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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My how the year has flown we only seem to have got started in February and now we are looking at Christmas. I feel the year has been a good one for the society, with a variety of lectures that has covered a number of interesting items. Thanks to Cathey Shepherd for organising these wonderful lecturers. I found the talk by Allan Murrin has stirred me into further research of the My Family Tree offering.

Research has continued to be a major source of the work carried out by members and a sincere thanks to Fred Gibson and his team for the work they have carried out on our behalf. The Library continues to grow under the control of Tony Jackson and our Valley Voice has provided many possible contacts for the Family Researcher with both printed and electronic copies being available to members, our Journal provides many an interesting article, great work Warren Sims.

Our finances have been under the control of Barbara who has taken the chair for a couple of meetings and our membership seems to continue to be around the same as in previous years and is looked after by Beverley Booth. Pat Patterson thanks for keeping the minutes of our meetings.

To all the Committee members I would like to thank you for the time and effort you put into the Society, without your support the Society would not be as effective.

To all members both Andrea and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Will see you at the Barbecue at Bunnings on the 21st January 2018

Ray Herbert
President

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the final Journal for 2017. As Ray commented in his President's report the year seems to have only just started and already it is November. In this edition Jo O'Brien shares her research on her connection to Orange, site of this year's NSW&ACT Association of Family History Society's state conference. Janet Howe has provided an outline of her Macarthur Connection and also her "Good Fortune" story about family connections in the Ticino Canton of southern Switzerland 92 years apart and Sharon Greene completes her story on her DNA research with the epilogue. Following on from the example set by a previous editor I have tried to add a little humour so I hope a little levity will be appreciated.

There are our usual articles including New Acquisitions and Items For Sale.

I hope there is something for everyone in this edition of Camden Calling and I would ask again for more members to share stories of their research and the journeys taken to determine your history.

Warren Sims,
Editor

“Following the tracks on the way to Orange”

By Jo O'Brien

With an upcoming visit to Orange to attend the NSW and ACT Family History Society conference, I decided to see what more information I could find out about my only connection to the area. My great-great grandfather, William Glover, was a railway engineer/contractor - building the early railway lines, firstly at Homebush, and then near Picton around 1860. From about 1863 he worked on the Great Western Railway, all the way from Penrith to Bourke, where in 1885 he finally retired from railway work. His wife and children accompanied him, probably living in the railway camps for much of the time.

I knew very little about William Glover from family stories, but I have found out much more in my research over the years. Could I find something new that was on the way to Orange?

Originally starting with a page of facts from a cousin, including the following note...“Came to Australia and was said to have been an engineer in service of NSW Railways and was working on various extensions including line over the Blue Mountains and Southern Line”, I had previously established a timeline using the following:

- Births of William's children, including my great grandfather Eli near Picton.
- Marriages of these children, which follow the path of the Western railway.
- An 1877 insolvency record at Blayney (“of the railway works near Orange, formerly of Hill End”) - which resulted from mining speculations
- The dates of the railway line opening (Penrith 1863, Lithgow 1868, Bathurst 1876, Orange 1877).
- Books and websites on the history of NSW railway construction

Research on Trove added more dates, facts, and contemporary glimpses into where William was working. Two interesting references that mention “Mr Glover” as an engineer relate to the building of the Zigzag section near Lithgow, one in January 1867 (Great blasting explosion on the Western Railway), and another about a dinner for Patrick Higgins (the contractor for No 5 section - including the Zigzag) at Bowenfels October 1868.

Of course “William Glover” or more frustratingly “Mr Glover” is too common a name when searching Trove, even when searched with “railway”, so results were cross-checked against known dates and facts. As much as I had searched and found, I realised references could easily have been missed, or new items added since I last searched.

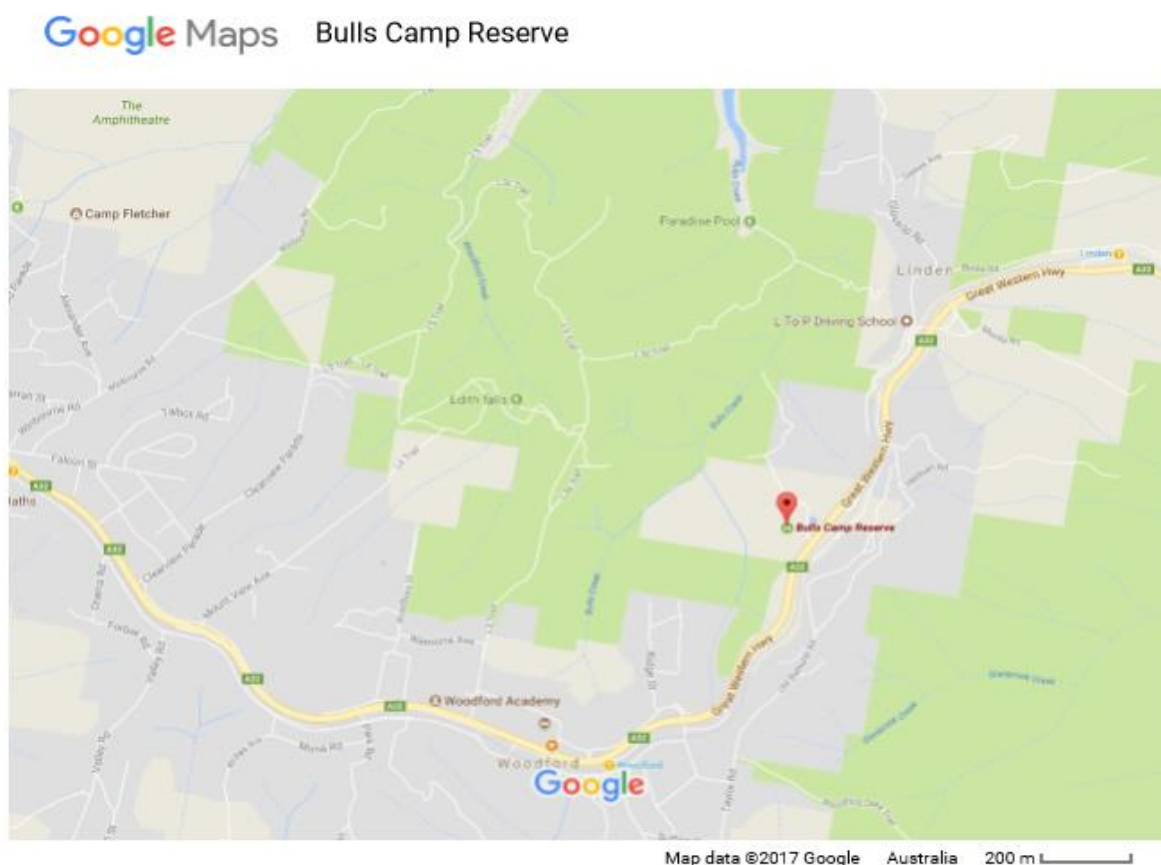
Looking at the timeline between Penrith and Orange, I realised there was a gap in the mid-1860s where I had no references. So this time, in searching for any more articles from Trove, I searched Glover & railway, but then narrowed the decade to the 1860s i.e. when the railway line over the mountains was being built. Up came a reference from the NSW Government Gazette, where “W. Glover “ was the witness to a signature on the dissolution of a partnership between Duxbury and Kerr, railway contractors at “Bulls' Camp, Bathurst Rd” (11 Sep 1866). It fitted in the timeline. This new find had become more apparent because I had narrowed the search to the 1860s. So what and where was Bull's Camp?

Searching for “Bull's camp” online I found references to a former convict road building site at Woodford, where there was a “tent town” of railway gangers from 1863-66. There was an inn, police station, post office, and a population over 300. Bathurst Rd is of course now the Great Western Highway.

The site is a reserve now on the highway, with ruins from the convict days still there.

Knowing this, I could now search for “Glover” and “Bull’s camp“, and I found another dissolution of partnership (Rennie & Woodley), where W. Glover witnessed a signature (20 Apr 1866). And then ... a family notice, a birth, “at Bull’s Camp, Bathurst Rd, the wife of Mr W. Glover, of a daughter” (1 November 1864). This was a surprise! I cannot find a BDM registration for this daughter, so possibly she died not many weeks after birth. The only mention of her in family records is on William’s death certificate as one of the two (unnamed) daughters who predeceased him. Given these dates, it also means that the family is likely to have lived at Bull’s Camp for at least a year and a half.

So now I had new location to visit on the trip - Bull’s Camp, Woodford. By using a timeline of known information, and narrowing the search years in Trove, then following the trail from one reference to another, I had uncovered considerable new information, and filled in a gap.



I still wanted more information about the family in the 1860s and 1870s, so next I tried searching my great-grandfather’s name - Eli Glover. Although he was a child at the time, his name is more unusual, and of course this helps narrow down the results. Again I was surprised to find something I hadn’t noticed before. Scrolling down the Trove results, right down to the bottom, I saw his name in an Archived website: www.heatgg.org.au - the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group.

Archived websites (1996 – now)

1 sites

1. Website: [Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group](http://www.heatgg.org.au)
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Matching pages:

- [Registered - www.heatgg.org.au/wp-content/u...r-1870-1872.pdf](http://www.heatgg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/1870-1872.pdf) - 10/8/2017
- ... Hill Miner V1/12 B 284 1872/04/15 **Eli Glover** V1/12 B 280 1872/04/15 **Eli Glover** 11 EC...

The reference was to the Hill End School Admission Register, Eli Glover, admitted 15/4/1872 aged 11, father William Glover of Turon, builder.

Now I knew William Glover had been at Hill End, as “mining speculations” had led to his insolvency in 1877, but I had assumed it was a brief sidetrack from his railway building work. Clearly the family as well as William had been there for longer than I had thought. Looking up the current heatgg site, I found some easy to search indexes, finding more references from October 1871 to 1873, including some for the births of William’s grandchildren - his married daughter and her husband had stayed with the family.

Realising now that the Glover family were in Hill End for some years during the peak period in the early 1870s, I have a new focus on researching this area. Thanks to the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group for their excellent website! Unfortunately there wasn’t time to take a side trip to Hill End on the Orange trip, but I certainly plan to visit another time.

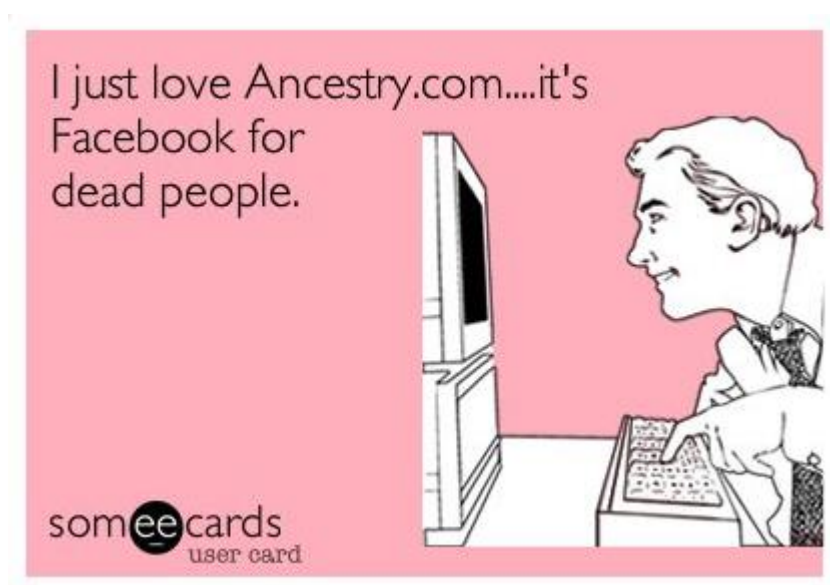


Photo from: <http://www.heatgg.org.au>

So, in looking for places to visit on the trip to Orange - by revisiting Trove searches, using a timeline, and focusing on specific areas and time frames - I found two new locations, and a number of new facts. This experience has reinvigorated my research of the Glover family, and their journey along the Great Western railway line.

Postscript

On the way to Orange we did indeed stop at Bull's Camp. It turned out to be something of a roadside camping ground, with makeshift campers parked around a clearing. There was not much signage, just one about Cox's Road, and nothing about the railway camp. We admired the view, spotted a convict built wall, and water filled quarry, and took a few photos. A train passed on the rail line on the opposite side of the highway. It was amazing to be there, and think of how the Glover family lived in the thriving tent city that it was in the 1860s.



My Macarthur Connection - Janet Howe



When WWI broke out, my paternal grandfather John "Jack" McNair was living with his parents at Drummoyne. He had met my grandmother Amy Atkins whose family were pioneers of the fruit-growing industry in the Cherrybrook/West Pennant Hills district, but her father, Edward Atkins Jnr who was a well-to-do alderman on Drummoyne Council, did not approve of his youngest daughter's engagement to a lowly labourer. Family stories suggest that Amy's father would only give his consent to the marriage if Jack joined the AIF and did his bit. This was in late 1916 when the full horror of the war was known and my father believed that it was in the hope that Jack wouldn't come back.

However Jack survived the carnage returning in May 1919, and he and Amy were married the following August after which they took advantage of the Soldier Settlement scheme to set up a nursery near Gosford. My father arrived in May 1920 and a second son Ron in 1922 but shortly afterwards baby Ron developed health problems and the family had to move back to Sydney to be closer to the medical care he needed. Though Ron recovered fully, his parents lost their nursery and Granddad whose ability to work inside had been impacted by poison gas attacks during the war, returned to labouring.

With the onset of the Great Depression in late 1929 unemployment reached twenty-one per cent and men took work wherever they could find it. At the time, the Nepean Dam was under construction and Granddad moved his family to Burraborang around 1931/32. My father (Master Gordon McNair) and his brothers were enrolled at the Central Burraborang School and this story from *The Picton Post*, 15 December 1933 shows how the family settled down to life in the district.

When the dam was completed in 1935, Jack moved the family to Thirlmere, where the family lived for several years and Amy was Hon. Sec. of the CWA, before moving to a cottage in Bungalow Crescent, Bankstown, where my grandparents lived out their days.

BURRABORANG

The annual dance in aid of the Central Burraborang School Children's Christmas Festival Fund was held in the Catholic Hall on the 2nd December, and proved a wonderful success, every corner of the district being represented. The hall, kindly lent by Rev. Father Sheehy, was gaily decorated, the floor was in excellent order, and the music supplied by Davey Jones' Band was all that could be desired. Mr. Jack McNair was in charge of the hall, and left nothing undone to promote the enjoyment of everyone present. The supper, prepared and presided over by Mrs. McNair, was much appreciated. During an interval, Master Gordon McNair, 13 years of age, mounted the stage and, on behalf of his fellow scholars, thanked all present for their attendance, and brought rounds of applause from the audience for the able way he delivered his address. Mr. T. Daley, headmaster, thanked those present for their presence. Mr. W. E. Wintle, in a few well chosen words, spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Daley, who, he said, had most ably conducted the C.B. Public School for the past 17 years, and had always taken great interest in his scholars, both in and out of school.

This year's festival will take the form of a picnic and trip to Avon Dam.

A Slice of Good Fortune! Janet Howe

In 1925 my great-aunt, Leonie Palazzi walked into the Town Hall in Bellinzona, the capital of the Italian speaking Ticino Canton of southern Switzerland, and asked after her father's relatives. Despite his birth there in 1838, they were unable to help and my despondent Aunt left. A short while later, she was waiting at the station for the train to Locarno, when she was approached by two women. The Swiss 'bush telegraph' had been active and the elder of the women was a distant relative. Three postcards home to her sister, my grandmother have survived and they tell us that despite language difficulties, Auntie made contact with relatives in the home towns of both her parents.

Ninety-two years later, I walked into the tourist information shop in Cevio, a few kilometres from my great-grandmother's village of Bignasco in the Valle Maggia region of Ticino, bought a small jug as a souvenir and got talking to the shop assistant Claudia. When Claudia learned of my Ticinesi background she told me that she was related to Luigi Martini, a retired engineer, whose lifetime passion was the genealogy of Bignasco and its nearby neighbour Caviglioglio, where Claudio and Luigi lived. Luigi's research extended to the migration from the region to Australia and his findings were written up in a small treatise, 'The Cavigliogliosi in Australia', a copy of which is held at the National Library of Australia, and now thanks to Claudia, by me (although it is in Italian!). The following day, Claudia took us up to Caviglioglio to meet Luigi and he gave us the family genealogy back to 1310.

Several days later, Claudia introduced us to Luigi's nephew Pietro, a doctoral student from Zurich who was home on a visit. He helps his uncle with his research but where Luigi specialises in going backwards, Pietro's interest is in what happened to the emigrant families and he had more information on distaff lines.

The day before our departure from Bignasco, we went back into the Information shop to leave a gift for Claudia, only to discover that she only worked there once a week on a Monday. What a stroke of good fortune that that was the day we chose to go shopping! Our research plan had been to go into the church and see the priest, but we found that there was no local priest anymore, one visited for occasional mass and family events, and to top it off, the church records had been lost in a fire in the early 1900s. Luigi had pieced together his genealogies from personal papers and civic records.

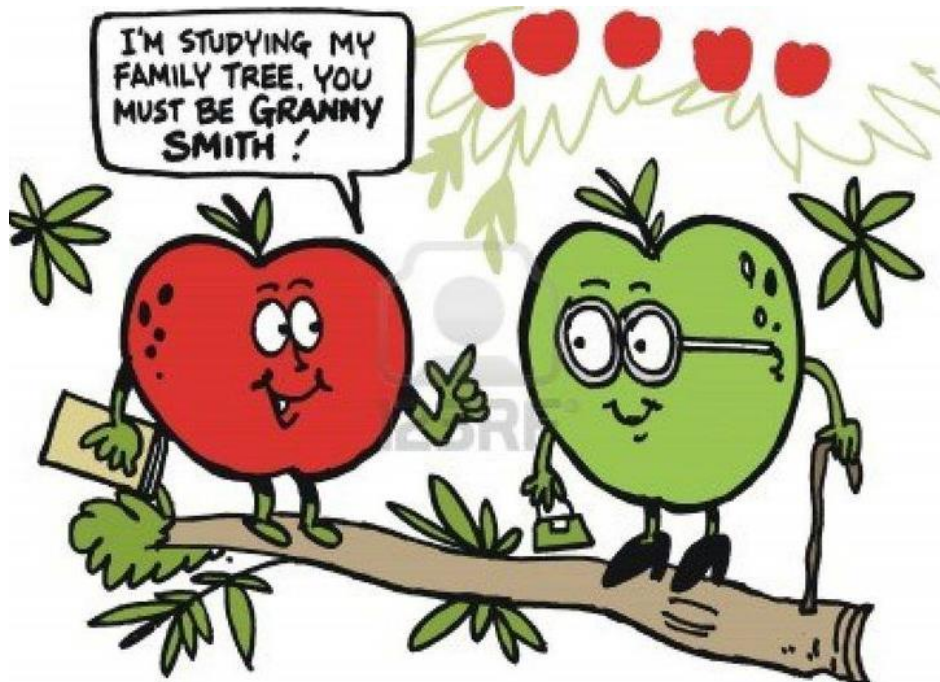
The bigger story of the Ticinesi in Australia is that prior to the development of hydro-electric power in the Valle Maggia which brought thousands of jobs and greater relative prosperity, the region had been poor. When gold was discovered in the New World, thousands of Ticinesi went to America and Australia, often financed by extended family in the hope of making a fortune to relieve poverty at home.

Most of the Australia-bound Ticinesi went to Victoria and while many returned home after failing to make their fortune, others stayed and their descendants can still be found in Melbourne and in the Victorian goldfields country especially Daylesford. For those who know their AFL history, Ron Barassi Snr and son Ron Jnr who both played for Melbourne are Ticinesi descendants (not Italian) via Castlemaine. My descendants came to NSW, specifically to the goldfields at Araluen, later moving to Wagga Wagga.



Bignasco

The chapel of Australia at Mondada on the road of Val Bavona, with the porch under which the mule track was passing, was also a place for rest and refreshment for travelers. Left: Great-Aunt Leonie Palazzi (centre back in cloche hat), 1925; Right: Geoffrey Howe with new friend and guide Gaby (American-Ticinesi), 2017.



My DNA Research ... epilogue. – Sharon Greene

In the last family history journal (June 2017) I wrote about my DNA journey and my endeavours to break through my proverbial 'brick-wall'.

Let me recap:

George Arthur FRANCIS is my mystery man. On his marriage certificate of 1882 it states that he was born in Sydney; age 37 years old; his father was John FRANCIS; his mother was Margaret MANNING. Some of this information was added in 1937 by a third party, when the registers were recalled to Sydney in 1937. There is an official stamp on the certificate to this affect.

My family history research over the last thirty-two years has not revealed any further information about George Arthur Francis and his parents: their arrival in Australia, or their births here or overseas, their marriage or even their deaths, nothing! So I took the DNA journey in an attempt to establish my father's ancestry. My first foray into DNA research initially appeared disappointing however my second DNA test results appear more promising ... even mind blowing!

Finishing with my theory:

My reckoning: George Arthur F Coffey at age 14 ran away from home, two Sydney Morning Herald newspaper articles state this (thank you TROVE) one from his mother to 'come home' and all will be forgiven and he will be treated kindly. The other is from his father (John Christopher Coffey) threatening to charge whoever was helping George:

Was George using the different surname of FRANCIS to make George Arthur F COFFEY simply disappear?

It is sad to note that Margaret died at age 90 on 30 August 1906, at the Newington Asylum, in Granville. On her death certificate it states: John H, George A, Silvester – ages unknown, living (to her they were still alive, somewhere). Her two other children Cecilia J A died 1875 and Cornelius A died 1881. It would appear that she never saw her three youngest boys again.

Has my DNA journey solved my preverbal brick-wall? Not conclusively but it certainly has given me enlightenment to a possibility I would never have discovered without my DNA research.

Now for the next chapter:

A known descendant of John Christopher Coffey, Robert Coffey and a total stranger to me, kindly agreed to be DNA tested to establish if there was any possibility to my theory. I visited Robert on a Sunday morning and he happily swabbed the inside of his mouth (FamilyTreeDNA does swabs not saliva). Over morning tea I chattered with Robert and his daughter Rebecca, as I explained some of the positives and negatives of DNA, with


the premise that DNA does not lie. We joked about possible unknown siblings, black sheep in the family and even us, being eventual possible cousins.

I posted away the sample the very next day, only to have it arrive in Texas, USA at the same time as Hurricane Irma was due to hit. Several weeks went by and there was no indication that my sample had arrived. Do I ask for another kit, do I go back to Robert and his family and ask for another sample?

Timeline: Kit was ordered 9 August 2017, arrived at my address 22 August, Robert swabbed 27 August, sample posted back 28 August, Irma hit USA 10 September ... 23 September receive message while at Orange Family History Conference, sample received!! Results expected end of November. Results were received just over two weeks later on 10 October.

The results show **my father and Robert Coffey as zero genetic distance** meaning they share a very close common ancestor. Robert was tested at 37 markers.

This therefore would support my theory that George Arthur F Coffey, simply dropped the surname of COFFEY and became George Arthur FRANCIS, my great, grandfather.




Y-DNA - Matches

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

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37 MARKERS - 23 - MATCHES

Genetic Distance	Name	Earliest Known Ancestor	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Terminal SNP	Match Date
0	Grant William Coffey  Y-DNA37		R-M269		10/10/2017
0	Mr. Aubrey Bernard Francis  Y-DNA111 FF		R-M269		10/9/2017
2	James Michael Coffey  Y-DNA111 FF	Michael Coffey b. 1867 Sneem, Co. Kerry, IRE	R-M269		10/9/2017
2	Mr. Paul Leo Brancky  Y-DNA111 FF	Coffey EKA	R-M269		10/9/2017
3	Mr. D R Spencer  Y-DNA111 FF	Ashbel 1800MA-1877 NY; m. c1836 Esther Bradley	R-A153	A153	10/9/2017
3	Daniel Dominic Coffey  Y-DNA111	Michael Coffey 1843-1893	R-M269		10/9/2017
3	Robert Eugene Coffey  Y-DNA67 FF	Daniel Coffey, b before 1820	R-A153	A153	10/9/2017
3	Stephen V Coffey  Y-DNA67		R-M269		10/9/2017

A definition of zero genetic as per FamilyTreeDNA

Understanding Genetic Distance for 37 marker matches Distance	Relatedness	Explanation
0	Very Tightly Related	37/37 Your perfect match means you share a common male ancestor with a person who shares your surname (or variant). Your relatedness is extremely close with the common ancestor predicted, 50% of the time, in 5 generations or less and with a 90% probability within 16 generations. Very few people achieve this close level of a match. <u>All</u> confidence levels are well within the time frame that surnames were adopted in Western Europe.
1	Tightly Related	36/37 You share the same surname (or a variant) with another male and you mismatch by only one 'point' at only one marker--a 36/37 match. It's most likely that you matched 24/25 or 25/25 on a previous Y-DNA test and your mismatch will be found within DYS 576, 570, CDYa or CDYb. Very few people achieve this close level of a match. Your mismatch is within the range of most well established surname lineages in Western Europe.
2	Related	35/37 You share the same surname (or a variant) with another male and you mismatch by only two 'points' --a 35/37 match. It's most likely that you matched 24/25 or 25/25 on previous Y-DNA tests and your mismatch will be found within DYS 439 or DYS 385 A, 385 B,389-1 and 389-2, from our first panel of 12 markers, or from within the second panel at DYS #'s 458, 459 a, 459b, 449, or within 464 a-d. If you matched exactly on previous tests you probably have a mismatch at DYS 576, 570, CDYa or CDYb in our newest panel of markers. Your mismatch is likely within the range of most well established surname lineages in Western Europe.
3	Related	34/37 You share the same surname (or a variant) with another male and you mismatch by three 'points' --a 34/37 match. Because of the volatility within some of the markers this is slightly tighter then being 11/12 or 23/25 and it's most likely that you matched 24/25 or 25/25 on previous Y-DNA tests. Your mismatch will most often be found within DYS 439 or DYS 385 A, 385 B,389-1 and 389-2 from our first panel of 12 markers, or within the second panel: DYS #'s 458, 459 a, 459b, 449, or within 464 a-d. If you matched exactly on previous tests you probably have a mismatch at DYS 576, 570, CDYa or CDYb in our newest panel of markers. Your mismatch is likely within the range of most well established surname lineages in Western Europe.

Conclusion:

My father's response ... I'm not changing my name! No need to I say, you were born a FRANCIS and will always be a FRANCIS however it enables me to 'close the mystery' and get on with researching my newly found Coffey family members.

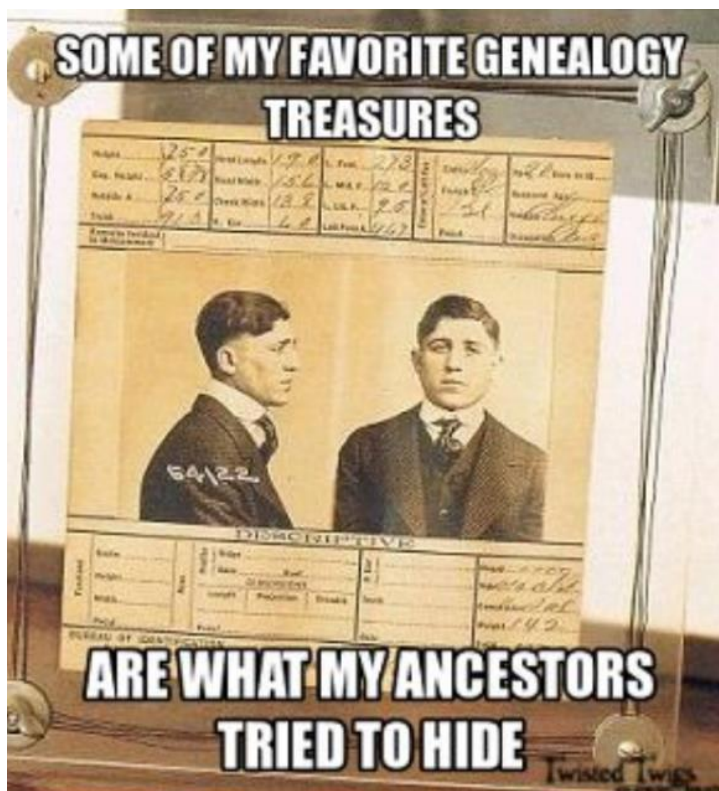
It's rather ironic. My father has pale white skin, never tans and had black hair (now very white at 94) and beautiful blue eyes. He used to like a 'pint or two' too many, is a meat and three veg man, never likes fancy or spicy foods, enjoys his rhubarb and apple with custard or ice-cream. All sounds so Irish to me now!

It would appear George followed the 'gold trail' and ended up in Bathurst as a miner living at Mount McDonald, near Carcoar, a gold mining town when he married in 1882. There are so many possibilities as to what he did before 1882 and the mystery continues because he disappears again (some- thing George was good at doing!) after his third child is born in 1887, this child grew up to become a policeman: did he track down his father? Did he ever know that his grandfather was also a policeman?

At this point I would like to thank my new found cousins: Robert Coffey for agreeing to DNA testing, Steven Williamson (a Coffey descendant) who led me to this possibility and to DNA testing for finally knocking down my proverbial 'brick-wall'.

So, as so many people have said to me ... what's in a name? I can totally agree.

Sharon Greene
October 2017



Ancestors with interesting occupations.

by Sharon Greene

Louis Marc Francois GAUVIN had some interesting and unusual occupations: harpooner, sail maker and scrimshaw carver.

I first discovered Louis arriving in Australia on 22 October 1846. His details of entry into NSW were discovered on the NSW State Records website, only a few years ago and briefly listed in the Index to the Unassisted Arrival in NSW 1842-1855. His listing was brief: Gauvin, (other names) unknown; arrived as a passenger aboard the brig '*Bee*'; with the following remarks: Harponneur, France, Visitor, from wreck French whaler the '*Colon*'.

Trove reveals in a Sydney Morning Herald article of Saturday 24 October 1846 and shed more light on his story: The '*Bee*' brought seven passengers (listed), then stated Captain Bourgenouf and crew of the French whaler '*Colon*' from Port Nicholson and Queen Charlotte's Sound, New Zealand.

The '*Colon*' a French whaling ship had visited Sydney in 1845 delivering whale oil and returned the following January to recruit additional crew before sailing to New Zealand in pursuit of whales and oil where it met with some success, before disaster struck.

Another SMH article, placed on Sydney auction the following week, 2 November 1846: 138 casks black oil, 14 bundles of whale bones, 8 sails, 16 harpoons, 4 lances: saved from the wreck of the French whaler '*Colon*'.

On 6 November 1846 the SMH states: 20 seamen of the French whaler '*Colon*' were Cleared at Customs and sailed the following day for London, via Brest, aboard the barque, Berkshire.

Time obviously was the essence: they had arrived 22 October 1846 and by 2 November 1846 they were on another ship, possibly returning to France however Louis must have had other plans.

Louis next appeared officially in Queensland where he fathered seven children with Harriet Tanner nee Sartin. They never married as Harriet possibly believed her husband Hugh Tanner, was still alive. Louis was the informer on some of the birth registrations of their children and listed his occupation as 'sail maker' (not sure there would have been a need for sails in Central Queensland). Their children were Naomie b.1864, Walter b.1866, Louis b.1868 (my line of descent), Ester b.1870, Jane b.1872, Harriett b.1878 and Elizabeth b.1880. All of their children were born in parts of Central Queensland: Tambo, Paroo River, Maryborough, Clermont and Charters Towers.

Louis had another talent ... he was a scrimshaw carver.

Most scrimshaws are carved on whale teeth or walrus tusks, ivory and bone. Many were a crude demonstration of the carver's talents however Louis demonstrated he knew his craft very well. Louis used another material readily available in Central Queensland that of the bovine (cattle) Louis carved many fine samples using these horns. Louis's scrimshaws show very fine details, exact in their size and proportions of design, with a perfect match within the intricate patterns of his designs.

His designs indicate he may have had some education and that he was possibly, a mason. There are words written in Latin as well as English, with several Masonic symbols, various flags, sailing ships, a very early interpretation of our coat of arms: with a kangaroo and emu, symbols of love and peace. On one piece carved in 1877 at Maryborough, there is a dove with a banner held in its beak and written there is the following: when this you see, remember me. Also the words in French: Amor et veritas (Love and truth) ... he sounds rather romantic!



I have located many of Louis's works. The Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney holds three pieces (two illustrated in this article). Two are a set and all his works are believed to be ceremonial gunpowder horns, complete with a carved timber stopper. One piece in the ANMM still has a leather plaited shoulder strap attached. Other examples are held Ipswich Art Gallery, Queensland. I have also seen some of his works for sale at Southerby's in London.

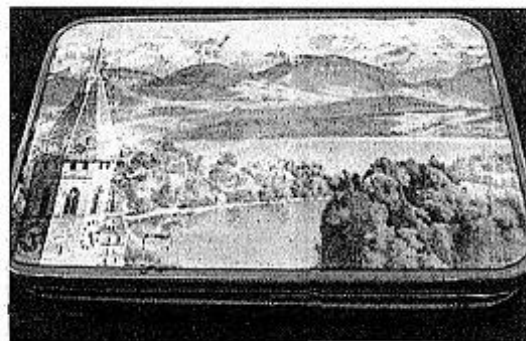
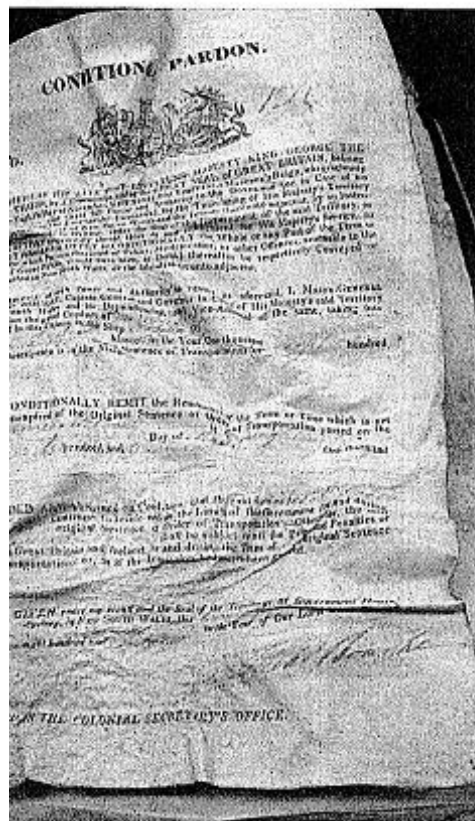
The beauty of Louis's craft is evident however he has added another wonderful element and that of providence. Each of Louis's carved scrimshaws have his name, the place and the year that the work was carved – something very rare with this type of artwork. I had the opportunity to hold these three scrimshaws, albeit with protective gloves and admire the handicraft of a distant ancestor.

Sadly Louis disappeared from history ... did he return to France? As we family historians know the search goes on. Harriett died 1916 as an 80 year old widow.



THE AMAZING STORY OF MCCOOEY'S PARDON

James McCooley, a native of County Armagh, arrived on the *Isabella* in 1822 with a life sentence. He was a 32 year old ploughman who was married with three children. He had been convicted of an assault in which he had his jaw broken. On arrival in New South Wales in 1822, McCooley was assigned to Robert Lowe at Bringelly. In 1823, he applied for his wife, Sarah, and children to be sent to New South Wales at the government's expense. In 1825, he unsuccessfully applied for a Conditional Pardon. In April 1826 his wife and children arrived on the *Thames* along with many other convict wives and children. McCooley received £21 per annum from the government as Inspector of Working Oxen at the Rooty Hill establishment.



▲▲ Conditional Pardon, James McCooley, No. 124

1 folded manuscript on parchment, 33 cm x 41 cm,
dated 12 September 1832, in a red metal confectionery tin.

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In December 1828, at the closure of Rooty Hill station, McCooley and his family were to be moved to Emu Plains. He was transferred to Mulgoa Forest and appointed overseer of the Mulgoa stock station under the control of Superintendent James Kinghorne at Emu Plains. Two weeks after the closure of the Emu Plains convict farm, McCooley received his Conditional Pardon, dated 12 September 1832.

He remained working at the Mulgoa Station until 1834. McCooley and his family continued to live in the Mulgoa Forest district after it was opened up for settlement. Sarah died there in 1854, and James in 1865 aged 75 years. They are both buried at Greendale Roman Catholic cemetery.

At some point, McCooley's Conditional Pardon found its way to Western Australia. Around 1932, Andrew Barbour, a Scottish immigrant who had arrived in Western Australia in 1928, found the document discarded on a rubbish tip and decided to rescue it. He kept it in a small tin, and when he died in 1980, it passed to his daughter. When his granddaughter Dale (Gibson) Lynch settled in NSW, the Pardon (in its tin) was given to her in the hope of finding descendants and a home.

Through a series of co-incidences the pardon did pass to a descendant (Penrith Library volunteer, Pat Curry) who then passed it on to Penrith City Library for its continued care and preservation – for all to see, admire and appreciate.

This document is a wonderfully rare treasure from our colonial past.



▲▲ Pat Curry and a fellow McCooley descendant

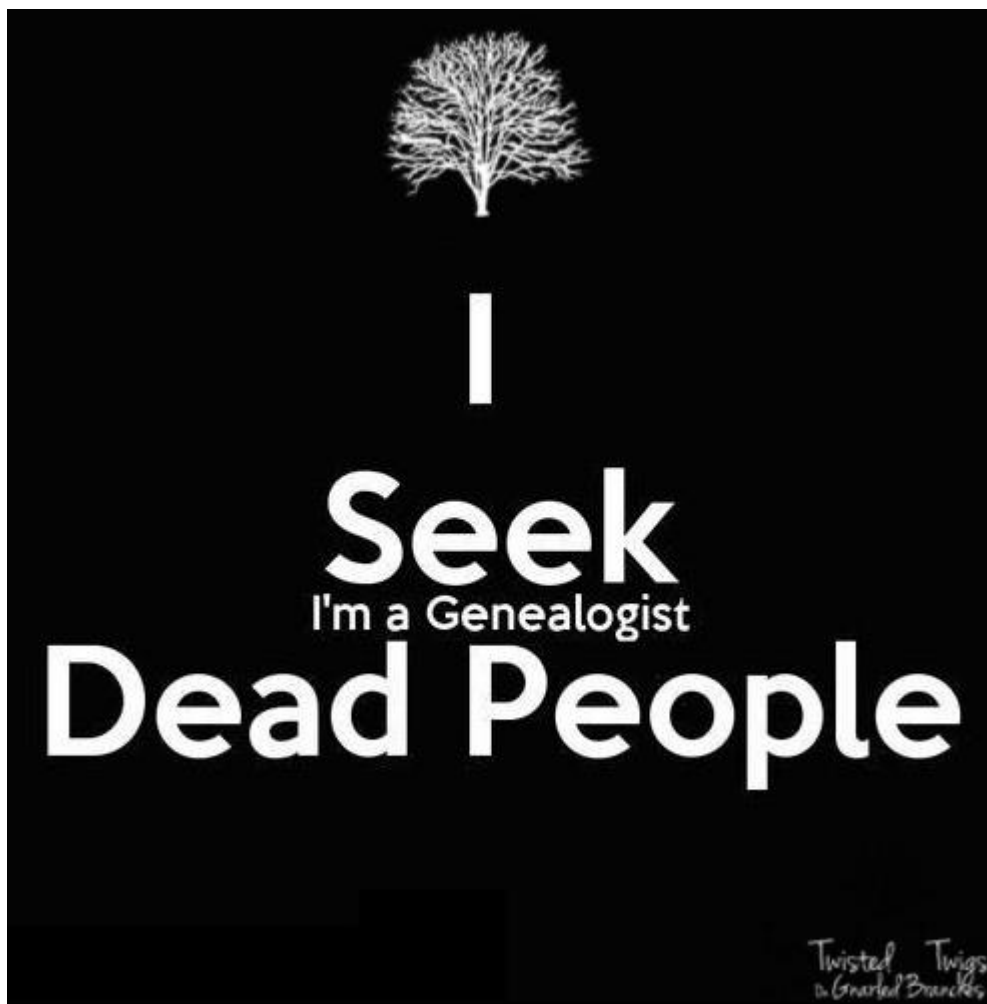
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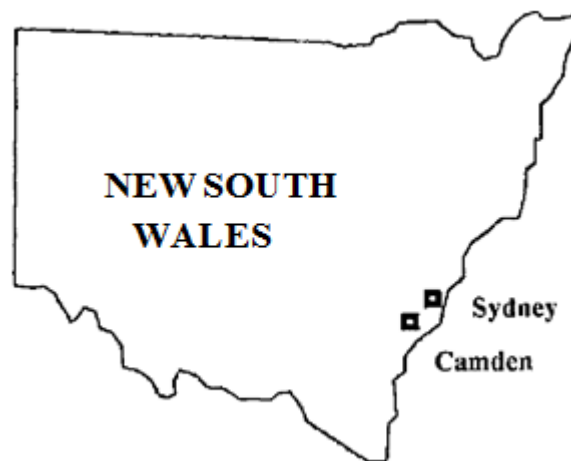
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