

Voices from There to Here: A Story of the People of Baerami Creek Valley by Ian Ellis (Aladdin Publishing, soft cover 154 pages, ISBN 0957880308).

REVIEW BY BETTY CROWLEY

In an extension of his earlier book *A History of Baerami Creek Valley* Ian Ellis opens with a look at the Valley's geological history and an account of the indigenous peoples from whose language the name of Baerami was taken. The aborigine's god of all living things was Baiami - his image caught in the smoke of cooking fires, his voice heard in summer storms as thunder bounced from one grumbling hill to the next.

Against this background the story leads on to that of white settlement with the arrival of Thomas Hungerford (E.6), whose pioneering was closely followed by others. They came to Thomas for employment and frequently stayed to farm for themselves, building homes and livelihoods - rearing families who in their turn became part of the pattern of the Valley.

A mass of detail takes us into the lives of these quiet achievers who came from divers parts of the world. There are the Folpps from Wurttemberg, Germany, Meyers also from Germany; Camerons from Scotland, Johnston an Ulsterman, Moriarty from Cork, McTackett from Liverpool and of course, an Englishman or two! Acreage sizes, stock carried, market prices - all testify to the extent and depth of Ellis' research.

Early in the century shale mining added another industry.
Longevity, or, Remembering the First Australian Hunger-

Who is our oldest Member? Who is the longest-lived Hungerford or Hungerford relation on record? Which branch of the family has the most descendants who have lived past 80, 90 or even 100?

We hope to feature some of the claims in the future, so please let the Editor or Secretary know of your branch's achievements in this direction!

How many people are left who can remember one of the first generation of Hungerfords in Australia, the children of Captain Emanuel and Catherine Hungerford?

Presumably none can be recalled except Anne Chapman, who died in 1920, and Septimus Hungerford, died 1927 aged 101. Judith Fitz-Henry records here some of her family's memories of Anne Chapman. *Your Editor or Secretary would love to receive any memories of Anne, Septimus, or others of that generation before they are lost to time.* □

We learn that:

The first discovery of oilshale in the Baerami Creek Valley took place on Reuben Rose's selection in 1904 when clearing and burning were taking place. When the ground was being ploughed for the first time a large rock was ploughed up which, upon being thrown onto a nearby smouldering stump, burst into flame and burned until it was consumed to ashes. A visiting Indian hawkker informed the Roses it was kerosene shale as he had seen some at Capertee on the opposite side of the Dividing Range near where, at Hartley, shale oil had been mined since 1865. Although further scattered pieces of loose shale were found it was not until 1908 that Reuben's son, Alfred D. Rose found a seam in the mountainside of what became known as Reuben's gully, thus solving the mystery of the shale's origin.

Given the zest with which Thomas Hungerford embraced a challenge, would he have added mining to his venture list if the shale had been discovered some decades earlier? I think that he would.

Ian's book has long lasting value as a Hungerford reference, particularly for those descended from Thomas (E.6). Should there be a further reprint I would suggest the inclusion of an index. It would be invaluable in tracing particular themes or individual persons.

The book however is a fine study of a locality, worked with meticulous care by one who has a deep attachment to his birthplace. □

Copies of *Voices from There to Here* can be purchased at a cost of \$30 each from Ian Ellis, 307/57 Upper Pitt Street, Kirribilli NSW 2061.

The First Australian 'Hungerford'?

Richard Hungerford (USA) has evidence that Captain Emanuel was not the first Hungerford to arrive in Australia. By searching the Australian Convict Index, 1788-1868 he uncovered this interesting item.

Thomas Bird, age 29, Gentlemen's servant, arrived on the ship 'Moffatt' in 1838. Thomas's birthplace was Stanford. State =NSW. In the comments field it states "Arrived Van Diemens Land per **Lord Hungerford**, December 1821 under licence to Norfolk Island."

The *Lord Hungerford*, under Captain Michael O'Brien and Surgeon Michael Dorke, departed from England in July 1821, ND arrived at Hobart 26 December, 1821 with 228 male convicts. □



The Hungerford & Associated Families Society
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HAFS members - 60 years of service!

BY JUDITH FITZ-HENRY,
 SOCIAL SECRETARY

Sunday 4 March 2001 was a red-letter day indeed for those gathered at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, to celebrate a very special occasion during the 10.30 am Service of Morning Prayer, conducted by the Precentor, Canon Lawrence Bartlett.

Sixty years and two days previously, to be precise, on Sunday, 2 March 1941, Canon Melville Newth and his brother-in-law, Canon Charles Sherlock, had been ordained as deacons, with three others, in the Cathedral by the Archbishop of Sydney, Howard Mowll.

Later that year, in December, that momentous month when the Pacific War commenced, both men were ordained priest - but at the western end after a reorientation of the Cathedral. They are two of only five men who can tell and re-tell the tale of having been 'ordained at both ends!'

Neither man was married then, in 1941. But on that



Charles and Emily Sherlock (nee Newth), Hope (nee Kirkpatrick) and Melville Newth at the cathedral service.

Sunday in March, in the pause between the first service held for the ordination, and the second for Morning Prayer on that day sixty years ago, the engagement between Melville Newth and Deaconess Mona Hope Kirkwood was formally announced, with Mel slipping the ring on Hope's finger. They were married on 3 October 1942, and the following year, on 16 October 1943, Mel's sister Emily Elizabeth Newth married Charles Sherlock, creating what was to become a close bond between the two families.

On that happy day earli-

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Research notes - four new certificates

The Society recently purchased four more certificates as part of its ongoing research programme.

These four, all from Victoria, Australia, relate to the family of **Richard Hungerford** (R.3.1a), a British Army Sergeant who lived in Wales and Ireland before emigrating with his wife and two children to India where he died in 1872.

His widow, Mary Jane (Johns) Hungerford, was married again in Calcutta later the same year to Stephen McCullough, and the blended McCullough and Hungerford family emigrated to Victoria.

Several Hungerford descendants still live in Melbourne, although we have yet to make contact with them.

1. Death of Annie Mary Hungerford, 16 December 1885, Argyle Street, St. Kilda. female aged 13 years.

Cause of death: Phthisis Pulmonatis, Cardiac Hypertrophy, Anaemia and dropsy, 8 months, attended by Dr. Simmons, 15 December 1885.

Parents: Richard Hungerford, sergeant British Army, Mary Jane Hungerford nee Johns.

Informant: S.J. McCullough, Step Father, Argyle St., St. Kilda.

Registrar: Blanche E. Manley, 16 December 1885, St. Kilda.

Burial: 18 December 1885, St Kilda General Cemetery, Rev. G.W. Torrance, Ch. of England.

Born: Lucknow, India, in Victoria 8 _ years.

2. Birth of Herbert McCullough, 24 December 1879, Vale Street, St. Kilda.

Father: Stephen James McCullough, Commissioner, aged 42, born Moulmain, Burmah.

Mother: Mary Jane McCullough nee Johns formerly Hungerford, aged 29, born Larne, Wales.

Parents married 12 December 1872, Calcutta, India, previous issue: John 7, Annie 6, Bertha 5, George Samuel 4, Caroline dec., Maude dec.; by previous marriage: Stephen James 18, Mary Isabella 16, Frederick Charles 13.

Informant: F.C. McCullough, Brother, Vale Street, St. Kilda.

Witnesses: Mrs Allan, Mrs Burgess.

Registered: 10 January 1880, St. Kilda, Blanche G. Manley.

3. Death of Mary Jane McCullough, 14 August 1919, 50 Armstrong Street, Middle Park, female aged 67 years.

Cause of death: Chronic Hepatitis, Cerebral Apoplexy, attended by Dr. E. Greenwood, South Melbourne, 12 August 1919.

No details of parents known.

Informant: G.W. Apps, Authorised Agent, 395 High St., St. Kilda, registered by Ge. Harris, 18 August 1919.

Burial: 15 August 1919, St. Kilda Cemetery, witnessed S. Nicholson, John Hants.

Birth: Pembroke, Wales, England, 43 years in Victoria.

Marriage: first, aged 17 to Richard Hungerford, Cork, Ireland, issue John dec., Annie dec.; second, aged 21 to Stephen James McCullough, India, issue Bertha 45, George dec., Herbert 38, William 35, Alfred dec., Beatrice 32.

4. Death of John Henry Hungerford, 12 June 1918, Heatherton Sanatorium, Moorabbin (usual residence 122 Surrey Rd, South Yarra), male aged 48 years.

Cause of death: Pulmonary Phthisis, heart failure, attended by H. Herlitz, June 12th 1918.

Parents: John Henry Hungerford, clerk, Mary Hungerford nee Johns.

Informant: J. Dickie, authorised agent, Cheltenham, registered by Alice C. Moody, June 14th 1918.

Burial: June 15th 1918, St. Kilda cemetery, Rev. F.G. Masters, CofE, witnessed G. Ellis, James Lee.

Birth: Mullingar, Ireland, 40 years in Victoria.

Marriage: Prahran, 31 years, to Maud Mary Leeson, issue Cedric 16, Sylvia 13, Doris 11, Ena 7, George 6, Leslie 4.



Marlene and Ron Peterson
(see Overseas Correspondent letter, page 9)

The Mallon Family Bible

BY BETTY CROWLEY

One of the treasures of 'Quambi', the House museum of the *Stroud and District Historical Society*, is the old Mallon family bible. Lectern size, printed 1698 in 14 point type, the bible is now a little dilapidated, but it has an interesting provenance - one that links two unlikely associates of our extending family.

On the first end paper in Pointed Gothic is scripted the name

Patrick, Walsh, Mallon
Stroud, Port Stephens 1856

Below in another hand writing, probably that of one of Patrick's children are brief biographical details.

Papa died. April 6th 1883.
aged 76 years
at "Mount Edgecombe" - Camperdown

Susan Eliza Mallon died Nov 12th 1921

Patrick Walsh Mallon, Surgeon, was the father of Catherine Mary Mallon who later became the second wife of Thomas Hungerford (E.6). Patrick Mallon married Catherine Ann Irwin on 25 January 1836 at the Church of England Chapel, Maitland, officiated by the Rev'd G. Rusden. Their first child Arthur Wentworth Mallon was born in 1843.

Catherine Mary Mallon was born in 1845. Her mother died in childbirth and was buried on 28 May 1845. Patrick Mallon then married Elizabeth Wright on 17 January 1854 in the Church of England, Dungog. There were eight children of this union, Susan Eliza Mallon born 1860 was one.

Patrick Walsh Mallon, according to the official registration, died 6 April 1883 at Booth St. Camperdown, aged 76 years. He is buried in the Rookwood Necropolis. His birthplace is given as Dungannon, Ireland.

It is on the second end paper that the unlikely association becomes apparent. Here a message in fine copperplate is inscribed:

P. Mallon, Esqr.
With the kind regards
of his Friend and Pastor
Samuel Simm

So here then is evidence of the friendship between the Pastor and the Surgeon, between Samuel and Patrick. But we have already met Samuel Simm. Wells Chapman in "My Early Bush Experiences" (*HAFS Journal* 1/2 (Nov 1992)) recounts

When about 6 years old the Revd. Mr. Simm took me up to stay with him and Mrs Simm at Stroud. He was the Church of England clergyman there. It was a small settlement belonging to the A.A. Company.

Dr. Mallon was also attached to the A.A.Co. - Stroud was the company's township. In Mallon Street is the little wooden Roman Catholic church that was built about the same time that Wells visited the Revd Simm in 1861. Patrick Mallon is said to have been a generous benefactor in its erection. Patrick Walsh Mallon was a practising Catholic although he married both times in a Church of England.

There is another interesting link in this chain that bound those of different persuasions. In early 1992 the *Stroud and District Historical Society* received a brief note from the Stroud Baptist Church which read:

This Bible has been in the Baptist Union Archives and has been sent back to Stroud by the Union. It remains the property of the Mallon family but no relatives have been found. If anyone belonging to that family claims it they rightfully own it. Otherwise the Stroud Baptist Church entrusts its care to the Stroud Historical Society for display as they see fit.

Accompanying the note was the old Mallon family bible. On both the second and third end pages are hand written lists of Mallon and Harrison children. These names are yet to be checked against official records to establish the dates of births, deaths and marriages and to discover the relationship between the Mallon and Harrison families.

One of the witnesses at the marriage of Patrick Walsh Mallon and Elizabeth Wright in 1854 was Elizabeth Harrison of Dungog. The other witness was C. Mallon of Dungog, very likely Catherine Mary Mallon, who at that time would have been still a child of eleven years.

There has gathered round this old bible quite a legend of ecumenical proportions. Given by an Anglican minister to a Roman Catholic doctor whose children's names are entered on the fly leaves but whose children for some reason lost possession of the Bible, which providentially passed into Baptist hands that held it in their Archives for over half a century.

The return of the Bible to its place of origin is indeed evidence of the Christian spirit that crosses theological boundaries. So, too, it is fitting that the Bible remain in the care of the *Stroud and District Historical Society* and for display in their House museum of 'Quambi', as 'Quambi' means "place of shelter". □

Births

BROWN: Amy and Sydney (E.6.5a.4b.1c.1d.2e & 3e) on 3 August 2001 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, twin daughters of Christopher and Mary-Jane Brown, grand-daughters of Members Clive & Molly Brown of North Richmond, NSW.

BRYANT: Piper Lily Bryant (E.2.6a.5b.3c.2d.1e.2f) born 4 January 2001, daughter of Kyle and Rachel Bryant, great-great-niece of Member Marie Hall of Roseville, NSW.

DUNSHEA: Abigail Dunshea (E.1.1a.14b.4c.1d.4e) born 6 October 2000, fourth child of Stephen and Susanne (Grace) Dunshea, grand-daughter of Member Annette Hungerford of Bondi Junction, NSW.

SHERLOCK: Harriet Jane Mason Sherlock (E.4.1a.6b.5c.1d.1e.1f) born 23 June 2001, Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria, the first child of Jonathan Sherlock and Reita Mason, first grand-child of Members Charles and Peta Sherlock, great-grandchild of Charles and Emily Sherlock, and nephew of the Editor, Peter Sherlock.

Marriages

HUNGERFORD-WEIR: Mark Robert Hungerford (E.6.5a.4b.3c.1d) married Jane Weir on 3 March 2001. Mark is the eldest son of Members Brian and Gwen Hungerford of Bilpin, NSW.

Deaths

DE LA RUE: Herbert (E.8.1a.3b.3c=) of Brighton, VIC, died on 25 June 2001; and Marcia de la Rue (E.8.1a.3b.3c) of Brighton, Vic, died on 18 June 2001 aged 79 years. Marcia was a foundation Member of the Society and contributed much to the history of the Hungerford and associated families (see Obituary).

GOODMAN: Walter Goodman of Painswick, Gloucestershire, England, died 11 March 2001 aged 84 years (see Obituary). Walter, a Member of the Society, was a descendant of Sir John Hungerford of Down Ampney (d 1583) via his daughter Susan (d 1591) who married Richard Choke.

HUNGERFORD: Maxwell Sydney Windeyer Hungerford (E.1.4a.12b.1c) of Rooty Hill, NSW, died 28 February 2001 aged 75 years. Max had been a Member for several years.

TUCKER: Rodney Stuart Tucker (E.2.6a.5b.2c) of Perth, WA, died 3 February 2001 aged 77 years. Stuart was a brother of Member Marie Hall of Roseville, NSW.

New Members

We give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Penny Dowling (E.1.1a.10b.1c.3d) of Toowoomba, Queensland.

Robert Foster of Colorado, USA. Robert has provided charts of his descent from his 16th great-grandmother, Katherine Hungerford (d. 1493), daughter of Lord Robert Hungerford and Margaret Botreaux, and from his 8th great-grand-mother Anne or Joanne Hungerford (d. 1684), thought to be a sister of Thomas Hungerford of Connecticut.

Bruce (E.2.4a.10b.1c.2d) and **Pauline Tyrrell** of Tyrrells Wines, Pokolbin, NSW.

Congratulations & News of Members

Alison Henning (E.2.6a.4b.1c.3d.2e), daughter of Edmund and Jan Henning, was featured in the *North Shore Times* on 2 May 2001. She was depicted modelling a midnight blue velvet evening gown made in 1905, accompanying an article on fashion at the time of Australia's Federation.

Peta Sherlock (E.4.1a.6b.5c.1d=), priest-in-charge of the Anglican parish of St Andrew's Clifton Hill with St Luke's North Fitzroy in Melbourne, was 'collated' as Archdeacon of Latrobe on 29 June 2001.

Peta, mother of our Editor, becomes Australia's eighth female Archdeacon, currently the highest office open to women in the Anglican Church of Australia.

Members **Kathleen and Neil Tomkins**, currently living in County Cork, Ireland, report that they recently visited Nohoval (pronounced No-ville by the locals), by tradition the home of Emanuel and Catherine Hungerford prior to their emigration to Australia in 1828.

They found what appears to be a Hungerford tomb, covered in ivy, and a (more immediately!) legible tomb of the family of William Whitney who married Anne Hungerford in 1824. They also visited 'Willow-hill', a property once owned by the Daunt family and passed to the Hungerfords, where the current owner pointed out a signature 'T.W. Hungerford 1882' in a pane of glass.

The Tomkins visited Black Bourton, Oxfordshire last year, and we hope to publish fuller reports of both excursions in the near future. □

Obituary: Marcia Hungerford De La Rue (1922-2001)

By **RON PRENTICE WITH LOANE LILLEY**

Marcia Chapman, the third child of Edward and Clare (Buckland) Chapman, was born in Geelong, Victoria, on New Year's Day of 1922. At the age of 27 she married Cameron Clarke and a year after his death in 1993, Marcia married Herbert (Bert) De La Rue. Marcia died in Melbourne after a brief but debilitating illness on 18 June 2001, and her soulmate Bert passed away only one week later. Marcia had no children.

Loane Lilley of Brisbane was closely in touch with Marcia during the later years and from that association and a knowledge of her earlier life recalls the following events.

In 1940 Marcia joined the *Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force* where she served as a driver for Headquarters staff in Melbourne. Following her discharge, she worked for a time for *The Age*, and there learned the basics of journalism which was to influence her later writing.

At the end of the war Cameron Clarke came into her life. He had been a commando with Z Force, a low profile army unit which worked largely beyond the bounds of Allied influence. Its members were often engaged in observation of movements of Japanese shipping and troops. Those who have seen the film 'South Pacific' and recall the actions of Cable in his duty of watching Japanese ship movements and reporting on them, will understand clearly what a life many of the Z Force men undertook and executed so well.

Cameron and Marcia purchased a property at Mulgrave where they grew flowers for the Melbourne market and Loane tells us that Marcia held a contract to supply and arrange flowers for Menzies Hotel in the City.

Marcia noted that while there were many kennels where owners of dogs could board their pets, there was nothing similar for cats. She and Cam built a cattery on their property, and Marcia then commenced writing a column for *The Herald and Weekly Times* on Pet Care. She wrote this under the name of Mark Wykeham (a Chapman family name) for twelve years. A letter from Marcia mentions that a book and magazine publication was later printed by *The Herald* containing the most helpful articles.

The cattery became very successful and they decided to add the facilities for dog care. They built fine kennels and employed staff to care for the animals and their needs. The Mulgrave property was called 'Farleigh Poodle Park' on Wellington Road. Being ready for retirement, they sold the property and moved into Melbourne.

Marcia wrote a book about Emanuel and Catherine Hungerford, their family, life in Ireland and adventurous voyage to Australia. She intended it to be a family history, but added thoughts from her imagination in order to give the story more general appeal. When the story was presented for criticism she was advised that it was not really of

sufficient general interest so she did not proceed with its publication. Marcia admitted that she was uncertain herself where fact stopped and fiction began.

Other members of the family have recalled memories of their meeting with Marcia. Betty Crowley mentions the wonderful needlework she saw and another speaks of her interest in later life with the breeding, training and racing of thoroughbred horses she owned or part-owned.

From the outset of the Society's search for Hungerford family history, two dominant and loveable characters came quickly to the fore as those who had in earlier years trodden the same research paths. Each was to assist by giving us their research notes and exchanging many letters. Indeed, it was from Marcia, and from Meredyth Hungerford of Bilpin, that much of our foundation interest and knowledge flowed.

Joan and I first met Marcia and Cam Clarke in their Brighton home in 1991. An immediate and close bond of understanding was created. Following Cam's death and her marriage to Bert, we were again made welcome in their home, and the depth of their love and dependence upon each other as real soulmates became apparent. Marcia was forthrightly outspoken whilst Bert was reserved and quiet, so that their characters created a wonderful bond of understanding and support for each other.

From the outset Marcia's experience as a journalist led her to counsel us on the rough path of research into family history. She pointed out that this way could lead to conflict, but at the same time could provide a fascinating study of diverse characters from the past as well as the present. The stories she uncovered caused us to understand that our kinsfolk of the past and present are diverse characters, the good, the bad and the indifferent.

Of her own family, Marcia expressed a close understanding of her great-grandparents, the Rev'd Robert Chapman and Anne Loane Hungerford, who she felt took life and circumstance rather too deeply, yet who served their parishioners and friends with self-sacrificing devotion. Of her grandfather Robert she expressed a deep love and acknowledgment of his strengths and weaknesses which caused us to think kindly on the ways of folk in general.

Marcia was thus a good teacher, a friend we will miss greatly and a generous donor of her knowledge. We will also remember the tender loving nature of Bert, who died so soon after Marcia's passing. He wore himself out tending for her needs in hospital and a broken heart removed the will to live on.

No-one who met these wonderful folk would come away without memories of kind, but forceful characters and I am thankful for the opportunity given to me to be part of that group. □

Obituary: Walter Terence Goodman (1916-

a very loving and close family. His life was very full and ranged from a time when there were weekly markets which at night and in winter were lit by naphtha flares to a time of computers and all the wonders that today holds. Before he was 20 he began conducting choirs and orchestras as well as playing the piano. Initially he began to play 'by ear', but decided he wanted to play better than he was doing and so began his lessons. He began playing the organ in Caerphilly Wesleyan Chapel, and this church organ playing lasted for 64 years in various churches.

Walter studied music at the University College and Cardiff. It was here that he met again a young lady by the name of Katie Evans, although he did not initially take a great deal of notice of her! It was during his first year at university that his music teacher suggested he accompany Katie, who was a violinist.

At the end of the year he attended a music summer school, Katie was also there and they met several times thereafter. As Walter said – 'life for both of us was never the same again'. He taught at several schools and was a member of the faculty of music at the Open University. Until he was taken ill he still had students who came to his home for lessons.

Walter's interest in the Romance period of history began when he was young and read such books as *Ivanhoe* with which his imagination took flight. When Ray and I presented him with a family tree dating back to the 1550s, he seemed to light up again. We worked together for many years on genealogy and went researching together. It was a wonderful time, a period when we became very close and one I will cherish – we laughed so much!

Eventually the 'Hungerford connection' was made and Walter was in his element, always avid for more information and thoroughly enjoying the new friends that he made. (He recorded his pursuit of the Hungerfords in the Society's Journals, 4/3 May 1998 and 5/1 May 1999.) He was delighted to belong to such a large family and I know that he will be missed by everyone.

Walter died on 11 March 2001. In 1999 he had flown to Boston, USA, for a holiday, but had a massive stroke the day after he arrived. He eventually returned to England and was in hospital for almost a year receiving treatment and physiotherapy to enable him to use his limbs and speak again. He was eventually judged well enough to take care of himself at home in Painswick, Gloucestershire, and returned. Unfortunately he fell and hit his head and four days later died.

On 22 March there was a service of remembrance and celebration of his life at Painswick parish church, very well attended by his family, many friends and students. □

BY WALTER'S NIECE, CAROL

Walter was born in Caerphilly, South Wales, in 1916 into



Ron Prentice with Walter Goodman at his home
(photo taken in September 2000)

Hungerfords in the Crusades?

A number of Members have commented on an article 'Ancient Ashkelon' which appeared in *National Geographic* in January 2001 (see photo opposite).

A section entitled 'Graffiti in the city of the Crusades' depicted a coat of arms carved into a marble panel in the city of Ashkelon about the year 1240. The coat of arms has the roundels and bars familiar to all who bear the name Hungerford. Our heraldry expert, Ron Mathieson of Salisbury, advises that

The Crusader Shields are fascinating but I don't think they can be Hungerfords. The roundels are solid colour as against the plain silver of Hungerford, and no Hungerford soldiers seem to have been recorded so early in family history.

And readers of Mathieson's article in our most recent *Journal* will see that the Hungerfords only adopted the 'modern' coat of arms in the 15th century, previously using the 'Heytesbury' coat instead.

But who knows? □

A Letter from your Overseas Correspondent

My dear cousins and friends,

As I have been remembering the dynamics of the lives of Marcia and Bert De La Rue, and of Walter Goodman, a deep sense of appreciation of the rewards of our co-operative study fills my mind and I express a sense of gratitude for the present friendships formed by mutual interest in the characters of the past. We are part of a fast-growing tree, a healthy one at that, and made up of some of the most interesting and diverse people one could imagine.

From England have come two items of news in the lives of **Ron and Anne Mathieson**. Their daughter was married to **Chris Berazai** on 30 June at Salisbury, and they recently had a visit from **Jack and Marlene Peterson** of Indiana, USA. After lunching together at the Military Museum they visited Salisbury Cathedral where Ron conducted them on a tour. It was interesting to hear from both parties of the meeting, and of the Petersons' exhaustive tour of Europe.

A newfound friend is **Dawn Walker** of Cornwall, a descendant of the Hulbert family who purchased Farleigh Hungerford Castle from the Hungerfords. She tells us of a visit to her ancestral tombs in Corsham, Wiltshire. There, after

Hungerfords and Votes for Women

While researching in the Mitchell Library Manuscript Collection earlier this year, your Editor came across the following letter by Thomas Hungerford (E.6) amidst the papers of that notable Australian feminist, Rose Scott. My attention was drawn by the writer's notepaper and its prominently displayed crest – a wheatsheaf and two sickles.

Australian women were amongst the first in the world to receive the franchise in 1902. Hungerford's letter was probably prompted by the questionnaires circulated by the *Womanhood Suffrage League* to all Members of the NSW Legislative Assembly prior to the 1894 elections. One wonders what Scott thought of receiving a letter addressed to 'Gentlemen'! Unfortunately the letter is somewhat faded and difficult to read.

Rylstone, 9th July 1894

Gentlemen, I am not simply an advocate of Womanhood Suffrage: but have at times been an ardent supporter of the Policy as a matter of right to woman, in the first place, but as a means to effect the purification of the Legislature more than any other means within our reach. And I trust the interests of the State will not be so XXX as to allow the XX X now before the Public to XXX until complete success has been won. Yours faithfully, Thos. Hungerford. □

experiencing difficulty in finding light switches, she noted on a monument to the brothers John and Thomas Hulbert (died 1626 and 1632) the inscription:

Sir Edward Hungerford Kt of ye noble order of Bathe and ye sheriff of this county of Wilts who hath caused this to be erected in memory of these brothers ... with all as for their constant faithful respect to him in particular and especially for the prayseworthy service that Thomas Hulbert did him on that year 1632.

Dawn then asks, as do I, 'Have you any idea what the 'praiseworthy service' might have been that Thomas did for Sir Edward, the year that he died?'

Since our beginnings as a Society we have gained much wise counsel from **Lefayre and Ian Palmer** of the John Palmer Society. We are sorry to note over recent times that Lefayre has been suffering indifferent health, and we send her our prayerful support and the hope that good health and strength will return.

With Joan, I send you all fond greet-

ings.



Hungerfords 'n' Rock 'n' Roll?

Richard Hungerford of the USA acquaints us with a **Hungerford connection to Elvis Presley**.

In the book by Jim Curtin and Renata Ginter, *Elvis, the Early Years, a 2001 Fact Odyssey* (Nashville: Celebrity Books, 1999), there is a picture (dated December 1956) of Elvis Presley and Bill Carrier, Jr., a representative of *The Hungerford Furniture Company*, holding a drawer from a mahogany bureau. This was for an advertisement that was never used. It was Elvis's second commercial.

The Hungerford Furniture Company had plans, that never materialised, to release a line of Elvis Presley furniture in the spring of 1957. The set would have included 40 pieces, from record cabinets to dining room tables, with prices ranging from \$US39-340. The Simeon Rice Hungerford family owned the furniture

Your Secretary Writes

Dear cousins,

Much has happened with the affairs of the Society since the last Newsletter, the most significant being the **resignation of Justice Barrie Hungerford** as President and as a committee member as of March 9, 2001. After careful and anxious consideration he concluded that his personal and professional commitments were such that at this time and into the immediate future it was the only reasonable course in the circumstances. Whilst accepting his resignation with profound regret, we do thank Barrie for his leadership for the past two and a half years.

After extensive enquiries and consideration the committee has taken the decision to be an **Affiliated body of the Royal Australian Historical Society**. The benefits include the receipt of their magazine and journal, access to their library, and joining their blanket insurance scheme at favourable rates. The committee intends to take out **insurance to safeguard the interests of the members of HAFS**. The committee also recommends that **HAFS becomes an incorporated body** which would provide for the assets (books and money) of the society to be owned by an entity rather than individual persons. Procedural requirements include two thirds of those who choose to vote being in favour. We will be issuing voting papers to facilitate this.

In the February Newsletter we sought the help of members to identify M.M. Hungerford who had been accepted into B. Fine Arts at the Callaghan campus of Newcastle University in 2001. I am pleased to say that her mother-in-law, Gwen Hungerford of Bilpin, wrote to say this was **Michelle May Hungerford** nee Hawkins (E.6.5a.4b.3c.2d=), wife of Philip Hungerford. Joyce Little of Adamstown also uncovered this by her grand-daughter using the internal email network at the University. Thank you both. (Some committee members also advised correctly).

This still leave unsolved the search for the identity of **R. Hungerford**, who had been accepted into B. Creative Arts (Visual Arts) at the University of Wollongong in 2000. Perhaps a member with a relative at that University could use similar ingenuity to make contact and solve this mystery.

There has been a pleasing response to Dr. Peter Sherlock's **Hungerfords Down Under** with 70 copies being distributed so far. I hope those of you who have a copy have been as impressed and informed as I have from reading it. Of course if you know of any amendments to it please advise Peter Sherlock or myself. (If you have not yet acquired a copy, please use the enclosed

order form.)

Kathleen (E.6.14a.4b.6c) and Neil Tomkins have moved from South Australia to County Dublin in Northern Ireland and now to County Cork in the Republic of Ireland. They are 'on site' in Hungerford territory and run *Robin Hill* as a Bed and Breakfast establishment. On your next trip overseas why not stay a night or two and visit some of the Hungerford ancestry (details available from myself). Kathy has provided several leads to people enquiring about the Society – thanks Kathy.

Stanley Hungerford of USA has settled back in Kirkland, Washington State after his trip to Australia for the Olympics. He is back on email now at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and says 'hi' to his Australian cousins.

Member **Dennis Martin**, a guide at Salisbury Cathedral, has written an excellent booklet titled *The Hungerford Family* up to 1700, made up of forty A5 pages. Copies are available directly from him (for approximately 5 pounds sterling) at 'Martisan', 21 Westbourne Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2RU, UK or email **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Member **Richard Hungerford** of the USA continues to provide us with lots of significant information. He advises that a **Hungerford Reunion** will be held on August 5 at Kessel Park Lodge in Cresco, Iowa, USA. I have asked Richard to report on how many attend and from how far away. Richard is keen for some Hungerfords from USA and around the world to be **DNA tested** to see if the USA Hungerfords are directly connected to the English and Irish branches. We are awaiting more information on this topic.

I met my namesake when my fifth cousin **John F Hungerford** (B.10a.2b.2c.5d) of Cairns was in Sydney on business with Air Niugini in March. I had put a note in his February Newsletter saying that a work colleague knew him. When he knew he was coming to Sydney he contacted me and the three of us had lunch together.

When **Peter Sherlock** was in Sydney in March I was pleased that he and several of the committee could have dinner at our home. It was good to see him again after his time at Oxford University.

Canon Mel Newth has kindly given to the Society a copy of the book he wrote about St Andrews College called *Serving a Great Cause – A Pictorial review of The Cathedral School*. Thank you Mel.

Harold Mortimer Hungerford (E.1.1a.10b.1c)

By PENNY DOWLING

The account (printed opposite) of her father reached us from new Member Penny Dowling of Toowoomba, Queensland, niece of Member Doreen Johnstone.

It is published here as an encouragement to everyone to record what they know of their relations in our pages for preservation.

How many other Hungerfords have been elected to Parliaments in Australia?

Your Secretary Writes

I met **Adrian Whitby Simpson** (E.7.3a.2b.3c) when I delivered a copy of HDU to him recently. I mentioned to him that **Shirley Sinton-Hewitt** (Y.i.3.1a.9b) lived in the same retirement home as himself. They are sixth cousins once removed.

The *Hawkesbury Gazette* recently featured an insightful article by **Nevell Hungerford** of Berambing entitled 'My time in East Timor – Place is a bloody hell – literally' (18 July 2001, page 44), recounting his experiences and view of the political situation there in June of this year.

You will see elsewhere that the next society gathering is a **weekend at Lochinvar**. Peter Capp has kindly invited us again to his historic homestead of Windermere. You are welcome to attend all or just some of the activities. Please encourage your relatives to come along even if they aren't members. Everyone is most welcome. If you have any family photographs or memorabilia please bring it along to show others. Peter Capp has some unidentified portraits which he is hoping someone can identify. Perhaps they are of someone you know.

Several of the committee have indicated that they will not be continuing as committee members or office bearers next year. Accordingly we will need some of you to help with the affairs of the Society to enable it to continue. Please think about this and if you are able, or know of someone who is, contact me (phone 02 9498 6635, email john.hungerford@harpercollins.com.au) or another of the committee. It will help us if we know how many plan to attend any part of the weekend activities – could you please let any of the committee know.

Hoping to see many of you at Lochinvar.

Best wishes,

John B S Hungerford - Secretary (E.1.1a.7b.1c.2d)

HAROLD MORTIMER HUNGERFORD was born 18 December 1908 at Lismore, NSW. He studied Law for three years at Sydney, where his father George Penn Loane Hungerford practised as a Barrister, but Harold was attracted to the wide open spaces of the country.

P.A. Wright, a grazier from Armidale, was one of G.P.L. Hungerford's clients in Sydney, and took Harold on as a Jackaroo in 1932 on Kindon Station, a property of 250,000 acres east of Goondiwindi, Queensland. His weekly wage was ten shillings (\$1). Harold soon became overseer there, and manager of Kerimbilla in 1938.

In 1939 he married Sheila Joan Wilson of 'Hollywood', Crookwell. In 1940 they purchased 'Farleigh Downs', a property of 10,400 acres of undeveloped country 43 miles north of Goondiwindi. It has been progressively improved by ringbarking and scrub pulling, leaving shade lines for stock, and the provision of five sub-artesian bores and troughing for water supply, besides sub-division fencing for six paddocks. During recent years some 700 acres were also prepared for cultivation.

Cypress pine used in the construction of the modern homestead and other buildings was milled at 'Farleigh Downs' by the owner, while Mrs Hungerford was equally busy in preparing and planning the beautiful garden surrounding their home, so much admired by numerous visitors.

The grazing property was reduced in 1953 to 6,943 acres to provide another small selection in that locality, known as 'Alanko' and won at ballot by Vilho Passi.

Harold was Councillor and Chairman of the Waggamba Shire, obtaining an all-weather air strip at Goondiwindi and a dingo barrier fence.

He served on Local Authority and Graziers Associations, and made deputations to various Federal and State ministers on behalf on residents in inland Queensland.

He was president of the Balonne Electorate Council of the Country Part, and Chairman of the Inland Division Council prior to his election to the Queensland Parliament in May 1969.

So, by his death on 10 January 1972, Harold Hungerford had progressed from that Jackaroo of 1932 to become MLA for Balonne.

'Farleigh Downs' passed to his son, Tom Hungerford,

Remembering Anne Loane Hungerford Chapman (E.8)

COMPILED BY JUDITH FITZ-HENRY

Many of my Chapman cousins contributed to the update of our branch of the family tree in the new edition of Peter Sherlock's *Hungerfords Down Under*. There are now five generations of descendants of Anne Loane Chapman nee Hungerford, wife of the Revd Robert Chapman, and good prospects for the sixth, while the numbers of descendants recorded have been steadily increasing with each edition Peter has published. But, as we shall see, the story of this branch could have been very different.

Mary Bayley and I are second cousins. Our Chapman grandfathers were brothers, hers the eldest son and mine the third son of Anne Loane and Robert Chapman. Mary wrote to Peter Sherlock with updated information:

With the death of Marjorie [Fanning, nee Lindeman, daughter of Florence, who was the youngest sister of our grandfathers] last December [1998], I think I am probably the oldest surviving member of our branch of the family – I was born in 1914 – and have not yet reached the obit columns. I have memories of the old people in the family. I just remember Great Grannie (Anne Loane Hungerford) and Great Uncle Sep [the Rev. Septimus Hungerford, Anne Loane's next oldest brother] and Uncle Wells and Aunt Gertie [Judith's grandparents]. We used to come and visit them as we came to Sydney from Corowa each summer. Great Grannie had bad arthritis, and used to say "Good-bye" to everyone each night at bedtime in case, as she explained to us, she "was called away in the night".

Apart from her brother Septimus, however, Anne lived the longest of all her siblings. Widowed in 1879, she left West Maitland where she had spent all her married life as the wife of the Rector of St Mary's Anglican Church, and lived until 1920 at 'Eulebury', in Strathfield. But she never had to live alone. And she often enjoyed the company and always had the support of her good brother Septimus, whom she and all the family loved dearly.

Marjorie Fanning had her own memories of her Grandmother. As a small child, the youngest and seventh child of Florence Lindeman nee Chapman (in turn the youngest and 7th child of Anne Loane and Robert Chapman), she was often taken to visit her. It soon became apparent to Marjorie that there were two younger unmarried family members living in Grandmother's house; the gentle Aunt Annie, Anne Loane's eldest daughter (who had so much wanted to marry Charles Lindeman but he proposed to Florence instead) and Ruby, Anne Loane's eldest grandchild, who was rather more fun but surprising at times. Ruby's mother Alice Clara, first wife of Robert Edward Chapman, Mary's grandfather, had died aged only 19 when Ruby was only two and a half weeks old.

What really worried Marjorie, though, was her deduction that all unmarried women in Grandmother's family ended up having to live with her at 'Eulebury'. She decided to ask her parents about it. Would this happen to her, too, after they died and she had not married by then? To her surprise they both burst out laughing, picked her up and hugged her close. "Of course not, darling!" they both reassured her. But it remained a vivid memory for the rest of her life.

Some years later Marjorie happened to be at 'Eulebury' when my uncle, Percy Wellesley 'Bob' Chapman called to say goodbye to his grandmother before going off to the first World War. She remembered clearly how handsome he looked in his uniform. They were never to see him again. He was not the only grandson Anne Loane Chapman lost in that war. She survived many a crisis during her long life.

Marjorie, Mary, and my mother and her sisters remembered her still beautiful in her old age, sitting in her rocking chair, often knitting. She had always taken care of her hands and had long tapered fingers and well-shaped fingernails. I seem to remember being told that this was considered to be an indication of being well-bred!

Her eldest daughter, Katherine, always lived with her. In due course Ruby moved to her own flat in Strathfield, and later to Double Bay. When Mary was only seven she remembers Ruby several times insisting on her trying her cigarette, much to Mary's mother's disapproval! Ruby was a great favourite with my Chapman aunts and uncles especially in the pre-war years when they were all young together. I met her once, when in Sydney with my mother. I remember that she was a little, alert person who had many beautiful rings on her fingers. She noticed my interest in them but said, to my disappointment, "Yes, my dear, they all have stories - but don't imagine that I am going to tell you any of them!"

It was Marjorie who told me not long after I first met her, in 1991, that Robert Chapman had not been Anne Loane's first love. His name had long been forgotten; but she knew he had been killed accidentally. No one now could recall just what had happened. It was all such a long time ago. Possibly he had died in a bush fire, she said; or perhaps he had been fatally injured in a fall from a horse. Her grandmother had then been a young girl with all her life ahead of her. She had been devastated. But after some time she told her family that she was not going to grieve for him all her life. If a good man were to ask her to marry him, she would consider it; she wanted to live a useful life. So, when in due course Robert Chapman proposed, she accepted. And thus we became their descendants. □

Annual General Meeting and 11th Annual Church Service

Lochinvar, Saturday 13 October, 2001

10-11 am optional gathering at graveyard of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, New England Highway, Lochinvar, where several Hungerfords and descendants are buried.

11.30 onwards arrive at Windermere.

12 noon Lunch (self catered). Hot water is available but please bring everything else

for your own lunch - including tea / coffee and cup / mug.

1.30 pm AGM at 'Windermere' - including the election of office

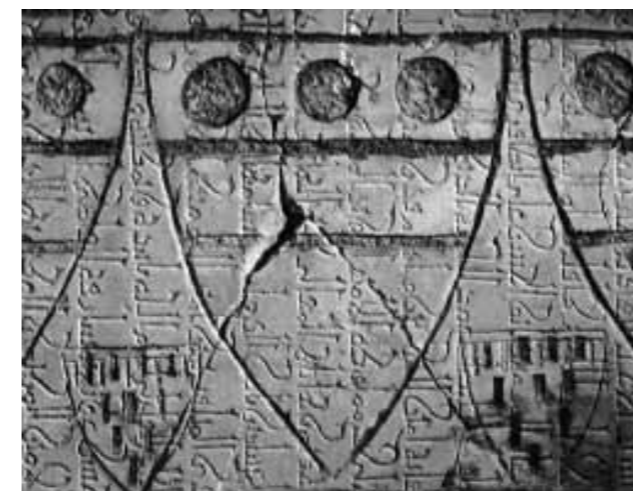
bearers and committee

Sunday 14 October, 2001

11th Annual HAFS Church Service
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
New England Highway
Lochinvar

8.30 am (Holy Communion), conducted by the Priest-in-charge of the parish, the Rev'd Ian Talbot.

Followed by morning tea (please bring a plate)



A print of the marble panel from Ashkelon (now on the Gaza strip) as printed in National Geographic - the shields were engraved around 1240 by an English knight, covering the Arabic writing running vertically.

For more details please contact Judith Fitz-Henry on (02) 9949 3831 or John Hungerford on (02) 9498 6635.

Driving directions from Sydney:

From the beginning of the Expressway at Wahroonga it takes about one and three quarter hours to drive to Lochinvar. Follow the signs to Singleton/Muswellbrook and turn left onto the New England Highway.

Proceed through East Maitland and about 10kms

60 years of service

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er this year to celebrate the occasion and to give thanks to God for all that this anniversary meant, all four, Mel and Hope, and Charles and Emily were present at the Cathedral together with many members of their families - including Dr Peter Sherlock, just back from his postgraduate studies in Oxford, friends of many years' standing, and members of HAFS.

Mel and Charles both walked down the aisle in the Procession as the Service commenced. It was good to see Mel, former Headmaster of St Andrew's Cathedral School, robed and well again after breaking his hip the previous year, walking confidently beside the present Headmaster, Phillip Heath. He read the First Lesson, from Deuteronomy 26:1-11, while Charles read the Second Lesson, from Matthew 7:28 - 8:13.

The Precentor based his thought-provoking sermon entitled 'Is there anything he can't do?' on verses 8-10 of the Second Lesson. The choir led us in the singing of well-known hymns. Its performance of the *Benedicite* (Dakers in A minor) was beautiful.

Afterwards we were all invited to morning tea in the Chapter House where a large and beautifully decorated cake was ready for the cutting, and tables were laden with many other tasty treats.

It was a time for all of us to congratulate Mel & Hope Newth, and Charles & Emily Sherlock, on their admirable achievement of sixty years of ministry and service, and for everyone to relax and enjoy themselves. Photographs taken at the time record a truly happy occasion which those present may long remember. □

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