

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

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The third Annual General Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 with 26 Members present. The Deputy convenor, Terry Carroll, presented the Report of the Group. All positions were declared vacant. Nominations had been received for all positions and the following were elected.

Convenor	Jean McDonald
Deputy Convenor	Terry Carroll
Treasurer	Margaret Hickey
Membership/Register Officer	Phillippa Ward
Publications Officer/Editor	Pam Anspach
Research Officer	Daphne Byrne
Minute Secretary	Peggy Whitewood
Committee	Jeanette Lee David Johnston.

In this edition of the Newsletter I have included information by the various Office Bearers or Committee Members, which I hope, will be of help to you in your research. Daphne Byrne, our Researcher, is more than willing to do research on EPG for country members, details in this Newsletter. Sue Badderley has again sent some interesting and helpful items.

I look forward to receiving your input for the Newsletter and sharing your successes and perhaps, some of your problems, someone may come up with an idea to help you. The dates of the coming events are included in the Newsletter, mark them in your diary and come and join us.

The 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 is the date of the display at the Fremantle Artillery Barracks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Contact details of the various Committee Members are also included in the Newsletter.

Pam Anspach,  
Editor.

## *LATE NEWS*

**PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BOLTON** has generously agreed to again address our EPG Group on **SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY** in **UNIT 1, WAGS**.

Professor Bolton gave a sample of his great historical knowledge at our June meeting last year at Claremont Museum. There are numerous books written by Professor Bolton on the Library shelves including "Claremont a history" published in 1999 which is particularly relevant to those descendants of EPG's who were granted land at Freshwater Bay. We look forward with interest to our distinguished visitor's talk.

**OCTOBER MEETING –SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 10am-12.30 at the ARMY MUSEUM OF WA, BURT STREET, FREMANTLE.**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, three members of your Committee visited the Army Museum to meet Paul Bridges, Deputy Curator to discuss arrangements for our October EPG Group Meeting to be held at the museum instead of our usual meeting place at WAGS

Our meeting was most fruitful with the **Museum offering our Group display space in the PRE 1914 Room** which houses the display of early Volunteer Groups as well as the large model of the Pensioner Barracks which stood at the top of St. George's Terrace, Perth.

We will have access to display boards and closed cabinets to show a small selection of information and artefacts of our EPG's.

The Museum would like to have our display remain until the end of this year.

We will also have access to an adjoining room to hold our Meeting which will be at 10 am rather than our usual noon start. **A speaker associated with the Museum working group** has agreed to give us a brief outline of some of the challenges faced when dealing with historical items.

**A small morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the Meeting.**

The Museum is open to the public at 12.30 on the Saturday but our members are welcome and encouraged to stay on and take the opportunity to tour the Museum and the wonderful array of Army memorabilia, vehicles and armour.

**Entrance Fee for our members will be \$5.00** which covers the normal Museum Entry fee of \$3.00 with the extra charge going to our Group to assist in the costs involved in mounting the display and morning tea.

More information will be posted in our September Newsletter.

In the meantime, make a note of both dates in your Diary when we look forward to again getting together to discuss our common interest- our illustrious **ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS**.

**On behalf of the Committee, I take this opportunity to thank our Deputy Convenor, Terry Carroll** for stepping into the breach and guiding our Group during some rather difficult times last year. His computer expertise, his sensible approach to problems, his humour and his ready willingness to travel from his home in Harvey to attend Meetings was the main reason we all pulled together to keep our Group functioning and moving forward. We also appreciate his wife Pauline accompanying him, and not only for her very special fruit cake!

**Jean McDonald**

Phillippa mentioned that Sue will be going to the IOLOC in July, and that it would be a good opportunity for anyone interested in having research done to contact Sue. If interested, contact Phillippa for details about getting a quote from Sue

## Convenors Report. July 2002.

As this is my first report as Convenor I would like to introduce myself.

I have been a member of the Enrolled Pensioner Guard Special Interest Group since the second meeting of the Group in April 2000. About 40 people attended, all dedicated to finding more information about their ancestor, a member of the unheralded group of men who were engaged to guard the convicts sent to WA in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

I had been researching 'my man' Robert Helliwell (Holywell) who came on the **'William Hammond'** in 1856, for more than 20 years, joining WAGS when they were in small rooms in Hay Street, West Perth. As family and other commitments infringed on my spare time, my research was more spasmodic. After retirement from office and library work, I made a decision to stop looking for more information and put together all data gained so far. That prompted me to renew my WAGs membership and join the EPG Group. I appreciated the sharing of research carried out by other members of the Group and as a consequence put my name forward to serve on the Committee.

We have had some very interesting speakers attend our 3 monthly meetings including:

- ◆ Sue Badderley, whose interest is British Military History and the Enrolled Pensioner Force.  
Sue gave a brief outline of the War Office (London) records and the best sites to search. Sue is still very interested in our Group and sends regular contributions, in spite of being now based in London.
- ◆ Bev. Iffla from WAGS who gave a talk on basic research and the best way to get started.
- ◆ Ray Hartnett from WAGS gave us an insight into Irish research.
- ◆ Derek Prall spoke on his "Great Experiment - Transportation" and subsequently presented our Group with a copy of his very detailed work on the royal Engineers involvement in the early Swan River Settlement. Derek also did the original drawing from which our Badge was designed. (Badges are available for purchase by direct descendants of EPG)
- ◆ Paul Bridges from the Artillery Barracks Museum Fremantle gave an informative talk on the weapons in use by the EPGs during their time in WA. He also explained examples from his collection of Rifles Etc.
- ◆ Our second Celebration Meeting at Claremont Museum on June 1<sup>st</sup> last year was well attended and Jack Herbert again loaned his display about his ancestor, Henry Herbert, whose wife Anne was the first teacher at what is now the Museum. The day was made even more eventful with the performance put on by the Volunteer Rifle Brigade.
- ◆ Paul Bridges visited again and presented a resume of plans for the restoration and use of Bassendean Pensioner Guard Cottage and possible involvement of the EPG Group in helping staff the Museum when established.
- ◆ John Kelly displayed his model of the Geraldton Lighthouse and held our attention with his talk and examples of life on his EPG ancestor George Wright who was the Light Keeper. John also presented the Group with copies of discs of the Surgeons General Journals on a few of the ships on which our EPG were engaged.

Our Group has been favoured with the donation by Mr. Ron Benton of Munster of the portrait of his Enrolled Pensioner Guard ancestor, MICHAEL FITZPATRICK who had

been in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and came to WA in July 1867 on the "Norwood". He was granted land in Cockburn Sound at Lake Munster.

We are most fortunate to have received this portrait, not only because it is a fine example of the calibre of our Pensioner Guards, but the portrait is of Michael Fitzpatrick in uniform.

We sincerely thank Mr. Benton for his generous donation.

As you can see we are committed to enhancing and sharing our knowledge of our ancestors' role in helping to establish the young Swan River Colony - that policy will continue in the future.

As your new Convenor, I know our Committee are supportive and active and I look forward to meeting those members I have not so far had the opportunity to meet.

Our next General Meeting is Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> at noon in Unit 1, WAGS, when we will have more information on our forthcoming display and meeting at the Fremantle Artillery Barracks Museum, sometime in October.

**Jean McDonald**

#### **Researcher - Daphne Byrne.**

Two books recently reviewed are "**Victorias Victories**"

by **Peter C. Smith**

**The Alma**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 1854**

and

**"The Crimean War"**

by **Elizabeth Holt**

Both books have an enormous amount of historical information and could be helpful if your 'man' was in the Crimean War.

Daphne is willing to research for country/interstate/overseas members of **Enrolled Pensioner Guards** Special Interest Group. The research fees are set at the same rate that the Society advertises in *Western Ancestor* and are set out below.

- ◆ Full Basic Research \$20  
WAGS Members 1/2 price.
- ◆ **Option 1. Indexed Publications**  
\$20 Australian. 1 EPG Only
  1. Bicentenary Dictionary
  2. Dictionary of WA
  3. "The Veterans" by F.H. Broomhall
  4. Warders and Gaolers Dictionary by David Parker
- ◆ **Option 2.**  
\$5. Australian.
  1. If only information from one publication is required.
- ◆ **Option 3.**  
To be negotiated. Dependant on research to be carried out.  
\*Need to be specific about what you want, and be prepared for the researcher to not be able to find what you are seeking

The WAGS research team is prepared to carry out limited research for non-members at a cost ranging from \$10 to \$30 depending on the time taken and the number of resources searched.

Daphne can be contacted by writing to her at WAGS.

### Display - Jeanette Lee.

For the past three weeks I have been organising a display for a Fun Fair to be held at 'Woodloes' a historical homestead at Cannington, on Foundation Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2002. As a theme we used the Barracks complex, cottage accommodation, and the men of the EPG on parade. It came as something of a surprise to find the younger generation did not appear to know the history of the Barracks Arch. Needless to say by the time they left they were in no doubt about its proud history and sad demise, as well as the role played by the men of the Enrolled Pensioner Guard.

I would like to thank Margaret Hickey, Daphne Byrne and Jean McDonald, who volunteered their support on the day and Phillippa Ward who helped identify and choose the photos.

When we were invited to mount a display at 'Woodloes', we decided to use it as a learning experience as a lead up to the display for the Fremantle Artillery Barracks in October, for which purpose it proved invaluable.

For our theme for the display at the Fremantle Artillery Barracks the Committee have chosen the Pensioner Guards of Fremantle and surrounding areas, especially those who arrived on the "HASHEMY" in October 1850.

**With this in view we would like to ask members of our group, whose research falls within these guidelines, to send me any artifacts, histories, photos, memorabilia or anecdotes to make the lives of these men come alive.**

I would like to make this display interesting, eye-catching and memorable, to raise public awareness of the importance of the contribution the men and families of the EPG made to Western Australia and hopefully to attract new members.

**Jeanette Lee.**

### UPDATES

#### **From Paul Bridges, on the Bassendean Pensioner Guard Cottage**

"On 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 the consultants presented the report and feasibility study on the Cottage to the Bassendean Town Council. The recommendations included modification to the adjacent house including a rebuild of the roofline and verandah in line with the original 1893 structure. Grant funding for the refit, museum and community facility, on a dollar for dollar basis, was identified. A staged program for development utilising a part time curator and having the museum open within two years was proposed. Timing required Council to initiate a Conservation Plan for the 1893 house commencing in this financial year.

The report was welcomed by Councillors but staff later advised that the Conservation Plan would need to be funded in the following years budget. This will delay access to grant funding and means the completion date will be nearer to three years.

Given the actual cost to Council will be about \$250,000 it is not unreasonable for this to be spread over the longer period. Indications are that the project will proceed and the early involvement of the Enrolled Pensioner Guard group will be sought."

**From Jean McDonald.**

"After more than 20 years research, I finally achieved my resolve to put on record the story of my great grandfather, Robert Helliwell (Hollywell) who came to WA as a Pensioner Guard on the 'William Hammond' in 1856. He was granted land at North Fremantle which stayed in my family well into the 1930's.

My little book "The Helliwell Family - a part of North Fremantle" was launched at a family gathering on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We could say the launch went off with a bang with the attendance of five members of the Perth Volunteer Rifle and Artillery Regiment who gave a display of to accompanying animated commentary.

I intend to donate a copy of the book to the EPG Group at our next General Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>."

**Some Useful Information when researching.**

With reference to the PRO (Public Records Office, UK) When wishing to research your EPG on the WO97 records, by identifying the number of film to order from the LDS...be aware that the lists on the PRO only go up to 1854, so if your soldier was discharged after that date, it won't be in those records.

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**Meeting Dates**

Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2002	Noon - 3.00 p.m.	WAGS Unit 1.
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October, 2002	Noon - 3.00 p.m.	WAGS Unit 1.

**WANTED.**

We have had a donation of a computer for use by members at our meetings, to access data compiled by our group, however, it needs additional RAM .  
The type of RAM required is the old 72pin EDO RAM, if anyone can assist with some of this RAM  
Old pentium 75 computer upwards or motherboard Please contact Terry Carroll (9729 1609) or Committee Member.

### SHARING YOUR RESEARCH

*Sharing your research can assist others in learning to use resources. The following are queries about a Soldier of the Enrolled Pensioner Force, which have been addressed by Sue Baddeley.*

*>Dear Sue-I am the Great-granddaughter of John Kirwan who arrived in Western Australia on the Scindian on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1850. I was most interested to read in my genealogical magazine from WAGS that John Kirwan absconded with clothing- was struck off pension roll-shot himself dead in Adelaide! He did indeed shoot himself dead on 1st January 1873 at his Eating House on Edeowie Station in the Flinders Range South Australia. It is believed he got an insect in his ear, which drove him insane and as a result he took his own life, sadly. I have visited his grave, which is on the station property. There is an excellent account of his life on the Flinders Ranges Research web site. Can you enlighten me more about the absconding with clothing as this may account for his leaving West Australia and something which we keen family researchers would like to know about as we have always wondered why they left to go to South Australia. Hoping you can enlighten me more, Yours Sincerely etc...*

*Another request ... "Looking for any info. On John Kirwan b.1807 -Ireland. Arrived WA in 1850 on the ship Scindian with his...."*

*A further request ... "discharged 1836, stationed Perth as Sgt. Mounted Police 1850s. Would like any info. About his life in WA before moving to SA. Thanks , etc...."*

#### **Sue's replies to the above queries.**

All pension documents relating to a soldier provide information, which, although the War Office didn't intend it to be so, is invaluable to the family historian, and when used in conjunction with Civil and Ecclesiastical documents an overview can be built up regarding a soldier ancestor.

Although not a comprehensive list, the following suggestions will give some idea of what records should be looked at and some questions which should be asked.

Using the brief secondary source entry in "The Veterans", and even though there is some discrepancy between it and information given by the family and other primary source documents, an idea of who John Kirwan was can be developed.

#### **JOHN KIRWAN**

- |    |                   |  |
|----|-------------------|--|
| 1. | Born:             | Killenroy, Roscommon                               |
| 2. | Enlisted          | Athlone Westmeath 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1828      |
| 3. | Aged              | 20   |
| 4. | Served in         | 98 <sup>th</sup> , transferred to 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| 5. | Length of Service | 8 years 19 days                                    |
| 6. | Character         | Good   |
| 7. | Discharged:       | .....30 <sup>th</sup> April 1836                   |

#### **Primary Source Documents where possible to be checked.**

1. The Ecclesiastical records for Roscommon.
2. The "Men becoming Effective" in the War Office Pay and Muster Rolls for the 98<sup>th</sup>, and if survived, the Depot Description Books for that regiment.

3. As the usual age of enlistment is around 17/18... the question "why" should be asked when the age is over this but less than 21, which is when a man's apprentice period has been served, and age must be taken in conjunction with other information.
4. The Pay and Muster Rolls will show the transfer from the 98<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> and possibly give the reason why.
5. Length of Service coupled with rank and reason for discharge to pension and other factors determine a soldier's rate of pension.
6. A soldier is quite often in receipt of "Good Conduct" pay and or medal if the character is Very Good.
7. Where and when enable a researcher to check Civil and Ecclesiastical records.

**Other Chelsea Hospital Pension Records will give.**

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| 1. | Name on discharge                        | John Kirwan  |
| 2. | Rank on discharge                        | Sergeant   |
| 3. | Regiment on discharge                    | 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 4. | Date of Discharge to Pension             | 13 <sup>th</sup> July 1847   |
| 5. | Rate of Pension                          | 1/1d   |
| 6. | Pension District Moves                   | Northampton, Western Australia 1850, Arrived per "Scindian"<br>Adelaide 1857 |
| 7. | Pension stoppages and the reason         | 1854 - Absconded with clothing and struck<br>off the EF, date not given.     |
| 8. | Restoration of Pension                   | 1857 Pension paid Adelaide. Pension District.                                |
| 9. | Date of cessation of pension and reason: | Shot himself dead-Adelaide 1.1.1873  |

**From this a researcher will know and can check that:**

1. The soldier has not used an alias.
2. The soldier is literate (can both read and write- therefore the question is where did he learn).  
The Pay and Muster Rolls are to be checked to see when and where he was promoted, as from this date an NCO comes under different regulations regarding marriage.
3. The movements of Regiment, thus if a man has married relevant local BDM's can be checked as well as the Army Registers held at the Family Record Centre London.  
If the regiment was involved in any conflict and the soldier is entitled to a medal.
4. When and where a soldier is discharged to pension, which is not necessarily the same place as where he states he intends to reside - (and in this case it will be seen that the date to pension is different to that given in "The Veterans", therefore both sets of documents must be re-checked and if no mistake has been made in transcription, then all other pension Records should be searched. Not only for accuracy but because if John Kirwan did discharge to pension in 1836 then he should be found on the 1841 census, but if he discharged to pension in 1847 then those records can be disregarded)  
From the date of discharge relevant Civil and Ecclesiastical documents can be checked.
5. Gives an indication of Rank, length of service and conduct.
6. Records detail where a man is at a given date, as after 1842 a Military Pensioner could not move residency from one Pension District to another unless they informed the Staff Officer - Pensioners.

7. As "absconding with clothing" was serious enough for John Kirwan to be struck off the Pension Roll in WA, then there is a possibility that this offence will be recorded in the Local Police Records.
8. Usually when and where a pensioner has been restored to pension. If there isn't a restoration of Pension, then future Poor House records should be checked.
9. This date enables a researcher to check out all the "death records" –including any Wills/Admons, Probate Records, Funeral Directors, Cemetery Records, Newspapers and depending on whether they have survived- Coroner's records.

Other entries "The Veterans" gives other areas for the family historian to check

KIRWAN	John	
	Sergeant 30 <sup>th</sup> Regiment @1/1 per diem	
1 June 1850	Arrived "Scindian" with wife and five children Pension previously paid Northampton	CSO 201 p372 WO22/248
25 <sup>th</sup> June 1850	Appointed Steward and Clerk in Convict Establishment @ £60 per annum	CSO201 p105
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 1851.	Applied for Freshwater Bay Lots 15 and 17	CSO221 p74
1853	Applied to employ Ticket of Leave men on his Freshwater Bay lots	CSO273
15 Sept. 1851.	Perth. Marriage entry	BDM/s

These records can be checked by the dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers from the Enrolled Pensioner Interest Group.

On the Flinders Range research site John Kirwan is said to be a school Teacher and a Postmaster. As compulsory education wasn't available in the UK until 1870, those children who could, usually attended National Schools and some records of these schools are to be found in the local Record Offices. To find out whether he was a National School Teacher, the local Trade Directories must be searched.

Records of Postmen are held at the Mount Pleasant Postal Archives in London, and again to verify that he was a Postmaster, the local Trade Directories have to be checked.

And in conclusion a final question....well three actually...as John Kirwan seemed to be relatively comfortably off and not only had an income from two jobs as well as his pension, I wonder why he decided to give it up to come to WA...was it for land...and where did he get the money to afford the Freshwater Bay lots...and if he were employed in the Mounted police, where did he learn to ride...

Hope this helps.

SOME LAST BITS AND PIECES... from Sue Baddeley

**1<sup>st</sup> Dublin Pension district** (encompasses the area around the towns mentioned)  
Dublin; Trim; Dunshoughlin; Swords.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dublin Pension District**  
Dublin; Kingston; Bray; Naas; Leixlip –(Lucan).

**Galway Pension District**  
Galway; Tuam; Ballinrobe; Headford; Claremorres; Clifden; Outerade; Athenry.

**Tullamore Pension District**  
Tullamore; Philipstown; Edenderry; Kinnezad(?); Kilbeggan; Clara; Mount  
Mellick; Clonaslee; Portarlington; Monasterinsh.

...400 pairs of white trousers shipped on the Dudbrook

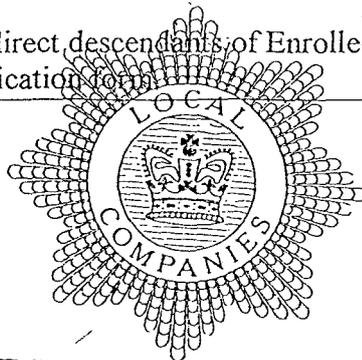
...On the “Scindian” Corporal Gordon and Private Roffey officiated as  
schoolmasters.

RWAHS 1982/28 Box 41

...Cpl. Dave McMullen looked after 3 or 4 old cannons in the Post Office backyard,  
which led up to the back of the Town Hall....

**BADGES**

Badges are available for direct descendants of Enrolled Pensioner Guards @ \$10 each  
plus \$2 postage with application form.



**E.P.F. W.A. 1850-1880**

**SURGEONS JOURNALS.**

There is now a Hard Copy of the CD's that were presented by John Kelly at the AGM.  
You will find them in the EPG Section at WAGS.

and here's some 'strays' I sighted....

PMG 28/14

Convict Establishment Abroad

George L Ellis Clerk Registrar's Office

Age on Retirement 32

Served 11 years 4 mths

Salary on Retirement £170 - paid Perth

Yearly Allowance £31 - 3 - 4

Cause of retirement Ill health

Thomas Gardiner Chief Warder

Age on Retirement 43

Served 19 years

Salary on Retirement £172 - paid Fremantle

Yearly Allowance £54 - 9 - 4

Cause of retirement Age

Allowance commenced 4th March 1867

Edmund Green Warder (15th Foot)

Age on Retirement 43

Served 11 years 7 mths

Salary on Retirement £70 - 10 - 0 - paid Fremantle

Yearly Allowance £28 - 12 - 0

Cause of retirement Injured on duty

Patrick Claffey Warder - (65th Foot)

Age on Retirement 60

Served 16 years 6 mths

Salary on Retirement £108 - 8 - 4

Yearly Allowance £31 - 13 - 10 - paid Perth

Cause of retirement age

Allowance commenced 22 May 1869

Samuel Nugent Warder (38th Foot)

Age on Retirement 53

Served 10 years 11 mths

Salary on Retirement £99 - 13 - 4

Yearly Allowance £16 - 12 - 2

Cause of retirement Ill health

Allowance commenced 16th march 1866

James McMahon Assissant Warder (38th Foot)

Age on Retirement 57

Served 12 years 1 mth.

Salary on Retirement £97 - 6 - 8

Yearly Allowance £21- 11 - 4 - paid Perth

Cause of retirement Ill health

Allowance commenced 16th Sept 1862

Patrick Leary Warder

Age on Retirement 62

Served 15 years 1 mths

Salary on Retirement £119 - 2 - 6

Yearly Allowance £29 - 15 - 7 - Paid Perth

Cause of retirement Age

Patrick Mackey Warder

Age on Retirement 58

Served 16 years

Salary on Retirement £114 - 18 - 4

# Woodlows Foundation Day Fun

