



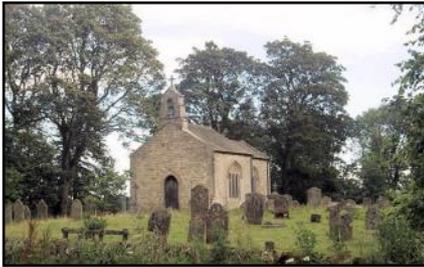
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GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting at Stirling House is on **Wednesday 19 October** at 6pm.
Dr Steve Errington will present a paper on **Thomas Hobbes Scott, Western Australia's first clergyman**.
Refreshments available from 5.30pm. Bookshop open until 6 pm.



St John's Church in Whitfield, County

The first clergyman at Swan River was not Colonial Chaplain John Burdett Wittenoom. He was recruited too late to join his fellow officials on the *Parmelia*, leaving our pioneers with no one to perform baptisms, marriages and burials. Colonial Office records show that the first burial services at the East Perth cemetery were conducted by the Rev. T.H. Scott, Rector of Whitfield in the Diocese of Durham.

Hobbes Scott had been Archdeacon of New South Wales and was on his way home to St John's Church, Whitfield on HMS *Success* (Lt Governor Stirling's old ship) when it ran aground off Carnac Island on 28 November 1829. Finding that there was no churchman or church in the colony, Scott set

about getting a church built in Perth so that he could hold a Christmas Day service. He then remained in the colony for another eight months.

In 1813 Scott was thirty years old and a bankrupt wine merchant when he decided to enrol at Oxford University. On graduation he journeyed to Sydney as secretary to the J.T. Bigge Royal Commission. On return to England he took holy orders like his father and grandfather, accepting the living of Whitfield before returning to Sydney as Archdeacon. Surviving letters reveal his impressions of the young colony.

Steve Errington has been a member of the Society since 1963, a member of Council since 2006, a vice president since 2013 and editor of *Early Days* since 2014. An academic chemist, Steve has been indulging his interest in WA colonial history since retiring from Curtin University in January 2009. He became curious about the Rev. Hobbes Scott when it emerged that he was probably the 'unknown artist' responsible for the well-known paintings showing the 'rush church' in Perth and the 1829 temporary town on Garden Island.



The new website: a major achievement for the Society

Prior to the August general meeting our new website, collections portal and online shop were officially launched. This was a joyous occasion as it takes us a long way towards realising our vision of making Western Australian history accessible to members and the wider community.

President Sally Anne Hasluck welcomed GAIA Resource Director, Piers Higgs, and three of his team who implemented the contract – Alex Chapman, Kehan Harman and Ben New – and an audience of 50 members. Morgan Strong who built the website was unable to be present. Sally Anne spoke of the Society's team of volunteers and the productive collaboration between them and the GAIA team.

It has been a challenging effort on the part of the historical collections, website and e-shop volunteers who have been involved all the way through the project in acceptance testing and collection data-cleaning activities in consultation with the GAIA team. This was particularly so on the part of the Hon. Librarian, Jill Maughan, and the Museum Collection Database Manager, Sonia Pendergast, assisted by their respective data entry teams. Graham Grundy and Lorraine Clarke will manage and administer the technical workings of the website, e-shop and historical collections and undertake future training requirements. Bookshop Manager, Glenda Bye, supported the migration of the Bookshop data to a software program to facilitate stock management through the e-shop. Graham Grundy assisted in preparing for the data migration.

At Sally Anne's invitation, Piers Higgs responded and reaffirmed the productive relationship between the GAIA and Society teams. Piers then launched the website and introduced Alex Chapman who, with the aid of overhead projection, took the audience on an informative guided tour of the website. He spoke of the way in which the very latest in website and e-shop technologies had been employed and of the power of the new historical collections database *CollectiveAccess*.

Helen Henderson, Project Co-ordinator



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At its meeting held on 8 September business included the following where Council

- welcomed new members – Angela Chaney, David Dale, and Penny and Neil Young;

- congratulated the RWAHS Auxiliary and speaker Gillian Lilleyman for a most informative presentation *Dipping into a Diary: The journal of Frances Louisa Brockman* and successful annual morning tea which drew a sell-out audience;
- resolved that architect Fred Chaney be invited to present the current plans for the proposed Community History Centre to October Council;
- recorded its sadness at the death of Claire Macklin, an Honorary Life Member;
- reviewed and agreed to changes in procedures for the distribution of Council agendas and papers to reduce administrative workload and costs;
- thanked the *History West* team – Lesley, Barry and Lenore – for a splendid special 90th birthday issue in September;
- expressed pleasure at the continuing generous contribution of time by the Society's many volunteers – 1384 hours in August;
- congratulated Convenor Susan Hall and her team on a most successful 52nd RWAHS Annual State History conference of Affiliated Societies hosted by the City of Armadale (Inc.);
- appreciated the Lotterywest grant for Affiliated societies attending the State History Conference and thanked Nick Drew for his work in processing the 14 claims for re-imburement from the grant;
- shared a wonderful 90th birthday cake at the State History Conference, kindly baked and decorated by Zac Errington;
- thanked Pamela Statham Drew and Nick Drew for managing the Society's book sale counter at Conference, taking over \$1,000 in sales;
- resolved that the Society will close for Christmas/ New Year on Thursday 22 December and reopen on 9 January 2017.

Lennie McCall

History in the City

Government housing in WA was the subject of September's meeting and the speaker was Claire Menck. In 1850, the government provided housing in Fremantle for senior government employees at Fremantle Prison. From there, the provision of housing spread, not only in the metropolitan area, but around WA. In 1908, a magistrate's residence was built in Northam and then provision was made for housing in other parts of the state.

Many locations were developed, in the suburbs as well as country areas and the building types included houses, duplexes and flats. Post-World War II, 52,000

houses were built and in 1946, the State Housing Commission was formed and housing, especially for returned servicemen, became a priority. Many new suburbs were created. As industry grew so more housing was required.

Many in the audience were familiar with Wandana Flats in Subiaco, high-rise ten-storey flats which were without lifts for the first twenty years. It was amazing to hear of the wide spread of government housing from the far north to the south of the state.

History in the City is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Join us at 2pm at the Citiplace Community Centre on Perth Railway Concourse. Donation \$5 entry with afternoon tea, all welcome. Our speaker on 2 November will be Lorraine Coates – Manufacturing factories in 1900 in Perth and suburbs.

Lorraine Tholet

Remembered with Gratitude

We recently bid farewell to three wonderful **Honorary Life Members**. They were long-time volunteers who greatly assisted the Society. Librarian **Jenny Marshall** volunteered for many years in the Library and convened the Library Committee. She was a Councillor of the Society. **Margaret Love** was a Councillor and convenor of the Museum Committee. Margaret was a potter who studied art history and worked as a guide at the Art Gallery of WA, bringing these skills to her volunteer work at the Society. **Claire Macklin** worked as Honorary Secretary in the 1970s during the challenge of building renovations. She assisted all the committees, willingly working long hours. The Society honours their memory.



Jenny Marshall with other members of Book Sale team



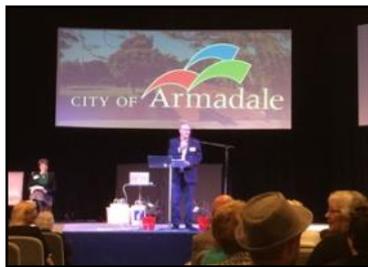
Margaret Love



Claire Macklin

**Congratulations and many thanks to
Armadale Kelmscott on a splendid conference
The 52nd conference of Affiliated Societies of the
Royal WA Historical Society
2-4 September 2016**

Susan Hall, our convenor for this year's conference, is the Historian/Librarian of the Local Studies Library of the City of Armadale and she can be extremely proud of the way everything turned out. On Friday evening we assembled in St Mary's in the Valley church where we were welcomed by the Mayor of Armadale/Kelmscott, Henry Zelones OAM, JP, and treated to an organ recital on a very old instrument. Thereafter we repaired to the Church Hall for refreshments and chat – friendships renewed and new friends met. Saturday morning we all arrived at the Champion Lakes Christian Centre, which had a huge theatre with very comfortable seats.



Nick Drew

Thirty-one affiliated historical societies attended this year as well as seven other associated organisations, such as local studies groups. They came from all quarters, many assisted by the

Lotterywest travel

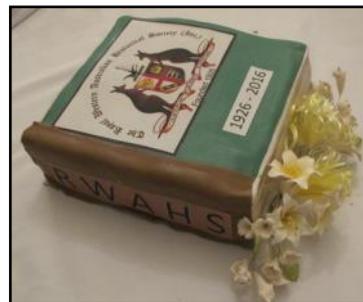
grant obtained and administered by Nick Drew. Our President Sally Anne did us proud as anchor for the entire day and it was a full day with eight speakers.

The first session began with a representative from the State Library, Andrew Meredith, guiding us through the Library's Storylines project now up and running on the web. This is an amazing resource for Aboriginal history with over 5,000 images and oral histories, so is well worth exploring. The next speaker, Denise Cook, looked at suburban Noongar Camps that were homes for Noongar families until very recently. She spoke of the camps around Armadale at Neerigan Brook (Snake Gully), Forrestdale and Southern River. She also went through the protocols that need to be in place when undertaking this type of research. Denise was followed by Bevan and Jennie Carter who together wrote the History of Armadale/Kelmscott. They showed the importance of maps in researching a district. They found the early maps in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, which were not in the Battye Library.

After a coffee break we heard just who Birtwistle was from local librarian Jeff Walker. This was fascinating as Ivor Birtwistle was one of the founders of the RWAHS in 1926 yet few of us knew anything about him. Jeff painted a picture of a larger than life character, a small, dapper man with great charisma, friendly yet with definite views and an air of authority. A practical man with a witty turn of phrase, he also founded the Armadale/Kelmscott Historical Society in 1966 and spearheaded the fundraising campaign to build History House.

The next speaker was Ian Boersma who had grown up

in Armadale – or more specifically at Wungong near the present-day Waterways Studio. He was an enquiring child and documented as much as he could about the history of the place, chatting to old people who told him stories of the past. He now lives in Tasmania but has been able to give the Library his old findings. As our President said in thanking him, we should all grab and foster inquisitive young boys! The last speaker before lunch was Claire-Frances Craig from the WA Museum who talked about disaster-proofing collections. She had very practical advice which our delegates found most helpful, and she referred to the experience at the Kununurra HS/Museum, when their building burned down but sufficient protection had been given to their collections that it proved a benefit rather than a disaster as insurance gave them a new air-conditioned building.



Part of the wonderful 90th birthday cake

Lunch provided time for more networking and purchase of raffle tickets. A relieved Steve Errington greeted his son Zac who had made and delivered a wonderful 90th Birthday cake for the RWAHS. It was a marvellous gluten-free cake in the shape of

two books with the RWAHS logo on top and surrounded with flowers, all made of icing. Thank you Steve and Zac!

Just prior to the cake-cutting, the Merit Award was announced. Three societies had been short listed for this award: Kalgoorlie, Kununurra and Toodyay – and Kununurra won. A very surprised Andrew Barker – who had travelled further than anyone – accepted the award with pleasure.

Lennie McCall gave a brief report on RWAHS's activities over the past year and Bob Nicholson spoke about doings at the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, especially the appointment of outreach officer, Bernadette Flynn, who is compiling handbooks on topics such as succession planning. Then Bill Marwick – convenor of next year's conference at Wanneroo – showed a video of the treats in store. Nominations were called for the 2018 conference and we were all delighted when Cervantes offered – subject to approval by the whole Cervantes committee.



Christen Bell

Afternoon tea gave people time to buy a book from the stand staffed by Nick and Pamela with help from the Carters who had their new book *King Eddies* for sale. We reassembled to hear a most interesting talk by Linton Reynolds, a Vietnam veteran and ex-mayor, on finding

the World War I men who came from Armadale/Kelmscott. Our last speaker was Christen Bell, a curator of the History House museum in Armadale who talked of the tactics he used to attract people into the Museum. These included a Mad Curator's Tea Party; a Musician in Residence and even a Comedian in Residence.



Ruth Marchant James and Margaret Medcalf

Our President brought the day to a close with the drawing of the raffle. Tired but happy delegates dispersed, to prepare for the dinner which was held at Avocado's. It was a beautiful venue on the Canning River surrounded by avocado trees. The after-dinner speaker was a novelist, Linda Bettenay, who spoke about her work and sold her books.

Altogether a wonderful day!

Pamela Statham Drew

2016 Merit Award

Congratulations to Kununurra Historical Society!

Kununurra is a remote and isolated location but this does not deter the Society. Despite, or as a result of this remoteness, the Society has made a push to develop its digital resources which have been uploaded onto a very informative website. The website includes a wealth of information about Kununurra, including photographs, local events and news. This year three volunteers recorded 3,330 hours on a variety of tasks, including digitisation of the collection, transcription activities and working on the archives. In dollar terms this work is worth some \$116,550. The Museum, which in 2015 was open five days a week, increasing to seven days a week in 2016, attracts a large number of visitors. Over the past year 2,009 people have visited. This year Kununurra celebrates its 30th year in operation. Well done!

Armadale: Heritage on tour

'It was July, freezing, and there was no power. Anna's husband walked down to Buckingham's store and bought a kerosene lamp and a spirit stove. This store was set up for migrants.' This was one of the heart-warming – and mind-warming – messages in the Armadale district's tableau of heritage, offered to historical society members during the **Sunday morning tour** that wrapped up the conference.

By bus we toured landmarks of this south-eastern fringe of the metropolitan area, not well-known to some and all the more worth visiting for that reason. The hills are a handsome backdrop; and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library people were fine hosts, informative and justly proud of their district.

At Rushton Park, next to the Canning River, we saw the site of a significant water feature: the first Olympic-sized pool in Perth, built in the wake of the 1956 Games in Melbourne. The surface is now concrete; only memory lanes remain. The green seating, however, endures as a reminder of where locals sat, watched and cheered.



Migrant Park, on the corner of Brookton Highway and Bernard St, was once home to more than thirty Nissen huts where some of Australia's post-war arrivals lived. Wives and mothers like Anna may have been cold but were surely delighted to be in a land of peace and comparative plenty. Many of the men worked on nearby

Metropolitan Water Supply projects. Today a memorial stands testament to the era when corrugated iron shelter came as a boon after years of war in Europe.

History's capacity to offer drama is neatly portrayed at Roleystone Theatre, a 1922 building where *The Little Shop of Horrors* is the next production. We heard from the theatre group's president, Paul Treasure, that for decades the creed of 'the show must go on' has survived war restrictions and the advent of television.



Bedforddale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade can deal with unprogrammed drama. Coordinating bushfire-ready groups is among the procedures that help keep people and property safe, we heard from the president, Michael Fancote.

Armadale's hub of heritage, the Minnowarra Precinct that includes History House Museum, was a fine venue for our farewell lunch in the spring sunshine. We thank the marvellous contribution of Armadale's 2016 residents and enthusiasts, and also give thanks to Ivor Birtwhistle, first president of the local historical society. He would have been delighted to know his legacy is in safe hands.

Patrick Cornish

**Thank you Susan and team!
And we all look forward to re-convening
at Wanneroo next year.**



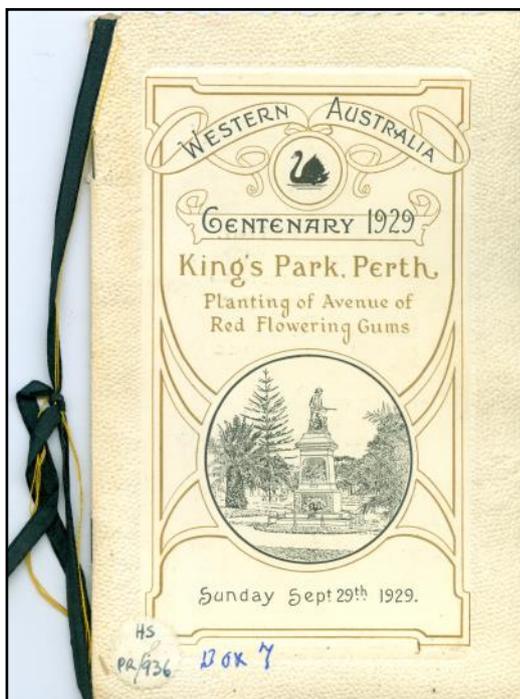
Bill Marwick, president of Wanneroo and Districts Historical Society, accepting the 'baton' to next year's conference.

Library & Museum News

Planting an avenue of red flowering gums: a 1929 centennial ceremony

On Sunday 29 September 1929, one hundred red flowering gum trees were planted in a second avenue of trees behind the existing trees along Main Drive in King's Park, one of many ceremonies to mark the centenary of the establishment of the Swan River Colony. The new plantings stretched from the main gate to the Queen Victoria Monument, on both sides of the road. King's Park Board invited members of the Centenary Celebrations Committee to take part in this tree-planting ceremony in order to publicly acknowledge their work on behalf of the centenary.

The Society's collection holds two items that commemorate the ceremony.



The Library holds a programme for the occasion, in the form of a booklet containing photographs of the park, a list of the participants and their tree's location. A colour reproduction of a red flowering gum blossom, the work of photographer Helen Ogden and artist Ida Richardson, is included. It is James Cowan's programme, an invitation to attend the ceremony to witness wife Edith plant her tree. A light pencil cross marks the allotted position of her tree.

The President of King's Park Board, Arthur Lovekin, met the participants at the entrance to the park and presented them with a commemorative silver and jam-wood handled trowel, each individually inscribed, showing the person's name and their tree's location. Miss Phoebe Holmes's trowel is in the Society's Museum collection. There are no markings visible that give any clues as to who may have produced the trowels, but each of the trowels seems to be slightly different from the others.



Sadly the trees did not have a long life. Many of them showed signs of the fungal disease that was affecting many of the red flowering gums in the park, and were removed. They were replaced with lemon-scented gums from 1938 but the nameplates from the Centenary event were kept in their original order. Today, only one nameplate is missing from the foot of the trees that line Fraser Avenue, that of Hon. S.J. Munsie, Minister for Mines and Health. The one remaining Centenary tree that was unaffected by disease was relocated closer to the park entrance in 2009.

Glenn Burghall

Mystery Photo



Pictured is a grand procession. Is it at Fremantle? Can anyone help identify the event? If you have any information,

please phone and ask for the Library, on 9386 3841, or email library@histwest.org.au

Announcing the Members' discount code

The e-Shop is now online through the website. You will notice a Members' Discount Code in this issue of *History West*. This code will change with each issue of the newsletter and will be removed from all issues that are uploaded onto the internet. To claim your discounts enter this monthly code in the Discount box on the form when you place orders through our e-Shop. It will entitle you to all members' discounts available for books, archival products and tours and events. At this stage, discounts are not available for photograph orders.

Diary Dates

Sun 16 Oct: Government House Open Day 11:00am - 3:00pm for further info www.govhouse.wa.gov.au

Wed 19 Oct at 5pm: launch of Early Days before General Meeting.

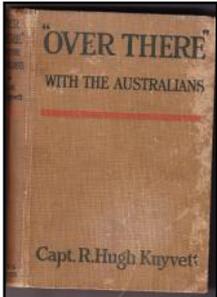
Wed 26 Oct 5 for 5.30pm: History of Voyager Estate and VOC emblem along with their range of VOC products

October Members' discount code for eShop: Eyreab9

Spotlight on Members' Research

An Untruthful Officer of the AIF

Member **Dr Mike Galvin** spent the greater part of his life in the Australian Defence Forces. Since retirement he has indulged his passion for history and particularly that of World War I. He is fascinated by false historical records and people who invent their war service or exaggerate it. Here he tells us of one such case.



As a collector of books relating to the AIF I came across *Over There with the Australians*, purportedly written by Capt. R. Hugh Knyvett, Intelligence Officer, 15th Australian Infantry. As I read the book I became convinced that this was in no way a truthful account of military service in the AIF.

Reginald Hugh Knyvett made one abortive attempt to enlist (probably early in 1915) but was rejected because of disability. After surgery he presented again for enlistment in October 1915 and was finally attested in November 1915 in Melbourne. At the time of enlistment he stated his occupation to be Minister of Religion. Following his basic training, he was allocated to the 14th reinforcements of 7th Battalion and assigned the regimental number 4528. After arrival in Egypt he was posted to the newly raised 57th Bn of the Fifth Division. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to Corporal. His unit then entered France for the Western Front through Marseilles. He participated in the battle of Fromelles and was active in the recovery of wounded from the battlefield. As the Fifth Division attempted to recover from Fromelles he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 9 August 1916 and that same day posted to 59th Bn. Both 57th and 59th Battalions were part of the 15th Brigade.

Knyvett was quite severely wounded by a grenade explosion on 22 November 1916 and this spelt the end of his military career. Treated in France and later in the 3rd London General Hospital, he was medically boarded and recommended for return to Australia. He arrived back in early March 1917 and was again subjected to a medical board where his discharge on medical grounds was recommended. His appointment in the AIF was terminated on 19 June 1917.

Following his discharge he made his way to the USA where he married, saw his book published and run to a second edition, and then died in New York in April 1918.

The problem arose for me when he described how he heard the call to arms while working as a pearling lugger master and decided to enlist. The Presbyterian Church in Queensland had employed him between 1910 and 1915 as a lay preacher in the outback. There is a vast gap between lugger master and lay preacher. His book provides graphic accounts of service at



Mike notes: Notice that Kynett is wearing the two 'pips' of a Lieutenant and not a Captain's three. His colour patch is rectangle on base signifying the Fifth Division but it is of two shades indicating one of the Battalions. The colour patches of all Brigade HQ were just one colour, which confirms the statement that he never was on Brigade HQ staff as an intelligence officer. It also eliminates the possibility that he was in 15 Bn because their colour patch was a rectangle on its long axis.

Gallipoli. This can only be fiction, as he did not reach Egypt until well after the evacuation from the peninsula. He undoubtedly met and conversed with many veterans from the Dardanelles and was able to concoct his account from what he heard and absorbed. His official medal entitlement was the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is shown as *not entitled* to the 1914/1915 Star, again demonstrating that he never was on Gallipoli.

He used photographs in his book, which are allegedly of his unit. The problem is that the troops are wearing the diamond of the Second Division. Knyvett makes great mention of surgical techniques used to repair a divided nerve. As a medical practitioner I can state quite categorically that what he describes is nonsense and, although tried over the decades, has never succeeded. He talks about meetings with his brothers. He had only one (Jack Lawrence, Reg. No. 2513), and a reconstruction of their movements suggests that the account is fanciful. Throughout the book there is a staggering degree of self-praise. He calls himself a Captain but he had just made Lieutenant. He never was a Captain. The mention of the 15th Australian Infantry could well be an attempt at a screen. It is true that he

was serving in the 15th Brigade but he was not on the HQ staff.

The numerous elaborations and falsehoods throughout the book relegate it to the status of fiction. The problem is now that what is essentially a work of fiction has become legend. Even the great historian Dr C.E.W. Bean quoted the book, which gives it status beyond its merits. Once a book has a reputation that has not been challenged it will continue to be quoted and with Knyvett this continues to this day. Patrick Lindsay draws extensively on Knyvett for his description of the battlefield of Fromelles. The description may or may not be accurate but, as a man with something of the Walter Mitty about him penned the scene, it should not be used as a primary reference.

The character of R. Hugh Knyvett came through even after his death. I suspect that he spread some grandiose stories before he died. In 1918 an anonymous donor endowed an annual prize for a literary sketch in his honour at the University of Sydney. The prize was last awarded in 1932. The preamble to the University record quotes Theodore Roosevelt describing Knyvett as a modern day Galahad who assisted the USA in military recruiting.

Reginald Hugh Knyvett's book should be retained in collections as an example of a false historical record that has achieved legend status. It should, however, not be quoted as a primary source.

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Mike Galvin

Book Review

Bill Marwick, *Mary Marwick of York: The life and times of Mary Ann Taylor*, Pandoras Publications, 2016, 93 pp.

Reviewer: Pamela Statham Drew

This little book is a companion volume to the author's 2011 work – *The Marwicks of York*. It tells in greater detail the story of his great-grandmother, Mary Ann Taylor, who became a Marwick in her 70th year, after bringing six little Marwicks into the world: Webster, William, Warren, Sarah, Joseph and Thomas who did not survive infancy. The five surviving children added

to the family Mary Ann had before meeting William Marwick.

Mary Ann arrived in WA per *Palestine* in April 1852. It had been thought (by Rica Erickson) that she was one of the girls orphaned in the Great Irish Famine and taken in by the Sisters of Mercy but Bill had his doubts as his great grandmother had never learned to read or write.



After numerous trips to Ireland he established that Mary Ann was one of thirty girls who had come from the Mountbellew workhouse, County Galway, as part of the plan to balance the purely male convict intake. Another thirty had preceded them on the *Travancore*. Mary Ann was encouraged to go inland, where ticket-of-leave depots had been

established. She went first to Toodyay where she met and married Henry Battye, who had arrived on the *Mindon*, aged 21, and given his ticket almost immediately. She actually married him twice – as a devout Roman Catholic the Anglican service conducted by the Resident Magistrate was not good enough. They had three children – two boys surviving to adulthood. But in 1859 Henry vanished, leaving Mary Ann with two young children.

Possibly for food, she took up with the Toodyay baker, Henry Beard, and by him had two children, a girl and boy. But in 1864 the baker was accused of sheep stealing and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. His friend William Marwick at first believed it was a miscarriage of justice and fought without success to have the sentence changed.

Marwick then stepped in to help MaryAnn. He was a carrier, sandalwooder and farmer and did very well – setting up his own sons and step-sons in business. So why did it take until 1906 – 42 years after they met – for Mary Ann and William to wed? Religion was the stumbling block and apparently the pair had loud arguments about it. Mary would not enter a Protestant Church and William would not marry in a Catholic Church and that was that...until son Warren organised a wedding in a private house by a sympathetic Anglican Minister.

Bill tells the story very well and there is an interesting postscript. The workhouse is part of a historic complex which is doing much to highlight the plight of those driven from their land by the potato famine. A local prison is re-creating the travelling boxes given to each girl who emigrated and one was especially made to be displayed at the York Residency with Mary's story.

A 90th anniversary feature Presidents of the Society, 1926-2016

1926-51	The Hon. Sir James Mitchell, GCMG
1952-57	Mr I.T. Birtwistle
1958-59	Mr A.C. Staples, MA, DipEd
1960-64	Mr I.T. Birtwistle, OBE
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1986-88	Mr R.B. Bodycoat, FRAIA
1989-91	Miss M.L. Medcalf, BA, DipEd, FLAA
1992-94	Mr C.M. Mulcahy, MPhil, BA(Hons), DipEd
1995-97	Dr G.D.R. Lilburne, MB, BS, FRACOG, FRCOG
1998-2001	The Rt Hon. Sir William Heseltine, GCB, GCVO, AC, QSO, BA(Hons)
2001-04	The Rt Hon. R.G. Withers, PC, LLB
2004-07	Professor R.T. Appleyard, AM, MA, PhD, FASSA
2007-10	The Hon. R.D. Nicholson, AO, KCSJ, BA, LLB, MA, LLM, Hon.LLD, FAAL
2010-13	Dr L. Layman, PhD
2013-16	Mrs Sally Anne Hasluck, OAM, Cert Ed (London)

Please Note: Garden Party Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday 6 November 2016 has been postponed due to the sad, recent death of Tania Young's husband Peter Young. The Society's Raffle / Fundraiser with all monies received in support of Community History Centre - Museum and Library Building fund will proceed. We hope many of you will offer to sell tickets on our behalf.

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