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From the Committee

Hello Members,

We will be hosting our End of Year Christmas get together on

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2019 at 1.00 pm.

Come along and have a Christmas feast and try and win one our Normal Trivia Games or Raffle, while networking with your fellow members. These are always well attended and an enjoyable afternoon.

In the New Year, we will be getting a visit from the Dublin History Group. We have visited them on a number of occasions, normally during Family History Month. For those of us who are a part of those visits, have always found them very entertaining and enjoyable occasions. In February the roll will be reversed. We are hoping to make a special occasion out of it, we will advise you all further in due course.

We are looking at running a couple of Computer Training Presentations early next year. These will be aimed at the beginner or less advanced user. We would love have feedback on this. It is quite clear to those of us, that are involved with the Software User Groups that a lot of the issues presented to us are, in fact, more related to General Computer Skills than the Software Program itself.

The Committee would like to thank all our members for being part of ANDFHG Inc. Without you there would be no group to work for! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an advantageous and successful New Year.

Regards ANDFHG

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RADGrant Indexing and Documentation of St. Christopher's Home Records

The Samaritan's Foundation RAD funded project will mean that those who spent time at St Christopher's Home at Taree will have better access to the records that were created about them when they were in "care".

Records from St Christopher's include notifications of reception, admission registers, holiday forms, management files and minutes, matrons' reports and 26 volumes of correspondence and registrar's records. The records are kept at The University of Newcastle, and have been digitised but not indexed, so they are not easily searchable.



A full-text searchable index of every child listed in the records along with their relatives' names will be created. Each individual page in the records containing the name of the child, along with other information such as names of relatives and relationships will be recorded, making information relevant to the person accessing the records fast and easy to find.

Without the support of the RAD grant, records would continue to be searched individually page by page, which can take days. Indexing will significantly reduce the time it take for people to access their records.

The Samaritan's Foundation are located in NSW

For more information on the Samaritan's Foundation, see: <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/biogs/NE01674b.htm>

Source: Find & Connect Newsletter

Queensland, Australia Government Historical Dataset Indices are now Available Online

I am not sure how long these indices have been available online but they are new to me. The datasets of greatest significance to Family Historians can be found in the Historical Group. However, please note these are only indices, not original documents, maps or photographs but are a veritable treasure trove of information nonetheless. If you need more detailed information, you can first find the record of interest in the indices and then order a copy of the full original document.

The indices are available at: <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset?groups=historical>

Map of Scots Women Accused of Witchcraft published for First Time

If you have one of these ladies in your family tree, you have an “interesting” family history! A map that tracks more than 3,000 Scots women who were accused of being witches in the 16th and 17th Century has been published for the first time. The interactive document has been created by data experts at the University of Edinburgh.



It builds on the university’s breakthrough work on the *Scottish Witchcraft Survey* which brought to life the persecution of women during the period, with many burned at the stake or drowned. The web site allows users

to move through a map of Scotland to see where the accused witches lived as well as the towns and villages where they were detained, punished and executed.

You can read more at <https://tinyurl.com/eogn190925a> while the map is available at: <https://witches.is.ed.ac.uk/>.

Source: Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter

TheGenealogist Announces New Searchable Headstones from across England, Scotland and Wales as well as Jersey in the Channel Islands, Cyprus and India

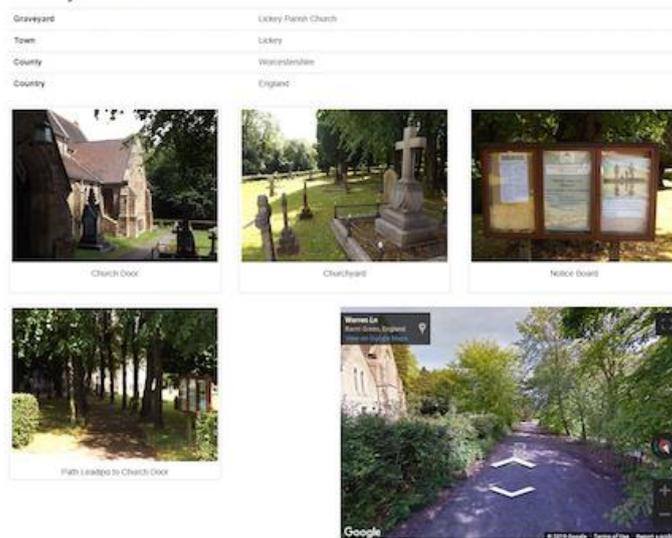
The following announcement was written by TheGenealogist:

TheGenealogist has just released nearly 60,000 new individuals on Headstones from another 61 churchyards and cemeteries. This means that there are now a total of over 174,500 individuals that are fully searchable in TheGenealogist’s Headstone collection which has examples from across England, Scotland and Wales as well as Jersey in the Channel Islands, Cyprus and India.

The new data will allow the family history researcher to discover:

- **60,000 individuals** recorded on Headstones
- churchyards and cemeteries from various parts of England and Wales
- use the Map Explorer to see the location of cemeteries in and around an ancestor’s town

Graveyard View:



This release covers the burial grounds at the following:

Anglesey, St Tysilio; Atcham, St Eata; Badger, St Giles; Belbroughton, Holy Trinity; Betws-y-Coed; Bishops Wood, St John; Blymhill, St Mary; Boningale, St Chad; Bristol, St Paul; Buckhorn Weston, St John; Bylchau, St Thomas; Capel Garmon; Cofton Hackett, St Michael & All Angels; Dolwyddelan, St Gwyddelan; East Orchard,

St Thomas; East Stour, Christ Church; Edgerton Cemetery; Frankley, St Leonard; Gwytherin, St Winefride; Harlow, St Mary Little Parndon; Harlow, St Mary Magdalene; Heanton Punchardon, St Augs; Henllan, St Sadwrn; Ince, St James; Iwerne Courtney; Lickey Parish Church; Lickey Rose Hill; Llanedwen; Llanfair Talhaiarn; LLangernyw Capel Garnedd; Llangernyw, St Digain; Llanrwst Seion Methodist Chapel; Llanrwst, St Mary; Llansannan Capel Coffa; Llansannan, St Sannan; Llanwrst, St Grwst; Long Crichel, St Mary; Marnhull Cemetery; Marnhull, Our Lady; Meltham, St James; Newborough, St Peter; Penistone, St John; Penmachno Capel; Penmachno, St Tudclud; Pensford, St Thomas a Becket; Pentrefoelas Church; Publow All Saints; Purse Caundle, St Peter; Rhydymwyn, St John; Santon Downham, St Mary; Shillingstone, Holy Rood; Tal-y-Bont Capel; Tisbury Cemetery; Todber, St Andrew; Trefnant Holy Trinity; Trefriw, St Mary; Tyn-y-Groes; West Orchard, St Luke; Wilton, St Mary & St Nicholas; Wroxeter, St Andrew; Ysbyty Ifan, St John

These **fully searchable records** are transcribed from images of the headstone memorials. This latest release from TheGenealogist covers many parts of the UK, the images and the transcriptions being provided by volunteers working for the UKIndexer projects which rewards those who wish to photograph, transcribe or do both with credits to pay for genealogy books, software, online subscriptions and more.

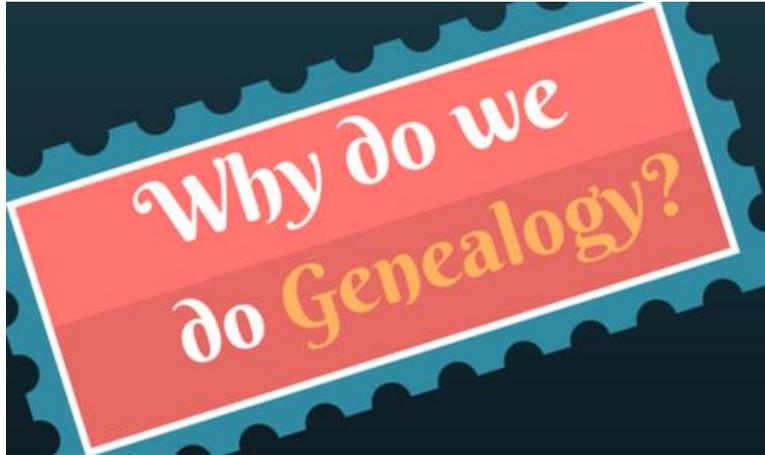
Read our article on the UKIndexer *Volunteers find Family History*: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2019/volunteers-find-family-history-rewarding-1146/>

These records released today are available to Diamond subscribers of TheGenealogist as part of the Deaths and Burials Records collection.

Why Do We Do Genealogy?

A friend asked an interesting question. "*Why do you do genealogy?*" The answer should be simple. One would think it would be something along the lines of:

"I do genealogy because I want to know who my ancestors were."



But guess what? Like most questions in life, the answer is not that simple. There are a myriad of reasons why we delve into genealogy research. Wanting to find out who our ancestors were is just the tip of the genealogy iceberg.

The reasons I currently "*do genealogy*" are not the same reasons I had twenty or thirty years ago. When I began my genealogy quest it was because my father had repeatedly expressed curiosity about our Irish origins. He died when I was 14 years old, and after his death I vowed to find out about our Irish McGinnis ancestors.

So my answer to that question, had it been asked those many years ago, would have been. "*I do genealogy because I want to remember and honour my father.*"

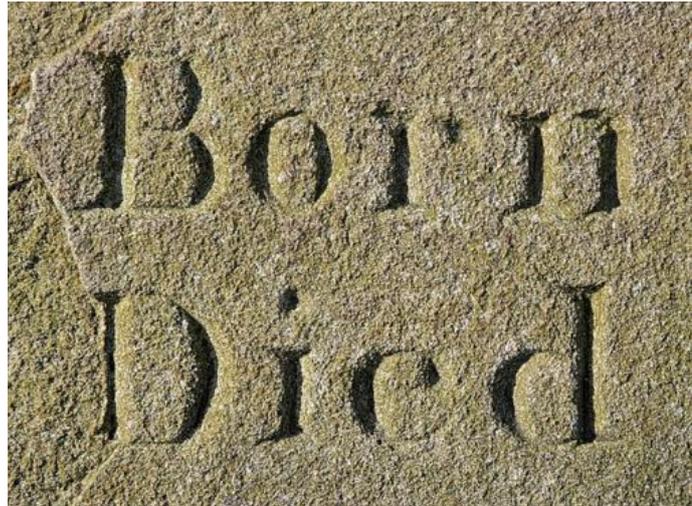
It was a specific reason, very narrow in scope, but it sparked a broader interest in history. In fact, that is not my main reason anymore, and hasn't been for a long time. I've grown. Genealogy has been a journey, and as on any journey, my needs and desires and goals along the way have changed.

For example I'm extremely curious. Some would say nosy. I think most of us who love genealogy would make great detectives. My personality is such that I can't let a mystery lie without digging into it. I need to find answers.

So my current answer to the original question of why I do genealogy is now much more complex.

"I do genealogy for many reasons. One is my curiosity about my ancestors - who were they, what were they like, what experiences did they live through. My love of history is part of the reason I do genealogy. My desire to solve mysteries is a huge part of my passion for genealogy. And I do genealogy because I want my children and grandchildren to know and recognize the individuals over the centuries whose lives helped make us who we are today."

Genealogy isn't a pursuit well suited for those who require instant gratification. It's a long-term process and to those who are not like-minded it seems an incomprehensible pursuit. I've spent more hours scrolling through microfilm searching for that one entry with an ancestor's name, then I care to remember. Many people would consider those wasted hours. I don't.



Some of my family are not the least bit interested in our ancestors. Some are interested to a degree. Tell them stories of the more interesting or outrageous ancestors such as our daredevil Peer ancestor who walked Niagara Falls on a tightrope and they listen. Tell them about great great grandpa, the farmer in England, and their eyes glaze over.

I once had a friend say to me *"But why do you care? They're all dead!"* I care because they made me who I am. Without them I would not be here. They are part of me, part of my genetic makeup. They also deserve to be remembered, and to continue to be part of our lives. Our children and grandchildren need to hear about those ancestors. They need to speak of them to their children, and to carry on the stories they hear from me.



Some of my relatives are not interested in my treasured photos of our ancestors. To me those are the icing on the cake! Photos make my ancestor come alive. One of my relatives told me she wasn't interested in seeing a photo of our 2nd great-grandfather. Why wasn't she interested? Because, she said *"Why do I care what he looked like? I never knew him."*

That absolute lack of curiosity is incomprehensible to me, just as my desire to know more is incomprehensible to her. A photo allows us to know our ancestors. With a photo in my hand I can study a face then ponder over whether or not great-grandma's nose is just like my granddaughter's. I can visualize the ancestors in those photos living their daily lives, just as we do today. With a photo I

feel a connection I can't quite feel with only a name and a date.

I've been asked when my research will be done. Many family members want to know why I am still looking when I know the names of ancestors back several generations. Non-genealogists rarely understand that genealogists want to find as many details and as much information about each ancestor as they possibly can.

Even though my answer to the original question is complex and multi-faceted, I can sum my reasons up in one sentence:

Without the past there is no present, nor can we build a future.

Source: News Legacy Family Tree

Tracing the Founding Fathers of Tristan da Cunha

Would you like to create a pedigree chart for this extended family?

Tristan da Cunha is a remote group of volcanic islands in the middle of nowhere. It is in the south Atlantic Ocean, approximately 1,511 miles (2,432 km) off the coast of Cape Town in South Africa. That is roughly half way between South Africa and Brazil. The main island has 278 permanent inhabitants who all carry British Overseas Territories citizenship.



See Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tristan_da_Cunha for more information about Tristan da Cunha.



The island, which boasts rich and detailed historical and genealogical records, has a population of just 300, believed to have descended from 15 ancestors – seven men and eight women who arrived on the island between 1816 and 1908. The current population of 278 individuals reportedly are all descended from only seven females and eight males.

The island's founders all originated from Scotland, England, Holland, the US, and Italy. At least, that is what the genealogy records claim. However, DNA analysis of many of the island's records indicates

that one more, previously undocumented male ancestor came from Eastern Europe.

Researchers behind the study stumbled upon the existence of a “traveling stranger’s” DNA while tracing the island’s DNA and genealogy records. The undocumented appearance of an unknown DNA is euphemistically referred to as a “non paternity event” by DNA researchers.

The genetic study conducted by Professor Himla Soodyall and colleagues at the National Health Laboratory Service, in conjunction with the University of the Witwatersrand and the South African Medical Research Council, was conducted to test the accuracy of the island’s ancestry.

You can find the DNA study at <https://www.nature.com/articles/5201022>.

Source: Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter

JOINING THE DOTS

When writing the ‘Grave Matters’ story, about Howard Manton Lane, I didn’t include details of how I was able to ‘join the dots’ – resulting in a reasonably good outline of Howard’s life. There are still some unanswered questions and it would be satisfying if more information does come to light - which might help to produce a more detailed picture of Howard. That may never happen, but without the help of many people [see acknowledgements at end of ‘Grave Matters’] Howard’s life would have remained almost a completely ‘blank page’.

Before I start explaining how the story unfolded, I must mention that my husband’s repeated assertions [at TTGHS meetings] that he had to survive entirely on sandwiches during my research are untrue. He has also had beans on toast - at least twice!!

The initial ‘breakthrough’ in the search was when June Hartshorn supplied the first and middle name of the ‘H.M.Lane’ - who is listed on the Cemetery CD. Without this piece of information, it would have been impossible to prove that the person buried at Golden Grove was the Howard Manton Lane whose records appear in the WWI National Archives. Several people assisted with obtaining government records [birth,

marriage, death, electoral roles etc] relating to Howard's life and TROVE [the source for online Australian Newspapers] provided many of the details about Howard's father and his family; but no reason could be found for Howard's move from Orange after his wife's death.

An email to the Orange Family History Group was the next step and five pages of information came back from them. Unfortunately, they too could find no reason why Howard left Orange - but right at the end of the letter were a few words which would prove to be some of the most useful in this search. Almost as an afterthought a note had been added that Howard's grandson had visited the Orange library, searching for information about Howard, several years ago and had left his phone number – which apparently was barely discernible.

There was no guarantee that the number supplied was correct, but I phoned it and was delighted when Steve Lane – Howard's grandson by his first wife – answered. Steve was able to give me information about his side of the family but knew nothing of Howard's life after he left Orange. Again, a casual remark at the end of our conversation joined the next dot when Steve mentioned that a Peter Lane had once

visited his family and at that time Peter was an Antiques dealer in Sydney. I had previously been supplied with details from both Joyce and Howard's death certificates, which revealed that they had one son and a newspaper death notice stated Howard was the 'loved father of Peter'. Bingo!

An internet search soon revealed that there was a Peter Lane Gallery in Hobart and that Peter had opened his gallery in Adelaide in 1976 before moving to Sydney and then Hobart. A perfect match for 'my' Peter, but it was then after 'shop hours' so, another 'Google' search was required to unearth Peter's mobile number. It must have been quite a shock for Peter when I phoned, but he kindly related some details about his father's life, although he didn't know the reason for Howard's move from Orange. Peter was only 18 when his mother died and just 22 when his father died, so was not in a financial position to erect a headstone. He does have a few of Howard's possessions: amongst these is the 1918 'Aviator's Certificate' – which proved to be another valuable link in putting the story together.

The Aviator's Certificate was issued by the Australian Aero Club and they still exist, so it was easy to find their contact details and email them a copy of Howard's certificate. Fortunately, they are searching for information about these early aviators so were pleased to add Howard's licence details to their collection. The reply from John Willis was 'exciting' as it included some information about Howard - taken from the book 'Billy Stutt and the Richmond Fly Boys' by Neville Hayes. John later sent the relevant photos and excerpts from this book. More internet searches led to the 5 Aug 1918 London Gazette which contained the notice about Howard's honorary commission. Next was an enquiry to a member of the RAF Historical Society and his reply explained the likely reasons for granting these commissions.

Will we ever know the full story of Howard's life? Probably not - but if had not been for a combined effort involving many groups and individuals, plus some 'lucky breaks', and the vast resources available via the internet we would never have been able to get this far.

I have enjoyed 'building a picture' of Howard's life and I'm sure that Brian would be happy to report that I served a home cooked meal this evening!!

Heather Milhench – November 2018

My name is not my own,
It is borrowed from my ancestors
I must return it unstained.



My honor is not my own,
It is on loan from my descendants,
I must give it to them unbroken.



Our blood is not our own,
it is a gift to generations yet unborn,
We should carry it with responsibility.

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