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From the Committee

Where has the year gone? We are now in May and the year is moving forward to the cooler nights and time to review our family history research once again. We have had some beautiful summer days and warm nights, and we are sure that some of us have been guilty of putting our research to one side but now is the time to be positive and review some of our families.

We are still open on a Monday and Thursday, and there are vacancies for bookings, so please come along, have a chat and a coffee and get stuck into a little more researching. There is always something new to discover.

May is History Month and some family history societies and groups have programs advertised, so keep an eye out for anything interesting to see.

Our last month's speaker Rae Underwood gave us a great insight into working out who William Thompson really was, through DNA results. These results led back to a Swedish sailor, who changed his name and finished up in South Australia.

Our next Speaker day is Saturday 22nd May when Jeff Cook will be giving the first part of Writing for Family History, Part one: Living History & Fact or Fiction. Jeff is our DNA expert and is always interesting to listen to so this will be interesting!

Our sub-groups are still being well attended and active so if you don't already know about the programs we choose to use, i.e. Legacy and Family Tree Maker, then why not come along and sit in and find out if it is for you. If you own a laptop, then it is useful to bring it along with you. You can always check our activities on our calendar at www.andfhg.org.au and our Facebook page.

Thank You.

Regards ANDFHG

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Additions To The Website Members Area

The South-West Genealogist, Jan/Feb, March, April, May 2021
The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.

Camden Calling 2021 March/May.
Camden Area Family History Society Inc.

Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc. February 2021
Murrumbidgee Ancestor.

The Grapeline March 20201
Mildura & District Genealogical Society Inc.

Wyong Family History Group Inc - The Tree of Life
. Feb 2021

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY 2021

Shirley Bulley has kindly donated a great book regarding the infamous Ned Kelly - personally signed by the author Judith Douthie (Mortimer)
"I WAS AT THE KELLY GANG ROUND UP".

Whilst on his travels over Christmas, Jeff Cook picked up a great book called "THE SARGENTS" with lots of family trees, family names (too numerous to mention here), certificates and photographs of family members connected to the Sargent Family originally from Sussex UK.
Thomas Sargent and his wife Ellis (Alice) Packham arrived into New South Wales in 1838, arriving into Gawler 1848. This book is absolutely full of interesting information about their descendants the family pioneered the Riverton/Kapunda/Saddleworth/Black Springs/Robertstown areas of South Australia between 1860 and 1900. Willaston was the first town in which Ellis Sargent/Harding settled on arrival during 1848 moving on to the Saddleworth area by the 1850s. A GEM OF A BOOK!!

Another visual gem is a set of photographs in book form called "Welcome to Historic Gawler – South Australia's first Country Town – Established 1839" – a nice trip down memory lane!

Kindly donated by Ivan Randall

"BEHIND THE WALL" The Women of the Destitute Asylum Adelaide 1852 – 1918
By Mary Geyer.

Even though this is a small booklet, it is filled with stories of real women who were down on their luck, either pregnant or destitute (or both) and how the South Australian Government had to take care of them, despite the Colony being in its infancy - here is a concise extract:

“A hot February day in 1856 Deborah Fitzgibbons aged 24 walked through the gothic arch leading into a single courtyard of the Destitute Asylum, where a number of women sat around in groups. Deborah gave the Comptroller a note from her employer which explained that because of a chest infection and unable to work as a domestic servant, she was now destitute, alone and sick.”
Deborah’s story is just one of the many that went through the doors of this auspicious Victorian building. Many of them quite heartbreaking like Ann Keenan. Again, here is a concise extract of her time:
“
Ann Keenan was a 19-year-old, unmarried, pregnant woman facing the most dangerous and painful time in her life without a single relative in South Australia. Ann was just one of the fifteen women in their final stages of pregnancy in 1856.”
Moral codes of the Victorian era were strict, especially in South Australia where religions played a big part in people’s lives, seldom showed sympathy or compassion for these ‘fallen women’”.

The Artlab building and The University of South Australia now stands on the same ground.

You will have to borrow the book to see what happened to Deborah Fitzgibbons and Ann Keenan and the many women who lived and worked in the Asylum.

THE ARISTOCRATIC VISCOUNTESS ASHBROOK

An intriguing headstone at the North Road Cemetery in South Australia is that of Viscountess Ashbrook who died in 1968 at the age of 91. Although documented both in the Burial Register and on her headstone as having the surname Ashbrook, her actual surname was FLOWER.

Curiosity got the upper hand, so some research was done into why this lady was buried in South Australia, a long way from the aristocracy seats in England.

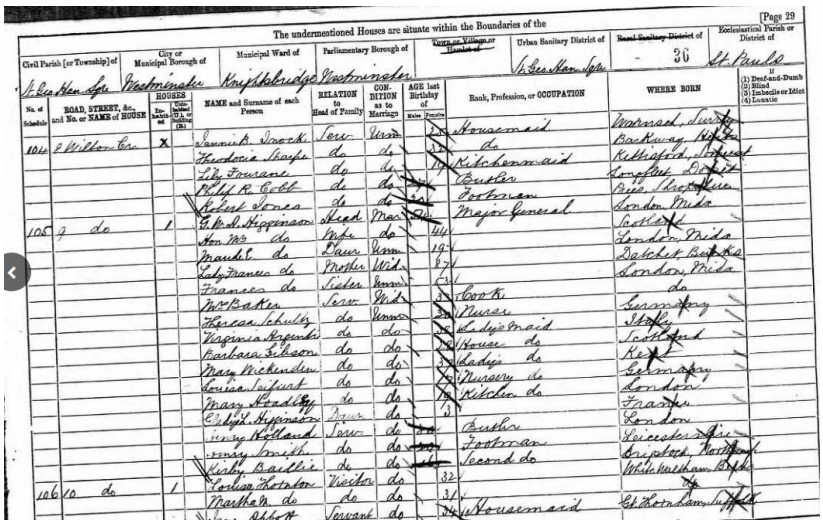
Born in France on 6 May 1877, Gladys Lucille Beatrice was the second of three children born to Sir George Wentworth Alexander Higginson and Florence Virginia

Fitzpatrick. Photographs show Florence Fitzpatrick and Sir George Wentworth both as a young man and a much older man in his military uniform.

Sir George was a General in the Grenadier Guards who actually fought in the Crimean War, where he struck up a friendship with the famous “Lady of the Lamp” Florence Nightingale during campaigns and the two corresponded for many years. Sir George was born 21st June 1826 in Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire and died at the age of 100 on the 1st February 1927. He is buried at Marlow All Saints Church.

The ‘Exeter & Plymouth Gazette’ reported that George’s earliest memory was being patted on the head by George IV (the Prince Regent) and whilst walking in Rotten Row (London) with his nurse, he used to touch his cap to the great Duke of Wellington, who was riding past. He received a smart salute from the man who beat Napoleon. George was known as *the Father of the Guards*.

Despite the fact that she descended from, and married into such notable families, very little is actually known about Gladys. By 1881, then aged 3 years, the UK census records show that Gladys’ family was living in St George, Westminster in London. It was an impressive household with 10 servants consisting of the Major General, his wife and daughter (a much older one than Gladys), his mother, an unmarried sister and young Gladys aged 3. *(See 1881 Census below).*

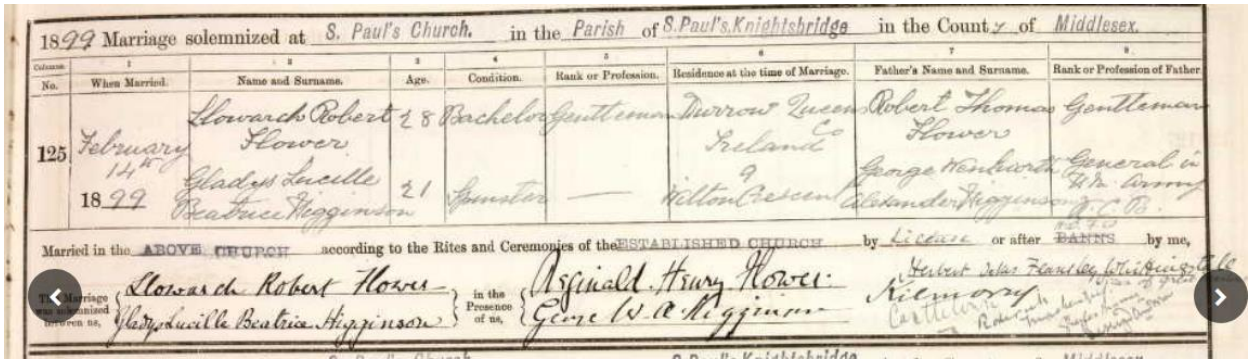


The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of
St George Hanover Sqre	Westminster	Knightsbridge	Westminster		St George Hanover Sqre	36	St Pauls

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES: No. uninhabited	HOUSES: No. building	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males	AGE last Birthday of Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
104	2 Willow Ter	X		Jannie A. Snook	Serv	Unm		20	Housemaid	Norwood, Surrey	
				Theodosia Sharpe	do	do		18	do	Barkway, Herts	
				Lily Fonsane	do	do		17	Kitchenmaid	Kirkleford, Surrey	
				Robt R. Cobb	do	do		20	Butler	Longfleet, Dorset	
				Robert Jones	do	do		20	Footman	Prees, Shropshire	
105	1 do	1		Gen. A. Hippisley	Head	Mar		74	Major General	London Middx	
				Hon Mrs do	Wife	do		44		Scotland	
				Maude do	Daur	Unm		19		London Middx	
				Lady Frances do	Mother	Wid		87		Datchet Bucks	
				Frances do	Sister	Unm		51		London Middx	
				McBaker	Serv	Wid		52	Cook	do	
				Theresa Schultz	do	Unm		30	Nurse	Germany	
				Virginia Reynolds	do	do		25	Lady's Maid	Staffs	
				Barbara Gibson	do	do		24	House do	Scotland	
				Mary Mcfarlane	do	do		23	Ladys do	Kent	
				Louisa Seifert	do	do		20	Nursery do	Germany	
				Mary Headley	do	do		19	Kitchen do	London	
				Edgil Hippisley	Daur	do		3		France	
				Henry Holland	Serv	do			Butler	London	
				Henry Smith	do	do			Footman	Leicestershire	
				Richd Baillie	do	do			Second do	Brupstead, Northd	
				Evelina Preston	Visitor	do		32		Wickersham, Bucks	
106	10 do	1		Martha M. do	do	do		31		St Thomas, Suffolk	
				[illegible]	Servant	do		24	Housemaid		

On 14 February 1899, at the age of 21, Gladys married Llowarch Robert Flower, the 9th Viscount Ashbrook, giving her the title of Viscountess Ashbrook. The title of Viscount Ashbrook is in the peerage of Ireland which was created in 1751. The first Viscount Ashbrook was Henry Flower, 2nd Baron Castle Durrow.



1899 Marriage solemnized at S. Paul's Church in the Parish of S. Paul's Knightsbridge in the County of Middlesex.

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
125	February 14th 1899	Llowarch Robert Flower	28	Bachelor	Gentleman	Durrow Queen's Co Ireland	Robert Thomas Flower	Gentleman
		Gladys Lucille Beatrice Higginson	21	Spinster	—	9 Hilton Crescent	George Wentworth Alexander Higginson	General in H.M. Army

Married in the ABOVE CHURCH according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the ESTABLISHED CHURCH by Licence or after BANNS by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Llowarch Robert Flower, Gladys Lucille Beatrice Higginson. In the Presence of us, Reginald Henry Flower, George W. A. Higginson.

A photo of the very impressive seat of the Viscount Ashbrook family in Ireland.

Castle Durrow in Ireland, original seat of the Viscounts Ashbrook

In March 1901, records show that Gladys and Llowarch Flower were living in Knockard Gannon, Errill, a village in southwest County Laois, Ireland. They had two children – Eileen Augusta Sybil Flower (1900-1959), and Desmond Llowarch Edward Flower, born on 9 July 1905. By 1911, the family were residing in Castle Durrow, the seat of the Viscounts Ashbrook.

Gladys' husband Llowarch died in 1936, giving her son Desmond the title of 10th Viscount Ashbrook. . *(No photo of Llowarch seems to exist).*

One can only *presume* that after her husband's death, she divided her time between Ireland (her husband's home) and her mother's Scottish family members, (see the reference to ***Ross-shire****). A search of the 1939 Register did not show Gladys in England, so presume she is living elsewhere, probably either in Ireland or Scotland.

In 1966 at the age of 90 Gladys migrated to Australia with three other people - her personal physician Dr Christine Munk, and Baron and Baroness Adolf Kotwic Smolicz, who had been caring for the Dowager Viscountess for the previous 18

years. On her arrival in Sydney on 14 October, Gladys collapsed from exhaustion after the long flight, requiring admission to the Airport Medical Centre probably for observation and recovery.

The Canberra Times reported 15th October 1966 that "a 90-year-old Scottish Countess, migrating to Australia had collapsed at Mascot Airport. She is Dowager Countess Gladys Ashbrook of Strathpeffer ***Ross-shire." ****** ..... "

Settling in Adelaide, Gladys lived in Childers Street, North Adelaide (source: *Google Maps- see below*) Without obtaining her death certificate, we do not know how she passed away. She died 18 June 1968 at the age of 91, so did not live very long in South Australia. She is buried the North Road Cemetery in Plot 239, Path 14 South. It is not known why she migrated to Australia at the advanced age of 90.

But what became of the couple who cared for her? A search of their name came up with graves at the Sevenhill Cemetery in Clare. The headstone is in Polish, but part of it tells a little about Adolf, although does not mention his 'title' of Baron.

Adolf Kotwic Smolicz (1 Dec 1895 – 18 Jan 1987)

Captain in the Polish Army, prisoner of Soviet camps, Educator and Author.

Janina Z Kuroszyckich Smoliczowa (1895 – 21 Sept 1987)

no interpretation of information on this part of the headstone.

(Article compiled by Helen Stein and Margaret Flaiban 2021)

A Plan to Store Everything Ever Published in a 1,000-year Archive

Want to preserve your family history for 1,000 years? That is about to become a possibility. All you need to do is to publish the information in Norway.

The National Library of Norway's (NLN) secure storage facility plans to digitize everything ever published in Norway: books, newspapers, manuscripts, posters, photos, movies, broadcasts, and maps, as well as all websites on the Norwegian .no domain.

Their work has been going on for the past 12 years and will take 30 years to complete by current estimations.

At the moment, the library has already saved more than 540,000 books and over 2,000,000 newspapers in its archive. These have been mass-scanned and OCR-processed before being stored, so all the content in the library is free-text searchable.

The National Library plans to make the archives available for the public, so it needs online storage for publishing the collection. Even better, as storage formats change, such as a move from .DOC files to .PDF files or any other technology change, the National Library of Norway expects to convert obsolete formatted documents into whatever current format of choice is suitable. In fact, 50 million image files have already been converted and the plan is to continue that effort for at least 1,000 more years.

Entire disk cabinets containing hundreds of hard disk drives are expected to be swapped out every five years with something more modern. In addition, the National Library of Norway stores everything in triplicate just to cover possible disk crashes or other data losses.

Hmmm, could something similar be done by a large genealogy organization?

You can read more about the National Library of Norway's efforts that are already well underway in an article by Stig Øyvann in the *ZDNet* web site at: https://zd.net/2BUrkKJ.

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Free Genealogy Programs

A newsletter reader wrote recently and asked if there are any free genealogy programs available today. I thought perhaps others might have the same question so I will respond here in the newsletter where anyone interested can read the answer.

In fact, there are many free, full-featured genealogy programs available for Windows, Macintosh, Chromebooks, Linux, or even for installing in a web server you control. The various programs do vary widely in features and capabilities.

In addition, the handheld systems that run Chrome or Apple's iOS operating system also have many free genealogy apps available although most of them are somewhat limited in capabilities. I would not describe any of the genealogy apps for handheld devices as "full featured" programs that compete with the desktop genealogy products for Macintosh, Linux, and Windows. However, even that is changing.

The following is a list of free genealogy programs that may meet your needs. However, the paid programs usually offer more features.

For **Microsoft Windows**, there is RootsMagic Essentials, Legacy Family Tree Standard Edition, Family Tree Builder from MyHeritage, Gramps, AncestralQuest Basics, and maybe some others that I do not recall right now.

For **Macintosh**, there is: Family Tree Builder from MyHeritage, Gramps, and Personal Ancestry Writer II.

For **Linux**, see Gramps. Don't bother with anything else. Other Linux genealogy programs do exist but pale in comparison to Gramps.

For **Chromebooks**, see my article, *Genealogy Applications for Chromebooks*, at: https://blog.eogn.com/2017/04/19/genealogy-applications-for-chromebooks/ and the list in the Google Play Store at https://play.google.com/store/search?q=genealogy&c=apps.

I am sure you can find other free genealogy programs as well. However, the above list shows the ones that have been around for a while and have become popular.

For Android or Apple's iOS operating system, see the App Store for your system. It should list a number of free genealogy apps but, again, I would not describe any of them as "full featured" programs that compete with the desktop genealogy products for Macintosh, Linux, and Windows.

My Solution(s)

As for myself, I don't use any genealogy program installed in a personal computer. My favorite method of keeping my own genealogy database is to store all the data online where it is accessible to me when I use any computer and (optionally) accessible to the people that I allow to see the data. I would suggest you use an online genealogy service that is designed for the purpose. Using an online

genealogy service is easier and more reliable than installing, maintaining, and updating software in a personal computer yourself. There are several ways of accomplishing that.

My favorite genealogy "program" is MyHeritage.com, the sponsor of this newsletter. I will quickly admit that I am biased to the company that pays the bills for this newsletter. However, I honestly believe that if this newsletter had a different sponsor or no sponsor at all, I would still use MyHeritage.com as my primary genealogy "program."

However, with MyHeritage.com or any other genealogy program, I do make complete backups of all my data at least once a month and store the backups in my home computers and also in at least two different file storage services in the cloud operated by other companies. (That's one copy at MyHeritage.com, more than one copy at home, plus at least two copies in two or more file storage services in the cloud, such as Dropbox, Google Drive, and others.) That's cheap insurance. I cannot imagine any disaster that would lose all four or more copies simultaneously!

I prefer MyHeritage simply because I have my own, separate database on the service. Nobody else can ever change any information in my database without my permission. That's not true of all the online genealogy services. In addition, nobody can even SEE my data unless I give permission. I can give read-only permission to only one person, to a group, to everyone on the World Wide Web, or to no one. I like those choices.

Using MyHeritage.com as a genealogy program is free for small databases of up to 250 people. However, for larger databases, you do have to pay fees. Pricing may be found at: https://www.myheritage.com/pricing.

Another Solution: Install a Genealogy Program Online

For anyone with some technical expertise, having your own personal online genealogy program installed in a web server you control can be very attractive. Again, as the owner, you can give read-only permission to only one person, to a group, to everyone on the World Wide Web, or to no one. You can also give full read/write permission to anyone you wish. That is a great feature for group efforts when several people are cooperating at researching the same family.

For more information about having your own genealogy program installed in a private web server that you control, look at **The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding** ("TNG") at http://www.tngsitebuilding.com/. TNG does cost a modest $32.99 US. Also, look at **Webtrees,** a **free**genealogy program that installs in a web server at https://www.webtrees.net/index.php/en/.

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"Oh, yeah? Well MY Great, Great Grandmother would have had it up to HERE withYOUR Great, Great Grandfather!"

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