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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21 September BBQ at 12 noon – BYO meat & drinks

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 2 pm

at our new rooms, 56 Chapel St. Cowes. All day parking at the rear off Bass Avenue

It's that time of year again, when we ask all members to have a say in deciding who will run the family history group for the next year. If you want to influence the direction that our group takes into the future, come along and vote for the people who you think will do the best job – or stand for election yourself.

Saturday 14 September. 1pm – 4pm. Family Tree Maker User Group will discuss any problems that the users are experiencing. Please register with Genevieve

7 – 12 October - Senior's Week Free access to our resources for anyone holding a seniors card. Pass the word on to any of your friends who might be interested.

Wednesday 9 October As part of Senior's Week, David Rathgen will lead a **workshop** on keeping and **recording our family stories**, myths and legends for our children's children. To register your interest, please phone David 0411118706, email piadgs@gmail.com 'stories', or call in to the rooms.

Saturday 12 October Scottish Special Interest Group. This is a new group

The Scottish Day has Alex Glennie as the speaker. He has kindly volunteered to answer any questions that may require some research on the day of our seminar, but will need the queries forwarded to him at least one month prior to the day we will be meeting, ie Saturday 12 October. Please email your queries to piadgs@gmail.com 'scottish' as soon as possible or call in to the rooms.

On that day he will be in attendance at our rooms from 9am until 12md, to assist with any questions that members may have.

He will commence his talk at 1pm & include topics such as Using Scotlands People, Using Church Records for Christenings, Marriages & Deaths prior to 1855 & how to find old maps of Scottish counties.

At around 4pm, after his talk, he will again be available for any Scottish questions that people may have.

The cost for the lecture is \$5 for members & \$10 for non-members

November (date to be confirmed) **Irish Special Interest Group.** Another new group. More information closer to the date

OUR TEMPORARY NEW ROOMS



For the next few months we have plenty of space and bay views – come in and enjoy them while you can.

Thirteen to Dinner. There is a prejudice, generally, in the pretended danger of being the thirteenth at table. If the probability be required, that out of thirteen persons of different ages one of them shall at least die within a year, it will be found that the chances are at least one to one that one death at least will occur. This calculation, by means of false interpretation, has given rise to the prejudice, no less ridiculous, that the danger will be avoided by inviting a greater number of guests, which can only have the effect of augmenting the probability of the event so much apprehended.

– 'Quetelet, on the Calculation of Probabilities.'

Source: The Colonial Cookbook, subtitled 'Recipes of a Bygone Australia', edited by Alison Burt (Summit Books, 1970) A reprint of an early colonial publication, which is unnamed and unreferenced.

16 year old French convict or English wife basher – Anquetils/Willmores – a lesson on ‘HOW WRONG WE CAN BE’

Julie Curran

I have been researching my mother's ancestors for 35 years: The Hopcrofts (paternal) and the Willmores (maternal). This story is about the Willmores.

My nana, Daisy Willmore (Hopcroft), had 3 sisters, Ivy Willmore (Harvey), Marguerite Willmore (Malcomson), & Olive Willmore (Brown). Their parents Frederick Willmore and Alice Lobley.

I had always assumed Frederick Willmore, born 1864, was the child of Ebenezer James Willmore & Harriet Thomas, in accordance with Frederick's death certificate in 1899ⁱ and family informationⁱⁱ. I had never been able to find his birth certificate; however a few years ago I did, and was surprised to find his parents listed as Edward Anquetil and Harriet Thomasⁱⁱⁱ. Frederick did, however, live by the name Frederick Willmore, not Anquetil.

Edward Anquetil and Harriett Thomas were married in 1855^{iv} in Castlemaine and had 4 children, including Frederick, in Collingwood. Edward & Harriett evidently separated – Harriet began a relationship with Ebenezer Willmore (resulting in a further 5 children), while Edward and his partner, Mary Jane Gray, had 6 children from 1875. They claim on Elizabeth Anquetil's birth certificate in 1878^v, to have married in Deniliquin, New South Wales, 3rd Nov. 1875, but no record has ever been found, so it was more likely a de facto relationship.

Edward Anquetil, born 1831 to Bertrand Anquetil and Ann Billot, was the eldest, with 4 sisters^{vi}. His father Bertrand was arrested on 18 June 1839, for passing bad money, in Jersey, Channel Islands^{vii}. Edward began his life of crime when he was 8 years old on the 10th October 1839 in Jersey. After 6 arrests, floggings and solitary imprisonments, he was finally sentenced to transportation in 1846 at the age of 15-16 years^{viii}. After release in 1852 Edward moved to Melbourne, met and married Harriett Thomas in 1855 and had four children, including Frederick (or so I thought) in Collingwood..

All seemed straight forward and thinking I had finally found my French heritage, I actually booked a trip to the Jersey Islands this year.

Planning for this trip, I thought I would have a look at Ancestry to see if there was any further information I could find. To my surprise I found a number of new articles and family trees in relation to Frederick Willmore, disputing his Anquetil parentage, claiming it was impossible for Frederick to be Edward Anquetil's son. The reason: Edward Anquetil whilst married to Harriet, volunteered for the Maori Wars in New Zealand, enrolling on the 1st October 1863 in Dunedin, New Zealand, where he had earlier arrived aboard the 'Auckland'. Harriet, with her three children, went to visit him, arriving in New Zealand on 6 February 1864^{xi} on the 'Swiftsure' and she returned to Melbourne on board 'Lady Denison' 24th June 1884^{xii}. Unfortunately her youngest son Arthur Edward died from whooping cough, on board, just off the coast of Wilsons Promontory.

Frederick (then Anquetil) was born 29 September 1864, however his birth was not registered until December 1864. Looking at the dates, Harriett would have been at least 4-6 weeks pregnant with Frederick when she visited Edward in New Zealand.

So who was the father? Ebenezer Willmore, her second husband?

Ebenezer James Willmore, a cabinet maker, came to Australia in 1859 on the 'Cambodia' with his first wife Elizabeth Goodrich and six children^{xiii}. Nine weeks after arriving in the colony he was gaoled for beating his wife and children^{xiv}. He was gaoled a further two times for similar offences^{xv}. Between the time of arrival in 1859, and the death of his wife Elizabeth in 1882, their 11 year old daughter Esther died of fever and diarrhea in 1860^{xvi}, they had two further children – Horatio Randolph in 1861, who died of convulsions at 3 months^{xvii} - and Arthur, born 1862, who died of 'want of sufficient nourishment' at 7 weeks, February 1862^{xviii}.

Elizabeth Willmore died in August 1862^{xix}, (possibly suffering postnatal depression) while her husband Ebenezer was doing another stint in gaol. Elizabeth had sought refuge in an immigration home with her five remaining children. She was found dead, floating in a swamp of the river Yarra Yarra, behind the immigration homes. The inquest found no other cause of death and it was put down to drowning. Her eldest daughter Harriett, 14, a witness at the inquest, stated that "*My mother was not well. She appeared unhappy and scarcely even spoke to anyone.*"^{xx}

So we move forward to 1863. Ebenezer Willmore, a widower with five children, last known address Sackville St., East Collingwood, and Harriet Anquetil living 700 metres away at Otter St., East Collingwood. Harriett's husband is in New Zealand by October 1863 until he deserts 26th December 1865 and Harriett gets pregnant in December 1863 with Frederick, who is born 29th September 1864.

Harriett at some stage moved in with Ebenezer Willmore and they have another five children from 1867 to 1875. Ebenezer's behaviour doesn't improve. He is charged with assaulting Harriett on 8 October 1873 (states common law wife of 10 years)^{xxi}, which does put that back to 1863 when the affair may have started. Ebenezer and Harriett married 4 June 1875^{xxii}. This was a marriage of convenience for Ebenezer. He had previously applied for Liquor License and been rejected on the grounds that he was living with a woman and not married. His final application for a Liquor License, at a house he intended

be called 'First of August' was submitted a few days after they were married. The application was refused.^{xxiii, xxiv}

By 22 July 1875, Harriett is arrested for bigamy .

The Footscray bigamy case was to-day further postponed for a week, in order that three witnesses who were present at the first marriage of the defendand (Harriet Anquetil), may be produced. The witnesses are the clergyman, now said to be residing in Phillip Island, and Captain David and his wife. The marriage took place some twenty years ago.

Bendigo Advertiser – page 2 in part Thursday 22 July 1875

The police have abandoned for the present the charged of bigamy preferred against Harriet Anquetil alian Willmore, who was accused of having married Anquetil in 1855 at Castlemaine, and on the 14th of last month is said to have entered into the holy bond with Willmore at Collingwood. The case was called on at the Footscray Court yesterday, when Senior-constable Lawlor said the police had been unable to find the witnesses necessary to prove the first marriage, and under these circumstances would discontinue proceedings. The woman was accordinnly discharged from her bail.

The Argus – page 4 in part Thursday 29 July 1875

It is interesting that they could not find the minister, John Cheyne, who officiated over the first wedding and was meant to be residing on Phillip Island. Looking at the Biography of John Cheyne, he did apparently run a school in Phillip Island in the 1870s^{xxv}.

So Frederick Willmore, my maternal Great Grandfather, how can I even be sure that Ebenezer is his father? Well, I can't, but looking at the dates in all instances, the most likely probability is that Ebenezer Willmore is his father

I have now cancelled the Jersey portion of my trip, however we are still going to Europe, including the Western Front in France and Belgium to pay our respects to two of Mark's great uncles who are buried there.

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- iii Victorian Births Deaths & Marriages ref. 21125
- iv Victorian Births Deaths & Marriages ref. 1930
- v Victorian Births Deaths & Marriages ref. 5069
- vi 1841 English census
- vii Criminal records in His Majesty's Gaol at Jersey
- viii Criminal records in His Majesty's Gaol at Jersey
- viii Tasmanian Heritage Convicts records, indent Con17/1/3 p.48, conduct record CON33/1/88
- x <http://www.angelfire.com/az/nzgenweb/2ndregiment1.html> NOTE FROM TRANSCRIBER – The original source was file AD 144/2 from National Archives, Wellington although I used a microfilm (287478) from the LDS Church. Where the film was hard to read, I have mafe a best guess for accuracy even though I believed the spelling was incorrect. WITH THANKS TO RUSSELL THORNE
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- xiv East Collingwood Police Court Report, 14 June 1859, reported in the Argus 15 June 1859
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- xxv biography recorded in the 'Port Phillip Clergy' by Alexander Romanov-Hughes

Anonymous
said to be from near Salisbury:

I bowl'd, I struck, I caught, I stopp'd.
Sure life's a game of cricket;
I block'd with care, with caution popp'd,
Yet Death has hit my wicket

Anonymous,
Jersey:

Reader, pass on! Don't waste your time;
O'er bad biography and bitter rhyme:
For what I am this crumbling clay ensures:
For what I was is no affair of yours.

<http://shadowsoftime.co.nz>

I found this poem in the Summer 2009 edition of *This England*. Perhaps an explanation for some of those children whose birth is the only record we have found?

KITTENS AND BABIES

There were two kittens, a Black and a Gray,
And Grandmother said, with a frown,
"It will never do to keep them both,
The Black one we'd better drown.
Don't cry my dear – (to tiny Bess) –
One kitten's enough to keep,
Now run to Nurse, for 'tis growing late
And time you were fast asleep."
The morrow dawned, all rosy and sweet,
Came little Bess from her nap,

And Nurse said, "Go into Mama's room
And look into Grandma's lap!"
"Come here", said Grandma, with a smile,
From the rocker where she sat,
"God has sent you two little sisters –
Now what do you think of that?"
Bess looked at the babies a moment,
With their wee heads, yellow and brown,
And then to Grandma soberly said:
"Which one are we going to drown?"

THE TRIALS OF A GENEALOGIST

Bev Morling

I have finally solved another mystery of some 20 years in one of our branches. Again, it proves never stop searching and some things do eventually turn up.

I was researching the Mayne family in Tasmania and found a son - Ubipp Mayne born 24.4.1883 at Richmond, Tasmania.

I decided it must a transcription error and went in to the Latrobe Library to look at the actual microfilm. It clearly read UBIPP MAYNE !

I have found him on an Ancestry family tree and he is actually HUBERT - but birth registered Ubipp, no doubt by his illiterate mother, Letitia.

I can now complete our Mayne family.

PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.
AT HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK
AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL, COWES, PHILLIP ISLAND.
SALE BY AUCTION OF
S.S. ALVINA.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

THE SHIP Now Lies at Rhyll Wharf, Where She May Be Inspected on Order From the Auctioneer. **SHE HAS RECENTLY BEEN SURVEYED.** Her Registered Tonnage is 132 25. Her Carrying Capacity is 364 Passengers for Westernport Bay.

TERMS:—£250 Deposit, Balance Within Seven Days.

Messrs. Russell, Kennedy, and Cook, 401 Collins Street, Melbourne, Solicitors to the Mortgagee.
Further Particulars From the Auctioneer.

A. GORDON ALLARD AND CO.,
37 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE. M1261.

The Argus. Saturday 21 October 1939

JOY IN PHILLIP ISLAND.

The news of the passing of the Bill creating Phillip Island a separate municipality was received with cheers. Bells were rung and tins rattled.

It is proposed to make September 4 the municipal holiday and a day of Thanksgiving.

Frankston & Somerville Standard
Friday 7 September 1928

CHURCH BELL FROM A WRECK

An interesting relic has come into the possession of the Presbyterian Church at Cowes, Phillip Island. The ship's bell from the Speke, wrecked on the ocean coast of the island in February, has been bought by the church, at the suggestion of the Rev. J. C. Johnstone, M.A. The bell, stamped 'Speke, 1891,' weighs nearly 100lb., and has a fine mellow tone. It will be hung from a framework in the church grounds

The Argus. Friday 27 April 1906

Source: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

SOME OF THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Sykes, Barry	Change here for Outtrim!
Sagazio, Celestina ed.	Cemeteries: our heritage
Schofield, Claire	The Shaping of Hornsby Shire
Shingles, Rhonda	Triumph over the Heartbreak Hills 1880 – 2009 <i>(the Strzelecki Ranges region of Gippsland)</i>
Inverloch Historical Society Inc	Anderson Inlet Inverloch

MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

Ireland Genealogical Research Society Marriage Index

http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=1921

Irish Lives Remembered genealogy magazine <http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/>

Free databases for genealogical searching <http://www.genealogyz.blogspot.co.uk/>

Mariners. Researching mariners and ships of the merchant marine and the world's navies

<http://www.mariners-l.co.uk/>

Ancestors at Rest – cemetery and other records for some Irish counties

http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/ireland_genealogy.shtml

New Zealand Yesteryears Includes passenger shipping to New Zealand 1800-1900

<http://www.yesteryears.co.nz/>

www.findmypast.co.uk/ has added 1.2 million Welsh parish records

2 million new Herfordshire parish records

Royal Naval Division service records 1914-1920

PIADGS has a subscription to Find My Past UK

Families in British India Society has added 10,000 sundry British-Indian baptisms, marriage and burials to their website. www.new.fibis.org/

Sussex parish registers 1538-1910 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1465706>

This is just one of many collections on FamilySearch. <https://familysearch.org/search>
Scroll down to 'browse by location' and select the region & country you are researching

<http://www.gendexnetwork.org/> a genealogical index (GenDex) which indexes persons in family trees on the internet. It can be searched by names, dates and places of birth and death. It also includes all family trees in one search and requires no joining or membership to search the database

Gravestone preservation <http://www.gravestonepreservation.info/>

Jewish Holocaust victims website <http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en>

Northern Ireland will calendars

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm

FROM THE JOURNALS

Australian Family Tree Connection. August edition

- Scan directly, without cables. Kaiser Baas WiFi photo and document scanner
KBA03040 review

- South Australian court records

Bendigo Genealogist June edition

- 50 family history interview questions