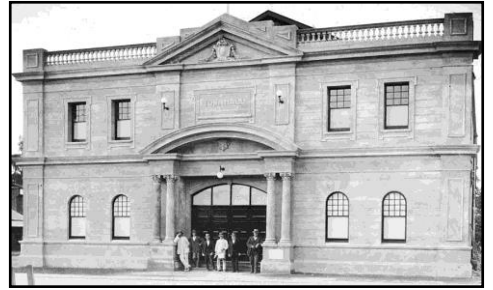


CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER
SPRING - SUMMER 2012



BURKE & WILLS REMEMBERED

THE MID NORTH CONNECTION!



This very successful event was held on Sat 8th and Sun 9th December and featured a unique re-enactment of Howitt's retrieval of the remains of the famous Australian explorers - including a cavalcade of mounted riders, horses and camels. Setting out from Bungaree, the procession travelled south to Clare for

a reception at Ennis Park. They then rode on to Penwortham for an overnight stop, completing the event at the Rhynie Hotel on Sunday.

CLARE

[From our own Correspondent]

Clare, December 10.

"... On Monday morning last a number of people left Clare for the purpose of meeting Howitt's party, which had camped at the Bungaree Station. About 1 o'clock a great number of persons had assembled to witness their arrival. Several flags were flying, and the township had quite a lively appearance. Shortly after 1 o'clock the party entered the township. There were eight camels, the smallest bearing the remains of Burke and Wills, covered over with a union-jack. The men looked remarkably well. Being rather short of provisions, they had killed and eaten three of their horses, the flesh of which they declared to be excellent eating, and quite as nutritious as beef or mutton. They remained about two hours, when they started for Penwortham, where they intended staying for the night..."

The SA Register 12 Dec 1862, p3h.

BURKE & WILLS SIGHTED IN CLARE



Rumour in the street is that Burke & Wills look-alikes have been espied in the vicinity of Maynard Pioneer Park and Ennis Park recently.

They were also reported to be occupying a float in the Clare Christmas Pageant on Fri 7th December.

The camel looks like the real thing, but we aren't sure about the models.

HISTORIC MARKERS, MARK 3

The History Group is currently contacting local churches with the aim of placing six large interpretive signs in the grounds of the Uniting, St Barnabas, St Michael's, Lutheran, Baptist and former Presbyterian Church, in May 2013. We are researching and gathering photos. Each sign will cost \$700. Information, photos or donations are very welcome. We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$2,000 from History SA towards the cost.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thurs 13 Dec @ 4pm Committee meeting
5.30pm Xmas drinks
Collection closed 14 Dec – 30 Jan
Re-opens Thurs 31 Jan 2013
Thurs 14 Feb @ 4pm Committee meeting

SERVICEMEN OF WORLD WAR II

As our contribution to the Anzac Day commemorations for 2013, we are researching the 26 servicemen who are remembered on the southern gate pillars at Clare Oval, and also on brass plaques beneath the trees south of Paxton Street. While much of the background of these men has been compiled, the History Group is seeking photos of each one (except those indicated *). The names are:

RM AITKIN AIF
FT BOCIAN AIF
DJ BOND AIF *
RG BOWLEY RAAF *
JD CLARK AIF
CA CORFIELD AIF
LF DACK AIF
DW FERGUSON RAAF
KA GERICKE AIF
DR GILCHRIST RAAF
PPM GILLEN AIF
R HENDERSON AIF
LR HICKS AIF *
REH HOPE RAAF
WK HOPE AIF
WS JENNER AIF
PG MAHER AIF *
KJ MCKINNON AIF
M MORRISON RAAF *
RJ OHLMEYER RAAF
H PAGE AIF
RCJ PAWELSKI AIF *
PG PRISK AIF
TLK PRZIBILLA AIF *
JC SANGSTER RAAF *
GC SCOTT RAAF

Back in the 1990s we had the opportunity to borrow some photos for photocopying. However, with improved technology we would now like to scan the photos.

Similar to our World War I display, it is intended to produce an A4 page about each man for display in the Town Hall foyer, as well as a pictorial DVD for display at the Dawn Service.

When researching the life and times of Reuben Solly, my Great Great Grandfather, I uncovered interesting district history details. He had sold Section 99 of the Hutt River survey - now the Sevenhill Cellars - to the Jesuit priests on 3rd Dec 1853. Francis Treloar's diary, 15th June 1854 quotes: *"sourced vine cuttings from Solly - 1,859 flagon shilling or two!"* This was the start of Quelltaler winery. Solly, on his death in 1874, left Section 76 (now the Clare Caravan Park and Show grounds) to his daughter Mary. His son Samuel sold a portion of his Watervale 'cow paddock', to the Council, giving the proceeds to 'The Soldiers' Memorial Park Recreation Committee', to develop the Memorial Park.

Reuben Sulley (later Solly,) age 28, landed at Port Adelaide on 11th August, 1840, on the 'LALLA ROOKH'. The 1842 census indicated he had 12 acres of agricultural land on Port Road.

Anne Jacobs's diary, 1839 to 1848, records staying at Solly's Station, east of Peters Hill Marrabel, on trips moving from Lyndoch Valley to Section 378, Sevenhill. Then numerous entries of Solly in the Watervale - Penwortham district from late 1843 onwards. Solly's Selection was known as 'Watervale Farm'.

Solly married a widow, Charlotte Wheller, in Sep 1850, in Penwortham School House. (*St. Mark's Penwortham was erected in the following year.*) Charlotte's husband James had contracted typhoid fever after visiting his dying sister in Burra.

One of James Wheller's grandchildren wrote; *"... In time Grandpa Wheller built a log and mud hut with a bark roof and door. My father John was born there about 1844. Gran's medical help was Dr Watts and his wife. Nearly 2 years later my Uncle James was also born at the same home. Grandpa was busy clearing land near Seven Hills; he had an idea of settling there in the future, however, sadness overtook Gran.... Later, "... a stranger came one day and took a fancy to the horse that had been Grandpa's, Gran let him have the horse and naturally she told him of her position and plight. He told her not to worry; he would pitch his tent at the end of the selection and would use the gun to keep the blacks in check. So in this way he protected Gran and her family while he was clearing some country around Penwortham"*.

The following details have been gleaned from SA Government Land Title records:

- 31st Dec 1849 - James Wheller received Section 99 Sevenhill as a Land Grant, 80 acres for £80.
- 31 Dec 1850 - Conveyance of Section 99 from Charlotte to her husband Reuben Solly.
- 3rd Dec 1853 - Conveyance of Section 99 from Reuben Solly to Father Aloysius Kranewitter, £160 cash. [Lands Memorial Book 60, Page 454]
- Earliest newspaper report found on Sevenhill winery, *"when winery in its infancy, wine from its one acre vineyard won first prize at Auburn's 1858 Horticultural Exhibition"*.
- Earliest Council assessment records found, 1857/58 - Section 99: 80 acres fenced, Stone Cottage, Stone House, Slab Kitchen, Slab Huts, stockyards, garden etc. Owned & occupied by Rev. Joseph Tappeiner.

I contacted the Jesuit Archivist for their records of Sevenhill's early history and Riesling Trail story-board, which gives Sevenhill as being established in 1852. I was told that the precise date had been "discussed with the Riesling Trail board and with Sevenhill Cellars at the time of its erecting. They opted for the later date to avoid any confusion or discussion".

The records that I found of the Jesuits occupying Sevenhill prior to 1853 were written early 1930's and are of a general nature and lack detail.

Research published by Rev. P.J Dalton S.J. in 1936, gives an insight of "Weikert's House" and "The Farm", Clare South, land leased prior to Sevenhill 1849 for seven years - in part ...

"... 14th December 1848 Father Kranewitter left Adelaide for Clare with the Weikerts. At Clare they were able to make final arrangements to settle in the house already suggested to them by Dr. Moroney, and on the 20th December, they went there from Clare in a bullock wagon, the common mode of transport in those days. [TO PAGE 4]



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COMPACTUS UNVEILING

On Thurs 22nd November the new compactus was officially opened by longtime volunteer and supporter, Allison Tilbrook. The 6 bay compactus was funded by the History Group and a \$2,000 Community Asset Grant from Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council. Our Corporate and Financial Life Members were invited to attend for the presentation of 2012/13 Membership Certificates. Income from membership has already reached our budget aspirations and this money has been put towards the purchase of three mobile display boards to be used in the Town Hall foyer.





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REQUEST FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Looking for family photos of

Patrick Butler 1808-1876 came from Ireland 1939 to Clare district with his wife Sarah nee Naulty, they lived Armagh, with their ten children

Patrick a Clare Councillor and a Catholic. Their children married into the GILLEN, EMERY, BICKOFF, MISKIN, VERRAN families.

I'm Barbara Ramsey nee Butler -Patrick Butler was my great great grand father

My contact details are ramseys@internode.on.net

Phone 0883624383 mobile 0413908056 if you can assist me.

I'm keen to share any finds with other family members only, with your permission.

A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust by Win Johnson (2011) **\$10**

The story of Bungaree Station by Rob Linn (2011) Illus. **\$17**

The annual reports of Rotary Club of Clare 1964 – 2011 (DVD) **\$20** Limited release

TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat by Gerald A. Lally (2012) **\$30 194pp.**

“A walk with Laurel” a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939 by Laurel Mickel (nee Mickel) (2012) **\$5.**

THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries by EHH ‘Clarion’ Tilbrook and Miss M Tilbrook (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) **Re-released with updated index \$20.00**

CLARE CAMEOS by Win Johnson (1986). 2nd ed. Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State’s Sesquicentennial year. **\$15.00**

TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A. by R.J. (Bob) Noye (2003). 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*. **\$15.00 (\$12.00 members)**

THE CLARE I REMEMBER by J.J. ‘Boss’ Simons. 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons’ boyhood in the 1880’s and 1890’s. Fully indexed. **\$15.00**

THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842 - 1990 by William Pattullo (1991). Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. **\$25.00**

CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home Compiled by Marj. Ashby. **\$5.00**

THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977 by Win Johnson (1994). 124pp. Indexed. **\$12.00**

CLARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - a history 1856 - 1988 by Helen Dickeson (1993). 120pp. Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, and extensive index. **\$14**

HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia by Julie-Ann Ellis (1995). **\$40.00**

MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 - 1992 (1992). Compiled by Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee. 233pp. **\$40.00**

JUST AS IT WAS by Winifred Johnson (2001) Tells the story of Win’s life with humour & affection. 96pp including photos **\$18.00**

BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990 by Win Johnson (1991). A comprehensive history of the town and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, community and sporting activities. Excellent photographs, many in colour. **\$45.00**

CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY by R. J. Noye (1998).

Definitive history of the town and district. Includes photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with new index. **\$20.00 (\$15 - members)**

BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station (1992). 230pp **\$45.00**

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL 1879–2004 by Ro Wood & 125TH Committee (2004) **\$10.00**

SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel by Elinor A. Bellman (1995) **\$35.00**

CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE – by J. Haynes & E.J. Schmaal (1980) **\$8.00 (Recently reprinted)**

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) **\$25.00**

MARRABEL AND DISTRICT – The Legend of Curio – a history of Marrabel & district **\$25.00**

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the ‘early days’ at Marrabel **\$25.00**

HILL RIVER A Valley of History by Gerald Lally (2004) **\$30**

A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006 by Gerald Lally (2006) **\$30.00**

FROM WHERE I SIT A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times by Win Johnson **\$16.00**

South Clare Sports Club – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010 by Gerald Lally et. Al. (2010) **\$20**

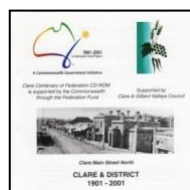
THE INCHQUIN STORY by E. Jean Schmaal. **\$4**

A QUAIN COURTHOUSE by E. Jean Schmaal, **\$4.**

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CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) **\$10.00**



FEDERATION CD ROM - history of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) **Special price \$10.00 (\$15 for 2)**

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

BOOKS

Lines, Peter *South Australian Country Football Digest*, c2012
Temperly, John *Quiet Passages – Temperly & Temby family history in South Australia, Victoria & Canberra*, 2012
Sheedy, Kieran (Ed) *The Clare Anthology*, 1999
O Dalaigh, Brian (Ed) *The Strangers Gaze: Travels in County Clare 1534-1950*, 1998
Macdougall, A K *The Illustrated History of Australia*, 2011
Reader's Digest *Reader's Digest Illustrated Guide to Australian Places*, 1993
Johnson, Win *A History of the Ngadjuri Lodge Trust Clare 1967-1987*, 2011
Free Run Press P/L *Soul Stories: 100 Australian family businesses 2012*, 2012
O Dalaigh, Brian *The Strangers Gaze: Travels in County Clare 1534-1950*, 1998
Sheedy, Kieran *The Clare Anthology*, 1999
Bulbeck, F.P. *Some Plaques & Memorials of South Australia: Vol.4 Pt.1 Clare Valley and a northern part of Yorke Peninsula*, 2012
Sprigg, Reg C. *Arkaroola-Mount Painter in the Northern Flinders Ranges, S.A.: The last billion years*, 1984
Whitlock, Derek Gawler *Colonel Light's Country Town: A history of Gawler and its region – the hills, the plains and the Barossa Valley*, 1999
Aust. Council of National Trusts *Historic Homesteads of Australia: 1*, 1972
Warburton, Elizabeth *Martindale Hall*, 1979
Mayes, Reg J. *Pictorial History of Port Augusta*, 1974
Koivukangas, Olavi & Martin, John S. *The Scandinavians in Australia*, 1986
Kunz, Egon F. *The Hungarians in Australia*, 1985
Harmstorf, Ian and Cigler, Michael *The Germans in Australia*, 1985
Aitchison, Ray *The Americans in Australia*, 1986
Faull, Jim *The Cornish in Australia*, 1983
Johns, Robert Keith *Cornish Mining Heritage*, 1986

PAPERS & Other

Alterations to telephone subscribers in SA, June 1919
Warner, Ray & Rose Warrew *Cellar Door Consultants 24th Edition Wine/Winery Booklet*, Aug 2012
Zonta Club of Clare & District: Annual report 2011-12
CRHG *St Michael's Church Bungaree: Church records*, 2012 (CD)

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(if you are travelling some distance, it is wise to ring and check)

Out of Hours Opening Fee \$20

Please note that the Collection is closed
from 14th Dec 2012 until 30th Jan 2013.
It will re-open on Thurs 31st Jan 2013.

CONTRIBUTIONS (however small) are
welcomed for our Summer newsletter.

Please email them to hrperry@bigpond.net.au
by early Feb 2012. Thank you!

A BD&M joke:

(Births Deaths & Marriages for the readers who
don't know stuff like that)

Many happy returns

Old aunts used to come up to me at
weddings, poke me in the ribs and
cackle, telling me, "You're next!"
They stopped after I started doing
the same thing to them at funerals.

Ref. *Readers Digest July 2012*