



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

**ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS**  
a Special Interest Group of the  
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**Convenors' Report:-**

By the time of our July meeting, our *Special Interest Group* will be 5 months old, and as at 14th June we have 207 E.P.G. on our register, and researchers all over Australia registering an interest. We thank all those who are supporting us at WAGS and in the wider community. The enthusiasm of researchers to contribute information and learn more about their particular ancestor is exciting.

On the 1st of June, the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Scindian, and the first EPG, was celebrated at the Claremont Museum. The museum staff were very supportive and, with Jack Herbert, organised the event which was well attended -an estimate of 140

We are having discussions with the Bassendean Council and Bassendean Historical Society, about the possibility of using the "Pensioner Guard Cottage" in Surrey Street as a museum for the "Enrolled Pensioner Guard". **The cottage is open on the last Sunday each month between 1.30 and 4p.m. if you wish to visit and support the Historical Society.** There is a very nice park and barbecue area at Point Reserve 100 metres down the road if you wish to make a nice outing of it.

**Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962 Deputy Convenor Phillipa Ward 9276 7305**

One or both of us will be at WAGS from noon until 2 p.m. most Thursdays.

**Meeting times for the year 2000**

Saturday 15th July 12noon

Sunday 22nd October 12noon

These meetings will be held at Unit 4 WAGS

**Agenda for Meeting Saturday 15th July** -Meetings held at Unit 4 WAGS at **12 noon**

**Speaker** Introduction to "Basic Research", by Bev Iffla, Convenor of Convict Group. She will give a half hour talk on how to get started.

**Speaker** Paul Bridges, (Deputy Curator at Fremantle Artillery Barracks/ Deputy Chairperson of Bassendean Centenary Committee), will bring with him his private collection of a Pensioner Guard's Kit dating back to 1851

\* Request for volunteers

\* The rest of the meeting will be devoted to sharing information and a "Can You Help?" Session.

**Bring your own lunch along if needed. Tea, coffee and biscuits available for 30 cents.**

## Researchers Slot

- \* **Western Australian Genealogical Society has a list of researchers available on request.**  
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- \* **Recommended by members of E.P.G *Special Interest Group***

A. J. McMillan,  
3 Milton Ave,  
West Cott,  
DORKING,  
SURREY RH 4 3QA  
ENGLAND  
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- \* Sue Baddeley,

Sue is a Western Australian, living in the U.K. and is a professional Historical Researcher specialising in pre 1857 British Military history and in particular Military Pensioners.

She is a descendant of the second wife of the Enrolled Pensioner Guard William Gaunt.

Over the past 18 years she's compiled a database recording the names, rank, regiment, date to pension, domicile and ship arrival of 1342 W.A. Enrolled Pensioner Guards and Warders.

Information on the Honourable East India Company (HEIC), EPG.

**email her on [msjb2@hotmail.com](mailto:msjb2@hotmail.com)** for her fees and terms of business

Speak to convenor if postal address required.  
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## Research Tips

- \* Do as much of your own research through the extensive sources of records available in Australia before engaging a researcher - it's much more fun and cheaper.
- \* Be specific about what information you want a researcher to find for you.
- \* Be prepared for a researcher not being able to find information.
- \* Check, check, and check again information obtained from secondary sources, especially information downloaded on the internet
- \* Try to avoid writing to military museums for specific information on an ancestor, as military museums have limited resources and rarely hold information on "other ranks".
- \* Not all W.A. Enrolled Pensioner Guards have been discharged to pension from the British Army. Over 200 are EIC (East India Company) Military pensioners and there are also Royal Marines.
- \* Get the best quality copies possible of your primary source documents, certificates and photographs, then put your precious originals in a safe place. NEVER let them out of your hands.

**BOOKS OF INTEREST TO THE RESEARCHER OF *ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS***

|   |   |
|---|---|
| THE VETERANS  | By F.H. Broomhall. A history of the Enrolled Pensioner Force in Western Australia, 1850 -1880 |
| DICTIONARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA                               | Ericson, Rita   |
| IN SEARCH OF THE "FORLORN HOPE"                               | Kitzmiller, John M<br>Guide to locating British Regiments and Records                         |
| HOW TO TRACE YOUR ARMY ANCESTRY IN AUSTRALIA                  | R.M. Montague   |
| MY ANCESTOR WAS IN THE BRITISH ARMY                           | Watts, Michael J. and Watts, Christopher.   |
| HARTS ANNUAL ARMY LIST  |   |
| IN SEARCH OF ARMY ANCESTRY                                    | Hamilton Edwards. G.  |
| BRITISH ARMY PENSIONERS ABROAD 1772 -1899                     | Norman K. Crowder   |
| FAMILY ROOTS  | Stella Colwell  |
| GONE FOR A SOLDIER  |   |
| CONQUEST AND SETTLEMENT                                       | The 21st Regiment in W.A., 1833 -1840<br>Blackburn, Geoff                                     |
| BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES IN THE INDIA OFFICE LIBRARY              | Baxter, Ian   |
| TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE U.K.      |   |
| CONVICT RECORDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA<br>A RESEARCH GUIDE      | O'Mara, Gillian. Lists surgeons journals available in Perth                                   |
| DEAD RECKONING  | How to find your way through the Genalogical Jungle of Western Australia. Howell, Steve       |
| NATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIP ARRIVALS, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND | Peake, Andrew G   |
| LOG OF LOGS (VOL2)  | Nicholson, Ian  |
| PEOPLE OF PERTH   | Stannage  |
| THE CONVICT SHIPS   | Bateson, Charles  |
| THE UNWILLING IMMIGRANTS                                      |   |
| THE FATAL SHORE   | Hughes, R A history of transportation of convicts to Australia, 1781-1868                     |
| INTERNET FOR GENEALOGY  | Hawgood. David  |
| WEB SITES FOR GENEALOLOGISTS                                  | Num, Cora   |

## LOCALITIES

|           |                   |   |
|-----------|-------------------|---|
| Armadale  | FIRST STAGE SOUTH | a history of the Armadale/Kelmscott District Popham D.                |
| Claremont | CLAREMONT         | A history of Claremont, by Bolton, Geoff and Craig, Jenny             |
| "         | JAN DOO           | An educational aid by Claremont Museum for secondary school students. |
| Kojonup   | FIRST THE SPRING  | Bignel, Merle   |
| Midwest   | WOOLHOUSE         | Cora Morgan's memoirs.  |

**THE LIBRARIAN AT WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HAS PREPARED A LIST WHICH IS INDEXED TO MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND REFERENCE MATERIAL IN WAGS LIBRARY.**

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## RESOURCES

### **Book List**

A loose leaf copy of the book list has been included with this newsletter. Please note, WAGS has made up a list of these books and indexed them to make it easier to find them in WAGS library. We have since acquired a copy of "**Jan Doo**", a history of Claremont, and "**Bassendean, a Social History 1829 -1879**" by Jenny Carter.

**A Resource File**, compiled from your information plus research we have carried out is now in the WAGS Library. Those with a particular area of interest and living in the country, we will copy pertinent sections for you.

**Shipping list of Convict Ships** - a loose leaf has been included

**Military Research List** - by Sue Baddeley - a loose leaf has been included

**The Register** is growing, and there is now a copy in the WAGS Library cross referenced with researchers. All duplications of research interests have been notified to this date

**Addenda to the "Veterans"**. This was noted when WAGS indexed our library list. The items are mainly very small with a couple of exceptions. Please note to check this list as well as "The Veterans"

**Jean McDonald**, who gave a talk at the 15th April meeting about her **Enrolled Pensioner Guard, Robert Helliwell**, has given us a copy of her paper for the benefit of interested members who may gain some information which will assist in their search for the story of their ancestor

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**Sources for Researching  
An Enrolled Pensioner Guard Ancestor  
in W.A. and Beyond.**

Sue Baddeley (1996)

**Where do I begin in Battye?**

1. *The Veterans* by Frank Broomhall.
2. *Dictionary of Western Australians*. By Rica Erickson. 1850 onwards.
3. WABI Card Index.
4. Registrar Generals' Records.
5. Colonial Secretary's Office- Inward and Outward Correspondence. (1850+)  
- All subject headings.
6. *Colonial System*. Rare Books section of Battye.

**First Floor Alexander Library**

7. AJCP Reels-for army records (WO22/248 -Reel No 1302)  
- for Ships Logs and Surgeons' Logs.

**Further Sources**

- \* Land Records
- \* Wills/Admons Probate
- \* Cemetary Records
- \* Newspapers
- \* Rate Books
- \* Post Office Directories
- \* .Electoral Rolls
- \* .. Private Collections

**Major UK Sources**

**Public Record Office (PRO) Kew**

- \* WO97 -Soldier's Discharge Documents
- \* WO22 -Pension District Returns
- \* WO23 -Chelsea Hospital Out Pension Registers
- \* WO23 - " " " " " " for EIC Pensioners
- \* WO12 -Pay and muster Rolls
- \* ADM157 -Description Book Royal Marines

**British Library Oriental and India Office Collections -London**

- \* L/Mil/9 -Register of European Recruits
- \* L/MIL/ -Depot Description Books
- \* L/Mil/ -Embarkation Returns- Chelsea Hospital for EIC Pensioners
- \* L/AG/23/ -Pension Admission Returns
- \* N/- -Ecclesiastical Returns

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SHIPPING

LIST OF CONVICT SHIPS AND COMPLEMENT OF EPG AND FAMILIES

PENSIONER GUARDS ON CONVICT SHIPS 1850-1868

Compiled from "The Veterans" by F.H. Broomhall and notes by Sandra Taylor.

Enrolled Pensioners, Imperial Servicemen etc.

| Ship            | Arrival    | Total<br>pass. | Total<br>Convicts | Enrolled Pensioners, Imperial Servicemen etc. |            |            |           |              |           | Migrants<br>and<br>Migrants<br>Servants<br>(fem.) | Total<br>Free |          |        |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---|---------------|----------|--------|
|                 |            |                |                   | Bond<br>& free                                | Landed     | MEN        |           | WOMEN        |           |   |               | CHILDREN |        |
|                 |            |                |                   |   |            | E.N.P.     | Others    | E.N.P.       | Others    |   |               | E.N.P.   | Others |
| Scindian        | June 1850  | 275            | 75                | 55  | 12         | 29         | 6         | 79           | 5         | 14  | 200           |          |        |
| Hashemy         | Oct. 1850  | 231            | 100               | 32  | 6          | 24         | 7         | 48           |           | 14  | 131           |          |        |
| Mermald         | May 1851   | 299            | 208               | 29  |            | 23         |           | 39           |           |   | 91            |          |        |
| Pyrenees (1)    | June 1851  | 389            | 293               | 30  |            | 25         |           | 41           |           |   | 116           |          |        |
| Mindou          | Oct. 1851  | 416            | 301               | 40  |            | 26         |           | 49           |           |   | 115           |          |        |
| Marion          | Jan. 1852  | 309            | 279               |   | 30         |            |           |              |           |   | 30            |          |        |
| William Jardine | Aug. 1852  | 314            | 212               | 29  | 1          | 23         | 2         | 43           | 4         |   | 102           |          |        |
| Dudbrook        | Feb. 1853  | 311            | 208               | 30  | 4          | 24         |           | 45           |           |   | 103           |          |        |
| Pyrenees (2)    | Apr. 1853  | 387            | 293               | 30  |            | 24         |           | 40           |           |   | 94            |          |        |
| Robert Small    | Aug. 1853  | 399            | 300               | 29  | 1          | 23         |           | 46           |           |   | 99            |          |        |
| Phoebe Dunbar   | Aug. 1853  | 379            | 286               | 30  |            | 20         |           | 43           |           |   | 93            |          |        |
| General Godwin  | Mar. 1854  | 28             | 15                |   | 11         |            | 1         |              | 1?        |   | 13            |          |        |
| Sea Park        | Apr. 1854  | 484            | 304               | 30  | 84         | 23         | ?         | 43           | ?         |   | 180           |          |        |
| Ramillies       | Aug. 1854  | 371            | 277               | 30  |            | 22         |           |              |           |   | 94            |          |        |
| Guide           | Jan. 1855  | 21             | 6                 |   | 15         |            |           | 35           |           |   | 15            |          |        |
| Stag            | May. 1855  | 314            | 225               | 30  |            | 24         |           | 42           |           |   | 89            |          |        |
| Adelaide        | July 1855  | 352            | 259               | 30  |            | 21         |           | 40           |           |   | 93            |          |        |
| William Hammond | Apr. 1856  | 339            | 250               | 29  |            | 20         |           | 40           |           |   | 89            |          |        |
| Runnymede       | Sep. 1856  | 337            | 248               | 30  |            | 19         |           | 43           |           |   | 89            |          |        |
| Clara (1)       | July 1857  | 357            | 262               | 29  |            | 23         |           |              |           |   | 95            |          |        |
| Clty of Palaces | Aug. 1857  | 4              | 4                 |   |            |            |           |              |           |   | -             |          |        |
| Nile            | Jan. 1858  | 308            | 268               |   | 40         |            |           |              |           |   | 40            |          |        |
| Caduceus        | Feb. 1858  | 4              | 1                 |   | 3          |            |           |              |           |   | 3             |          |        |
| Lord Raglan     | June 1858  | 352            | 268               | 30  | 1          | 21         | 1         | 29           | 2         |   | 84            |          |        |
| Albuera         | Oct. 1858  | 11             | 11                |   |            |            |           |              |           |   | -             |          |        |
| Edwin Fox       | Nov. 1858  | 362            | 280               | 30  |            | 30         |           | 22           |           |   | 82            |          |        |
| Sultana         | Aug. 1859  | 366            | 224               | 50  | 6          | 31         | 6         | 40           | 8         | 1   | 142           |          |        |
| Frances         | Nov. 1859  | 1              | 1                 |   |            |            |           |              |           |   | -             |          |        |
| Palmerston      | Feb. 1861  | 399            | 293               | 30  | 7          | 20         |           | 49           |           |   | 106           |          |        |
| Llncelles       | Jan. 1862  | 384            | 304               | 30  | 2          | 17         |           | 31           |           |   | 80            |          |        |
| Norwood (1)     | June 1862  | 382            | 290               | 30  | 3          | 21         |           | 38           |           |   | 92            |          |        |
| York            | Dec. 1862  | 407            | 299               | 49  | 4          | 24         |           | 31           |           |   | 108           |          |        |
| Merchantman (1) | Feb. 1863  | 339            | 192               | 50  | 8          | 35         |           | 54           |           |   | 147           |          |        |
| Clyde           | May. 1863  | 470            | 320               | 50  |            | 35         |           | 65           |           |   | 150           |          |        |
| Lord Dalhousie  | Dec. 1863  | 359            | 270               | 30  | 3          | 20         | 1         | 35           | ?         |   | 89            |          |        |
| Clara (2)       | Apr. 1864  | 413            | 301               | 28  | 5          | 20         | 5?        | 39           | 15        |   | 112           |          |        |
| Merchantman (2) | Sep. 1864  | 353            | 258               | 28  | 9          | 18         |           | 40           |           |   | 95            |          |        |
| Racehorse       | Aug. 1865  | 450            | 273               | 50  | 5          | 31         | 4         | 78           | 4         |   | 172           |          |        |
| Vimiera         | Dec. 1865  | 378            | 279               | 30  | 6          | 23         | 3         | 37           |           |   | 99            |          |        |
| Belgravia       | July. 1866 | 381            | 275               | 30  | 4          | 23         | 4         | 43           | 2         |   | 106           |          |        |
| Corona          | Dec. 1866  | 383            | 304               | 30  | 3          | 20         | 1         | 25           |           |   | 79            |          |        |
| Norwood         | July. 1867 | 334            | 253               | 30  | 4          | 17         |           |              | 30        |   | 81            |          |        |
| Hougoumont      | Jan. 1868  | 387            | 279               | 44  | 8          | 18         | 4         | 25           | 9         |   | 108           |          |        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |            | <b>13,539</b>  | <b>9,653</b>      | <b>1,191</b>                                  | <b>285</b> | <b>817</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>1,469</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>29</b>   | <b>3,886</b>  |          |        |

Source: R Erickson, *Dictionary of Western Australians 1829 - 1914, Volume II: Bond 1850 - 1868.*

University of Western Australia Press, Nedlands 1979, pp. 606-607

- \* Per "Researching an EPG" ( see loose leaf 1 ) WO97 and all records above, are available in Australia.
- \* Anyone who has a soldier who served in India, check Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in India -through LDS Library . (Church of Latter Day Saints)
- \* Internet- check India List - may get some information, freebie but no guarantee.  
**INDIA-L@rootsweb.com**
- \* Hart's Army Lists after mid 1850 includes EIC **officers** which will tell where most regiments were stationed.
- \* "Gone for a Soldier" - book about all other ranks.  
"Forlorn Hope" - 2nd source to regiments.
- \* Other sources of information, -Freemasons and other lodges, and R.S.L.

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Thank you Sue for putting this list together. We were fortunate to have Sue Baddeley as a last minute inclusion as a speaker at our meeting on 15th May, her subject Military Research.. Bev Ifila (Convenor of Convict Group) who was due to speak on Basic Research, kindly stood aside so that we could take advantage of Sue's brief visit to Perth.

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**WO97 -SOLDIERS DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS- as a resource in your research. Provide the complete, correctly spelled name, and Regiment**

**Information which you will receive:-**

- Date discharged
- Where born
- When enlisted
- Where enlisted
- Age on enlistment
- Trade
- Where served - time in areas of conflict
- How many Good Conduct Medals
- Other medals
- Promotions
- Character
- Surgeons report on why discharged to pension
- Age on discharge
- Description
- Pension District

**As you can see, this is a valuable document.**

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**Greenough Region**

If you have an interest in the above, please contact

Mrs. Carol Cahill,  
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Geraldton 6530  
Tel 9964 5338

Carol is collating research on Pioneers in the region.

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## Contributions

Thank you Josephine Sanders for lists of convicts and EPG on the Scindian on the 1st June 1850

Thank you Jeanette Lee for the maps of North Fremantle.

Jack Herbert spared no effort in encouraging the Claremont Museum to have its Open Day on the 1st June and prepared the display about the arrival of the Scindian, the Enrolled Pensioner Guards etc., A special "Thank You", Jack, from all of us.

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## Articles for newsletter.

We would like contributions in the form of:-

- \* Profiles of EPG ancestor and family
- \* Advice on resources you have found useful and **how** you accessed information,
- \* Questions open to our newsletter readers.? Problem solved.
- \* Answers to questions posed, or comments on articles to date..
- \* **Hashemy** descendants. As the anniversary of the arrival of this ship is in October, we would like to have an article for our newsletter, and also to recognise this event at our October 22nd meeting.

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## Help needed

We are still only "two" at this stage- Lawrence and I, and we could do with a bit of help, specifically:-

- \* The last Thursday of June and September, when we get the newsletter out, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m
- \* A small group to take care of the tea and bikkie situation on meeting days, We see it as an area where we may be able to make a little money for the group
- \* Members who are interested in doing a little research for someone else when they are doing their own.--particularly for country residents who cant access the libraries.
- \* Typing. Helping keep records up to date.

**please write to or phone me with your offers.**(Phillippa)

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**Newsletter Subscriptions-** My apology -someone who had subscribed, missed out on the newsletter sent out in April, as one of the envelopes was returned with label missing. Please let me know if it was you and I will send one.

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**State Records Office, and Land Records.** These records are on the ground floor at the Alexander Library and available to the public Mon.-Fri. during opening hours. The staff in this section are most helpful and are trying to develop a "pathway" for EPG researchers. It should be ready mid July. If you wish some help, it is advisable to ring in advance. They can cope with only 2-3 at a time and allow about 1 hour. Best times 10.30 or 2.30. Ring Archives Room 9427 3111.

A seminar for about 15 can be arranged for a Saturday morning at a cost of \$10 per head (including morning tea).

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