier wife's daughter, sailed with them (likely). J. T. Hughes also engaged Alexander McRae, 30, a farm labourer with one child, and Duncan McLennan, 33, a farm labourer with two children; Catherine McLennan, 24, a housemaid, and her brother Alexander, 30, a stockman, were on board too. With Barbara a McLennan, some of them were very possibly kin (possible).

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Farquhar MacRae
In old age, in a felt hat, with his white beard and an axe on his shoulder. One family tree captions the same photo "Farquhar MacRae 1801 - 1892".
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Farquhar at home, about 1885–92
Full length, in a felt hat and dark coat, an axe on his shoulder, in a paddock with a slab hut, fences and hens behind: very probably Lower Mittagong.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The William Nicol
Artist unknown. Courtesy H & M Reed and the Clyde Maritime Research Trust.
Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



Isleornsay harbour, Sleat, Skye
Where the William Nicol sailed from in 1837. A modern photo.
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Farquhar on the passenger list, 1837
Farm labourer, with two children, engaged at £30.
NSW State Archives NRS5313, via Farquhar MacRae's Descendants blog, CC BY-SA 4.0



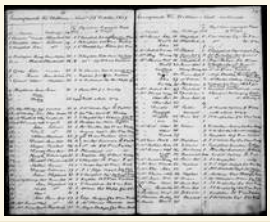
His stone
Lower Mittagong.
Find a Grave



"Farquhar went to Australia", 1899
History of the Clan Macrae, pages 216 and 217. Another Farquhar who went to Australia, probably not ours.
Rev. Alexander Macrae, 1899, via archive.org



His stone, close up
"To the memory of my father-in-law Farquhar McRae, died at Lower Mittagong April 6th 1892, aged 96. Also his daughter Christanna and great grandson Andrew McRae. R.I.P." The paper and the probate show he died on 4 January.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The William Nicol's immigrants, 27 October 1837
The bounty register, with ages, callings and employers. Entry 66: Farquhar McRae, 32, farm labourer, with two children, engaged by J. T. Hughes, Esq., at £30 a year with rations. Entries 60 and 65 are Duncan McLennan and Alexander McRae, also engaged by Hughes.
NSW immigration register, via a MacRae family tree on Ancestry



Corey's 4× great-grandparents

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg

1802–1898 · *Ann's father*

Charles was apprenticed to a shoemaker in Leicestershire the day after the Battle of Waterloo. He married Mary Gregg at St Mary's, Nottingham, on 2 April 1832, and her brother James and sister Catherine signed as witnesses. Mary was born at Somerby, near Grantham in Lincolnshire, on 29 January 1806, the daughter of Thomas Gregg and Elizabeth Smith. The English birth index proves the match: Emma (1839), Charles Robert (1841), Robert (1843) and Ann (1845), all registered at Melton Mowbray, have their mother's maiden name as Gregg. The 1841 census found them at Harby, Charles working as a shoemaker, with Thomas, eight, Mary, five, Joseph, four, and two-year-old Emma. Mary was the only one in the house not born in Leicestershire; she was a Lincolnshire girl from Somerby. In December 1845, thirteen years after their wedding, they landed in Sydney on the barque Tropic: "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loseby, and four sons and three daughters", very probably Thomas, Joseph, Charles Robert and Robert, and Mary, Emma and baby Ann. They brought £300 and set up at Harby Farm on the old road at Bong Bong, named after the Leicestershire village where Ann had just been born. He bought two of the 80-acre farms that had been cut up for Waterloo veterans, at £60 each, and he stayed for over 50 years, taking hides and wheat for his boots. He often walked from Harby Farm to Sydney, camping one night on the way.

Mary died in 1866, aged 60. Charles lived to 96, dying on 7 August 1898, and they lie side by side at Bong Bong under matching stones. Their daughter Sarah lived to 100, in a Bowral cottage she named "Somerby" after her mother's village. Loseby Park in Bowral was a gift from their son Robert, who also lent the money for Bowral's Town Hall.

His obituary, in August 1898, fills in the family's story. He was born at Leicester on 30 April 1802 (Harby, the name of the family farm, was Ann's birthplace, not his), and at 13, the day after Waterloo, was bound apprentice to a shoemaker for seven years. He married Mary Gregg, a farmer's daughter, and in August 1845 they left England with seven children and £300. They landed at Campbell's Wharf on 9 December 1845, the obituary says, where his brothers Richard and Thomas met them, and they were at the opening of Bong Bong church on New Year's Day 1846. They stayed at Pomber's hotel and bought land opposite. He died on the Sunday night, 7 August 1898, at his home, Mount Pleasant, Bong Bong, aged 96, with four sons and five daughters all living, the eldest Mr T. Loseby of Arthursleigh, and 35 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Four grandsons, C. T. Loseby, W. W. Loseby, C. J. Loseby and C. T. Ferguson, carried him, and he was laid beside Mary, whom he had outlived by 32 years. He was the last of three brothers buried there whose ages added up to 270 years; their stones give Charles 96, Richard 88 and Thomas 84, which makes 268.

In 1888 the Aldine Centennial History of New South Wales called him Charles Loseby of Mount Pleasant, grazier. It says he bought Mount Pleasant, near the old Argyle Road two miles from Bowral, from the son of a soldier named Shepherd, that Mary was from Somerby, and that they had ten children, seven of them born in England. Their second son, Joseph, married Jane

BORN
30 April 1802, Leicester (his headstone, his 1898 obituary and the 1888 Aldine history)

MARY BORN
29 January 1806, Somerby, Lincolnshire; baptised 2 February

MARRIED
2 April 1832, St Mary's, Nottingham

CHILDREN'S BIRTHS
Melton Mowbray, 1839–45, mother's maiden name GREGG (GRO index)

1841 CENSUS
Harby, Leicestershire: Charles, shoemaker; Mary; Thomas 8, Mary 5, Joseph 4 and Emma 2

ARRIVED
Barque Tropic, Sydney, 15 December 1845. His obituary says they landed at Campbell's Wharf on 9 December, and Robert's 1922 account ten days before Christmas

DIED
Sunday 7 August 1898, at Mount Pleasant, Bong Bong, aged 96 (Berrima District Leader, 13 August 1898)

RESTING PLACE
Bong Bong Church Cemetery, beside Mary (d. 10 August 1866)

PROBATE
Estate of C. Loseby, died 7 August 1898, Bong Bong; probate Series 4_16482. This is the will the "disowned" story turns on

FARM
Mount Pleasant, near the old Argyle Road, two miles from Bowral: 80 acres, a Waterloo soldier's grant (the 1888 Aldine history; Robert's 1922 account)

MITTAGONG RANGE FARM
300 acres, bought 1854; a stone house built about 1864–65, later Joseph's public house (Robert's 1922 account)

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file [19/10207] (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-4-674, 4_16482 (NRS 13660)

CHILDREN
Ten, seven born in England (the Aldine history): Thomas (about 1833, later of Arthursleigh), Mary (about 1836), Joseph (about 1837, of Crosen Park), Emma (1839), Charles Robert (1841; died 1919), Robert (1843) and Ann (1845); in New South Wales, Sarah (1847) and two more. Four sons and five daughters were living in 1898 (likely)

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg, continued

Ferguson, and from 1863 had Crosen Park, two miles south-east of Mittagong. It also credits Joseph's uncle, very probably Richard, with carrying the first mail bag over the Mittagong Range on foot, along the old Argyle Road.

Their son Robert wrote down the family's own story in 1922, for the headmaster of Bowral High School, and the Southern Highland News reprinted it in 1971. Charles had three acres at Harby that had cost £100 an acre, and sold out. They left England on 20 August 1845 and landed in Sydney ten days before Christmas. Richard, then of Lansdowne, met them at the Argyle Cut; they crossed Razorback on Christmas Day, where a kind old lady gave them their first plum pudding, and they spent about twelve months at Uncle Tom's farm. Then Charles bought the 80-acre farm opposite, Mount Pleasant, one of eight grants made to Waterloo soldiers, and later another 80 acres at the Kangaloon and Bowral roads. He took hides and wheat for boots, and Mary was "overcome with bootbinding, and nine children". In 1854 he bought a 300-acre farm on top of the Mittagong Range, where they built a stone house about 1864–65, later turned over to Joe, who kept a public house in it. In 1862 Joe and Robert took horse teams out to the Lachlan, in the days of Gardiner's gang. "In 1866 my poor mother died, and in 1867 brother Tom took up some land between the Wollondilly and Swallowtail rivers." And: "There is a fairly large number of the Loseby family lying in the Bong Bong Cemetery."

The farm's name isn't settled. The 1888 history, his obituary and Robert's account all call it Mount Pleasant; Harby Farm, the name in the family's later research, may be another of the blocks or a later name, and handwritten notes with Robert's account put a "Farmer's Rest opposite 'Harby'" on Eridge Park Road, very possibly Uncle Tom's Farmers' Home at Bong Bong, licensed in 1858–60 (possible). Mary's birthplace has a wrinkle too: Robert put Somerby in Leicestershire, where there is another Somerby, near Melton Mowbray, but the Gregg baptisms are at Somerby by Grantham, in Lincolnshire. A photo pasted beside his obituary in one family tree shows a bearded man standing beside a seated woman, unlabelled; it may be Charles and Mary, but it's unconfirmed.

In April 1874 a brindle cow and calf were stolen from "Currishbilly, near Berrima", reported in the name of Charles Loseby, he or his son (NSW Police Gazette, 20 May 1874, p. 144).

Robert says Joe kept a public house in the family's stone house on the Mittagong Range; by 1864 Joseph Loseby was the innkeeper of "Loseby's Inn" at Mittagong, and from 1863 the Aldine history has him at Crosen Park, two miles south-east of the town: very possibly all one place (the 1864 inn is confirmed; that it's one place is possible).

PARENTS
Joseph Loseby p. 96, Thomas Gregg p. 97
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Richard Loseby p. 92, Thomas Loseby p. 90
CHILDREN
Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80, Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82, Robert Loseby p. 81

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg, continued

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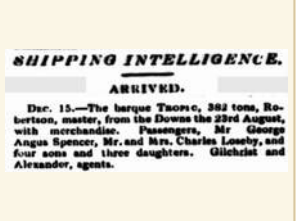
Charles Loseby
A phone photo of a framed print: an old man with white hair and white side-whiskers, in a dark coat and bow tie. Captioned with his name in a Loseby family tree; very soft.
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Charles and Mary's stones, Bong Bong
Side by side, with Christ Church behind.
Photo © P. Clarke, Find a Grave 214983790



"Born in Somerby, England, 29 January 1806"
Mary's headstone at Bong Bong.
Photo © P. Clarke, Find a Grave 214983790



SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Dec. 15.—The barque Tropic, 382 tons, Robertson, master, from the Downs the 23rd August, with merchandise. Passengers, Mr George Angus Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loseby, and four sons and three daughters. Gilchrist and Alexander, agents.

The Losebys arrive, December 1845
"The barque Tropic... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loseby, and four sons and three daughters."
The Australian, 16 December 1845, via Trove



St Mary Magdalene, Old Somerby
Where Mary Gregg was baptised in 1806.
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St Mary the Virgin, Harby, Leicestershire
Ann's birthplace, and the name of the family farm at Bong Bong.
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The Losebys at Harby, 1841
Charles Loseby, shoemaker; Mary; Thomas, 8; Mary, 5; Joseph, 4; and Emma, 2. Four years later they sailed for Sydney. In 1841 adults' ages were rounded down to the nearest five, so Charles shows as 35.
1841 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/587/21, folio 9, p. 12 (record 6330807)



"Charles Loseby at Bowral Superior Public School Picnic 1898"
Fifteen men in a bush clearing. The white-bearded old man reclining in a hat at front left is very probably Charles, then 96; the caption names him but not where he is.
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Charles Loseby, of Mount Pleasant, grazier", 1888
The Bowral section of the Aldine history: born at Leicester, 30 April 1802; Mount Pleasant bought from the son of a soldier named Shepherd; ten children, seven born in England; Joseph and Crosen Park; the first mail bag over the Mittagong Range.
Aldine Centennial History of New South Wales, 1888, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



"Death of Mr. Charles Loseby, Sen.", 1898
Apprenticed the day after Waterloo; seven children and £300; Campbell's Wharf, 9 December 1845. The couple photo pasted beside it is unlabelled: possibly Charles and Mary, unconfirmed.
A photocopied obituary, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



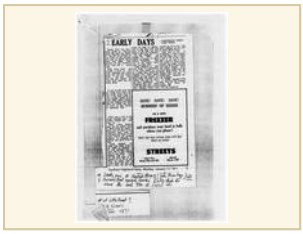
His obituary in the Berrima District Leader, 13 August 1898
"On Sunday night Mr. Charles Loseby, sen., passed peacefully away at his late residence, Mount Pleasant, Bong Bong, at the advanced age of 96 years": 35 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and four grandsons as pall bearers.
Berrima District Leader, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



EARLY DAYS OF THE DISTRICT
—the Loseby Family

"Early Days of the District: the Loseby Family", part 1
Robert Loseby's own account, written in 1922 and reprinted in the Southern Highland News on 4 January 1971: his father, his mother's Gregg family, and his uncles Richard and Tom.
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg, continued



"Early Days", part 2
Uncle Tom's inns, the voyage in 1845, Christmas Day on Razorback and the first plum pudding (11 January 1971).
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



"Early Days", part 3
Mount Pleasant, one of eight Waterloo soldiers' grants; Mary "overcome with bootbinding, and nine children"; the £1000 Town Hall loan (28 January 1971).
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



"Early Days", the end
The 300-acre farm on the Mittagong Range, the stone house and Joe's public house, and the Lachlan with Gardiner's gang about.
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother

Thomas Loseby

1811–1895 · *Charles Loseby's brother; Ann's uncle*

Joseph and Anne Loseby's son, christened at All Saints, Leicester, on 27 August 1811, the youngest of the three Loseby brothers who ended up in New South Wales. By the family's account he came out as a soldier of the King's Own, the 4th Foot, and stayed as a constable.

From 1839 he kept the Kentish Arms near Berrima, and that November the Sydney Monitor reported that the thanks of the district were due to Mr Thomas Loseby, an inn-keeper near Berrima, for bringing a gang of seven robbers to justice; they had shot a dray-driver. So when his brother Charles brought his family out on the Tropic in 1845, both his brothers, Richard and Thomas, were already settled in the district.

His memorial says he married Margaret Carrol in 1836, died on 3 July 1895 and was buried at Bong Bong, near the farm where his brother Charles's family had settled.

The colonial records follow his police years: a constable at Goulburn from October 1833, at Bong Bong from 21 March 1836 and its watch-house keeper from 1 August 1836, then lock-up keeper at Berrima until he resigned in March 1839. That December he received the deed to 271 acres in the county of Camden, lot 99: the Bowral land, part of which was later resumed for a cemetery.

By his nephew Robert's account, Tom came out as a soldier of the Fourth Regiment on his way to India, and Richard went down, bought him out and brought him up to Bong Bong. A Thomas Loseby was transported after the Leicester sessions of October 1827, but he wasn't our Thomas. He was convict no. 491, a 52-year-old woolcomber and gardener with grey hair, who reached Hobart on the Bussorah Merchant in January 1830. In November 1833 he was still serving his sentence in Van Diemen's Land, the month after our Thomas joined the police at Goulburn. The New South Wales convict records have no Thomas Loseby at all, which fits the family's story that he came out as a soldier. One family tree, without sources, says he arrived in March 1832 on the Elizabeth with the 4th (King's Own) and was discharged on 30 November 1833 (the police records have him a constable by October), Richard paying £20, and gives his birth as 17 August 1811 at Harby. Robert remembered Tom as afterwards gaoler at Berrima; then he kept a public house four miles from Berrima on the Goulburn road, then took a 275-acre farm by the Oxley estate on the old Argyle Road, where he built

CHRISTENED
27 August 1811, All Saints, Leicester, son of Joseph and Anne

INN
The Kentish Arms, near Berrima, from 1839

MARRIED
Margaret Carrol, 1836 (his memorial, Find a Grave 232256349: likely)

DIED
3 July 1895, aged 84; buried at Bong Bong, 5 July (his headstone; a family tree)

LAND
Deed to 271 acres, county of Camden, lot 99, December 1839: the Bowral land. Colonial Secretary letters about land, 1838–39 (likely him)

MARGARET'S DEATH
3 August 1860, aged 46, leaving five children (their headstone, Bong Bong)

POLICE
Constable, Goulburn, from October 1833; constable at Bong Bong from 21 March 1836, watch-house keeper from 1 August 1836; lock-up keeper, Berrima, until March 1839

NSW GAZETTE
Land sold, 4 May 1839 (index; likely)

LICENCES
Kentish Arms, Medway Creek, Berrima: 13 June 1839 (no. 121), 24 June 1840 (no. 280), 11 June 1841 (no. 118), 9 June 1842 (no. 75); Pleasant Inn, Bong Bong, 20 June 1843 (no. 123); Bargo Tavern, 22 June 1846 (no. 171) and 24 June 1847 (no. 217); Farmers' Home, Bong Bong, 17 April 1860 (no. 306), and granted at Berrima, 15 September 1858 (Publicans' Licences Index, NRS 14401 and 14403)

Thomas Loseby, continued

another public house, and later another seven miles nearer Sydney, which he was keeping when the family arrived in December 1845.

His headstone at Bong Bong reads: "In memory of Margaret Loseby, who departed this life August 3rd 1860, aged 46 years, leaving a husband and five children to deplore their loss. Also Thomas Loseby, husband of the above, who died July 3rd 1895, aged 84 years."

In May 1860 "Thomas Loseby, of Bong Bong" laid a forgery charge against a Frank Leslie (NSW Reports of Crime; very probably him).

The licence registers follow him from inn to inn: the Kentish Arms at Medway Creek, near Berrima, from 1839 to 1842, the Pleasant Inn at Bong Bong in 1843, the Bargo Tavern in 1846–47 and the Farmers' Home at Bong Bong by 1858–60. A road tender of 1847 ran "between Bargo (at Loseby's Inn) and Berrima". In March 1842 he sat on juries at the Berrima Circuit Court, and an 1836 Colonial Secretary's letter concerns him as "Constable Bong Bong". In November 1861 a juryman Thomas Loseby was stood down at the Goulburn District Court for remarks showing "a strong personal bias" (likely him, though it may be his nephew Thomas of Arthursleigh), and in 1878 Angus and Ann Cameron sued a Thomas Loseby at Goulburn for work done (possible; probably the nephew).

FreeREG reads the All Saints christening of 27 August 1811 as "William", son of Joseph and Anne, born 17 August 1811. So either the same entry is read two ways or there were twins; the birth date matches the 17 August that one family tree gives for Thomas (likely).

JURIES

Berrima Circuit Court, March 1842 (Sydney Herald, 22–29 March 1842); Goulburn District Court, November 1861, stood down for bias (likely him)

NOT HIM

The 1827 convict: Thomas Loseby, no. 491, tried at Leicester 22 October 1827, 7 years; Bussorah Merchant, Hobart, 18 January 1830; a woolcomber and gardener aged 52; still serving in Van Diemen's Land in November 1833 (Libraries Tasmania, NI 1412633; CON18/1/1 p. 142; CON31/1/27 p. 220)

BORN

17 August 1811, Leicester (likely). FreeREG gives that birth date with the 27 August christening, which it reads as William; whether that is a misreading of Thomas or a twin brother, the date is the same, and a family tree agrees

PARENTS

Joseph Loseby p. 96

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87, Richard Loseby p. 92

MORE SOURCES

Sydney Herald, 22 March 1842: the Berrima Circuit Court juries

Goulburn Herald, 16 November 1861: a juryman stood down

SMH, 28 April 1847: the road "between Bargo (at Loseby's Inn) and Berrima"

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Thomas and Margaret's headstone, Bong Bong
"In memory of Margaret Loseby, who departed this life August 3rd 1860, aged 46 years, leaving a husband and five children to deplore their loss. Also Thomas Loseby, husband of the above, who died July 3rd 1895, aged 84 years."
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Kentish Arms, Berrima
An old photo of the long single-storey inn Thomas kept from 1839, with its verandah behind pines. Notes with Robert's account say it was later the Three Legs.
Loseby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



His nephew Robert's account
Uncle Tom's public houses near Berrima, and the family's year on his farm (Southern Highland News, 11 January 1971).
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



Not our Thomas: convict no. 491, aged 52, 1830
The Van Diemen's Land description list: "Loseby Thomas, No. 491", a woolcomber and gardener, 5 ft 3¾ in, aged 52, with grey hair, whiskers and eyes. This is the man transported from Leicester in 1827, not the Thomas of Berrima.
Libraries Tasmania, CON18/1/1 p. 142 (NI 1412633)

Thomas Loseby, continued



Not our Thomas: his conduct record
Convict no. 491, per Bussorah Merchant, 18 January 1830, tried at Leicester on 22 October 1827, seven years: absent without leave in July 1832, and six months on the Constitution Hill road party in November 1833, the month after our Thomas joined the Goulburn police.
Libraries Tasmania, CON31/1/27 p. 220 (NI 1412633)

Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother

Richard Loseby

1804–1893 · *Charles Loseby's brother; Ann's uncle*

Richard's headstone at Bong Bong tells his story without saying it: born in Sanvey Gate, Leicester, on 22 December 1804, he "left there on the 1st May 1822 to face the world". He'd been sentenced to transportation for theft at the Leicester assizes, and he reached Sydney on the Princess Royal in 1823. Seven years later he was a free man and a constable, by 1832 landlord of the Argyle Inn at Bong Bong, and in 1839 keeper of the toll gate at Lansdowne Bridge.

His niece Sarah remembered that he carried the first mail from Sydney to Goulburn on foot, about 1825. So when his brother Charles brought his family out on the Tropic in 1845, Richard had been in the colony for more than twenty years. Another brother, Thomas, a soldier turned constable, kept the Kentish Arms near Berrima from 1839, and that year was publicly thanked for bringing a gang of seven robbers to justice.

Richard died on 18 December 1893, aged 88, and was buried at Bong Bong. His stone ends with a verse that begins "Farewell vain world".

He was a free man by 3 April 1829, when he got his certificate of freedom, and on 15 May 1830, aged 25, he had permission to marry Mary Rice, who had come out on the Grenada; the Rev. Robert Cartwright married them at St Luke's, Liverpool, on 14 June 1830. The Colonial Secretary's letters follow his dealings in land from 1832 to 1846. A second convict Richard Loseby, who came on the Moffatt in 1836 after a trial at Northampton, was a different man.

The criminal register for the Leicestershire Lent assizes of 1822 records his sentence: transportation. A year earlier, at the Lent assizes of 1821, a Richard Loseby had been tried there and acquitted.

He died on 18 December 1893, "in his 89th year", at the home of Mr G. F. Loseby, 41 Dangar Place, Chippendale. His body went down by the midday train to Moss Vale, and the Rev. W. A. Leech buried him in Bong Bong churchyard on Wednesday 20 December. The Sydney Mail remembered an old identity who had come to the colony 70 years before and "was the first person to carry the mail bag from Sydney over the Mittagong Range, by way of the old Argyle-road to the Government stockade, which stood on the banks of the Bong Bong river". The Perpetual Trustee Company were his executors.

BORN
22 December 1804, Sanvey Gate, Leicester

ARRIVED
Princess Royal, master Henry Sherwood, Sydney, 11 March 1823, a convict

DIED
18 December 1893, Chippendale, Sydney, in his 89th year (Herald death notice, 19 December 1893); buried 20 December

RESTING PLACE
Bong Bong Church Cemetery

MARRIED
14 June 1830, St Luke's, Liverpool, by the Rev. Robert Cartwright, to Mary Rice, per Grenada (convicted at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, 1 August 1825, seven years); permission to marry 15 May 1830, Richard 25, free, per Princess Royal (NRS 12212; Sydney Anglican registers index)

FREEDOM
Certificate of freedom 29/278, 3 April 1829: Princess Royal, master Sherwood, 1823; native of Leicester; gardener; Leicester Assizes, 25 March 1822, seven years; born 1806 (the last digit unclear; Ancestry's index reads 1800); 5 ft 6 in, fair, dark brown hair, grey eyes (NRS 12210)

LAND
700 acres, parish of Mittagong; a Berrima lot (1838); lot 114, Braidwood (1841); 50 acres in Argyle (1844); runs at Mongarlowe and on the Shoalhaven near Boro, 1840s (NSW Government Gazette); Colonial Secretary letters about land, 1832–46

Richard Loseby, continued

In October 1832 the convict Margaret Keilly, of the Southworth, was assigned to "Richard Loseby, Bong Bong". He took up land right across the district: 700 acres in the parish of Mittagong, a lot at Berrima in 1838, lot 114 at Braidwood in 1841 and 50 acres in Argyle in 1844, with runs at Mongarlowe and on the Shoalhaven near Boro in the 1840s. In 1875 he was an executor for Thomas Brooks of Picton. By his nephew Robert's account, Richard was the first of the brothers to come out, at about eighteen; William Bowman turned a public house over to him; and he later bought part of what is now Comerton Park and exchanged it for property in Campbell Street, Sydney.

In his last years he very probably lived at Ashfield. In 1887 the estate of Ellen Loseby, "wife of Richard Loseby, senior, of Ashfield, near Sydney, gentleman", who had died without a will on 23 August 1887, went to her son George Farthing Loseby, a produce merchant of 41 Dangar Place, the house where Richard died six years later. So Richard married a second time, after Mary Rice. The NSW index lists his marriage to Ellen Farthing twice, in 1850 at Sydney and in 1854; the registers have still to be read. Ellen was a widow, born McCourt by one account, which explains her son's name, George Farthing Loseby.

He was convicted at Leicester on 25 March 1822. The 1828 census has him, of the Princess Royal, in No. 19 Road Gang. A Richard Loseby is on the Sydney rolls from 1845 to 1851 (likely him: he held the Pack Horse licence in Sydney from 1848).

His mother Ann, a widow with six other children, and 21 others petitioned the Home Office for mercy in 1822, asking that the boy be moved from the Justitia hulk to the Penitentiary; the petition was refused on 7 May (The National Archives, HO 17/97/29). He was 17. He had been convicted at the Leicester Borough Assizes on 25 March 1822 of stealing five shillings in copper coin from the shop of Messrs Swifen and Redfern, chemists of Leicester, and was sentenced to seven years. Mary Rice had been transported too: she was convicted at Lancaster Quarter Sessions on 1 August 1825, also for seven years, and came out on the Grenada. Two other Richard Losebys in the Home Office papers were different men: the Moffatt man, whose 1835 petition gives him as 42, of Kettering (HO 17/100/126), and one of 1852 alias James Wright (HO 18/329/14).

The publicans' licence registers follow him: the Argyle Inn, at Bong Bong and Berrima, in 1833 and 1834, and by 1848 the Pack Horse Inn in Campbell Street, Sydney, whose licence he still held in 1860. The 1841 census has him in the parish of St John's, in the Parramatta district, and the Colonial Secretary's letters have him as a toll keeper in 1839 and at the toll bar on the Liverpool Road in 1846. In October 1849 he was before the Sydney Police Office for a breach of the Licensing Act, and in May 1850 he withdrew his own licence application. In August 1863 the Central Police Court fined him five shillings for not keeping a lamp burning outside overnight, and that year his wife Ellen, the Pack Horse's landlady, gave evidence against Tooth's brewery collector, who had pocketed her payments; the papers call her "Ellen Loseby, wife of Richard Loseby, of Campbell-street, publican". In July 1866 a Richard Loseby, senior or junior, was fined ten shillings for furious riding in Pitt Street (possible to likely).

His first wife, Mary, possibly died in June 1854 at Towrang, near Goulburn, where the paper reported that an elderly woman named Mary Loseby had died suddenly, "while drinking a glass of hot wine and water", the death put down to a long course of intemperance; in November 1850 a Mary Loseby had been fined ten shillings or ten days on the Goulburn bench for obscene language. No other Mary Loseby is known in the colony then, as Charles's wife Mary lived until

PROBATE
Estate AF00089458 (died 18 December 1893); probate Series 4_6206 (NSW State Archives, probate index)

SENTENCED
Leicester Borough Assizes, 25 March 1822: seven years' transportation, for stealing 5s in copper coin from Swifen and Redfern, chemists, of Leicester (British Transportation Registers, HO 11; Criminal Registers, HO 27); tried and acquitted at the Lent assizes of 1821

ASSIGNED SERVANT
Margaret Keilly, per Southworth, October 1832

ELLEN
Ellen Farthing: the NSW index has the marriage twice, 1850, Sydney, and 1854, Wellington, with no registration numbers; the registers have still to be read. Wife of Richard Loseby, senior, of Ashfield; died intestate 23 August 1887; administration to her son George Farthing Loseby

EXECUTORS
The Perpetual Trustee Company (NSW Government Gazette, 30 March 1894)

1828 CENSUS
No. 19 Road Gang, per Princess Royal (both copies of the census; no age)

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file NRS-13340-6-94-[AF00089458] (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-4-260, 4_6206 (NRS 13660)

NSW GAZETTE
Title deeds, 20 January 1836; a town allotment sold, 2 January 1838; land leased; deeds list, 23 July 1844 (index; likely)

PETITION
HO 17/97/29 (The National Archives): by his widowed mother, "Ann Loseby, prisoner's mother", a widow with six other children, and 21 others; he was on the Justitia hulk; she asked that he be moved to the Penitentiary; refused 7 May 1822

LICENCES
Argyle Inn, Bong Bong and Berrima, 5 July 1833 (no. 232) and 8 September 1834 (no. 395); Pack Horse Inn, Campbell Street, Sydney, 20 June 1848 (no. 176) and 24 April 1860 (no. 431) (Publicans' Licences Index, NRS 14401 and 14403)

1841 CENSUS
Parish of St John's, Parramatta district ([X948] p. 61, return 665)

TOLL KEEPER
Colonial Secretary letters: "Toll keeper", 1839 (39/12208); "Toll Bar Liverpool Rd", 1846 (46/9408)

Richard Loseby, continued

1866. But if the 1850 marriage to Ellen stands, the Towrang Mary can't have been his wife then, so this is possible only.

Both of Ann's uncles policed the Argyle Road: Richard, the former convict, was made a constable at Sutton Forest in April 1830, and Thomas, the former soldier, joined the police at Goulburn in October 1833 and was the Bong Bong constable from 1836. Robert remembered Uncle Richard in December 1845 as "Richard, then of Lansdowne", and the records agree: he kept the toll gate at Lansdowne Bridge in 1839 and the Liverpool Road toll bar in 1846 (likely).

The Pack Horse Inn's licensee was our Richard. Robert's 1922 account says Uncle Richard exchanged his land for property in Campbell Street, Sydney, where the Pack Horse stood; its landlady in 1863 was "Ellen Loseby, wife of Richard Loseby, of Campbell-street, publican"; the same Ellen was the "wife of Richard Loseby, senior, of Ashfield" when she died in 1887; and Richard died in 1893 at her son G. F. Loseby's house. So the Ellen Farthing marriage, indexed in 1850 and again in 1854, was the Princess Royal Richard's, not the Moffatt man's (likely). From 1848 Richard was keeping the Pack Horse in Sydney, while a Mary Loseby was before the Goulburn bench in 1850 and died at Towrang in 1854; if she was his first wife, they were very possibly living apart by then (possible).

He was received on the Justitia hulk at Woolwich on 2 May 1822, a day after he "left" Leicester, aged 17, the gaoler reporting him "several times in custody", and he was taken off the hulk for transportation on 24 September 1822. The hulk register writes him as "Robert Loseby", but its number, 6339, the court, the date and the sentence all match the index's "Loseby Richard"; his offence is entered as stealing money, the same as John Henson, 17, on the line above, from the same assizes. Henson, and Robert West, 15, convicted of "stealing 5s in a shop", may have been his companions in the theft (possible).

The Princess Royal, master Henry Sherwood, arrived at Sydney on 11 March 1823. Her indent describes him on arrival as a Leicester-born gardener of 18 (the figure is overwritten, possibly 20), five feet six, fresh-faced and freckled, with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, in a Leicester group with George Elliott, Henry Ratcliffe, Robert West, George Mitchell and James Deacon. In 1825 he was a government servant assigned to the Sydney merchants Berry and Wollstonecraft, very probably Alexander Berry and Edward Wollstonecraft (likely), in 1828 he was in No. 19 Road Gang, and on 3 April 1829 his certificate of freedom described him again: five feet six, fair, with dark brown hair and grey eyes.

COURTS

Breach of the Licensing Act, Sydney Police Office, October 1849; withdrew his licence application, May 1850; fined 5s for not keeping a light burning, Central Police Court, August 1863; a Richard Loseby fined 10s for furious riding, Pitt Street, July 1866 (senior or junior)

MARY'S DEATH

Possibly the Mary Loseby, "an elderly woman", of Towrang, who died suddenly in June 1854 (Goulburn Herald, 1 July 1854). Possible only: if the 1850 marriage to Ellen stands, she can't have been his wife then

CONSTABLE

"Richard Loseby, free, to be Ordinary Constable", Sutton Forest, Camden police district, from 10 April 1830 (Sydney Gazette, 22 April 1830)

HULK

Justitia, Woolwich: received 2 May 1822, aged 17, as "Robert Loseby" in the register (index no. 6339, "Loseby Richard"); "several times in custody"; transported 24 September 1822 (UK Prison Hulk Registers, HO 9/4 p. 132; HO 9/5)

INDENT

Princess Royal bound indent, 1823: Richard Losby, Leicester Assizes, 25 March 1822, seven years; native of Leicester; gardener; age 18 (overwritten, possibly 20); 5 ft 6 in; fresh, freckled; dark brown hair; hazel eyes (NSW Convict Indents, 4/4008 p. 290)

1825 MUSTER

"Losby, Richard" (entered twice): Princess Royal, 1823, 7 years, government servant to Berry and Wollstonecraft, Sydney (HO 10/19; the employers likely)

PARENTS

Joseph Loseby p. 96

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87, Thomas Loseby p. 90

Richard Loseby, continued

MORE SOURCES

Death notice, Sydney Morning Herald, 19 December 1893, Trove

Funeral, Sydney Mail, 30 December 1893, Trove

Estate of Ellen Loseby, NSW Government Gazette, 25 October 1887, Trove

HO 17/97/29: the 1822 petition (The National Archives)

Goulburn Herald, 1 July 1854: Mary Loseby's death at Towrang

Sydney Mail, 30 May 1863: Ellen Loseby, landlady of the Pack Horse

SMH, 12 August 1863: fined for not keeping a light burning

Sydney Gazette, 24 November 1832: the Argyle Inn

Sydney Gazette, 22 April 1830: Richard Loseby, free, to be Ordinary Constable at Sutton Forest

SMH, 2 July 1863: Ellen Loseby, wife of Richard Loseby, of Campbell-street, publican

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"To face the world"
Uncle Richard's headstone: "left there on the 1st May 1822 to face the world".
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Richard's stone, Bong Bong
The whole stone, with the verse at the foot.
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His nephew Robert's account, part 1
Uncle Richard "was the first to come out here when he was about eighteen", and William Bowman turned a public house over to him (Southern Highland News, 1971, reprinting 1922).
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



His nephew Robert's account, part 2
Richard, then of Lansdowne, meets Charles's family at the Argyle Cut in December 1845.
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry



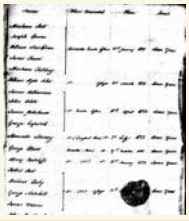
The 1828 census
"Loseby, Richard", per Princess Royal: "19 Road Gang".
New South Wales, 1828 census, via Ancestry



The Justitia hulk register, 1822
Received 2 May 1822: "Robert Loseby", 17, Leicester Assizes, 25 March 1822, seven years; "Transp[orte]d 24 Sep 1822". The clerk wrote Robert, but the index number, 6339, and every other detail match Richard.
Ancestry, UK Prison Hulk Registers, HO 9/4 p. 132

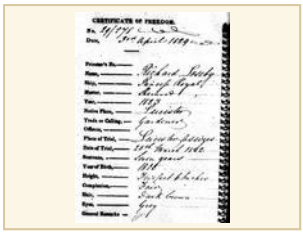


The Princess Royal's indent, 1823
Richard Losby, Leicester Assizes, seven years: native of Leicester, gardener, 18, 5 ft 6 in, fresh and freckled, dark brown hair, hazel eyes.
Ancestry, NSW Convict Indents, Bound Indentures 1822–23 (4/4008) p. 290



The Princess Royal's list
"Richard Losby, Leicester (Bor.) Assizes, 25th [March] 1822, Seven Years".
Ancestry, NSW Convict Ship Muster Rolls (CGS 1155)

Richard Loseby, continued



His certificate of freedom, 1829
No. 29/278, 3 April 1829: Princess Royal, master Sherwood, 1823; native of Leicester; gardener; 5 ft 6 in, fair, dark brown hair, grey eyes.
Ancestry, NSW Certificates of Freedom (NRS 12210)

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

John and Mary MacRae

Farquhar's parents WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

The descendants' blog says a certificate names Farquhar's parents as John and Mary (or Christina), with the family at Portnacloich in Lochalsh or at Kintail, in the Scottish Highlands. That's the earliest on this line, and it hasn't been checked against the original.

A Farquhar in the 1899 History of the Clan Macrae, son of John Macrae and Mary Maclennan, was once suggested, but the family's own research points elsewhere.

A Farquhar MacRae, son of John MacRae, schoolmaster, was born at Leckachan Wester, Glenshiel, on 19 August 1805, which fits his age on the William Nicol, though not the age on his stone. But the trees disagree: one gives that baptism to another Farquhar, a crofter who died at Ardelve in 1887, aged 85, the son of John MacRae and Isabella (possible).

CHILDREN
Farquhar MacRae p. 84

Corey's 5x great-grandfather

Joseph Loseby

Richard's parents; very probably Charles's and Thomas's WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Joseph Loseby married Anne Haskard at St Nicholas, Leicester, on 25 November 1793. Find a Grave names them as Charles's parents; a baptism would prove it. A son, Thomas, christened at All Saints, Leicester, on 27 August 1811, son of Joseph and Anne, is very probably the Thomas Loseby, soldier turned constable, who kept the Kentish Arms near Berrima. He has his own file.

Another son, Robert, was baptised at Leicester on 24 January 1816, son of Joseph and Ann. He married Mary Watts there in 1839, the register naming his father as Joseph Loseby, and by 1851 they had a son, John Watts Loseby, and a daughter, Ann Haskard Loseby, who carried her grandmother Anne's maiden name. That makes Joseph and Anne a Leicester family with sons Thomas and Robert; on its own it didn't prove they were Charles's and Richard's parents.

Joseph himself was very possibly the Joseph baptised at All Saints, Leicester, on 15 February 1770, son of Joseph and Mary (possible).

A Joseph Loseby, of Elbow Lane, was buried at All Saints, Leicester, on 19 April 1820, aged 50, so born about 1769 or 1770, which fits that baptism.

BURIED
19 April 1820, All Saints, Leicester, of Elbow Lane, aged 50 (burial register, p. 77, no. 615)

WIDOW
Ann Loseby, a widow with seven children in 1822, petitioned for her son Richard (HO 17/97/29)

CHILDREN
Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87, Richard Loseby p. 92, Thomas Loseby p. 90

MORE SOURCES
Baptism, Robert Loseby, Leicester, 1816, FamilySearch

Marriage, Robert Loseby and Mary Watts, 1839, FamilySearch

Joseph Loseby, continued

Richard's 1822 petition settles his side: it came from "Ann Loseby, prisoner's mother", by then a widow with six other children, which fits Joseph's burial in 1820 (The National Archives, HO 17/97/29). So Ann, widowed by 1822, was Richard's mother, and Joseph, buried in 1820, very probably his father. Charles's link still rests on Find a Grave, though the petition strengthens it. FreeREG also has Loseby burials at All Saints in 1798–1800, a William, a Joseph and a Richard, possibly children of theirs who died young (possible).

The petition's "six other children" fits the registers: Charles (1802), Thomas (1811) and Robert (1816) are three of them, and the burials at All Saints in 1798–1800 are of children who had died (possible).

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Joseph's burial, 1820
All Saints, Leicester: "Joseph Loseby, Elbow Lane, buried April 19, aged 50".
Burial register, All Saints, Leicester, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

Thomas Gregg and Elizabeth Smith

Mary Gregg's parents

Thomas Gregg married Elizabeth Smith at Somerby, near Grantham in Lincolnshire, on 8 April 1795, and their children were baptised in the same church: Sarah, Thomas, Elizabeth, James, George, Mary in 1806 and Catherine in 1809. James and Catherine were the witnesses when Mary married Charles Loseby in 1832, which is how the family is proved. Their granddaughter Sarah, born at Bong Bong, carried the name Gregg to the age of 100.

The banns were first called on 29 March 1795, and the register calls the groom Thomas Gregg junior, so his father was very probably another Thomas Gregg of Somerby.

By their grandson Robert's account, Grandfather Gregg went to Nottingham, and one of his sons became mayor of Nottingham, a family story not yet checked. Another son, Thomas Gregg, came out to New South Wales and worked in the leather trade.

The death duty registers have the administration in 1810 of "Thomas Gregg the Elder of Somerby" (The National Archives, IR 26/366/247), so the groom's father was very probably the Thomas Gregg who had died by then (likely).

MARRIED
8 April 1795, Somerby by Grantham, after banns from 29 March; the groom is "Thomas Jr."

CHILDREN CHRISTENED
Somerby: Sarah (1795), Thomas (1797), Elizabeth (1799), James (1801), George (1803), Mary (2 February 1806) and Catherine (1809) (FreeREG)

CHILDREN
Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87

Thomas Gregg, continued

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EARLY DAYS OF THE DISTRICT
— the Loseby Family

Robert Loseby's account, part 1
"My mother was born in Somerby... in 1806. Grandfather Gregg (my mother's father) went to Nottingham." (Southern Highland News, 1971, reprinting 1922)
Southern Highland News, 1971, via a Loseby family tree on Ancestry

ANDREW'S SIDE

The Gotch line

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch's family and forebears

Gotch · Hicks

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106 Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111
3× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Edward Walter Gotch p. 112 John Raby Hicks p. 114
4× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	William Henry Hicks p. 115
5× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	John Raby Hicks p. 116
6× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Robert Hicks p. 119



Corey's great-grandmother

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch

1923–2019

Born at Waverley in 1923 and raised at Mount Eden in Bronte, the daughter of Max Gotch the herbalist. She was the artist of the family: first place in her art exams, four years of study, and a job colouring black-and-white photographs by hand at a King Street studio. At 14 she won a prize for dancing. And long before the Air Force, she was on the screen. In November 1935, aged 12, she had the lead in Magic Shoes, a Cinderella pantomime filmed at the Pagewood studios. The Sun called her "small, golden-haired Gloria Gotch", who "may be Australia's first child star", and her director, Claude Flemming, praised "her poise, her dancing ability, and her charm". Playing Prince Charming, in his very first film, was a young Peter Finch, who went on to win an Oscar. The film never found a distributor and is now lost, but the National Film and Sound Archive kept the studio stills. By then she was already winning eisteddfod prizes as "Gloria Gotch,

AIR FORCE NUMBER
105884

BORN
30 April 1923, Waverley, NSW 26535/1923

MARRIED
Allan MacRae, Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley, 1945, NSW 5800/1945

DIED
11 February 2019, Tugun, aged 95

RESTING PLACE
Mudgeeraba Cemetery, Gold Coast

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch, continued

Bronte". The stage ran in the family: her mother had been on the stage at 14. The recruiting officer wrote: "very refined, rather quiet type".

She joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force on 22 August 1942, aged 19. She trained at No. 1 Radio School and went on to become a radar operator.

In July 1943 she was posted to No. 19 Radar Station at Bombi, on the bush headland near Bouddi on the Central Coast. Allan arrived there on 15 April 1944, and they served together at the little station for some months. They married early in 1945 at Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley, with a Nuptial Mass; her sister Bonnie was a bridesmaid, and children from St Clare's College formed a guard of honour. Nobody wrote down how they met, but it's hard to imagine anywhere else. She left the Air Force on 2 July 1945 on compassionate grounds.

In 1992 she wrote to war records, because her medals had been stolen. She explained that she'd served in Brisbane in the "Brisbane Line" time, and had been told she fell a few days short of a medal because she took leave. That leave was to help at the 113th Hospital at Concord, where her brother Frank was having operations after losing an eye and part of his face. "I always felt I should have had the medal my fellow WAAAFs received," she wrote. Her own card shows Brisbane from December 1942 and the Central Coast from July 1943. Allan, for his part, thought his medals had gone missing in the move north in 1990, so it may have been one loss.

In 1979 she wrote to the Air Force with a story nobody else recorded. When she visited Frank at Concord, she wrote, the surgeons found out she was an artist. They were working out how to paint artificial eyes for men with terrible face wounds, and asked her to stay and help start it. Her leave card shows three months away from April to July 1943, the very months Frank was back in that hospital. Nothing else names her, so it rests on her word and those dates.

Her file also has a flash of something else: 30 hours absent without leave in January 1944, and two days' pay docked.

Gloria was the sixth of the eight of Max's children who grew up. Her half-sister Doris, "Dolly" (1908–2001), and half-brother Max (1910–1999) were Violet's; then came Frank, Sylvia, Goldie, Gloria, Bonnie and Carl. Young Max and Carl, Charlie to his mates, have their own files. Four of Max's children lie in Waverley Cemetery, within sight of Bronte: little Pearla, Bonnie, Dolly and Goldie. Young Max lies beside Rosalind at Palmdale, and Sylvia shares Rosalind's plaque.

She outlived Allan by more than 13 years, and died at Tugun on 11 February 2019, aged 95. She rests with him at Mudgeeraba.

About 1947 she made a christening gown of fine lace and ribbon. All seven of her children were christened in it, then Therese's three, most of Therese's eleven grandchildren and many of Gloria's other grandchildren. In May 2026, 79 years on, Ben's baby daughter Ella wore it too. Her family remember an amazing mum, wife and grandmother, the "old Nanna", and on her birthday they still tell her to keep dancing.

PARENTS
Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106, Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

PARTNER
Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Walter Frank Gotch p. 101, Mona Mary Gotch p. 103, Carl Maxwell Gotch p. 104, Max Gotch junior p. 105

CHILDREN
Carmel Therese Wilton p. 16, Therese Clare Frawley p. 19, Bernadette MacRae p. 23, Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23, Michael MacRae p. 25

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch, continued

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Gloria in her WAAAF cap
A hand-coloured studio portrait from the war years, shared by Therese on Anzac Day 2026.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



The christening gown
Made by Gloria about 1947 and worn by all seven of her children, then by three more generations. Photographed in May 2026, after Ella's christening.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Gloria, Therese and Therese's daughters
Gloria (top left), Therese (top right), and Therese's daughters Danielle (bottom left) and Kylie (bottom right): "My beautiful mum, me and my two beautiful daughters", December 2022.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Gloria in later years
From Therese's collage of four generations.
Therese Frawley, Instagram



Gloria and Allan in uniform
A wartime snapshot from her memorial page. The faces match their Air Force photos, but the family should confirm.
Find a Grave, added by Robyn



Gloria, 22 August 1942
Her Air Force identity photo, taken the day she enlisted.
National Archives, A9301, 105884



"Gloria Gotch, the small star", 1935
Between scenes in Magic Shoes at Pagewood, with the director Claude Flemming and Bertie Wright as the Jester. Gloria, 12, is the fair-haired girl in front.
The Sun, Sydney, 1 December 1935, via Trove



Gloria with a punchinello puppet, 1935
On the set of Magic Shoes.
National Film and Sound Archive, NFSA 687447-3



Dancing on a toadstool
Gloria with a frog puppet and children in animal costumes.
National Film and Sound Archive, NFSA 687508-3



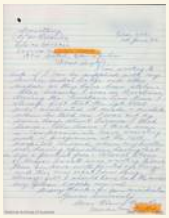
Gloria in her long frock and ringlets
Full length on the toadstool, beside a toy dog.
National Film and Sound Archive, NFSA 687506-3



With the director and the other children
Claude Flemming at left; Gloria on the toadstool at right.
National Film and Sound Archive, NFSA 687506-3



Gloria and the dog
Offering it food while Claude Flemming looks on.
National Film and Sound Archive, NFSA 687500-3



Her letter, 11 June 1992
Stolen medals, the Brisbane Line and her brother at Concord.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 7



Her service record
Photographic colourist, then radar operator.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 9



Her letter of 28 May 1979, page 1
Written from a flat at 73 Gardyne Street, Bronte.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 13



Page 2: the artificial eyes
Major Arnott, Colonel Starr and the acrylic eyes.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 14

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch, continued



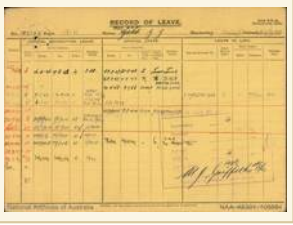
Painting an artificial eye, 1946
Sgt Powell at 113 AGH, Concord. It isn't Gloria, but it's the craft she described.
Australian War Memorial 126431, public domain



Her application, 1942
73 Gardyne Street, her art training and her jobs.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 33



"Very refined, rather quiet type"
Both signatures, hers and her father's.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 34



Her leave card
Three months from 10 April 1943.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 26



Absent without leave
Thirty hours in January 1944.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 25



WAAAF birthday dinner, March 1945
An ACW Gloria MacRae is named at Hopewood House, Darling Point. Probably her, though which woman isn't known.
Australian Women's Weekly, 31 March 1945, via Trove



No. 18 Radar Station, Kiama, 1944
The first radar station to employ WAAAF. Gloria isn't in it, but it's the work she did.
Australian War Memorial P00806.006, public domain



Gloria's record sheet
The top of her airman's record sheet, with Gotch struck out for MacRae: Gloria Julia, 105884, radio operator, born 30 April 1923, a photographic colourist in civil life, enlisted 22 August 1942. Next of kin, her husband, A. J. MacRae; to be told of casualties, her mother, M. Gotch, at Bronte.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 22



"Gloria", about 1965–75
Smiling, in a floral dress, raising a champagne glass.
MacRae family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



No. 19 Radar Station, June 1944
Gloria's station: Mass on 9 June, films on the 23rd, and "tennis, dances and films".
National Archives of Australia, A9435, 232, p. 144



Corey's great-grandmother's brother

Walter Frank Gotch

1916–2007 · *Gloria's brother*

Frank was born at Mount Eden in 1916 and was a chemist's assistant before the war. He sailed with the AIF in 1941, joined the 2/2nd Battalion in the Middle East, did garrison time in Ceylon, and landed in New Guinea in September 1942 as a corporal.

On 10 November 1942, in the fighting back over the Kokoda route, he was shot in the face. His battalion's war diary has the 2/2nd in front of Oivi from 5 to

ARMY NUMBER
NX39816

BORN
2 October 1916, Bronte, NSW 44830/1916

MARRIED
Joyce Mildred Gundry, NSW 4838/1945

Walter Frank Gotch, continued

10 November, "fairly quiet except for the usual morning hate session" on the 10th; the 25th Brigade, not his, was the one at Gorari. So it was very probably in front of Oivi (likely). He lost his left eye and eyelid.

He came home on a hospital ship and spent most of the next year at Concord, where a new facial surgery unit had just opened. Gloria took leave to help there, and wrote decades later about what she found. He married Joyce Gundry of the Army's medical service in 1945, and lived to 90.

His identity photo here was taken on 25 July 1941, before all of it.

DIED
22 August 2007

REMEMBERED
NSW Garden of Remembrance (Find a Grave memorial 248588308)

PARENTS
Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106, Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98, Mona Mary Gotch p. 103, Carl Maxwell Gotch p. 104, Max Gotch junior p. 105

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Frank, 25 July 1941
His Army identity photo, before he was wounded.
National Archives, B883, NX39816, page 2



His casualty card
Wounded in action, gunshot wound to the face, sent to 113 AGH.
National Archives, B883, NX39816, page 4



His discharge form
Loss of the left eye and eyelid.
National Archives, B883, NX39816, page 13



His attestation, 1941
Next of kin: his mother, at 73 Gardyne Street.
National Archives, B883, NX39816, page 1



113 AGH, Concord, September 1942
The hospital's entrance, three months before Frank arrived.
Australian War Memorial 026546, public domain



Frank's brigade on the Kokoda Track, October 1942
Men of the 2/1st, 2/2nd and 2/3rd Battalions, the 16th Brigade, moving up the track near Nauro and Menari. Frank was a corporal in the 2/2nd; he was shot a few weeks later. He isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial 027056 (Thomas Fisher), public domain



The facio-maxillary ward, Concord, March 1944
Sgt Harris, a bandaged facio-maxillary patient at 113 AGH, makes toys as therapy. Frank was treated in this unit from December 1942. Frank isn't in the photo.
Australian War Memorial 065101, public domain



The 2/2nd Battalion's war diary, 7–9 November 1942
In front of Oivi.
Australian War Memorial, AWM52 8/3/2/31



The war diary, 10–11 November 1942
"Fairly quiet except for the usual morning hate session": the day Frank was wounded.
Australian War Memorial, AWM52 8/3/2/31



Corey's great-grandmother's sister

Mona Mary Gotch, known as Bonnie

1926–1968 · *Gloria's sister*

Mona Mary Gotch, Bonnie in the family notices, followed Gloria into the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Her identity photo is dated 17 August 1944, nine days after she turned 18. She married Mervyn Horne in 1949.

She died on 25 January 1968, aged just 41, late of Hurstville. Her mother Rosalind had her buried in the old family grave at Waverley Cemetery, under the marble angel where her father's first wife Violet and her little half-sister Pearla had lain since 1915 and 1909. A small marble slab at the foot of the grave reads "A loving wife, daughter, sister and mother". The cause of her death is only on the certificate.

Find a Grave gives her dates as 1927 to 26 January 1968, against 8 August 1926 to 25 January 1968 here: the records disagree.

AIR FORCE NUMBER
177402

BORN
8 August 1926, Waverley

MARRIED
Mervyn Horne, NSW 26401/1949

DIED
25 January 1968, aged 41, NSW 699/1968

RESTING PLACE
Waverley Cemetery, Church of England section, grave 5445, with Violet and Pearla

PROBATE
Granted 5 April 1988 (Series 5_8803055), as Mona Mary Horne

SERVICE
Typist, mustered as a clerk, No. 2 Recruiting Centre, 17 August 1944; No. 5 WAAAF Depot, Air Force HQ Records, No. 2 Personnel Depot, No. 5 Maintenance Group; discharged 28 November 1945

PARENTS
Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106, Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

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Bonnie, 17 August 1944
Her Air Force identity photo.
National Archives, A9301, 177402



The family grave at Waverley
The angel, the praying child, Violet's and Pearla's names, and Bonnie's plaque at the foot, with the sea behind.
The Friends of Waverley Cemetery, Waverley Library, Celebrating Waverley



Bonnie's plaque
"A loving wife, daughter, sister and mother."
The Friends of Waverley Cemetery, Waverley Library, Celebrating Waverley



Her burial form, 1968
Grave 5445, Church of England section. The form gives Rosalind Gotch, 73 Gardyne Street, as grantee.
Waverley Cemetery records, CE_SL_5445, p. 2, Celebrating Waverley

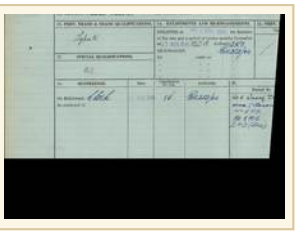
Mona Mary Gotch, continued



"Mount Eden", 73 Gardyne Street
Her 1944 application.
National Archives, A9301, 177402, page 21



"Max. Gotch", 1944
Her father's consent.
National Archives, A9301, 177402, page 22



Bonnie's service record
WAAAF 177402: a typist, mustered as a clerk.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 177402



Her postings, 1944–45
No. 5 WAAAF Depot, Air Force HQ Records, No. 2 Personnel Depot and No. 5 Maintenance Group.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 177402



Corey's great-grandmother's brother

Carl Maxwell Gotch, known as Charlie

about 1929–2016 · *Gloria's brother*

Carl was the youngest of Max and Rosalind's children, Gloria's little brother, born about 1929 and raised at Mount Eden in Bronte. To his mates he was Charlie.

In September 1950 he and four mates hired a launch at Double Bay to go fishing outside the Heads. The engine broke down and the sea drove them towards the bombora near Manly. Two surfboats, crewed from the North Steyne and Freshwater clubs, rowed out through heavy seas and towed them to Fairy Bower when they were fifty yards from it. The Daily Telegraph photographed four of the crew, with "Charlie Gotch, 21, of Bronte" in the middle, cigarette in his mouth.

From 1951 he was a constable at Waverley, close to home, and turns up often in the papers: crashes, drunks, and twice being kicked and jeered by crowds at Bondi Junction. He died in November 2016, late of Richmond.

BORN
About 1929

POLICE
Constable, Waverley, from 1951

DIED
20 November 2016, late of Richmond (NSW Probate Index)

PARENTS
Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106, Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98, Walter Frank Gotch p. 101, Mona Mary Gotch p. 103, Max Gotch junior p. 105

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"Launch saved by surfboats", 1950
Carl, "Charlie Gotch, 21", is in the middle with the cigarette.
Daily Telegraph, Sydney, 18 September 1950, via Trove

Corey's great-grandmother's brother

Max Gotch junior

junior, 1910–1999 · *Gloria's half-brother*

Max's son by his first wife, Violet Brassington, and Gloria's half-brother. He was born in Sydney on 6 April 1910 and grew up at Bronte. His mother died in 1915, when he was five, and that December his father married Rosalind, who raised him and his sister Doris with her own six.

He became a neon-sign mechanic, and in June 1941 joined the militia at Randwick, signing "Max Gotch" with a tail that looks like "junr", to set himself apart from his father. He trained as an electrician, transferred to the AIF in July 1943 with the 129th Brigade Workshop, and landed at Port Moresby that month. In 1944 a blistering dermatitis of the hands sent him home on the hospital ship Manunda, and he was discharged that October.

He married Kathleen Schou in 1942. He died in 1999 and lies at Palmdale, in the plot beside his stepmother Rosalind, under a plaque that reads "Loving son, brother & uncle".

In November 1928 the Police Gazette listed him among its missing friends: Max Gotch, 18 years of age and 6 feet high, had left his home, Mount Eden, in Macpherson Street, Waverley. On 2 October 1929 it reported that he had returned home.

The 1928 notice adds that he had been missing since 3 November: slight, with dark hair, very large brown eyes and a scar on his left cheek, in a navy-blue suit, a light-grey felt hat and black patent-leather shoes. He was said to be with Evan West, an Englishman of about 21, and "may have gone to the country rabbit trapping"; information was to go to his father at Mount Eden.

BORN
6 April 1910, Sydney (NSW 21537/1910)

ARMY
N223048 (militia), then NX172070 (AIF); electrician

SERVED
Port Moresby, 1943–44

DIED
1999

RESTING PLACE
Palmdale Lawn Cemetery, Calvary Lawn W74, Site 7, beside Rosalind

UNIT
129th Australian Brigade Workshop, AEME, from June 1943

MISSING
Reported missing from Mount Eden since 3 November 1928, aged 18 and 6 feet tall; back home by 2 October 1929 (NSW Police Gazette)

NEXT OF KIN, 1943
His wife, Kathleen (DVA)

MOTHER
Violet Brassington (1882–1915), Max's first wife

PARENTS
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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MORE SOURCES
Missing friends, NSW Police Gazette, 21 November 1928, p. 736, Trove

"Has returned home", NSW Police Gazette, 2 October 1929, p. 706, Trove

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His plaque, Palmdale
"Max Gotch, 1910–1999. Loving son, brother & uncle." In the plot beside Rosalind's.
Find a Grave 135149309, photo by L Packham, 2021



Called up, 1941
His militia form: born at Bronte, a "Neon" sign mechanic, next of kin his father, Max Gotch, of 73 Gardyne Street. Signed "Max Gotch".
National Archives, B883, NX172070

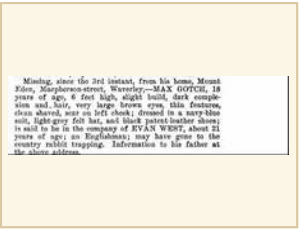


The hospital ship Manunda
The Manunda, the hospital ship that brought Max home from New Guinea in 1944, arriving at Port Melbourne with wounded troops in 1941.
Australian War Memorial 006723 (Clifford Bottomley), public domain



"129 Aust Bde Workshop", 1943
The top of his AIF attestation: NX172070, unit 129th Australian Brigade Workshop, enlisted in the field, stamped "Photographed 2 Sep 1943". The photo itself isn't in the file.
National Archives, B883, NX172070, page 1

Max Gotch junior, continued



Missing friends, November 1928
"Missing, since the 3rd instant, from his home, Mount Eden, Macpherson-street, Waverley,—MAX GOTCH, 18 years of age, 6 feet high... may have gone to the country rabbit trapping."
NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 21 November 1928, p. 736



Corey's great-great-grandfather

Walter Gotch, known as Max

1879–1950

The records say Walter, but nearly everyone called him Max. For forty years he was Herr Max Gotch, and later Dr Gotch, a herbalist and naturopath with rooms in George Street, Sydney, and a house at Bronte called Mount Eden.

The earliest photo of him, taken at West Maitland in 1901, shows a young dandy in a top hat and tailcoat with a cigar and a cane. He was very likely born Walter Watt in New Zealand in 1879, to Julia Watt, who married E. W. Gotch thirty years later. Whose son he was is now proven: E. W.'s will of 1910 leaves £200 "to my son Herr Max Gotch of Sydney", and in 1942 Max called himself the "only son" of Julia Gotch. By 1902 he was in Wellington as "Professor Linguard, Dermatologist, Electric and Magnetic Healer" (the 1904 Wellington suit against "Walter Gotch otherwise known as Professor Linguard" proves from a court record that Professor Linguard was Walter Gotch, the later Herr Max Gotch), and by the end of 1904 the judgment debts were piling up. That December he popped up in Auckland as Prof. Max Gotch (late Edinburgh), electric and massage specialist, and in 1906 NZ Truth drew him in a top hat for its Auckland Ants series: "Prof. Max Gotch, late Lingard".

Over December 1907 and January 1908 a Health Department inspector played the patient. Max told him he'd spent five years in "the Berlin sanatorium", and made him swallow a dose on the spot. In February 1908 the fines and costs for calling himself a medical practitioner and selling poison came to £49 15s, and within weeks he had gone. Auckland's gossip paper later reported him seen in Sydney "minus the bell-topper and flowing locks". He was in Sydney by April, and soon in papers across the country, never short of a pamphlet, a cure or a court case.

In 1912 he sued Waverley Council for £400 over cracks in his house, blaming blasting at its Macpherson Street quarry. The judge came out to inspect, decided the house stood on made ground beside an old quarry, and found against him. In January 1914 he stood for Waverley Council, and that same month he was fined ten shillings when his free pamphlet, A Complete Herbal Guide to Health, was found indecent.

ALSO KNOWN AS
Herr Max Gotch, Dr Max Gotch

BORN
1879, New Zealand, very likely registered as Walter Watt, NZ 1879/16515

MARRIED
Violet Brassington, NZ 1903/6682.
Rosalind Hicks, 30 December 1915, NSW 98/1916

DIED
30 July 1950, Bronte, NSW 16274/1950. Cremated

RESTING PLACE
Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, Rose Gardens, Garden G3, position 424. Filed as Walter Gotch, aged 73

PARENTS
Edward Walter Gotch and Julia Watt (confirmed: E. W.'s 1910 will names "my son Herr Max Gotch", and Max's 1942 consent calls him Julia's "only son")

WANTED, 1908
NZ Police Gazette, 18 March 1908, p. 127: false pretences, £32 from Denis Brophy, 1906–07; "supposed to have gone to Sydney by the s.s. 'Mokoia'", 17 February 1908. Seen in Sydney keeping a herbalist shop, 8 July 1908, p. 296

TRADE MARKS
"Germato" and "Savo", Botanical Dispensary, Wellesley Street, Auckland (NZ Gazette, 21 March 1907, p. 1041)

Walter Gotch, known as Max, continued

That August a burglar got in while he and Mrs Gotch were out motoring, and packed his haul in Max's own suitcase. The Police Gazette listed what went from "the residence of Herr Max Gotch, Mount Eden" on 4 August 1914, about £20 worth: a gold necklet with three ruby drops, a green beetle bangle, silver serviette rings in a case stamped "Stewart Dawson, Wellington", an Anthony Hordern suitcase, a large opossum rug lined with green cloth, and a quantity of men's clothing. A man of about 25 had been seen carrying the suitcase and the rug. It's the earliest record of the name Mount Eden found so far. In May 1927 watches and jewellery were stolen from him again, at the corner of Macpherson and Gardyne streets. During the First World War his ads carried a note that he was British born, of British parentage, something a man called Herr might well want known.

He and his first wife, Violet, lost two small children. Little Pearla died of diphtheria in the children's hospital on 26 June 1909, aged four, while the family was living in Birrell Street, Waverley, and Max took out the grave at Waverley where Violet would join her six years later. Violet died at Katoomba in August 1915. Violet's father was William Brassington, the Nottingham stonemason who carved the capitals and corbels of the Provincial Council Chamber in Christchurch, no two corbels alike, with Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale among the ten faces high above the hall, and his own portrait among the capitals under the press gallery: squatting, bearded, chisel in hand. He also built the stone church at Mt Peel and the Lyttelton Timeball Station, and died in Melbourne in 1905. That December he married young Rosalind Hicks at St Andrew's Cathedral. Eight of his children grew up: Doris, Max, Frank, Sylvia, Goldie, Gloria, Bonnie and Carl.

In 1916 his weekly advertisement read "Men and Women consult MAX GOTCH (British Born of British Parentage). The Leading Herbal Specialist", from his Botanic Dispensary in George Street, with a branch on Bondi Road. By 1925 he signed himself "Max Gotch, D.C., D.P.A., Univ. Grad. (America)", Doctor of Chiropractic and of Psycho-Analysis, from the Botanic Clinic in Elizabeth Street, and the business register put his first name in quotation marks: "Max" Gotch. By 1926 he was selling Topaline, a cure for drunkenness, and in 1943 a stop-smoking course from home. In 1942 he signed Gloria's Air Force papers "Max. Gotch", with a flourish. When Frank was wounded in 1942, Gloria wrote, her father had a heart attack. He died at home in Bronte on 30 July 1950, aged 70, and was cremated at the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium. His first wife Violet and their little daughter Pearla lie together at Waverley Cemetery, a short walk from Mount Eden, under a marble angel with the sea behind her.

By 1910 the family was living at a house called Gladstone in Albion Street, Waverley. By 1922 the Sands Directory listed "Gotch Walter Max, 'Mount Eden'" on the corner of Gardyne and Macpherson streets, and the council's 1925 valuation card names the corner cottage "Mount Eden". In 1927 he built on the two lots beside it: Mt. Eden Flats, a new three-storey brick block of six two-bedroom flats, each with a balcony, a breakfast room and a laundry, with three garages dug in underneath. The council turned the plans down twice, over fire escapes and a side passage eighteen inches too narrow, before his builder, J. T. Rigby of Bronte, won approval. That August, with the footings in, Max wrote to the council in his own flowing hand, signed "Max. Gotch", asking for a certificate by Friday morning because he was "borrowing £3500 from the Oddfellows". By 1928 the flats were valued at nearly twice the house. The state's own land records settle where it was. Max's corner block, lots 22 and 23 of the Pembroke Estate, is today 75 Gardyne Street, with the same area to within a tenth of a square metre, and the house on it is still called Mt Eden and described as a Bronte landmark of about

THEFTS
Burglary at Mount Eden, 4 August 1914; two diamond rings, 2 November 1922; a watch and albert with a Masonic jewel, 27 April 1927 (NSW Police Gazette)

NSW ITEM NUMBERS
Estate file [20/4728] B28598 (NRS 13340); probate packet 13660-30-9791, 4_368994 (NRS 13660)

COUNCIL, 1914
Nelson Ward, Waverley, Progressive Candidate: 93 votes, 8th of 11, not elected (Daily Telegraph, 2 February 1914)

CHILDREN
By Violet: Doris, "Dolly" (1908–2001), Max junior (1910), Walter (born and died 1904) and Pearla (1905–09). By Rosalind: Frank, Sylvia, Goldie, Gloria, Bonnie and Carl

BUSINESS NAME
"MAX GOTCH, Medical Herbalist & Optician, 541 George Street", registered 23 January 1918, person "GOTCH, Walter" (Register of Firms [2/8547], file 29934)

COURTS
Wellington, 1904: Black v Walter Gotch ("otherwise known as Professor Linguard"), £10; judgments for Dic (£35) and Blundell Bros (£4). Paddington Police Court, February 1912: fined £1 for a bush-house without approved plans. 1917: the Medical Board case against Dr T. B. Clune, his manager, struck off; appeal dismissed 25 May 1917

PARENTS
Edward Walter Gotch p. 112

PARTNER
Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

CHILDREN
Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98, Walter Frank Gotch p. 101, Mona Mary Gotch p. 103, Carl Maxwell Gotch p. 104, Max Gotch junior p. 105

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1910. His 1927 flats on lots 20 and 21 are 1–7/73 Gardyne Street, an Art Deco block of seven, the same number of flats the 1930 directory lists. In the family's day the address for both was "Mount Eden, 73 Gardyne Street".

Mount Eden stands on the corner of Gardyne and Macpherson streets. Bronte is a beach suburb on Sydney's eastern shore, between Tamarama and Clovelly. The tram reached the beach in 1911, the year before we first find Max on that corner. The address runs through the family's records from 1912 to 1979: Frank and Gloria both enlisted from it, Max died there, and Gloria was writing from a flat at the same number in 1979, very likely in the block her father built. Corey remembers his grandma and the family always talking about "the Bronte house". This is almost certainly it: the house Max named Mount Eden, where Gloria grew up, and the flats beside it where she and Allan later lived. Both very probably still stand.

In 1913 the Waverley roll lists him under his legal name, Walter Gotch, with his first wife, Violet. By 1937 there were two on the Bronte roll, Max Gotch Senior and Max Gotch Junior.

When his mother Julia died at Karori in October 1942, Max, "of Bronte Sydney New South Wales only son of the above deceased", signed his consent to the grant of administration going to "my only sister Julia Jolly". His signature, "Max Gotch", is on it.

The New Zealand Police Gazette of 18 March 1908 listed "Herr Max Gotch, alias Professor Lingard" among its persons wanted, for obtaining £32 from Denis Brophy by false pretences between January 1906 and March 1907. It described him as "age thirty-five, height 5 ft. 6 in., herbalist, native of New Zealand", with long dark hair almost to his shoulders, a swallow-tail coat and a "Dr. Jim hat", and said he was supposed to have gone to Sydney on the Mokoia on 17 February 1908. The warrant was still on the unexecuted list at the end of March. On 8 July 1908 the Gazette reported that Detective W. Lewis of the Wellington police had seen him "at Sydney, where he keeps a herbalist shop". The gazette's age, 35, would put his birth about 1873, against 1879 elsewhere.

In March 1907, before he left, Max registered two trade marks in New Zealand from his Botanical Dispensary in Wellesley Street, Auckland: "Germato", with a photo of a strongman, and "Savo", a baby food. In Sydney the Police Gazette recorded two more thefts from the Mount Eden corner: two lady's five-stone diamond engagement rings on 2 November 1922, and on 27 April 1927 a gentleman's open-face watch by W. J. Coote of Brickfield Hill with a heavy gold curb-link albert "with a gold Masonic jewel set with a ruby", which suggests Max was a Freemason (likely).

The New Zealand index has his marriage to Hannah Violet Brassington in 1903, a son, Walter, born and died in 1904, and Perla Violet born in 1905. Find a Grave has Violet as 1882 to 5 August 1915, buried at Waverley. Max's death notice in the Herald, on 31 July 1950, says he died at 73 Gardyne Street, aged 70.

In January 1914 he stood for Nelson Ward, Waverley, as the Progressive Candidate, "a property owner and resident six or seven years", and polled 93 votes, eighth of eleven. His death notice in 1950 gives his age as 70, which fits 1879 better than the crematorium's 73.

His Wellington debts are in the Evening Post: in November 1904 Dr Thomas A. Black, a dentist, sued "Walter Gotch otherwise known as Professor Linguard" for a £10 deposit on a lease, and that December judgments followed, £35 to Dic and £4 to Blundell Bros. In February 1912 the Waverley Council took him to the Paddington Police Court for putting up a bush-house in his yard without

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- SMH, 3 April 1917: the Medical Board and Dr Clune
- Daily Telegraph, 26 May 1917: Clune's appeal dismissed

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approved plans, and he paid the minimum fine of £1. In 1917 the Medical Board struck off Dr Thomas Clune, a 65-year-old doctor who had been working as manager at Herr Max Gotch's dispensary in George Street for £6 a week. Health inspectors posing as patients had been examined there, Max's Complete Herbal Guide to Health was put in evidence, and the Full Court upheld the decision. In 1918 he registered the business as "Max Gotch, Medical Herbalist & Optician", 541 George Street, in his legal name, Walter Gotch.

In the last week of February 1912 Max and Waverley Council were in court against each other twice: the council had him fined £1 at Paddington for a bush-house built without approved plans (SMH, 23 February), and by the 29th his own £400 claim against the council over the cracks in Mount Eden was in the Evening News.

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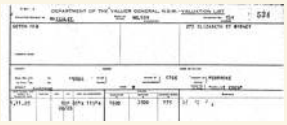
Walter Gotch, 1901
"Taken 1901, Cameron Elite Studio, West Maitland": a hand-coloured, full-length portrait of a young dandy in top hat and tailcoat, with a cigar and a cane. He was about 22. The earliest photo of him found so far.
Gotch family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



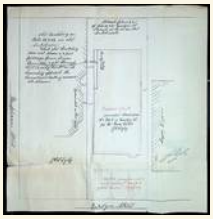
"Prof. Max Gotch, late Lingard", 1906
NZ Truth drew him for its Auckland Ants series: top hat, a mass of curly hair and a long coat.
NZ Truth, 4 August 1906, via Papers Past



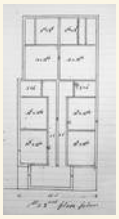
Max's letter, 4 August 1927
In his own hand: "I am borrowing £3500 from the 'Oddfellows'" to build the flats. Signed "Max. Gotch".
Waverley Council, Building Register 3636BR, p. 11, Celebrating Waverley



"Mount Eden", 1925
The valuation card: Gotch Max, corner of Gardyne Street, cottage, house name Mount Eden.
Waverley Council rate books, 1925, Celebrating Waverley



The block plan, 1927
The old house on the corner and the new flats beside it, stamped approved.
Waverley Council, Building Register 3636BR, p. 31, Celebrating Waverley



Two flats a floor
The builder's plan of the first and second floors.
Waverley Council, Building Register 3636BR, p. 29, Celebrating Waverley



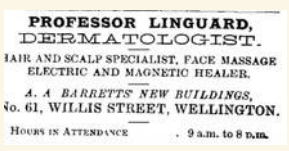
"Dr Max Gotch" applies, March 1927
A three-storey brick building with a flat roof, on Lots 20 and 21, Gardyne Street.
Waverley Council, Building Register 3636BR, p. 2, Celebrating Waverley



William and Ellen Brassington
Violet's parents, the mother and father of Doris and young Max.
Canterbury Museum, Williams Collection 10540, via Te Ara



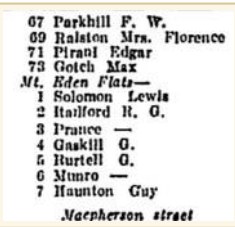
The Stone Chamber, Christchurch, 1916
William Brassington's carved capitals and corbels. The chamber fell in the 2011 earthquake.
The Story of Christchurch, 1916, via Wikimedia Commons


PROFESSOR LINGUARD,
DERMATOLOGIST.
HAIR AND SCALP SPECIALIST, FACE MASSAGE
ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC HEALER.
A. A BARRETTS' NEW BUILDINGS,
No. 61, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.
HOURS IN ATTENDANCE . 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"Professor Linguard, Dermatologist", 1903
His first alias, with rooms in Willis Street, Wellington.
Free Lance, 3 January 1903, via Papers Past


GOTCH MAX
541 George st (8 doors from Liverpool st), Sydney, Herbalist, Blood, Nerve & Skin Specialist; after hours, private address: "Mount Eden," cor. Gardyne and Macpherson sts, Bronte

Mount Eden in the Sands Directory, 1922
Gotch Max, herbalist, private address Mount Eden, corner Gardyne and Macpherson streets, Bronte.
Sands Directory 1922, Fairfield City Heritage Collection


67 Parkhill F. W.
69 Ralston Mrs. Florence
71 Pirani Edgar
73 Gotch Max
Mt. Eden Flats—
1 Solomon Lewis
2 Hartford R. G.
3 Prance —
4 Gaskill G.
5 Hurtell G.
6 Munro —
7 Haunton Guy
Macpherson street

Mt. Eden Flats, 1930
73 Gardyne Street: Gotch Max, Mt. Eden Flats.
Sands Directory 1930, Fairfield City Heritage Collection

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Bronte from the air, 1943
The circle marks the Mount Eden corner, where the old house and Max's 1927 block of flats stood side by side.
1943 Sydney aerial survey



Violet and Pearla's grave, Waverley
The angel over Max's first wife and their daughter, with the sea behind her.
Find a Grave 218684110



Pearla's burial form, 1909
"Perla Violet Gotch", 4 years, diphtheria. Grantee Walter Max Gotch, Birrell Street, Waverley.
Waverley Council Cemetery Records, Volume 40, Celebrating Waverley



"Max. Gotch", 12 May 1942
His signature, giving consent for Gloria to join the Air Force.
National Archives, A9301, 105884, page 34



His 1926 ad for Topaline
The man in the mortarboard isn't named, but it's probably Max.
World's News, 30 October 1926, via Trove



Very probably Max, 1925
From his own Topaline advertisement, written in the first person and signed Max Gotch. The paper doesn't name the man in the cap and gown.
The World's News, 26 September 1925, via Trove



"British Born of British Parentage", 1916
His weekly ad: the George Street dispensary and the Bondi Road branch.
Australian Town and Country Journal, 18 October 1916, via Trove



Bronte Beach, 1905
A Kerry postcard, posted a few years before Max arrived.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Bronte Baths, about 1900
The baths date from 1887.
Via Wikimedia Commons



Surf bathing at Bronte
A postcard from about 1900 to 1927.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Bronte in 1927
A wide panorama of the suburb.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Bronte Baths, about 1935
A crowd of bathers, photographed by Sam Hood.
Via Wikimedia Commons



"Only son of the above deceased", 1942
Max's consent, from Bronte, to letters of administration of his mother Julia's estate going to "my only sister Julia Jolly", signed "Max Gotch" in October 1942. It proves Julia was his mother.
Archives New Zealand, R23130885 (probate of Julia Gotch, 1942)



"Gotch Family": a touring car, about 1912–16
From a Gotch family tree, on Max's page: a 1910s open touring car among palms, very probably in Sydney, with a driver in a hat, a big man in a white coat and glasses beside him, an older couple and a small child in the back. Nobody is named; the man in white could be Max, but it's unconfirmed.
Gotch family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Persons Wanted", 1908
"Herr Max Gotch, alias Professor Lingard": age 35, 5 ft 6 in, herbalist, native of New Zealand, long dark hair, swallow-tail coat and "Dr. Jim hat"; supposed gone to Sydney on the Mokoia, 17 February 1908.
New Zealand Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 18 March 1908, p. 127

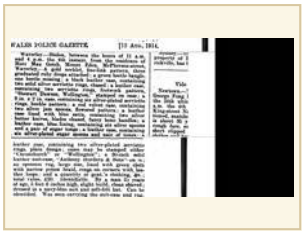


"Where he keeps a herbalist shop", July 1908
Seen by Detective W. Lewis of the Wellington police at Sydney.
New Zealand Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 8 July 1908, p. 296

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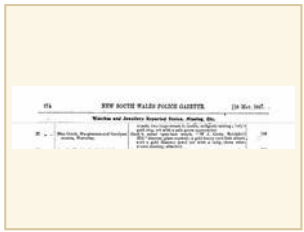
"Germato" and "Savo", 1907
Max Gotch's two trade marks, from the Botanical Dispensary, Wellesley Street, Auckland.
New Zealand Gazette, 21 March 1907, p. 1041, via Ancestry



The Mount Eden burglary, 1914
Stolen on 4 August 1914 from the residence of Herr Max Gotch, Mount Eden, McPherson Street, Waverley: the ruby necklet, the beetle bangle, the cased silver, the Anthony Hordern suitcase and the opossum rug, £20 in all.
NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 12 August 1914



Two diamond rings, 1922
"Max Gotch, Macpherson-street, Waverley": two lady's five-stone diamond engagement rings, 2 November 1922.
NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 22 November 1922, p. 632



A watch and a Masonic jewel, 1927
"Max Gotch, Macpherson and Gardyne streets, Waverley": a gentleman's open-face watch, "W. J. Coote, Brickfield Hill", and a gold curb-link albert with a gold Masonic jewel set with a ruby, 27 April 1927.
NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 18 May 1927, p. 274



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks

1897–1987

Rosalind came from a stage family. In 1900, when she was three, her father was business manager of the Raby Touring Company at Newcastle's Victoria Theatre, and its star turn was a Miss Rosalind Raby in the serpentine dance, very likely her mother under a stage name. She was on the stage herself by 14: she'd appeared at the Palace Theatre in Sydney in A Message from Mars, as Miss Roselin Raby Hicks, and her friends threw her a surprise party for her birthday. Her father worked in the theatre too.

At 18 she married Max Gotch at St Andrew's Cathedral, took on his two children and raised six more at Bronte. Gloria wrote that when Frank was wounded, her mother broke down. In January 1968, aged 70 and still at 73 Gardyne Street, she signed the cemetery's papers as "Mother" to bury her daughter Bonnie in the old family grave at Waverley. It's the only handwriting of hers we've found. She lived to 90, and died at East Gosford on 1 August 1987. She lies at Palmdale on the Central Coast, under a bronze plaque that reads "Loving wife, mother & grandmother", beside her daughter Sylvia.

Where's Burwood? Her birth was registered there, and it's in Sydney's inner west, about 11 km from the city on the main western railway. Back then the Burwood district took in Strathfield, where her grandmother lived at Woodrising in Vernon Street, so she may well have been born there. In the 1890s these were railway suburbs of shops, churches and comfortable villas.

She stayed on the roll in the Clovelly subdivision, which takes in Bronte, from 1930 to 1977. By 1980 she was on the Gosford roll, and so were her stepson Max and her daughter Sylvia.

BORN
15 June 1897, NSW 20505/1897

MARRIED
Max Gotch, 30 December 1915, NSW 98/1916

DIED
1 August 1987, late of East Gosford, formerly of Bronte, NSW 106264/1987

PARENTS
John Raby Hicks p. 114

PARTNER
Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106

CHILDREN
Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98, Walter Frank Gotch p. 101, Mona Mary Gotch p. 103, Carl Maxwell Gotch p. 104

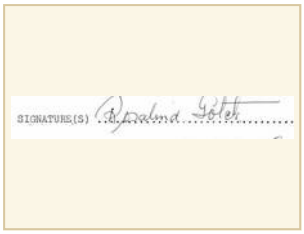
MORE SOURCES
Her 14th birthday report, Sydney Sportsman, 21 June 1911

Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks, continued

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Rosalind's plaque, Palmdale
Shared with her daughter Sylvia.
Find a Grave 135149308 (photo carries a BillionGraves watermark)



"Rosalind Gotch", 1968
Her signature.
Waverley Cemetery records, CE_SL_5445, p. 3, Celebrating Waverley



Her request to open the grave, 1968
Writing as Bonnie's mother, 26 January 1968.
Waverley Cemetery records, CE_SL_5445, p. 3, Celebrating Waverley



Burwood Road
A postcard from about 1900 to 1927, with verandahs over the footpath. It's as close as we can get to her first streets.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Greetings from Burwood
Another postcard of the same period.
State Library of NSW, via Wikimedia Commons



Rosalind as a girl
About ten years old, cropped from a family group.
Family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Very probably her mother
From the same family group; the tree names her Roseanna, and the dates match Rosalind's mother.
Family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Edward Walter Gotch

about 1840–1917 · *Walter's father, of Wellington; New Zealand*

Born in London, he went to Australia young and was in business at West Maitland. He married Frances Maria Colburne in 1863, and their daughter Clara was born at Maitland in 1864. Then he crossed to New Zealand to grow tobacco. In 1872 he wrote to Parliament from Papakura that slugs had ruined his first planting, and that he was making cigars at £4 a thousand. He did well at Opotiki, until the Tobacco Act, he said, "extinguished" his business in 1879. Afterwards he joined the Customs service at Wellington, retiring about 1905, and was active in Wadestown affairs. In 1904, in his sixties, he took a trip Home through America and over the Atlantic on the liner Teutonic. He died at home, 143 Main Road, Wadestown, early on Sunday 2 September 1917, aged 77, and his funeral left there for Karori Cemetery on the 4th. Julia's 1942 death notice names her as mother of Walter Gotch, Sydney.

Walter's death entry names his mother as Julia. Julia Watt married E. W. only in 1909, but the New Zealand index has a Walter Watt born to a Julia in 1879, and a Julia born in 1878 to Julia and Edward Walter. So Walter was very likely born Walter Watt, before his parents married. His sister Julia became Mrs Hanratty of Karori. Julia senior died in 1942, aged 82.

Being London-born, any link to the Gotches of Kettering, or to Gordon & Gotch, isn't proven.

DIED
2 September 1917, at home, 143 Main Road, Wadestown, aged 77 (his memorial card, his stone and the Evening Post); his probate says 1 September. New Zealand 1917/5623

MARRIED
Julia Watt, New Zealand 1909/3300

JULIA DIED
2 October 1942, 45 Beauchamp Street, Karori, aged 82; buried at Karori, 5 October. New Zealand 1942/31700

FUNERAL
From his home to Karori Cemetery, Tuesday 4 September 1917

WILL
Signed August 1910: £200 to "my son Herr Max Gotch of Sydney", £200 to "my daughter Julia now Julia Hanratty", the rest to his wife Julia

Edward Walter Gotch, continued

From 1901 to 1904 a Mrs Gotch of The Pines, Wadestown, was letting houses, very probably Julia, already living as Mrs Gotch before their marriage in 1909. A month after his death, "Mrs Gotch, who is giving up housekeeping" sold her furniture on the premises at 143 Main Road, Wadestown, opposite the Catholic church, on 4 October 1917 (the digitised advertisement drops the 3).

His will, signed at Wadestown in August 1910, appointed "my wife Julia" his executrix and trustee. It left £200 "to my son Herr Max Gotch of Sydney, Australia" and £200 "to my daughter Julia now Julia Hanratty", and the rest to Julia for her life, as long as she stayed his widow, and then to the children in equal shares. The Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, granted probate to Julia on 27 September 1917, with the estate sworn at under £1000. The grant says he died at Wellington on 1 September, a day earlier than his memorial card, his stone and the papers; his death registration, 1917/5623, would settle it.

The Archives New Zealand files fill in his years. In 1875 E. Gotch mortgaged allotment 161, section 11, of the village of Papakura, and on 21 April 1880 he wrote to the government from Opotiki. In December 1897, and again in August 1899, "Julia Gotch, Wadestown" asked for permits to hold art unions of her pictures, so Julia was very probably a painter.

Julia died on 2 October 1942 at her daughter's home, 45 Beauchamp Street, Karori, aged 82: "relict of Edward Walter Gotch, of Wadestown, and mother of Mrs. Jolly, Karori, and Walter Gotch, Sydney". She was buried with him at Karori on 5 October. Their daughter Julia was Mrs Hanratty when her father made his will in 1910 and Mrs Jolly by 1942. The stone beside theirs at Karori is for a Charles Albert, "beloved husband of Julia Jo...", who died on 18 September 1937, very probably her second husband.

The Wellington directories list Edward W. Gotch from 1883 to 1913, and the New Zealand rolls have him and Julia in Wellington Suburbs in 1911 and Wellington North in 1914. The New Zealand index has his marriage to Frances Maria Colburne in 1863, a Clara Gotch marrying Joseph Salt in 1883 and a Julia Gotch marrying Denis Hanratty in 1903 (both likely theirs), and the 1878 birth of a Julia Watt whose father is entered as "Edward Walter Watt", which fits Julia junior being his daughter before his marriage to Julia (likely).

His son by Frances, Edward Walter Gotch junior, born in 1867 and so Max's half-brother, was very probably the Edward Walter Gotch, a bootmaker and a native of Auckland, who was tried at Tauranga on 3 February 1888 on two charges of larceny and sentenced to four months' hard labour (New Zealand Police Gazette, 1888, p. 123).

His birth date in a family tree, 22 February 1840 at Shoreditch, is unproven: there's no Edward or Walter Gotch birth anywhere in the English civil index from 1837 to 1850, and no Shoreditch Gotch births at all.

The Wellington courts saw him over fences and land: in 1894 the Supreme Court ordered him to transfer a block in the Mangaone district he had bought and re-sold, and in 1898 a builder sued him over the balance of a contract. He also claimed half the cost of a boundary fence from a neighbour, McLaren, in 1893–94, and went to court over a Wadestown fence with Emily Jane Tresize in 1901; a Pittar v Gotch at Auckland in 1879, for £5, may be him too (Evening Post; Auckland Star; possible to likely for 1879).

Julia was "Julia Gotch, Wadestown" by December 1897, twelve years before her 1909 wedding, so the family lived as Gotches long before it, which is why Walter Watt grew up, and went to court in 1904, as Walter Gotch (likely).

PROBATE
Granted to Julia Gotch, 27 September 1917, by Sir Robert Stout; estate sworn under £1000; solicitor P. J. O'Regan (Archives New Zealand R23028103)

PAPAKURA
Mortgage of allotment 161, section 11, village of Papakura, 1875 (Archives New Zealand R24309533 and R24309539)

JULIA'S ART UNIONS
Permits sought for art unions of her pictures, 20 December 1897 and 12 August 1899 (Archives New Zealand R24834531 and R24925767)

DIRECTORIES
Wellington, 1883–1913; NZ rolls, Wellington Suburbs 1911 and Wellington North 1914

COURTS
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CHILDREN
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MORE SOURCES
Funeral card, Evening Post, 3 September 1917, Papers Past

Julia Gotch's death notice, Evening Post, 3 October 1942, Papers Past

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Edward Walter Gotch, 1870s
A seated carte de visite, with a fringe beard and a watch chain.
Gotch family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



His memorial card, 1917
"In Loving Memory of Edward Walter Gotch, the dearly beloved husband of Julia Gotch, who died on September 2, 1917, aged 77 years, and was interred at Karori Cemetery, Wellington." The pasted photo shows him in old age, in a straw boater, with a white beard.
Gotch family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Gotch grave, Karori
"Edward Walter, beloved husband of Julia Gotch, died 2nd Sept 1917, aged 77 years. At rest. Also Julia Gotch, wife of above", who died in 1942. Beside it, the stone of a Charles Albert, "beloved husband of Julia Jo...", who died in 1937.
Gotch family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



His will, 1910, page 1
"I appoint my wife Julia to be my executrix and trustee: I give a sum of Two hundred pounds (£200) free of legacy duty to my son Herr Max Gotch of Sydney, Australia and a sum of Two hundred pounds (£200) free of legacy duty to my daughter Julia now Julia Hanratty."
Archives New Zealand, R23028103 (probate file, 1917)



"Edward Walter Gotch", August 1910
The last page of his will, with his signature and his witnesses, two Wellington law clerks.
Archives New Zealand, R23028103 (probate file, 1917)



Probate, 27 September 1917
Granted to Julia Gotch, the executrix, by Sir Robert Stout. It says he "died at Wellington aforesaid on the first day of September" 1917; the estate was sworn at under £1000.
Archives New Zealand, R23028103 (probate file, 1917)



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

John Raby Hicks

1874–1941 · *Rosalind's father*

John went into the theatre. The papers caught him in 1904 after a gardener hit him with an umbrella outside a hotel, and the magistrate couldn't resist asking if it was near the humerus. "I didn't think it humorous," he said.

Born in Sydney in 1874, he married Rosalind Therese Saunderson, youngest daughter of J. H. Saunderson of Newcastle, at St James' Church on 29 July 1896, and they had one daughter, Rosalind. In 1900 "Jack Hicks" was business manager of the Raby Touring Company at Newcastle, starring a Miss Rosalind Raby, very likely his wife.

They died a day apart: John on 30 July 1941 and Rosalind Therese on 31 July. They're buried together at Rookwood under a plaque calling them the loving parents of Rosalind.

In 1936 John Raby Hicks and his wife, enrolled as Rose Therese, lived at 14 Queen Street, Newcastle, her home town.

The 1932 and 1937 rolls have them at 14 Queen Street, Newcastle, too.

MARRIED
29 July 1896, St James' Church, Sydney

DIED
30 July 1941, NSW 14067/1941

RESTING PLACE
Rookwood, with Rosalind Therese

PARENTS
William Henry Hicks p. 115

CHILDREN
Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111

MORE SOURCES
The umbrella case, Evening News, 27 February 1904

Wedding notice, Sydney Morning Herald, 12 September 1896

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John Raby Hicks
Head and shoulders, in a wing collar, about 1910–25.
Hicks family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



John and Rosalind Hicks, Rookwood
Died 30 and 31 July 1941.
Find a Grave 248122685



14 Queen Street, Newcastle, 1936
The 1936 roll: John Raby Hicks, no occupation given, and Rose Therese Hicks, home duties.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

William Henry Hicks

1828–1894 · *John's father*

William Henry was born at Caston, the next village to Watton, on 24 October 1828, and christened there three days later, the son of John Raby Hicks and Elizabeth Bacon. Five weeks after that his father was dead at 26 (his burial register says 27). In 1861 the census found him at Gifford Lodge, Mortlake, describing himself as rector of Watton and a magistrate for Norfolk, with his first wife, Charlotte Louisa, born at Minehead, a gentleman's daughter whom he had married in London in 1850.

A Cambridge-trained clergyman. He went up to Corpus Christi in 1847, was ordained in Salisbury diocese in 1851 and 1852, and was curate of Ramsbury in Wiltshire from 1853 to 1855. In 1855 he took his LL.B. and became vicar of Watton in Norfolk, where his family held the right to choose the vicar, and he stayed until 1864. He wrote a book on baptism and a stream of tracts, and the Clergy List kept his name until 1885, long after he had left England. By 1867 he was in Sydney signing himself "Corp. Chris. Coll., Camb.", and by 1869 he was working from the Sydney Punch office. He edited it for a long period, in the days when Dalley contributed. In 1870 he married again, to Lucy Hannah, a Sydney-born widow, née Langdon.

He and Lucy Hannah buried three of their children: Claude, Kate and Lucy, who was thrown from a horse at Wentworthville in 1892. He died at Strathfield on 5 December 1894, aged 66, after a lingering illness. Two years later Lucy also lost their youngest, Frank, aged 17, at Woodrising. Lucy died at Enfield in 1909 and was buried in Balmain Cemetery with her husband and children. That ground is now Pioneers Memorial Park, Leichhardt.

He grew up with his mother's second family. When he was four, his widowed mother married the Rev. Arthur Roberts, and by 1841 they lived at Wood Rising, near Watton, with his half-brothers and half-sisters Walter William, Mary Elizabeth, Claudius William and Eleanor Anne Roberts. Years later in Sydney he named a son Claude and his Strathfield house Woodrising.

His first marriage, to Charlotte Louisa Bailey at St George's, Hanover Square, on 20 June 1850, ended in the Divorce Court. Charlotte petitioned in 1863, and on 28 April 1866 the court dissolved the marriage, finding that he had "been guilty of Adultery coupled with desertion"; the decree was made absolute that November. In July 1869 she married Charles Matthews, a widower, at Holy

CHURCH
Curate of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, 1853–55; vicar and patron of Watton, Norfolk, 1855–64 (Venn, Alumni Cantabrigienses)

BORN
24 October 1828, Caston, Norfolk; christened there 27 October, son of John Raby Hicks and Elizabeth Bacon

MARRIED
(1) Charlotte Louisa Bailey, 20 June 1850, St George's, Hanover Square; dissolved 1866 (2) Lucy Hannah Langdon, Sydney, 1870

MAGISTRATE
JP for Norfolk (1861 census)

FIRST WIFE
Charlotte Louisa Bailey, born at Minehead about 1829 (1861 census), daughter of Charles Bailey, gentleman

DIED
5 December 1894, Strathfield (probate, Series 4_8206; estate AF00076972)

DIVORCE
Charlotte's petition, 1863 (The National Archives, J 77/H168). Decree of 28 April 1866, made absolute on 7 November 1866, dissolving the marriage "by reason that since the celebration thereof the said William Henry Hicks has been guilty of Adultery coupled with desertion". She remarried in London in 1869

ENGLISH PROBATE
Administration (with will), London, 5 April 1895: "of Vernon-street Strathfield … gentleman", effects £254 5s. 9d.

SISTER'S MARRIAGE
Elizabeth Maria Hicks married George Alexander, July–September 1845, Mitford district (GRO 13/341)

William Henry Hicks, continued

Trinity, St Marylebone, signing herself Charlotte Louisa Hicks. By then William Henry was in Sydney, where he married Lucy Hannah in 1870.

In August 1860 an order of exchange of lands at Watton was made between the Revd W. H. Hicks and the Trustees for the Church and Town Lands of Watton (The National Archives, MAF 11/116/1701).

WATTON LANDS

Order of exchange with the Trustees for the Church and Town Lands of Watton, 15 August 1860 (MAF 11/116/1701)

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Death notice, Sydney Morning Herald, 6 December 1894

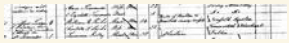
Obituary, Freeman's Journal, 8 December 1894

Venn, Cambridge alumni

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St Mary's, Watton, Norfolk
His parish from 1855 to 1864. A modern photo.
John Salmon, Geograph, CC BY-SA 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Gifford Lodge, Mortlake, 1861
William H. Hicks, 34, "Rector of Watton and Magistrate, County Norfolk", born at Caston, Norfolk, and his wife Charlotte L., 32, born at Minehead, Somerset.
1861 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, RG9/461, folio 87, p. 31



The divorce, 1866
Divorce Court minutes, Hicks v Hicks: the marriage of 20 June 1850 at St George's, Hanover Square, dissolved by the decree of 28 April 1866, made absolute in November 1866.
The National Archives, J 77/H168, via Ancestry (Civil Divorce Records)



Charlotte marries again, 1869
Holy Trinity, St Marylebone, 8 July 1869: "Charlotte Louisa Hicks formerly Bailey", daughter of Charles Bailey, gentleman, marries Charles Matthews.
London, Church of England Marriages and Banns, via Ancestry

His English probate, 1895
William Henry Hicks of Vernon Street, Strathfield, gentleman, died 5 December 1894; administration with will, London, 5 April 1895.
National Probate Calendar, 1895, via Ancestry

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

John Raby Hicks and Elizabeth Bacon

1802–1828 · *William's father*

John Raby Hicks was a young Norfolk gentleman, "of Caston, Esquire", in the village next to Watton. He married Elizabeth Bacon of Harpley by licence on 29 April 1823, in the little church at Houghton beside the Walpoles' great house, three days after their marriage settlement; both signed the register, and their children were christened at Caston: Elizabeth Maria in October 1824 and

BORN

9 February 1802, Hindolveston; baptised 14 February, son of Robert Hicks and Anne, née St John

John Raby Hicks, continued

William Henry on 27 October 1828. Five weeks later John was dead, aged only 26 (his burial register says 27). He was buried at Watton on 4 December 1828.

His will, proved in London in May 1829, left Elizabeth her furniture, plate, linen, china, books and jewellery and an income for life that a second husband couldn't touch. The house and land at Caston and the rest of his estate went in trust to his children, except his eldest son, who was "otherwise provided for". That boy, another John Raby, was very probably the John Raby Hicks buried at Watton in June 1831, aged four, which left William Henry the heir. That is very probably how William Henry came to hold the right to choose the vicar of Watton, and to present himself to the living in 1855.

He was born at Hindolveston, in north Norfolk, on 9 February 1802, the son of Robert Hicks and Anne St John, who had married at North Elmham in 1791, and his baptism calls his mother "Anne his wife late Anne St John spinster". It was a family in which the name John Raby ran on: an elder brother of that name had died as a baby in 1797. His son's death notice calls him John Raby Hicks of Norfolk, and the family's notices mention Watton Hall. An old gazetteer names a John Raby Hicks, Esq., as patron of Watton, but that may be an old entry copied into later editions, or another of the Hindolveston family.

John made his will in September 1828, weeks before William Henry was born. It named his wife and two friends, William Wynne Bacon (written Baron; very probably her brother) and Jonathan Shallett (the readings are uncertain), as trustees and guardians, and it made sure the vicarage of Watton would be kept for his eldest son: if it fell vacant before the boy came of age, his widow or trustees were to present "some fit person under confidence to resign the same upon request". One witness was an Anne Bacon. Four years later, on 21 November 1832, Elizabeth married again, to the Rev. Arthur Roberts, at Yaxham. In 1841 they were at Wood Rising, near Watton, with Elizabeth Maria Hicks, 15, and two young Roberts children.

Their daughter Elizabeth Maria Hicks married George Alexander in the Mitford district in 1845. Elizabeth's second husband, the Rev. Arthur Roberts of Woodrising Rectory, died on 3 September 1886, aged 85, and his will and two codicils were proved at Norwich that December: £4,516.

Elizabeth was very probably a daughter of Joshua Bacon of Horning, who had died by 1817 leaving twelve children in the care of guardians; her mother had moved the family to Harpley, and one of the guardians, John Gotterson, witnessed her wedding. The Norfolk Record Office's "Bacon of Horning executorship records" (MC 325) name Joshua Bacon of Horning, gentleman, whose will was proved in 1817, his widow Phyllis, and his executors and guardians, John Gotterson of Houghton, Richard Vynne and Charles Grymes; they speak of "Mrs Bacon's desire to leave Harpley" and of the children Nicholas, Joshua, John, Alfred, Hugh and Edward (likely). In 1825 "Mr Hicks, lord of the manor of Watton" asked to hire the shooting over the Ellingham farms, and Lord Walsingham refused (Norfolk Record Office, WLS/LXI/24/430; likely John Raby).

The Anne Bacon who witnessed his 1828 will was very probably Elizabeth's sister Anne, baptised at Horning in 1804 (likely).

Elizabeth was born at Horning on 7 May 1801, the eldest child of Joshua Bacon and Phillis Read, who had married there the previous November; Joshua was buried at Horning on 3 March 1817, aged 53. Her brother William Wynne Bacon, baptised in 1803, was very probably the "William Wynne Baron" her husband named as a trustee, and her sister Anne, baptised in 1804, the Anne Bacon

MARRIED
Elizabeth Bacon, of Harpley, 29 April 1823, Houghton-next-Harpley, by licence; both signed (the marriage settlement is dated 25–26 April 1823)

CHILDREN
Elizabeth Maria (christened Caston, 18 October 1824); very probably John Raby (about 1827–1831); William Henry (1828)

DIED
Buried at Watton, 4 December 1828, aged 26 (the register says 27)

WILL
Signed September 1828; proved in London (Prerogative Court of Canterbury), 27 May 1829, by William Wynne Bacon (written Baron; likely Elizabeth's brother) and the Rev. Jonathan Chase or Shallett (readings uncertain), power reserved to Elizabeth Hicks, widow. Witnesses Anne Bacon, Mary Chapman and Rebecca Dunnett

ELIZABETH REMARRIED
The Rev. Arthur Roberts, of Hingham, at Yaxham, 21 November 1832; in 1841, 1851 and 1861 they were at Wood Rising, near Watton (1861: Arthur, 60, born St Giles, London; Elizabeth, 59; their daughter Eleanor Anne, 19)

ELIZABETH'S FAMILY
Very probably the daughter of Joshua Bacon of Horning, gentleman (buried 1817), and Phillis Read: her baptism names them, the Bacon of Horning papers name Joshua and Phyllis, and her brother William Wynne and sister Anne match the will. Guardians John Gotterson of Houghton (a witness at her wedding), Richard Vynne and Charles Grymes (Norfolk Record Office, MC 325)

ELIZABETH BORN
7 May 1801, Horning, Norfolk; baptised 10 May, daughter of Joshua and Phillis Bacon, "late Read Spinster" (Norfolk baptisms)

ELIZABETH'S PARENTS
Joshua Bacon and Phillis Read, married at Horning, 18 November 1800; Joshua buried at Horning, 3 March 1817, aged 53 (Norfolk registers). Very probably the Joshua baptised at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 16 May 1764, son of Nicholas and Hannah (possible)

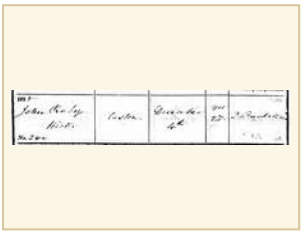
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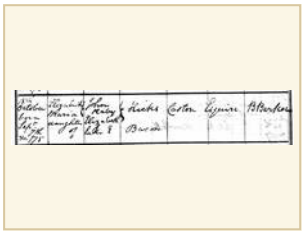
John Raby Hicks, continued

who witnessed his will (likely). The Horning registers have ten more of Joshua and Phillis's children: Joshua (1802), William Wynne (1803), Anne (1804), Nicholas Charles (1807), John (1808), Alfred (1810), Mary (1811), Robert (1813), Henry Heigh (1815) and Edward (1816). So the Bacon of Horning papers and the will now point the same way: Elizabeth was very probably Joshua and Phillis's daughter.

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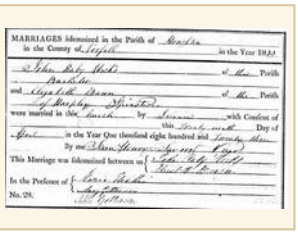
His burial, 1828
Watton, 4 December 1828: John Raby Hicks, of Caston, aged 27.
Norfolk bishop's transcripts, Watton, 1828, entry 244, via Ancestry



Elizabeth Maria christened, 1824
Caston, 18 October 1824: Elizabeth Maria, daughter of John Raby and Elizabeth (late Bacon) Hicks, of Caston, Esquire, born 7 September.
Norfolk bishop's transcripts, Caston, 1824, entry 175, via Ancestry



His will, proved 1829
The opening of the will of John Raby Hicks of Caston, gentleman, proved in London on 27 May 1829.
The National Archives, PROB 11/1755 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills), via Ancestry



John Raby Hicks marries Elizabeth Bacon, 1823
Houghton-next-Harpley, 29 April 1823, by licence: "John Raby Hicks of this Parish, Bachelor, and Elizabeth Bacon of the Parish of Harpley, Spinster". Both signed.
Norfolk, Church of England Marriages and Banns, via Ancestry



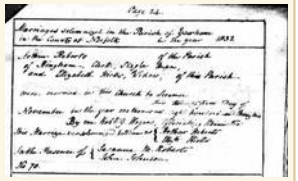
His christening, 1802
Hindolveston: "John Raby, Son of Robert Hicks and Anne his wife late Anne St John Spinster", born 9 February, christened 14 February 1802.
Norfolk transcripts, via Ancestry



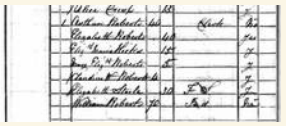
The Watton vicarage clause, 1828
His will: the guardians, and the vicarage to be kept for his eldest son, a stand-in presented "under confidence to resign the same upon request".
The National Archives, PROB 11/1755, via Ancestry



The end of his will
Signed J. R. Hicks, September 1828; witnesses Anne Bacon, Mary Chapman and Rebecca Dunnett; proved at London, 27 May 1829.
The National Archives, PROB 11/1755, via Ancestry



Elizabeth marries again, 1832
Yaxham, 21 November 1832: Arthur Roberts of Hingham, clerk, and Elizabeth Hicks, widow, by licence.
Norfolk bishop's transcripts, via Ancestry



Wood Rising, 1841
Arthur Roberts, clerk; Elizabeth; Elizabeth Maria Hicks, 15; and Mary Elizabeth and Claudius William Roberts.
1841 England census, HO107/780, via Ancestry



The Rev. Arthur Roberts, 1886
The probate calendar: of Woodrising Rectory, died 3 September 1886; will and two codicils proved at Norwich, 21 December 1886.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1886



Elizabeth Bacon's baptism, 1801
Horning: "Elizabeth Daugr of Joshua and Phillis Bacon (late Read Spinster) was born May 7th baptiz'd 10th 1801".
Ancestry, Norfolk, Church of England baptisms

Corey's 6× great-grandparents

Robert Hicks and Ann Saint John

John Raby Hicks's parents

Robert Hicks, bachelor, and Ann Saint John, spinster, both of North Elmham in Norfolk, married there by licence on 26 September 1791, and both signed. Their children were christened at Hindolveston from 1795: Thomas, John Raby (1797, who died as a baby), William, Elizabeth, a second John Raby (1802), Thomas and Elizabeth, and the index has Henry St John, Bridget, Jane and James too.

Robert was very probably the Robert Hicks buried at Hindolveston on 18 May 1819, aged 51. A Robert Hicks was christened at Watton in 1769, son of John and Elizabeth, which would tie the family to Watton from the start, but that's only a possibility.

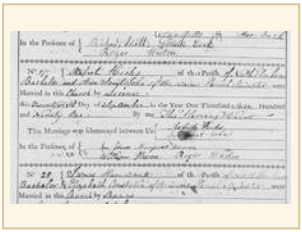
MARRIED
26 September 1791, North Elmham, by licence; both signed

CHILDREN
Christened at Hindolveston from 1795: Thomas, John Raby (1797), William, Elizabeth, John Raby (1802), Thomas, Elizabeth, Henry St John (born 4 September, baptised 6 September 1807), Bridget, Jane and James

ROBERT BURIED
Very probably 18 May 1819, Hindolveston, aged 51

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Robert Hicks and Ann Saint John marry, 1791
North Elmham, 26 September 1791, by licence: Robert Hicks, bachelor, and Ann Saint John, spinster, both of this parish. Both signed.
Norfolk, Church of England Marriages and Banns, via Ancestry

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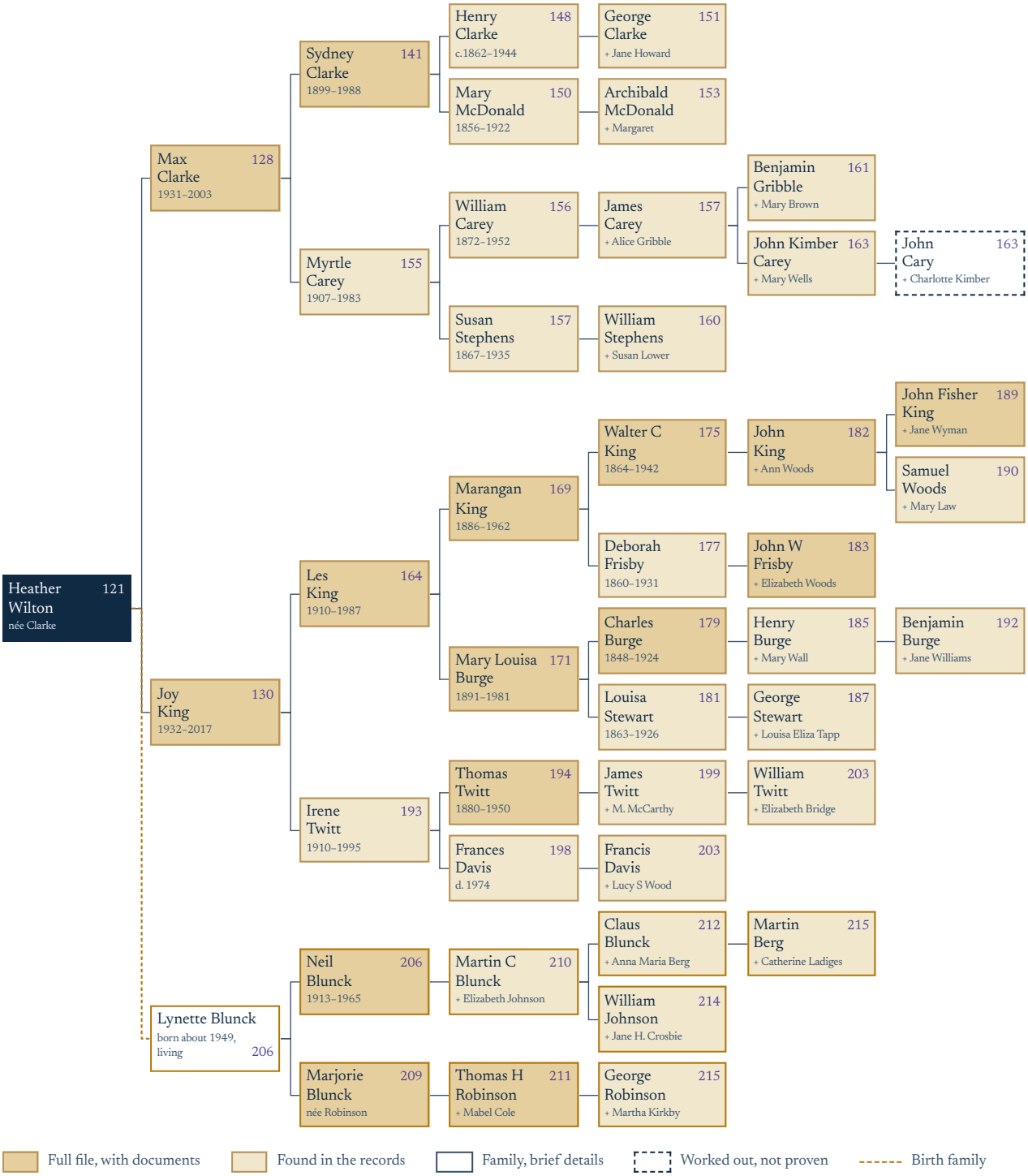
Know more, or spotted a mistake? Write it here, then send it to Corey.

PART

Heather's side

Corey's mum's family

The Clarkes of the Monaro and Gippsland, the Careys and Gribbles of the Ballarat goldfields, the Twitts of Kewstoke and Kaarimba, the Kings, Burges and Frisbys of the Western District, and the Bowleys, Jake and Alex's dad's family. Heather's birth family, the Bluncks and Robinsons, close the part.



HEATHER'S SIDE

Heather and her family

Corey's mum

21 files: Heather's partners and children, parents, brothers and sisters, and the aunts, uncles and cousins.



Corey's mum

Heather Wilton

born 1964

Heather was born in Carlton, Melbourne, late in 1964, and registered as Annette Blunck. She grew up as Heather Joy Clarke in Dunkeld, a town of about 400 people under the Grampians, the daughter of Max and Joy. A Heather Clarke is in the grade 2 photo at the Dunkeld school in 1972, which is just the right age.

Max and Joy adopted her as a baby. On 8 June 1965, when she was six months old, the County Court sitting at Hamilton made the order: Max, a café proprietor, and Joy, both of Dunkeld, could adopt the infant Annette Blunck, and she was to be registered as Heather Joy Clarke, sharing her middle name with her new mum. The court appointed Dunkeld's Methodist minister, the Rev. Eric Bruce Wright, very probably Joy's own minister, to look after her interests, and he gave evidence for her at the hearing. It also read an affidavit from Isobel Strahan, the almoner at the Royal Women's Hospital, where Heather was born, who had looked after the hospital's adoptions since the early 1940s. Her birth mother is Lynette Blunck, and through her Heather's birth grandparents were Neil Blunck, an RAAF flying instructor and Liberator captain, and Marjorie Robinson, a WAAAF flight mechanic. Their families go back to German settlers at Ballarat and to Cockermouth in England.

For secondary school she went to Monivae College in Hamilton, which had taken its first girls only in 1974, and the friendships stuck: in October 2018 the Monivae girls were still getting together, this time for a weekend at Ocean Grove.

She married Russell Bowley and later Andrew Hodgskin, and both marriages ended in divorce. She has three boys: Jake in 1991 and Alex in 1992 with Russell, and Corey in 1997 with Andrew, by which time she was on the Gold Coast, where she still lives. Raising three boys on her own, she worked at their primary school as the uniform shop lady, with hours that matched the school day, so she could drop them off, earn a wage and pick them all up in one go. That's why friends and colleagues said they missed her "at school". Once the boys moved on to high school she did odd jobs, including small bookkeeping work for Corey's friends. Victoria stayed home to her. In 2012 she told her old friends she'd be home for two weeks in December because her mum was turning 80, and they were all welcome at the party at Joy's house. Joy later came up to the Coast and spent her last years at Burleigh Waters.

In December 2017 Heather started making care packs for homeless people around Burleigh. She wrote the list out by hand and asked her Gold Coast friends to chip in, and what began as a few packs became more than 20, because, as she put it, it's better to give than to receive. Animals got the same care. The boys' first big pet was Jack, a dog who arrived when Corey was in about grade 3

BORN
1964, Carlton, Melbourne

BIRTH NAME
Annette Blunck

ADOPTED
June 1965, by Max and Joy Clarke, County Court at Hamilton

GREW UP
Dunkeld, Victoria

SCHOOL
Dunkeld, then Monivae College, Hamilton

BIRTH FAMILY
Lynette Blunck; birth grandparents Neil and Marjorie Blunck

PARENTS
Maxwell Clarke p. 128, Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

BIRTH MOTHER
Lynette Blunck p. 206

BIRTH GRANDPARENTS
Neil Blunck p. 206, Marjorie Blunck, née Robinson p. 209

PARTNER
Russell Bowley p. 122

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Bruce Clarke p. 132

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HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM
88 1122 A Heather Clarke, Dunkeld school children, grade 2, 1972

Heather Wilton, continued

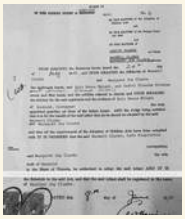
and lived until he was in high school. After Jack came the cats: Heather rescued and fostered cats for the RSPCA, and the house had Fufanu, George, Junior and Missy, among others.

She has travelled the world since she was young, often on her own, and she likes to see it with a camera in her hand: Rottnest in 2017, a solo trip to Africa in 2018, including a safari in Zimbabwe, a night in a tree house and Victoria Falls the next day, and Tasmania in 2020, when it snowed on Mt Wellington. Her grandchildren are Joy, Eli and Rex.

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Heather with two of her grandchildren
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Her adoption order, June 1965
The County Court at Hamilton allows Max, a café proprietor, and Joy, both of Dunkeld, to adopt the infant Annette Blunck, who is to be registered as Heather Joy Clarke. Part of the page is left out here.
Adoption order, County Court at Hamilton, 1965 No. 4; family copy



Hwange, Zimbabwe, June 2018
On safari, with a night in a tree house and Victoria Falls the next day.
Heather's own photo



At a lookout
Posted in 2009. Where is it? Heather will know.
Heather's own photo



Her Care Bags list, December 2017
In her own hand, for the care packs around Burleigh.
Heather's own photo



The Clarke plaque
"Devoted and loved father and mother of Bruce and Heather." Dunkeld New Cemetery.
Find a Grave 221870156

Corey's mother's husband

Russell Bowley

living · *Married Heather*

Russell married Heather Clarke, and they had two boys: Jake in 1991 and Alex in 1992. The marriage ended in divorce, and the boys grew up on the Gold Coast with Heather and, from 1997, their little brother Corey.

Russell is the son of Bob and Peggy Bowley: in 1977 and again in 1980 the electoral rolls list Russell John Bowley, a young bank officer, living at home with them at Miami on the Gold Coast. Bob was born in Tasmania in 1924, grew up at Murwillumbah on the Tweed, and went ashore at Balikpapan in 1945 with the 2/10th Battalion. His mother, Peggy, was born Margaret Mary Bennett; she and Bob married at Murwillumbah in 1950. Through Bob the Bowleys go back to Erman Bowley, who served in the First World War with Tasmania's 40th

MARRIED
Heather Clarke; later divorced

SONS
Jake (1991) and Alex (1992)

PARENTS
Bob and Peggy Bowley (1977 and 1980 electoral rolls, same address at Miami)

BROTHER AND SISTER
Ian, very probably Ian Robert Bowley (died), and a sister

Russell Bowley, continued

Battalion, and to Thomas Bowley of Wynyard. The family remembers a brother, Ian, who has died, and Russell has a sister.

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PARTNER
Heather Wilton p. 121
CHILDREN
Alex Bowley p. 123, Jake Bowley p. 126



Corey's brother

Alex Bowley

Alex was born just after Christmas 1992, Jake's younger brother, and grew up on the Gold Coast. He's happiest with a four-wheel drive and some mud. He runs a little Suzuki LJ81 ute, and in 2022 he was working out how to convert it to electric. He has filmed off-road events such as the Lowmead 3 Car Challenge in 2020.

He has also been a navigator in off-road racing, including Ultra4 Australia at The Springs in 2024 and the Off-Road Outlaws Enduro at Proston in 2025, where his driver thanked him for wading through deep mud to hook up the winch. He and Steph have Joy and Eli.

Alex and Steph have shared a love of the outdoors from the start: in 2019 they stood together at the very tip of Cape York, the northernmost point of the Australian mainland. Under the name AB's Offroad he shares the action on Instagram and YouTube, and another LJ owner remembered first meeting him at a 4x4 social as "a legend" who was driving his dream ute. When Joy came along she came too, to the off-road events in her own little red-and-yellow car.

PARENTS
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PARTNER
Steph Bowley p. 124
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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CHILDREN
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Alex, Steph and Joy
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Joy and Eli
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



The tip of Cape York, 2019
"The northernmost point of the Australian continent": Steph and Alex.
Steph Bowley, Facebook



Alex, Steph and Joy, 2025
A family selfie in the garden.
Steph Bowley, Facebook



Corey's brother's wife

Steph Bowley

Alex's wife

Steph was born a Power, Sue's daughter, and grew up with her brothers in Queensland. Before the babies she raced off-road with her family's team, Power Tech Racing, in a UTV called Mittens. She and Alex married on Saturday 3 December 2022, a small, intimate wedding with a celebrant from the Tweed Coast, wood-fired pizzas for the guests and a classic car to take her to the ceremony, and she had her bouquet preserved. She works in health on the Gold Coast. In October 2023 she and Alex had a last weekend away before the baby, climbing to the summit at Bald Rock. Joy arrived at the start of 2024 and Eli followed in 2026, and the family dog is Ralph.

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PARTNER
Alex Bowley p. 123
CHILDREN
Joy Bowley p. 124, Eli Bowley p. 125

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Alex, Steph and Joy
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Steph on her wedding day, 2022
Steph Bowley, Facebook



Corey's niece

Joy Bowley

Alex and Steph's daughter

She shares her name with her great-grandmother, Nanny.

Joy arrived at the start of 2024, and her mum calls her "our little Sunshine". She was at Uncle Corey and Aunty Ange's wedding that June, went on her first camping weekend a month later, and by eight months was crawling after Ralph the dog while Grandma Heather admired her curls. Her cousin Rex is only seven months younger, and the two of them play together.

PARENTS
Alex Bowley p. 123, Steph Bowley p. 124
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Eli Bowley p. 125

Joy Bowley, continued

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Joy and Eli
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Corey's nephew

Eli Bowley

Alex and Steph's son

Eli was born in 2026, Joy's little brother.

PARENTS
Alex Bowley p. 123, Steph Bowley p. 124

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Joy Bowley p. 124

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Joy and Eli
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Steph's parents

Sue Power and Steph's dad

living

Steph's mum is Sue Power. When the family threw her a 60th birthday party in April 2021, Steph wrote that Sue had always been an amazing mum, "my shoulder to cry on", and that she "couldn't have asked for a better Mum". Sue and Steph's dad raised Steph and her brothers in Queensland.

Racing runs in the family. Power Tech Racing is the Powers' own off-road team, and Steph raced with it in a UTV called Mittens, which she worked on "with help from my brilliant Dad". At the Goondiwindi 400 they came home with a third in class. A weekend with the "Power Fam", Steph wrote in 2017, meant "family, pets, quads and a race car", a love of red dirt she shares with Alex.

CHILDREN
Steph and her brothers

FAMILY TEAM
Power Tech Racing, off-road

SUE'S 60TH
April 2021

CHILDREN
Steph Bowley p. 124

Sue Power and Steph's dad, continued

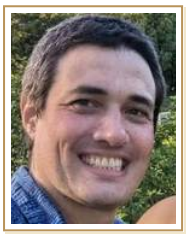
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Steph with her mum and dad, 2013
At home on Steph's 21st birthday.
Steph Bowley, Instagram, 3 March 2013



Sue and Steph, 2021
At Sue's 60th birthday party.
Steph Bowley, Facebook, 18 April 2021



Corey's brother

Jake Bowley

Jake Dylan Bowley was born in 1991, Heather's first-born. He and Katherine have been together since about 2010. On 23 March 2015 they ran away to Las Vegas and married. They eloped on purpose: a Greek wedding would have been enormous, and they like to keep things low-key. There are photos at night under a lit gazebo with the Strip's Eiffel Tower behind them, and at the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign. On their tenth anniversary Heather wrote that she had loved every minute of having a daughter-in-law for ten years: "Well chosen Jake." That August they threw a party at home for the friends and family who hadn't been there, some of whom came from interstate. Their son is Rex.

PARENTS
Heather Wilton p. 121, Russell Bowley p. 122

PARTNER
Katherine Bowley p. 127

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8, Alex Bowley p. 123

CHILDREN
Rex Bowley p. 127

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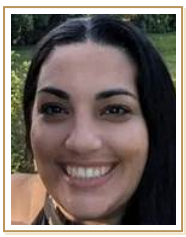
Jake and Katherine
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Married in Las Vegas, 23 March 2015
Jake and Katherine's wedding photos, shared on their tenth anniversary.
Katherine Bowley, Facebook



"16 years of memories, 11 years of 'I do'"
Jake, Katherine and Rex, 2026.
Katherine Bowley, Facebook



Corey's brother's wife

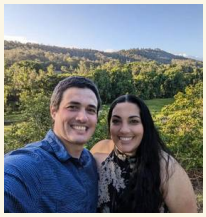
Katherine Bowley

Jake's wife

Katherine was born a Mavridis, into a Greek family in Melbourne, in 1991. Her father, George, has died; her mother, Dora (Theodora), is living, and she has two brothers. She and Jake eloped to Las Vegas and married there on 23 March 2015, because a Greek wedding would have been enormous and they like to keep things low-key. In October 2019 she was in British Columbia, at Alice Lake near Squamish and on the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler. After two years of study on top of everything else she became an Enrolled Nurse in October 2022. Heather calls her my wonderful daughter-in-law. She and Jake have Rex.

PARENTS
George and Dora Mavridis p. 128
PARTNER
Jake Bowley p. 126
CHILDREN
Rex Bowley p. 127

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Jake and Katherine
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Corey's nephew

Rex Bowley

Jake and Katherine's son

Rex was born in August 2024, and turned one with a dinosaur party, "One-a-saurus Rex", by the lake at Maudsland. He and his cousin Joy are seven months apart.

PARENTS
Jake Bowley p. 126, Katherine Bowley p. 127

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Rex's half birthday
Family photo, from Corey.
Family copy



Katherine's parents

George and Dora Mavridis

living

George and Theodora (Dora) Mavridis are Katherine's parents, from a Greek family in Melbourne. As a boy George was in a Greek scout group based in Carlton, and late in life he shared an old photo of the troop, with himself at the bottom far left. He and Dora had Katherine and her brothers, Chris and Andrew, and later made their home on the Gold Coast.

George called Dora "the love of my life". They liked a night out together, whether dinner at the Byron Bay Brewery before a comedy show or a concert at Twin Towns on the Tweed, where they had seats in G row. Dora's baklava was a family favourite; George once wrote that he could "feel the kilos going on already".

George died in about May 2018. A year later Katherine wrote that she missed him more than words can say, and hoped he was "up there living your best life and listening to the Beatles". Dora lives on the Gold Coast.

CHILDREN
Chris, Andrew and Katherine

HOME
Melbourne, later the Gold Coast

GEORGE DIED
About 17 May 2018 (Katherine's posts)

CHILDREN
Katherine Bowley p. 127

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George and Dora, 2015
A selfie at a concert at Twin Towns on the Tweed: "We had G row in the middle."
George Mavridis, Facebook, 20 February 2015



George's scout group, Carlton
His Greek scout troop in Carlton, probably in the 1960s. George is the boy at the bottom far left. "Ahhh the Good old Days."
George Mavridis, Facebook, posted 4 May 2018



George, 2018
His profile picture on New Year's Day 2018.
George Mavridis, Facebook



Dora and Katherine, 2017
Mother and daughter at a fundraising trivia night.
George Mavridis, Facebook, 24 June 2017

Pa · Corey's grandfather

Maxwell Clarke

1931–2003

Born at Ballarat East in 1931. His own records say simply Maxwell Clarke; two family trees add a middle name, John, but no record found so far gives it. He was a shop assistant when he signed on with the Royal Australian Navy on 11 April 1949 for 12 years. He trained as an electrical mechanic and finished as a Petty Officer.

He's on the Korean War roll for his time on HMAS Anzac, from 6 September 1952 to 26 June 1953. On that tour the ship came under fire from North Korean shore batteries on 16 November 1952, and bombarded positions around Cho Do and Sok To on 7 December.

A week later at Kure in Japan, the crew carried aboard their Christmas beer: crates of Ballarat Bitter, donated by the Ballarat Brewing Company. Max, from

NAVY NUMBER
R37256

BORN
11 June 1931, Ballarat East

MARRIED
1958, Victoria 19890/1958

REMEMBERED
Family plaque, Dunkeld New Cemetery, and the Victorian Garden of Remembrance, Springvale. His ashes were scattered at sea (Clarke family tree)

DIED
1 August 2003, Hamilton. The family plaque reads 1.10.2003.

Maxwell Clarke, continued

Ballarat East, was serving on the ship at the time. Whether he got a say in it isn't recorded.

Anzac reached Sydney on 3 July 1953, after 305 days away and 228 at sea. Over the next few years he went back to Anzac for a second spell, spent a year at HMAS Melville in Darwin from May 1955, served in HMAS Quadrant in 1956 and 1957, and did his electrician's course at Flinders Naval Depot.

His parents were Sydney Clarke, a veteran of both World Wars, and Myrtle Carey of Ballarat East. When Sydney died in 1988, Max wrote to the Army to claim his father's medals. That letter, in Max's own hand, is how the family line was found. Father and son both signed up as shop assistants: Sydney in 1916, Max in 1949.

In November 1959, while he was a Petty Officer Electrician posted to the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne, his ship spent three days in Wellington: the city where his mother-in-law, Nini, had been born. When the ship left there was only one tug, and nearly a thousand "smartly clad seamen and officers" manned her sides, so the crew lashed three Gannet aircraft to the back of the flight deck and used their engines to swing her stern out. The next year the carrier spent three months with the Strategic Reserve in South-East Asia, including SEALION, a SEATO exercise with more than 60 ships, then visited Hong Kong and Yokohama. He was posted to the ship throughout, so he was very likely aboard. He left the Navy from HMAS Anzac in April 1961.

He married Joy King in 1958 and they made their life in Dunkeld. He was already running a café when he and Joy adopted Heather in June 1965, and in 1968 the electoral roll listed him as a café proprietor on Parker Street, the main road through town, with Joy working in sales. The rolls keep him on Parker Street from 1967 to 1980, by 1977 simply as proprietor, and by then Joy was enrolled on the same street, so Parker Street was the family's home. Dunkeld's rolls give streets but no house numbers. The museum there has him at the Mountain View Café around 1970, and at the school camp at Halls Gap in 1971 and 1972.

He's remembered on the family plaque he shares with Joy at Dunkeld New Cemetery, and in the Victorian Garden of Remembrance at Springvale. The plaque ends: love is not changed by death and nothing is lost. The Clarke family's tree records that his ashes were scattered at sea.

His service card has him at HMAS Cerberus, Flinders Naval Depot, from 12 February to 13 November 1954, with Anzac in between, and again from 10 January to 17 March 1955. Joy was at Cerberus until 4 April 1954 and back from December, so they overlapped there twice: very probably where they met (likely). The DVA's Korea roll has him as RAN 37256, Electrical Mechanic 1st Class, 294 days, and his 1958 marriage is indexed simply as Maxwell Clarke and Margaret Joy King.

FULL NAME
His records say Maxwell Clarke; two family trees add "John" (possible)

HOME
Parker Street, Dunkeld (electoral rolls 1967–80)

PARENTS
Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155

PARTNER
Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Norman Ian Clarke p. 133

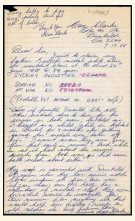
CHILDREN
Heather Wilton p. 121, Bruce Clarke p. 132

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM
14 0948 Wedding of Max and Joy, 1958
90 1741 At Mountain View Café, about 1970
19 098 School camp at Halls Gap, 1972
17 258 May 1990

MORE SOURCES
Korean War nominal roll
HMAS Anzac (II), Naval Historical Society

Maxwell Clarke, continued

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Max's letter, 7 October 1988
In his own hand, claiming his father's medals from the Army. It's signed Max Clarke, of Dunkeld.
National Archives, B884, V147844, page 32



HMAS Anzac
The Battle-class destroyer Max served on. Photo supplied by Corey; source still to confirm.
Family copy



Ballarat Bitter, Kure, 15 December 1952
HMAS Anzac crew stowing their Christmas beer, donated by the Ballarat Brewing Company. The men aren't named.
Australian War Memorial 148236, public domain



Ship's company, Kure, November 1952
William McMahon, Minister for Air, inspects the ship's company while Max was serving. The men aren't named.
Australian War Memorial HOBJ3789, public domain



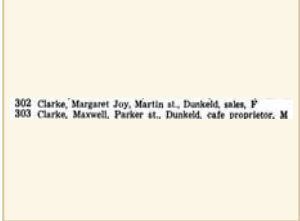
Anzac at anchor
She carried the number 10 on her funnel as leader of the 10th Destroyer Flotilla.
Australian War Memorial 044241, public domain



Max's Navy service card
His next of kin reads: wife Margaret Joy, Dunkeld, Victoria.
National Archives, A6770, CLARKE M



The Clarke plaque
Dunkeld New Cemetery. Joy's dates were still open when this was taken.
Find a Grave 221870156



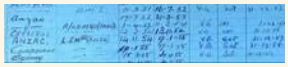
Café proprietor, 1968
The 1968 Dunkeld roll: Max Clarke, café proprietor, Parker Street, and Joy, sales, still enrolled at her parents' street, Martin Street.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



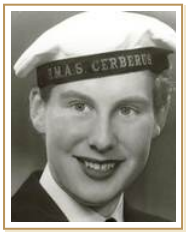
Parker Street, 1980
The 1980 roll: Margaret Joy Clarke, sales, and Maxwell Clarke, proprietor, both of Parker Street, Dunkeld. The lines between them are cut out.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



HMAS Melbourne, about 1960
The carrier launches a Gannet anti-submarine aircraft while refuelling the frigate Quickmatch, with three more Gannets waiting. Max was her Petty Officer Electrician in 1959–60, when the crew used Gannets' engines to swing her stern out at Wellington.
Australian War Memorial 305586 (Naval Historical Collection), CC BY-NC



Max's Navy service card, 1952–55
HMAS Cerberus, 12 February – 13 November 1954 and 10 January – 17 March 1955.
National Archives of Australia, A6770, R37256



Nanny · Corey's grandmother

Margaret Joy Clarke, née King

1932–2017

Born at Castlemaine in December 1932. As a girl she lived for a while in Bairnsdale, where her parents ran Café Pauline, and in October 1940 a Joy King, very likely her at seven, sang a duet called Pansies at the Methodist Hall with the

NAVY NUMBER
WRANS WR4014

Margaret Joy Clarke, née King, continued

Junior Girl Comrades. Her family was back in Dunkeld by 1946, and by 1951 she was working as a baker's assistant.

She joined the newly re-formed Women's Royal Australian Naval Service on 3 April 1951, aged 18, and trained as a cook at Flinders Naval Depot. That June the Women's Weekly ran a colour spread on the recruits, and Joy King of Dunkeld is named in the caption.

By 1954 she was a Leading WRAN at HMAS Harman in Canberra. The Age reported that she and two friends had solved the long trip back from leave by riding motor scooters: 476 miles from Ballarat to Canberra in two days, stopping overnight at Albury.

She left the Navy in 1955 and married Max Clarke in 1958. The rolls keep her on Martin Street, her parents' street, until 1968, and by 1977 she was enrolled with Max on Parker Street, where they made their home.

Dunkeld knew her well. The museum's catalogue has her on its committee in 1985, holding the Scottish Dunkeld flag, catering during the 2006 bushfires, cooking on a wood fire in 2009, and at the Australia Day community awards in 2013.

She also compiled The King Family History, on the King, Frisby, Giles and related families, which the museum lists among its books.

Her voice survives in her father's Army file. In 1988 and 1989 she wrote to the Army by hand, wanting his papers and medals so she could give them to the museum alongside her husband's and his father's, where they'd be safe. She mentions she was the only child, and tells the story of his footy accident.

In 2012, about sixty years after she first put on her Cerberus cap, she was presented with a Victorian Senior Achiever Award at Government House for her work for Dunkeld.

She died at Burleigh Waters on the Gold Coast on 23 August 2017, aged 84. Her name is on the plaque with Max's at Dunkeld.

Her Navy service card: a WRAN cook from 3 September 1951, acting Leading WRAN Cook from 1 April 1953, confirmed that October; at HMAS Cerberus, Flinders Naval Depot, until 4 April 1954; at HMAS Harman, in Canberra, from 5 April to 7 December 1954; back at Cerberus from 8 December; discharged on 2 April 1955 at the end of her engagement. Max's card has him at Cerberus from 12 February to 13 November 1954 and from 10 January to 17 March 1955, so they were at Flinders together from February to April 1954, and again early in 1955: very probably where they met (likely).

BORN
14 December 1932, Castlemaine

MARRIED
1958, Victoria 19890/1958

DIED
23 August 2017, Burleigh Waters

HOME
Martin Street with her parents to 1968; Parker Street, Dunkeld, from at least 1977 (electoral rolls)

NAVY
WRAN cook from 3 September 1951; Leading WRAN Cook, 1953; Cerberus to 4 April 1954; HMAS Harman, Canberra, 5 April – 7 December 1954; Cerberus again; discharged 2 April 1955 (NAA A6770)

PARENTS
Leslie Burge King p. 164, Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193

PARTNER
Maxwell Clarke p. 128

CHILDREN
Heather Wilton p. 121, Bruce Clarke p. 132

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM

22 031 Joy's wedding, 1958

89 1640 A cook on HMAS Cerberus, 1951–55

19 052 Museum committee, 1985

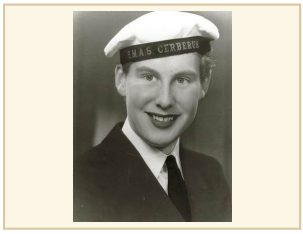
17 253 Holding the Scottish Dunkeld flag, about 1985

19 065 Catering during the 2006 bushfires

18 002 Cooking with a wood fire, 2009

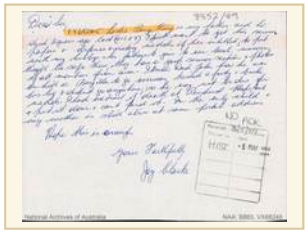
18 007 Australia Day community awards, 2013

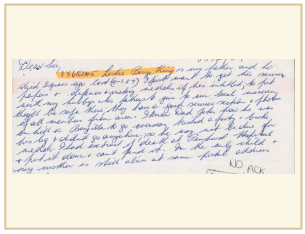
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Joy in her Cerberus cap
Joy in her H.M.A.S. Cerberus cap as a WRANS cook. The museum dates it 1951 to 1955. She trained at Flinders Naval Depot and was at HMAS Harman in Canberra by 1954. Corey has confirmed it's her.
Dunkeld & District Historical Museum, photo 89 1640


"Parables in Nature", 1940
A Joy King sings in the Junior Girl Comrades' concert at Bairnsdale. Very likely our Joy, aged seven.
Bairnsdale Advertiser, 4 October 1940, via Trove


Her letter about her dad, 1989
In her own hand, in Les's Army file.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 25


Detail: the footy story
He kicked a footy, broke his leg and went nowhere.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 25

Margaret Joy Clarke, née King, continued



Her note about Les and Max, 1988
Les, baker, son of M. L. King of the Rob Roy Bakery, and another letter coming about Sydney Augustine Clarke.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 18



"WRANS relax", 1951
Joy is sixth of the seven named. Which woman is her isn't certain. Maybe the family can tell.
Australian Women's Weekly, 9 June 1951, via Trove



"WRANS on deck again"
The full colour page, shot at Flinders Naval Depot.
Australian Women's Weekly, 9 June 1951, via Trove



Solving the problem of distance
Joy and her friends' motor scooter run, left-hand column.
The Age, 24 July 1954, via Trove



Home: Mount Abrupt near Dunkeld, about 1936
The country around Dunkeld, photographed by Harold Cazneaux.
National Library of Australia



Joy's Navy service card
The printed "Petty Officers and Men" is struck out in red, with Women's Royal Australian Naval Service written above it.
National Archives, A6770, KING M J



Parker Street, 1980
The 1980 roll: Margaret Joy Clarke, sales, and Maxwell Clarke, proprietor, both of Parker Street, Dunkeld. The lines between them are cut out.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



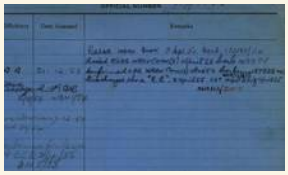
WRANs at HMAS Harman, about 1955
WRAN telegraphists at work at HMAS Harman, the naval wireless station near Canberra, where Joy was a Leading WRAN until 1955. Joy, a cook, isn't in the photo.
Australian War Memorial 306159 (Naval Historical Collection), CC BY-NC



Joy's Navy service card
A WRAN cook from 1951: Cerberus, then HMAS Harman in Canberra in 1954, and Cerberus again until 1955.
National Archives of Australia, A6770, WR4014



Her postings, close up
Cerberus to 4 April 1954; Harman from 5 April 1954.
National Archives of Australia, A6770, WR4014



Her ratings, close up
Acting Leading WRAN Cook from 1 April 1953.
National Archives of Australia, A6770, WR4014

Corey's mother's brother

Bruce Clarke

living · *Heather's brother*

Heather's brother. He married Lisa, who has a son and a daughter from before they met. He also has a young daughter, Evie, with Dang.

Parents: Maxwell Clarke p. 128, Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130 · Brothers and sisters: Heather Wilton p. 121 · Children: Evie p. 132

Corey's first cousin

Evie

living · *Bruce's daughter*

Bruce's young daughter, with Dang.

Parents: Bruce Clarke p. 132

Corey's grandfather's brother

Norman Ian Clarke

1927–2001 · *Max's brother*

Sydney and Myrtle's elder son, Max's big brother, born at Ballarat on 25 March 1927. When Sydney signed up again in March 1942, a gardener and father of two at 128 Eureka Street, Ballarat, his boys were Norman, nearly 15, and Max, 10.

The Clarke family's own tree gives his death as 2001. Nothing more about his life has turned up in the records yet.

He enlisted at Royal Park on 10 April 1945, an 18-year-old pastrycook, with his father Sydney, of Eureka Street, as next of kin. He qualified as a cook with the Army Catering Corps at Bonegilla that September, and was discharged on 21 December 1945. He was cremated at the Geelong Crematorium on 23 February 2001 (likely).

Heather, his niece, remembers that Norman got into trouble with the law and changed his name a lot; she thought he was born about 1928.

BORN
25 March 1927, Ballarat (Clarke family tree)

DIED
2001 (Clarke family tree)

ARMY
VX96978, 10 April – 21 December 1945; a pastrycook, enlisted at Royal Park at 18; Army Catering Corps cook, Bonegilla

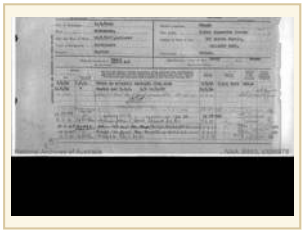
PARENTS
Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Maxwell Clarke p. 128

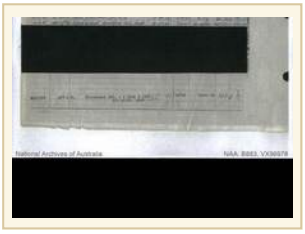
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Norman's attestation, 1945
VX96978: a pastrycook of 18, enlisted at Royal Park.
National Archives of Australia, B883, VX96978



His service, 1945
Army Catering Corps.
National Archives of Australia, B883, VX96978



Bonegilla, and discharge
Qualified as a cook at Bonegilla; discharged 21 December 1945.
National Archives of Australia, B883, VX96978



Russell's parents

Bob and Peggy Bowley

1924–1987

Robert Thomas Bowley, known as Bob, was born on 28 March 1924 at Campbell Town, Tasmania. His father, Erman, died when he was ten, and his mother, Marjorie, remarried as Mrs Page and took the family to Murwillumbah, on the Tweed. Bob was a shop assistant there when he was called up at 18 in 1942. He joined the AIF in 1943, served with the 2/10th Battalion, and, in his own words, "was in action at the landing at Balikpapan in Dutch Borneo in 1945". His brothers Cyril and Glen served in the Navy, and his sister Hazel in the RAAF.

By 1984 he was living at Burleigh Heads, and he wrote to the Army for his records ahead of his 60th birthday, signing himself "ex 2/10th Aust. Inf. Btn, 7th Division A.I.F.". He died at Burleigh Heads on 9 July 1987. Peggy, Margaret Mary, died there on Christmas Eve 1999.

After the war Bob married Margaret Mary Bennett, always Peggy, at Murwillumbah, where he had grown up, in 1950. In 1958 they were living at 39 Wardrop Street, Murwillumbah, and the roll calls Bob a traveller, a travelling

ARMY NUMBER
NX175553, 2/10th Battalion (militia N425561)

BORN
28 March 1924, Campbell Town, Tasmania

DIED
9 July 1987, Burleigh Heads, Qld 1987/5372

PEGGY DIED
24 December 1999, Burleigh Heads; one family tree gives 1925–1993

REMEMBERED
Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Bridgeman Downs (Find a Grave 241921000)

MARRIED
1950, Murwillumbah, NSW 19591/1950; Peggy was Margaret Mary Bennett

Bob and Peggy Bowley, continued

salesman. They spent the 1960s in Brisbane's west: the 1963 roll has them at Oxley, in the Darra subdivision, where Bob was a representative, and the 1968 roll at Riverview, near Ipswich, where he was a clerk, and by 1969 they had settled at Miami on the Gold Coast, where Bob worked as a sales rep and later a salesman and Peggy kept house. The electoral rolls of 1977 and 1980 list their son Russell living with them there, which settles that they are his parents. Ian Robert Bowley, very probably their other son, had a place of his own nearby. Bob is remembered in the Queensland Garden of Remembrance at Bridgeman Downs.

Bob, Robert Thomas, carried both his grandfathers' names, Robert Barker and Thomas Bowley (possibly chosen for them).

PEGGY'S WILL
Lodged with Titles Queensland, 2000 (QSA ITM4072005; restricted)

BOB'S GRANDPARENTS
Thomas Bowley (died 1933, likely) and Mary Ann Heffernan (died 1910); Robert Barker (died 1926) and Mary Ann, or Mary Jane, McGillivray (died 1930)

PARENTS
Erman Bowley p. 135

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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WW2 Nominal Roll: Robert Thomas Bowley

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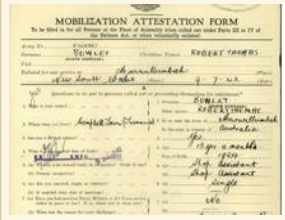
Bob, 1973
In glasses, a dark suit and a buttonhole, at a family wedding. Cropped to Bob only.
Bowley family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"In action at the landing at Balikpapan"
Bob's own letter to the Army, written from Burleigh Heads in 1984.
National Archives, B883, NX175553



Bob joins the AIF, 1943
His attestation at Bathurst, aged 19. Next of kin: his mother, Marjorie Irene Page, of Murwillumbah.
National Archives, B883, NX175553



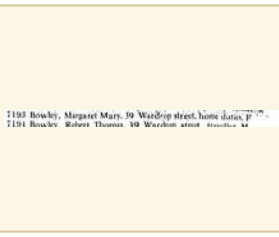
Called up at 18, 1942
His mobilisation form at Murwillumbah: a shop assistant, single.
National Archives, B883, NX175553



Russell at home, 1977
The 1977 roll at Miami: Robert Thomas Bowley, salesman, Margaret Mary Bowley, home duties, and Russell John Bowley, bank officer, at the same address. Street hidden.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Bob and Peggy marry, 1950
The NSW marriage index: 19591/1950, Robert Thomas Bowley and Margaret Mary Bennett, Murwillumbah.
NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, historical index



Murwillumbah, 1958
The 1958 roll: Margaret Mary Bowley, home duties, and Robert Thomas Bowley, traveller, 39 Wardrop Street.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry

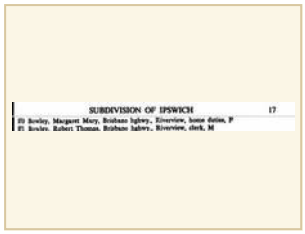


The 2/10th Battalion at Balikpapan, 1 July 1945
On the morning of the landing, men of the 2/10th Battalion move along the shell-torn Vasey Highway towards Hill 87. Bob was "in action at the landing" with this battalion. He isn't identified.
United States Signal Corps, Australian War Memorial 128753, public domain

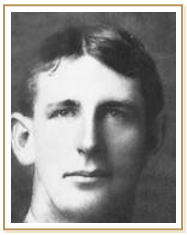
Bob and Peggy Bowley, continued



Oxley, 1963
The Darra subdivision roll: Margaret Mary Bowley, home duties, and Robert Thomas Bowley, representative.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Riverview, 1968
The Ipswich subdivision roll: Margaret Mary Bowley, home duties, and Robert Thomas Bowley, clerk.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Bob's parents, Russell's grandparents

Erman Bower Bowley and Marjorie Barker

1893–1934

Erman Bower Bowley was born on 24 August 1893 in the Campbell Town district of Tasmania, the son of Thomas Bowley, a railway ganger, and Mary, formerly Hefferan; the register spells the name Boley. When he enlisted he gave his birthplace as near Epping, and his father as Thomas Bowley of Wynyard. His parents had very probably married at St Luke's, Campbell Town, on 11 February 1878: Thomas Bowley, 21, a labourer, and Mary Ann Hefferman, 18, a domestic servant. A labourer of 23, he enlisted at Claremont Camp in October 1916 and served with the 40th Battalion, Tasmania's own. After the war he worked for the Tasmanian Government Railways. He and Marjorie Irene Barker had Cyril, Robert (Bob), Glen and Hazel, and each of them has a file.

He died in Hobart on 22 August 1934, aged 40, after a long illness. Returned soldiers carried his flag-draped coffin, the Last Post was sounded, and he was buried at St Luke's, Campbell Town, with his sons Robert and Cyril, his brothers John and Thomas, and his sister, Mrs W. Hall, among the mourners. Marjorie remarried and became Mrs Page, very probably wife of Adrian Harcourt Page, a radio mechanic of Riverview Street, and by the war she and the children were at Murwillumbah. All four of her children served: Cyril, Bob and Hazel in the war, and Glen in the Navy just after it.

His brothers and sisters, from the Tasmanian births index, were very probably Arthur Thomas (1879), a boy born in 1881 who was very probably the Cyril Bowley thrown by a horse and killed at Longford in 1895, aged 13, Theodora (1883), Elizabeth (1885), a Leonard (1891), once taken for the Leonard Ethelbert of Erman's will, though his 1948 death notice calls Leonard the youngest son and the index has him at 52, which would put his birth about 1896, and Maud, born at Longford in 1896, who died in 1898. Erman named his eldest son Cyril.

Marjorie Irene Barker was born at Campbell Town on 3 February 1903, the daughter of Robert Barker, a labourer born at Cleveland, and Mary Ann McGillivray of Antill Ponds, who had married at Campbell Town in 1888. Her brothers and sisters were Lucy, Malcolm Robert, Gordon John, James Russell and Walter St Clair. So both families were railway gangers and repairers at Cleveland.

WW1 NUMBER
7464, 40th Battalion AIF

BORN
24 August 1893, Campbell Town district, Tasmania (birth register 1149/1893, indexed as Boley, Ermand Bower). He gave "near Epping" when he enlisted

DIED
22 August 1934, New Town, Hobart, aged 40; a railway repairer of Cleveland

RESTING PLACE
St Luke's Church of England cemetery, Campbell Town, Tasmania

PARENTS
Thomas Bowley (Boley), railway ganger, and Mary Ann Heffernan (Hefferan), who married at St Luke's, Campbell Town, on 11 February 1878 (likely the same couple)

WILL
3 July 1933, proved 31 August 1934 (Libraries Tasmania AD960/1/58, Will No. 20222): the house and land at Cleveland to Marjorie; co-executor his brother Leonard Ethelbert Bowley of Abbotsford, Victoria; witnesses Leslie O. Bidgood, school teacher, and Ancel O. L. Murray, carpenter, both of Cleveland; gross value under £279; T&G policies of £150 on his own life and £94 on Cyril's

MARJORIE'S BIRTH
3 February 1903, Campbell Town (indexed as Barber), daughter of Robert Barker, labourer and railway ganger, born at Cleveland, and Mary Ann McGillivray, born at Antill Ponds, who married at Campbell Town on 31 October 1888

Erman Bowley, continued

Erman made his will on 3 July 1933, a year before he died, as a railway repairer of Cleveland. He left Marjorie "one four roomed weatherboard house and furniture together with a three quarter block of land" at Cleveland, and a policy on "my eldest son Cyril Jeffrey Bowley", and wrote: "My desire is that the house and land should not be sold but retained as a home for my loving wife and children." His brother Leonard Ethelbert Bowley, a labourer of Abbotsford in Victoria, was named co-executor.

Erman married Marjorie at St Andrew's Manse, Launceston, the Rev. G. M. Baird officiating: "Erman, fourth eldest son of Mr T. Bowley, Wynyard, to Marjorie, second eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Barker, Rose Cottage, Cleveland". The Daily Telegraph's notice gives the day as 23 December 1921 and the Examiner's as 28 December; a family tree has the 28th.

They made their home at Cleveland, where in 1929 Erman was secretary of the sports and the parents' committees. In August 1931 Mrs R. Oakley and a band of helpers ran a benefit concert and dance at the Epping Hall "in aid of Mr. E. Bowley, a returned soldier of Cleveland", three years before his death after a long illness. His sister Leila, Mrs W. Hall of Cleveland, and her husband Will placed in-memoriam notices for him in 1935.

Marjorie's family were at Rose Cottage, Cleveland. Her brother James Russell Barker, the fourth son, a private in the 40th Battalion, Erman's own battalion, was killed in action in France on 31 August 1918. Her father, Robert Barker, died suddenly at Rose Cottage on 13 July 1926, aged 68, and her mother on 13 February 1930, aged 60; the notices call her Mary Jane, though Marjorie's birth entry has Mary Ann, and "M. and E. Bowley" remembered her in 1931. Her in-memoriams name Lucy (Mrs George Ashman), Muriel and Don. Muriel married Ancel Murray on 4 January 1933: he was the carpenter who witnessed Erman's will that July, so the witness was his brother-in-law.

Erman's mother, Mary, "the beloved wife of Thomas Bowley, Epping", died at the General Hospital in September 1910, aged 52. His father was very probably the Thomas Bowley who died at the Launceston General Hospital on 13 June 1933, aged 76, "beloved husband of Elizabeth Bowley, Perth, and beloved only brother of John Bowley, Oldaker street, Devonport", and was buried at Perth, in Tasmania; his widow, very probably Elizabeth Collier, died in 1939, aged 66. Erman's eldest brother, Arthur, "eldest son of Thos. Bowley, Epping", married Ethel Smallhorn on 28 December 1900; the youngest, Leonard, "late 1st A.I.F.", died in Melbourne on 12 October 1948; and another brother, Aines Horace Bowley, known as Dick, died suddenly at Orange, New South Wales, on 24 October 1952. Their grandfather, another Thomas Bowley of Epping, was dead by 1892; he had at least seven daughters, among them Annie (Mrs Parsons) and Elizabeth (Mrs Robert Gibson Davidson), and the sons Thomas and John (likely).

In April 1883, when two men wanted for the Epping murders were loose in the forest, the Mercury reported that they had "threatened to shoot Ganger Bowley", that a false report came in that "Tom Bowley, of the railway, was shot in the forest", and that the murderers had slept in Bowley's house, "where they intended to murder Bowley and family, who, however, had warning and escaped"; the wounded Mrs Wilson had crawled to Mrs Bowley's. The ganger was very probably Erman's father, Thomas, then about 26 (likely).

Adrian Harcourt Page was born at Windsor, New South Wales, on 11 August 1904, and served in the Navy as no. 14656. In December 1924 the Police Gazette listed an Adrian Harcourt Page, born about 1904, as a deserter at Westernport, very probably the Navy man no. 14656, with a follow-up in 1926: possibly the

MARRIED
St Andrew's Manse, Launceston, by the Rev. G. M. Baird: 23 December 1921 (Daily Telegraph) or 28 December 1921 (Examiner)

BENEFIT CONCERT
Epping Hall, 8 August 1931, "in aid of Mr. E. Bowley, a returned soldier of Cleveland"

MARJORIE'S PARENTS' DEATHS
Robert Barker, 13 July 1926, aged 68; Mary Jane Barker, 13 February 1930, aged 60; both at Rose Cottage, Cleveland

MARJORIE'S BROTHER
Pte James Russell Barker, 40th Battalion, killed in action in France, 31 August 1918

BROTHERS
Arthur (married 1900), Leonard (died Melbourne 1948) and Aines Horace, Dick (died Orange, NSW, 1952); sister Leila, Mrs W. Hall

WAR
Sailed on HMAT Hororata, 14 June 1917; 40th Battalion in France from February 1918; wounded 28 March 1918 (shell wound, left foot); home on the Kashmir, 21 April 1919; discharged medically unfit 29 May 1919

FAMILY
Brothers and sisters, by the births index and the family notices: Arthur Thomas (1879, eldest; married 1900), a boy of 1881 (very probably Cyril, killed 1895), Theodora (1883), Elizabeth (1885), Erman (1893), Leonard Ethelbert (no. 7458; died Heidelberg 1948, the youngest son), Aines Horace, Dick (died Orange, NSW, 1952), Leila (Mrs W. Hall) and Maud (1896–98); also John and Thomas, mourners in 1934

GRANDPARENTS?
Possibly Thomas Bowley (born Garsdon, Wiltshire, about 1814; convict per Susan, 1837; died 1889, buried Cleveland) and Margaret Cronin (born Cork about 1830; convict per Australasia), married at Ross, 8 April 1854 (Digital Panopticon; possible). His father's Tasmanian birth entry would settle it; the couple's registered children were all daughters (1854–72), so it stays possible only

CHILDREN
Bob and Peggy Bowley p. 133, Cyril Geoffrey Bowley p. 139, Glen Bowley p. 140, Hazel Irene Bowley p. 140

Erman Bowley, continued

man who later married Marjorie. Erman and his brother Leonard Ethelbert enlisted together, nos. 7464 and 7458, and sailed together on the Hororata in June 1917. No Page–Bowley marriage is in the Victorian index from 1935 to 1955.

His war file fills in the rest. He sailed from Sydney on HMAT Hororata on 14 June 1917, had tonsillitis and a sprained ankle in England, and joined the 40th Battalion in France in February 1918. On 28 March 1918 he was wounded in action, a shell wound to the left foot, and was treated at Camiers, then at the Norfolk War Hospital in Norwich and at Harefield, spending the rest of 1918 with training units in England. He came home on the Kashmir, landing at Hobart on 21 April 1919, and was discharged medically unfit on 29 May 1919; he wasn't gassed. He signed his medal application at Cleveland on 28 April 1924. His brother Leonard Ethelbert Bowley, no. 7458, was in the same reinforcement, on the same ship and in the same battalion, and died at Heidelberg in 1948.

Thomas Bowley's ages agree within two years across the records: 21 at his marriage in 1878, about 26 in 1883 and 76 at his death in 1933 (likely the same man).

Erman's grandparents may have been convicts (possible only). A Thomas Bowley, born about 1814 at Garsdon, in Wiltshire, a farm labourer, was tried at New Sarum Quarter Sessions on 3 January 1837 and sent to Van Diemen's Land on the Susan; he became overseer at "Ashby", near Ross. Margaret Cronin, born about 1830 in Cork, was convicted of arson in County Cork on 17 March 1849 and transported for life on the Australasia. They had permission to marry on 22 February 1854 and married at the Catholic church at Ross on 8 April 1854, and their children were born from 1854 to 1873. That Thomas died on 7 September 1889 in the Campbell Town district and was buried at Cleveland, which fits the grandfather Thomas of Epping who was dead by 1892. Erman's father's own Tasmanian birth entry, about 1857, would settle it (Digital Panopticon). That couple's children registered at Campbell Town were all daughters, so the link to Erman is still unproven: six births to Thomas Bowley or Boley and Margaret, girls in 1854, 1859, 1865 and 1872, Caroline Matilda in 1868 and Emily in 1869, and no son Thomas between 1852 and 1872 (possible). A William Bowley, 80, was killed by the up mail train while walking on the main line on 16 September 1897, possibly a relative of the grandfather's generation (Tasmanian inquest, NI 1354127; possible).

The Examiner said he died at the Tasmanian Sanatorium, where he had been for four months, and that he had been "a great sufferer" since giving up work more than four years before. Dr Webster, president of the returned soldiers' sub-branch, led eight returned men ahead of the hearse; J. Davison, C. T. Flood, W. T. Flood and C. Hill carried the coffin, and Captain N. A. Nicolson took off the Union Jack before it was lowered. Marjorie's brothers M., E. and D. Barker were among the mourners (Examiner, 28 August 1934, from a family tree's transcription; likely).

The Examiner says he was discharged "through gas and wounds", but his war file shows a shell wound only. For his 1931 benefit, Mr Neville Sayles's concert party came out from Launceston, Mr L. Curtis of Evandale presided, and the night raised about £15 10s (Examiner, 10 August 1931, from the same transcriptions; likely).

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Death notice, The Mercury, 23 August 1934

Bowley–Barker, Daily Telegraph (Launceston), 21 January 1922, Trove

Benefit concert, Examiner, 10 August 1931, Trove

James Russell Barker, Daily Telegraph, 20 September 1918, Trove

"The Murder at Epping", Mercury, 12 April 1883, Trove

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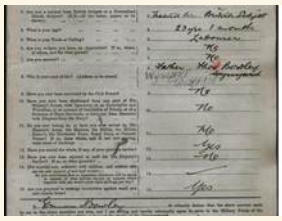
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"EBB": Erman as a young man, about 1912–16
A studio portrait: centre parting, wing collar and tie. His initials are its caption in a Bowley family tree.
Bowley family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Erman joins up, 1916
His attestation at Claremont Camp: born near Epping, a labourer, aged 23.
National Archives, B2455, BOWLEY E



Next of kin: Thos. Bowley, Wynyard
From Erman's First World War file.
National Archives, B2455, BOWLEY E



Marjorie Page, 1949
The 1949 roll at Murwillumbah: Marjorie Irene Page and, on the same street, Adrian Harcourt Page, radio mechanic.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



The 40th Battalion's front line, November 1917
Trenches south of the River Douve near Messines, held by the 40th Battalion, Tasmania's own, the battalion Erman joined. The timber stops the walls collapsing in the rain. Erman isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial E01322, public domain



Erman's birth, 1893
Campbell Town births, 1893: "Boley, Ermand Bower", born 24 August 1893; father Thomas Boley, ganger; mother Mary Boley, formerly Hefferan.
Libraries Tasmania, Campbell Town births 1893, no. 1149 (NI 1050098)



Very probably his parents' marriage, 1878
St Luke's, Campbell Town, 11 February 1878: Thomas Bowley, 21, labourer, and Mary Ann Hefferman, 18, domestic servant, by licence.
Libraries Tasmania, Campbell Town marriages 1878, no. 183 (NI 882871)



Marjorie Barker's birth, 1903
Campbell Town births, 1903: Marjorie Irene, born 3 February 1903; father Robert Barker, labourer, born Cleveland; mother Mary Ann McGillivray, born Antill Ponds.
Libraries Tasmania, Campbell Town births 1903, no. 100 (indexed as Barber)



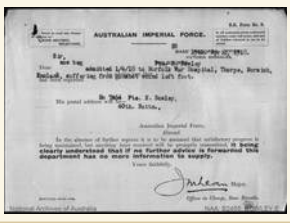
Erman's will, 1933
"Late of Cleveland in Tasmania, Railway Repairer": the house and land to Marjorie, a home for "my loving wife and children".
Libraries Tasmania, AD960/1/58, Will No. 20222



Erman's service record
No. 7464, 40th Battalion.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Bowley E B



France, 1918
Joined the 40th Battalion in France; wounded in action on 28 March 1918.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Bowley E B



"Wounded", 1918
The notice of his wound, a shell wound to the left foot.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Bowley E B



His medals, 1924
His medal application, signed at Cleveland on 28 April 1924.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Bowley E B

Bob's brother

Cyril Geoffrey Bowley

1923–1955

Erman and Marjorie's eldest son, Bob's big brother, born at Campbell Town, Tasmania, in 1923. He and Bob were the two sons named among the chief mourners at their father's funeral in 1934.

He joined the Navy from Murwillumbah in October 1939, at 16, with his mother, by then Mrs Page, as next of kin, and after training at Flinders Naval Depot he went to sea in the cruiser HMAS Australia from June 1940, and then in HMAS Hobart. He was rated Able Seaman on 2 April 1942. Seven weeks later, on 25 May 1942, his card marks him "Run", absent without leave, and he wasn't recovered until 12 September 1945, after the war had ended. He was discharged from HMAS Moreton, in Brisbane, on 3 December 1945, his services no longer required. The card is faint, so these readings are likely rather than certain. He very probably died on 22 November 1955, late of Collector, near Goulburn (Goulburn Post notice; likely).

The Queensland Police Gazette of 13 October 1945, page 379, lists the warrant for "Able Seaman CYRIL GEOFFREY BOWLEY", first published in its 1942 volume at page 199, among the warrants for absconders and deserters that had been executed, cancelled or withdrawn. A C. Bowley sailed from Hobart to Sydney in 1940 (possible).

NAVY NUMBER
23654, Able Seaman

BORN
30 January 1923, Campbell Town, Tasmania (his Army record)

SERVED
13 October 1939 to 3 December 1945

SHIPS
Cerberus, 1939–40; Australia, from June 1940; Hobart, to 1942

ABSENT
Marked "Run" 25 May 1942; recovered 12 September 1945; discharged 3 December 1945, services no longer required (faint card: likely reading)

IN HIS FATHER'S WILL
Cyril Jeffrey Bowley, "my eldest son" (1933)

DIED
Probably 22 November 1955, late of Collector, NSW (Goulburn Post, 22 November 1955; likely)

WARRANT
Queensland Police Gazette 1942, p. 199; listed as executed, cancelled or withdrawn, 13 October 1945, p. 379

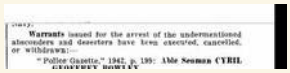
PARENTS
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Cyril's ships, 1939–42
His Navy card: Cerberus from 13 October 1939, then the cruisers Australia, from June 1940, and Hobart. Rated Able Seaman on 2 April 1942. The faint pencilled "Absentee" line below the ships is the start of his absence from May 1942.
National Archives, A6770, BOWLEY C G, page 2



Warrant withdrawn, 1945
"Warrants issued for the arrest of the undermentioned absconders and deserters have been executed, cancelled, or withdrawn: 'Police Gazette,' 1942, p. 199: Able Seaman Cyril Geoffrey Bowley."
Queensland Police Gazette, 13 October 1945, p. 379, via Ancestry

Bob's brother

Glen Bowley

born 1925

Bob's younger brother, born at Cleveland, Tasmania, on 20 July 1925, while the Bowleys were living there. A radio mechanic by trade, he joined the Navy at Sydney on 14 October 1946, a year after the war ended, signing on for two years, and trained as an Ordinary Seaman at HMAS Cerberus, Flinders Naval Depot. In July 1947 his card marks him absent without leave for a week, and that August he was discharged as unsuitable for the rating of Ordinary Seaman. His Navy card gives his next of kin as his mother, Marjorie Irene Page, of Murwillumbah, Bob's mother.

When and where he died hasn't been confirmed yet.

NAVY NUMBER
32921, Ordinary Seaman

BORN
20 July 1925, Cleveland, Tasmania

SERVED
14 October 1946 to 12 August 1947, HMAS Cerberus; absent without leave 5–13 July 1947; discharged as unsuitable for the rating of Ordinary Seaman

PARENTS
Erman Bowley p. 135

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Bob and Peggy Bowley p. 133, Cyril Geoffrey Bowley p. 139, Hazel Irene Bowley p. 140

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Glen's Navy card, 1946
Glen Bowley, 32921: born 20 July 1925 at Cleveland, Tasmania; Presbyterian; radio mechanic; joined on 14 October 1946 for two years. His next of kin, in faint ink, is his mother, Marjorie Irene Page, of Murwillumbah.
National Archives, A6770, BOWLEY G, page 1



Glen's Navy card, page 2
Cerberus, Ordinary Seaman, from 14 October 1946, character Good. In the remarks: "Run" on 5 July 1947 and recovered on the 13th, then approved to be discharged "unsuitable for the rating of Ordinary Seaman", 12 August 1947.
National Archives, A6770, BOWLEY G, page 2

Bob's sister

Hazel Irene Bowley

born 1926

Bob's little sister, born at Cleveland, Tasmania, in 1926. She joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force at Brisbane in December 1944, from Murwillumbah, at 18, with her mother, Marjorie Page, as next of kin, and served until April 1946.

A Miss Hazel Bowley was at a Murwillumbah wedding in May 1948. What happened to her after that hasn't been found yet.

AIR FORCE NUMBER 102570, WAAAF · BORN 1926, Cleveland, Tasmania · SERVED 21 December 1944 to 10 April 1946

Parents: Erman Bowley p. 135 · Brothers and sisters: Bob and Peggy Bowley p. 133, Cyril Geoffrey Bowley p. 139, Glen Bowley p. 140

HEATHER'S SIDE

The Clarke line

Sydney Augustine Clarke's family and forebears

Clarke · McDonald

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Corey's great-grandfather

Sydney Augustine Clarke

1899–1988 · *Pa's father*

For years nobody could find Max's parents, and then Max himself told us. Four months after his father died, he sat down at Dunkeld and wrote to the Army in blue pen, wanting to claim his father's Gallipoli medal. His dad, he said, wouldn't claim it while he was alive, and would "never talk much" about either war.

The Army wrote back that there was no Gallipoli record, and there couldn't be. Gallipoli ended five months before Sydney joined up. It looks as if Max only found that out from the reply. The family's Gallipoli memory may really belong to Sydney's big brother Horrie, who joined the 8th Battalion at Anzac on 17 July 1915, as his casualty form confirms.

Sydney was born in the high country around Bendoc and Delegate, on the Victoria and NSW border. He was a shop assistant at Bairnsdale when he enlisted in Melbourne on 14 June 1916, giving his age as 18 and a half. The birth index says 1899, which would make him 17. He sailed on the Port Sydney that September and was in France by January 1917, first with the 2nd Anzac Mounted Regiment and, from June, the 3rd Pioneer Battalion. For three months he was attached to the Provost Marshal's staff at 2nd Anzac headquarters.

On 22 August 1918, the first day the 3rd Pioneers went into action as infantry, near Bray on the Somme, he was shot in the left shoulder. He went by hospital ship to England, and was back at a depot within three weeks. The day after the Armistice he went absent without leave for two weeks, and the charge looks to have been dropped. He came home on the Ceramic in March 1919. A private the whole way through.

In the week before he was wounded, Sydney's battalion rebuilt the steel bridge over the Somme between Cerisy and Chipilly in five days, with every bit of material, down to the winches and hawsers, salvaged from the German dump at La Flaque, saving several hundred pounds. The war diary calls it "undoubtedly a record". He was with the battalion then, so he very likely worked on it.

Max remembered being told as a child that his father had spent nine months in a Bristol hospital after being gassed. The file has no gas and no Bristol. It does have a fever and conjunctivitis in June 1918. The battalion's war diary for 22 August records heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, but no gas. That memory fits his uncle George better: George was gassed with mustard gas in the same battalion on 26 May 1918 and discharged "Disability – Gassed", so the story may

WW1 NUMBER
2882A, 3rd Pioneer Battalion

WW2 NUMBER
V147844, acting corporal

BORN
Bendoc, Victoria 8192/1899. The Army has 6 March 1898, Delegate NSW

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke and Mary McDonald

MARRIED
Myrtle Annie Carey, Victoria 8948/1926

DIED
24 June 1988, Ballarat, Victoria 19549/1988

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Lawn F, Row 25, Grave 50, with Myrtle

PROBATE
1988 (PROV 998/426)

FAMILY MEMORY
Heather, his granddaughter, remembers him as Sydney August Clarke

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148, Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

PARTNER
Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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CHILDREN
Maxwell Clarke p. 128, Norman Ian Clarke p. 133

Sydney Augustine Clarke, continued

have shifted from one brother to the other as it was passed down (likely; how it was passed down, possible), just as the family's Gallipoli memory fits Horrie. His brothers Horace and Archibald George (George to the family) also served in the First World War. Horace signed up again in the Second, and Archibald joined the Civil Constructional Corps. Both brothers have their own files.

After the war he moved around. The electoral rolls have him at Wangaratta in 1922, Moe in 1924, and Bruthen, near his brother Ernest's place at Canni Creek, and Oakleigh in 1925, before he settled at Ballarat in 1926, the year he married Myrtle. A Sydney Augustine Clarke, labourer, was also on the 1922 roll at Detention, near Smithton in north-west Tasmania: very probably him. From 1928 the rolls have them in Ballarat East.

In March 1942, a gardener and father of two at 128 Eureka Street, Ballarat, he signed up again. He worked at 108 General Hospital and then Heidelberg Military Hospital, rose to acting corporal, and was discharged in June 1944. He died at Ballarat on 24 June 1988, aged 89, and he and Myrtle share a grave at Ballarat New Cemetery.

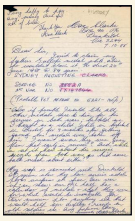
His brother George served in his battalion, the 3rd Pioneers, and was gassed in May 1918, three months before Sydney was wounded near Bray. The Ballarat cemetery register gives Sydney's age as 89, which fits the 1899 registration rather than the Army's 1898.

MORE SOURCES

His AIF Project entry

Ballarat cemeteries search

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Max's letter about his father, 7 October 1988
In Max's own hand: he wants to claim his father's Gallipoli medal.
National Archives, B884, V147844, page 32



Sydney signs up, 1916
His First World War attestation, giving his age as 18 and a half.
National Archives, B884, V147844, page 7



The new bridge at Chipilly, 17 August 1918
Built by Sydney's battalion in five days, says the war diary (the Memorial's caption says six), and opened by General Monash. Men line it, with the old girder broken in the river below. The diary calls it "one of the finest engineering feats carried out by the A.I.F." Sydney isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial E03909, public domain



"Undoubtedly a record"
The war diary, 12 August 1918: the Cerisy to Chipilly bridge.
Australian War Memorial, AWM4 14/15/22



The war diary, 22 August 1918
The day Sydney was wounded: heavy shelling and machine-gun fire near Bray.
Australian War Memorial, AWM4 14/15/22



The 3rd Pioneers near Bray, 22 August 1918
Sydney's battalion on the day he was wounded. The men aren't named.
Australian War Memorial E02954, public domain



A15, his ship out in 1916
The transport that carried him from Melbourne.
Australian War Memorial H17014



A40 Ceramic, his ship home
At Station Pier on an earlier departure. Torpedoed in 1942 with only one survivor.
Australian War Memorial J00340

Sydney Augustine Clarke, continued



Sydney signs up again, 1942
His Second World War attestation.
National Archives, B884, V147844, page 1



Syd in uniform, First World War
A studio portrait of Sydney Augustine Clarke in his AIF slouch hat.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Syd as a young man
In a suit and hat on a verandah step.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Horrie, George and Syd, First World War
Three Clarke brothers in AIF uniform, their names written along the top of the mount. Syd is on the right.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



George and Syd
Brothers Archibald George (left) and Sydney Augustine Clarke (right), both in slouch hats.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Myrtle and Syd
On a verandah step; the family's caption mentions the Ballarat City Oval.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Very probably Syd in Tasmania, 1922
The 1922 roll, Circular Head: "Clarke, Sydney Augustine, Detention, labourer".
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



"Sydney Clarke", First World War
A tight crop of Syd in AIF uniform with his collar badges, very probably from the photo of the three brothers.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Sydney's eldest brother; Pa's uncle

Henry Ernest Clarke and Bessie

1885–1978, + Bessie

Henry Ernest Clarke, known as Ernest or Ernie, was Henry and Mary's eldest son. In December 1918 "Mr H. E. Clarke, formerly of Bairnsdale" took over the blacksmith's business at Canni Creek, on the coach road from Bruthen to the Buchan Caves, whose house was a stop for tourists. By 1921 the shire had registered it as a lodging house, and by 1927 it was the Canni Creek Accommodation House, run by Ernie and his wife Bessie.

His parents came to live out their days with him there: Mary died at Canni Creek in 1922 and Henry in 1944, and both were buried at Buchan.

His Volunteer Defence Corps attestation, at Buchan on 27 March 1942, gives his birth as 23 December 1884 at Sydney and his wife as Elizabeth Charlotte, Bessie; he served until 19 September 1945.

BUSINESS
Canni Creek, from December 1918; Canni Creek Accommodation House by 1927

WIFE
Bessie

BORN
1885, Ashfield, NSW 5665/1885

DIED
1978, Bairnsdale, aged 93, Victoria 27461/1978

VDC
V365084, 13th Battalion, Buchan, 27 March 1942 – 19 September 1945

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148, Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Archibald George Clarke p. 145, Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147, Margaret King p. 144

Henry Ernest Clarke and Bessie, continued

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Clarke's Accommodation House, Canni Creek
An old postcard of the family's accommodation house.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Volunteer Defence Corps, 1942
V365084, 13th Battalion, enlisted at Buchan: a dairy farmer of Canni Creek.
National Archives of Australia, B884, V365084



Corey's great-grandfather's sister

Margaret King, née Clarke, known as Queenie

1896–1986 · *Sydney's sister; Pa's aunt*

Margaret Mildred Catherine Clarke, Queenie to the family, was Henry and Mary Clarke's only daughter and a sister of Sydney, Pa's dad, very probably born in 1896. Her mother's death notice in 1922 names her among the seven children: Ernest, George, Leo, Horace, Merton, Sid and Queenie, the only girl.

By 1925 she was Mrs King. That year someone wrote "Queen King & Harry Clarke 1925" on a snapshot of her sitting beside her father on a loaded dray, and the Clarke family's tree calls her Margaret (Queenie) King. The Victorian index has a Margaret Clarke marrying Roy Beardsley King that year, and her plaque calls her his wife. She lived on in East Gippsland and died at Bairnsdale in 1986, as Margaret Mildred Catherine King. Roy wasn't of Nanny's King line: Roy Beardsley King (1898–1984) was born in Norfolk, England, the son of Walter King and Eliza Wainwright.

Her bronze plaque reads "In loving memory of Margaret Mildred (Queenie) King, died 24th August 1986, age 90 years, beloved wife of Roy", and goes on to name her children and grandchildren, who aren't named here.

ALSO KNOWN AS
Queenie

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke and Mary McDonald

MARRIED NAME
King, by 1925

BORN
Very probably 1896 (Vic 17453/1896)

MARRIED
Roy Beardsley King, 1925 (Vic 9766/1925); her plaque calls her "beloved wife of Roy"

DIED
24 August 1986, Bairnsdale, aged 90 (her plaque)

HUSBAND
Roy Beardsley King, 1898–1984, born Norfolk, England, son of Walter King and Eliza Wainwright (Vic 19764/1984)

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148, Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Henry Ernest Clarke and Bessie p. 143, Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Archibald George Clarke p. 145, Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147

Margaret King, continued

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Queenie and her father, 1925
Queenie, in the wide hat, beside her father Henry on a loaded dray. Written along the bottom: "Queen King & Harry Clarke 1925".
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Queenie and her father
"Henry Clarke (no hat), daughter Margaret (Queenie) King": Queenie is very probably the young woman standing with a kitten.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Queenie's plaque
"Margaret Mildred (Queenie) King, died 24th August 1986, age 90 years, beloved wife of Roy." The names of her children and grandchildren are hidden.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Unconfirmed: a couple, about 1916
A hand-coloured studio portrait that one family tree puts on Queenie, perhaps with Roy King, and another on her brother George and his first wife. It hasn't been settled.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Archibald George Clarke

1887–1983 · *Sydney's brother*

Archibald George Clarke, George to the family, was Sydney's big brother, born at Newtown in Sydney in 1887. A married man, with a wife called Isabel, he enlisted at Sale in Gippsland on 4 March 1916, served with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion, Sydney's own, as a lance corporal (he'd been made a corporal in May 1916 and reverted at his own request), and was wounded and gassed with mustard gas on 26 May 1918. From January 1919 he was with the Australian Army Postal Corps, and he was discharged medically unfit, "Disability – Gassed", on 18 November 1919. In the Second World War he worked with the Civil Constructional Corps, the civilian works force.

Two photos of him in uniform survive in the Clarke family's own tree: one with Horrie and Syd, the three brothers in AIF uniform with their names written along the top of the mount, and one with Syd, both in slouch hats. He died at Bairnsdale in 1983, aged 95.

His marriages, from the index and his own 1937 petition: Isabel May Hutchison in 1916; Eleanor Ann Davis on 2 November 1925, at 97 Bridge Road, Richmond, by Congregational rites; very probably Marie (Maria) Agnes Butler in 1938 (likely); and Alice Margaret Forsyth (1906–1991) in 1950. One family tree had the 1925 and 1950 wives the other way round. In 1937, a Victoria Police constable of 27 McKenzie Street, Melbourne, aged 50, he petitioned for divorce from Eleanor Ann on the ground of desertion; there were no children. The marriage was dissolved on 1 September 1937 and the decree made absolute on 2 December 1937. His bronze plaque at Bairnsdale reads "167A Corporal A. G. Clarke, 5 Pioneer Battalion", with March 1983, age 97, and "beloved husband of Alice"; the death index has him at 95, and his file shows the 3rd Pioneers, not the 5th.

A hand-coloured studio portrait of a young couple, about 1916, is on his page in one family tree, very probably as his first wedding, but another tree puts the same photo on his sister Queenie, perhaps with Roy King, so it's unconfirmed.

Heather, Max's daughter, remembers George as one of Sydney's brothers.

WW1 NUMBER
167; 3rd Pioneer Battalion (Sydney's battalion), lance corporal; gassed (mustard gas) 26 May 1918; Australian Army Postal Corps 1919; discharged medically unfit 18 November 1919

WW2
Civil Constructional Corps, CV122531

BORN
1887, Newtown, NSW (NSW 8763/1887)

DIED
March 1983, Bairnsdale: aged 95 by the index (Vic 5637/1983), 97 on his plaque

MARRIAGES
Isabel May Hutchison, 1916 (Vic 3364/1916); Eleanor Ann Davis, 2 November 1925, Richmond (Vic 11486/1925); very probably Marie Agnes Butler, 1938 (Vic 2338/1938; likely); Alice Margaret Forsyth, 1950 (Vic 10183/1950)

PROBATE
Died 13 March 1983 at Paynesville (Victorian probate index)

DIVORCE
From Eleanor Ann, on the ground of desertion: decree 1 September 1937, absolute 2 December 1937 (PROV VPRS 283/P2, 1937/369)

1937
A Victoria Police constable, of 27 McKenzie Street, Melbourne (his petition)

Archibald George Clarke, continued

PARENTS

Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148, Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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George and Syd
Archibald George (left) and his little brother Sydney (right), both in slouch hats.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Horrie, George and Syd, First World War
Three Clarke brothers in AIF uniform, their names written along the top of the mount. George is in the middle.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The 5th Pioneers, 1918
Men of the 5th Pioneer Battalion, once thought to be George's unit: his service file puts him in the 3rd Pioneers, Sydney's battalion, and his plaque says 5th.
Australian War Memorial E02430, public domain



"George Clarke", First World War
A head-and-shoulders crop of him in AIF uniform.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



His plaque, Bairnsdale
"167A Corporal A. G. Clarke, 5 Pioneer Battalion", March 1983, age 97, beloved husband of Alice.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Unconfirmed: a couple, about 1916
A hand-coloured studio portrait: a young woman standing in a white cap and dress, a man seated in a dark suit. One tree has it as George and his first wife; another puts it on his sister Queenie. It hasn't been settled.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



George's service record
The 3rd Pioneer Battalion; wounded and gassed, 26 May 1918.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Clarke A G



His service summary
Discharged medically unfit, "Disability – Gassed", 18 November 1919.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Clarke A G



His petition, 1937
Archibald George Clarke of 27 McKenzie Street, Melbourne, constable of police: married Eleanor Ann on 2 November 1925 at 97 Bridge Road, Richmond; the ground, desertion.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 283/P2, 1937/369



The decree, 1 September 1937
The marriage dissolved on the ground of desertion, unless cause were shown within three months.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 283/P2, 1937/369



Made absolute, 2 December 1937
The cover of the decree absolute.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 283/P2, 1937/369



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Horace Wildamere Clarke

1893–1989 · *Sydney's brother*

Horace Wildamere Clarke, Horrie to the family, was born in Sydney on 1 January 1893, Sydney's big brother by six years. He joined up at Bairnsdale on 12 January 1915, more than a year before Sydney: a 22-year-old grocer, with his father, Henry, at Delegate River as his next of kin. He sailed in April 1915 with the 5th Reinforcements of the 8th Battalion and joined the battalion at Anzac on 17 July 1915: his casualty form says so, and in 1920 he signed for his 1914–15 Star. By September he had dysentery and was in hospital on Malta, and then in England. In March 1916 he moved to the 2nd Machine Gun Company, and in France in August 1917 he was made a lance corporal. On 20 September 1917, the first day of the Battle of Menin Road near Ypres, he was shot in the right hand and taken to England on the hospital ship St Denis. He went back to France in October 1918 with the 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and came home on the Plassy in March 1919, with pneumonia.

In the Second World War he signed up again, as V17802. He married Kate Blodwyn Pyke. He's on the left in the photo of the three Clarke brothers in uniform, with George in the middle and Syd on the right. He died in Victoria in 1989, aged 96, as his plaque says (the death index has 95).

Horace and Katherine share a bronze lawn plaque: "Horace Wildamere, 1893–1989 (96), loved husband of Katherine Blodwin" and "Katherine Blodwin, 1895–1988 (93), loved wife of Horace Wildamere", dear father and mother of Margery, who died before them, and of a second daughter.

He was discharged medically unfit on 6 July 1919. In June 1921 the Land Board heard him as a soldier settler: single, 28, a grocer before the war, with 1,475 days abroad, the owner of a small block at Oakleigh, who had just sold 123 acres at Drouin West. He got allotment 31 in the parish of Peechelba, and in 1929, married with a daughter of seven, he took another 121 acres, allotment 45B. In 1930 he was running 200 sheep and 16 horses. His death entry gives his birthplace as Sydney.

WW1 SERVICE
1712A; 8th Battalion from July 1915, 2nd Machine Gun Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion; lance corporal; wounded 20 September 1917

WW2 NUMBER
V17802

BORN
1 January 1893: Sydney, by his death entry; he gave Bairnsdale as his birthplace when he enlisted in 1915

MARRIED
Kate Blodwin Pyke, 1921 (Vic 9213/1921)

DIED
1989, Victoria, aged 96 (his plaque; Vic 874/1989 has 95)

KATHERINE
Katherine Blodwin Clarke, 1895–1988, aged 93 (their plaque)

GALLIPOLI
Joined the 8th Battalion at Anzac, 17 July 1915; signed for his 1914–15 Star, 13 September 1920 (B2455, pp. 7 and 12)

SOLDIER SETTLER
Peechelba, from 1921: allotment 31, then 45B in 1929 (121 acres); 200 sheep in 1930 (PROV VPRS 5714, ESTATE3802 and ESTATE4370)

PARENTS
Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148, Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Henry Ernest Clarke and Bessie p. 143, Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Archibald George Clarke p. 145, Margaret King p. 144

Horace Wildamere Clarke, continued

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Horrie, George and Syd, First World War
Three Clarke brothers in AIF uniform, their names written along the top of the mount. Horrie is on the left.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Horrie joins up, January 1915
His attestation, sworn at Bairnsdale: Horace Wildamere Clarke, 22, grocer, next of kin his father, Henry Clarke, of Delegate River, Bonang. Stamped for the 5th Reinforcements of the 8th Battalion; "1st M.G. Bn" was added in red later.
National Archives, B2455, CLARKE H W, page 1



To Malta, and on to France, 1915–17
His service sheet: embarked 17 April 1915; on the 8th Battalion's strength from 17 July 1915; dysentery, and the Imtarfa hospital on Malta in September; the 2nd Machine Gun Company from March 1916; mumps at St Omer; lance corporal in France, August 1917.
National Archives, B2455, CLARKE H W, page 4



"Wounded in action", 20 September 1917
The same sheet: wounded on 20 September 1917, shipped to England on the hospital ship St Denis, and admitted to the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, Kent, with a gunshot wound to the right hand.
National Archives, B2455, CLARKE H W, page 4



Horace and Katherine's plaque
"Clarke. Horace Wildamere 1893–1989 (96) ... Katherine Blodwin 1895–1988 (93)", dear father and mother of Margery (dec.) and a daughter whose name is hidden.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Joined Batt. ANZAC 17/7/15"
His casualty form, which settles that he was on Gallipoli.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Clarke H W



His 1914–15 Star receipt, 1920
Signed in Melbourne on 13 September 1920.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Clarke H W



Soldier settler, Peechelba, 1921
His soldier-settlement file: allotment 31, parish of Peechelba.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 5714, ESTATE3802



A second block, 1929
Allotment 45B, 121 acres.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 5714, ESTATE4370



Corey's great-great-grandfather

Henry Augustine Clarke

about 1862–1944 · *Sydney's father*

Born at Queanbeyan, NSW, about 1862, to George Clarke and Jane Howard. His parents married at Bombala only in 1867, five years after he was born. His birth hasn't been found in the NSW index under Clarke or Howard, so he may never have been registered. He married Mary McDonald at Bombala in 1884. Their

MARRIED
NSW 5818/1884, Bombala

Henry Augustine Clarke, continued

children's birthplaces tell the story of their moves: Ashfield, Newtown and Sydney, then up to Bendoc in the Victorian high country. By 1916 he was at Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale, and three of his sons went to the First World War.

They finished their days in the bush at Canni Creek, in East Gippsland between Bruthen and Buchan, where their eldest son Ernest took over a blacksmith's in 1918 whose house was a stop for tourists on the way to the Buchan Caves. By 1927 it was the Canni Creek Accommodation House, run by Ernest and his wife Bessie, who have their own file. The electoral rolls show he still moved about: Orbost in 1922, Malvern in Melbourne in 1925, Bruthen through the 1930s and early 1940s, Bairnsdale again in 1937, and Buchan South in 1939 and 1941. Henry died at Canni Creek on 5 June 1944, aged 81, "an old resident of the Buchan district", and was buried at Buchan the next day.

A son, Allan Morton W. Clarke, was born at Bendoc in 1894 (Vic 26854/1894). The Buchan cemetery transcription gives Henry's birth as 15 August 1862 at Queanbeyan (likely).

The "Merton" of Mary's 1922 death notice was very probably their son Allan Morton W. Clarke, born at Bendoc in 1894 (likely).

DIED
5 June 1944, Canni Creek, Victoria 18135/1944

RESTING PLACE
Buchan cemetery, with Mary, unmarked

CHILDREN
Ernest (1885), Archibald George (1887), Horace (1893), Allan Morton W., "Merton" (1894), Leo, Sydney (1899) and Margaret, "Queenie" (1896)

PARENTS
George Clarke and Jane Howard p. 151

PARTNER
Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

CHILDREN
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Canni Creek, 1915
Canni Creek in 1915. H. W. Beecher held allotment 3A, on the road from Bruthen to Buchan near the Kanni Creek crossing. Ernest Clarke took over Beecher's business in 1918. Which block the house stood on isn't known.
Parish plan, State Library Victoria



The Buchan Caves road, 1907
Making a road through the bush, and a new bridge on the Buchan road.
Weekly Times, 23 November 1907, via Trove



Henry Augustine Clarke
A tintype portrait of Henry as a young man, with his moustache, check jacket and cravat. A larger, tinted copy.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Clarke's Accommodation House, Canni Creek
An old postcard of the family's accommodation house.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Henry and his daughter Queenie, 1925
The two of them sitting on a loaded dray. Written along the bottom of the print: "Queen King & Harry Clarke 1925".
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Henry and Mary with her McDonald sisters
Henry, in the hat, with four women in a garden, about 1910–20. The family's caption says they are Mary and her McDonald sisters, but not which one is Mary. A soft snapshot.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Henry and Mary, about 1910–20
Henry seated, in the hat, with three women; the family's caption names Henry and Mary. The crop of Mary in her own file comes from this photo.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Henry Clarke" in old age
In a hat and white shirt, feeding a calf from a bucket in a paddock: very probably Canni Creek, in the 1920s or 30s.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Henry Augustine Clarke, continued



"Henry Clarke (no hat), daughter Margaret (Queenie) King"
Four people in a backyard by a paling gate: Henry is the bald man with the moustache at right, and Queenie very probably the young woman standing with a kitten. The seated woman and the man in the hat aren't named.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Mary Clarke, née McDonald

1856–1922 · *Sydney's mother*

The daughter of Archibald and Margaret McDonald. She married Henry Clarke at Bombala in 1884, and raised their children across Sydney, the Monaro and Gippsland. She died at Canni Creek on 1 April 1922, aged 66, and was buried at Buchan. Her notice names her seven children: Ernest, George, Leo, Horace, Merton, Sid and Queenie. Sid was Pa's dad. Queenie has her own file.

MARRIED
NSW 5818/1884, Bombala

DIED
1 April 1922, Canni Creek, Victoria
4261/1922

RESTING PLACE
Buchan

BORN
20 January 1856 (family tree caption)

BUCHAN TRANSCRIPTION
Born 20 January 1856, Delegate; died 1 April 1922 (likely)

PARENTS
Archibald McDonald p. 153

PARTNER
Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148

CHILDREN
Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141, Archibald George Clarke p. 145, Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147, Margaret King p. 144, Henry Ernest Clarke and Bessie p. 143

Mary Clarke, née McDonald, continued

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Mary Clarke, née McDonald
Cropped from a family group. The family's caption gives her dates as 20 January 1856 to 1 April 1922.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Henry and Mary with her McDonald sisters
Henry, in the hat, with four women in a garden, about 1910–20. The family's caption says they are Mary and her McDonald sisters, but not which one is Mary. A soft snapshot.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Henry and Mary, about 1910–20
Henry seated, in the hat, with three women; the family's caption names Henry and Mary. The crop of Mary in her own file comes from this photo.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Her father's death certificate, 1885
It lists Mary first among the nine children, aged 29.
NSW death certificate 11862/1885, via a McDonald family tree on Ancestry

Corey's great-great-great-grandparents

George Clarke and Jane Howard

born about 1815 · *Henry's parents*

George Clarke and Jane Howard married at Bombala in 1867, when Henry, born at Queanbeyan about 1862, was already five. Elizabeth was born at Bombala in 1867 and died there in 1869, aged about two, and Thomas followed in 1869. George died at Bombala in 1875. A year later Jane married John Francis Lewis, and she lived on at Bombala until 1918, when she died aged 88.

In 1865 the Bega bench issued a warrant for George, charged with deserting "his four illegitimate children" and leaving them without support, and it described him: about 46, 5 feet 8 or 9, fair, with large light-blue eyes, long fair hair and whiskers inclined to sandy, but no moustache, dressed in a drab coat, a reddish silk vest, shepherd's-plaid trousers, a light California hat and Wellington boots. Cooma police arrested him that September. At Bega on 17 November he told the court he had gone away to look for work and had been sending money, and Jane Howard, "alias Clarke", withdrew the charge. They married two years later. When he died at Bombala in 1875 he was working at Maharatta station, and the paper put his death down to heart disease.

A Mary born at Braidwood in 1860 and a William born at Eden in 1864 to a George and Jane Clarke may be Henry's sister and brother, but at least six George-and-Jane Clarke couples were having children in New South Wales then, so that isn't proven. Jane's memorial says she was born in London about 1830. She died in 1918 at the home of a Mrs Clark, very likely Thomas's wife, and Thomas himself died near Bombala two years later after a long illness: "a hard-working, respectable citizen" of "a quiet, retiring disposition".

The New South Wales registrations, transcribed in two family trees, fill in the gaps. George and Jane married at Bombala on 7 July 1867 by Roman Catholic rites, with Hugh and Mary McGrade as witnesses: he a bachelor and a tailor, she a spinster, both of Bombala. When he died at Maharatta on 6 June 1875, of heart disease after two weeks, Jane gave his age as 60 and his birthplace as London, where his father, another George Clarke, had been a tailor; he had been 40 years in New South Wales, so since about 1835, had married at 50, and left three sons and two daughters, which would leave room for the Mary of 1860 and the William of 1864. He was buried at Bombala on 8 June with no religious service.

MARRIED
7 July 1867, Bombala, Roman Catholic; witnesses Hugh and Mary McGrade (NSW 1681/1867)

GEORGE DIED
6 June 1875, Maharatta, district of Bombala, aged 60, of heart disease; buried at Bombala, 8 June (NSW 5118/1875)

JANE REMARRIED
John Francis Lewis, 27 May 1876, at her home, Bombala, Wesleyan (NSW 2124/1876)

JANE DIED
25 October 1918, Bombala, aged 88, NSW 17154/1918

JANE'S RESTING PLACE
Bombala Cemetery, Lawn, plot 651 (Find a Grave 216709240)

BORN
About 1815–19, London: aged about 46 in the 1865 warrant, 50 at his 1867 marriage, 60 at his death. His father, George Clarke, was a tailor

JANE'S PROBATE
Jane Lewis: estate AF00335534; probate 17 January 1919 (Series 4_91137)

JANE'S FAMILY
Born about 1832, London (aged 44 in May 1876; her memorial says about 1830); a milliner; daughter of James Howard, shipwright, and Jane Hughes

POLICE GAZETTE
NSW Police Gazette, 27 September 1865, p. 343 (the warrant), and 22 November 1865, pp. 412–413 (the arrest at Cooma)

George Clarke and Jane Howard, continued

Jane was a Londoner too, and a milliner, the daughter of James Howard, a shipwright, and Jane Hughes. On 27 May 1876, at her home, by Wesleyan rites, she married John Francis Lewis, a labourer of 57 born at Leeds, the son of Benjamin Lewis and Mary Laycock. She was 44, which puts her birth about 1832, and she made her mark. The 1865 warrant and his arrest are in the NSW Police Gazette of 27 September 1865, page 343, and 22 November 1865, pages 412–413: "George Clarke, charged on warrant with deserting his four illegitimate children, has been arrested by Senior Constable Carroll and Constable M'Kenzie, Cooma Police. Remanded to Bega to be dealt with." The warrant had said he was "supposed to have gone to Monaro in company with a woman named Matilda Smith, about 19 years of age".

The "four illegitimate children" of the 1865 warrant fit the trail of births: a Mary at Braidwood in 1860, Henry at Queanbeyan about 1862 and a William at Eden in 1864 (Bega, whose bench issued the warrant, is in the Eden district); George's 1875 death entry gives three sons and two daughters (possible).

The Bega bench book that holds the hearing of 17 November 1865 survives: it is volume [10/1080] of NRS 2794, covering July 1863 to February 1881, not microfilmed, at the Western Sydney Records Centre, and it is the record to order.

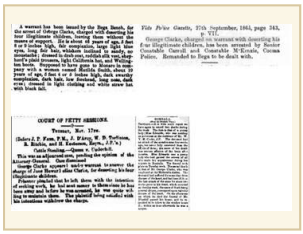
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Bega bench book, 21 July 1863 – 18 February 1881, NRS 2794 [10/1080], not filmed (Western Sydney Records Centre): the hearing of 17 November 1865

CHILDREN

Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148

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The warrant, the arrest and the court, 1865

Four cuttings: the Bega bench's warrant describing George; his arrest by the Cooma police (Police Gazette, 27 September 1865); the Bega court on 17 November, where Jane withdrew the charge; and his obituary from Bombala, 1875.

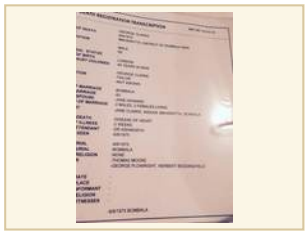
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



George and Jane marry, 1867

A typed transcription: George Clarke, bachelor, tailor, of Bombala, and Jane Howard, spinster, of Bombala, 7 July 1867, Roman Catholic; witnesses Hugh and Mary McGrade.

NSW marriage transcription, via a Clarke family tree on Ancestry



George's death, 1875

Maharatta, 6 June 1875: aged 60, born London, 40 years in the colony; father George Clarke, tailor; married at Bombala at 50; three sons and two daughters living.

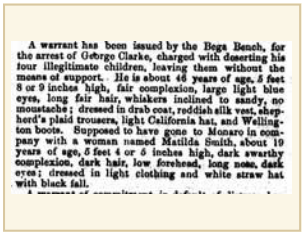
NSW death transcription, via a Clarke family tree on Ancestry



Jane marries John Francis Lewis, 1876

At her home, 27 May 1876: Jane Clarke, widow, 44, milliner, born in London, daughter of James Howard, shipwright, and Jane Hughs.

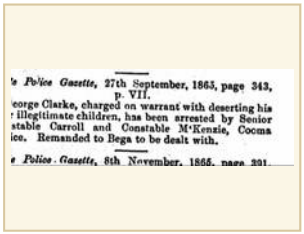
NSW marriage transcription, via a Clarke family tree on Ancestry



The Bega warrant, 1865

"A warrant has been issued by the Bega Bench, for the arrest of George Clarke, charged with deserting his four illegitimate children, leaving them without the means of support. He is about 46 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, fair complexion, large light blue eyes..."

NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 27 September 1865, p. 343



Arrested at Cooma, 1865

"George Clarke, charged on warrant with deserting his four illegitimate children, has been arrested by Senior Constable Carroll and Constable M'Kenzie, Cooma Police. Remanded to Bega to be dealt with."

NSW Police Gazette, via Ancestry, 22 November 1865



Corey's great-great-great-grandparents

Archibald and Margaret McDonald

Mary's parents

Named as Mary's parents on her 1922 death record. Archibald McDonald was born at Inverness, in Scotland, about 1830, the son of John McDonald, a farmer, and Sarah Scott, and by his death he had been in New South Wales for about 47 years, so since he was a boy. In 1855 he married Margaret, also a McDonald, at Queanbeyan; he gave his home as the Maneroo, the Monaro.

He was a hotelkeeper at Bombala when he died on 31 August 1885, aged 55, and he was buried at Delegate. Margaret outlived him by more than thirty years. She died on 12 April 1917, aged 88, and lies with him under a headstone that calls them both "natives of Inverness". Her portrait, seated with a book in a tall feathered bonnet, is the face on their tag.

His death certificate says he died at Tara, Bombala, of natural causes after eleven weeks' illness, attended by Dr R. Eddie, and was buried at Delegate on 2 September 1885 by Father Fleming; his son John, of Delegate, was the informant. It lists their nine children with their ages: Mary 29, Sarah 27, John 26, Archibald 24, Margaret 22, Alexander 21, Catherine 18, Isabella 16 and Roderick 14. They had married at Queanbeyan on 7 February 1855: "Archbold" McDonald, a Catholic, of the Maneroo, and Margaret McDonald, of Chamberry, who made her mark, with Duncan McDonald and Margaret Robertson as witnesses.

Margaret's obituary in the Delegate Argus says she was born at Inverness in 1828, also a McDonald, and came out aged seven (by her birth year she was about nine) with her parents on the William Nicoll, the ship that brought Farquhar MacRae; they settled at Queanbeyan, where her father took up Uriarra, and she married from Canberra. She died of pneumonia at Delegate on Thursday 12 April 1917, aged 88 years 11 months, with seven children living, Mrs H. Clarke among them, 25 grandchildren, and nine grandsons at the front.

Margaret's home at her marriage in 1855, written "Chamberry", was very probably "Canberry", the old name of the Canberra district, where her family had taken up Uriarra (likely).

In August 1854, the year before his marriage, Archibald paid a deposit through the Bombala bench to bring out relatives as assisted immigrants (Immigration Board letters, NRS 5247 [4/4643] p. 486, letter 54/1432; the same run has passage money for an Alexander and a Roderick McDonald, the names Archibald gave his sons, born about 1864 and 1871 (possible)). In 1861 he sued Edward Plunkett at Cooma over an unpaid promissory note (NRS 2919 [4/5531]). His daughter Sarah, a spinster of Crankies Plains near Bombala, died without a will; the court's file of 1899 holds her family's certificates (Intestate Estates, file 395 [10/27569]; likely). The ship's McDonalds went to different masters: Archibald, the cooper of 35, to P. McIntyre on the Hunter River; John, a labourer of 32 with two children, to a Mr Scrutton; and John, a shepherd of 32 with five children, to C. Campbell, very probably the Campbells of Duntroon on the Limestone Plains, as another man on the list was engaged by "Campbell, Limestone". The shepherd is the best fit for Margaret's father, whose family settled near Queanbeyan and married her from "Canberry"; the cooper, sent to the Hunter, is the least likely. Archibald's own father was a John McDonald too, so he may also

ARCHIBALD'S PARENTS
John McDonald, farmer, and Sarah Scott (his death certificate, in the Clarke family's tree)

MARRIED
7 February 1855, Queanbeyan, by R. Walsh (marriage extract, no. 27, vol. 101)

ARCHIBALD DIED
31 August 1885, Bombala, aged 55, hotelkeeper

MARGARET DIED
12 April 1917, aged 88

RESTING PLACE
Delegate Cemetery, together

PROBATE
Granted 28 October 1885 (Series 3_12161); estate Z07067

CHILDREN
Mary, Sarah, John, Archibald, Margaret, Alexander, Catherine, Isabella and Roderick (his death certificate, 1885)

MARGARET
Born Inverness, 1828; came out on the William Nicoll with her parents; died at Delegate, 12 April 1917, aged 88 (Delegate Argus, 19 April 1917)

COURTS
Deposit certificate for assisted immigrants, Bombala bench, 28 August 1854 (NRS 5247 [4/4643]); Archibald McDonald v Edward Plunkett, Cooma small debts court, 1 August 1861, promissory note (NRS 2919 [4/5531]) (likely him)

SARAH'S ESTATE
Sarah McDonald, spinster, of Crankies Plains, near Bombala: Intestate Estates file 395 [10/27569], 1899, with BDM certificates (very probably their daughter Sarah, 27 in 1885; likely)

CHILDREN
Mary Clarke, née McDonald p. 150

Archibald McDonald, continued

have come out as a boy in 1837–38 (possible; William Nicol bounty list, NRS 5313 [4/4780] pp. 12–13, nos. 15, 16, 26 and 57).

Nine of their children were living in 1885 and seven in 1917; Sarah, the spinster of Crankies Plains whose estate came before the court in 1899, accounts for one of the two (likely).

Their white marble stone at Delegate has a carved lily on each side.

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Margaret McDonald, about 1895
Mary's mother, seated with a book, in a tall feathered bonnet.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Their headstone, Delegate
"Archibald McDonald died 31st Aug 1885 aged 55 years, and his beloved wife Margaret died 12th April 1917 aged 88 years. Natives of Inverness Scotland."
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Archibald's death certificate, 1885
Hotel keeper, 55, died 31 August 1885 at Tara, Bombala; son of John McDonald, farmer, and Sarah Scott; born Inverness-shire; 47 years in the colony; nine children named.
NSW death certificate 11862/1885, via a McDonald family tree on Ancestry



Archibald and Margaret marry, 1855
Queanbeyan, 7 February 1855: "Archbold" McDonald, of the Maneroo, and Margaret McDonald (her mark), of Chamberry.
NSW marriage extract, via a McDonald family tree on Ancestry



The whole stone at Delegate
Archibald McDonald, died 31 August 1885, aged 55, and his wife Margaret, died 12 April 1917, aged 88: "Natives of Inverness Scotland".
BillionGraves photo, via the Hoffman Family Tree on Ancestry

HEATHER'S SIDE

The Carey line

Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey's family and forebears

Carey · Stephens · Gribble · Cary

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155
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4× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Benjamin Gribble p. 161 John Kimber Carey p. 163
5× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	John Cary p. 163



Corey's great-grandmother

Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey

1907–1983 · *Pa's mother*

A Ballarat East girl, born in 1907, the youngest we can find of five. That's why Max was born at Ballarat East: it was his mother's country. She married Sydney Clarke in 1926, and they lived at 128 Eureka Street, Ballarat.

Her brother Stanley died of pneumonic influenza, the Spanish flu, at Ballarat's isolation camp on Saturday 8 February 1919, aged 20. He was buried at the New Cemetery that evening, and his parents couldn't be there. Another brother, Ernest, served in the Second World War. She died at Ballarat in 1983, aged 75, and shares a grave with Sydney.

BORN
5 November 1907, Ballarat East, Victoria 23928/1907 (the day from the Clarke family tree)

MARRIED
Sydney Augustine Clarke, Victoria 8948/1926

DIED
16 September 1983, Ballarat, Victoria 21692/1983 (the day from the Clarke family tree)

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Lawn F, Row 25, Grave 50, buried 20 September 1983

SIBLINGS
Stanley James (1898), Ernest Victor (1899), Walter Bertrand (1901) and Alice (1904); her own birth is indexed as "Annie Myrtle"

PARENTS
William Carey p. 156, Susan Carey, née Stephens p. 157

PARTNER
Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141

CHILDREN
Maxwell Clarke p. 128, Norman Ian Clarke p. 133

Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey, continued

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Myrtle and Syd
On a verandah step; the family's caption mentions the Ballarat City Oval.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Myrtle with her mother, Susan
Ballarat, probably about 1927.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Myrtle
Standing in a paddock.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandfather

William Carey

1872–1952 · *Myrtle's father*

Born at Blackwood in 1872, one of the many children of James Carey and Alice Gribble. He married Susan Stephens in 1897 and died at Ballarat in 1952, aged 80. He's buried beside Susan and their son Stanley.

BORN
Victoria 5582/1872

MARRIED
Victoria 7414/1897

DIED
Ballarat, Victoria 16184/1952

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Presbyterian B, Section 13, Grave 38

BIRTH REGISTERED
Cambrian Hill (Vic 5582/1872); his death index says Blackwood

PROBATE
1952 (PROV 448/326)

PARENTS
James Carey p. 157

PARTNER
Susan Carey, née Stephens p. 157

CHILDREN
Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155

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William Carey, December 1951
Photographed at Ballarat on 4 December 1951, two months before he died.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



William Carey, full length
The same sitting, December 1951.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-grandmother

Susan Carey, née Stephens

1867–1935 · *Myrtle's mother*

Born at Buninyong in 1867, the daughter of William Stephens and Susan Lower. She died at Ballarat in 1935, aged 67, and joined her son Stanley, who had been buried there in 1919.

Her death notice names her children Stanley (deceased), Victor, Walter, Alice and Myrtle (Mrs S. Clarke). Her mother, Susan Lower, died at Clunes in 1890, aged 63, the daughter of Alexander Lower.

BORN
Buninyong, Victoria 6893/1867

DIED
6 January 1935, in a private hospital at Ballarat, aged 67, of 26 Otway Street, Ballarat East (Argus death notice); Find a Grave's 8 January is very probably the burial. Victoria 12074/1935

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Presbyterian B, Section 13, Grave 39

FULL NAME
Susan Sophia Stephens (a family photo's caption)

PARENTS
William Stephens p. 160

PARTNER
William Carey p. 156

CHILDREN
Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155

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Susan with her daughter Myrtle
Susan is seated; Myrtle stands behind. Ballarat, probably about 1927.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Susan Sophia STEPHENS"
In old age, with her grey hair pinned up, a light blouse and a long dark skirt, under a weeping willow by a wire fence, about 1925–35.
Clarke family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

James Carey

born 1841 · *William's father*

James Carey and Alice Gribble, the little girl on the Blonde, married in 1864 and raised a big family around Buninyong and Blackwood in the Ballarat goldfields. James was a miner, and belonged to the miners' union and to the Rechabites, the teetotal friendly society. When he died at Ballarat East on 12 January 1906, aged 64, a large crowd of union men and Rechabites followed him to the New Cemetery. Alice lived another ten years and died in May 1916 at a daughter's home in Kensington, Melbourne. She was brought home to Ballarat, and her funeral left from another daughter's house in Otway Street, Ballarat East. She

MARRIED
Victoria 3777/1864

JAMES DIED
12 January 1906, Ballarat East, aged 64, Victoria 276/1906

ALICE DIED
8 May 1916, Kensington, aged 72, Victoria 6407/1916

James Carey, continued

was laid with James and their baby Samuel Henry, who died in 1875: the Ballarat register has his burial on 2 June 1875, and the stone's "31st May 187[5]" is hard to read, and their headstone still stands inside its old iron rail: "Sweet rest in heaven."

His will, made on 24 May 1904 at 11 George Street, Ballarat East, names their children: Mary Alice, Cecilia Ann, Ada Elizabeth, James, William, Thomas George and Alfred.

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Wesleyan A, Section 11, Grave 11, with their baby Samuel Henry

WILL
24 May 1904, of 11 George Street, Ballarat East: children Mary Alice, Cecilia Ann, Ada Elizabeth, James, William, Thomas George and Alfred

ALICE'S BIRTH
Alice Brown Gribble, January–March 1845, Redruth district (GRO index); named for her sister Alice Brown, christened 1838, who died in July 1844, aged six (Cornwall OPC)

BORN
Very probably January–March 1841, Wantage district, Berkshire (GRO 6/268; likely)

BURIALS
James, 14 January 1906, aged 64; Alice, 10 May 1916, aged 72; with their baby Samuel Henry, buried 2 June 1875 (Ballarat register)

PARENTS
Benjamin Gribble p. 161, John Kimber Carey p. 163

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
The Rev. John Brown Gribble p. 159

CHILDREN
William Carey p. 156

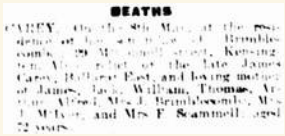
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James and Alice's headstone, Ballarat New
"In loving remembrance of my dear husband James Carey... Also Alice, dearly loved wife of the above, called home 8th May 1916."
Photo by Carolyn Roberton, Find a Grave 227976868



The Carey grave in its iron rail
Wesleyan A, Section 11, Grave 11, Ballarat New Cemetery.
Photo by Carolyn Roberton, Find a Grave 227976868



Alice Carey's death notice, 1916
Naming her children, William among them. The print is faint.
The Ballarat Courier, 10 May 1916, via Trove



The Carey grave, 2024
The upright tablet on its iron supports, inside cast-iron rope railings, Ballarat New Cemetery.
Carey family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

James Carey, continued



The inscription
"In loving remembrance of my dear husband James Carey, died 12th January 1906, aged 64 years. 'Sweet rest in heaven.' Also his beloved son Samuel Henry Carey, died 31st May 187[5]... (buried 2 June 1875, by the register) Also Alice, dearly loved wife of the above, called home 8th May 1916, aged 72 years."
Carey family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



James Carey's will, 1904
Made on 24 May 1904 at 11 George Street, Ballarat East, naming his seven children.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather's brother

The Rev. John Brown Gribble

1847–1893 · *Alice's brother; Pa's great-great-uncle*

The baby on the Blonde was their son John Brown Gribble, born at Redruth on 1 September 1847 and given his grandfather John Brown's name. The family settled first at Geelong, where he went to school. He became a travelling preacher along the Murray and the first resident missionary at Jerilderie, and he was there in February 1879 when the Kelly gang held up the town. Steve Hart took his watch, and Ned Kelly made Hart give it back, telling him that if he wanted a watch he should take a good one. He became the Rev. J. B. Gribble. In 1879–80 he founded the Warangesda mission on the Murrumbidgee near Darlington Point, on Wiradjuri country, and in 1886 he published Dark Deeds in a Sunny Land, about the treatment of Aboriginal people he had seen in Western Australia, which made him many enemies there. Later he lost everything when his rectory at Temora burnt down, and in June 1892 he landed at what became the Yarrabah mission, near Cairns. He fell ill there with malaria and lung disease, and died at home in Marrickville on 3 June 1893, aged 45. His headstone at Waverley calls him "The Blackfellows' Friend". A marble plaque from the Warangesda church is now in St Paul's at Darlington Point, and a cross at Yarrabah marks where he landed. Missions like Warangesda and Yarrabah are remembered in many different ways by the Aboriginal families whose lives they shaped. He was Alice Carey's little brother, which makes him Pa's great-great-uncle.

In January 1892 a John Gribble of Brewarrina reported a watch and chain stolen on the 8th (NSW Police Gazette, 20 January 1892); possibly him, then at the Brewarrina mission.

His birth was very probably registered in the Redruth district in the September quarter of 1847 as Benjamin John Brown Gribble, with his father's name first (likely).

BORN
1 September 1847, Redruth, Cornwall

DIED
3 June 1893, Marrickville, aged 45

RESTING PLACE
Waverley Cemetery

PERTH ACTIONS
Plaintiff: assault action, 31 August 1886; libel action, Perth, 1–2 July 1887, judgment by Mr Justice Stone

PARENTS
Benjamin Gribble p. 161

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
James Carey p. 157

MORE SOURCES
Assault action, August 1886, Trove
Libel action, Perth, July 1887, Trove

The Rev. John Brown Gribble, continued

He married Mary Ann Elizabeth Bulmer in 1868 (likely); their sons included Ernest Richard Bulmer (1868) and Arthur Hazelhurst (1870). In Western Australia he went to court as the plaintiff twice: an assault action in August 1886, and a libel action, which Mr Justice Stone heard at Perth on 1 and 2 July 1887.

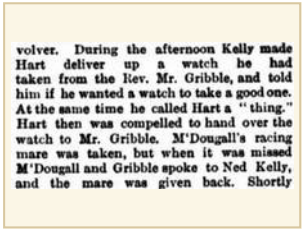
The Western Australian index has his son Livingstone Gribble at Perth in 1886.

The Colonial Secretary's letters have the Rev. J. B. Gribble at "Timora", Temora, in 1890 and at Adelong in 1891. The State Records Office of Western Australia holds "Statements (Gribble case)", dated 3 September 1886, three days after his Perth assault action (S3023; likely). A Queensland Supreme Court will file for a "Gribble John", 1857–1900, may or may not be his, and the "Gribble & Fleming" newspaper firm registered at Temora in 1904 by a John Benjamin Gribble was possibly his son's (possible).

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The Rev. John Brown Gribble, about 1890
Alice's little brother, the baby on the Blonde.
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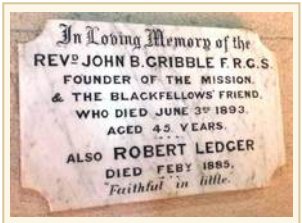


volver. During the afternoon Kelly made Hart deliver up a watch he had taken from the Rev. Mr. Gribble, and told him if he wanted a watch to take a good one. At the same time he called Hart a "thing." Hart then was compelled to hand over the watch to Mr. Gribble. M'Dougall's racing mare was taken, but when it was missed M'Dougall and Gribble spoke to Ned Kelly, and the mare was given back. Shortly

The Kelly gang at Jerilderie, 1879
Ned Kelly makes Steve Hart give back the watch he took from the Rev. Mr Gribble.
The Argus, 13 February 1879, via Trove



J. B. Gribble's headstone, Waverley
"Founder of the Warangesda Mission, 'The Blackfellows' Friend'." His wife Mary Ann Elizabeth shares the grave.
Photo by Denise, Find a Grave 88440949



The Warangesda plaque, 1893
Now in St Paul's Anglican Church, Darlington Point: "Founder of the Mission, & the Blackfellows' Friend".
Photo by Maree Myhill, Monument Australia 95108



The Yarrabah tablet
"Founder of this mission landed here on 17th June 1892."
Photo by handymaam, Find a Grave 88440949; Monument Australia 99806

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

William Stephens

Susan's father

William Stephens and Susan Lower, also written Lawer, are named as Susan's parents. They were at Buninyong in 1867.

William Couch Stephens was baptised at St Austell, in Cornwall, in 1825 (a family tree gives 29 May), the son of William Stephens, a miner, and Rebecca. He married Susan Lower at Liskeard by banns on 22 November 1846 (his death register says when he was 22), and came to Victoria about 1852. A miner at Scotchman's Lead, he died there of lung disease on 8 June 1868, aged 43 and a

WILLIAM'S DEATH

8 June 1868, Scotchman's Lead, aged 43½, of lung disease; buried at Buninyong, 10 June (Victorian death register, Buninyong, 1868, no. 3322)

WILLIAM'S PARENTS

William Stephens, miner, and Rebecca (his death register)

William Stephens, continued

half, after 18 months' illness, and was buried at Buninyong on 10 June with Wesleyan rites. His son Thomas registered the death and listed the children: Thomas, 21, Ann, 19, a William and a Susan who had died, William, 2, and Susan, 1, the Susan of the next generation.

Susan Lower, his widow, died at Clunes in 1890, aged 63; her father was Alexander Lower. Their son William (1866) died at Beeac in 1923, and Thomas died at Ballarat East in 1896, aged 48 (likely).

MARRIED
Susan Lower, 22 November 1846, Liskeard, Cornwall, by banns (Cornwall OPC; CRO DDP/126/26–27)

SUSAN'S DEATH
Clunes, 1890, aged 63, father Alexander Lower (Vic 11237/1890)

CHILDREN
Susan Carey, née Stephens p. 157

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William Couch Stephens's death, 1868
The Buninyong death register: a miner, 43½, of Scotchman's Lead; parents William Stephens, miner, and Rebecca; born at St Austell; married at Liskeard to Susan Lower; their children listed, Susan, 1, the last.
Victorian death register, via a Stephens family tree on Ancestry

Carey's 4× great-grandfather

Benjamin Gribble

born 1810 · *Alice Gribble's father*

Pa's mother's family goes back to the copper and tin mines of Redruth in Cornwall. Benjamin Gribble, a miner, married Mary Brown there in 1830. In October 1848, three years before the gold rush, they landed at Port Phillip on the Blonde with their children, among them four-year-old Alice, who couldn't yet read or write. Alice grew up to marry James Carey. Benjamin died at Ballarat in January 1866, aged 56, and when Mary died at Ballarat East 21 years later, aged 81, she was laid in the same grave in the Ballarat Old Cemetery. Her death record names her father, John Brown. The Ballarat police court reports show that Benjamin's last years were troubled by drink, and in 1864 Mary asked the court to bind him to keep the peace. When she died, one of her daughters put a notice in the Courier: "Her end was peace. Home papers please copy." Her son the missionary was so well known in the west that the Perth papers ran it too, as "mother of the Rev. J. B. Gribble".

In 1841 Benjamin, a copper miner of 30, and Mary were living at Plain-an-gwarry, Redruth, with their young daughters.

The baby on the Blonde was their son John Brown Gribble, who became the missionary the Rev. J. B. Gribble, held up by the Kelly gang at Jerilderie and founder of the Warangesda mission. His story has its own file.

He was very probably the Benjamin christened at Redruth on 30 September 1810, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Gribble.

BENJAMIN DIED
4 January 1866, Ballarat, aged 56, Victoria 136/1866

MARY DIED
22 January 1887, Ballarat East, Victoria 335/1887

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat Old Cemetery, WN, Section 3, Row 1, Grave 22, together

BORN
Very probably baptised 30 September 1810, Redruth, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Gribble (likely)

MARRIED
Mary Brown, 31 January 1830, Redruth; he signed "Gribbell" (Cornwall OPC)

CHILDREN
Mary (1831), Elizabeth (1833), Catharine (1835), Alice Brown (christened 25 December 1838, buried 15 July 1844, aged 6), Alice Brown (born early 1845) and John Brown (1847), among others (Cornwall OPC; GRO)

Benjamin Gribble, continued

The Redruth register's entry for 30 September 1810 reads "Benjamin son of Samuel & Elizabeth Gribble"; one family tree gives Samuel's dates as 1772–1858.

Their daughter Alice Brown Gribble's birth was registered in the Redruth district early in 1845, and very probably their son's in 1847 as Benjamin John Brown Gribble, the Rev. J. B. Gribble, with his father's name first (likely).

His own death entry names his parents as Samuel and Elizabeth, which backs the Redruth baptism. Benjamin was buried at Ballarat Old on 4 January 1866, aged 56, and Mary on 22 January 1887, aged 80.

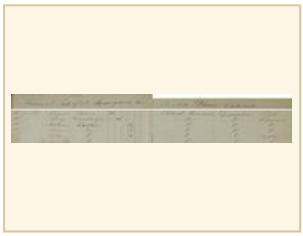
The Redruth registers (Cornwall OPC) add detail. Benjamin signed "Gribbell" at his wedding on 31 January 1830, and their children, the father a miner, included Mary in 1831, Elizabeth in 1833, Catharine in 1835 and Alice Brown, christened on 25 December 1838 at Hill. "Allice Gribble, 6, The Hill" was buried on 15 July 1844. Their first Alice Brown Gribble died in July 1844, aged six, and the daughter born early the next year was given her name.

The New South Wales copy of the Blonde's list also has their eldest girl at home, Elizabeth, 14, a housemaid, who isn't on the Victorian page; it gives Benjamin as 36, a miner of Redruth, and Mary as 41.

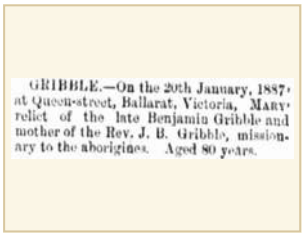
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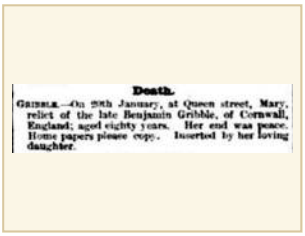


The Blonde, 1848
The Gribble family of Redruth, Cornwall, with Alice, aged 4.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14/P0, Book 4, p. 83



GRIBBLE.—On the 20th January, 1887, at Queen-street, Ballarat, Victoria, MARY, relict of the late Benjamin Gribble and mother of the Rev. J. B. Gribble, missionary to the aborigines. Aged 80 years.

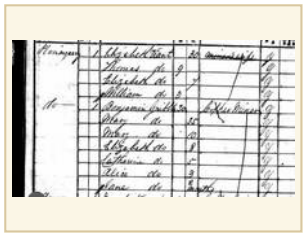
"Mother of the Rev. J. B. Gribble", 1887
Mary's death in the Perth paper.
The Daily News, Perth, 4 February 1887, via Trove



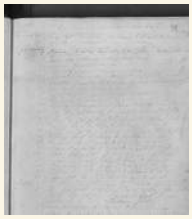
Death.

GRIBBLE.—On 20th January, at Queen street, Mary, relict of the late Benjamin Gribble, of Cornwall, England; aged eighty years. Her end was peace. Home papers please copy. Inserted by her loving daughter.

"Her end was peace", 1887
Mary's notice in the Ballarat Courier, inserted by her loving daughter.
The Ballarat Courier, 1 February 1887, via Trove



Plain-an-gwarry, Redruth, 1841
Benjamin Gribble, 30, copper miner; Mary, 35; and their daughters.
1841 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/143/15, folio 21, p. 35



Very probably Benjamin's baptism, 1810
Redruth, 30 September 1810: "Benjamin son of Samuel & Elizabeth Gribble".
Redruth parish register, via a Gribble family tree on Ancestry



The Blonde's list, 1848
Family no. 17: Benjamin, 36, miner, Redruth; Mary, 41; Elizabeth, 14, housemaid; Catherine, 13; Jane, 8; Alice, 4; and the baby, Benjamin John.
NSW list of immigrants per Blonde, Port Phillip, 15 October 1848, p. 89, via the John Robertson tree on Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandparents

John Kimber Carey and Mary Wells

born 1811 · *James Carey's parents*

James Carey's death record names his parents as John Kimber Carey and Mary Wells. John fell ill with dementia at Ballarat in 1863 and spent his last eight months in the Yarra Bend asylum in Melbourne. He died there of dysentery on 10 November 1864, aged 52, and the attendant told the inquest next morning that his son had been with him that day. James married Alice Gribble the same year.

John was very probably the John Kimber Cary christened at Lambourn, in Berkshire, on 20 October 1811, son of John and Charlotte: the middle name is rare, and his age at death fits exactly. That would make the Careys a Berkshire family, and his parents very probably the John Carey and Charlotte Kimber who married at East Garston, next to Lambourn, in 1810, which explains the Kimber.

He married Mary Wells in the Wantage district, which takes in Lambourn, at the end of 1839; the certificate would give the church and both fathers.

JOHN DIED
10 November 1864, Yarra Bend, Victoria 8408/1864

BORN
Very probably christened 20 October 1811, Lambourn, Berkshire, son of John and Charlotte Cary

MARRIED
Mary Wells, October–December 1839, Wantage district, Berkshire (civil index 6/519, the same page)

VICTORIAN CHILDREN
A son, 1854 (Vic 2274/1854), and Martha, 1857 (Vic 5827/1857)

PARENTS
John Cary p. 163

CHILDREN
James Carey p. 157

Corey's 5× great-grandparents

John Carey and Charlotte Kimber

John Kimber Carey's parents, very probably WORKED OUT FROM THE INDEXES, NOT PROVEN

Very probably John Kimber Carey's parents. A John Kimber Cary, son of John and Charlotte, was christened at Lambourn, in the Berkshire downs, on 20 October 1811. The middle name is rare, no other John Kimber Carey or Cary turns up in the index, and his age when he died at Yarra Bend in 1864, 52, fits exactly.

John Carey married Charlotte Kimber at East Garston, the next parish down the Lambourn valley, on 5 March 1810, and nineteen months later a John and Charlotte Cary christened John Kimber Cary at Lambourn, so his rare middle name was very probably his mother's maiden name (likely). Charlotte Kimber's own baptism hasn't been found; the candidates are all about 1793, one of them at Buttermere in Wiltshire, about ten miles south of Lambourn (possible). Two children once thought to be theirs, Edmund (1814) and Harriett (1818), baptised at Bampton in Oxfordshire to a John and Charlotte, belonged to another couple: a John Keary married a Charlotte Monk at Bampton in 1807.

A Charles Kimber of Lambourn, brewer and farmer, late of Inkpen, was an insolvent debtor in Reading gaol in 1812–13 and bankrupt in 1823, and a George Kimber of Inkpen was a farmer (London Gazette). They may be Charlotte's family (possible).

SON CHRISTENED
John Kimber Cary, 20 October 1811, Lambourn, Berkshire

MARRIED
John Carey and Charlotte Kimber, 5 March 1810, East Garston, Berkshire (likely the couple)

CHILDREN
John Kimber Carey p. 163

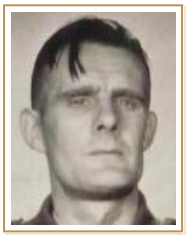
HEATHER'S SIDE

The King line

Leslie Burge King's family and forebears

King · Burge · Frisby · Stewart · Woods

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Leslie Burge King p. 164
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Corey's great-grandfather

Leslie Burge King

1910–1987

Born in Hamilton in 1910. At 20 he was already listed as a baker when he joined the Citizen Forces in 1931. He married Irene Twitt the next year.

He was the son of a master baker, Marangan Leslie King of the Rob Roy Bakery at Hamilton, and a leading member of the town band. The museum holds photos of his father's Les King & Sons cart at Hamilton and the Kings Bakery cart in the 1950s. A photo from about 1932 settles the Dunkeld story: the sign across the front reads L. B. King, Dunkeld Bakery. Les was about 21 and newly married, and had taken over from William Walter, who ran the Martin Street bakery from 1926 to 1931. In July 1935 the Girls' Club farewelled Irene as she had left the district, and they lived at Hamilton for a few years: the 1936 roll has them in his parents' house at 123 Brown Street, with Les and his father both listed as bakers. In the autumn of 1939 they bought Café Pauline at 149 Main Street, Bairnsdale, a grill café and home-made cake shop that was also the booking office for the Melbourne car service. Les played in the Bairnsdale Citizens' Band, and when he left for Hamilton in November 1940 the band gave him a silver teapot. The 1941 roll gives it in plain words: Leslie Burge King, café proprietor, 149 Main Street, Bairnsdale. The café went up for sale in July 1941. So Joy spent part of her childhood in the town where Pa's Clarke grandparents had lived during the First World War.

He enlisted on 5 January 1942 as a baker and truck driver, with Irene's address given as the Rob Roy Bakery, Hamilton. He transferred to the Special Wireless Group at Bonegilla that July. The group trained signallers to intercept Japanese radio traffic. Les was graded as a cook.

On 30 September 1942, just off duty in the kitchen, he was kicking a football around with three other cooks when he slipped and badly broke his leg. The injury report is in his file. The museum also has a photo of Les with his footy mates.

Joy wrote later that her dad joked about it: all set to go overseas from Bonegilla, he kicked a footy, broke his leg and went nowhere. He never left

ARMY NUMBERS
VX68245; and 83498 in the Citizen Forces: trooper, 4th Light Horse, 18 March to 26 September 1931 (his attestation)

BORN
9 November 1910, Hamilton, Victoria 27856/1910

MARRIED
Irene Twitt, Victoria 2521/1932

DIED
9 January 1987, Penshurst Hospital, aged 76

REMEMBERED
Plaque at Dunkeld New Cemetery, and the Victorian Garden of Remembrance, Springvale

WORK
Baker, Hamilton, 1936 (with his father, 123 Brown Street); café proprietor, Bairnsdale, 1941; baker, Martin Street, Dunkeld, to about 1968; storeman by 1972 (electoral rolls)

HOMES
Martin Street, Dunkeld (the bakery), to 1968; Wills Street, Dunkeld, 1972–80

PARENTS
Marangan Leslie King p. 169, Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171

PARTNER
Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Stanley Birdwood King p. 168, Ernest Charles King p. 166

CHILDREN
Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

Leslie Burge King, continued

Australia. In June 1943 the Army released him to bake in the Hamilton district, working for his father.

He was a Dunkeld Racing Club vice-president in 1933 and 1935. The electoral rolls have Les and Irene back in Dunkeld by 1946, and he sat on the Racing Club Committee again in 1955 and 1959. His War Medal sat unclaimed for more than 40 years, until Joy chased it up in 1989. He died at Penshurst Hospital on 9 January 1987, aged 76, and his plaque at Dunkeld carries the Rising Sun.

More than 35 years after the "L. B. King, Dunkeld Bakery" sign went up, the 1968 roll still had Leslie Burge King, baker, of Martin Street, Dunkeld, with Irene at home beside him. He gave up the bakery a year or two later: by 1972 the rolls call him a storeman, and he and Irene had moved from Martin Street to Wills Street, Dunkeld, where they were still living in 1980.

His Citizen Forces number, 83498, is now checked: he joined the 4th Light Horse as a trooper on 18 March 1931 and served until 26 September 1931, a baker of Brown Street, Hamilton, 6 feet tall.

He claimed a military pension in June 1943, when the Army released him to bake for his father. In 1949 the plans for "Les Kings and Sons, 123 Brown St, Hamilton", additions to the bakehouse, went to the inspectors (likely the family business).

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM

22 033 Wedding of Les and Irene, 1932

22 032 With Irene, World War 2 box

22 035 With footy mates, World War 2 box

87 803 World War 2 box

14 0445 Dunkeld Racing Club Committee, 1955

23 048 At home in Dunkeld

MORE SOURCES

Australian Special Wireless Group history

The old bakery, Victorian Heritage Database

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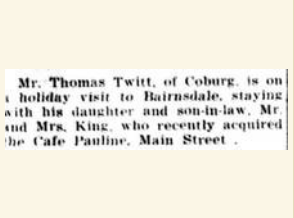
Les, 1941
His Army identity photos, front and profile, with his number, VX68245.
National Archives of Australia, B883, VX68245



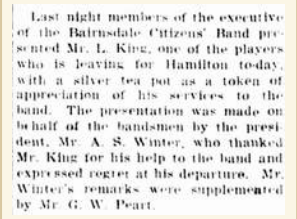
L. B. King, Dunkeld Bakery, about 1932
The sign says it all. The two young men out the front aren't named.
Dunkeld & District Historical Museum



Les's plaque
Dunkeld New Cemetery: VX68245, Signalman, Corps of Signals.
Find a Grave 221870379


Mr. Thomas Twitt, of Coburg, is on a holiday visit to Bairnsdale, staying with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. King, who recently acquired the Cafe Pauline, Main Street.

Café Pauline, 1939
Mr and Mrs King, who recently acquired the Café Pauline, Main Street, with Irene's father visiting.
Bairnsdale Advertiser, 30 May 1939, via Trove


Last night members of the executive of the Bairnsdale Citizens' Band presented Mr. L. King, one of the players who is leaving for Hamilton to-day, with a silver tea pot as a token of appreciation of his services to the band. The presentation was made on behalf of the bandsmen by the president, Mr. A. S. Winter, who thanked Mr. King for his help to the band and expressed regret at his departure. Mr. Winter's remarks were supplemented by Mr. G. W. Peart.

A silver teapot, 1940
The Bairnsdale Citizens' Band farewells Les.
Bairnsdale Advertiser, 5 November 1940, via Trove



His football statement, 1943
Signed by Les at Hamilton: he tripped kicking a ball with three other cooks at Block 4, Bonegilla.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 5



Released to bake, 1943
His discharge: to bake for M. L. King.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 14



Les's Army record, 1942
"Baker & truck driver", and Irene at the Rob Roy Bakery.
National Archives, B883, VX68245

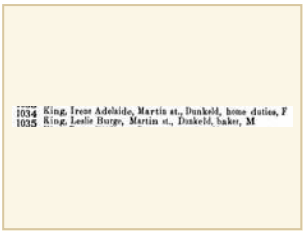
Leslie Burge King, continued



The football report
His own account, and the doctor's.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 5



Citizen Forces, 1931
Aged 20, trade: baker.
National Archives, B4747, KING/LESLIE BURGE



Still the baker, 1968
The 1968 Dunkeld roll: Leslie Burge King, baker, and Irene, Martin Street.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



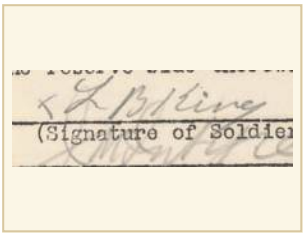
123 Brown Street, Hamilton, 1936
The 1936 roll: Irene and Les, baker, at 123 Brown Street with his parents, Marangan Leslie King, baker, and Mary Louisa.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Café proprietor, Bairnsdale, 1941
The 1941 roll: Irene Adelaide King, home duties, and Leslie Burge King, café proprietor, 149 Main Street, Bairnsdale.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



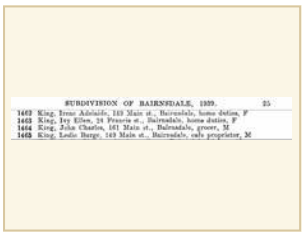
Wills Street, 1977
The 1977 roll: Irene, home duties, and Les, storeman, Wills Street, Dunkeld. The lines between them are cut out.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Les signs his discharge, June 1943
"L B King".
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 14



The Kings at 123 Brown Street, Hamilton, 1937
Ernest Charles, carter; Irene Adelaide, home duties; Leslie Burge, baker; Marangan Leslie, baker; and Mary Louisa, home duties, all at 123 Brown Street.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Café Pauline, Bairnsdale, 1939
"King, Irene Adelaide, 149 Main st., Bairnsdale, home duties" and "King, Leslie Burge, 149 Main st., Bairnsdale, cafe proprietor."
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Les joins the Light Horse, 1931
His Citizen Forces attestation, no. 83498: a trooper in the 4th Light Horse, a baker of Brown Street, Hamilton, 6 feet tall.
National Archives of Australia, via Ancestry



Les's attestation, 1941
Trade Pool Baker, "baker and truck driver", with "3 years Citizen Forces".
National Archives of Australia, B883, VX68245



Citizen Forces, 1931
No. 83498, a trooper in the 4th Light Horse, 18 March to 26 September 1931; a baker of Brown Street, Hamilton.
National Archives of Australia, B4747



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Ernest Charles King

1913–2007 · *Les's brother*

Les's younger brother, born at Hamilton on 23 July 1913. In February 1942 the Weekly Times reported that "Ern King, Hamilton footballer, fireman and bandsman" had joined the A.I.F., but his only service record is the Air Force's. He enlisted in the RAAF at Melbourne on 2 May 1942, served in the South West Pacific from December 1943 to July 1945, and was discharged on 6 September 1945 as a Leading Aircraftman with No. 75 Squadron. The clerk who signed him

AIR FORCE NUMBER
54848

ENLISTED
RAAF, 2 May 1942, Melbourne

DISCHARGED
6 September 1945, LAC, 75 Squadron

Ernest Charles King, continued

up wrote "Brass Band" under special qualifications. He trained as an armourer, then a fitter armourer, keeping the squadron's guns working, and in his own hand he later declared that he left Townsville for New Guinea on 28 November 1943 and didn't set foot back in Australia until he landed at Cairns on 7 July 1945. Within weeks his father applied to have him released "to work as a Baker for M. L. King, 123 Brown St., Hamilton", just as the Army had released Les to the same bakery two years before. His wife was Thelma Lilian King. Ern lived to 94 and died in Port Fairy Hospital in October 2007, and his headstone at Port Fairy carries his RAAF badge and number.

BORN
23 July 1913, Hamilton, Victoria 22521/1913

DIED
19 October 2007, Port Fairy, a baker (Victorian probate index)

MARRIED
1938 (Vic 8584/1938)

PARENTS
Marangan Leslie King p. 169, Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Leslie Burge King p. 164, Stanley Birdwood King p. 168

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Ernest King
His Air Force identity photo. His number board reads 54848.
National Archives, A9301, 54848



"Special qualifications: Brass Band"
Ern's RAAF record: armourer, New Guinea with No. 75 Squadron.
National Archives, A9301, 54848, page 6



In his own hand, 1945
Townsville to New Guinea, 28 November 1943; back at Cairns, 7 July 1945.
National Archives, A9301, 54848, page 21



"To work as a Baker for M. L. King", 1945
Released to the family bakery at 123 Brown Street, Hamilton.
National Archives, A9301, 54848, page 35



Ern's headstone, Port Fairy
With his RAAF badge and number, 54848.
Find a Grave 250204984



A No. 75 Squadron Kittyhawk, Morotai, 1945
Leading Aircraftman Bert Hufton of 75 Squadron's ground staff beside the Kittyhawk he looked after, 3 April 1945. Ern kept this squadron's guns working, and was overseas with it until July 1945. He isn't in the photo.
Australian War Memorial P02331.001 (donor B. Hufton), public domain



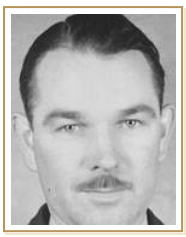
Ern's discharge certificate, 1945
His Certificate of Service and Discharge: character "V.G.", and qualified for the Returned from Active Service Badge.
National Archives, A9301, 54848, page 12



"Ernest King", about 1942–45
A framed studio portrait in RAAF uniform and side cap, photographed in its frame.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Very probably Ern by the bakery cart, about the 1930s–40s
Uncaptioned, on his page in a King family tree: a man in a felt hat and a white baker's shirt beside the cart. Cropped: a small child beside him is left out.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-grandfather's brother

Stanley Birdwood King

1915–2005 · *Les's brother*

Les's brother, born at Castlemaine in the Gallipoli winter of 1915 and given the middle name Birdwood, almost certainly after General Birdwood, the Anzac commander. He's the Stan at Les and Irene's wedding.

He left Sydney in December 1940 as a trainee, trained in Canada, and flew from Britain and Gibraltar as a wireless operator air gunner. He came home through New York in 1944 as an officer, and finished as a Flight Lieutenant with six medals. In June 1941 he sat for a group photograph in Montreal with the other Australian wireless operators and air gunners of the 5th Canadian Draft, and the Australian War Memorial still holds it, with his name in the second row.

After the war Stan became a publican. In May 1947, giving his address as 12 Learmonth Street, Hamilton, he took over the licence of the Commercial Hotel at Nhill, and he held it until about 1951. Like his brothers, he'd been a prominent member of the Hamilton Town Band. He lived to 89, and his niche is at Ballarat New Cemetery.

AIR FORCE NUMBER
400902

BORN
July 1915, Castlemaine, Victoria
20026/1915

DIED
2 July 2005

RESTING PLACE
Ballarat New Cemetery, Wall P, Row 5, Niche 24

MARRIED
Alice Elsie Goulden, 1945 (Vic 10199/1945)

PROBATE
2005 (Victorian probate index)

PARENTS
Marangan Leslie King p. 169, Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Stan as an RAAF officer
Head and shoulders in an officer's uniform, with the air gunner's "AG" half-wing. The edge of a number board shows at the bottom, so it very probably comes from his officer's file, about 1943–45. The face on his tag is cropped from it.
Find a Grave memorial 237063078



Stanley King
His Air Force identity photo. His board reads 400902, KING S.B.
National Archives, A9300, KING S B



Wireless air gunners, Montreal, June 1941
The 5th Canadian Draft. Stan King is in the second row, fifth from left.
Australian War Memorial, P02739.005, public domain

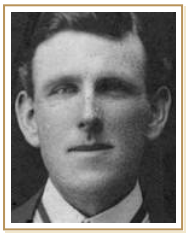


A No. 201 Squadron Sunderland, 1943
A Sunderland flying boat of No. 201 Squadron RAF at Castle Archdale on Lough Erne, Northern Ireland, 20 May 1943. 201 Squadron is the first posting on Stanley's statement of service, where he flew as a wireless operator air gunner.
Royal Air Force official photographer (H. Hensser), IWM CH 11075, via Wikimedia Commons, public domain

Stanley Birdwood King, continued



A No. 43 Squadron Catalina, Darwin, 1945
Catalina OX-H of No. 43 Squadron RAAF taxis in Darwin harbour on 28 May 1945. Home from Britain, Stanley flew operations with Nos 42 and 43 Squadrons in 1944–45.
Australian War Memorial NWA0904, public domain



Corey's great-great-grandfather

Marangan Leslie King

1886–1962 · *Les's father*

He carried one of the most unusual names in Victoria. In 1870 the Benalla Ensign wrote that the Broken River at Benalla ought to have kept its Aboriginal name, Marangan, meaning a pond, and by 1888 a J. King of Marangan was selling building timber at Benalla. Marangan was born there two years earlier. Most people knew him as L. King.

He became a master baker at Hamilton, with the Rob Roy Bakery, and music ran right through his life. By 1913 he was the band's sergeant, and his bandmaster told the annual meeting he'd known him to get up at four in the morning to finish his baker's round so he could help the band in the afternoon. He stepped up as acting bandmaster in 1917 when the bandmaster went to war, and by the 1930s he was conducting the town band for nothing. Visiting bands noticed how much it had improved "under Mr. M. L. King", and in 1939 an L. King, almost certainly him, was still the band's deputy bandmaster.

In January 1934 he headed a party of 40 to Mount Gambier, and the local paper noticed eleven Kings among them, "quite a royal combination". On the way home a bandsmen's car skidded near Heywood with two Kings aboard, and he stopped to help. That November he led the town band as it escorted the Grenadier Guards band through Hamilton. In December, jazz broke out at the band's sacred concert and the town council wanted answers.

His family and friends called him Les, and his death notice in 1962 says so. In October 1950 the Argus photographed him at the South Street competitions in Ballarat: "veteran Les King, of Hamilton", a euphonium player of 65 and a Hamilton baker. The story beside the photo says he'd joined the band 40 years before, was bandmaster through the 1930s, and had three sons in the band.

At 55 he joined the Volunteer Defence Corps, and his signature is on the form. When the Army released Les in June 1943 to a reserved occupation, baking in the Hamilton district, it was to work for him. The Les King & Sons cart at Hamilton was most likely his, since Les had only one child.

BORN
3 August 1886, Benalla

PARENTS
Walter Charles King and Deborah Frisby

MARRIED
Mary Louisa Burge, 1910

DIED
17 February 1962, Hamilton, by his plaque (Victoria 2493/1962). Earlier research had 7 February: the plaque and that date disagree, and the death certificate would settle it

RESTING PLACE
Cremated. Ballarat New Cemetery, Wall C, Niche 68

VDC
V351646; 9th Battalion, part-time, 11 May 1942 to July 1945

PROBATE
1962 (PROV 587/283)

CHILDREN
Les (1910), Ernest (1913), Stanley (1915) and Lucy (born 1923)

PARENTS
Walter Charles King p. 175, Deborah King, née Frisby p. 177

PARTNER
Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171

CHILDREN
Leslie Burge King p. 164, Stanley Birdwood King p. 168, Ernest Charles King p. 166

Marangan Leslie King, continued

He died at Hamilton on 17 February 1962, aged 75, by his plaque at Ballarat; earlier research had 7 February. He and Mary Louisa rest side by side at Ballarat, in niches 68 and 69.

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM

22 034 Les King & Sons baker's cart, Hamilton, the first of the Kings Bakery carts

22 210 Kings Bakery cart, Hamilton, 1950s

MORE SOURCES

The Grenadier Guards band, Sun News-Pictorial, 3 November 1934

Jazz at the sacred concert, Horsham Times, 15 January 1935

The skid near Heywood, Border Watch, 18 January 1934

Acting bandmaster, Hamilton Spectator, 16 August 1917

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"Leslie Maragan King", about 1910
Marangan as a young man of about 24, enlarged from the family group: centre parting, high collar, tie and knitted waistcoat.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Veteran Les King, of Hamilton", 1950
Playing euphonium for the Hamilton City Band at South Street, Ballarat. The story beside it names him as the Hamilton baker and former bandmaster.
The Argus, 27 October 1950, via Trove



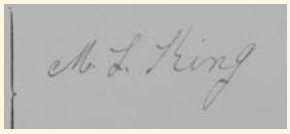
The Hamilton Band, 1908
At the Warrnambool band contest. Nobody is named, and the Kings can't be picked out.
The Leader, Melbourne, 28 November 1908, via Trove



The Hamilton band, 1928
Playing at Melville Oval, very likely at the proclamation of Hamilton as a town. The bandsmen aren't named.
Museums Victoria, item 768734



The Mount Gambier rotunda, 1934
Opened with the Hamilton band, and its eleven Kings, taking part.
Border Watch, 16 January 1934, via Trove



M. L. King, 1931
Signing as his mother's executor.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 242/281



The Hamilton Band was invited to combine with the local players in a special programme of band music, and arrived about 10 a.m. They marched through the main street on arrival, and were afterwards billeted out with bandsmen and other supporters. The Hamilton party numbered 40, headed by Bandmaster King. Incidentally there are 11 Kings in this Band—quite a royal combination.

Eleven Kings in the band
Quite a royal combination, the paper said.
Border Watch, 16 January 1934, via Trove



His Army form, 1942
His Army form, 1942. His full name is in the declaration, and he signs it M. L. King. Mary Louisa is his next of kin.
National Archives, B884, V351646, page 1

Marangan Leslie King, continued



Volunteer Defence Corps, 1942
123 Brown Street, Hamilton, telephone 166.
National Archives, B884, V351646, page 6



His plaque
Ballarat New Cemetery, Wall C, Niche 68: "Marangan L King, 17th Feb 1962, Age 75".
Find a Grave 215883413



The King & Sons bakers' cart
Still on display at the museum.
Dunkeld & District Historical Museum



His parents' family, about 1910
Walter and Deborah King seated in the middle with eight of their children. Marangan, born in 1886, is the young man standing at the back on the right: a lettered copy of the photo names him.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



123 Brown Street, Hamilton, 1936
The 1936 roll: Marangan Leslie King, baker, and Mary Louisa at 123 Brown Street, with Les, also a baker, and Irene living with them.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



His parents' family, with their names
The lettered copy: Leslie Marangan stands at the back between Walter Charles junior and Miriam.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Kings at 123 Brown Street, 1937
Marangan Leslie and Les, bakers, with Mary Louisa, Irene and Ernest Charles, the carter.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry

Corey's great-great-grandmother

Mary Louisa King, née Burge

1891–1981 · *Les's mother*

The daughter of a railway family at Castlemaine, in a huge household of brothers and sisters. She married Marangan at 18 and raised at least three sons, Les, Ern and Stan, and a daughter, Lucy, born at Hamilton in 1923, through the bakery years at Hamilton. Two of her brothers, Les and Herb Burge, went to the First World War, and both ended up running trains in France. Each has his own file. Stanley was born at Castlemaine, her home town, in 1915, and Joy was born there too, in 1932.

She lived her last years at Port Fairy and died in Port Fairy Hospital on 22 December 1981, aged 90. She rests beside Marangan at Ballarat.

Her little brother Fred, born at Maryborough in 1902, has his own file: his son was very likely Fred Burge, the Richmond footballer.

BORN
1891, Castlemaine, Victoria 31442/1891

DIED
22 December 1981, Port Fairy, Victoria 467/1982

RESTING PLACE
Cremated. Ballarat New Cemetery, Wall C, Niche 69

PARENTS
Charles Burge p. 179, Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

PARTNER
Marangan Leslie King p. 169

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Herbert Lawrence Burge p. 172, Leslie Stewart Burge p. 173, Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174

CHILDREN
Leslie Burge King p. 164, Stanley Birdwood King p. 168, Ernest Charles King p. 166

Mary Louisa King, née Burge, continued

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Her plaque
Ballarat New Cemetery, Wall C, Niche 69.
Find a Grave 215883257

Corey's great-great-grandmother's brother

Herbert Lawrence Burge

1889–1965 · *Mary Louisa's brother*

Mary Louisa's big brother, born at Castlemaine in 1889, one of Charles and Louisa Burge's big railway family. Herb served a seven-year apprenticeship as a boilermaker at Thompson's in Castlemaine, and by 1917 he was married, to Fanny, and living at Auburn in Sydney.

He enlisted in Sydney in January 1917 and went to France that May with a railway operating company as a fitter, keeping the engines running behind the lines, an apt job for the son of Old Charley the engine driver. In January 1918 he had a week's leave in Paris, and in 1919, waiting to come home, he was given three months' paid leave to work as a boilermaker in a shipyard at Sunderland.

He came home on the Anchises and was discharged that November. He died at Belmore, in Sydney, on 28 April 1965, and Fanny died three years later.

He was a Railways boilermaker, given military leave in 1917, and joined the First Railway Section from 21 Cardigan Street, Auburn. In 1936 a Gladys Victoria Parry sued a Herbert Burge for use and occupation (NRS 2881 [10/15]; possible).

ARMY NUMBER
32

UNIT
60th Company, Railway Operating Division, later the 6th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company; fitter

BORN
1889, Castlemaine

DIED
28 April 1965, Belmore, NSW (NSW 20493/1965)

PROBATE
Series 4_615863

MARRIED
Frances Blanche Wallace, 1911 (Vic 5361/1911)

PARENTS
Charles Burge p. 179, Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171, Leslie Stewart Burge p. 173, Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174

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Herb Burge enlists, 1917
A boilermaker, apprenticed at Thompson's, Castlemaine.
National Archives, B2455, BURGE H L, page 1

Corey's great-great-grandmother's brother

Leslie Stewart Burge

1890–1974 · *Mary Louisa's brother*

Mary Louisa's brother, born at Castlemaine on 30 March 1890. Les was a hairdresser, married to Hilda and living at Ivanhoe, when he enlisted in Melbourne in January 1916. He sailed on the Orontes, earned extra fatigue for disobeying orders in the Egyptian desert at Tel-el-Kebir, and joined the 21st Battalion in Belgium that September.

That December, near Amiens, the doctors noted neurasthenia, the wartime word for nervous exhaustion, and neuritis in his feet, and he was shipped to England. When he went back to France in 1917 it was as a sapper in the 5th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company, running trains behind the lines, a fitting job for Old Charley the engine driver's son.

He came home in August 1919. He died on 10 January 1974, aged 83, late of Montmorency, and was cremated at Fawkner.

ARMY NUMBER
4377

UNITS
21st Battalion; then sapper, 5th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company

BORN
30 March 1890, Castlemaine

DIED
10 January 1974, late of Montmorency, aged 83 (Vic 3049/1974)

WIFE
Hilda Margaret Leighton, 1891–1964 (a family tree)

PROBATE
1974 (Victorian probate index)

RESTING PLACE
Cremated 14 January 1974; Fawkner, 2nd Avenue Rose Garden, Bed B, Position 73, with Hilda Margaret Burge (died 6 June 1964)

PARENTS
Charles Burge p. 179, Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171, Herbert Lawrence Burge p. 172, Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174

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Les Burge enlists, 1916
Mary Louisa's brother: a hairdresser, with his wife Hilda at Ivanhoe.
National Archives, B2455, BURGE L S, page 1



Les's railway company, France, 1919
An American Baldwin engine run by the 5th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company at Conchil-le-Temple. Les isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial, A02526, public domain



Les's casualty form, 1916
Tel-el-Kebir, then the 21st Battalion in Belgium, and hospital at Amiens and Rouen that December.
National Archives, B2455, BURGE L S, page 22



A 5th ABGROC engine and crew, January 1919
ROD 911 and its crew, Les's railway company, at Conchil-le-Temple. The crew aren't named, and Les can't be picked out.
Australian War Memorial A02523, public domain

Leslie Stewart Burge, continued



"L. S. Burge" signs for his Victory Medal, 1922
His receipt, 16 June 1922.
National Archives, B2455, BURGE L S, page 13



Les's plaque
With the Rising Sun badge: "Burge, Leslie Stewart, 10.1.1974, aged 83 years, loved husband of Hilda Margaret. Cherished memories."
Burge family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Les Burge at Fawkner
2nd Avenue Rose Garden, Bed B, Position 73.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust



Hilda Burge at Fawkner
The same position: Hilda Margaret Burge, died 6 June 1964.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

Corey's great-great-grandmother's brother

Frederick Arthur Burge

1902–1984 · *Mary Louisa's brother*

One of the youngest of Charles and Louisa Burge's big railway family, born at Maryborough in 1902, Mary Louisa's little brother. He married Isabella Jane Delmenico, and their son Frederick Charles, born in 1923, was very likely Fred Burge, who started his football at Campbells Creek and played 118 games for Richmond from 1942 to 1950. Fred senior died at Ballarat in 1984.

Fred married twice: first Isabella Jane Delmenico, who died in 1929, and then Alva Louisa Bryant (1909–2000). A family tree gives his son Frederick Charles Burge as 1923–2018, which fits the Richmond footballer, and a daughter, Myra Edna (1933–2019); a baby died in 1922. Fred died on 19 March 1984, aged 81, and he and Alva have lawn plaques side by side, very probably at Ballarat.

BORN
1902, Maryborough (Vic 27799/1902)

DIED
19 March 1984, Ballarat, aged 81 (Vic 6272/1984)

MARRIED
Isabella Jane Delmenico (1904–1929); then Alva Louisa Bryant (1909–2000) (a family tree)

RESTING PLACE
Cremated 21 March 1984; Ballarat New Cemetery, Rose Garden H, Row 4, No. 04, with Alva Louisa Burge (died 7 September 2000)

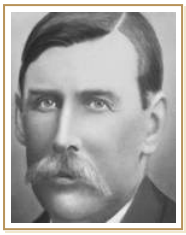
PARENTS
Charles Burge p. 179, Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171, Herbert Lawrence Burge p. 172, Leslie Stewart Burge p. 173

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Fred and Alva's plaques
"Frederick Arthur Burge, 19th March 1984, age 81" and "Alva Louisa Burge, 7th September 2000, age 91".
Find a Grave, via a Burge family tree on Ancestry



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Walter Charles King

1864–1942 · *Marangan's father*

Walter was a sawmiller who followed the timber: Benalla, Winchelsea, Clear Lake, Cavendish, the Dunkeld district, the Wannon, Casterton and Hamilton. So the Kings were in the Dunkeld district, which takes in Victoria Valley, by March 1897, when "the King family, recently of Cavendish" moved their sawmill plant to Dunkeld, with "a brass band among themselves". His daughter Sylvia was born there in 1898, 34 years before the bakery sign. In 1914 he was after council approval for sawmill sites near Cavendish.

He could "only read a little", he told a Hamilton court in 1909, yet he ran sawmills most of his life. His mill at the Wannon burnt down the night before a big Melbourne City Council contract was to start. At Casterton in 1916 he had fourteen or fifteen men cutting red gum sleepers and planking for the Portland pier, and he won a tender for half a million red gum blocks to pave Melbourne's streets, only to lose it when the shire banned his log hauling.

He married Deborah Frisby in 1885 and they had at least ten children. At least two, Victoria Gladys and little Robert Ernest, died as small children at Hamilton, and Jane King's grave holds three of their babies, buried in 1903 and 1907. He died in 1942, aged 78, and was buried at Hamilton on 4 September (where he died isn't settled: Geelong may come from his son Walter junior, of Geelong, and his death entry, Vic 27560/1942, would say); his headstone's 14 October can't be right, because the cemetery register runs in burial order. He rests with Deborah at Hamilton under the words "Peacefully sleeping".

A second copy of the family's studio group of about 1910 has every name lettered on it: at the back, Vera Caroline, Walter Charles junior, Leslie Marangan and Miriam; in front, Sylvia Daphne, in spectacles, Walter Charles himself, seated in the centre, Deborah Pearl, the girl with the bows, Deborah, seated in the dark dress, and Ethel Annie; and Percival, the boy in front.

BORN
1864, Amherst district, Victoria 12617/1864. His death entry says Learmonth

MARRIED
Deborah Frisby, Victoria 7011/1885

DIED
1942 (Vic 27560/1942; the place isn't settled: Geelong may belong to his son Walter junior); buried at Hamilton on 4 September 1942 (register no. 8465; no. 8464 is 3 September and no. 8466 is 12 September). The headstone's 14 October can't be right; the death certificate would give the day

RESTING PLACE
Hamilton Cemetery, plot WES-IV-32

CHILDREN
Marangan Leslie (1886), Walter Charles (1888, Winchelsea; died 1954), Miriam (1890), Vera (1893), Annie Ethel (1895), Percival (1896), Sylvia Daphne (1898), Deborah Pearl (1900), Victoria Gladys (1902) and Ernest Robert (1905) (Victorian index)

PARENTS
John King p. 182

PARTNER
Deborah King, née Frisby p. 177

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
John William Wyman King p. 176

CHILDREN
Marangan Leslie King p. 169

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM
90 1771 King's sawmill workers, Victoria Valley, about 1900. Probably Walter's brother John William's family

15 1687 King's sawmill, Victoria Forest, about 1900

90 1772 King's sawmill, Victoria Forest area, about 1900

Walter Charles King, continued

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Walter Charles King
A retouched studio enlargement, about 1900–10, with his big moustache and a flower in his buttonhole.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Walter, Deborah and their family, about 1910
A studio group of ten: Walter and Deborah seated in the middle, Walter with the moustache and Deborah in the dark dress, with eight of their children around them. The two young men standing at the back are Marangan Leslie, Les's father, and Walter junior: a lettered copy of the same photo names them.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Deborah and Walter's stone
Hamilton Cemetery. Weathered, but it's still there.
Find a Grave 211614540



Hamilton Cemetery
The King headstone stands at the head of the concrete grave; the iron railings behind belong to a neighbour. Plot WES-IV-32.
Find a Grave 211614540



The family, about 1910, with their names
Every name lettered on the print: at the back Vera Caroline, Walter Charles junior, Leslie Marangan and Miriam; in front Sylvia Daphne, Walter Charles (seated centre), Deborah Pearl, Deborah and Ethel Annie; Percival, the boy in front.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Deborah and Walter's stone, legible
"In Loving Memory of our dear mother Deborah King, died 20th May 1931, and her husband Walter C., died 14th Oct 1942. Peacefully sleeping." The cemetery register has Walter's burial on 4 September 1942, so the stone's date is wrong.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather's brother

John William Wyman King

1856–1926 · *Walter's brother; Marangan's uncle*

John and Ann King's eldest son, Walter's big brother, born at Adelaide in 1856 and given his grandmother Jane Wyman's surname. He was the original owner of the family sawmills, and in about 1881 he gave his mother a quarter share in A. King and Sons, which by 1898 ran mills at Victoria Valley, Dunkeld and Cavendish, with Walter, Ernest and Samuel as partners.

The mills made a little township wherever they went: in 1894 a visitor to the new mill near Cavendish found fifty people, a coachbuilder and a blacksmith, two bullock teams and saws turning out 500 sleepers a day, with five stalwart sons each running a part of it. He married Mary Hinds, and their daughter Rosina Elizabeth was born in 1893.

He married Mary Hinds in 1882 (Vic 5102/1882), and that year he and his mother, Ann King, gave a bill of sale at Bridge Street, Benalla (likely).

BORN
1856, Adelaide (SA 5/324, registered as John William Wiman King)

BUSINESS
A. King and Sons, sawmillers: Victoria Valley, Dunkeld, Cavendish

MARRIED
Mary Hinds, who died on 22 July 1905 (PROV probate, 96/844)

DIED
1926, aged 69, Victoria 14077/1926; buried at Hamilton, 1 December 1926, plot WES-IV-29 (cemetery register)

HAMILTON REGISTER
No. 11588, buried 1 December 1926, WES-IV-29

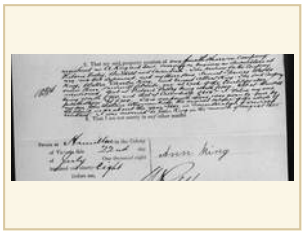
John William Wyman King, continued

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BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Walter Charles King p. 175

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"Visit to the Messrs. King's Sawmill", 1894
Cavendish: a township of fifty, 500 sleepers a day, "five stalwart sons".
Hamilton Spectator, 15 November 1894, via Trove



A. King and Sons, 1898
Ann King's sworn statement about the family's three mills, her sons, and her marriage in August 1855.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P0, 68/464



Corey's great-great-great-grandmother

Deborah King, née Frisby

1860–1931 · *Marangan's mother*

Born in 1860 in the Morphett Vale district of South Australia, which takes in Clarendon. Her birth entry names her father as John Frisby, so she was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Frisby of the Clarendon Vineyards. Her sister Annie married Walter's brother Samuel, so two King brothers married two Frisby sisters, which explains the Frisby in Joy's book. She had at least ten children on the timber road. She signed her will "D King" in 1925, leaving her furniture and her piano to her five daughters, an equal share to all eight surviving children, and first chance to buy her property for £700. She very probably died at Malvern, Melbourne, on 20 May 1931, aged 70, though the only death entry that fits says 67, and she was buried at Hamilton the next day.

MARRIED
Walter Charles King, Victoria 7011/1885
RESTING PLACE
Hamilton Cemetery, plot WES-IV-32
DIED
20 May 1931, very probably at Malvern, aged 70 (her headstone gives the day; Vic 5813/1931 says 67); buried at Hamilton, 21 May 1931 (register no. 561)
BORN
26 December 1860 (Find a Grave), Morphett Vale district, South Australia
PROBATE
Died 20 May 1931 (PROV 242/281)
BURIED
Hamilton, 21 May 1931 (register no. 561)
PARENTS
John William Frisby p. 183
PARTNER
Walter Charles King p. 175
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Mary Elizabeth Giles p. 178
CHILDREN
Marangan Leslie King p. 169

Deborah King, née Frisby, continued

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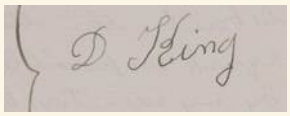
Deborah King, née Frisby
A vignetted studio portrait, probably about 1910–20.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Walter, Deborah and their family, about 1910
Deborah, in the dark dress, and Walter, with the moustache, are the seated couple in the middle, with eight of their children around them.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Deborah's will, 1925
Naming all eight children, and leaving the piano to her daughters.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 242/281



D King, 1925
Her signature.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 242/281



What she left, 1931
Two bank accounts, a life policy, £10 of furniture and loans to two sons.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 242/281



"Deborah Frisby 1860 – 1931"
A head-and-shoulders portrait on a dark ground, mounted on a lettered card. The dress matches her vignetted portrait, so it may be the same sitting, retouched.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The family, about 1910, with their names
The same studio group, with every name lettered on the print: at the back Vera Caroline, Walter Charles junior, Leslie Marangan and Miriam; in front Sylvia Daphne, Walter Charles, Deborah Pearl, Deborah and Ethel Annie; Percival in front.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Deborah and Walter's stone, legible
"In Loving Memory of our dear mother Deborah King, died 20th May 1931, and her husband Walter C., died 14th Oct 1942. Peacefully sleeping."
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's great-great-great-grandmother's sister

Mary Elizabeth Giles, née Frisby

1854–1937 · *Deborah's sister*

John and Elizabeth Frisby's eldest daughter, Deborah's big sister, born in South Australia about 1854, while her father was running the Clarendon Vineyards. She married Henry Giles in May 1874.

They lived at Mitcham, Echunga, Bull's Creek and Dashwood's Gully, in the Adelaide Hills, and had thirteen children, seven of whom grew up. The family was Bible Christian, and later Methodist. She died on 22 May 1937 at her son Stanley's home at Meadows, aged 83.

Joy's book, The King Family History, covers the Giles family too, very probably because of her. Her only known photo is a very small one, from her memorial page.

BORN
About 1854, South Australia

MARRIED
Henry Giles, 28 May 1874

CHILDREN
Thirteen, seven surviving

DIED
22 May 1937, Meadows, South Australia, aged 83

SA RECORDS
Born 1854, Adelaide (SA 4/288); death, Willunga district, 1937 (SA 590/1960) (likely)

Mary Elizabeth Giles, continued

PARENTS
John William Frisby p. 183
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Deborah King, née Frisby p. 177

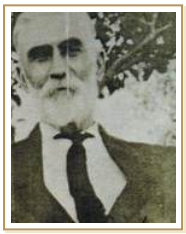
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Mary Elizabeth Giles, née Frisby
Her only known photo, from her memorial page. A very small original.
Find a Grave 192634176



The Bible Christian chapel at Clarendon
Built in 1854, the year Mary Elizabeth was born. Her family were Bible Christians. A modern photo.
denisbin, CC BY-SA 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Charles Burge

1848–1924 · *Mary Louisa's father*

A native of Somerset who came to Melbourne aged eight on the Mount Stuart Elphinstone, an old teak-built East Indiaman that left Plymouth on 29 December 1856 and spent about 100 days at sea, with his father Henry, his mother Mary, his older brother James and his sister Elizabeth. His mother died later that same year, aged about 35. The family found their own work at Prahran. Old Charley started as a boy on the construction of the Hobson's Bay railway, became a cleaner at Ballarat at 18, and spent 42 years on the footplate.

During the Kelly Gang scare he was the driver booked to run the special train carrying police reinforcements to Kelly country. For years he ran the Castlemaine to Avoca train.

By 1909 he was retiring as the oldest driver in the Victorian service, famous for his good temper, and he still lost a third of his pension for joining the railway strike. In April 1871 Charles, "second son of Henry Burge, of Prahran", married Mary Sainsbury, a Cardiff-born girl, at her mother's house in Ballarat. They lost a baby son, Edward, at 14 days old, and Mary died in 1879, aged 28. On 17 April 1880, a widower and an engine driver of Frank Street, West Melbourne, he married Louisa Stewart, 18, of Broadford, by licence at St Matthew's, Broadford. The certificate gives his father Henry as a signalman, and her father, George Stewart, a platelayer, signed as a witness. He had 18 children across the two marriages, and 15 outlived him. He died at Castlemaine on 31 May 1924, aged 75, and rests with Louisa under a stone from their children.

His father's second family gave him half-sisters Harriet and Florence, a half-brother George and a step-sister, Emily Lydia Mullinger. Charles was an executor of his father's will in 1886, of Parker Street, Castlemaine, where a daughter was born on 9 May 1887 and a son, very probably Herb, on 9 February 1889.

PARENTS
Henry Burge and Mary Wall

BIRTH
December quarter 1848, Bedminster 11/82, mother's maiden name Wall (GRO index)

MARRIED
Mary Sainsbury, at her mother's house, Ballarat, 19 April 1871 (she died in 1879, Victoria 2353/1879); then Louisa Alexandra Stewart, 17 April 1880, St Matthew's, Broadford, by licence (Victoria 1479/1880)

DIED
31 May 1924, Castlemaine, Victoria 4767/1924

RESTING PLACE
Castlemaine General Cemetery, Campbells Creek

MARY'S GRAVE
Mary Sainsbery Burge, died 5 March 1879, Melbourne General Cemetery, Baptist section C (likely his first wife)

ARRIVED
With his parents on the Mount Stuart Elphinstone, Melbourne, 10 April 1857, aged 8 (PROV VPRS 14)

CHILDREN BY MARY
Charles James (1872), Edith May (1874), Henry (1876) and Edward (1879) (Victorian index)

Charles Burge, continued

HALF-SIBLINGS

Harriet, Florence Mary and George Burge, and his step-sister Emily Lydia Mullinger (his father's will, 1884)

PARENTS

Henry Burge p. 185

PARTNER

Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

CHILDREN

Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171, Herbert Lawrence Burge p. 172, Leslie Stewart Burge p. 173, Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174

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Retiring as Old Charley, Riverine Herald, 4 January 1909

His early years, Argus, 3 June 1924

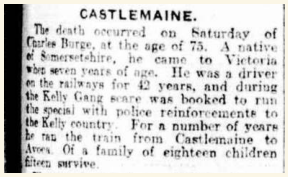
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The Burges arrive, 1857
Henry, Mary, Charles aged 8 and Elizabeth aged 5, Mount Stuart Elphinstone.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14/P0



The Mount Stuart Elphinstone
Painted by William Adolphus Knell in 1840.
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, BHC3504, via Wikimedia Commons



CASTLEMAINE.

The death occurred on Saturday of Charles Burge, at the age of 75. A native of Somersetshire, he came to Victoria when seven years of age. He was a driver on the railways for 42 years, and during the Kelly Gang scare was booked to run the special with police reinforcements to the Kelly country. For a number of years he ran the train from Castlemaine to Ararat. Of a family of eighteen children fifteen survive.

The Kelly Gang and Charles Burge
His death report: booked to run the police special during the scare.
The Age, 3 June 1924, via Trove



Father and Mother
The stone from their children, Castlemaine.
Find a Grave 236131084



The Burge grave
Castlemaine General Cemetery.
Find a Grave 236131084



Charles Burge
In old age, seated in a cane chair in a garden.
Burge family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

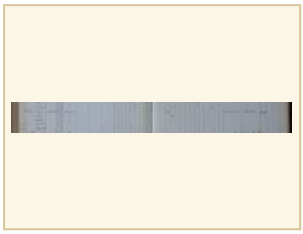


His marriage certificate, 1880
St Matthew's, Broadford, 17 April 1880: Charles Burge, widower, engine driver, of Frank Street, West Melbourne, and Louisa Alexandra Stewart, 18, of Broadford. His father Henry, signalman; her father George Stewart, platelayer, a witness.
Burge family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Charles and Louisa's grave, another view
A low-resolution photo of the weathered slate tablet, "...Father & Mother...", with a cast plot marker behind. The family tree calls it Campbells Creek, Castlemaine.
Burge family tree on Ancestry (member upload)

Charles Burge, continued



The Burges arrive, 1857
Charles, 8, with his parents Henry and Mary, James and Elizabeth.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14, Book 11, p. 340

Corey's great-great-great-grandmother

Louisa Alexandra Burge, née Stewart

1863–1926 · *Mary Louisa's mother*

Born at Ararat in 1863, she married Charles Burge in 1880 and raised a big family at Castlemaine. Her 1924 will looked after her youngest son until he finished his apprenticeship. After Charles died she parted with her furniture and went to live with one of her daughters. She died at Myring Street on 29 August 1926, aged 62.

Her father George died at Amphitheatre in 1893, and her brother George James Stewart, a railwayman, was killed in an accident in 1919.

MARRIED
Charles Burge, 17 April 1880, St Matthew's, Broadford, by licence; she was 18 (by her birth, 16 or 17), of Broadford (Victoria 1479/1880)

DIED
Castlemaine, Victoria 9051/1926

RESTING PLACE
Castlemaine General Cemetery, with Charles

PROBATE
1926 (Victorian probate index)

PARENTS
George Stewart p. 187

PARTNER
Charles Burge p. 179

CHILDREN
Mary Louisa King, née Burge p. 171, Herbert Lawrence Burge p. 172, Leslie Stewart Burge p. 173, Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174

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Louisa A. Burge, 1924
Her signature on her will.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 210/207



Charles and Louisa's grave
The weathered slate tablet, "...Father & Mother...", at Castlemaine.
Burge family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's 4× great-grandfather

John King

Walter's father

John King married Ann Woods on 31 August 1855 at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill, south of Adelaide. The notice called him the youngest son of Mr. John King and her the second daughter of Mr. Samuel Woods, both of Clarendon. Their son John William Wiman King was registered there in 1856; he has his own file. John was a Northamptonshire boy who had come out with his parents on the Oregon in 1851, aged sixteen. He tried the Forest Creek diggings in 1852 without luck and went back to farming near Adelaide. Ann was born in Bedfordshire late in 1838, and the birth index names her mother as a Law: Samuel Woods had married Mary Law, at Swineshead in 1828. Her sister Deborah (1841) and brothers Charles (1842) and Joseph (1844) were registered in the same Bedford district, the very children who sailed with her. At seven she sailed with her father Samuel Woods, a farm labourer, and her brothers and sisters in the barque Phoebe, which reached Port Adelaide in April 1846. After the wedding they crossed to Victoria, where John and his brother William carted goods between Ballarat and Ararat before he went back to farming and then to sawmilling, and their children's birthplaces trace the road: Shirley, Amherst, Fiery Creek and Beaufort on the goldfields, then Ararat, Balmoral and Clear Lake. By the 1880s they were at Benalla. Their eldest, John William Wyman King, was the original owner of the family sawmills, and in 1881 he gave his mother a quarter share in A. King and Sons, which by 1898 ran mills at Victoria Valley, Dunkeld and Cavendish, with Walter as a partner. In 1898 Ann swore she had married John in August 1855.

The paper called the Kings "a musical family": while they worked the mills at Cavendish, they started a band made up entirely of their own family. In November 1894 a visitor to the family's new mill near Cavendish found a little township of fifty people around it, with its own coachbuilder and blacksmith, two bullock teams, and saws turning out 500 sleepers a day, with "five stalwart sons" each running a part of it. On 22 June 1897, Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, "King's Band at the flagpole struck up the National Anthem" at Dunkeld and led the children's procession through the town, on what the paper called the greatest day in the history of Dunkeld. In October 1905 about a hundred friends filled the temperance hall at Hamilton for John and Ann's golden wedding.

John was still a sawmiller at Hamilton when he made his will in May 1909, asking his sons to look after their mother, and he died on the night of 14 September 1909, aged 74, after a fortnight in bed, leaving Ann, six sons, three daughters and 35 grandchildren. Ann signed her own name to the court papers that December. Their son Samuel lived to 92. Ann died at Hamilton on 17 April 1929, aged 90, and she and John lie together in the Wesleyan section of Hamilton Cemetery. Her father, Samuel Woods, had farmed at Clarendon until fire burnt him out, and he spent his old age as a labourer at Mitcham; he died three weeks after his wife in 1891, aged 81, "a colonist of 45 years". Samuel and Mary Woods have their own file.

His death at Hamilton in 1909 is indexed with his parents' names, John King and Jane Wyman. In March 1897 "Ann, Thomas, Walter and Ernest King, in or near Cavendish" gave a bill of sale (likely).

MARRIED
31 August 1855, Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill, SA. Notice: South Australian Register, 6 September 1855, Trove 49300910

JOHN DIED
14 September 1909, Hamilton

ANN DIED
17 April 1929, Hamilton, aged 90, and was buried on the 18th. Father Samuel Wood, Victoria 5349/1929

PROBATE
John King, sawmiller, 1909 (PROV 114/048)

PARENTS
John Fisher King p. 189

ANN'S PARENTS
Samuel Woods and Mary Law p. 190

CHILDREN
Walter Charles King p. 175, John William Wyman King p. 176

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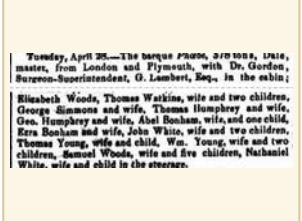
John and Ann King, about 1895
John standing, with his white beard, and Ann seated on the right in the polka-dot dress. The younger woman on the left isn't named; she's probably one of their daughters.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Death of an old colonist", 1909
The Oregon, Forest Creek, and the family band at Cavendish.
Hamilton Spectator, 15 September 1909, via Trove



John and Ann's golden wedding, 1905
The temperance hall, Hamilton. "Mr. King's mother died four years ago at the age of 93."
Hamilton Spectator, 21 October 1905, via Trove



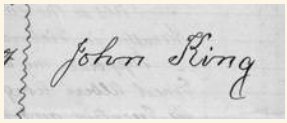
The Phoebe arrives, April 1846
"Samuel Woods, wife and five children" in the steerage. The passenger list has Ann, aged 7, in this family.
Adelaide Observer, 2 May 1846, via Trove



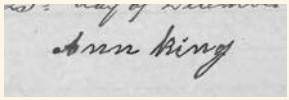
A. King and Sons, 1898
Ann King's sworn statement about the family's three mills, her sons, and her marriage in August 1855.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P0, 68/464



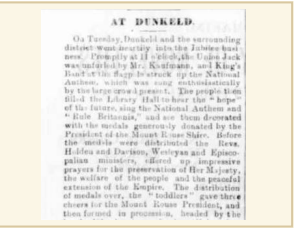
John King's will, 1909
My wife Anne King and my two sons.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 114/048



John King's signature, 1909
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 114/048



Ann King's signature, 1909
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 114/048



AT DUNKELD.

"King's Band at the flagpole", 1897
The Diamond Jubilee at Dunkeld.
Hamilton Spectator, 24 June 1897, via Trove



VISIT TO THE MESSRS. KING'S SAWMILL.

"Visit to the Messrs. King's Sawmill", 1894
Cavendish: a township of fifty, 500 sleepers a day, "five stalwart sons".
Hamilton Spectator, 15 November 1894, via Trove



"King sawmill at Glenrowan"
A hand-coloured photo, about 1890–1910: a bullock team hauling logs, the steam engine and saw bench, stacks of sawn red-gum sleepers and a dozen men, with huts behind. The men are too small to name.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Corey's 4× great-grandfather

John William Frisby

Deborah's father

John ran the Clarendon Vineyards in the Adelaide Hills for 16 years, in the early days of South Australian wine. They married at Adelaide in 1851 and later moved to Benalla in Victoria, where he died on 26 February 1889 after a painful illness. Elizabeth died of influenza on 14 January 1894, leaving ten children. Their graves

RESTING PLACE
Benalla Cemetery, General Section 2, Plots 108 and 109

John William Frisby, continued

at Benalla are marked by plain wooden crosses with their names and years. Elizabeth sailed to Adelaide in 1846 as Miss Elizabeth Woods on the same ship as Samuel Woods's family, and the 1841 census makes it very probable that she was Ann King's elder sister. At Bletsoe in Bedfordshire, in Samuel Woods's cottage, were Elizabeth, eight, Ann, two, and a baby, Deborah. Elizabeth grew up to marry John Frisby, and Ann to marry John King, so when Walter King married Deborah Frisby in 1885 he very probably married his first cousin.

Their daughter Annie married Samuel King, and that's proven by her death record. Deborah's South Australian birth entry names her father as John Frisby, so she was their daughter too. Their eldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, married Henry Giles, which probably explains the Giles in Joy's book. She has her own file.

Their Benalla death registrations fill in the dates. John William Frisby, a labourer, died at Benalla on 26 February 1889, aged 59, after 39 years in South Australia and two in Victoria, so they had come to Benalla about 1887; his son T. E. Frisby was the informant, and he was buried in Benalla Cemetery two days later with Methodist rites. Elizabeth died there on 14 January 1894, aged 61, of catarrhal diarrhoea and pneumonia; her son Edward was the informant, and the register gives her father only as "Woods, labourer". It lists her children, among them John William, Elizabeth, Edith, Deborah, Annie, Samuel, Edward, Sarah, Robert, Ernest and Joseph. A son called Samuel fits Samuel Woods as her father.

Elizabeth's portrait, on a mount lettered "Elizabeth Jane Woods 1832 – 1894", gives her a middle name, Jane. One family tree names her parents as Charles Woods (1791–1866) and Ann Smith (1783–1855), not Samuel Woods and Mary Law. That tree gives no source, and the case for Samuel and Mary rests on the 1841 census at Bletsoe and the Phoebe's list of 1846: the trees disagree.

Deborah married Walter King in Victoria in 1885, and Marangan was born at Benalla in 1886; John and Elizabeth came over from South Australia about 1887 and settled at Benalla too, where Walter's grandfather John Fisher King had died in 1886 (possibly following her).

ELIZABETH DIED
14 January 1894, Benalla, aged 61; buried 15 January (Victoria 532/1894)

JOHN'S DEATH
26 February 1889, Benalla, aged 59 (Vic 564/1889); buried in Benalla Cemetery, 28 February (Victorian death register, 1889, entry 1331)

ELIZABETH'S PARENTS
Samuel Woods and Mary Law (very probably: the 1841 census and the Phoebe's list). One family tree says Charles Woods and Ann Smith, without a source: the trees disagree

ELIZABETH'S PARENTS, VERY PROBABLY
Samuel Woods and Mary Law p. 190

CHILDREN
Deborah King, née Frisby p. 177, Mary Elizabeth Giles p. 178

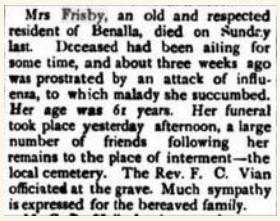
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John and Elizabeth Frisby, mid-1880s
John seated, with his full beard, and Elizabeth standing beside him in a dark bustled dress.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Clarendon Vineyard, about 1875
A sketch by A. C. Kelly, while John was running the place.
State Library of South Australia, B 5763



Mrs Frisby, an old and respected resident of Benalla, died on Sunday last. Deceased had been ailing for some time, and about three weeks ago was prostrated by an attack of influenza, to which malady she succumbed. Her age was 61 years. Her funeral took place yesterday afternoon, a large number of friends following her remains to the place of interment—the local cemetery. The Rev. F. C. Vian officiated at the grave. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

Mrs Frisby's death, 1894
Influenza, at Benalla.
Benalla newspaper, via Find a Grave 214153955



John Frisby's cross, Benalla
A plain wooden cross with his name and years.
Benalla Cemetery Trust, photo 2009

John William Frisby, continued



Elizabeth Frisby's cross, Benalla
Benalla Cemetery Trust, photo 2009



The 1858 winery buildings at Clarendon
Very probably the vineyard John Frisby managed. A modern photo.
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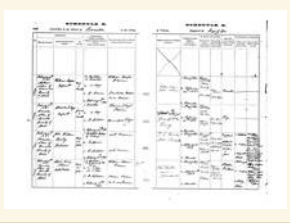
Samuel Woods's household, Bletsoe, 1841
Samuel Woods, 30, agricultural labourer, with John, Elizabeth (8), William, Ann (2) and baby Deborah. The census-taker's pencil is very faint.
1841 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/8/2, folio 7, p. 8



"Elizabeth Jane Woods 1832 – 1894"
Elizabeth Frisby in a tall dark bonnet and a dark buttoned bodice: the first portrait of her on her own. Deborah's mother.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



"Elizabeth Jane Frisby, nee Woods"
A sepia copy of the same sitting, seated, half length.
Frisby family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



John Frisby's death, 1889
Benalla, 26 February 1889: John William Frisby, labourer, 59; 39 years in Adelaide, 2 in Victoria; buried in Benalla Cemetery on the 28th.
Victorian death register, via a Frisby family tree on Ancestry



Elizabeth Frisby's death, 1894
Benalla, 14 January 1894: Elizabeth Frisby, 61; father "Woods, labourer"; her children listed, Deborah among them.
Victorian death register, via a Frisby family tree on Ancestry

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

Henry Burge

died 1886 · *Charles's father*

Henry Burge and Mary Wall are named as Charles's parents on his death record. Henry was the Henry baptised at Yatton in Somerset on 7 December 1821, son of Benjamin and Jane Burge of Claverham. Benjamin died the next summer, aged 36, while Henry was still a baby. In 1841 Henry, 19, a farm labourer, was living at Claverham with Jane Burge, 58, a charwoman, very probably his widowed mother. On 30 August 1842 Henry married Mary Wall at the Temple church in Bristol. He was only 20, and the register names his father as Benjamin Burge, which settles that he was the Yatton baby.

Both bride and groom were living at Yatton when they went into Bristol to marry. Henry, a labourer and a labourer's son, signed his own name; Mary, whose father John Wall was a labourer too, made her mark. Henry's own parents, Benjamin Burge and Jane Williams, had married at Yatton in 1810, and neither of them could write. They have their own file.

Charles was baptised at St Mary the Virgin, Yatton, on 14 January 1849, the son of Henry and Mary Burge of Claverham. Henry was a labourer. They named their second son John Wall Burge, after Mary's family, but the little boy was buried at Yatton in June 1851, aged four and three-quarters, so James, Charles and Elizabeth sailed with them, and the family reached Melbourne on the Mount Stuart Elphinstone on 10 April 1857, when Charles was eight. Mary died later that same year, aged about 35; her death record names her parents as John

MARRIED
Mary Wall, 30 August 1842, Temple (Holy Cross), Bristol. Henry 20, father Benjamin Burge; Mary's father John Wall, labourer. Henry signed, Mary made her mark

DIED
23 July 1886, Windsor, "railway employé" (PROV probate index, VPRS 28/P2, 32/333); Victoria 10491/1886, indexed as Hy Burge, aged 64, father Benjamin

PROBATE
Granted 19 August 1886 to Paul William Einsiedel and Charles Burge of Parker Street, Castlemaine, engine driver, his son (PROV index, VPRS 28/P2, 32/333)

RESTING PLACE
St Kilda Cemetery, Church of Christ (his death register)

SECOND MARRIAGE
Lydia Mullenger, a widow, born Lydia Mabin, 1864 (Vic 4444/1864); she died at Prahran in 1898, aged 67 (Vic 9292/1898; likely)

Henry Burge, continued

Wall and "Nancy", the old pet name for Ann. Henry stayed around Prahran and Windsor and named his house in James Street, Windsor, "Claverham Cottage" after the Somerset hamlet he'd left. Their eldest, James, a member of the Rechabites, died there in December 1871, aged 26, and was buried at St Kilda.

In 1880, when Charles married for the second time, the certificate gave Henry's job as signalman. He died at Windsor on 23 July 1886, a railway employee, and probate was granted that August to Paul William Einsiedel and his son Charles Burge.

In 1851 the census found the family at Yatton: Henry, 29, Mary, 33, James, 6, John, 4, Charles, 2, and a baby, Elizabeth. John Wall Burge was baptised at Yatton on 4 October 1846. Mary was possibly the Mary Wall christened at Congresbury, the next parish, on 9 July 1815, daughter of John and Ann Wall, who had married there in 1806; Ann's maiden name was Burges, so Henry and Mary may have been related.

His death register adds that he was born at Yatton, in Somerset, had been 30 years in Victoria, and died at James Place, Prahran; he was buried in St Kilda Cemetery by the Church of Christ.

His probate papers settle the executor: P. W. Einsiedel and Charles Burge of Parker Street, Castlemaine, engine driver, his son.

In 1864 Henry married again: Lydia Mullenger, a widow, born Lydia Mabin, who had a daughter, Emily Lydia, born in London about 1859. Their own children were Harriet (1866), later Mrs Robert Reid, who died in 1929; Florence Mary (1868), who never married and died in 1931; and George (1870), who lived to 1958. By 1869 Henry was in James Street, Windsor, when his neighbour John Corrie made him a co-executor of his will and left him any cemetery ground he had bought.

His own will, of 11 June 1884, signed as "Henry Burge of Windsor… Railway Employé", left the rents to "my Wife Lydia Burge" for her life, then equal shares to his son Charles, his daughters Harriet and Florence, his son George, "my Step-daughter Emily Lidia Mullinger and my Grand-daughter Florence Grace Dowdell", the daughter of his late daughter Elizabeth, Mrs William Dowdle; nothing was to be sold until George turned 21. His trustees were Paul William Einsiedel, a St Kilda carpenter, and Charles. When he died on 23 July 1886, a pointsman of the Victorian Railways, at No. 3 James Place, Windsor, aged 64, the Prahran Lodge of the O.S.A. asked its members to attend. He left two four-roomed weatherboard houses on a block of 50 feet by 160 at James Street and James Place, one let at 12s a week and the other the widow's home, and £250 in the Prahran Savings Bank: £916 7s 6d in all. Lydia died at Prahran in 1898, aged 67 (likely).

The family's arrival is on the assisted-immigrant list: the Mount Stuart Elphinstone sailed from Plymouth on 29 December 1856 and reached Melbourne on 10 April 1857, with Henry Burge, 34, a labourer of Somerset, Mary, 35, James (struck through, very probably because he died on landing or soon after), Charles, 8, and Elizabeth, 5, engaged on their own account at Prahran.

WILL
11 June 1884: rents to "my Wife Lydia Burge" for life, then equal shares to Charles, Harriet, Florence, George, step-daughter Emily Lidia Mullinger and granddaughter Florence Grace Dowdell; trustees Paul William Einsiedel and Charles (PROV VPRS 7591/P2, 32/333)

ARRIVED
Mount Stuart Elphinstone, from Plymouth 29 December 1856, Melbourne 10 April 1857, assisted: Henry 34, Mary 35, James, Charles 8, Elizabeth 5 (PROV VPRS 14, Book 11, p. 340)

HOME
Two four-roomed weatherboard houses at James Street and James Place, Windsor; estate £916 7s 6d (PROV VPRS 28/P2, 32/333)

WORK
Pointsman, Victorian Railways; died at 3 James Place, Windsor, aged 64 (Age, 26 and 27 July 1886)

CHILDREN
By Mary Wall: James, John Wall (died 1851), Charles, Elizabeth (Mrs Dowdle, 1851–76). By Lydia: Harriet (1866–1929, Mrs Reid), Florence Mary (1868–1931), George (1870–1958). Step-daughter Emily Lydia Mullinger (Mrs James Fraser, about 1859–1949)

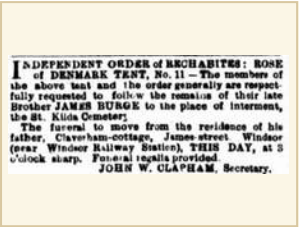
MARY'S AGE
Varies: 33 in 1851 (about 1818), about 20 at her 1842 wedding (about 1822), and about 35 at her death in 1857; her death register would settle it

PARENTS
Benjamin Burge p. 192

CHILDREN
Charles Burge p. 179

Henry Burge, continued

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INDEPENDENT ORDER of RECHABITES: ROSE of DENMARK TENT, No. 11 — The members of the above tent and the order generally are respectfully requested to follow the remains of their late Brother JAMES BURGE to the place of interment, the St. Kilda Cemetery;
The funeral to move from the residence of his father, Claverham-cottage, James-street, Windsor (near Windsor Railway Station), THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock sharp. Funeral regalia provided.
JOHN W. CLAPHAM, Secretary.

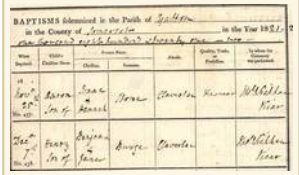
"Claverham-cottage", 1871
James Burge's funeral leaves his father's house in James Street, Windsor.
The Argus, 27 December 1871, via Trove



St Mary the Virgin, Yatton
Where the Burge children were baptised. A modern photo.
NotFromUtrecht, CC BY-SA 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons



Henry marries Mary Wall, 1842
Temple church, Bristol, 30 August 1842: Henry Burge, 20, labourer, of Yatton, son of Benjamin Burge, labourer, marries Mary Wall of Yatton, daughter of John Wall, labourer. His signature; her mark.
Bristol Archives, P/Tem/R/3/G, entry 432, via Ancestry


BAPTISMS Solemnized in the Parish of Yatton in the County of Somerset in the Year 1821

Henry christened, 1821
Yatton, 7 December 1821: Henry, son of Benjamin and Jane Burge, of Claverham.
South West Heritage Trust, D\P\Yat/2/1/16, entry 458, via Ancestry



Henry's death, 23 July 1886
The Prahran death register: Henry Burge, signalman, 64, of James Place; father Benjamin Burge; buried at St Kilda; born at Yatton, Somerset, 30 years in Victoria; married in England to Mary Wall.
Victorian death register, via a Burge family tree on Ancestry



Henry Burge's probate affidavit, 1886
His executors: P. W. Einsiedel, and Charles Burge of Parker Street, Castlemaine, engine driver.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



The Mount Stuart Elphinstone, 1857
The assisted-immigrant list: arrived at Melbourne on 10 April 1857.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14, Book 11, p. 340



The Burges on the list
Henry Burge, labourer, Somerset, 34; Mary, 35; James (struck through); Charles, 8; Elizabeth, 5.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14, Book 11, p. 340



Henry Burge's will, 1884
"This is the last Will and Testament of me Henry Burge of Windsor": the rents to his wife Lydia for life, then his children, his step-daughter and his granddaughter.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 32/333



What he left, 1886
The statement of assets: the two houses in James Street and James Place, Windsor, the bank account and the furniture.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P2, 32/333



John Corrie's will, 1869
"Mr Moses Taverner and Mr Henry Burge, both of James St", his executors.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 9/166



Florence Mary Burge's will, 1930
Henry's daughter, of Nathan Place, Windsor: to her brother George of Beaconsfield, and to her friend James Kelly or, failing him, her step-sister, Mrs James Fraser.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 242/037

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

George Stewart

died 1893 · *Louisa's father*

George Stewart and Louisa Eliza Tatt are named as Louisa's parents on her death record, but all five of their children's birth entries spell her maiden name Tapp. The same Louisa Eliza Stewart very probably died at Maryborough in 1899, aged 69 (about 72 by her christening), and her own death record spells her maiden name Tapp and names her parents as Joseph Tapp and Eliza Baldwin.

1880
A platelayer; witness at Louisa's wedding, St Matthew's, Broadford, 17 April 1880 (marriage certificate)

George Stewart, continued

They were at Ararat in the early 1860s. Their daughter Louisa Catherine died there in 1862 at nine months old, and the next girl, born in 1863, was given the name Louisa again: Louisa Alexandra, Mary Louisa's mother. By 1865 they were at Beaufort, where Frances Adelaide and Elizabeth Jane were born.

In April 1880 George, a platelayer on the railways, signed as a witness when his daughter Louisa married Charles Burge at St Matthew's, Broadford.

Louisa Eliza Tapp was very probably the Louisa baptised at Potterspury, Northamptonshire, on 22 October 1826, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Tapp, labourer (baptism no. 666, by the vicar, John Hellins). A caution: another Louisa Tapp, daughter of Sophia, was baptised at Potterspury on 26 June 1831, and her age fits the "69" of 1899 better, but the 1899 death record names Joseph Tapp and Eliza Baldwin as the parents, so the 1826 Louisa stays the match.

Her parents, Joseph Tapp and Elizabeth Baldwin, married at Potterspury on 24 August 1826, two months before her christening there, and their names match her death record: "Joseph Tapp of this Parish, Bachelor, and Elizabeth Baldwin of this Parish, Spinster", by banns, both making their marks. Louisa's mother, Eliza, very probably died in May 1827, aged only 17, when Louisa was seven months old, and her father, Joseph, a labourer, married again at Potterspury, as a widower, in March 1828, with a Baldwin as witness (likely).

George died at Amphitheatre on 2 February 1893, aged 61, leaving Louisa and their children George of the Wannon, Mrs C. Burge, Mrs J. Hud[?] and Mrs H. Heath. Their son George James Stewart, a railwayman, was killed in an accident in 1919. Their marriage was very probably in London in 1854: George Stewart and Louisa Eliza Tapp are on the same page of the St Giles marriage index for the June quarter (likely), and there's no Victorian marriage for them. In 1841 Louisa, 15, was at Potterspury with her father Joseph Tapp, a groom, 35, with Jane, 30, and five younger children, Edward, Emma, Matilda, Harriot and Joseph (FreeCEN, HO107/796; likely). An Eliza Tapp, 17, was buried at Potterspury on 17 May 1827, seven months after Louisa's christening, very probably her mother (likely), and an Edward Tapp of Old Stratford, buried at Cosgrove in 1826, aged 44, may be kin (possible); a Louisa Tapp also married at Potterspury in 1851, which needs checking.

In 1841 Louisa, 15, was the eldest at home, with a stepmother, Jane, 30, so her own mother, Elizabeth Baldwin, had died and Joseph had married again (likely): "Joseph Tapp, a Widower" married Jane Rogers at Potterspury on 4 March 1828, and the Eliza Tapp, 17, buried there in May 1827, fits Louisa's mother (likely).

LOUISA'S PARENTS
Joseph Tapp, bachelor, and Elizabeth Baldwin, spinster, married by banns, 24 August 1826, Potterspury, Northamptonshire (no. 128); Eliza very probably buried at Potterspury, 17 May 1827, aged 17; Joseph, a widower, married Jane Rogers there, 4 March 1828 (Northamptonshire registers; likely for the burial and remarriage)

DIED
2 February 1893, Amphitheatre, aged 61; husband of Louisa (Avoca Mail, 7 February 1893)

MARRIED
Very probably April–June 1854, St Giles district, London (GRO 1b/491, the same page as Louisa Eliza Tapp; likely)

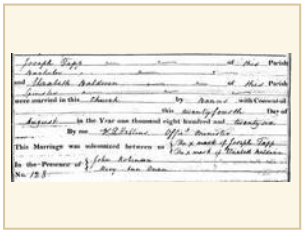
SON
George James Stewart, about 1859–1919, railwayman, killed in an accident (Vic 7926/1919)

1841 CENSUS
Potterspury (HO107/796): Joseph Tapp, 35, groom; Jane, 30; Louisa, 15; Edward, Emma, Matilda, Harriot and Joseph (FreeCEN; likely)

LOUISA BAPTISED
22 October 1826, Potterspury, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Tapp, labourer (no. 666). Not the Louisa, daughter of Sophia, baptised there in 1831

CHILDREN
Louisa Alexandra Burge p. 181

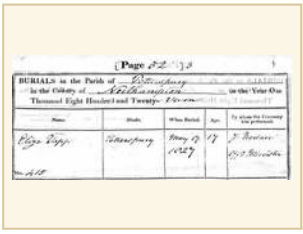
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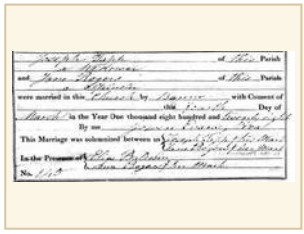
Joseph Tapp marries Elizabeth Baldwin, 1826
Potterspury, 24 August 1826, by banns: Joseph Tapp, bachelor, and Elizabeth Baldwin, spinster, both of this parish; both made their mark.
Ancestry, Northamptonshire Church of England marriages



Louisa Tapp's baptism, 1826
Potterspury, 22 October 1826, no. 666: Louisa, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Tapp, of Potterspury, labourer.
Ancestry, Northamptonshire Church of England baptisms



Very probably Louisa's mother, 1827
Potterspury: Eliza Tapp, buried 17 May 1827, aged 17.
Ancestry, Northamptonshire Church of England burials



Joseph Tapp marries again, 1828
Potterspury, 4 March 1828: "Joseph Tapp, a Widower", and Jane Rogers, spinster; witnesses a Baldwin and Ann Rogers.
Ancestry, Northamptonshire Church of England marriages



Corey's 5× great-grandparents

John Fisher King and Jane Wyman

John King's parents

John Fisher King was a Northamptonshire farm labourer, born about 1808, very probably at Yardley Hastings, where a John King and Ann Fisher had married on 9 October 1804. His death record names those two as his parents. Jane Wyman was very probably the Jane baptised at Easton Maudit, a few miles away, in 1809. John, "of the parish of Yardley Hastings", and Jane married at Easton Maudit by banns on 24 July 1829. Neither could write: both made their marks in the register, and so did two of their witnesses, Peter and Priscilla Minney. A few weeks later their first son, William Wyman King, was christened there, carrying his mother's maiden name. John followed in July 1835. They seem to have lost two baby daughters at Yardley Hastings, both given the name Jane.

In July 1851 John, Jane and their 15-year-old son John, entered on the list as a servant, sailed from Plymouth as government emigrants in the Oregon, and landed at Port Adelaide on 31 October. Also aboard were a Thomas King of Northamptonshire, his wife and their five-year-old boy, very probably John's younger brother Thomas. Their elder son William had gone out the year before with his own wife and baby.

John died at Benalla on 20 November 1886, aged 77, and was buried in the old part of Benalla Cemetery. Jane outlived him by fifteen years. She died at Hamilton on 3 August 1901, aged about 92, of dropsy, after only a day in bed, "a colonist since 1851" with two sons, 13 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She lies in an unmarked grave in Hamilton Cemetery, with her son William beside her and her grandson Walter in the next grave. Three of Walter and Deborah's babies were later buried with her, in 1903 and 1907.

This old studio portrait was attached to John's Find a Grave memorial in 2024, from a copy another researcher shared on Ancestry in 2021. Two family trees identify it as John Fisher King and Jane, probably about 1865–75, with a granddaughter, and the memorial's own inscription calls him John Fisher King, aged 77. No record names them, so the identification is likely rather than certain. Jane's face on this tag is cropped from it: the same bonnet, bow, chair and curtain tassel. The Dunkeld museum also holds a portrait catalogued as "Jane (Wyman)" King, very probably her.

In March 1851, three months before the Oregon sailed, John's parents were very probably the John King, 67, and Ann, 65, born at Kettering, living at Yardley Hastings with their son Thomas, a mason, his wife Ann and their four-year-old son William (likely). The father's occupation reads as "pensioner" (likely). John Fisher King's own household hasn't been found in the 1851 census yet.

MARRIED
24 July 1829, Easton Maudit, Northamptonshire

JOHN DIED
20 November 1886, Benalla, aged 77. Parents John King and Ann Fisher, Victoria 11757/1886

JANE DIED
3 August 1901, Hamilton, aged 92. Father John Wyman, Victoria 9841/1901

RESTING PLACES
John: Benalla Cemetery, old section. Jane: Hamilton Cemetery, west section IV, grave 33, unmarked

HIS PARENTS IN 1851
Very probably John King, 67, born Yardley Hastings, and Ann, 65, born Kettering, at Yardley Hastings, with their son Thomas, 27, mason, his wife Ann, 27, lace maker, born Wymington, and William, 4 (HO107/1738, f. 5, p. 3; likely)

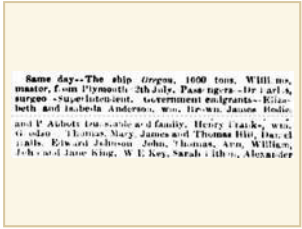
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John Fisher King, continued

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Jane King, née Wyman
Cropped from the family portrait in this file, which two family trees identify as John Fisher King and Jane, probably about 1865–75. No record names them.
King family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The Oregon arrives, October 1851
"John, Thomas, Ann, William, John and Jane King" among the government emigrants. The William here is very probably Thomas's small son, not John's brother.
The Austral Examiner, Adelaide, 7 November 1851, via Trove



Jane's grave, Hamilton
Unmarked graves 33 (Jane) and 34 (her son William). The concrete grave at left, with the urn and weathered headstone, is Walter and Deborah's (32).
Find a Grave 211614551, photo by Ron M, 2023



The family portrait: very probably John Fisher King and Jane
Two family trees identify the bearded man and the woman in the bonnet as John Fisher King and Jane, with a grandchild (a granddaughter, by the trees, though another copy's description calls the child a boy of about ten), probably about 1865–75. No record names them.
Find a Grave 214850359, added by Sonia Henman (2024) from an Ancestry copy shared by Lesley Carol Lee (2021)



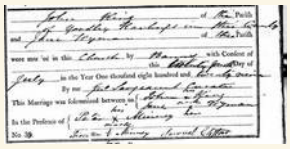
William Whyman King's obituary, 1906
John's brother: the goldfields carting, the Salvation Army, buried beside his mother.
Hamilton Spectator, 31 July 1906, via Trove



St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings
The Kings' home parish in Northamptonshire. A modern photo.
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St Peter and St Paul, Easton Maudit
Where William Wyman King was baptised in 1829. A modern photo.
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John and Jane marry, 1829
Easton Maudit, 24 July 1829: John King of Yardley Hastings and Jane Wyman marry by banns. Both make their marks, and so do the witnesses Peter and Priscilla Minney.
Northamptonshire parish register 111p/4, entry 39, via Ancestry



Very probably John's parents, 1851
Yardley Hastings: John King, 67; Ann, 65, born Kettering; Thomas, 27, mason; Ann, 27; and William, 4.
Ancestry, 1851 England Census, HO107/1738, f. 5, p. 3

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

Samuel Woods and Mary Law

Ann King's parents, and very probably Elizabeth Frisby's

Samuel Woods was a Bedfordshire farm labourer. In 1841 the census found him at Bletsoe, north of Bedford, aged 30, with his wife and children: John, a farm boy of about 12, Elizabeth, eight, William, about five, Ann, two, and a baby, Deborah. He had been christened at Bletsoe on 15 January 1810, the son of John and Sarah Woods, and on 18 November 1828, at eighteen, he married Mary Law at

1841 CENSUS
Bletsoe, Bedfordshire: Samuel, 30, agricultural labourer, with John, Elizabeth, William, Ann and Deborah

Samuel Woods and Mary Law, continued

Swineshead, a few miles up the road. Ann's birth index gives her mother's maiden name as Law, so this is very probably the couple. The wedding record calls her plain Mary; elsewhere she's Mary or Mary Ann: the 1841 census has Mary, in very faint pencil, the Phoebe's list has Mrs Mary Ann Woods, and Samuel's 1891 notice has Mary. Only Ann's death record of 1929, from an informant who never knew her, calls her Elizabeth.

In April 1846 Samuel, his wife and five children reached Port Adelaide in the barque Phoebe, and a Miss Elizabeth Woods sailed with them. Elizabeth married John Frisby in 1851, and Ann married John King in 1855, the notice calling her the second daughter of Mr Samuel Woods of Clarendon. So Ann's son Walter King and Elizabeth's daughter Deborah Frisby, who married in 1885, were very probably first cousins. Ann is confirmed as Samuel's daughter; Elizabeth very probably, and her death certificate would make it certain.

Samuel farmed at Clarendon until fire burnt him out, and spent his old age as a labourer at Mitcham. Mary died at Adelaide on 23 February 1891, aged 84, and Samuel at his home at Mitcham on 17 March, aged 81, "a colonist of 45 years" (Advertiser, 28 March 1891).

Another Samuel Woods married a Mary Bull in the same parishes a year earlier, in 1827, so the children's baptisms need care: an Eliza Frances Woods christened at Swineshead in 1832, daughter of a Samuel and Mary, could belong to either couple.

One family tree puts Samuel Woods's grave in the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide: buried on 19 March 1891, aged 81, at Road 3, Path 2, site 45, the fourth of five burials in the plot. Another tree gives Elizabeth Frisby different parents, Charles Woods and Ann Smith, without a source: the trees disagree, and the case for Samuel and Mary rests on the 1841 census and the Phoebe's list.

Two more children of Samuel and Mary Woods are in the baptism index: George, christened at Riseley on 19 July 1829, who isn't in the 1841 household and very probably died young, and a John, christened at Swineshead in 1834 (likely).

The 1855 marriage notice called Ann "the second daughter of Mr Samuel Woods", which fits Elizabeth, five years older, as the eldest; Deborah Frisby carried the name of her aunt, the baby Deborah of the 1841 cottage; and if the sisters hold, Samuel King and Annie Frisby were first cousins too (likely).

A year after the Phoebe came in, two more sons, Thomas and Samuel, were christened together at Adelaide on 22 April 1847, very probably twins; one family tree has both dying as babies (possible).

Mary may be the Mary Law christened at Swineshead on 10 August 1806, daughter of John and Ann Law, which fits her age at death exactly, though another Mary Law was christened at Bletsoe in 1807 (possible).

A family tree gives Samuel's mother as Sarah Marshall, but that's unproven: the only John and Sarah Marshall Woods in the index were having children at Great Ryburgh, in Norfolk, around 1790.

ARRIVED
Phoebe, Port Adelaide, 27 April 1846

SAMUEL DIED
17 March 1891, Mitcham, aged 81; buried 19 March, West Terrace. Mary died 23 February 1891, Adelaide, aged 84

MARRIED
18 November 1828, Swineshead, then in Huntingdonshire, a few miles north of Bletsoe; the Pertenhall register has them on 26 October, very probably the banns (the record is confirmed; that it's our couple is likely)

SAMUEL CHRISTENED
15 January 1810, Bletsoe, son of John and Sarah Woods (likely; it agrees with FamilySearch)

SAMUEL'S SA DEATH ENTRY
1891, Adelaide district, SA 192/139 (likely)

SAMUEL'S GRAVE
West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, Road 3, Path 2, E2ND, site 45; buried 19 March 1891, aged 81 (Adelaide Cemeteries Authority record, seen in a family tree)

BORN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Thomas and Samuel, christened together at Adelaide, 22 April 1847 (likely); a family tree has Samuel dying in 1847 and Thomas in 1849 (possible)

VERY PROBABLY ALSO THEIR DAUGHTER ELIZABETH'S FAMILY
John William Frisby p. 183

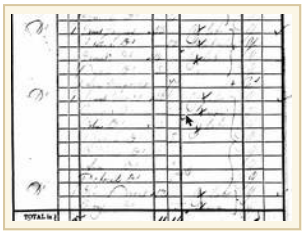
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MORE SOURCES
Marriage, Samuel Woods and Mary Law, 1828, FamilySearch

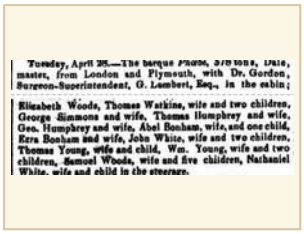
Christening, Samuel Woods, Bletsoe, 1810, FamilySearch

Samuel Woods and Mary Law, continued

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Samuel Woods's household, Bletsoe, 1841
Samuel Woods, 30, agricultural labourer, with John, Elizabeth (8), William, Ann (2) and baby Deborah. The census-taker's pencil is very faint.
1841 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/8/2, folio 7, p. 8



Tuesday, April 28.—The barque Phoebe, 370 tons, Dale, master, from London and Plymouth, with Dr. Gordon, Surgeon-Superintendent, G. Lambert, Esq., in the cabin; Elizabeth Woods, Thomas Watkins, wife and two children, George Simmons and wife, Thomas Humphrey and wife, Geo. Humphrey and wife, Abel Bonham, wife, and one child, Ezra Bonham and wife, John White, wife and two children, Thomas Young, wife and child, Wm. Young, wife and two children, Samuel Woods, wife and five children, Nathaniel White, wife and child in the steerage.

The Phoebe arrives, April 1846
"Samuel Woods, wife and five children" in the steerage. The passenger list has Ann, aged 7, in this family.
Adelaide Observer, 2 May 1846, via Trove

Corey's 5x great-grandparents

Benjamin Burge and Jane Williams

Henry Burge's parents

Henry Burge's parents. Benjamin Burge and Jane Williams, both of Yatton in Somerset, married there by banns on 4 November 1810, and both made their marks in the register. Their children were christened at Yatton: Elizabeth in 1811, James in 1818 and Henry in 1821, when the family was living at Claverham, a hamlet in the parish.

Benjamin was buried at Yatton on 4 August 1822, aged about 36, when Henry was only eight months old. In 1841 Henry, 19, was living at Claverham with a Jane Burge, 58, a charwoman, very probably his widowed mother.

MARRIED
4 November 1810, Yatton, by banns; both made their marks

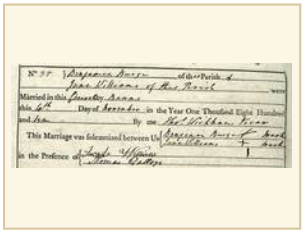
CHILDREN
Elizabeth (christened 1811), James (1818) and Henry (1821)

BENJAMIN BURIED
4 August 1822, Yatton, aged about 36

JANE BURIED
1 January 1864, Yatton, aged about 80 (likely)

CHILDREN
Henry Burge p. 185

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Benjamin and Jane marry, 1810
Yatton, 4 November 1810: Benjamin Burge and Jane Williams, both of Yatton, marry by banns. Both make their marks.
South West Heritage Trust, D\P\Yat/2/1/4, entry 35, via Ancestry



St Mary the Virgin, Yatton
Where the Burge children were baptised. A modern photo.
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HEATHER'S SIDE

The Twitt line

Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt's family and forebears

Twitt · Davis

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	Thomas Twitt p. 194 Frances Adelaide Twitt p. 198
3× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	James Twitt p. 199 Francis Davis p. 203
4× GREAT-GRANDPARENTS	William Twitt p. 203

Nini · Corey's great-grandmother

Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt

1910–1995

Nini was a New Zealander. Born at Wellington on 30 December 1910, she was so hard to find because everyone looked for her in Victoria. Her parents, Thomas and Frances Twitt, brought the family back to Melbourne: by 1912 they were enrolled at Collingwood, and from 1914 they made their home at Coburg, and her sisters Hazel and Hilda stood with her at her wedding.

She married Les King in 1932. Joy was born that December.

She arrived in Dunkeld as a young bride and was quickly running things. From 1939 she and Les ran Café Pauline in Bairnsdale, and her father came up from Coburg to stay with them there that May. Earlier she'd been president of the Dunkeld Girls' Club in 1933 and 1934, the year the club raised over £50.

While Les was away in 1942 her address was the Rob Roy Bakery in Hamilton, her father-in-law's bakery, trading under that name since at least 1906, though that year's electoral roll has her at Coburg, where her parents lived.

In 1989, aged 78, she applied for Les's War Medal, with Joy as her witness. Weeks later she signed for a registered article from the Army at Dunkeld, almost certainly the medal.

The Dunkeld museum describes her as "of Dunkeld Bakery" in a photo it dates to about 1940, though the electoral rolls have the Kings at Hamilton in 1936 and 1937, at Bairnsdale from 1939, and back at Dunkeld only by 1946, so the museum's date may be a few years out. It also has her with the golf club's associates in 1959 and at a winter Christmas dinner in 1987.

In 1936 she and Les were living with his parents at 123 Brown Street, Hamilton, and in 1941 at the café in Main Street, Bairnsdale. By 1972 they had moved from the bakery in Martin Street to Wills Street, Dunkeld. She died at Penshurst, like Les, on 10 December 1995, aged 84.

Her brother Harry, Henry William Twitt, died in 1984. In 1943 the Coburg roll has her at her parents' house in Lewis Street as a teacher. In 1937 the Hamilton roll has the whole King household at 123 Brown Street: Marangan Leslie and Les, bakers, Ernest Charles, a carter, Mary Louisa and Irene; and in 1939 Les, a café proprietor, and Irene are at 149 Main Street, Bairnsdale.

BORN
30 December 1910, Wellington, New Zealand 1911/3325

MARRIED
Victoria 2521/1932

DIED
10 December 1995, Penshurst, aged 84, Victoria 31693/1995

RESTING PLACE
Dunkeld New Cemetery

ROLLS
Hamilton, 1937 (123 Brown Street, home duties); Bairnsdale, 1939 (149 Main Street); Coburg, 1943 (teacher)

PROBATE
1995 (Victorian probate index)

PARENTS
Thomas Twitt p. 194, Frances Adelaide Twitt p. 198

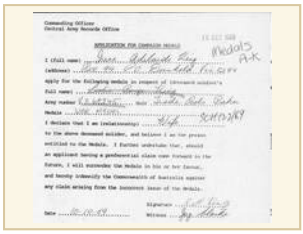
PARTNER
Leslie Burge King p. 164

CHILDREN
Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM
22 033 Wedding of Les and Irene, 1932
14 0443 Of Dunkeld Bakery, about 1940
22 032 With Les, World War 2 box
89 1594 Golf club associates, 1959
14 0626 Winter Christmas dinner, 1987

Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt, continued

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Her medal application, 1989
Witnessed by Joy.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 20



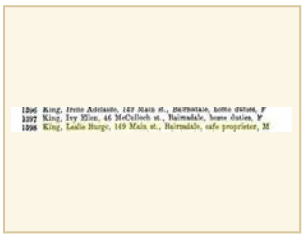
Irene signs at Dunkeld, 30 November 1989
Signing for a registered article from the Army.
National Archives, B883, VX68245, page 13



Irene's plaque
Dunkeld New Cemetery. It reads: wife of Les, mother of Joy, mother-in-law of Max, Ninny to Bruce and Heather, great Ninny of Jake and Alex. "She gave all completely without reservation. We loved her so much."
Find a Grave 221870380



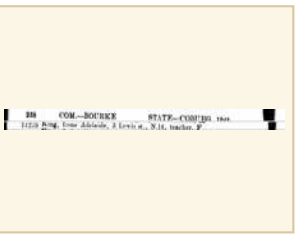
123 Brown Street, Hamilton, 1936
The 1936 roll: Irene and Les, baker, at 123 Brown Street with his parents, Marangan Leslie King, baker, and Mary Louisa.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Café proprietor, Bairnsdale, 1941
The 1941 roll: Irene Adelaide King, home duties, and Leslie Burge King, café proprietor, 149 Main Street, Bairnsdale.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



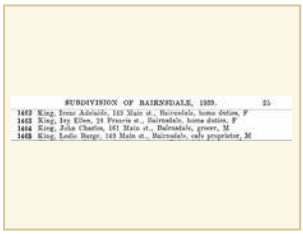
Wills Street, 1977
The 1977 roll: Irene, home duties, and Les, storeman, Wills Street, Dunkeld. The lines between them are cut out.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Irene at Coburg, 1943
"King, Irene Adelaide, 3 Lewis st., N.14, teacher."
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



The Kings at 123 Brown Street, Hamilton, 1937
Ernest Charles, carter; Irene Adelaide, home duties; Leslie Burge, baker; Marangan Leslie, baker; and Mary Louisa, home duties, all at 123 Brown Street.
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry



Café Pauline, Bairnsdale, 1939
"King, Irene Adelaide, 149 Main st., Bairnsdale, home duties" and "King, Leslie Burge, 149 Main st., Bairnsdale, cafe proprietor."
Australia, Electoral Rolls 1903-1980, via Ancestry

Corey's great-great-grandfather

Thomas Twitt

1880–1950 · *Irene's father*

Thomas was born at Kaarimba in 1880, a son of James Twitt and Mary McCarthy. His mother died there in 1887, when he was about seven.

Before he ever went to New Zealand, Thomas was a footballer. In June 1901 the Numurkah Leader picked him out as Wunghnu's "finest place man", one of three Kaarimba lads who were "first class".

A T. Twitt sailed for Bluff on the Monowai in October 1902, very likely him. A Twitt was kicking goals for the Imperials, an Australian rules club in

BORN
1880, Kaarimba, Victoria 16691/1880

MARRIED
Frances Adelaide Davis, very probably New Zealand 1907/6434, where the groom is indexed as Thomas Tuill (the official index; Ancestry reads it as folio 6964)

Thomas Twitt, continued

Christchurch, by 1905, and in August 1906 one very likely played for Canterbury against Wellington at Athletic Park, in front of about a thousand people. He'd grown up on a wheat farm, and the International Harvester Company took him on as an expert, travelling the Wellington district putting machines together and showing them at shows. He sued the firm in 1907 for overtime and travelling expenses. The magistrate disallowed the overtime and gave him judgment for the rest. The football and Harvester stories are very likely him, though not proven.

He very probably married Frances Davis in New Zealand about 1907, and Harry and Irene were born at Wellington. That's why Irene never turned up in the Victorian birth index. By 1912 the family was back in Melbourne, on the electoral roll at Collingwood, and from 1914 they were at Coburg. Three more daughters followed: Hazel, born in 1913 in Fitzroy, next door to Collingwood, then Hilda and Patricia.

Back in Melbourne he became a warder, almost certainly at Pentridge prison in Coburg. When he made his will at 3 Lewis Street, Coburg, in January 1942, he left £50 to "my daughter Irene Adelaide King".

In October 1949 his 12-year-old grandson, Harry's son Bruce William Twitt, died after a bicycle crash. Six months later, on 7 April 1950, Thomas died suddenly at Les and Irene's home in Dunkeld, aged 69. The family's notice says it happened "at our home", and signs him off as father of Irene, father-in-law of Leslie and loving granddad of Joy. Another says he's at rest with young Bruce.

Two more brothers, William, who died at Perth in 1950, and James, who died in Queensland in 1955, share a file.

On 15 November 1899 the Numurkah petty sessions fined Thomas Twitt £2, or 14 days, for carrying a double-barrelled breech-loading gun on Sunday 5 November (likely him). In New Zealand the 1908 roll has him at 190 Moorhouse Avenue, Christchurch South, a labourer; by 1910 the Wellington directory has him, and the 1911 roll has Thomas, a storeman, and Frances at Courtney Street, Wellington East. The 1912 directory has a Thomas Twitt at 127 Hotham Street, Collingwood (likely). His probate file calls him a former warder, late of Coburg. He was cremated at Fawkner on 11 April 1950.

His funeral left 3 Lewis Street, Coburg, for the crematorium (Sun, 11 April 1950), and he lies at Fawkner in position 58, with Frances beside him. Their son Harry was cremated in September 1984 and lies at Burwood with his son Bruce and Mabel Beltana Twitt; their daughter Hilda Lucy died on 15 December 1987, late of Fawkner.

CHILDREN
Harry (Henry William, born Wellington 1909, died Kew 1984), Irene (Wellington 1910), Hazel Daphne (Fitzroy 1913, later Mrs T. Drew), Hilda Lucy (Coburg 1916, died 1987) and Patricia

ELECTORAL ROLLS
Collingwood 1912 and 1913; Coburg from 1914

DIED
7 April 1950, Dunkeld, Victoria 18735/1950

RESTING PLACE
Fawkner Memorial Park, Rose Garden No. 2, Companion Roses, Garden Bed L, Position 58

PARENTS
James Twitt and Mary McCarthy

NZ ROLLS
Christchurch South, 1908: 190 Moorhouse Avenue, labourer. Wellington East, 1911: Courtnay Street, storeman, with Frances

FINED
£2, Numurkah petty sessions, 15 November 1899, for carrying a gun on Sunday 5 November (likely him)

PROBATE
Former warder, of Coburg; died 7 April 1950 (PROV 425/454)

PARENTS
James Twitt p. 199

PARTNER
Frances Adelaide Twitt p. 198

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Joseph Twitt p. 196, William and James Twitt p. 197

CHILDREN
Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193

MORE SOURCES
Find a Grave memorial

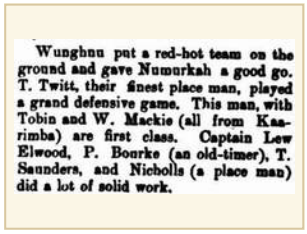
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Thomas signs his will, 1942
Thomas Twitt of 3 Lewis Street, Coburg, Warder.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 425/454



"My daughter Irene Adelaide King"
His will leaves her £50.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 425/454



Wunghnu put a red-hot team on the ground and gave Numurkah a good go. T. Twitt, their finest place man, played a grand defensive game. This man, with Tobin and W. Mackie (all from Kaarimba) are first class. Captain Lew Elwood, P. Bourke (an old-timer), T. Saunders, and Nicholls (a place man) did a lot of solid work.

"T. Twitt, their finest place man"
Numurkah Leader, 28 June 1901.
Numurkah Leader, via Trove



His death notices, April 1950
One names Dunkeld, Irene, Leslie and Joy.
The Sun News-Pictorial, 10 April 1950, via Trove

Thomas Twitt, continued



His death notices, April 1950
Four family notices. One says he died at the family's home in Dunkeld.
Twitt family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Christchurch South roll, 1908
"Twitt, Thomas, 190 Moorhouse Avenue, labourer."
New Zealand electoral rolls, via Ancestry



Wellington East roll, 1911
"Twitt, Frances, Courtnay Street, married. Twitt, Thomas, Courtnay Street, storeman."
New Zealand electoral rolls, via Ancestry



Numurkah petty sessions, 15 November 1899
Constable Frank M. Beecroft charged Thomas Twitt with carrying firearms, a double-barrelled breech-loading gun, on Sunday 5 November 1899: fined £2, or 14 days. Very probably him.
Victoria, Australia, Court of Petty Sessions registers, via Ancestry



His father's probate, 1908
The affidavit naming James Twitt's nine children: James, John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank and Mrs Margaret Willcox.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



Thomas at Fawkner
Rose Garden No. 2, Companion Roses, Bed L, Position 58.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

Corey's great-great-grandfather's brother

Joseph Twitt

about 1867–1917 · *Thomas's brother*

James and Mary's son Joseph, Thomas's older brother, was born about 1867, and was one of the very first pupils at the little Mundoona State School when it opened in 1877. From about 1915 he was a patient at the Austin Hospital for Incurables in Heidelberg, and his doctor said he had pulmonary tuberculosis. By March 1917 he was in the Kronheimer Wing, built for men with consumption, and the disease was very advanced, and on 28 March 1917, aged 49, he took his own life there. The inquiry found no blame on anyone at the hospital. He lies in an unmarked grave at Coburg.

A Joseph Twitt of Northam, in Western Australia, a fruiterer and labour-agency owner in 1904, whose wife Annie died in 1906 and whose house on the Newcastle Road burned down on Christmas night 1906 (the inquest found "no evidence to show how the fire originated"; Northam Advertiser, 16 January 1907), may be this Joseph himself, as his father's 1908 affidavit names only five sons: possible only.

Find a Grave's 30 March 1917 is his burial: he was buried that day at Coburg, Church of England DS, grave 13.

BORN
About 1867

PARENTS
James Twitt and Mary McCarthy

DIED
28 March 1917, Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, aged 49 (Vic 1731/1917)

RESTING PLACE
Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, Church of England DS, Grave 13, unmarked

PARENTS
James Twitt p. 199

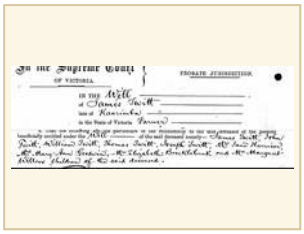
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Joseph Twitt, continued

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Joseph Twitt's unmarked grave, Coburg
The red star marks the spot: Church of England DS, Grave 13, Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery.
Find a Grave 207978221



His father's probate, 1908
The affidavit naming James Twitt's nine children: James, John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank and Mrs Margaret Willcox.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



Joseph at Coburg
Church of England DS, grave 13: buried 30 March 1917.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

Thomas's brothers

William and James Twitt

Two more of James and Mary Twitt's sons, Thomas's brothers. William, born about 1871, went west: he married Grace Mabel Blight at Highbury, Western Australia, in 1914, and their only son, James Gilbert, was born at Narrogin in 1916. William died at Perth in 1950, aged 79; his death entry names his parents as James Twitt and Mary Carthy. Grace died at Shenton Park in 1970, aged 85. He's the son William in his father's 1905 will.

James died in Queensland on 14 January 1955, and his death entry names his parents as James and Mary McCarthy. Nothing more about him has turned up yet.

William was at Narrogin by 1907, clearing for the road board, and in 1912 he repaired the Highbury dam for £15. He stood a Suffolk Punch stallion at stud in 1909 and took prizes at the Williams show from 1909 to 1913. On 27 May 1914 he was groomsman when Myrtle Blight married Andrew Gibson at Highbury Hall, and that year he married her sister Grace, a daughter of W. J. Blight of Highbury, whose other children were Elsie (Mrs Pearce), Amy (Mrs Challis), Florence (Mrs Quinn), James, Archie, Frederick, Victor, Ralph and Leslie. In July 1921 there was a dance in Mr W. Twitt's barn on the Minigin–Geeralying road, and from February to April 1924 Mr and Mrs W. Twitt were away on a holiday trip to Victoria.

In September 1929 their only son, James Gilbert, 13, was found in the orchard at Minigin, seven miles from Narrogin, with a bullet wound; the pea rifle his father had given him a fortnight before was beside him. He died in Narrogin hospital on 6 September 1929 and was buried in the Methodist portion of Narrogin cemetery. A year later his parents, "Armadale, late Narrogin", remembered "our dear and only son".

William spent a fortnight in the Sunset Home at Nedlands in September 1950, and his funeral went to the Karrakatta Crematorium on 25 October 1950. Wreaths at James Gilbert's funeral came from "Uncle Jim and Auntie Hannah and Cousins" and from "Jean and Val Robinson (Cousins)". Dorothy Jean Twitt, who married Douglas Robinson in 1925, was very probably a daughter of a Joseph Twitt of Northam, a fruiterer and labour-agency owner in 1904, whose wife Annie died on 6 April 1906 and whose house burned down that year. If so,

WILLIAM BORN
About 1871

WILLIAM DIED
1950, Perth, aged 79, WA 102430/1950 (parents James Twitt and Mary Carthy)

WILLIAM MARRIED
Grace Mabel Blight, Highbury, WA 6700029/1914

JAMES DIED
14 January 1955, Queensland 1955/C/740 (parents James and Mary McCarthy)

JAMES GILBERT'S DEATH
6 September 1929, Narrogin hospital, aged 13, of a rifle wound; buried in the Methodist portion of Narrogin cemetery

WILLIAM'S FUNERAL
Karrakatta Crematorium, 25 October 1950 (West Australian)

WILLIAM AT NARROGIN
From 1907: road-board contracts, a Suffolk Punch stallion (1909), prizes at the Williams show (1909–13); later at Armadale

PARENTS
James Twitt p. 199

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Thomas Twitt p. 194, Joseph Twitt p. 196

MORE SOURCES
Myrtle Blight's wedding, Great Southern Leader, 19 June 1914, Trove

James Gilbert Twitt, Great Southern Leader, 6 September 1929, Trove

James Gilbert Twitt, West Australian, 7 September 1929, Trove

In memoriam, West Australian, 6 September 1930, Trove

William Twitt's funeral, West Australian, 25 October 1950, Trove

William and James Twitt, continued

that Joseph was very possibly William's brother Joseph himself, before his years at the Austin Hospital. A Frank Twitt of Boulder, who died in 1935, once suggested as another brother, can't be one: James's 1908 probate affidavit names only five sons, James, John, William, Thomas and Joseph.

"Uncle Jim and Auntie Hannah" at James Gilbert's funeral were very probably William's brother James and his wife (likely).

He went to court for his money: in 1910 the Narrogin Local Court gave him £13 6s 9d against a neighbour for fencing, work and his stallion's services, and in 1913 he sued George Edwards for £62 14s 5d on a balance of account (Great Southern Leader; Narrogin Observer).

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His father's probate, 1908
The affidavit naming James Twitt's nine children: James, John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank and Mrs Margaret Willcox.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry

Corey's great-great-grandmother

Frances Adelaide Twitt, née Davis

died 1974 · *Irene's mother*

Born in Sydney, the daughter of Francis Davis and Lucy Sarah Wood. She very probably married Thomas Twitt in New Zealand about 1907, and died at Pascoe Vale in Melbourne in 1974, aged 86. The Dunkeld museum has her with her daughter Hilda outside the Royal Mail Hotel about 1950.

Her death entry names her father as Francis. She died on 26 March 1974 and was cremated on the 28th, the date Find a Grave gives, and she lies at Fawkner in position 57, beside Thomas in 58.

A Lucy Sally Davis who died in New Zealand in 1924, aged 68, may be her mother Lucy (possible).

MARRIED
Thomas Twitt, very probably New Zealand 1907/6434 (groom indexed as Tuill)

DIED
Pascoe Vale, Victoria 7373/1974

RESTING PLACE
Fawkner Memorial Park, Rose Garden No. 2 Companion Roses, Bed L, Position 57, beside Thomas; died 26 March 1974, cremated 28 March (GMCT)

CHILDREN
Harry (Henry William, 1909–84), Irene (1910–95), Hazel Daphne (Mrs T. Drew), Hilda Lucy (1916–87) and Patricia

PARENTS
Francis Davis p. 203

PARTNER
Thomas Twitt p. 194

CHILDREN
Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193

HELD AT THE DUNKELD MUSEUM
86 449 With Hilda outside the Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, about 1950

Frances Adelaide Twitt, continued

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Frances at Fawkner
Rose Garden No. 2, Companion Roses, Bed L, Position 57: died 26 March 1974, cremated 28 March.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

James Twitt

1838–1908 · *Thomas's father*

James was a Somerset farmer's son, baptised at Kewstoke near Weston-super-Mare in August 1838, and registered at Axbridge with his mother's maiden name, Bridge. At 18 he sailed to Victoria on the Black Eagle with his older brother Joseph, and the immigration clerk wrote that the two had "gone to brother Henry Twitt", who had very likely come out on the Priam in 1852. Henry has his own file.

Their first children were born on the goldfields north of Ballarat, at Dean in 1863, Mount Prospect in 1867 and Egans Town near Daylesford in 1869, before the family moved up to Shepparton and then Kaarimba. James and Henry later took up blocks side by side at Kaarimba, near Numurkah, and the government's parish plan still has their names written on allotments 9 and 10. James's 316 acres had ten paddocks, a five-roomed weatherboard house, a separate kitchen, an iron barn with a five-stall stable, and two dams. He and Mary McCarthy had ten children. Mary died at Kaarimba in 1887, aged 46. James died on 12 January 1908, aged 69 (the paper thought him over 70), and the local paper called him "another old pioneer". He's buried at Wunghnu under a white marble headstone that reads "Gone but not forgotten". Mary is at Wunghnu too, though not beside him: the cemetery plan puts her, a Catholic, in the Roman Catholic section and James in the Wesleyan.

The Twitt brothers never forgot home. In September 1884 Mr and Mrs Twitt "of Kewstoke, Kaarimba", very likely James and Mary, since his Crown grant came through that very month, threw a housewarming for their new house. Close on 150 people came from Numurkah, Wunghnu and Shepparton, and they danced in the big dining room "till an early hour next morning".

Their son Joseph, Thomas's older brother, died at the Austin Hospital in 1917, and has his own file.

In 1974 Adrian Twitt, a Wangaratta teacher, wrote a 48-page book about Henry Twitt's selector years, A Paradise for Twitts. The Numurkah historical society holds a copy.

His will, dated 27 September 1905, was proved after his death, and the probate affidavit names all the children who shared in it: James, John, William, Thomas and Joseph Twitt, Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank and Mrs Margaret Willcox. His net estate came to £1,955 12s 1d. The probate papers give his death as 11 January 1908, the local paper's

BORN
1838, Kewstoke, Somerset, baptised August 1838; registered at Axbridge, September quarter, mother's maiden name Bridge (GRO index 10/294)

DIED
1908, Victoria 3315/1908: 11 January by the probate, 12 January by the paper; the burial order (funeral 13 January) rules out Find a Grave's 19th

MARY DIED
1887, Victoria 10602/1887

RESTING PLACES
Wunghnu Cemetery: James, Methodist, Section 8 B, grave 16, funeral 13 January 1908 (burial order, PROV VPRS 18646); Mary, Roman Catholic, Section 9, Plot 70

WILL
27 September 1905; net estate £1,955 12s 1d (PROV 106/328)

CHILDREN IN THE WILL
James, John, William, Thomas, Joseph; Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank, Mrs Margaret Willcox (probate affidavit, 1908)

DAYLESFORD
1864–70: small debt cases; a member of Court Otterburn, Foresters' friendly society (petty sessions)

FINED, 1901
Numurkah, 4 December 1901: obscene language, £1, and drunk and disorderly, 5s, at Wunghnu, 22 November; paid

CAUSE OF DEATH
"Alcoholic Poison[ing]", by his burial order (reading likely)

James Twitt, continued

report the 12th, and Find a Grave the 19th. His burial order settles part of it: the funeral was at Wunghnu at 2 pm on 13 January 1908, so the 19th is wrong. The order, signed by "Twitt Brothers", has him as a Methodist farmer of Kaarimba, aged 70, in grave 16, Section 8 B, the first burial in it, and it gives the cause of death as "Alcoholic Poison[ing]" (the reading is likely). The plot book has "James Twitt, 6 feet, 70 years". His brother Joseph had died at Kensington in 1886, aged 55, a third son of William Twitt and Elizabeth Bridge in Victoria. James and Mary's marriage isn't in the Victorian index; Mary's own death entry names her parents as Thomas McCarthy and Mary.

On the Daylesford goldfield, from 1864 to 1870, he turns up in small debt cases, among them a doctor's bill of £5 5s, settled in 1867, and for contributions owed to Court Otterburn of the Foresters' friendly society, so he was a Forester. On 4 December 1901 the Numurkah court fined James Twitt senior £1 for obscene language and 5s for being drunk and disorderly in Carlisle Street, Wunghnu, on 22 November; he paid.

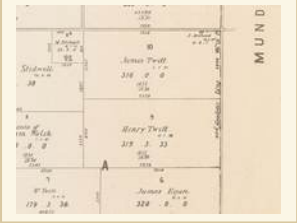
The Numurkah Leader gave the cause of death as senile decay, where his burial order reads "Alcoholic Poison[ing]". It said he had lived in the district for about 30 years; the Rev. W. R. Featonby read the service at Wunghnu, and Alex Dunn had charge of the funeral (Numurkah Leader, 17 January 1908, p. 5).

PARENTS
William Twitt p. 203

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Henry Twitt p. 201

CHILDREN
Thomas Twitt p. 194, Joseph Twitt p. 196, William and James Twitt p. 197

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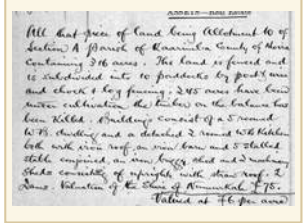
The Kaarimba parish plan
James Twitt, 316 acres, beside Henry Twitt, 319 acres.
State Library Victoria



"Mr and Mrs Twitt, of Kewstoke, Kaarimba", 1884
The housewarming: close on 150 guests, and dancing till morning.
The Nathalia Herald, 12 September 1884, via Trove



"Gone to brother Henry Twitt", 1857
The Black Eagle's register: Joseph and James Twitt of Somerset.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14/P0, Book 12, p. 348



The farm, 1908
Allotment 10, Section A, Kaarimba: 316 acres, the farm Thomas grew up on.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P2, 106/328



James Twitt's will, 1905
Naming his sons William and Thomas, with his signature.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 106/328



His headstone, Wunghnu
Gone but not forgotten.
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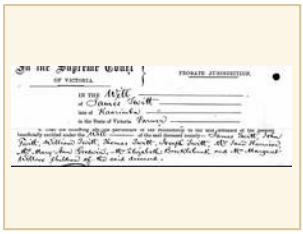


Where James and Mary lie, Wunghnu
The Wunghnu Cemetery plan, marked: Mary Twitt (McCarthy), Roman Catholic, Section 9, Plot 70; James Twitt, Wesleyan, Section 8, Plot 16.
Twitt family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



James Twitt's will, 1905
Signed at Kaarimba on 27 September 1905.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry

James Twitt, continued



"Children of the said deceased", 1908
The probate affidavit for James Twitt, late of Kaarimba, farmer: James, John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Mrs Jane Harrison, Mrs Mary Ann Goodwin, Mrs Elizabeth Brocklebank and Mrs Margaret Willcox.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



James Twitt's burial order, 1908
Wunghnu: a Methodist farmer of Kaarimba, aged 70; funeral 13 January 1908, 2 pm, grave 16, Section 8 B; signed "Twitt Brothers".
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 18646/P0001, p. 18



The burial order, close up
The entry for James Twitt.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 18646/P0001, p. 18

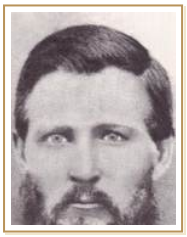


The Wunghnu plot book
"James Twitt, 6 feet, 70 years", grave 16.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 18644, p. 27



MR. JAMES TWITT.
We have to chronicle the death of another old pioneer, in the person of Mr James. Twitt, of Kaarimba, who passed away on Sunday last, the cause of death being senile decay. Mr Twitt was over 70 years of age, and he had resided in the district for about 30 years. He leaves a large and well-respected family to mourn their loss. The remains were interred in the Wunghnu cemetery onMonday, the Rev W. R. Festonby reading the burial service. Mr Alex Dunn had charge of the funeral arrangements.

His obituary, 1908
Numurkah Leader, 17 January 1908: "another old pioneer", over 70, buried at Wunghnu.
Numurkah Leader, 17 January 1908, p. 5 (Trove 186408855), via the CuddyHarwoodTwittForward tree on Ancestry



Corey's great-great-great-grandfather's brother

Henry Twitt

1836–1896 · *James's brother; Thomas's uncle*

William and Elizabeth Twitt's son, christened at Kewstoke in March 1836. In 1851 he and his brother Joseph were farm labourers lodging with a neighbour, and he is very probably the Henry Twitt, "18", from Somerset, who reached Victoria on the Priam on 25 August 1852 "on own account", the first of the family to go. When Joseph and James followed on the Black Eagle in 1857, the immigration clerk wrote that they had "gone to brother Henry Twitt".

Henry and James later took up blocks side by side at Kaarimba, near Numurkah: on the parish plan Henry has 319 acres on Allotment 9 and James 316 on Allotment 10. In 1974 Adrian Twitt, a Wangaratta teacher, wrote a 48-page book about Henry's selector years, A Paradise for Twitts, and a printed page, very probably from that book, has his portrait, captioned "Henry Twitt – 1836 - 1896": a man of about 40 with dark hair, a full dark beard and a bow tie. His son Henry junior died at Mundoona in 1917.

He married Jane Pople in 1861, and after her death in 1873 he married Susan Ann Gale, a widow. He died suddenly at Nine Mile Creek, Kaarimba, on 16 January 1896. His memorial card calls him "a resident of Kaarimba for 21 years",

CHRISTENED
20 March 1836, Kewstoke, Somerset

ARRIVED
Priam, Victoria, 25 August 1852, aged 18, from Somerset, "on own account" (nominal list) (very probably him; he was in fact 16)

LAND
Allotment 9, Section A, Kaarimba: 319 acres, beside James's (parish plan; his will)

MARRIED
Jane Pople, 1861 (she died in 1873); Susan Ann Gale, 1873 (Susan Ann Gill, 1842–1900, in family trees)

DIED
16 January 1896, suddenly, at Nine Mile Creek, Kaarimba, aged 60 (59 on his headstone); parents William Twitt and Elizabeth Bridge (Victoria 3311/1896; his will, PROV 60/572)

Henry Twitt, continued

so there from about 1875, and gives his age as 60; his headstone at Wunghnu says 59. Family trees give his second wife as Susan Ann Gill, 1842–1900.

Probate of his will was granted on 25 March 1896 to Charles Twitt of Mundoona, James Egan and John Campbell. The government gazette has Henry and James Twitt of Kaarimba under the Land Act in 1874 and 1877, and Henry and Mary A. Twitt at Mundoona in 1881–82 (index only; unexplained, as his wife was Susan Ann). On 1 March 1894 the Numurkah petty sessions fined him £5 for cruelty to a horse (very probably him).

In January 1901 his sons Henry and Charles were charged at Numurkah under the Vermin Destruction Act; both charges were withdrawn.

The Numurkah Leader said he died suddenly at midday on Thursday 16 January 1896, of heat apoplexy, after loading wheat all morning; a doctor's certificate meant there was no inquest. He'd been 20 years at Mundoona and left a wife and four grown children. The Wunghnu plot book has him in Section 7, Compartment B, grave 17, "H. Twitt /96", with W. H. Twitt (1893) and W. Twitt (1900) in grave 15, C. Twitt (1905) in grave 11, and Henry junior (1917) in grave 12.

The Charles Twitt of Mundoona who proved Henry's will in 1896 was very probably his son Charles, buried beside him in 1905 (likely).

Henry was 16, not 18, when he landed from the Priam "on own account" in 1852: christened in March 1836, he very probably added two years to travel alone (likely).

RESTING PLACE
Wunghnu, Section 7, Compartment B, grave 17 (plot book), with his sons around him

PROBATE
Granted 25 March 1896 to Charles Twitt of Mundoona, James Egan and John Campbell (PROV 60/572)

FINED
£5, Numurkah petty sessions, 1 March 1894, for cruelty to a horse (likely him)

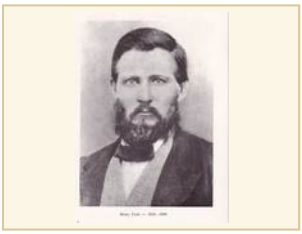
CAUSE OF DEATH
Heat apoplexy, after loading wheat (Numurkah Leader, 23 January 1896)

PARENTS
William Twitt p. 203

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
James Twitt p. 199

MORE SOURCES
"Death of Mr Henry Twitt", Numurkah Leader, 23 January 1896, Trove

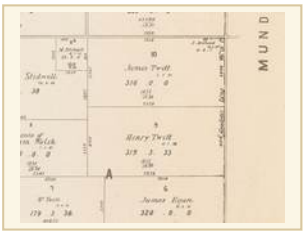
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"Henry Twitt – 1836 - 1896"
His portrait on a printed page, very probably page 2 of Adrian Twitt's A Paradise for Twitts (1974).
Adrian Twitt, A Paradise for Twitts (1974), very probably, via a Twitt family tree on Ancestry



"Gone to brother Henry Twitt", 1857
The Black Eagle's register: Joseph and James Twitt of Somerset.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 14/P0, Book 12, p. 348



The Kaarimba parish plan
James Twitt, 316 acres, beside Henry Twitt, 319 acres.
State Library Victoria



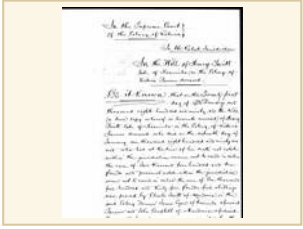
His memorial card, 1896
"In Loving Remembrance of my beloved father Henry Twitt, a resident of Kaarimba for 21 years, died suddenly January 16, 1896, aged 60 years."
Twitt family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



His headstone, Wunghnu
A marble stone in an iron-railed plot: "In Loving Memory of Henry Twitt, who died at Kaarimba 16th Jan. 1896, aged 59 years."
BillionGraves (2015), via a Twitt family tree on Ancestry



The Priam, 1852
The nominal list: "Twitt, Henry", from Somerset, single, 18, engaged "on own account".
Victoria, assisted and unassisted passenger lists, via Ancestry



Henry Twitt's probate, 1896
Granted on 25 March 1896 to Charles Twitt of Mundoona, James Egan and John Campbell.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



The Wunghnu plot book
Section 7, Compartment B: "H. Twitt /96" in grave 17, with the other Twitt graves around it.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 18644, p. 25

Corey's great-great-great-grandfather

Francis Davis

Frances's father

Francis Davis and Lucy Sarah Wood are named as Frances's parents on her death record.

Children: Frances Adelaide Twitt p. 198

Corey's 4× great-grandfather

William Twitt

1794–1876 · *James's father*

William Twitt and Elizabeth (Betsy) Bridge farmed at Kewstoke, near Weston-super-Mare in Somerset. Their sons Joseph, William, Henry and James were baptised at St Paul's, Kewstoke, in 1832, 1834, 1836 and 1838, and Joseph, Henry and James came to Victoria in the 1850s. James's own death record gives his father as James, but his baptism and his brothers' death records agree on William.

In 1832, when their eldest boy Joseph was christened, William was farming at Norton, a hamlet in Kewstoke parish. The register gives Joseph's birthday as 19 June 1831.

He never left Somerset. The censuses follow him through his whole life at Kewstoke. In 1841 the family were all at home: William 45, a farm labourer, Elizabeth 40, and the boys Joseph 9, William 7, Henry 5 and James 2. In 1851 the family were at Sand Beach Cottage, by the beach at Kewstoke, where William kept a lodging house and Elizabeth took in washing, and 12-year-old James was already out at work as a farm servant. Their youngest, Thomas, nine, born about 1842, was at home too, a fifth son new to the family tree. The census also gives Elizabeth's birthplace: she was a Yatton girl. Joseph and Henry, by then farm labourers, were lodging with a neighbour, and a year later Henry very probably sailed. By 1861 William and Elizabeth were living apart: he lodged in Kewstoke, while she worked as a nurse and lived with her daughter Emma, Mrs James Cook, at Worle. The census has William, 67 and born at Kewstoke, still working the land, as a lodger at Kewstoke, and Elizabeth, 63, a nurse, as "mother-in-law" in the house of James Cook, a beer-house keeper in Watsons Lane, Worle, whose wife was Emma. In 1871, at 77, he was living on an annuity as a lodger at Mary Phippen's inn in Kewstoke Street, and Elizabeth, 74, a monthly nurse, was staying in a Kewstoke house with a newborn. He died at Kewstoke on 20 May 1876 and was buried at St Paul's on the 27th, aged 83 (81 by his baptism), nearly twenty years after three of his sons sailed for Victoria. He left a will, and his son William, a labourer at Weston-super-Mare, proved it at Wells that August.

That makes him the William baptised at Kewstoke on 15 November 1794, son of John and Elizabeth Twitt, which takes the line back another generation.

Elizabeth was a widow when William married her. As Betsy Bridge she had married Henry West, a Kewstoke widower, at Uphill on 30 July 1823, both making their marks, with a James Bridge as witness. Henry was buried at Worle in November 1829, aged 42. In October 1830, as Elizabeth West, she married William Twitt at St John the Baptist's, Bristol, again making her mark, and their son Joseph was born the next June. William's mother, Elizabeth Twitt, was very probably the Elizabeth buried at Kewstoke on 6 April 1841, aged 79.

In November 1855 freehold building ground at Sand Bay, Kewstoke, "in the occupation of William Twitt", was auctioned at the Plough Hotel. In 1871, at 77, he was summoned at the petty sessions for neglecting his wife, so that she

BAPTISED
15 November 1794, Kewstoke, son of John and Elizabeth Twitt

ELIZABETH
Born at Yatton, about 1798–1805 (the 1851 census says about 1805; her 1881 burial, aged 83, about 1798). Married first Henry West of Kewstoke, at Uphill, 30 July 1823 (as Betsy Bridge); he was buried at Worle in November 1829. Very probably buried at Worle herself, 26 January 1881, aged 83 (likely)

SONS
Joseph (born 19 June 1831), William (1834), Henry (1836), James (1838) and Thomas (about 1842)

DIED
20 May 1876, Kewstoke; buried 27 May; administration with the will annexed, Wells, 25 August 1876, to his son William Twitt of 37 Alfred Street, Weston-super-Mare, labourer, a residuary legatee; effects under £200

MARRIED
Elizabeth West, widow, born Bridge, October 1830, St John the Baptist's, Bristol (likely: the only marriage found between Henry West's burial in November 1829 and Joseph's birth in June 1831)

ESTATE SALE
Leasehold house and cottage at Sand, Kewstoke, at the New Inn, Worle, 19 September 1876 (Weston Mercury, 9 September 1876, British Newspaper Archive)

WEST DAUGHTERS
Harriet (1824), Emma (1826) and Hannah (1828), christened at Kewstoke to Henry and Betsy West: the Twitt boys' half-sisters (likely)

CENSUSES
1861: William, 67, lodger, Kewstoke (RG9/1671); Elizabeth, 63, nurse, "mother-in-law" in James Cook's house, Watsons Lane, Worle (RG9/1672). 1871: William, 77, annuitant, lodger at the Phippen inn, Kewstoke Street; Elizabeth, 74, monthly nurse, in a Kewstoke house (RG10/2458) (FreeCEN)

William Twitt, continued

became chargeable to the parish; the case was adjourned. After his death the leasehold house, cottage and garden at Sand, Kewstoke, long occupied by Samuel Rattle and held on a 500-year term created in 1836, was auctioned at the New Inn, Worle, on 19 September 1876, on the instructions of the administrator of his estate (the probate calendar has administration with the will annexed granted to his son William, a residuary legatee, which explains the administrator).

Betsy and Henry West had three daughters, christened at Kewstoke: Harriet on 18 July 1824, Emma on 5 March 1826 and Hannah on 28 September 1828, her mother written "Besty". So the Twitt boys had three older half-sisters; the 1861 census, with Elizabeth Twitt as Emma Cook's mother, confirms that Betsy West and Elizabeth Twitt were the same woman. Elizabeth Twitt, 83, buried at St Martin's, Worle, on 26 January 1881, was very probably William's widow, who outlived him by five years and was laid where her first husband lay (likely). Her age then puts her birth about 1798; the 1851 census suggests about 1805.

In 1833 a "John Twitt, late of Worle, formerly Farmer, afterwards Labourer, then Schoolmaster, and lastly Labourer" was an insolvent debtor to be heard at Wells (London Gazette, 27 June 1833, p. 1269), and the Somerset Heritage Centre holds a "Particular of Kewstoke estate of John Twitt" from the same year (DD\X\RML/1). Which John he was, William's father or a brother, isn't known (possible).

With Betsy West proved to be Elizabeth Twitt by the 1861 census, William must have married the widow between Henry West's burial in November 1829 and Joseph's birth in June 1831; the October 1830 Bristol entry for William Twitt and Elizabeth West is the only one found (likely).

William made his will on 13 October in the 1860s (the year is cut off in the copy). He left everything to his sister, Elizabeth Somerton, a widow, in trust for his four children: his cottage was to be sold, his debts and funeral paid, and the rest divided between them as soon as possible. The will speaks of four children; five sons are on file.

His sister died before him, so on 25 August 1876 the court at Wells granted administration with the will annexed to his son William. The estate was under £200, and the papers were drawn up by William Smith, a Weston-super-Mare solicitor.

In November 1855 the freehold he lived on at Sand Bay was auctioned at the Plough Hotel, Weston-super-Mare: three roods and five perches of building ground with a 379-foot frontage to the sea, and the house and outbuildings "in the occupation of William Twitt" (Weston-super-Mare Gazette, 10 November 1855; likely him).

On the 1841 census page at Kewstoke the line after the Twitt boys is Hannah West, 13, very probably Betsy's daughter Hannah, christened at Kewstoke in 1828 (likely).

WILL AND ADMINISTRATION

Will made 13 October 186-, everything to his sister Elizabeth Somerton, widow, in trust for his four children; she died before him, so administration with the will annexed went to his son William, Wells, 25 August 1876; estate under £200

CHILDREN

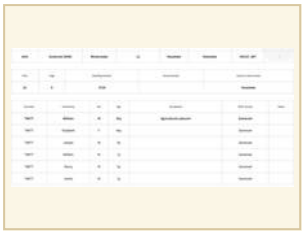
James Twitt p. 199, Henry Twitt p. 201

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The Twitts at Sand Beach Cottage, 1851
William, lodging-house keeper; Elizabeth, washerwoman; James, 12, farm servant; Thomas, 9. A transcription, not the original page.
FreeCEN transcription of HO107/1936B



The Twitts at Kewstoke, 1841
William, Elizabeth, Joseph, William, Henry and James, 2. A transcription.
FreeCEN transcription of HO107/967



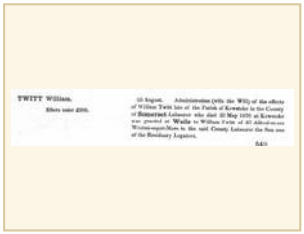
St Paul's, Kewstoke
Where the Twitt boys were baptised in the 1830s and William was buried in 1876.
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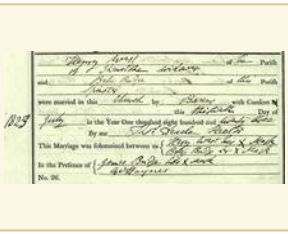
Joseph christened, 1832
Kewstoke, 4 March 1832: Joseph, son of William and Elizabeth Twitt, of Norton, farmer, born 19 June 1831.
Kewstoke parish register, entry 295 (Somerset, Church of England Baptisms), via Ancestry



Beach Cottage, 1851: the census page
William Twitt, 56, lodging-house keeper; Elizabeth, 45, washerwoman, born Yatton; James, 12, farm servant; and Thomas, 9.
1851 England Census, The National Archives, via Ancestry, HO107/1936, folio 594, p. 11



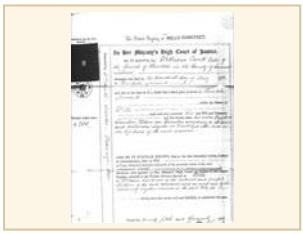
William's will, 1876
The 1876 probate calendar: William Twitt of Kewstoke, labourer, died 20 May 1876; his will was proved by his son William, a labourer of Weston-super-Mare.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1876, via Ancestry



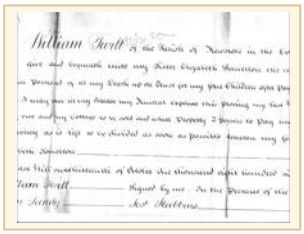
Betsy Bridge's first marriage, 1823
Uphill, 30 July 1823: Henry West of Kewstoke, widower, marries Betsy Bridge; both make their marks; James Bridge a witness.
Somerset, Church of England Marriages, via Ancestry



William Twitt's estate, 1876
Administration with the will annexed, Wells, 25 August 1876, to his son William, of 37 Alfred Street, Weston-super-Mare; effects under £200.
England and Wales, National Probate Calendar, 1876, p. 549



Letters of administration, 1876
Wells, 25 August 1876: administration with the will annexed to his son William; personal estate under £200.
Somerset Record Office copy, via the Edwards Family Tree on Ancestry (member upload)



William Twitt's will
Everything to his sister Elizabeth Somerton, in trust for his four children; the cottage to be sold. The copy's edges are cut off.
Somerset Record Office copy, via the Edwards Family Tree on Ancestry (member upload)



The probate docket, 1876
"Probate of the Will of Mr William Twitt deceased", extracted by William Smith, solicitor, Weston-super-Mare.
Somerset Record Office copy, via the Edwards Family Tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Kewstoke, 1841
The Twitt household, with Hannah West, 13, on the next line (HO 107/967/16, p. 9).
1841 England census, via the Edwards Family Tree on Ancestry

HEATHER'S SIDE

Heather's birth family

Heather was adopted as a baby; this is the family she was born into

Blunck · Robinson · Berg · Johnson

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Lynette Blunck

born about 1949, living



Corey's birth great-grandfather

Neil Blunck

1913–1965 · *Heather's birth grandfather; Lynette's father*

Neil Blunck was born at Ararat, Victoria, on 14 September 1913, the youngest son of Martin Claus Blunck and Elizabeth Wallace Johnson. The family moved to Beaudesert in Queensland, where he left the state school and spent twelve years as a motor mechanic in the family garage. He was 5 foot 6½, fair, blue-eyed and dark-haired, played tennis and cricket, and loved to fly: before the war he had 178 hours solo in Gipsy Moths, Tiger Moths, a Hornet Moth and a Miles Falcon.

He joined the RAAF at Camden in October 1940. Because he could already fly, he spent most of the war teaching others, as a flying instructor at Cunderdin, Bundaberg, Narrandera, Tamworth and Point Cook, where a 1944 report called him a capable flight commander, "very conscientious" and "popular with his fellow officers". In late 1944 he went to war as a Liberator bomber captain, flying 14 operations with an American bomb group out of Darwin and four more with No. 25 Squadron in Western Australia in 1945. He left the Air Force a Flight Lieutenant in January 1946, with more than 2,700 flying hours.

His own half-yearly returns of flying hours show what he flew. By 30 June 1945 he had 2,715 hours in his log: about 1,140 in Tiger Moths, nearly all of it teaching pupils at the elementary flying schools; about 1,116 in Airspeed Oxfords, as a flight commander and instructor at Point Cook; about 356 in Liberators; 75 in Avro Cadets at Camden; 28 in Moth Minors; and a few in Ansons and a Gipsy Moth. In June 1944 he went to No. 7 Operational Training Unit at Tocumwal as a student on No. 2 Liberator Course, learning to fly the four-engined B-24D: his own teaching had all been on Tiger Moths and Oxfords. With the Americans of the 530th Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group, he flew 13 strikes and one other operation between 24 October and 27 December 1944, and in 1945 four more with No. 25 Squadron. A crew photo taken at Darwin that December shows him in front of their Liberator, B-24J 42-100209, with his all-RAAF crew.

BORN
14 September 1913, Ararat, Victoria

RAAF
34462, Flight Lieutenant; flying instructor, then Liberator captain

MARRIED
Marjorie Robinson, 2 August 1944, St Mary's, Caulfield (Vic 10741/1944)

DIED
10 April 1965, aged 51; a memorial record says at sea (not yet confirmed)

REMEMBERED
RAAF plaque, Mount Thompson Memorial Gardens, Brisbane

RESTING PLACE
Cremated or memorialised at Mount Thompson, Holland Park, Brisbane (Find a Grave index)

AIRCRAFT
Tiger Moth (about 1,140 hours), Oxford (about 1,116), Liberator (about 356), Avro Cadet (75), Moth Minor (28), Anson and Gipsy Moth (a few); 2,715 hrs 25 min by 30 June 1945

LIBERATOR COURSE
Student, No. 2 Liberator Course, No. 7 OTU, Tocumwal, June 1944

Neil Blunck, continued

He married Marjorie Robinson at St Mary's, Caulfield, in August 1944; they very probably met at Point Cook. They had a son and a daughter, Lynette, and Neil ran a garage in William Street, Beaudesert, into the 1960s. He died on 10 April 1965, aged 51. A memorial record says he died at sea; nothing else yet confirms where. He was cremated or memorialised at Mount Thompson, Holland Park, in Brisbane, where an RAAF bronze plaque in the Memorial Gardens reads: "In loving memory of Neil Blunck, Flight Lieut. R.A.A.F."

He was flying long before the war. In August 1928, at 14, an N. Blunck of Beaudesert won the under-15 one-mile bicycle championship at the interstate school sports (likely him). In August 1935 the Queensland Aero Club sent him solo; in March 1938 he flew the club's Gipsy 3 at the Lismore air display; in April 1938 he passed the theory examination for his B, or commercial, licence, and he took the flight tests that July. Called up in September 1940, he was commissioned as a pilot officer from 25 January 1941. A studio portrait from his sergeant days, with his pilot's wings and stripes, is signed "Love from Neal".

Their wedding notice in the Melbourne Herald on 2 August 1944 gives Marjorie as the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. Robinson of Chloris Crescent, Caulfield, and Neil as the youngest son of Mr M. Blunck of Beaudesert and the late Mrs Blunck. After the war he was secretary of the Beaudesert volunteer fire brigade, from 1946 to 1951.

On 10 March 1949 he was on holiday near the Bilinga aerodrome, on the Gold Coast, when a Lockheed Lodestar crashed after taking off. At the inquest that June he gave evidence as a flight lieutenant of five years' experience: he first saw it 50 to 75 feet off the ground, "realised it was rising too steeply for an aircraft of its type. About 100 feet it appeared to stall", and in his view the pilot had lost control.

Neil's brothers Rex Wallace, born in 1909, and Clifford George, born in 1911, were both older than him; Clifford was enrolled at Brisbane State High School on 9 February 1925.

DEATH SEARCHED
No entry in the Queensland, NSW, WA, SA, Tasmanian or NZ death indexes, at QSA, in the NSW estates or in Papers Past (free records sweep, November 2026)

COMMISSIONED
Pilot Officer from 25 January 1941 (Commonwealth Gazette, 27 March 1941)

BEFORE THE WAR
Solo with the Queensland Aero Club, August 1935; Lismore air display, March 1938; B (commercial) licence theory passed April 1938, flight tests July 1938

FIRE BRIGADE
Secretary, Beaudesert volunteer fire brigade, 1946–51

BILINGA INQUEST
A witness, June 1949, to the Lodestar crash at Bilinga on 10 March 1949

BROTHERS
Rex Wallace (born 1909) and Clifford George (born 1911; Brisbane State High School, 1925); William, the eldest

PARENTS
Martin C Blunck p. 210

PARTNER
Marjorie Blunck, née Robinson p. 209

CHILDREN
Lynette Blunck p. 206

MORE SOURCES
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Bilinga inquest, Courier-Mail, 9 June 1949, Trove

Bilinga inquest, Age, 9 June 1949, Trove

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"Love from Neal"
Neil in RAAF summer uniform and side cap, with his pilot's wings and sergeant's stripes, signed across the pocket. The stripes date it before his commission in January 1941.
Blunck family tree on Ancestry (member upload)



Neil Blunck, 1940
His RAAF identity photo.
National Archives of Australia, A9300, BLUNCK N



His signature, 1940
Signed twice on his attestation at Camden, 21 October 1940.
National Archives of Australia, A9300, BLUNCK N



Every posting, 1940–45
The typed record of his RAAF postings, from flying schools to Liberator squadrons.
National Archives of Australia, A9300, BLUNCK N

Neil Blunck, continued



His plaque, Mount Thompson
The RAAF bronze plaque in Brisbane.
Find a Grave memorial 283321554, photo by Shane



Neil's Liberator crew, Darwin, December 1944
Neil (front row, second from left, "Skipper and Pilot") and his all-RAAF crew, flying with the American 530th Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group, in front of B-24J 42-100209 with the squadron's Bugs Bunny emblem. Back row: Ron Smith, Clive Collett, Peter Carrick, Ron McDonnell, Dave Campbell, Max Singleton, George "Rud" Rimes. Front: Rex Sullivan, Neil, Adrian Booth, Mervyn Frost. The crew went on to No. 25 Squadron.
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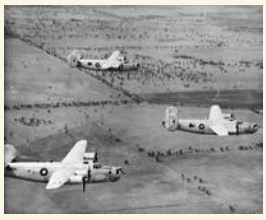
Neil, December 1944
Detail of the crew photo: Flight Lieutenant Neil Blunck, aged 31, with his pilot's wings, at Darwin during his 14 operations with the Americans.
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A No. 25 Squadron Liberator on a strike, 1945
Liberator A72-149, SJ-N, with 25 Squadron's black swan on its tail, over a volcano in the Netherlands East Indies. In 1945 Neil flew four strikes with this squadron from Western Australia.
RAAF photo, 1945, via Wikimedia Commons, public domain



"Miss Giving", a B-24D
In mid-1944 Neil learned to fly the B-24D Liberator as a student on No. 2 Liberator Course at 7 OTU, Tocumwal. The unit had about ten B-24Ds, all ex-American. This one, Miss Giving, flew 27 missions with the 380th Bomb Group, then became A72-4 at Tocumwal. His file doesn't say which ones he flew.
Australian War Memorial 015659 (Earl McNeil), public domain



No. 7 OTU Liberators over the Riverina
Liberators of No. 7 Operational Training Unit, Tocumwal, in formation. Neil converted to Liberators here as a student in June 1944. These silver ones are later models than the camouflaged B-24Ds he flew.
Australian War Memorial 043184, public domain



Oxfords over Point Cook, 3 February 1944
Airspeed Oxfords fly past at a wings parade at Point Cook. Neil was then a flight commander there, teaching pupils on Oxfords at No. 1 Service Flying Training School. He flew more than 1,100 hours in the type.
Australian War Memorial 140379 (Herald), public domain



An instructor and pupils, Point Cook, about 1944
An instructor briefs two trainee pilots in front of an Oxford at No. 1 Service Flying Training School: Neil's job in 1943–44. Neil isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial VIC1996, public domain



Tiger Moths at Narrandera, 1942
A pupil brings a Tiger Moth in to land at Narrandera while two wait to take off. Neil instructed at No. 8 Elementary Flying Training School here from March to July 1942. In all he flew about 1,140 hours in Tiger Moths. (The AWM caption says No. 7 EFTS, but No. 8 was the Narrandera school.)
Australian War Memorial P00448.079, public domain



Avro Cadets over Camden, 1941
Avro Cadet trainers of the Central Flying School over Camden, where Neil joined up and did his refresher course in 1940–41. His returns call the type the "Avro Trainer".
Australian War Memorial P00956.021 (donor L. Watson), public domain



A Moth Minor, 1941
An instructor and pupil in a de Havilland Moth Minor, one of the trainers in Neil's log.
Australian War Memorial 005588, public domain



Corey's birth great-grandmother

Marjorie Blunck, née Robinson

1923–2014 · *Heather's birth grandmother; Lynette's mother*

Marjorie Robinson was born at Fairfield, Melbourne, on 21 May 1923, the younger daughter of Thomas Hartley Robinson and Mabel Elizabeth Cole, and grew up at Caulfield. She went to school at Malvern and then worked in a Flinders Lane office.

In October 1941, at 18 and with her father's written consent, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. She started as an office orderly and stores clerk, then retrained as a flight mechanic, serving at Point Cook and Deniliquin among other stations. She and Neil Blunck were both at Point Cook in the first half of 1944, and they married at St Mary's, Caulfield, that August. She left the Air Force in March 1945.

They had a son and a daughter, Lynette, and lived at Beaudesert before Marjorie settled back in Melbourne's south-east, near her parents. In 1987 she wrote to the Air Force for her own medals and those of "my late husband F/Lt. Neil Blunck – Liberator Pilot": "I only do this for my grandchildren." She died on 30 September 2014, aged 91.

She was a twin: her sister Joyce died at Clifton Hill in 1931, aged seven. Marjorie was cremated at Lilydale Memorial Park on 3 October 2014.

BORN
21 May 1923, Fairfield, Victoria

WAAAF
90256; flight mechanic, 1941–45

MARRIED
Neil Blunck, 2 August 1944

DIED
30 September 2014, aged 91

PARENTS
Thomas H Robinson p. 211

PARTNER
Neil Blunck p. 206

CHILDREN
Lynette Blunck p. 206

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Marjorie in uniform, 1942
Her WAAAF identity photo, dated 5 March 1942.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 90256



Her birth, checked in 1941
The Registrar-General's check: born at Fairfield on 21 May 1923, daughter of Thomas Hartley Robinson and Mabel Elizabeth Cole.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 90256



Father and daughter sign, 1941
"M. Robinson" and "Thos H Robinson": his written consent for her to join up at 18.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 90256



WAAAF flight mechanics, Point Cook, 1943
WAAAF flight mechanics working on the Armstrong Siddeley engine of an Oxford at Point Cook, 30 September 1943. Marjorie became a flight mechanic that December and was posted to Point Cook's training school, whose pupils flew these Oxfords. She isn't identified.
Australian War Memorial 139779 (Herald), public domain



Lilydale Memorial Park, 2014
The cremation record, 3 October 2014.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

Corey's birth great-great-grandparents

Martin Claus Blunck and Elizabeth Wallace Johnson

Heather's birth great-grandparents: Neil's parents

Martin Claus Blunck was born at Ballarat East in about 1877, the son of a Holstein-born father and, very probably, a Creswick-born mother. His birth wasn't registered until 1909. He married Elizabeth Wallace Johnson at her father's home in Ararat in 1903, and worked there as a fruiterer and then a plumber and gasfitter. Their six children were born at Ararat and St Kilda between 1905 and 1915: William, Gwendoline, Rex, Clifford, Neil and Nancy.

In 1919 the family came to Queensland and settled straight away at Beaudesert, and in 1922 Martin, with his son William as chief assistant, opened the car sales and repair shop opposite the railway station in Brisbane Street that became Blunck's Garage. Elizabeth died at Beaudesert on 8 October 1943, aged 68. Martin married again in 1945, Daisy May Sarah Rutherford, who died in 1975, and died suddenly at Warwick on 29 March 1948, aged 70.

Elizabeth's obituary says she was born at Creswick, a daughter of William Johnson, a mechanical engineer from Yorkshire, one of eleven children, and that the family moved to Ararat, where she became a schoolteacher. She painted in oils. At Beaudesert she was for years superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, and a member of the Country Women's Association. She had been unwell for about three years and spent her last seven weeks in Beaudesert Hospital, where she died on 8 October 1943. She was cremated, and in 1948 her land at Gilston, part of portion 56, passed to Martin.

Martin was born at Ballarat, left school early, and tried farming and butchering before he opened a bicycle and plumbing business at Ararat. His obituary says he "sold the first Ford car in Victoria", demonstrated the first Fordson tractor to come to Queensland, at Toowoomba, and pioneered hauling logs by motor waggon, with an iron-wheeled trailer. The garage held the agency for the Gray car, and in 1930 it took over the corner building; in 1941 he was "principal of Blunck's Garage, the local Ford dealers". He was president of the bowling club, a Methodist circuit steward and a keen gardener, and his motto was "There is always a way out". Skipping a Beaudesert rink at the Warwick Easter bowls carnival, he collapsed and died early on 29 March 1948; the Warwick paper said he had once had a motor garage at Warwick too (possible). After a service at the Beaudesert Methodist Church he was cremated at Mount Thompson on 30 March. His will of 11 May 1946, with a codicil of 13 July 1947, named the Union Trustee Company as executor.

Their marriage notice appeared on 27 May 1903, and from 1914 to 1916 the directories have Martin C. Blunck at 31 Wordsworth Street, St Kilda (likely). Find a Grave puts Elizabeth at Holland Park, the suburb of the Mount Thompson crematorium (likely).

Martin's own entries in the Ararat petty sessions are minor. On 11 February 1898 he pleaded guilty to lighting inflammable material on 1 February "whereby the property of one Martin Berg was endangered", and paid a small fine, very probably 5s. In February 1900 the revision court moved him off the general roll because he was on the ratepayers' roll. In June 1902 a charge of keeping an unregistered dog was dismissed, and in March 1906 he was fined 10s, with 2s 6d costs, for burning rubbish in the open without giving his neighbours notice.

In 1911 "Blunck, M. C." was listed among the insolvent estates in the Victoria Government Gazette: his insolvency at Ararat that year, eight years before the

MARRIED
1903, Ararat (Vic 2313/1903)

ELIZABETH DIED
8 October 1943, Beaudesert Hospital; cremated

MARTIN DIED
29 March 1948, Warwick, Qld

MARTIN'S PROBATE
NSW probate, died 29 March 1948, granted 31 May 1950 (Series 4_363687); NSW estate-duty file, "Beaudesert Queensland, garage proprietor" (NRS 13340-1-[20/4620]-B21759)

TO QUEENSLAND
1919, settling at once at Beaudesert (Elizabeth's obituary)

GARAGE
Opened 1922, opposite the railway station, Brisbane Street, Beaudesert; the corner building from 1930 (Martin's obituary)

MARTIN'S FUNERAL
Beaudesert Methodist Church, then Mount Thompson Crematorium, 30 March 1948

MARTIN'S WILL
11 May 1946, codicil 13 July 1947; executor the Union Trustee Company of Australia

ELIZABETH'S BIRTH
1875, Victoria 8333/1875, father William (at Creswick, by her obituary)

MARRIAGE NOTICE
27 May 1903

ST KILDA
31 Wordsworth Street, St Kilda, 1914–16 (directories; likely)

ARARAT
Ratepayer, 1900; minor petty-sessions cases, 1898 (a fire), 1902 (a dog, dismissed) and 1906 (burning rubbish)

INSOLVENCY
Ararat, 1911 (Victoria Government Gazette, 21 April and 9 August 1911; PROV VPRS 765/P0, 90/5530)

BIRTH REGISTERED
1909 (Vic 24559/1909), late

SECOND WIFE
Daisy May Sarah Rutherford, 1945 (Vic 10205/1945); she died in 1975

PARENTS
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Neil Blunck p. 206

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move to Queensland. Elizabeth's father's estate papers of 1916 name her among his children as Elizabeth Wallace Blunck, of St Kilda.

In November 1952 an organ was dedicated in their memory at the Beaudesert Methodist Church (Beaudesert Times, 14 November 1952).

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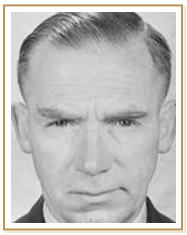
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Ararat petty sessions, 11 February 1898
Martin Blunck "did unlawfully ignite certain inflammable material whereby the property of one Martin Berg was endangered"; he pleaded guilty and paid.
Victoria, Australia, Court of Petty Sessions registers, via Ancestry



Elizabeth in her father's estate, 1916
"Elizabeth Wallace Blunck" of St Kilda, among William Johnson's children.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 147/242



Corey's birth great-great-grandparents

Thomas Hartley Robinson and Mabel Elizabeth Cole

Heather's birth great-grandparents: Marjorie's parents

Thomas Hartley Robinson was born at Cockermouth, Cumberland, on 2 April 1897, the son of George Robinson and Martha Kirkby. By 1916 the family was in Victoria: Thomas was a painter in Main Street, Edenhope, when he enlisted in the AIF on 26 January 1916, giving his father, G. Robinson of Main Street, Edenhope, as next of kin. He sailed with the 16th Reinforcements of the 7th Battalion on the Suffolk that April and came home a corporal of the 57th Battalion on 2 April 1919. His widow remembered that he came home with Charles Bean's historical party, in the mapping section that helped record the war, and his file confirms it: a Defence letter of 9 June 1919 lists "Corporal ROBINSON, Topographical Section" among the members of the Australian Historical Mission who landed from the Kildonan Castle. He had been detached to 5th Division headquarters from December 1916 and made corporal in October 1917; in 1919 he went from Corps headquarters to AIF headquarters in London, to Egypt on the Nevasa and home from Suez, landing on 25 April 1919. There are no wounds in his file.

Mabel Elizabeth Cole met him "on the day he returned": she was working at the AIF's Base Records office in St Kilda Road. They married in 1920 and made their home at Caulfield, where their younger daughter Marjorie grew up. Thomas was a manager by trade, and in the Second World War he went back into uniform, as an RAAF Sergeant inspecting airstrips in the Pacific, from July 1942 to July 1945.

He died at Mentone on 23 August 1970, aged 73, and is remembered at Springvale. At 86, in 1987, Mabel was still writing to Defence about his medals.

THOMAS BORN
2 April 1897, Cockermouth, England (birth registered at Cockermouth, April–June 1897)

MARRIED
1920, Victoria (7799/1920)

SERVICE
AIF 5183: enlisted 26 January 1916, 16th Reinforcements, 7th Battalion; sailed on HMAT A23 Suffolk, 1 April 1916; corporal, 57th Battalion; home 2 April 1919 (AIF Project). RAAF 58815 (WW2)

THOMAS DIED
23 August 1970, Mentone

PROBATE
Thomas Hartley Robinson, 1970 (PROV 712/087)

MABEL DIED
1994, Cheltenham, aged 93, very probably 30 June (Vic 16011/1994); parents William Cole and Kate Amelia Scott

PARENTS
George Robinson p. 215

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Marjorie Blunck, née Robinson p. 209

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Mabelle Elizabeth, as her death entry spells it, died at Cheltenham in 1994, aged 93, very probably on 30 June; her parents were William Cole and Kate Amelia Scott.

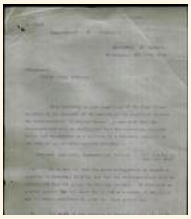
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Thomas Hartley Robinson
His RAAF identity photo, Second World War.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 58815



"The day he returned"
Mabel's letter: she met Thomas in 1919, the day he came home with C. E. W. Bean's party; they married in 1920. Her address is cropped out.
National Archives of Australia, A9301, 58815



The Historical Mission, 1919
A Defence letter of 9 June 1919: "Corporal ROBINSON, Topographical Section", among the members of the Historical Mission who disembarked from the Kildonan Castle.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Robinson T H



Thomas's service record
5183, a painter of Edenhope.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Robinson T H



"War Museum", 1921
A query whether he was attached to the War Museum from 7 May to 26 July 1919.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Robinson T H



Corey's birth great-great-great-grandparents

Claus Blunck and Anna Maria Berg

Heather's birth great-great-grandparents: Martin's parents

Claus Blunck was born in Germany in about 1841, by one record the son of another Claus Blunck and Anne Catherine (his death entry says Claus and Mary). He farmed in the Ballarat and Buninyong district, and in 1875 he married Anna Maria Berg, known as Mary, the daughter of Martin Berg and Catherine Elsabe Ladiges. Their children included Annie Maria (1877), Martin Claus (born about 1877–78; his birth wasn't registered until 1909), Elsabe, Matilda and Rosa, or Rose, born in 1882, who died as a baby in January 1883. The "Harry" once listed among them was Harry Pidgeon Bird, born at Creswick in 1900 to an Elizabeth Bird, whom Mary brought up as a foster son: Annie Somerville's 1936 will calls him "my foster brother". He was a railway employee at Hartwell and died at Stawell in 1961.

Claus died in 1882, aged only 41, leaving Mary with a young family. She lived on at Ballarat and died there in 1932, aged 75.

MARRIED
1875, Victoria (4841/1875)

CLAUS DIED
1882, aged 41 (Vic 4144/1882)

MARY DIED
1932, Ballarat, aged 75 (Vic 4089/1932)

CLAUS'S WILL
Of Sinclair's Hill, Buninyong, farmer; died 18 April 1882 (PROV 23/722): trustee, executor and guardian, "Martin Berg the younger of Grahams Hill near Creswick"

MARY'S ESTATE
Annie M. Blunck, died 13 May 1932, Ballarat; administration 1934 (PROV 267/837)

Claus Blunck, continued

Claus died on 18 April 1882 at Sinclair's Hill, Buninyong, where he farmed. His will left everything to his wife, Annie Maria Blunck, for her life, and named "Martin Berg the younger of Grahams Hill near Creswick, Farmer", very probably Mary's brother Martin, then 23, to follow her as trustee and executor and to be guardian of his infant children. His death entry names his parents as Claus and Mary. Their baby Rosa, or Rose, died in January 1883 and lies in Claus's grave. Mary died at Ballarat on 13 May 1932, and administration of her estate, as Annie M. Blunck, was granted in 1934.

In 1901 the Shire of Buninyong sued Annie Maria Blunck for £1 in rates; the case was adjourned in October, struck out in November, and settled in September 1902.

Claus farmed 86 acres in the parish of Ballarat, east of the Ballarat East cemetery, 30 of them cultivated, with a four-roomed brick house, 18 cows, two horses and a milk cart. He was buried at Ballarat New Cemetery, Lutheran A, Section 1, grave 15, with their baby Rose, and Mary lies in grave 16. When Mary, legally Annie Maria Blunck, widow, of 437 Doveton Street, died in 1932, her only surviving next of kin were her son Martin Claus Blunck of Beaudesert and her daughters Annie Maria Somerville, Elsa Ladiges Edward and Matilda Maud Isbel. She left £205 16s 9d, all in a single mortgage, and no land; administration went to Annie Somerville in 1934. The daughters had married Robert Seth Isbel (1903), Alex Young Edward (1904) and John Somerville (1926).

Elsa Edward died in 1944. Her 1934 will left everything to her seven children and gave her husband's drinking as the reason she left him out. Alexander Young Edward died at Kew Asylum in 1951, and the inquest found senility and a lung abscess.

ROSE

Rosa, or Rose, born 1882 (Vic 267/1882), died January 1883; buried with Claus, 24 January 1883

CLAUS'S PARENTS

Claus and Mary, by his death entry (the page's Anne Catherine comes from elsewhere: the records disagree)

GRAVES

Ballarat New Cemetery, Lutheran A, Section 1: Claus, grave 15 (buried 21 April 1882, aged 41), with infant Rose (24 January 1883); Mary, grave 16 (14 May 1932, aged 75)

CLAUS'S LAND

86 acres 37 perches, parish of Ballarat, with a four-roomed brick house; 18 cows (probate, 1882)

MARY'S NEXT OF KIN, 1934

Martin Claus Blunck of Beaudesert; Annie Maria Somerville, Elsa Ladiges Edward and Matilda Maud Isbel (PROV 267/837)

FOSTER SON

Harry Pidgeon Bird, 1900–1961, born at Creswick (Vic 10373/1900): Annie Somerville's "foster brother" (her will, 1936)

MARY'S BIRTH

Creswick, 1855 (Vic 10785/1855; likely)

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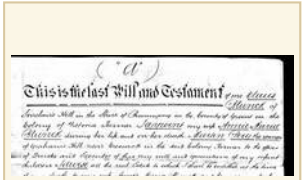
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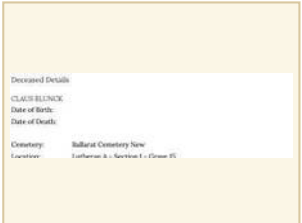
Claus Blunck
A studio portrait in an oval mount, probably from the 1870s.
Blunck family tree on Ancestry (member upload)


This is the last Will and Testament

Claus Blunck's will, 1882
"This is the last Will and Testament of me Claus Blunck of Sinclair's Hill in the Shire of Buninyong... Farmer": his wife Annie Maria for life, then Martin Berg the younger of Grahams Hill near Creswick as trustee, executor and guardian of the children.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



Claus Blunck's will, 1881
"This is the last Will and Testament of me Claus Blunck of Sinclair's Hill in the Shire of Buninyong", made on 24 October 1881.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 23/722


Deceased Details
CLAUS BLUNCK
Date of Birth:
Date of Death:
Cemetery: Ballarat Cemetery New

Claus's grave, Ballarat New
The cemetery register: Lutheran A, Section 1, grave 15.
Ballarat General Cemeteries

Claus Blunck, continued



Mary Blunck's administration, 1934
The affidavit for Annie Maria Blunck, late of Doveton Street, Ballarat, widow, who died without a will on 13 May 1932, naming her son and three daughters.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 267/837



What Mary left, 1932
The statement of her estate: £205 16s 9d, all in one mortgage.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 267/837



Annie Somerville's will, 1936
Mary's eldest daughter: shares to her husband John, her sisters Elsa and Matilda, and "my foster brother HARRY PIDGEON BIRD".
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 357/060



Elsa Edward's will, 1934
Mary's daughter Elsabe Ladiges Edward: everything to her seven children.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591/P2, 356/128

Corey's birth great-great-great-grandparents

William Johnson and Jane Hislope Crosbie

Heather's birth great-great-grandparents: Elizabeth's parents

Elizabeth Wallace Johnson's parents. William Johnson lived in View Point Street, Ararat, and his daughter's wedding to Martin Blunck was held at his home in 1903. He died on 11 July 1916; his notice names his daughter as "Mrs. Blunck (St. Kilda)". His daughter's obituary says he was a mechanical engineer from Yorkshire, and that there were eleven children; Elizabeth was born at Creswick, and the family later moved to Ararat. Jane's names, Hislope and Crosbie, suggest Scottish roots, possibly. William's own parents, by his death entry, were Richard Johnson and Susannah Danby; he married Jane Hislop Crosbie in 1871, when, if her 1856 birth is right, she was only about 15; the age on the marriage entry would settle it. Jane was born at Magpie, near Ballarat, in 1856, the daughter of Alexander Crosbie and Elizabeth Wallace, and died at Ararat in 1910, aged 55. William died at Ararat on 11 July 1916, aged 85.

Jane died in 1910; her death entry, as Jane Heslop Johnson, names her parents as Alexander Crosbie and a Wallace, the likely source of Elizabeth's middle name. William, an engineer, outlived her and died at Ararat on 11 July 1916, a widower without a will; his daughter Susannah Danby Johnson (1871–1946) gave the particulars, and administration was granted in 1917. Elizabeth's own birth, in 1875, is in the index with her father's name, William.

His administration papers of 1916 list his children: Catherine May Johnson and Elizabeth Wallace Blunck, both of St Kilda; Martha Johnson, Eleanor Ellis, Susannah Danby Johnson and Amy D. Johnson, all of Ararat; and Alexander Crosbie Johnson, Alfred George Johnson and Roy William Johnson, all then overseas with the AIF.

The names run through the family: Jane Crosbie's parents were Alexander Crosbie and Elizabeth Wallace, and William Johnson's were Richard Johnson and Susannah Danby, hence Elizabeth Wallace Johnson, Alexander Crosbie Johnson and Susannah Danby Johnson, and Neil's brother Rex Wallace Blunck (1909).

WILLIAM DIED
11 July 1916, Ararat

WILLIAM
A mechanical engineer, from Yorkshire; eleven children (Elizabeth's obituary, 1943)

JANE'S DEATH
1910, Victoria 7527/1910, as Jane Heslop Johnson; daughter of Alexander Crosbie and Elizabeth Wallace; born at Magpie, 1856 (Vic 8355/1856)

WILLIAM'S ESTATE
Died intestate, a widower, 11 July 1916, Ararat, an engineer; administration 1917; informant his daughter Susannah Danby Johnson (PROV 147/242)

SUSANNAH
Susannah Danby Johnson, 1871–1946 (Vic 19761/1946; father William, mother Hislop)

WILLIAM'S PARENTS
Richard Johnson and Susannah Danby (Vic 8296/1916)

MARRIED
Jane Hislop Crosbie, 1871 (Vic 3449/1871)

CHILDREN IN 1916
Catherine May, Elizabeth Wallace (Mrs Blunck), Martha, Eleanor (Mrs Ellis), Susannah Danby, Amy D., Alexander Crosbie, Alfred George, Roy William (PROV 147/242)

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William Johnson's administration, 1917
William Johnson of Ararat, engineer, died 11 July 1916 without a will, a widower.
Public Record Office Victoria, wills and probate, via Ancestry



William Johnson's estate, 1916
The affidavit: William Johnson of Ararat, died 11 July 1916 without a will, a widower.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 147/242



His children, 1916
Elizabeth Wallace Blunck of St Kilda among them.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P3, 147/242

Corey's birth great-great-great-grandparents

George Robinson and Martha Kirkby

Heather's birth great-great-grandparents: Thomas's parents

Thomas Hartley Robinson's parents, of Cockermouth in Cumberland, in the north-west of England.

George Robinson came to Victoria with his family: in January 1916, when Thomas enlisted, his next of kin was "Mr G Robinson, Main Street, Edenhope".

They very probably married at Cockermouth in the September quarter of 1891 (likely). In 1919 Martha moved from Edenhope to Murrayville, and a Murrayville land file of 1917 names Martha and G. Robinson (likely). Neither has a Victorian death between 1916 and 1996, so South Australia, just over the border, is the next place to look.

1916
George Robinson, Main Street, Edenhope, Victoria (Thomas's AIF record, AIF Project pid 258947)

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Martha moves to Murrayville, 1919
A note in Thomas's file of his mother's new address.
National Archives of Australia, B2455, Robinson T H

Corey's birth 4× great-grandparents

Martin Berg and Catherine Elsabe Ladiges

born 1825 · *Heather's birth great-great-great-grandparents: Anna Maria's parents*

Mary Berg's parents, named in her 1932 death record. Martin Berg was born about 1825 at Holm am Pinneberg, near Hamburg, in Holstein: his own naturalisation papers say so. He and Catharina sailed from Hamburg on the Sophie on 21 April 1854, the list showing Martin Berg, of Holm, Holstein, a farmer of 29, and Catharina, of the same place, 26, and they landed in Victoria that August (likely,

BORN
About 1825, Holm am Pinneberg, near Hamburg, Holstein (his 1865 naturalisation; a family tree says Holm, parish of Wedel)

Martin Berg, continued

strong: the ages fit their deaths at 71 and 83). On 12 December 1865, at Creswick, "Martin Berg of Long Point, Creswick", 40, a farmer born at Holm am Pinneberg who had come on the Sophia in August 1854, was naturalised, and signed his name.

A family tree gives his parents as Martin Berg (1794–1871) and Anna Maria Ladiges (1800–1857), and his 1896 death entry agrees on the names, Martin Berg and Anna Maria Ladiges. His wife, Catharina Elisabeth, known as Elsabe, was a Ladiges too, the daughter of George Ladiges by her own death entry, so they may have been related (possible). A Hermann Ladiges, also born at Holm, came out in 1861 and was naturalised in 1892, a splitter at Leonard Hill: very possibly a brother or cousin of hers (possible).

Their children, from the Victorian index: Mary, born at Creswick in 1855 (likely), Matilda (1857), who married John Cruise in 1884, Martin (1858), Henry (1863, died 1866), Catherine Elizabeth (1864), Henry (1870, died 1883) and Hermann (1874, died 1878). Martin's will, made on 17 May 1893, leaves everything to "my wife Catharina Elsabe Berg" and then to "my four children Martin Berg, Mary Blunck, Matilda Cruise and Catherine Elizabeth Berg", which proves that Mary Blunck was his daughter.

In October 1896 the papers reported Mr Martin Berg, "an old resident of Long Point", near Creswick, missing from his house since the Wednesday: seventy-two, "at times peculiar in his ways", about 5 feet 8, walking very straight, with grey whiskers, a black coat, grey trousers and a light felt hat. His son, Mr M. Berg of Ararat, went straight to Creswick to join the search. About a week later William Lobb of Greenhill Creek, driving from Talbot, found him between Kangaroo Flat and the Avoca road, near Lexton. He had gone looking for the cows and lost himself, walked through Talbot to Maryborough and back, and camped out some nights in the cold and wet. Constable Campbell identified him, and a Mr Martin, formerly of Tourello, drove him to Lexton to wait for his family.

He died at Grahams Hill, near Creswick, on 19 October 1896, aged 71, and was buried at Creswick. His executor, William Gear, a forester of Clayton Hill, found an estate of £220: ten acres at Creswick held on licence under the Land Act, and a life policy. In 1898 £217 1s was paid to Catharina, and she died at Ballarat East in 1912, aged 83, very probably in the same unmarked Creswick plot as Martin (Find a Grave).

A correction to an earlier reading here: the 1896 death was Martin senior's, Mary's father, not his son's. The son, Martin Berg the younger, born in 1858, was very probably the "Mr M. Berg of Ararat" of 1896 and the Martin Berg at Ararat from 1895 to 1899: in March 1895 the Manchester Unity Oddfellows' Loyal Ararat Lodge sued him for £4 2s 4d in contributions (struck out); in February 1898 his nephew Martin Blunck was fined for a fire that endangered Martin Berg's property; and in February 1899 he was taken off the Ararat ratepayers' roll, not as dead. He later farmed at Gunbower, on Closer Settlement land at Mincha, and died on 17 May 1924, leaving everything to his wife, Alice Elizabeth (likely that he is Mary's brother). Claus Blunck's 1881 will names a "Martin Berg the younger of Grahams Hill near Creswick" as trustee and guardian: very probably this son, then 23, though the words could also mean his father (unresolved).

ARRIVAL
Sophie, from Hamburg 21 April 1854, Victoria August 1854: Martin Berg, of Holm, 29, and Catharina, 26 (PROV VPRS 947; likely, strong)

NATURALISED
12 December 1865, Creswick, as "Martin Berg of Long Point, Creswick", 40, farmer, born at Holm am Pinneberg (NAA A712, 1865/M11606)

WILL
17 May 1893: to "my wife Catharina Elsabe Berg", then "my four children Martin Berg, Mary Blunck, Matilda Cruise and Catherine Elizabeth Berg" (PROV 62/681)

MARTIN'S DEATH
19 October 1896, Grahams Hill, near Creswick, aged 71; parents Martin Berg and Anna Maria Ladiges (Vic 13045/1896); estate £220; executor William Gear

CATHERINE'S DEATH
1912, Ballarat East, aged 83; father George Ladiges (Vic 4274/1912); very probably buried with Martin at Creswick, unmarked (Find a Grave 175119157)

CHILDREN
Mary (1855), Matilda (1857, Mrs John Cruise), Martin (1858–1924), Henry (1863–66), Catherine Elizabeth (1864), Henry (1870–83), Hermann (1874–78)

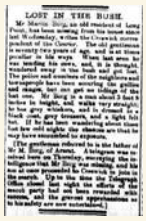
MARTIN THE YOUNGER
Very probably the son: "Mr M. Berg of Ararat" (1896); at Ararat 1895–99; later of Gunbower; died 17 May 1924 (PROV 201/430; likely)

POSSIBLE KIN
Hermann Ladiges, born at Holm about 1841, arrived 1861 on the Dorothea, naturalised 1892 (NAA A712, 1892/U2737; possible)

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"Lost in the bush", October 1896
"Mr Martin Berg, an old resident of Long Point, has been missing from his house since last Wednesday": seventy-two, grey whiskers, a black coat and a light felt hat. His son, Mr M. Berg of Ararat, joined the search.
A newspaper cutting, via a Berg family tree on Ancestry



"The Missing Man Berg, Discovered near Lexton"
Found by William Lobb of Greenhill Creek between Kangaroo Flat and the Avoca road; he had gone looking for the cows and lost himself.
A newspaper cutting, via a Berg family tree on Ancestry



"The property of one Martin Berg", 1898
Martin Blunck's case at Ararat, 11 February 1898: a fire that endangered Martin Berg's property, very probably his uncle Martin's.
Victoria, Australia, Court of Petty Sessions registers, via Ancestry



Martin Berg's will, 1893
"This is the last Will and Testament of me Martin Berg of Grahams Hill": to his wife Catharina Elsabe, then his four children, Martin Berg, Mary Blunck, Matilda Cruise and Catherine Elizabeth Berg.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591, 62/681



What he left, 1896
The statement of his estate: ten acres at Creswick on licence and a life policy, £220.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 28/P2, 62/681



The Sophie, from Hamburg, 1854
The ship's list, made at Hamburg on 21 April 1854.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 947, July–September 1854



Martin and Catharina Berg on the Sophie
No. 32, Martin Berg, of Holm, Holstein, farmer, 29; no. 33, Catharina, of the same place, 26.
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 947, July–September 1854



Naturalised, 1865
"Martin Berg of Long Point, Creswick", 40, farmer, born at Holm am Pinneberg, near Hamburg; arrived August 1854 on the Sophia.
National Archives of Australia, A712, 1865/M11606



Martin Berg's signature, 1865
Signed and sworn at Creswick, 12 December 1865.
National Archives of Australia, A712, 1865/M11606



Possible kin: Hermann Ladiges, 1892
Of Leonard Hill, 51, a splitter, born at Holm; arrived 1861 on the Dorothea. Very possibly Catharina's brother or cousin (possible).
National Archives of Australia, A712, 1892/U2737



Very probably their son: Martin Berg of Gunbower, 1924
The will of Martin Berg of Gunbower, who died on 17 May 1924, leaving everything to his wife, Alice Elizabeth (likely Mary's brother).
Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 7591, 201/430

THE FAMILY FILE

Who served

38 of the family wore a uniform, across four wars: 20 in the Army, 11 in the Air Force, 4 in the Navy and 3 in the home guard. Their service papers are in their own files.

First World War 1914–1918

Nine of the family served. Horrie Clarke joined the 8th Battalion at Anzac in July 1915, and was shot in the hand near Ypres in 1917. His little brother Sydney, a shop assistant from Bairnsdale, was shot in the shoulder on the Somme in August 1918, and their brother George, in the same battalion, the 3rd Pioneers, was gassed that May. Mary King's brothers Les and Herb Burge, the sons of Old Charley the engine driver, worked the railways in France, and John Davies Jewell, knocked back at 41, got into the Railway Corps anyway. Erman Bowley, Russell's grandfather, enlisted in Tasmania's 40th Battalion, and Leonard's uncle Charles Hodgskin was in France with the British Army's gunners in 1914. On Heather's birth side, Thomas Hartley Robinson came home in 1919 with Charles Bean's historical party.



Army, AIF · No. 2882A

Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141

3rd Pioneer Battalion. France, 1917–18.

Shot in the left shoulder near Bray on 22 August 1918, the first day his battalion fought as infantry. In 1942, at 43, he signed up again and worked in military hospitals.



Army, AIF · No. 1712A

Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147

8th Battalion, then 2nd Machine Gun Company and 1st Machine Gun Battalion; lance corporal. Gallipoli, 1915; France and Belgium, 1916–18.

Horrie, Sydney's big brother, a grocer from Bairnsdale. He joined the 8th Battalion at Anzac on 17 July 1915, and later signed for his 1914–15 Star; and was shot in the right hand on 20 September 1917, near Ypres. He came home in 1919, and signed up again in the Second World War.



Army, AIF · No. 167

Archibald George Clarke p. 145

3rd Pioneer Battalion; lance corporal. France, 1916–18; gassed, May 1918.

George to the family, Sydney's big brother, born at Newtown in 1887. A married man when he joined, he served in Sydney's battalion, the 3rd Pioneers, and was wounded and gassed with mustard gas on 26 May 1918. In the Second World War he worked with the Civil Constructional Corps.



Army, AIF · No. 4377

Les Burge p. 173

21st Battalion, then sapper, 5th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company. Egypt, Belgium and France, 1916–19.

A Castlemaine hairdresser, Mary's brother joined the 21st Battalion in Belgium in 1916 and was sent to England sick that December. He went back to France in 1917 as a sapper, running trains, and came home in 1919.



Army, AIF · No. 32

Herb Burge p. 172

60th Company, Railway Operating Division, later the 6th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company; fitter. France, 1917–19.

A boilermaker who kept the engines running behind the lines. He had a week's leave in Paris in 1918, and worked in a Sunderland shipyard before sailing home on the Anchises in 1919.



Army, AIF · No. 2719

John Davies Jewell p. 34

Sapper, 5th then 4th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company. France, 1918–19.

Kate Pericles's big brother, eight on the voyage out. Knocked back at 41 for bad teeth, he got in at last in November 1917, sailed on the Ormonde in March 1918 and ran trains in France with the broad-gauge railway companies until he came home in 1919.



Army, AIF · No. 7464

Erman Bower Bowley p. 135

40th Battalion. France, 1918; wounded 28 March 1918.

A labourer from near Epping, he sailed in 1917 with his brother Leonard and joined the 40th Battalion, Tasmania's own, in France. A shell wound to his left foot in March 1918 ended his fighting, and he was discharged medically unfit in 1919. When he died in 1934, returned soldiers carried his coffin and the Last Post was sounded.

No photo yet

Army, AIF · No. 5183

Thomas Hartley Robinson p. 211

Corporal, 57th Battalion; 5th Division HQ from December 1916; Topographical Section, Australian Historical Mission, 1919. Enlisted January 1916; home April 1919.

Heather's birth great-grandfather, a painter from Edenhope. He sailed in April 1916, and in 1919 came home with Charles Bean's party, the Australian Historical Mission, as a corporal of its Topographical Section, as a Defence letter of 9 June 1919 confirms. His widow remembered that she met him the day he got back.



British Army · No. 5588

Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin p. 37

Royal Field Artillery; gunner. France, 1914.

Leonard's uncle, born in 1881, went to France with the British Expeditionary Force in 1914, one of the "Old Contemptibles", and earned the 1914 Star.

Second World War 1939–1945

Twenty-five of the family served, and for Sydney Clarke and his brother Horace it was the second time. The MacRaes and Gotches were an Air Force family: Gloria and her sister Bonnie joined the WAAAF, Allan and his brothers Leo and Patrick the RAAF, and Gloria and Allan met at a radar station on the Central Coast. Their brother Kenneth was in the home guard at Holbrook, and the youngest, Don, was at Rabaul after the war. Frank Gotch was shot in the face on the Kokoda Track, Ron Hodgskin was at headquarters in Darwin when the bombs fell, and Meron's cousin George Coggan spent three and a half years as a prisoner of the Japanese, part of it on the Burma–Thailand railway. On Heather's side the King brothers flew with and armed the Air Force while Les cooked for the Army, and the older men joined the home guard. Bob Bowley, Russell's father, was at the Balikpapan landing in 1945, his brother Cyril went to sea in the cruisers Australia and Hobart, and his sister Hazel was in the WAAAF. Heather's birth family served too: her grandfather Neil Blunck captained Liberators, her grandmother Marjorie Robinson was a WAAAF flight mechanic, and Marjorie's father, Thomas Hartley Robinson, served in both wars.



Army, AIF · No. NX175553

Robert Thomas (Bob) Bowley p. 133

2/10th Battalion. Balikpapan, Borneo, 1945.

"In action at the landing at Balikpapan", he wrote in 1984. His brothers Cyril and Glen served in the Navy, and his sister Hazel in the RAAF.



Navy · No. 23654

Cyril Geoffrey Bowley p. 139

Ordinary Seaman, then Able Seaman. HMAS Australia and HMAS Hobart, 1940–42.

Bob's elder brother joined the Navy from Murwillumbah in October 1939, at 16. After Flinders Naval Depot he went to sea in the cruisers Australia and Hobart, and was rated Able Seaman in April 1942. His card then marks him "Run", absent without leave, from May 1942 until September 1945, and he was discharged that December.

No photo yet

Air Force, WAAAF · No. 102570

Hazel Irene Bowley p. 140

Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Enlisted at Brisbane, December 1944.

Bob's little sister joined up from Murwillumbah at 18 and served until April 1946. Her next of kin was her mother, Marjorie Page.



Air Force · No. 139362

Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65

Radar operator, No. 19 Radar Station, Bombi, then No. 163 Radar Station; leading aircraftman. Gosford, Morotai and Labuan, 1944–45.

By his own account he landed on Labuan, off Borneo, on the day of the landings; his station's unit history has it arriving the day after, 11 June 1945, then at Lutong in Sarawak. At 82 he asked for replacement medals: "I feel the loss each year in not being able to wear my medals."



Air Force, WAAAF · No. 105884

Gloria Julia Gotch p. 98

Radar operator. Brisbane, then No. 19 Radar Station, Bombi, 1942–45.

Joined at 19 and met Allan at the little radar station on the Central Coast. She always felt she should have had the Pacific Star, as she believed her fellow WAAAFs had.

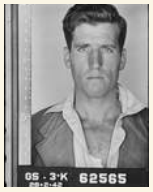


Air Force, WAAAF · No. 177402

Mona Mary (Bonnie) Gotch p. 103

Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Enlisted 1944.

Followed her sister Gloria into the WAAAF; her identity photo was taken nine days after she turned 18.



Air Force · No. 62565

Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72

Fitter armourer; leading aircraftman, last with 61 Operational Base Unit. Morotai and Tarakan, 1945.

Signed up beside a captured Messerschmitt at Sydney Town Hall, and spent the war keeping cannon and machine guns working.



Air Force · No. 433844

Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71

Wireless air gunner, No. 8 Squadron, Beauforts; Flight Sergeant. Tadji, New Guinea, 1944–45.

From the age of 19 he flew 121 strikes and attacks in Beaufort bombers.



Army, AIF · No. NX207014

Donald MacRae p. 73

Transport and supply platoons. Rabaul, 1946.

The baby of Allan's family joined up at 18 in May 1945. The war ended before he left Australia, but in 1946 he sailed on the Kanimbla to Rabaul and spent most of the year there.



Army, AIF · No. NX39816

Walter Frank Gotch p. 101

2/2nd Battalion; corporal. Middle East, Ceylon and New Guinea, 1941–42.

Shot in the face on 10 November 1942 in the fighting back over the Kokoda route. He lived to 90.



Army, AIF · No. NX172070

Max Gotch junior p. 105

Electrician, 129th Brigade Workshop. Port Moresby, 1943–44.

Gloria's half-brother, a neon-sign mechanic, joined the militia in 1941 and the AIF in 1943, and landed at Port Moresby that July. He came home sick on the hospital ship Manunda in 1944.



Army · No. N75446

Ron Hodgskin p. 27

Provost Corps clerk, then corporal, 7th Military District headquarters. Darwin, 1940–42.

Told the Army he was 20 when he was 18, and sailed for Darwin in July 1940. He was at district headquarters on 19 February 1942, the day of the first air raid.



Army, AIF · No. NX78196

Milton Arthur McLeod p. 52

Signals, N.T. Force; 19th, 18th and 17th Heavy Wireless Sections; signalman. Darwin, Melbourne and Lae, 1941–45.

A junior telegraph assistant who grins in his Army photo. He landed at Lae in August 1945.



Army, AIF · No. NX66916

George Thomas Colin Coggan p. 55

2/10th Field Ambulance. Malaya, Singapore and the Burma–Thailand railway, 1941–45.

Meron's first cousin, and later Len's brother-in-law. Taken prisoner when Singapore fell, he went north with F Force in April 1943 to the Burma–Thailand railway, and was the first Gundagai-district prisoner of the Japanese to come home.



Volunteer Defence Corps · No. N448157

Leonard (Len) Hodgskin p. 25

11th and 9th Battalions, VDC. Sydney, 1943–45.

Marked unfit by an Army doctor in 1940, he was later passed A1 and served part-time until the Corps disbanded.



Air Force · No. 400902

Stanley Birdwood King p. 168

Wireless operator air gunner, No. 201 Squadron RAF, then Nos 42 and 43 Squadrons; Flight Lieutenant. Canada, Britain and Gibraltar, 1941–44; home squadrons, 1944–45.

Very likely named after the Anzac commander, he trained in Canada and came home through New York as an officer with six medals.



Air Force · No. 54848

Ernest Charles King p. 166

Fitter armourer, No. 75 Squadron. New Guinea, 1943–45.

Didn't set foot in Australia for nineteen months. His headstone at Port Fairy carries his RAAF badge and number.



Army, AIF · No. VX68245

Leslie Burge King p. 164

Cook, Special Wireless Group, Corps of Signals. Victoria, 1942–43.

Broke his leg kicking a football with three other cooks, and was released to bake for his father. His War Medal waited more than 40 years to be claimed.



Volunteer Defence Corps · No. V351646

Marangan Leslie King p. 169

9th Battalion, VDC. Hamilton, Victoria, 1942–45.

The town bandmaster joined at 55, while his sons Les, Stan and Ern were in uniform.



Air Force · No. 34462

Neil Blunck p. 206

Flying instructor; Liberator captain. Australia; Darwin and WA, 1944–45.

Heather's birth grandfather. A pilot before the war, he taught others to fly, then captained Liberator bombers on 18 operations. He left a Flight Lieutenant in 1946.



Air Force, WAAAF · No. 90256

Marjorie Robinson p. 209

Flight mechanic. Point Cook and Deniliquin.

Heather's birth grandmother. She joined at 18, retrained as a flight mechanic, and very probably met Neil at Point Cook.



Air Force · No. 58815

Thomas Hartley Robinson p. 211

Sergeant. Pacific airstrips.

Back in uniform in his forties, inspecting airstrips in the Pacific.



Volunteer Defence Corps · No. V374311

Kenneth John MacRae p. 69

17th Battalion, VDC; private. Holbrook district, 1943–44.

Allan's brother, a health inspector at Holbrook. He had served in the militia's field hygiene section before the war, was released for his reserved job when called up in 1942, and served part-time in the home guard.



Army · No. VX96978

Norman Ian Clarke p. 133

Cook, Army Catering Corps. Bonegilla, 1945.

Pa's brother joined at 18, a pastrycook, and qualified as an Army cook at Bonegilla, where Les King, Nanny's father, had broken his leg three years before.



Volunteer Defence Corps · No. V365084

Henry Ernest Clarke p. 143

13th Battalion, VDC. Buchan, 1942–45.

Sydney's eldest brother, a dairy farmer at Canni Creek, joined the Volunteer Defence Corps at Buchan in March 1942, at 57.

Korea and the post-war Navy 1946–1961

Three of the family joined the Navy after the war. Bob Bowley's brother Glen signed on at Sydney in 1946 and trained at Flinders Naval Depot. Both of Heather's parents were in the Navy before they married in 1958. Max Clarke served twelve years, including HMAS Anzac's tour in Korean waters in 1952–53, and Joy King was a Leading WRAN in Canberra.



Navy · No. 32921

Glen Bowley p. 140

Ordinary Seaman. HMAS Cerberus, 1946–47.

Bob's younger brother, born at Cleveland, Tasmania, in 1925, and a radio mechanic by trade. He joined the Navy at Sydney in October 1946, a year after the war, signing on for two years. After a week absent without leave in July 1947, he was discharged that August as unsuitable for the rating. His card names his mother, Marjorie Irene Page, of Murwillumbah.



Navy · No. R37256

Maxwell Clarke p. 128

Electrical mechanic; Petty Officer. HMAS Anzac in Korean waters, 1952–53, and HMAS Melbourne.

Signed on as a shop assistant in 1949, just as his father had in 1916, and left the Navy from HMAS Anzac in 1961.



Navy, WRANS · No. WR4014

Margaret Joy King p. 130

Leading WRAN. Flinders Naval Depot, 1951–54; HMAS Harman, Canberra, 1954; Cerberus to 1955.

A WRAN cook from 1951 and a Leading WRAN Cook from 1953. Her card and Max's put them both at Flinders Naval Depot from February to April 1954, very probably where they met. Later, she chased up her father's papers and medals so they could sit in the museum beside her husband's and his father's.

Vietnam 1962–1975

Therese's husband, Ric Frawley, served in Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, and later as a warrant officer in the Military Police.



Army

Ric Frawley p. 22

2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; later Military Police, warrant officer. Vietnam, early 1970s.

Therese's husband. Fifty years on, she says, his weapon is a nail gun and his battle the back deck.

Reading a service record

Service numbers

In the First World War a letter after a number told two men with the same number apart. Sydney's 2882 was "re-allotted 2882A" when he moved to the 3rd Pioneers in 1917, and Horrie's 1712 became 1712A in France in 1918. In the Second, an X marked a volunteer for the AIF who could be sent overseas: NX for New South Wales, VX for Victoria. A number without the X belonged to the militia or home forces.

The Volunteer Defence Corps

Australia's home guard. The RSL formed it in 1940 and the Army took it over in 1941: older men and men in essential jobs, trained part-time to defend their own districts. It was disbanded in 1945.

Where the files are

Service files are held by the National Archives of Australia, and most are digitised and free to read in RecordSearch. The Australian War Memorial holds unit war diaries, rolls and photographs, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs keeps nominal rolls for the Second World War, Korea and Vietnam.

The WAAAF and the WRANS

The Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (1941–47) put women into radar, signals and many other jobs so men could go to the front. The Women's Royal Australian Naval Service did the same for the Navy, and was re-formed in 1951.

Medals

First World War soldiers received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Most who served in the Second earned the War Medal 1939–45 and the Australia Service Medal 1939–45, and those in operational areas earned stars as well, like Allan's 1939–45 Star and Pacific Star. Families can still apply for unclaimed medals, as Max, Irene and Joy did.

STORIES

Brushes with fame

Every one of these is in the records. Most name the family member and the famous person together; a few only put them at the same event.



PETER FINCH

Gloria starred opposite a future Oscar winner

At 12, Gloria had the lead in Magic Shoes, a Cinderella film shot at Pagewood in 1935. The same newspaper report that called her perhaps "Australia's first child star" lists Peter Finch in the cast. It was his first film.

Named together in the records

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



NED KELLY

Ned Kelly made Steve Hart give back his watch

When the Kelly gang held up Jerilderie in February 1879, Steve Hart took the watch of the town's young missionary, J. B. Gribble, Pa's great-great-uncle. Ned Kelly made him hand it back.

Named together in the records

Benjamin Gribble p. 161



WILLIAM MCKELL

On the platform with a future Governor-General

In 1933 Alderman Kenneth MacRae sat on the Redfern Town Hall platform with the local member, W. J. McKell, later Premier of New South Wales and Governor-General of Australia. In 1931, as mayor, Kenneth was chosen for a deputation to Premier Jack Lang.

Named together in the records

Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74



KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH

A 100th-birthday message from the King and Queen

When Ann's sister Sarah Loseby turned 100 at Bowral in 1947, the King and Queen sent their congratulations, and so did the Governor-General, William McKell, the man her nephew Kenneth had shared a platform with.

Named together in the records

Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Escorting the young Queen into Sydney

When the Queen arrived in Sydney on the liner Gothic on 3 February 1954 for her first Australian tour, HMAS Anzac was one of her escorts, and Pa was posted to Anzac at the time.

At the same event

Maxwell Clarke p. 128



WILLIAM MCMAHON

Inspected by a future Prime Minister

In November 1952, at Kure in Japan during the Korean War, the Minister for the Navy and Air, William McMahon, inspected the ship's company of HMAS Anzac while Pa was serving aboard.

At the same event

Maxwell Clarke p. 128



W. B. DALLEY AND WALTER MONTGOMERY

A letter from a celebrated tragedian

In 1869 the famous touring actor Walter Montgomery wrote to W. H. Hicks, editor of Sydney Punch, sending £25 for a journalist's widow. Hicks sat on the fund's committee with W. B. Dalley, later the first Australian made a Privy Counsellor.

Named together in the records

William Henry Hicks p. 115



DON BRADMAN

Bradman Week at Loseby Park

Ann's brother Robert gave Bowral Loseby Park. In April 1928 Test cricketers opened its first turf wicket, the same week the town gave a 19-year-old Don Bradman a gold watch.

At the same event

Robert Loseby p. 81



THE BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

Escorting the King's own band

In November 1934 the Hamilton town band, led by Marangan King, escorted the Band of the Grenadier Guards through crowded streets to Melville Oval.

Named together in the records

Marangan Leslie King p. 169



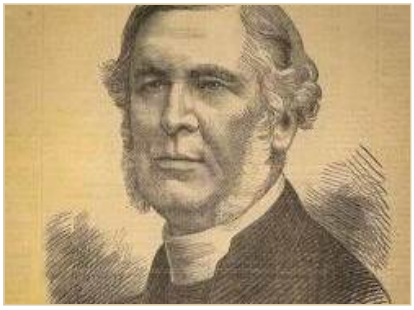
GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH

A bridge opened by Monash

In August 1918 Sydney Clarke's battalion rebuilt the bridge over the Somme at Chipilly in five days, "one of the finest engineering feats carried out by the A.I.F.", and General Monash opened it.

At the same event

Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141



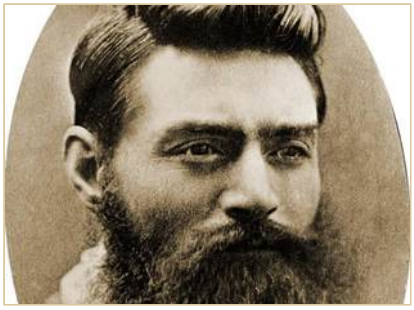
BISHOP BARKER AND THE MARSDENS

Confirmed by the Bishop of Sydney

Sarah Loseby remembered being prepared for confirmation by the Rev. James Hassall, grandson of Samuel Marsden, and confirmed at Berrima by Bishop Frederic Barker.

Named together in the records

Sarah Gregg Loseby p. 82



THE KELLY GANG

Booked to drive a police special in the Kelly scare

During the Kelly gang scare, engine driver Charles Burge was the man booked to run the special train of police reinforcements to Kelly country.

At the same event

Charles Burge p. 179



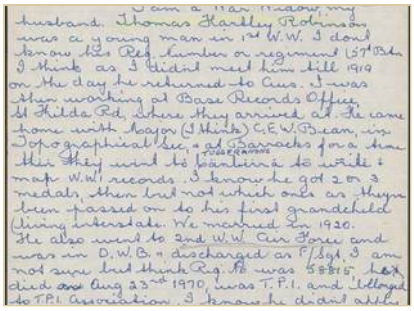
COLONEL KENNETH STARR

Asked by the surgeon to paint artificial eyes

At Concord, where her brother Frank was treated after losing an eye, Gloria wrote that Colonel Kenneth Starr, head of the facial surgery unit, asked her to stay and help paint artificial eyes.

Named together in the records

Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98



C. E. W. BEAN

Home with Charles Bean's party

Heather's birth great-grandfather Thomas Robinson came home from the war in 1919 with the official historian Charles Bean's historical party, in the mapping section that helped record the war, his widow wrote. Mabel Cole, working at AIF Base Records, met him the day he got back, and they married in 1920.

At the same event

Thomas Hartley Robinson and Mabel Elizabeth Cole p. 211



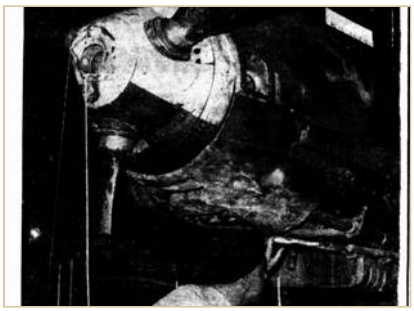
THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES

Leonard's uncle went to war with the BEF in 1914

Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin, Leonard's uncle, a Boer War gunner and Hertfordshire mounted constable, was recalled to the artillery on 4 August 1914 and was in France by 6 October. His medal card carries the 1914 Star, the mark of the original British Expeditionary Force.

At the same event

Charles Thomas Bathurst Hodgskin p. 37



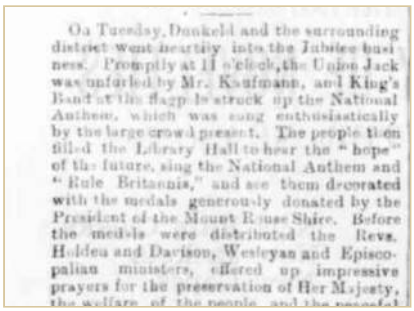
THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

He signed up beside a Messerschmitt shot down over Kent

Leo MacRae's Air Force application is stamped "Messerschmitt Exhibition": he joined at Sydney Town Hall, where a German fighter shot down over Kent, very probably in the Battle of Britain, was on show to bring in recruits.

At the same event

Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72



QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The family band played Dunkeld's Jubilee

On 22 June 1897, Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, "King's Band at the flagpole struck up the National Anthem" at Dunkeld and led the children's procession through the town, on what the paper called the greatest day in Dunkeld's history. The band was made up entirely of Kings.

Named together in the records

John King p. 182



ERNEST GRIBBLE AND THE FORREST RIVER MASSACRE

His son exposed a massacre

J. B. Gribble's son Ernest, Corey's first cousin four times removed, ran the missions at Yarrabah and Forrest River, and in 1926 he helped expose the Forrest River massacre in the Kimberley, which led to a Royal Commission.

A famous relative

The Rev. John Brown Gribble p. 159

Near misses

1 Nanny's WRANS unit paraded for the Queen's arrival in Canberra in February 1954. Joy isn't named, but she was at HMAS Harman that year.

Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130

2 Stan King, born in 1915, was very likely named Birdwood after the Anzac commander, General Birdwood.

Stanley Birdwood King p. 168

3	Fred Burge, who played 118 games for Richmond in 1942–50, was very likely Mary Louisa's nephew, the son of her brother Frederick Arthur. The birth index and the Campbells Creek start fit, but no source names his parents yet.	Frederick Arthur Burge p. 174
4	Two more names on Magic Shoes, both resting on Wikipedia alone: the Princess, Helen Hughes, is said to be Prime Minister Billy Hughes's daughter, and Damien Parer, who later filmed Kokoda Front Line!, is said to have worked on the crew. Gloria's brother Frank was shot on the Kokoda route in 1942.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

THE FAMILY FILE

Where we came from

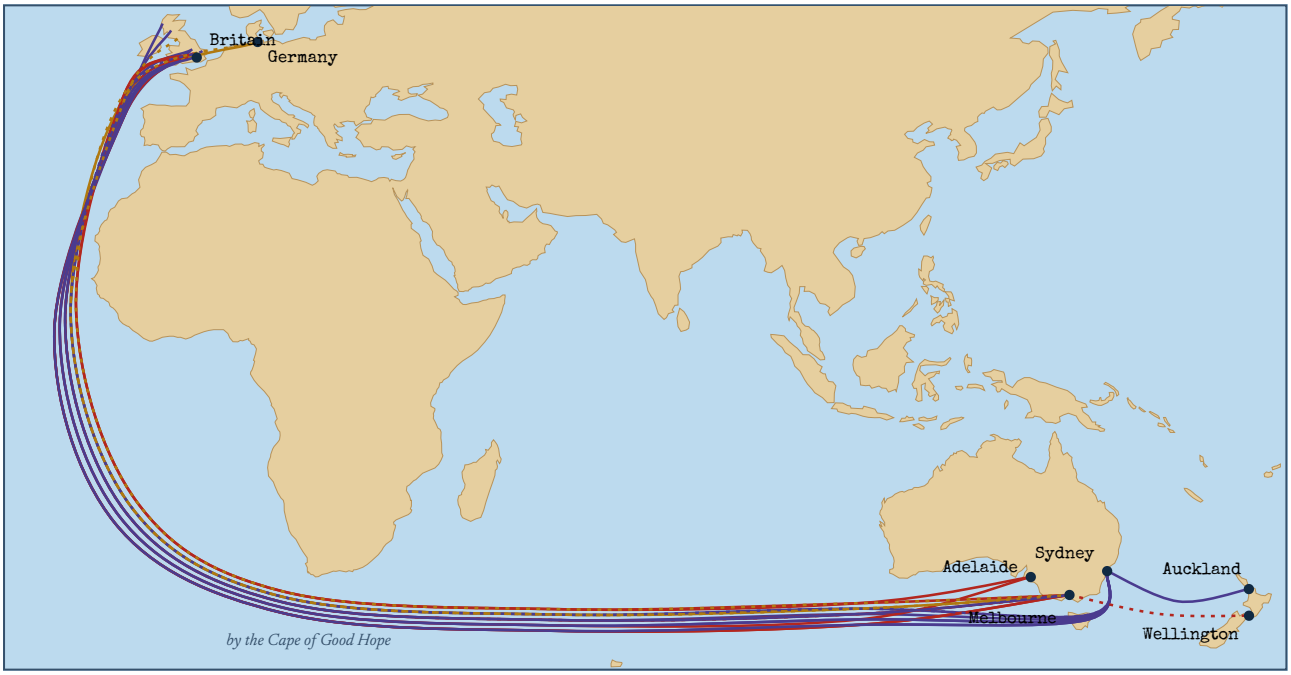
Between 1823 and 1916, at least 19 voyages brought the family to Australia, most of them three or four months under sail by the Cape of Good Hope.

The voyages

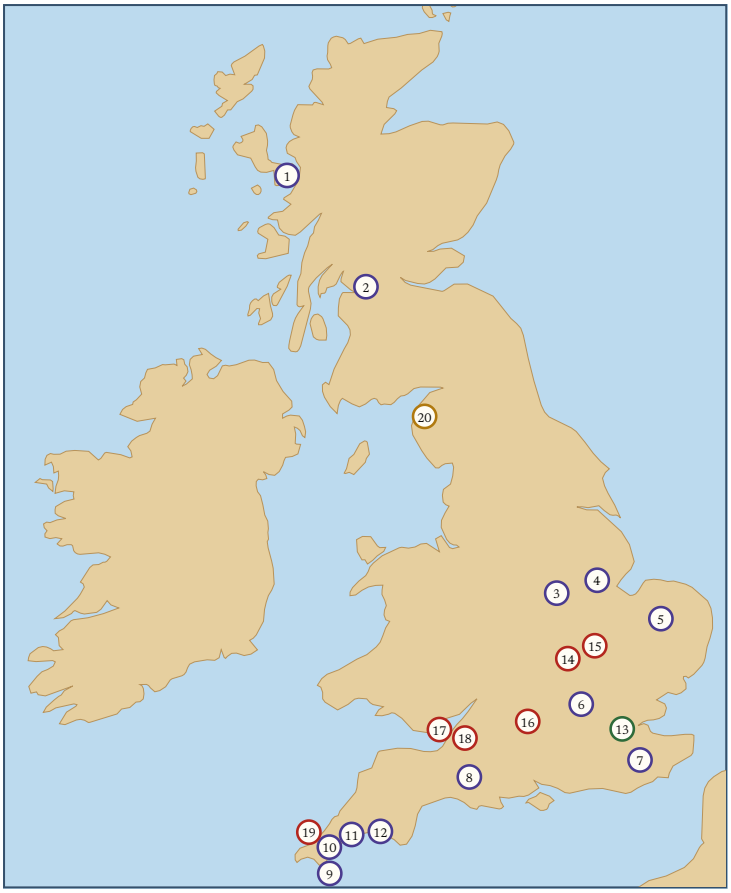
1823	*Princess Royal*	Richard Loseby, aged 18, transported for theft Ann's uncle. He became a constable, an innkeeper and a landholder at Bong Bong. Elizabeth Ann MacRae p. 80
1837	*William Nicol*	Farquhar and Barbara MacRae, with baby John 113 days from Skye, the first government ship to bring Highlanders to Sydney. Farquhar MacRae p. 84
1841	*Herald*	George McLeod the elder, a joiner and carpenter of 27, with Mary and baby Ann From Greenock on 6 April 1841 to Sydney on 15 July (their assisted-immigrant card). He later shepherded for the Macarthurs near Goulburn. George McLeod the elder p. 60
1845	*Tropic*	Charles and Mary Loseby, four sons and three daughters Ann was weeks old. They named their farm at Bong Bong Harby Farm. Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87
1846	*Phoebe*	Samuel Woods's family, with Ann, aged 7, and Elizabeth Ann later married John King; Elizabeth, very probably her sister, married John Frisby. John King p. 182
1848	*Blonde*	Benjamin and Mary Gribble, with Alice, 4, and baby John The baby became the Rev. J. B. Gribble, who met the Kelly gang. Benjamin Gribble p. 161
1851	*Oregon*	John Fisher King and Jane, with John, 15 From Plymouth in July, Port Adelaide on 31 October. John Fisher King p. 189
1852	*Priam*	Henry Twitt, very probably His brothers followed him five years later. James Twitt p. 199
1854	*Sophie*	Martin Berg, 29, and Catharina, 26, of Holm in Holstein Mary Berg's parents: from Hamburg on 21 April 1854; his 1865 naturalisation names the ship and his birthplace, Holm am Pinneberg. Mary married Claus Blunck at Ballarat in 1875: Heather's birth line. Martin Berg p. 215
1857	*Black Eagle*	Joseph and James Twitt, 'gone to brother Henry' James was 18. They later farmed side by side at Kaarimba, and called it Kewstoke. James Twitt p. 199
1857	*Mount Stuart Elphinstone*	Henry and Mary Burge, with James, Charles, 8, and Elizabeth About 100 days in an old teak East Indiaman. Mary died that same year. Henry Burge p. 185
1857	*Herefordshire*	Thomas and Mary Anne Coggan, with Phillip, 10, and three more Mary Anne was so ill on the road inland they stopped six weeks at Goulburn. Thomas Coggan p. 61

by 1864	*ship not known*	John Kimber Carey, from Lambourn in Berkshire, very probably Christened at Lambourn in 1811, the son of John and Charlotte Cary. He died at Yarra Bend in 1864. So the Careys were a Berkshire family, not Cornish. John Kimber Carey p. 163
by 1867	*ship not known*	The Rev. William Henry Hicks Vicar of Watton, then editor of Sydney Punch. William Henry Hicks p. 115
by 1875	*ship not known*	Claus Blunck, from northern Germany He farmed near Buninyong and married Mary Berg at Ballarat in 1875. Claus Blunck p. 212
1883	*Pericles*	John and Catherine Jewell, with two little ones A baby girl was born in the Atlantic and named Kate Pericles, after the ship. John Jewell p. 38
1908	*from Auckland*	Max Gotch, the herbalist Within weeks of an Auckland court fine, 'minus the bell-topper and flowing locks'. Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
1914	*Hawkes Bay*	Leonard Hodgskin, 20, 'farm student', very probably From Tilbury, landing at Melbourne on 29 July 1914, a week before the war. The list says only 'Mr L. Hodgskin'. The Australian Hodgskin line starts with him. Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29
by 1916	*ship not known*	Thomas Hartley Robinson, from Cockermouth Marjorie's father. He joined the AIF and came home in 1919 with Charles Bean's historical party. Thomas H Robinson p. 211

The routes

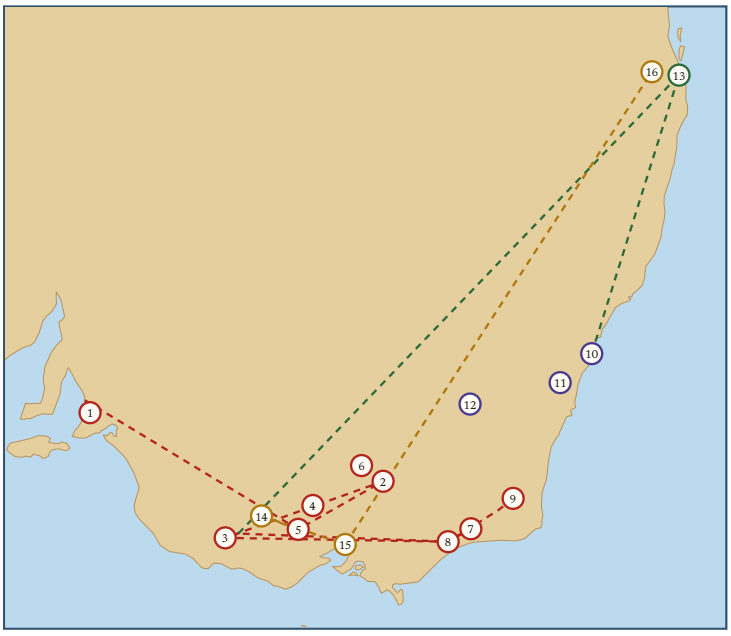


Andrew's side Heather's side Heather's birth family Ship or date not known



The home villages in Britain

1. Isleornsay, Skye: the MacRaes, 1837
2. Scotland: the elder George McLeod, of Dumbarton and Glasgow; sailed from Greenock in 1841
3. Leicester and Harby: the Losebys, 1823 and 1845
4. Somerby, Lincolnshire: Mary Gregg, born 1806
5. Watton and Caston, Norfolk: the Hicks family. W. H. Hicks was born at Caston in 1828 and became rector of Watton
6. Watford: the Hodgskins from 1891; Leonard, 1893 to 1914
7. Goudhurst, Kent: the Hodgskins and the Bathursts of Finchcocks
8. Pitney, Martock and Lydford, Somerset: the Coggans, 1857
9. Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall: George Jewell's birthplace, and the Jewells' home before the Pericles, 1883
10. Green Bottom, Kenwyn, Cornwall: George Jewell, lead miner, 1851; John Jewell was born here
11. St Austell, Cornwall: Joanna Mitchell, George Jewell's wife, christened 1819 (likely)
12. Plymouth, Devon: George Davies, Catherine Jewell's father, born about 1828 (likely)
13. London: Richard Hodgskin and Harriett Platt (Lambeth and Camberwell); the Platts, brush makers; the Stillmans and Bennetts (Camberwell, Peckham and Sydenham); E. W. Gotch; Jane Howard
14. Yardley Hastings and Easton Maudit: the Kings and Wymans, 1851
15. Bletsoe, Bedfordshire: Samuel Woods's family in 1841, before the Phoebe, 1846
16. Lambourn, Berkshire: John Kimber Cary, christened 1811 (likely)
17. Kewstoke, Somerset: the Twitts at Norton and Sand Beach Cottage, 1852 and 1857
18. Yatton and Claverham, Somerset: the Burges, 1857. Elizabeth Twitt was born at Yatton too
19. Redruth, Cornwall: the Gribbles, 1848
20. Cockermouth, Cumberland: the Robinsons, Heather's birth family



Where they settled

1. Clarendon and Adelaide: The Kings, Woods and Frisbys, 1846 to the 1850s
2. Benalla: The Kings and Frisbys in the 1880s
3. Hamilton, Dunkeld and Cavendish: The Kings' sawmill and band, Marangan's bakery at 123 Brown Street, where Les and Irene lived in 1936, then Les's Dunkeld bakery and Max and Joy
4. Castlemaine: Charles Burge, the engine driver
5. Ballarat: The Gribbles, Careys and Clarkes; Pa was born here. Heather's birth family, the Bluncks and Bergs, were here too
6. Kaarimba: The Twitts' farm, 'Kewstoke'
7. Canni Creek: Henry and Mary Clarke's last home
8. Bairnsdale: Les and Irene's Café Pauline, 149 Main Street, 1939 to 1941
9. Bombala: George Clarke and Jane Howard
10. Sydney: Redfern (MacRaes), Bronte (Gotches), Flemington and Enfield (Hodgskins), Enfield (McLeods), St Marys (Jewells)
11. Bong Bong and Bowral: The Losebys and MacRaes
12. Coolac and Jugiong: The McLeods and Coggans
13. Gold Coast: Allan and Gloria, Joy, Heather, and Corey today
14. Ararat: The Johnsons and Bluncks; Neil Blunck was born here in 1913
15. Caulfield, Melbourne: The Robinsons; Neil and Marjorie married here in 1944
16. Beaudesert, Queensland: Blunck's Garage, from the 1920s to the 1960s

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The family timeline

76 moments from the files, oldest first.

Before 1850

1815	The day after Waterloo, Charles Loseby starts as a shoemaker's apprentice in Leicestershire.	Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87
1823	Richard Loseby, Ann's uncle, is transported for theft. By 1830 he's a constable.	Richard Loseby p. 92
1828	John Raby Hicks of Caston dies at 26, five weeks after his son William Henry is christened.	John Raby Hicks p. 116
1837	Farquhar MacRae sails from Skye on the William Nicol, the first government ship to bring Highlanders to Sydney.	Farquhar MacRae p. 84
1837	Thomas and Harriet Platt, brush makers, christen their son at Christ Church, Spitalfields. By a family tree, E. W. Gotch is born round the corner in Shoreditch in 1840.	Richard Hodgskin p. 40
1841	The census finds Charles Loseby, shoemaker, at Harby in Leicestershire with Mary and their four eldest. Four years later they sail for Sydney.	Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87
1841	At Bletsoe the census finds Elizabeth and Ann Woods under one roof: very probably the mothers-to-be of Deborah Frisby and Walter King, who will marry as first cousins.	Samuel Woods and Mary Law p. 190

1850 to 1899

1854	Martin Berg of Holstein, very probably, lands in Victoria from the Sophie.	Martin Berg p. 215
1865	A Bega warrant describes George Clarke down to his shepherd's-plaid trousers. Jane withdraws the charge that November.	George Clarke and Jane Howard p. 151
1869	Richard Hodgskin, widower and carpenter, marries Harriett Platt at Lambeth. The register names his father: Richard, cooper.	Richard Hodgskin p. 40
1873	John MacRae marries Elizabeth Ann Loseby at Berrima.	John MacRae p. 79
1874	George McLeod the elder walks into a store at Coolac, says good evening and drops dead.	George McLeod the elder p. 60
1880	During the Kelly Gang scare of 1878 to 1880, Charles Burge is booked to drive the police special to Kelly country.	Charles Burge p. 179
1883	Baby Kate Pericles Jewell is born at sea on the way to Sydney, and named after the ship.	Kate Pericles Luke, née Jewell p. 33
1892	Leonard Alfred Hodgskin's birth is registered at Watford, England.	Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29

1900 to 1949

1901	Max Gotch, about 21, poses in top hat and tails at a West Maitland studio.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106

1903	In Wellington, Max Gotch advertises as Professor Linguard, Dermatologist; a court record of 1904 names him "Walter Gotch otherwise known as Professor Linguard".	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
1908	Herr Max Gotch sets up in George Street, Sydney, fresh from New Zealand.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
1910	Les King is born in Hamilton, son of a man called Marangan. He'll be a baker by 20.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
1910	Irene Twitt is born in Wellington, New Zealand, on 30 December.	Irene Adelaide King, née Twitt p. 193
1911	Rosalind Hicks, 14, is on stage at the Palace Theatre in Sydney.	Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111
1911	Leonard Hodgskin, 18, is a decorator boarding in Watford. Three years later he sails for Australia.	Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29
1912	Max Gotch sues Waverley Council for £400 over cracks in his Bronte house, and loses.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
1913	Neil Blunck, Heather's birth grandfather, is born at Ararat.	Neil Blunck p. 206
1914	Max Gotch is fined ten shillings when his free herbal pamphlet is found indecent.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
1914	Charles Hodgskin, Leonard's uncle, recalled to the guns, is in France by 6 October.	Charles Hodgskin p. 37
1915	Horrie Clarke, a grocer from Bairnsdale, joins the 8th Battalion at Anzac on 17 July. By September he is in hospital on Malta.	Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147
1916	Sydney Clarke joins the AIF, saying he's 18 and a half. He's probably 17.	Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141
1917	On 20 September, the first day of the Battle of Menin Road, Horrie Clarke is shot in the right hand.	Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147
1918	Sydney Clarke is shot in the shoulder near Bray on the Somme, his battalion's first day as infantry.	Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141
1919	Allan MacRae is born at Redfern. His birth is registered as Alan.	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
1919	Thomas Robinson comes home with Charles Bean's party, the Australian Historical Mission, and meets Mabel Cole the same day.	Thomas H Robinson p. 211
1919	Stanley Carey, 20, dies of the Spanish flu at Ballarat's isolation camp and is buried that evening.	Myrtle Annie Clarke, née Carey p. 155
1925	Pa's aunt Queenie is Mrs King: "Queen King & Harry Clarke", says a photo that year.	Margaret King p. 144
1930	Kenneth MacRae, a City Council blacksmith, is elected Mayor of Redfern for 1931.	Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74
1931	Redfern crowns Miss Mollie MacRae its Queen, probably the mayor's daughter Mary.	Kenneth John Alexander MacRae p. 74
1932	Les and Irene marry. Joy is born that December.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
1932	The sign reads L. B. King, Dunkeld Bakery. Les is about 21.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
1934	Eleven Kings play in Hamilton's town band, with a King as bandmaster. Then jazz breaks out at the sacred concert.	Marangan Leslie King p. 169

1939	An explosion blows the roof off a St Peters works and puts Leonard Hodgskin on the front page.	Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29
1939	Les and Irene King buy Café Pauline on Main Street, Bairnsdale.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
1940	Len Hodgskin signs up and is marked unfit, for sugar in his urine rather than his thumb.	Leonard Alfred John Hodgskin p. 25
1940	A Joy King, very likely Nanny at seven, sings a duet called Pansies at the Methodist Hall in Bairnsdale.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
1941	Len marries Meron at Enfield. Over 100 guests, and his brother stuck in Darwin.	Meron Myra Hodgskin p. 51
1941	John Raby Hicks and his wife Rosalind die a day apart, on 30 and 31 July.	John Raby Hicks p. 114
1942	Gloria Gotch, a photographic colourist, joins the Air Force at 19.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98
1942	Les King breaks his leg kicking a football with three other cooks at Bonegilla.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
1942	Frank Gotch is shot in the face in New Guinea on 10 November, and loses an eye.	Walter Frank Gotch p. 101
1943	The Army releases Les King to bake bread for his own father.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
1943	At Concord, surgeons ask Gloria to help paint artificial eyes, she writes decades later.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98
1943	George Coggan, a prisoner since the fall of Singapore, is sent north with F Force to the Burma–Thailand railway.	George Thomas Colin Coggan p. 55
1944	Allan is posted to No. 19 Radar Station near Gosford, where Gloria is working. They marry early the next year.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98
1944	Pat MacRae, 19, starts flying strikes in Beauforts from Tadji, New Guinea. He'll fly 121.	Patrick Joseph MacRae p. 71
1944	Neil Blunck and Marjorie Robinson, both of the RAAF, marry at Caulfield.	Neil Blunck p. 206
1944	October to December: Neil Blunck captains a Liberator on 14 operations with the Americans out of Darwin.	Neil Blunck p. 206
1945	George Coggan flies home from Japanese captivity, the first Gundagai-district prisoner of the Japanese to come home.	George Thomas Colin Coggan p. 55
1945	Allan MacRae's radar station reaches Labuan, off Borneo, on 11 June, the day after the landings.	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
1947	About now, Gloria makes the christening gown four generations will wear.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

1950 to 1999

1950	Marangan King, forty years with the Hamilton band, plays euphonium at South Street, Ballarat, and the Argus takes his photo.	Marangan Leslie King p. 169
1950	Thomas Twitt dies suddenly at Les and Irene's home in Dunkeld.	Thomas Twitt p. 194
1950	Max Gotch dies at home in Bronte, aged 70.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106

1950	Bob Bowley marries Margaret Mary (Peggy) Bennett at Murwillumbah.	Bob and Peggy Bowley p. 133
1951	Joy King joins the re-formed WRANS, and makes the Women's Weekly in colour.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
1952	Max Clarke is on HMAS Anzac off Korea. Ballarat Bitter comes aboard at Kure for Christmas.	Maxwell Clarke p. 128
1954	Joy and two Navy friends ride motor scooters 476 miles from a friend's house in Ballarat, Pa's home town, to Canberra, with a night at Albury.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
1958	Max Clarke and Joy King marry.	Maxwell Clarke p. 128
1961	Alfred and Annie Hodgskin, Leonard's father and stepmother, die three days apart at Christmas.	Alfred John Hodgskin p. 36
1988	Laura MacRae dies, aged 104 by the family's research, though her headstone says 102.	Laura Mary MacRae p. 78
1988	Max Clarke writes to the Army, in his own hand, to claim his late father's medals.	Maxwell Clarke p. 128
1989	Joy chases up her father's War Medal, unclaimed for over 40 years.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
1992	Gloria writes to war records about her stolen medals and her brother at Concord.	Gloria Julia MacRae, née Gotch p. 98

2000 and since

2000	Allan writes to Canberra: he feels the loss each year of not wearing his medals.	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
2012	Joy receives a Victorian Senior Achiever Award at Government House.	Margaret Joy Clarke, née King p. 130
2018	Leo MacRae dies at 103, and a new stone goes up for John MacRae at Lower Mittagong.	Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72
2024	Corey and Ange marry at Casa Campana, Nunderi, in the Tweed Valley.	Corey Andrew Wilton p. 8
2026	Ben's daughter Ella is christened in Gloria's gown, 79 years on.	Ben Wendt p. 21

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Did you know?

1	Heather (Corey's mother) was born Annette Blunck. The adoption order Max and Joy got in June 1965 gave her a new name, Heather Joy, with her new mum's middle name.	Heather Wilton p. 121
2	Leonard's grandfather, Richard Hodgskin (Corey's 4× great-grandfather), had at least sixteen children by two wives, including two sets of twins, and lived to 89. His son James Septimus's name marks a seventh child, so Cordelia had at least eight, and Richard's two families very possibly numbered twenty.	Richard Hodgskin p. 40

3	Three of the family lived to 100 or more: Leo MacRae (Corey's great-grandfather's brother, 103), Laura MacRae (Corey's great-great-grandmother, 104 by the family's research, though her headstone says 102) and Sarah Loseby (Corey's great-great-great-grandmother's sister, 100).	Leo Benedict MacRae p. 72
4	Ballarat New Cemetery holds both of Heather's parents' families: Pa's parents and his Carey grandparents, and Nanny's grandparents Marangan and Mary Louisa King. Pa's great-great-grandparents Benjamin and Mary Gribble are across town in the Old Cemetery.	Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141
5	Radio and wires run right through the family: Allan (Corey's great-grandfather) and Gloria on radar, Les in the Special Wireless Group, Stanley King (Corey's great-grandfather's brother) and Allan's brother Pat both wireless operator air gunners, Meron's brother Milton in Army signals, Pa an electrical mechanic in the Navy, and the Hodgskin lacquer on the Post Office's telephones.	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
6	The one-year-old boy on the Blonde in 1848 grew up to be the Rev. J. B. Gribble, who founded the Warangesda mission and wrote a book exposing the treatment of Aboriginal people in Western Australia. He was Pa's great-great-uncle.	The Rev. John Brown Gribble p. 159
7	Long before Marangan conducted Hamilton's band, his grandfather's family started a band at their Cavendish sawmills made up entirely of Kings. Marangan's three sons, Les, Ern and Stan, all played in the Hamilton band too.	John King p. 182
8	Jane King, née Wyman (Corey's 5× great-grandmother), was very probably born in Northamptonshire in 1809, before the Battle of Waterloo. When she died at Hamilton in 1901 she left 57 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.	John Fisher King p. 189
9	In 1927 Max Gotch (Corey's great-great-grandfather) built a block of flats beside his Bronte house, and his handwritten letter survives in Waverley Council's files: he was "borrowing £3500 from the Oddfellows" to pay for it. Both buildings very probably still stand, and the house is still called Mt Eden.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
10	If one last link holds, Corey's eight-times-great-grandfather was Edward Bathurst, who rebuilt Finchcocks, a Grade I baroque manor in Kent, in 1725. His daughter Mary married a Hodgskin of Goudhurst.	The Hodgskins of Goudhurst p. 49
11	Len's brother Ron (Corey's great-grandfather's brother) was in Darwin when Japanese planes bombed it on 19 February 1942. He was a corporal at Army headquarters there, and that morning its log records the provosts being asked to keep people at a safe distance from the bombed ship Barossa, whose boilers might burst at any time.	Ronald Keith Hodgskin p. 27
12	Police turn up on both sides: Charles Burge (Corey's great-great-great-grandfather), booked to drive a police special in the Kelly scare, Sydney Clarke (Corey's great-grandfather) with the Provost Marshal in France, Leo MacRae (Corey's great-grandfather's brother) a special constable, Ron Hodgskin (Corey's great-grandfather's brother) a clerk in the Army's Provost Corps, Carl Gotch (Corey's great-grandmother's brother) a constable at Waverley and Alan Wendt (Corey's grandmother's sister's husband) in the NSW Police.	Charles Burge p. 179
13	Both of Heather's birth grandparents served in the wartime RAAF: Neil Blunck (Corey's birth great-grandfather) as a flying instructor and Liberator captain, Marjorie Robinson as a WAAAF flight mechanic. They very probably met at Point Cook.	Neil Blunck p. 206

14	Walter King (Corey's great-great-great-grandfather) very probably married his first cousin. His mother, Ann, and Elizabeth, the mother of Deborah Frisby (Corey's great-great-great-grandmother), were very probably sisters: in 1841 the census found them as little girls in the cottage of Samuel Woods (Corey's 5× great-grandfather) at Bletsoe, in Bedfordshire.	Samuel Woods and Mary Law p. 190
15	Before he edited Sydney Punch, William Henry Hicks (Corey's 4× great-grandfather) told the 1861 census he was rector of Watton and a magistrate for Norfolk. He was living at Mortlake with his first wife, Charlotte, a Minehead girl; Lucy Hannah, Corey's ancestor, was his second.	William Henry Hicks p. 115
16	William Henry Hicks's father, John Raby Hicks (Corey's 5× great-grandfather) of Caston, died at 26, five weeks after the boy was christened in 1828. His will set aside his eldest son as "otherwise provided for", and when that boy died at four, William Henry became the heir.	John Raby Hicks p. 116
17	Twice on Andrew's side a husband and wife died within days of each other: Gloria's grandparents John Raby and Rosalind Hicks on 30 and 31 July 1941, and Leonard's father and stepmother, Alfred (Corey's great-great-great-grandfather) and Annie Hodgskin, on 22 and 25 December 1961.	Alfred John Hodgskin p. 36
18	Leonard's grandfather Richard (Corey's 4× great-grandfather) was still giving his trade as carpenter at 82, and the family's only photo of him is captioned "blind carpenter", at work with his tools around him.	Richard Hodgskin p. 40
19	The Spanish flu may have reached Pa's family twice before his parents met: his father Sydney may have caught it with his battalion in France in June 1918 (his file says only "a fever"), and his mother's brother Stanley Carey died of it at Ballarat's isolation camp in February 1919, aged 20, and was buried that evening without his parents.	Sydney Augustine Clarke p. 141
20	Pa's great-grandparents Archibald and Margaret McDonald were McDonalds before they married, and their headstone at Delegate calls them both "natives of Inverness". Archibald kept a hotel at Bombala.	Archibald McDonald p. 153
21	Leonard (Corey's great-great-grandfather) very probably reached Australia in the last week of peace. The Hawkes Bay, carrying "Hodgskin, Mr L.", 20, a farm student booked for Melbourne, was indexed as arriving on 29 July 1914; Britain declared war on 4 August.	Leonard Alfred Hodgskin p. 29
22	In late 1944 Heather's birth grandfather captained an all-Australian crew flying with the Americans of the 530th Bomb Squadron out of Darwin, in a Liberator that wore the squadron's Bugs Bunny riding a bomb.	Neil Blunck p. 206
23	Before he flew a single operation, Neil Blunck (Corey's birth great-grandfather) had logged about 2,250 hours teaching others, roughly 1,140 in Tiger Moths and 1,100 in Oxfords. He finished the war with 2,715 hours.	Neil Blunck p. 206
24	Nanny grew up around cafés and married into one: her dad ran Café Pauline in Bairnsdale when she was six, and from the 1960s her husband ran the Mountain View Café in Dunkeld.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
25	In 1943 Allan (Corey's great-grandfather) was teaching at the Marist Brothers in West Maitland. His uncle Ewen had spent nine months with the Marists in 1916.	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
26	Stan King flew as a wireless operator air gunner in flying boats on both sides of the world: with No. 201 Squadron RAF over the Atlantic, then with Nos 42 and 43 Squadrons RAAF in Australia's north.	Stanley Birdwood King p. 168

27	In 1988 Max Clarke (Corey's grandfather) asked the Army for his father's Gallipoli medal, and was told Sydney couldn't have been there. But Sydney's big brother Horrie (Corey's great-grandfather's brother) was: his casualty form says he joined the 8th Battalion at Anzac on 17 July 1915.	Horace Wildamere Clarke p. 147
28	Art runs in the family: Pop Ian, Corey's grandfather, screen-prints his own T-shirts and paints portraits in oils, and his daughter Abby Flynn is a working artist in Fremantle, selling her own tiny tattoos, block prints and magnetic dolls.	Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15
29	In 1949 Neil (Corey's birth great-grandfather) gave evidence at the inquest into the Lodestar crash at Bilinga, on the Gold Coast: on holiday nearby, he had watched it rise too steeply and stall at about 100 feet.	Neil Blunck p. 206
30	E. W. Gotch's wife, Julia, the mother of Gloria's father, Max, was very probably a painter: in 1897 and 1899 she asked the New Zealand government for permits to hold art unions of her pictures.	Edward Walter Gotch p. 112
31	In the 1930s Allan (Corey's great-grandfather) and his brother Christopher were schoolboys at the Marist Brothers' Juniorate at Mittagong, near the Marist Brothers' Cemetery at Lower Mittagong, where their grandfather John MacRae, his father Farquhar and their uncle Charles are buried (likely the same Marist ground).	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
32	Rosalind (Corey's great-great-grandmother) lost her father, John Raby Hicks, on 30 July 1941, and her husband, Max Gotch, on 30 July 1950: nine years to the day.	Rosalind Raby Gotch, née Hicks p. 111
33	Both of Pa's Clarke grandparents' families began at Queanbeyan: Henry (Corey's great-great-grandfather) was born there about 1862, and Mary's parents married there in 1855. Both families moved south to the Monaro, where Henry married Mary at Bombala in 1884.	Henry Augustine Clarke p. 148
34	Richard Loseby (Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother) left Leicester, his headstone says, "on the 1st May 1822 to face the world". The next day he was received on the prison hulk Justitia at Woolwich, aged 17, for stealing five shillings in copper, and five days later the Home Office turned down his widowed mother Ann's petition, signed by 21 others, to have him moved to the Penitentiary.	Richard Loseby p. 92
35	Richard Loseby (Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother) and his first wife, Mary Rice, had both been transported for seven years: he from Leicester in 1822, she from Lancaster Quarter Sessions in 1825, on the Grenada. They married at St Luke's, Liverpool, New South Wales, in June 1830.	Richard Loseby p. 92
36	Thomas Coggan (Corey's 4× great-grandfather) sailed on the Herefordshire in 1857 with his family, and so, very probably, did his elder brother James, with his. So when the convict index lists a Thomas Coggan of the Herefordshire convicted of sheep-stealing at Goulburn in 1865, it isn't our Thomas but, very probably, his nephew: James's son Thomas, of Pejar, who was sentenced to five years on the roads.	Thomas Coggan p. 61
37	By 1861 William Twitt (Corey's 4× great-grandfather) and his wife Elizabeth were living apart: he lodged in Kewstoke, while she worked as a nurse and lived with her daughter Emma, Mrs James Cook, at Worle. Ten years later, at 77, he was summoned for neglecting his wife, so that she became chargeable to the parish.	William Twitt p. 203

38	The Loseby inns never overlapped: Richard Loseby (Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother) kept the Argyle Inn at Bong Bong from November 1832 into 1834, and by 1839 he was on the Liverpool Road toll. Thomas Loseby (Corey's 4× great-grandfather's brother) took out his first licence, for the Kentish Arms at Medway Creek, in June 1839, then for the Pleasant Inn at Bong Bong (1843), the Bargo Tavern (1846–47) and the Farmers' Home at Bong Bong (1858–60).	Thomas Loseby p. 90
39	When Charles Loseby (Corey's 4× great-grandfather) died in 1898, his obituary said the three brothers buried at Bong Bong had lived 270 years between them. Their stones give Charles 96, Richard 88 and Thomas 84, which makes 268.	Charles Loseby and Mary Gregg p. 87

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Help fill this in

If you know any of these, or have a photo, please tell Corey: every file on coreywilton.com/family has a button for sending a memory or a photo.

1	A photo of Laura MacRae when she was younger (a family tree has one of her in great old age, now on her tag): her 1910 wedding, Mayoress in 1931, or her 100th birthday in 1984. Lucas MacRae, who shared the 1910 wedding report with the family blog, may know whether a wedding photo survives.	Laura Mary MacRae p. 78
2	A photo of Pa. The Dunkeld museum holds several, and family albums will have more.	Maxwell Clarke p. 128
3	Photos of Les and Irene King, and of Mary Louisa King. The only photo of Marangan so far is the Argus's, from 1950.	Leslie Burge King p. 164
4	A photo of Max Gotch or Rosalind, the Bronte house, or anything from Mount Eden.	Walter Gotch, known as Max p. 106
5	The names of Allan and Gloria's other two children, besides Michael. Corey thinks there may be a John and a Peter. One lead: a Mary Kathleen MacRae married Peter Glen Arthur in Sydney in 1968, the year Carmel married. Could she be one of Allan and Gloria's daughters, and is "Peter" Uncle Peter Arthur?	Allan Joseph Peter MacRae p. 65
6	The names of Ian's other children, Andrew's brothers and sisters.	Ian McLeod Hodgskin p. 15
7	Rosemary's husband's name, and whether Natalie's sister is Emily.	Rosemary Wood, née MacRae p. 23
8	The names of Kylie's other sons, besides Luke, Bray and Josh.	Kylie's seven children p. 22
9	Steph's dad's name, Sue's maiden name, and how Power Tech Racing began. Did Steph and Alex meet through off-roading?	Sue Power and Steph's dad p. 125
10	George's birth year (his birthday was 14 June), whether he died on 17 May 2018, and a wedding photo of George and Dora.	George and Dora Mavridis p. 128
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