



Pensioner Barracks & Parade, 1860s.
(W.A. Museum)

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Meeting Times. Saturday 3rd November 12noon Unit1 WAGS
Meeting Times for 2002 still to be confirmed...See January Newsletter

Please note new venue.

There have been a number of important changes to the library to make it more 'user friendly'. Along with the expansion of the accommodation, the need for more volunteers to man/woman the library has grown. If you have any free time, contact the Librarian Stella Short. Don't worry about lack of experience, as you will be shown the way.

Speaking of Volunteers, the need for help from within our group membership is needed for:

- The position of Secretary is still vacant. If you can fill this role please contact **Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962**
- Newsletter Editor. This position will become vacant at the April AGM. I will be relinquishing this duty. The April 2002 newsletter will be my last. **The Future of the Newsletter is at stake.** There is a need to plan ahead to fill the position, and any member of the EPG Special Interest Group, who is also a member pf WAGS, that thinks they would like to take it on, please make contact with me, and I will explain what it involves.
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The July Newsletter There is a possibility that some members who subscribed near the time of the newsletter being sent out, may have been overlooked. If you are one, please let me know. The changed format of the last newsletter was suggested as a quicker, easier method of printing it off. It has also been suggested that it be printed in the larger font (12) and any submissions be sent in that size.

Editorial. Having stood down from the Deputy Convenorship in April at the AGM, I don't believe it is appropriate for me to write the Convenors' Report any more. I look forward to Lawrence's or the new Deputy Convenor's contribution in future newsletters.

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS for this edition cover a range of subjects and are gratefully received. The newsletters are published quarterly, in January, April, July and October, and submissions should be received by us by the 10th of the month preceding. Dependent on the numbers of submissions, some may be held over for later publication.

Jeanette Lee, is a descendant of Daniel McIntyre, formerly of the 13th Foot, who arrived on the Mermaid in 1851, and also Michael Walsh who arrived on the Merchantman in 1863. Jeanette is a constant contributor to our group, devoting a great deal of her time pouring over the records in Alexander and Battye.

PENSIONERS, Temporary and Permanent.

**Reel 767 CO 18/108 Public Offices part 2
Page 202. 22April-1858 WO-to Undersecretary of State CO.**

With reference to your enquiry as to the meaning of "temporary pensioners" I am directed to state, that such pensions are granted for periods varying from 3 months to 3 years and upwards, on the discharge of the pensioner from his regiment according to the nature of his disability, the circumstances under which it originated, and his claim from previous services: such temporary pensions dates from the period of the man's discharge from the Army and has no reference to any subsequent employment he may obtain as a pensioner.

Daniel Sullivan's pension expired on the way out, consequently when his engagement as a Convict Guard terminated he had nothing further to receive, having already been paid all he was entitled to under the regulations of the Army and service as a Convict Guard is too temporary a character to found any claim for pension. In regard to the enquiry, whether no amount of service or good conduct entitles a soldier to claim a pension unless he can shew disease I am further directed to state that till the Limited Service Act came into operation, under which pensions can be claimed after the second period of service, though no disability be alleged, no soldier can claim one merely on the completion of a certain service, as a matter of right, but practically after the completion of from 21 to 24 years, no great strictness has of late been observed in regard to the disability. The statement of being 'worn out', 'suffering from rheumatic pains', 'difficulty of breathing', or any other of the complaints which, after the above service, coupled with the medical certificate of their inability for further service, has generally been considered sufficient to warrant their discharge on permanent pension but the form of having some disability or cause of discharge assigned have always to be gone through except on reduction of Establishment.

Ship	No of Pens.	Permanent	Non Permanent
Wm. Hammond	30	29men 20w, 40ch	1 man
Runnymede	30	26m, 15m, 35ch.	4 men, 2w, 3ch.
Clara	30	27m 20w, 39ch.	3 men, 2w, 1ch.
Total	90	82m 55w 114ch.	8m, 4w, 4ch

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Merv Darcy, who is a descendant of John Stokes formerly of the 63rd Regiment, a member of the Enrolled Pensioner Force who arrived on the 15th August 1865 on the Racehorse has shared with us the following points of interest.

- Two of **John Stokes (EPF)** Grandson's are still living. Percy Stokes who celebrated his 101st birthday on the 28th August 2001, and his brother Cyril who is 88 years old.
- Further , their father William Stokes married Annie Maguire whose father James Maguire organized the escape of the famous Fenian John Boyle O'Reilly.
- Harold John Stokes, Grandson of **John Stokes (EPF)** served in the First World War in the 44th AIF. This battalion was first given the name 'Digger' which was later adopted by all AIF troops. Merv has the original newspaper cutting that supports this fact.

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Jean McDonald, descendant of E.P.G. Robert Helliwell, formerly of the 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, Hon EIC, who arrived in this Colony on the William Hammond in March 1856, drew our attention to an article written by Andre Malan in the Big Weekend section of the West Australian on Saturday August 18th 2001. The article was about the global communication of today through the Internet and the outdated 'Telegraph Service' which was discontinued in 1988. Jean has been a regular contributor to our newsletter.

[“In WA the first telegram was sent at precisely 11am on June 21, 1869, from the Acting Governor, Lieut-Col John Bruce, on a line that had been strung on jarrah poles along the banks of the river, to the chairman of the Fremantle Town Trust, congratulating him on this “annihilation of distance between the port and the capital”.

The room from which the first telegram was sent is now part of the gents toilet at the Town Hall, and the telegraphist was a ticket –or-leave Scot named James Coats Fleming who had been transported to Fremantle for, among other misdemeanours, selling blackened sawdust to merchants in Glasgow under the pretence that it was tea leaves.

(Fleming provided an excellent example of the virtues of transportation and the power of redemption. After being granted his ticket of leave he became a journalist on The Inquirer and Commercial News, and a principal of the William Street Academy, in which ”a number of boys were schooled”.)

According to a contemporary account of the sending of the first telegram, an orderly was dispatched from Government House to the Town Hall with the message to be telegraphed to Fremantle. Afterwards he returned to Government House and told Colonel Bruce he was sure the message had not been sent because he had been watching the wire closely and had not seen it move.”]

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*Request to buy secondhand book “The Veterans” by F.H. Broomhall.
Please ring 9459 3280*

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Don't overlook the 'Convict Links', the quarterly Newsletter of the Convict Historical and Research Group for resources for our old soldiers. The October 1999 issue mentioned the transcribed and bound copies of Surgeons' Journals for 10 convict ships to WA in the Battye Library. They have been transcribed by John Kelly

Vimeira	Q910.45 CRA	Lord Raglan	Q910.45 BOW
Lincelles	Q910.45 CRA	Clara	Q910.45 CRA
Corona	Q910.45 CRA	Clyde	Q910.45 CRA
Norwood(1)	Q910.45 SAU	Norwood(2)	Q910.45 SAU
Racehorse	Q910.45 WAT	Merchantman(2)	Q910.45 SMI

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**MORE EXTRACTS FROM 'EARLY DAYS', JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL
W.A.HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Concerning Enrolled Pensioner Guards.**

Vol2 Part 15 page 29, 1934

Extracts from Journal of Thomas Scott.

His description of W.A. including Perth in 1870 mentions **Pensioners Barracks** – 'like a giant guard over the city'. Also mentions seeing a review of **Pensioners and Perth Volunteers** before His Excellency the Governor – "...pretty good turn out considering that more than one-half of the volunteers were colonials, who as a general thing are anything but gainly."

Vol2 Part 19 Page 39, 1936

Relations between Settlers and Aborigines in Western Australia by A.O. Neville.

Comments on 1850 and the arrival of convicts, soldiers and pensioners with wives and families. 'In 1860 settlers, soldiers and Pensioners numbered about 16,000'.

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Gay Fielding is descended from EPG John Campbell, formerly 42nd Regiment of Foot, then 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade, who arrived in WA in 1851 per 'Minden'. Gay is a member who lives in Queensland and therefore does not have easy access to the records in Battye and Alexander. She is interested in identifying the ship on which John Campbell and family left W.A., and the destination, possibly between 1864-1866. Gay has passed on the following advice to assist those researching their Enrolled Pensioners who were formerly in the Hon. East India Company ranks.

This from the British Library/OIOC website (British Library, Oriental and India Office Collections).

Reference Private soldiers in the East India Company. The records that would cover their careers would be:

- The Enlistment Registers
- The Bengal, Madras and Bombay Muster Rolls

And should give details of their previous occupations plus a physical description (enlistment Registers) and careers (Muster Rolls).

Both the Bengal and Madras Muster Rolls had been filmed by the Mormons and therefore ~~should be available on Microfilm in Australia~~. However I could not ascertain if the Bombay Muster rolls had been filmed by them as it did not indicate 'Mormon' alongside the shelfmark and film number in our catalogue. I am not too sure how up to date the catalogue is, so it might be worth checking if the Bombay Muster Rolls have also been filmed by them and can be obtained in Australia.

The same has to be said for the Enlistment Registers: the microfilm register shows certain of the series have been filmed but there are others which again do not have 'Mormon' placed alongside them. However once again it would be well worth checking to see how much or how little has been microfilmed and is available there.

Should you find that you will have to apply to this office again for some of the above material, because it is not held by the Latter Day Saints, I am afraid that due to lack of time and staff we will be unable to undertake the type of lengthy searches that you would require. However attached to this e-mail is a list of record/research agents who are experienced in working with our records and would be able to spend time on such searches.

This list is included in this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE The Oriental and India Office Collections makes this list freely available, but does not conduct negotiations on behalf of enquirers. All arrangements (including those for payment) should be conducted directly between an enquirer and his or her chosen research agent.

HOW TO LOCATE AND ORDER A FILM FOR VIEWING AT YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE , from the Family History Library Catalogue which is online, is also included in this newsletter.

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New Book

"Midwest of Western Australia"...Pre 1901 Pioneer Family Register, Geraldton Family History Society Incorporated. Published by Geraldton Family History Society Incorporated, P.O. Box 2502, Geraldton W.A. 6531 \$27.50 plus \$6 postage. (Information from Daphne Byrne.)

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State Records Office/Alexander Library

CSR Vol 641	PAUPERS	4 TH JAN – 15 TH DEC.1869
FOLIO 98	Perth 23.3.1869	To the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

"The building lately occupied by the military under Mt. Eliza having now opened as a Depot for Colonial Paupers and Invalids". Requests for state contracts to be established. Thomas Harris to be overseer and Joseph Dewes, assistant overseer at the Invalids Depot at Mt. Eliza.

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ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARD INTEREST LIST

NAME	FIRST NAME/S.	REGIMENT	SHIP	EPG/PENS/WARDER
O'Connor	Jeremiah		Dudbrook	EPG
Oliver	William		Phoebe Dunbar	EPG
O'Sullivan	Patrick		Merchantman 2	EPG
Passmore	Henry		Racehorse	Chief Warder
Pinker	Isaac		Arafura	Warder
Plant	David		Belgravia	Warder
Postans	George		Scindian	
Pusey/Dobson				
Ramsay	Robert		Minden	EPG
Reddin	Michael		Scindian	EPG
Redmond	Michael		Hougoumont	EPG
Reilly	John	57th	Sultana	EPG
Reilly	Joseph		Pyrenees 2	EPG
Reilly	Michael		Edwin Fox	EPG
Rice	Matthew		Clyde	EPG
Rickey	Walter		Robert Small	EPG
Rutley	George		Naval Brigade	EPG
Savage	William		Phoebe Dunbar	EPG
Scanion	Frederick		Clara 2	EPG
Scott	not James			
Shea	Patrick		Dudbrook	EPG
Sheridan	Bernard		Clara 1	EPG
Shinners	Daniel	EIC	Lord Raglan	EPG
Sigston	Charles		Lincelles	EPG
Smith	Isaac		Clara 2	EPG
Smith	James	99th	Clyde	EPG
Smith	William		Sultana	EPG
Stewart	Daniel		Merchantman 1	EPG
Stokes	John		Racehorse	EPG
Stone	James		William Hammond	EPG
Stone	William		Sultana	EPG
Sullivan	John	10th	Sea Park	EPG
Sutton	Samuel		Scindian	EPG
Sweeny	Alexander		Norwood	EPG
Throssell	Michael		Scindian	EPG
Tomas	Alexander		Stag	
Trayhorne	Richard		Hashemy	EPG
Tulley	Brian		Norwood	EPG
Tunney	John		Dudbrook	EPG
Turner	John	90th	Clyde	EPG
Urquhart	William		Ramillies	EPG
Vagg	Edward		Norwood 2	EPG
Vance	John		Racehorse	EPG
Walsh	Michael			
Walsh	Michael	49th	Merchantman 1	EPG
Walsh	Nicholas		Belgravia	EPG
Weir	William		Belgravia	EPG
Whelan	Thomas		Hougoumont	EPG
White	James			
White	William John		Adelaide	EPG
Whitely	James	31st	Minden	EPG
Wimbridge	William		Pyrenees 2	EPG
Woolhouse	Jeremiah		Ramillies	EPG
Wright/Sturman	Joseph George		Racehorse	EPG
Young	Thomas		Stag	EPG

MORE ABOUT THE EIC

You will have to bear with me a little., as I am indulging myself with all this help in researching the old soldiers in the EIC, as that is where my old soldier, Michael Reilly was. Since starting with this group, my own research has stalled, and I am looking forward to starting up again in the new year. **The following information has been sent by Sue Baddeley in the UK.**

‘The HEIC Army setup was different to the British Army, and whilst I was researching I found that there are 9 record types which covered a man’s enlistment details...I found that of those 9, 3 should be looked at together....The Pension District Enlistment Registers, the Depot Muster Registers and the Embarkation Registers (either District or Depot)...in most cases the same information is found, but where the marital state is concerned it is rare that the District Enlistment Registers will annotate whether the recruit is married prior to enlistment... where-as if the wife accepted, the Embarkation Returns will show her being on board and on the odd occasion will give the first name of wife and child.....

Another thing to note is ...sometimes a page from a record isn’t filmed...eg Peter Augustus Lautour’s baptismal entry is missing from the LDS film but it’s in the Madras Baptismal Register.”

Sue also suggests going to the Reid Library to have a look at the microfilms they hold from the IOL....’Robyn Hukin did a transcription of the titles and contents of these films and put it in the Western Ancestor 6-8 years ago now....these films are a treasure and are one of the few sets (if not the only one) to be found outside the IOLOC.....’

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CORRECTION.

Since our last newsletter, it has been brought to our attention about the relationship of Michael Benson (buried in the East Perth Cemetery) to William Finlay, an EPG.

The lists of East Perth Cemetery occupants were collated with ‘The Veterans’ by FH Broomhall and ‘The Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians’ pre 1829 –1888. Volumes 1-1V compiled by Rica Erickson.

The information collated from these three books, were then listed as EPG/Warders and or their families listed in the EP Cemeteries.

In the Bicentennial Dictionary under ‘Benson Michael, has him married to Mary Finlay, daughter of William and Marjory. Under Finlay-- Finlay Mary, daughter of William and Marjory, M: Michael Benson.

Evidently, whoever gave the information for the compilers of the Bicentennial Dictionary, had their information mixed up.

From the information we received:

Mary Finlay married John Benson, son of Michael and his wife Margaret. Margaret is not mentioned in the Bicentennial Dictionary, but is in the East Perth Cemetery Lists. Buried in the R.C. Section with their daughter, son in law and two grandchildren. Margaret is listed, at 94 years, as the oldest person in the East Perth Cemetery..

If any members have discovered any discrepancies with their EPG entries in Broomhall's or the Bicentennial Dictionary, could they please let us know, so that a note can be made.

This again emphasizes the need to check the Primary Sources when you are researching. (ED)

Daphne Byrne

MILITARY SITES ON THE WEB (From Battye)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australian 16th Regiment: <http://www.starwon.com.au/~skip/>

AUSTRALIAN

Australian War Memorial: <http://www.awm.gov.au/>

ANZACS's who Died at Gallipoli, 1915 <http://www.anzacs.org/>

Royal Australian Navy: <http://www.navy.gov.au/>

BRITISH

Imperial War Museum, London: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/>

National Army Museum, Chelsea, London:
<http://www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/>

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London:
<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/>

Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, London:
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/>

WORLD WAR 1

Trenches on the Web: an Internet history of World War 1:
<http://worldwar1.com/>

THE MOUNT ELIZA DEPOT.

Throughout our research into the Enrolled Pensioner Force there are references made to the Convict Hiring Stations or 'Depots' throughout the Colony. At the end of 1853, there were 1045 convicts in the Fremantle Establishment, and the branches at North Fremantle, Freshwater Bay, Clarence, Guildford, Greenmount and Toodyay Road, and apparently about 300 at Hiring Stations (depots) further afield, at Toodyay, York, Bunbury, King George's Sound, **Mt. Eliza**, Port Gregory, and York Greenmount. At each of the depots, except Port Gregory, north of Geraldton, a chaplain for convicts was also stationed. Where the convicts went, there also were members of the Enrolled Pensioner Force. The Mount Eliza Depot is frequently mentioned in records.

"Springing from History", by Mr. William de Burgh, a local historian and author of "The Breakaways"

Under Mt. Eliza, at the north-east edge of the Swan Brewery is a spring of fresh water. This spring and the flat area of ground was used by aborigines in the early days as a camping and fishing spot. It is thought they had a path up the cleft to hunting grounds in what is now known as Kings Park.

The earliest use the colonists made of the important site where the Swan Brewery buildings still stand, was to build a small shipyard. After this venture was abandoned, the Government started an institution in 1833 for the welfare and instruction of the native people. But few availed themselves of the service, and the school was moved. In 1838 the buildings comprising the former native institution were licenced for the operation of a flour mill. In July 1839 the Perth Gazette reported that the steam mill commenced working. The Government was satisfied with its performance and the partners were given freehold title to the block designated 'Perth Suburban Lot 6' in July 1840. Though mechanically successful, the mill ran into financial troubles.

The premises at Mount Eliza, with imposing two storey building, tall chimney, miller's house, outbuildings and jetty, were then occupied by John Stringer and his family. He was a director of the Western Australian Bank. The Stringer family left the colony in 1846, and the 'steam mills (so called) was sold to Henry and Robert de Burgh (sheep graziers). It was to remain in the de Burgh family for the next 33 years.

The First site of the Mt. Eliza Depot was in fact the old steam mill. It was used from June 1850 until the end of 1851 as a temporary ticket-of-leave hiring depot. It was during this time that the Mount Eliza Depot was built at the site of the Kennedy Fountain, to the east of the mill. When I spoke to Mr. DeBurgh, he said that Robert de Burgh and family lived next door to the Mount Eliza Depot for about 5 years before moving to Caversham in January 1856.

The early Days of Mt. Eliza...

Chapter One of 'The History of Sunset Hospital' by Ann Whyntie.

According to these records, the building was erected in 1853 by a total of 223 male convicts. (Comptroller General's Correspondence 25th Feb. 1853). Progress was slow as twenty eight of the men could not be spared from North Fremantle where they were building Pensioners' cottages, warders' quarters and the hospital.

By 1863 the work station at Mount Eliza became the hiring depot for Perth where unemployed ticket-of-leavers were forwarded to wait for work.

1868 saw the end of Transportation and the ready source of labour it provided.

Early in 1869 the Imperial Government handed over to the Colonial Government all buildings connected with Convict Establishments including the Mount Eliza Depot. It was vacated by the 14th Regiment and fitted out as an asylum for old and incapable male paupers. There were 83 paupers needing indoor relief at that time.

By 1872, the buildings had come to be known as the Invalid Depot, the original buildings housing the paupers for 10 years. An extension was completed in May 1880.

All able bodied Paupers were employed from 8 am to noon, and from 1 to 6 p.m. with domestic and outside gardening duties, and assisting the sick.

There are copious records in the State Records Office records on the ground floor at Alexander about the conditions in the Depot, the duties expected of the 'inmates', the formalities of being 'admitted into the depot', the food, the privations, the 'selective' admissions for 'indoor and outdoor relief', the surrendering of pensions for upkeep, the 'labelling' of poor souls, the harsh assessments of needs.

I have attempted to summarise these records in the CSO with reference to the Enrolled Pensioners and their families, to assist members with their research. From 1862 to 1883 they have been summarized and the records are still being collated for our records in WAGS. An example of the items summarized:-

CSR Volume 505 PAUPERS Mar. – Dec 1862

Folio 122 Application for poor relief by James Mahony and wife Ellen Mahony.

You can see from the information, what the name is, and the reference is for you to look for if you are researching James Mahony. I still have to do the indexes.

Sunset Hospital, previously known as the Old Mens' Home, was built on a rise overlooking the Swan River at Freshwater Bay in Dalkeith, W.A. Work commenced on the building in 1904 and the first men were admitted in March 1906 and it was proclaimed a Poorhouse. In late 1939 the name was changed from the 'Old Men's Home to 'Sunset.

Old women were first housed in an "Old Women's Home" in Murray Street Perth, and later in the 'Asylum" in Fremantle. Although they lived under the same type of regulations as the men it seemed to be a greater crime to be poor if you were female.

Sunset Hospital, Its History and Function. By Ann T. Whyntie can be found in "Early Days", The Journal of the Western Australian Historical Society) Volume 8, Part5.

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Military enquiries

ORDERING FILMS FROM THE LDS , FAMILY HISTORY CATALOGUE.

1. First go to the LDS site: <http://www.familysearch.org/> . It will open on the 'Ancestor Search' page. There are two other main search options: Keyword Search or Custom Search.
2. Click on CUSTOM SEARCH (these options are shown on blue/grey tabs just under the main page heading).
3. You should now be looking at a page containing 8 clickable categories, as follows, each with a brief description:

- Ancestral File
- International Genealogical Index (the IGI)
- Pedigree Resource File
- Family History Library Catalog
- Family History Centers
- SourceGuide
- Web Sites
- Collaboration Lists

Click on the Family History Library Catalog (don't worry, you can check out some of the others later!)

4. When the FHLC screen comes up you will be given 3 search options. Now comes the fun - it is easy to miss finding a category of records by searching under 'wrong' or just 'different' criteria. Try these:

- a) All searches - Author - India_Office - Accountant General's Department
- b) Place - India - (eg) Military records - Indexes
- c) Place - Great Britain (&/or England) - then a subject, eg Military Records etc

5. Each search method will bring up a different list of continuation options.

For example, a) above will bring up another list including pension records. wills indexes, click on the one you want. At each stage of the search a new screen with catalogue information and clickable links will pop up.

6. When the catalogue information screen is arrived at, there will usually be a clickable tab on the top right of the main frame which says: "View Film Notes".

Click on this and you will then get a list of all the film numbers and brief description of what is contained on the film. You now have all the info needed to order a film for viewing at your local LDS Family History Centre.

Of course, you didn't need to read the above waffle past item 3. as full instructions for using the Catalog are shown in the right frame as you progress through the site. Secondly, most (?all) LDS FHCs should have the Catalog available both on CD ROM and on microfiche (there are 3 fiche making up the India catalogue and they are good for a browse!!)