



# Wangaratta Threads

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'A Memento of the Wangaratta Convent Golden Jubilee Past Pupils Ball 31.8.1937'. The arrow on the photo points to Sheila Egan and Edward N Anderson stands to the right behind her. If you know the names of others in the photo please let us know.

### Members Meeting 17 September 2016 at 1.30pm

Catch up with what's been happening and listen to our three mystery speakers who will each give a 10 minute talk on topics which we can all relate to.



The meeting will be held at our premises on the 1st floor of 100-104 Murphy St, Wangaratta. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

**Closed on Melbourne Cup day Tuesday 1 November 2016.**

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

- \* Megan Barlow
- \* Jennifer Black
- \* Hilary Timma
- \* Simon Crase.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Vice President: Val Brennan 03 5727 6229

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Other committee members:

- \* Val McPherson
- \* Elaine Jones
- \* Peg Templeton
- \* Christine Heard
- \* Faye Schusser.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Initial 1st year Admin Fee	\$10
Single Full Membership	\$30
Joint Full Membership	\$50

**IN MEMORIUM:**



**Ray McKenzie**

Ray was our recent President and was a descendant of many pioneer families of the district such as McKenzie, Porter, McInnis, McDonald, Wood, Mummery and Eddington. His vast knowledge of the families of North East Victoria; the lands they farmed and the businesses they conducted, was a great help to many family history researchers both locally and interstate. Ray passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 and his support, kindness and dedication will be greatly missed by members of our Society.

**THANK YOU FROM JOAN MCKENZIE:**

I would like to thank you all for the kindness and support you gave Ray.

Even though Ray was unwell for some time you continued to have him as the President of the Society and for that I wish to thank you all very much.

Ray thoroughly enjoyed family history and loved finding out all he could about his own family and the families of the district from times past to the present. He loved helping those who were seeking their ancestors and his knowledge on the subject was amazing.

The support Ray and I received from family, friends, neighbors and our priest every step of the way was so appreciated and these people continue to provide support to me which makes me feel very fortunate.

Ray's wish was to be home near the end and I'm thankful that he had his wish and was surrounded by all those he loved. He passed away at home on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016.



Some of our members beside our new sign.

Back row—Val Brennan. 2nd back row from left—Peg Templeton, Christine Heard, Margaret Gibb, Lorraine Wells and Faye Schusser. 3rd back row—Elaine Mudge, Jean Rankins, Margaret Baldry and Ruth O’Hagan. Seated—Denise McIntosh and Val McPherson.

**WHY PETTICOAT LANE WAS NAMED:**



You may wonder what Petticoat Lane and Queen Victoria have in common. The Lane in Tarrawingee Victoria was named following a disagreement between landholders.

In the mid 19<sup>th</sup>C the road to Sydney was via Beechworth (earlier known as the Beechworth Road) as the swampy land between Wangaratta and Springhurst made traffic impassable for eight months of year.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup>C surveying and road building commenced on a number of roads in the district and a lane was surveyed on the Beechworth Road except for a section on the south end where it joined the Ovens Highway (now named Great Alpine Rd B500).

This piece of land was owned by **Shaw** of Reidsdale.

Three women, **Mesdames Land, Kelly and Crockett**, lived to the north of this lane and asked the Council to have it opened right through. Mr **Shaw** boasted that he would never come under ‘Petticoat Government’ to which **Mary Crockett** replied ‘You have been under it for years’.

**Shaw** immediately flared up thinking there was a sinister meaning but Mrs **Crockett**, woman-like, had the last say when she told him ‘*You are a subject of Queen Victoria*’.

Council bought the land and the lane was named ‘Petticoat Lane’ and opened for traffic.

(Source: Book ‘The Story Behind Tarrawingee 1854-1954’. Published on the occasion of the Centenary Celebrations 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1954. Printed at the Office of the Chronicle-Despatch, Wangaratta, Vic).

# Wangaratta High School Centenary 1909-2009

*Students and Staff attending the Centenary Celebrations March 7th & 8th 2009*



## Classes of 1920 to 1949

*Photography By: The Occasion Studios, 80 Phillipson Street Wangaratta Call 0357219191 web: www.toswang.com.au*

The above photo was found in an op-shop and even though it was taken only seventeen years ago it remains difficult to discover who all the people are.

A number of local people have been asked with little success and the photographer, John of The Occasion Studios, was able to provide some help. He was able to retrieve the photo from his archives and tried to read the name tags each person in the photo was wearing but without success as the raw image format from that time is not clear. The next step was to find out who organized the taking of the photo but we knew that person was unable to help. Fortunately the photographer still had records of the people who ordered a copy of the photo and kindly allowed us access. But that doesn't put a name to a face.

The list of people who ordered the photo follows but it just goes to show we should all write the names of the people on our photos including photos we take on our cameras, phones etc.

If you can let us know who any of the people are in the photo it would be much appreciated as the photo and the names of the people in it will be kept in our library for family researchers to see for many years to come.

Surname	First Name	Address	Class of:
Adair	Thelma	Wangaratta Vic	1940s
Bailey	Alan	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
Borschmann	Robert	Benalla Vic	1920-1949
Buckley	Ruth	Pakenham Vic	1940s
Clarke (nee Cross)	June	Tallangatta Vic	1920s-1949
Cochrane	Lynette	Bendigo Vic	1942-1945
Dalson	Vern	Wangaratta Vic	Left in 1945
Davenport	Wilma	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
Douglas	Jean	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
Ferguson	Doug	Wangaratta Vic	1920s
Fethers	Beverly	Surry Hills NSW	-
Harris	Fidele	Wangaratta Vic	1949

**WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY  
1909-2009 CONT:**

Surname	First Name	Address	Class of:
Jubb	Marian	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
La Fontaine (nee Scales)	Dawn	Cook ACT	1920s-1940s
Larkin	Lexic	Boronia Vic	1920s-1940s
Lavis	Mary	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
Law	Betty	Wangaratta Vic	1920s-1940s
Livingstone	Helene	Tallangatta Vic	1920s-1940s
Martin	Jane	St Louis Sth Aust	1940
McKenzie	Laura	Yan Yean Vic	1940-1944
Moonie	J	Albury NSW	1920s-1940s
Nelson (nee Luke)	Barbara	Warragul Vic	1944-1949
Pallot	D	Wangaratta Vic	1945
Price	Marjorie	Benalla Vic	1920s-1940s
Richards	Dulcie	Frankston Vic	1920s-1940s
Sargent	Joyce	Cobram Vic	1920s to 1940s
Sinclair	Gordon	Wangaratta Vic	1940+
Sturgeon	Audrey	Wangaratta Vic	1949
Tankard	M.	Killara NSW	1920s-1940s
Vague	Lorna	Dingley Vic	1940s
Walpole	David	Caulfield East Vic	1940s
Williams	Lorraine	Moyhu Vic	1940-1944


**THE NOMINAL ROLL OF VIETNAM  
VETERANS:**

The Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans lists approximately 61,000 men and women who served in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Vietnam, or in the waters adjacent to Vietnam, during the conflict between 23 May 1962 and 29 April 1975. You can seek information on these members using the search function <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/veteransearch.aspx>

In response to changes in the criteria for the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal (VLSM) in 2013, the Nominal Roll also includes RAAF personnel who served in Ubon, Thailand, between 25 June 1965 and 31 August 1968. Eligible personnel are encouraged to contact the Nominal Rolls team so that the lost can be assembled <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/links.aspx#nr>

This website also contains the names of more than 1,600 Australian civilians. These civilians were members of groups that were either included in the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* or were eligible for a campaign medal. More information on civilian participants can be found on the Civilians page <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/civilians.aspx>

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is compiling a list of those onboard HMA Ships *Quickmatch* and *Vampire* during the ships' visit to Saigon between 25 and 29 January 1962. The ships' lists for this period cannot be located and crew members are encouraged to contact the Nominal Rolls team so that the list can be completed. The names that have been identified so far are available here <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/QUICKMATCHandVAMPIRE.aspx>

The compilation of this Roll would not have been possible without the generous assistance provided by the records staff of the Australian War Memorial, Department of Defence and the National Archives of Australia.

Individuals are able to have their details excluded from the website. See <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/about.aspx>

The website was updated on 07/08/2016.

## THE TRIGGER AND KELLY FAMILIES—A ROAD TRIP OF DISCOVERY TO VICTORIA:

By Ken Stewart

In March 2016 my wife and I travelled south from our home in Rockhampton Queensland for a most enjoyable road trip to Canberra and on to Wangaratta and Glenrowan in north east Victoria, where I wanted to see for myself where my ancestors came from.

On my father's mother's side, the **Trigger** family came to Queensland from Glenrowan in the late 1880s.

The Queensland branch of the Trigger family history records some details, but leaves a number of mysteries about the life of my forebears in Victoria. I suspected also that the elder Triggers, great yarn tellers, may have embellished some parts of the story. I therefore hoped to verify some of these stories and find answers to some other questions.

My Great-Great-Grandfather, **James Trigger Senior** married **Zillah Dean**, both from England, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1851 in Adelaide. They moved to Victoria and farmed at Estcourt (Boorhaman) near Wangaratta. Zillah died after giving birth to her 11<sup>th</sup> child in under 20 years on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1871. My Great-Grandfather, **James Trigger Junior**, married **Julia Smith** at Wangaratta on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1873, had a number of children and was farming near Glenrowan by 1874, where my Grandmother was born in 1881.

Great-Grandmother **Julia Trigger's** parents, **Henry Smith**, **Susan Smith**, and at least three of their younger children came to Queensland from Victoria in the mid-1880s, and by 1888 they were living at Bidwell, near Maryborough.

In "Trigger Family History 1848-1988" written by my distant relatives **Nell Hart** and **Olive Unkles**, the family story is that in 1888, the family packed up and moved to Queensland, arriving in Maryborough in May 1888. As well as James and Julia's six children, James' youngest brother **George Dean Trigger** and James Senior also travelled to Queensland. Four of James Senior's grown up daughters and one son remained in Victoria.

The reason for the move to Queensland was given as follows:

"After **Ned Kelly's** death, feelings ran high between the Irish and non-Irish farmers. James decided to follow his wife's family to Queensland."

There were other stories:

"They were only six miles from the Kelly home and the family were known to them. The story is told that on the Sunday the Kelly gang took over the Glenrowan Hotel, James walked to church, cutting across country because no harness horse was readily available. If he had driven along the road he would have been held up at the hotel by the gang."

I recall stories told by Great Uncle **Ted Trigger** about hearing the shooting at the Glenrowan siege. His family recalled stories about his meeting the Kelly gang on the way to school, and reporting this meeting to the police. Great Uncle **Harry Trigger's** family wrote in the Trigger book that "The family lived only about six miles from the Kelly home and knew the family reasonably well." They also state that the family moved following a long drought in Victoria.

To me it seemed strange that the family stayed at Glenrowan for eight years enduring the 'high feelings' after the siege. Was this the real reason for the move? Were the stories true? Did they really hear the shooting? How well did the family know the Kellys? Where did the Trigger children go to school? What religion were they in Victoria and where did they go to church? (I assumed it must have been in Glenrowan township).

Apparently there was little contact between the Queensland and Victorian families and I was interested in what happened to those that stayed in Victoria, especially **William Trigger**.

I also wanted if possible to find the original farms of the Triggers and where my Great-Great-Grandmother Zillah was buried.

There was also the question of James Senior's activities from 1871 to 1888. How did he manage to raise a large family as a widower?

## THE TRIGGER AND KELLY FAMILIES—A ROAD TRIP OF DISCOVERY TO VICTORIA CONT:

I sent off an email to the Wangaratta Family History Society to arrange a visit to use their research facilities. I gave some basic details of my ancestors.

**Val McPherson** and **Val Brennan** and helpers had gone beyond the call of duty. Not only had they assembled a stack of information for me, including the location of my Great-Great-Grandmother's grave and several others, but arranged for me to meet a distant Dean relative, **Gary Dean** in Glenrowan, and my distant cousin, **Malcolm Aldridge**, who is also a descendant of **James and Zillah Trigger**. Malcolm is a keen historian and very knowledgeable. Malcolm took us on a tour including to Glenrowan, showed us the old farms, and gave me a lot of information, answering nearly all of my questions.

So my brief visit unearthed a great deal:

Great-Great-Grandfather **James Trigger Senior** had engaged a housekeeper, **Emily Woods** (a relative of Zillah who lived nearby), after Zillah died.

The family left Glenrowan to take up a new selection in Queensland for economic reasons: their 79 acres of poor, sandy country could not support a family with six children and another on the way, and Julia's parents had told them of new land available in Queensland.

The "high feelings" in Glenrowan was probably not a factor.

The Triggers would definitely have heard the shooting in Glenrowan, as the farm was less than three kilometres away. However, James Junior was in no danger of being bailed up while going to church. The Primitive Methodist Church he attended was in the opposite direction at Taminick, even further up the road from Glenrowan. The children also went to school at Taminick.

The daughters who remained in Victoria all married. Their descendants are now amongst the prominent families in the district. **William Trigger** cannot be traced.

One of the more interesting pieces of information was that there is a connection between the Trigger and the Kelly family.

My Great-Great-Aunt **Louisa Trigger** was a sister-in-law to **Grace Kelly**, Ned's younger sister. Louisa married **Thomas Arthur Griffiths** in 1890 (two years after her brothers and father had left for Queensland), whose brother **Edward Albert Griffiths** married **Grace Kelly** in 1889. This connection was unknown by later generations of Queensland Triggers, but was it known by James and family? And was this the reason for the loss of contact?

So thanks to the good people of the Wangaratta Family History Society, **Gary Dean**, and my cousin **Malcolm Aldridge**, much information was discovered in our trip to Victoria. But of course this led to many more questions.....

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### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

#### Computer room on the V drive 'common'

Glass Plate index of names of photographs held by the Wangaratta Historical Society.

#### Books

'Australia's Gold Rushes', 2000, by Robert Coupe, Publisher: New Holland Publishers (Australia) Pty Ltd.

'Grave Memories: Roma Cemeteries' Volumes 1 and 2, Jan 2005 and 2006. Publisher: Roma & District Family History Soc Inc.

'Co-operative Housing in Wangaratta 1945-1982', 1983, by Ron C MacKenzie, self published.

'Remembrance. 100 Years. 100 Memorials. 100 Australian Stories', 2014. Authors: Atkins, Hocking & Millowick. Publisher: The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd.

WANGARATTA CHOIR DURING THE WAR YEARS:



The back of the photo to the left names the following young women:-

Back row: Dot Gazzard, Jean Hunt, Pat O'Loughlin, Madge Howell, Pat Butler, Rita Slattery, Phyllis Coe and Pat Cullen.

Centre row: Agnes Tanner, Betty Culph, Maureen McWaters and Edna Richens.

Seated from left: Mary Tanner, Myra Tipping, Sheila Egan and Gretta Dalton.

WANGARATTA TECHNICAL SCHOOL STAFF 1947:

The back of the photo to the right names the following staff:

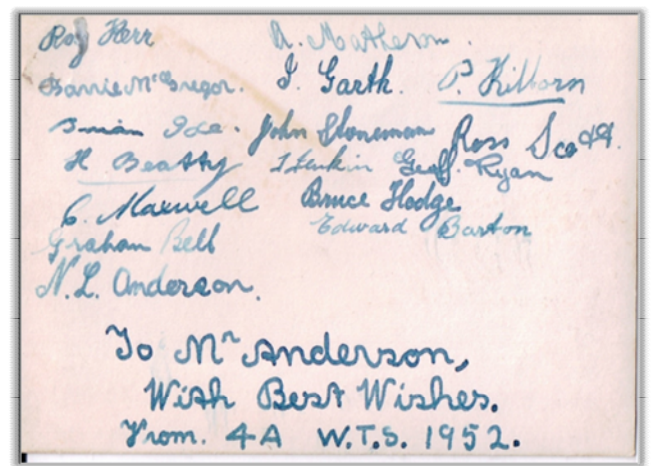
Back row: Nickolas, Witty, Grey, Johnston, McDonald, Chalmer, Russel, Boag and Miles.

Middle row: Austin, George, Dewhurst, Feltscheer, Findlay, Thorburn and Williams.

Front row: George, Oxenbury, Conry, Williams and Living.



TO MR ANDERSON FROM FORM 4A WANGARATTA TECHNICAL SCHOOL 1952:



'History isn't just something that's behind us, it's also something that follows us.' Henning Mankell



## CAUGHT IN THE ACT – ANN (OR HANNAH) WILSON - CONVICT OF TASMANIA

**Ann Wilson**, sentenced to Life following conviction of ‘Larceny of Person’ in Middlesex, arrived in Van Diemens Land on the ship *Morley* in 1820 when she was 22 years old. She became a difficult young woman in the convict settlements of Hobart, Launceston and inland over the next 16 years.

She was assigned to 21 masters over the years and caused them a lot of grief which led her to being charged with 32 offences – many served in cells in solitary confinement, bread and water for 7 to 14 days, in stocks for hours and wearing an iron collar. She was repeatedly sent for punishment in the Hobart Town, Cascades and George Town Women’s Factories.

None of her sentences had much of an impact on Ann as she continued to be rebellious and was punished time and time again. Today, we would consider most of her crimes to be misdemeanors but in a convict settlement punishment could be harsh. The following are examples of some of her offences and her reaction to them:

- 7/5/1827 “Disorderly conduct in the Factory and breaking the window of the apartment of Mr Drabble the Superintendent. Insolence and abusive to Mr Drabble.’ Very unremarkable yet her replies have been preserved. On receiving a 12-month sentence in the George Town Factory she said “*I thank you it is the very place I wish to go to*”. On then being sentenced to 4 hours in the stock she added, “*That will not hurt me either*”. Furthermore, she was ordered to have her hair ignominiously cut off. Her comment was, “*That will not hurt me either. I don’t care if it was cut off 50 times*”.
- 19/6/1832 Working for Mrs Roberts, “Drunk at the time her Master, John Llewellyn Roberts, was lying dead.” To be placed in a solitary cell for 10 days and afterwards in one of the new working yards for one month.
- 28/12/1832 While assigned to Lempriere, Assistant Commissariat-General at Port Arthur, “Absent without leave taking her Master’s child and returning drunk.” She was sentenced to the Crime Class for 6 months. Few females were assigned to work in the Penal Settlements such as Port Arthur but there must have been something about Ann as so many put up with her rebelliousness.
- 18/9/1834 Still at Port Arthur, “Giving tobacco to prisoners in the settlement and being under the influence of liquor.” She was ordered to serve 6 months in the Female House of Correction.
- 5/9/1835 “Concealing Miles Flinn under her bed” for which she received 2 months in the Crime Class at the Female House of Correction.

Ann married Richard Brain/Bruin in 1822 and they did not appear to have had any children. Ann died in 1836 whilst working for G C Clarke Esquire, Master of Ellenthorpe Hall near Ross.

Sources:

Book ‘*Caught In the Act. Unusual Offences of Convicted Vandemonians*’. Compiled by Phillip Hilton and Susan Hood, 1996, Publisher: Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority.

Female Convicts Research Centre Tasmania website <http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/>

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## INTERNET SITES:

Cyndi ‘s List <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.

The latest uploads <http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html>

Victoria - Bendigo historic rate search <http://glcrates.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/>

Merchant Navy Association (Great Britain) Links <http://www.mna.org.uk/wp/links/#m>

Ireland Catholic Parish Registers <http://registers.nli.ie/>

Channel Islands - <http://members.societe-jersiaise.org/whitsco/MyLinks.htm>

Database for Polish research <http://www.metryki.genealodzy.pl>

Photos of all the cities of England <http://www.viewphotos.org/england/>

Roscommon resources list <http://roscommon.rootsireland.ie>

Abstractions of the Indexes to the Civil Records of Polizzi Generosa and Isnello, Italy <http://www.polizzigenerosaisnelloitaly.net/>

Scottish Post Office directories <http://digital.nls.uk/directories/index.html>

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