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Meetings are held on the third Thursday
of each month at 7pm at
The Old Police Station, Ann Street, Salisbury.

\$2 entry fee for non-members

YOUR COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Applebee
Vice President:	Bev Burke
Secretary:	Margaret Flaiban
Treasurer:	Tammy Martin
Membership Coordinator:	Helen Stein
General Committee:	Sandie Francis

RAFFLE

Congratulations to Georgina Rowe who won our last raffle.
Thank you to all who supported us.

MEETINGS

Tonight's guest speaker is **James Potter** of the Salisbury and District Historical Society. He will share with us his extensive knowledge about the early families of Salisbury.

Next month will be another **Help Night**, so bring along all your questions, problems and "brick walls". These nights have been very successful in the past, with everyone sharing their information and expertise in specific areas. Hopefully we will be able to help find those long lost ancestors or point you in the right direction with your research.

*** If you would like a lift to a meeting please call Margaret on 8281 8431
or Bert on 8254 7950***

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions will fall due again as of the 1st of July 2007

Please return renewal as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continuing support.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Thursday July 17th at 7pm at the Old Police Station, Ann Street, Salisbury. All members are invited to attend and vote in the new Committee for the next financial year. This will be followed by a "Show and Tell" evening.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

In keeping with our present constitution, all Committee positions must be vacated annually and new elections held. Every financial member has the opportunity to nominate the persons they wish to have serve on the Committee. A nomination form is enclosed with your membership renewal form. If you wish to make a nomination, these forms can be returned anonymously in the enclosed envelopes before the AGM.

Positions up for nomination are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Co-ordinator
Newsletter Editor
General Committee (x3)

Engaging a Professional Genealogist

At our last meeting on the 19th April, Suzanne Maiden from the Public Trustee gave us a very interesting talk on how to instruct a professional genealogist. This consisted of some very important pointers she had gathered over the years in her professional capacity. She started by saying what she doesn't like in engaging professionals to research historical facts. She called them "Lemmings and Lemons and Sharks" which are self explanatory. One of her golden rules is the "P" words. These are **participate, patience, partners and past.**

To find out anything about a researcher, you must first ask as many questions as you think necessary.

Check out to see if the researcher is accredited. Ask questions as to whether they are a member of AAGRA, or SAGHS or AFG.

Ask yourself, "Will I get value for my money?" A small to medium research could cost anything between \$500 and \$1000 depending on how many hours the researcher has to spend looking for information. Do as much "digging" yourself before embarking on asking for professional help. Hopefully, this will save you money and your professional researcher's time.

Ask if a researcher wants payment beforehand. If this is confirmed, it may be wise not to use him or her. There is always the likelihood they may not give you anything in return for payment, hence the "lemon" and "shark"!

Word of mouth is one of the best ways of checking out anything. Therefore, if you hear of a good researcher, ask questions. Start by giving them a small job to do. That way you will know whether to use them again.

Have a budget on how much you can afford to spend and always pay in Australian dollars. Always get quotes before advancing any further with a project. Give the researcher a flexible time frame with which to work with, and ask for confirmation as to whether they can do the job, before committing yourself. Please make sure the professional genealogist acknowledges your query and that he or she will keep you up to date with progress.

Keep a copy of everything you ask for and receive. Do not pay until all results are to hand and you are satisfied with the result. An account from the researcher should be for everything you have requested, with no disbursements added on.

After you have dealt with the professional genealogist, and you are happy with the result, let them know how you feel and thank them for their efforts. If, on the other hand you are not happy with the results, make this known to them. It is one way of finding out if you will use them again.

Suzanne has left leaflets and information with the group for anyone that may be interested

HELP PAGE

Some interesting websites to browse:

www.accessgenealogy.com

This is a free website from Family Search. Most of the information is American but if "World Genealogy" is clicked, there appears to be a wealth of international information.

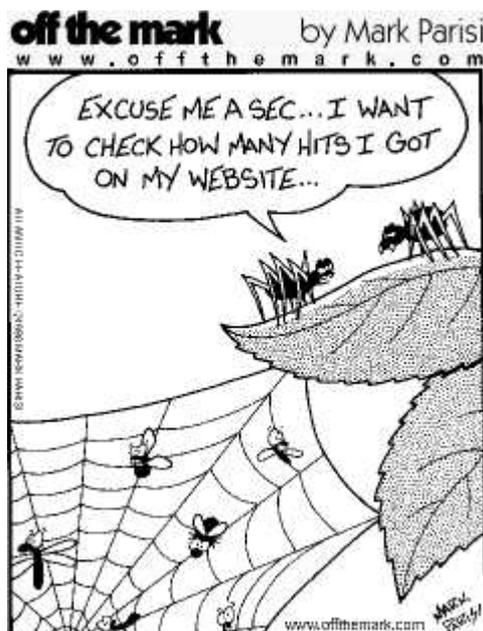
<http://www.ww2roll.gov.au>

This is a searchable World War II nominal Roll database. It contains a wealth of information about The Great War, and includes full service records of those who served in the War

http://tribalpages.com/Search_TP.html

Search for names of ancestors in Family Tree websites. This site can be used to search for ancestors who are no longer alive. Some family trees may be locked. If so, you may use the "Send a message" link to contact the owner of that site.

TribalPages has over 100,000 websites with 25 million names. The sites contain more than 1.5 million photos.



HAVE YOU LOST AN ANCESTOR?

from Maureen Leadbeater

Have you lost someone on your family tree?

Check <http://www.adelaideco-op.familyhistorysa.info> for my new database "Persons Lost and Found 1838-69".

This is a database of deserters from wives, families, ships, military and other service (eg apprenticeships and work contracts), the deserted, those failing to support wives or family, missing persons, escaped prisoners, absconders from asylums and industrial schools, convict ex-pirees arriving from other colonies and bigamists. It has been compiled from South Australian Police Gazettes and early SA Government Gazettes.

The earliest surviving SA Police Gazette is for 1862. Prior to this I have searched the SA Government Gazettes for similar entries. However there are few names reported in the SAGG for this period.

The SA Police Gazettes and SA Govt Gazettes were issued weekly with the occasional supplementary issue. The SA Police Historical Society holds a complete set from 1862. See their website for research inquiries <http://www.sapolicehistory.org>.

The State Library of SA holds SA Police Gazettes from 1868 (early volumes not on open access, but can be accessed on request) and all SA Govt Gazettes (open access).

State Records of SA has SA Police Gazettes (with gaps) and SA Govt Gazettes at their Gepps Cross Research Centre.

Both SAPG and SAGG are being progressively produced on Archive CD.

Information in the database.

When given I have extracted the following- surname, given name, age or birth date, birth place and arrival. I have included a summary of the places where the person resided, or may have gone, or the warrant was issued, or date and place last heard of. All ship desertions are from Port Adelaide unless otherwise stated. The source is given with date and page number for further investigation. Subsequent entries are added in square brackets with the date of publication. For example

BATEMAN Thomas, age 27 y, English. Deserted wife & child. Warrant issued Port Adelaide. Source: PG No 40, 4-10-1867, p 2. [Reported to be at Kapunda by PG 25-10-1867]

The SA Police Gazettes include a number of extracts from interstate and New Zealand Police Gazettes, particularly when the person had a connection with SA or was likely to go to SA. These have all been included and the source of the extract noted. Eg "Extract from VIC PG".

Note: The information in the "Destitute Women" database is now incorporated in this database.

Information in the Gazettes.

The amount of information in the full item varies greatly. Early Govt Gazettes have a number of inquiries by the Immigration Agent - these rarely give more than the ship of arrival. Most entries have a description of the person being sought, generally height, hair and beard colour. Sometimes tattoos or peculiarities of walk or speech are noted. A few items have tantalizing hints of good news. Other items have a sad ending - "Found drowned". Most items do not have follow-up info and we are left to wonder whether the person was found, whether the wife received maintenance, or whether the bigamist moved on and married again in another state.

The following are some examples of the full items in the Police Gazette:-

"A warrant has been issued at Port Adelaide May 17th 1867 for the apprehension of William

McDowell, for deserting his wife and four children. Description of McDowell - About 30 years old, 5 ft 5 in high, dark hair, a little beard under chin, left hand has been broken, anchor mark on right arm; lately arrived from Bendigo, Victoria."

"William Brown about 17 or 18 y of age, 5 ft 4 in high, dark hair, dirty looking. Deserted seaman from ship 'Venelia'."

"Margaret Crawford, a Scotchwoman, about 50 years of age, stout build, left her home, at the Port Land Estate, on the 3rd April 1866, with her child, a girl about 5 years of age, neither of them has since been heard of."

Next issue - "Margaret Crawford has been found."

"A warrant has been issued at Port Adelaide for the apprehension of Hugh Humphries, for deserting his wife and child. Description of Hugh Humphries - about 45 years of age, about 5 ft 6 or 7 in high."

"Escaped prisoner from Kadina gaol - Joseph RIEBKEY - Age about 20 years, 6 ft high, brown hair, is a German, stoops in walking, rolling gait, large feet; dress, red-striped Crimean shirt, moleskin trousers, heavy boots, tipped [sic] and plaited, turns out his toes in walking and takes a very long step."

Maureen.

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Have you ever searched the records of the parish where you know your ancestor lived, only to find nothing about your ancestor? In these situations, good genealogical methodology suggests to search the records of the neighbouring parishes. Often you will find the records here, and even the records of the future in-laws.

If your research includes United Kingdom ancestry, there are two excellent software programs that help identify surrounding parishes. They perform radius searches which provide a list of all parishes within a given mile/kilometre distance.

Parish Locator Program enables you to locate any one of over 15,000 UK parishes. It will produce a list of parishes in any County or a list of parishes within a given radius of any other parish and also allows Import and Export via "csv" files. The parishes listed were those in existence at some during the period from the mid 1500s to about 1837 when civil registration began. The best part of this program is its ability to create a map showing your parish in the middle, with all the neighbouring parishes plotted around it.

A similar program, Parish Locator for Windows, contains a database of over 25,000 parishes throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. From the full listing you are able to select a 'Home' parish around which you need to identify other churches. You can enter a distance in either miles or kilometres from the 'Home' parish and request a listing of all such churches from the database within that radius.

It also tells you about the dates that records are known to be available.

The best part about these two programs is that they are free.

Go to <http://parloc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/parlocdl.html>

Report on Tourism Forum

April 4, 2007

Attendee Representatives:

Ivan Randall, Colin Withall, Playford Family and Local History, ANDFHG.

The Tourism forum was devised by the Mayor of the City of Playford The Hon Mr Martin Lindsell.

Attendance of delegates were wide and varied numbering about 75 people including students from the St. Columbia School also present were members of the Playford Council. The forum was hosted by Helen Smith who acted as facilitator and introduced the speakers Mark Gill of S.A Tourism, Francis Wong a Tourism Marketer, Richard Hayward of the Adelaide City Council with special guest speakers Sandy Pugsley who operates tourabout Adelaide and Sylvia Pohlner of the Tooralie Homestead tourist farm.

The forum started at about 2.15pm and concluded at 6pm. Opening address and welcome was given by the Mayor, who laid out the desire to formulate a plan to increase Tourism into the Playford Council Area, and the hope that the forum would produce some ideas. The speakers were interesting to hear, and the audience responded with questions, there was an opportunity given for almost all of the delegates to respond and give their views of the forum, generally it was agreed that a Mayoral think tank drawn from the delegates be formed to recommend a tourism plan.

Recommendations such things as increased signage pointing to various sites around the city was taken on board and in the near future this will be taken up, advertising of the Playford Council Area's attractions such as wineries, food production farms, historical sites, and shopping and dining facilities.

As delegates, and representing both the Family and Local History Centre and ANDFHG Ivan and myself rose the idea of Historical tours at such sites as the old gold mining areas, cemeteries and other Local History sites, this was welcomed by the Mayor who agreed that the city had a lot to offer in the way of historical sites.

At the conclusion of the forum several door prizes were drawn, and Colin won a bottle of Uleybury Wines Chardonnay. This was followed by wine and cheese tasting a concluding part of the day which was very well taken advantage of by all.

Exhibited products were donated by:

Costa Almonds, Tenafeate Creek Winery, Uleybury Wines, Aegean Olive Estate (Olives and Olive Oil) Barossa Valley Cheese Factory, Ceravolo Wines, Dominic Versace Wines, Vigara Wines, Lightsview Wines and Hazyblur.Wines. All are strongly recommended and greatly appreciated by your delegated representatives.

Conclusion:

All in all there is an opportunity for both ANDFHG and the Playford Family and Local History Centre, to work together and formulate a plan that will be a spectacular feature, not only to encourage tourism but increase the membership and usage of our facilities. There are some special considerations that come to mind especially whether to include groups outside of the Council area, but this could be problematic, and at this stage it should be considered to be solely a local attraction with local content. We are looking forward to future involvement in the Mayor's Tourism Think Tank.

Colin Withall,
Delegate.